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Steven M. Pirner, Secretary
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Pierre, SD 57501-3182

Re: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Clean Diesel State Grant Program

Dear Mr. Pirner,

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of the target budget for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) Clean Diesel State Program. According to the formula outlined under the Diesel Emissions Reduction Program in Section 793(c) Subtitle G of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, each State and the District of Columbia has the potential to receive a $1,730,000 grant. You must submit EPA's Recovery Act Clean Diesel State Grant Program grant application package by March 20, 2009 to receive these funds.

These awards are direct, non-competitive assistance awards. The work plans in the application package will cover a grant period between May 2009 and September 2010. However, the purpose of the Recovery Act funds is to create or conserve jobs to help stimulate the current economy. Therefore, EPA encourages States to begin drawing down project funds no later than September 2009.

I appreciate your efforts as we continue working together to accomplish our mutual diesel emission reduction goals as well as help stimulate the nation's economy. Please contactl me at 303-312-6434 if you have any questions or concerns. Application materials and instructions are available on the web at www.epa.gov/cleandiesel.

Sincerely,

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