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Dear Mr. Winter:

In a letter to you dated August 11, 2000, I clarified EPA's position on the use of emergency backup generators during power shortage emergencies. A copy of the letter is enclosed. The scope of the guidance change contained in that letter was limited to operations of emergency generators through October 30, 2000. Due to the current power emergency in California, we are reissuing this guidance effective immediately, with a period extending to and terminating on February 11, 2001.

I would like to reiterate that this revises only the Federal guidance on operating criteria for emergency generators. This letter does not address State and local permitting requirements for emergency generators.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Administrator