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Mr. R. J. McCool Mobil Oil Corporation 3225 Gallows Road Fairfax, Virginia 22037-0001

Dear Mr. McCool:

Thank you for your letter dated December 2, 1994, commenting on the Agency's process and timing for the removal of opt-in areas from the requirements of the federal reformulated gasoline program.

I am enclosing copies of the letters signed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Carol Browner and Assistant Administrator Mary Nichols which gives the Agency's response to the opt-out requests from Pennsylvania, New York and Maine. Administrator Browner has also signed a temporary administrative stay of the reformulated gasoline requirements in the opt-out areas while rulemaking to complete the removal of these areas from the regulations is completed. The stay is effective from January 1, 1995 to July 1, 1995. A copy of the stay is available on the OAQPS Technology Transfer Network Bulletin Board System (TTNBBS). I am enclosing instructions for accessing this system.

If you have further questions or comments on the subject of reformulated fuels, feel free to contact Mary Smith, Director, Field Operations and Support Division, at (202) 233-9000.

Sincerely,

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Director, Office of Mobile Sources

Enclosure