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Dear Mr. Yanek,

I am pleased to present you with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) 2007 Annual Report for ENERGY STAR and Other Climate Protection Partnerships. Through these programs, organizations across the country are expanding their investments in energy efficiency and other climate protection technologies and attaining remarkable results. In the 2007 Annual Report, you will learn how manufactures, retailers, utilities, states, local governments, industry and others are partnering with EPA to prevent emissions of greenhouse gases, use cleaner energy, and save on energy bills.

Highlights from the 2007 Annual Report include:

- Americans, with the help of ENERGY STAR, have reduced their electricity demand by about 5 percent, saved approximately \$16 billion dollars on their utility bills, and avoided greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to those from 27 million vehicles.
- Use of EPA's energy performance rating system experienced tremendous growth; building owners and operators used the system to rate the performance of more than 62,000 buildings—doubling the number of buildings rated in just one year and representing more than 7.5 billion square feet of building space.
- More than 2,000 manufacturers are using the ENERGY STAR label on over 40,000 individual product models across 50 product categories. Americans purchased about 500 million ENERGY STAR qualified products in 2007, bringing the total to more than 2.5 billion since 1992.
- Despite the downturn in the new housing market, more than 120,000 new homes were constructed to meet ENERGY STAR guidelines in 2007, which represents about 12 percent of the U.S. new housing starts in 2007 and brings the total to almost 840,000 qualified homes nationwide.

- Partners of EPA's Green Power Partnership and Combined Heat and Power (CHP) Partnership purchased more than 11 billion kilowatt-hours of green power and have installed more than 4,450 megawatts of new CHP capacity.
- Climate Leaders, EPA's corporate commitment program, grew nearly 50% in 2007 to more than 150 partners, seven of whom have achieved in 2007 their aggressive greenhouse gas reduction targets set through the program.
- EPA's partners avoided emissions of methane and other potent greenhouse gases equivalent to those from more than 20 million vehicles and helped to keep U.S. emissions of these gases significantly below 1990 levels.

This Annual Report demonstrates that the continued commitment of thousands of public and private sector partners to protecting our environment is fundamental to the ongoing success of EPA's partnership programs. Thank you for your sustained efforts. I look forward to continuing our work together and realizing even greater results in the coming years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Hogan', written in a cursive style.

Kathleen Hogan, Director
Climate Protection Partnerships Division