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THE WHITE HOUSE
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January 12, 1994

Mr. Jim Atchison
President
Help Alert Western Kentucky
P.O. Box 1225
Eddyville, KY 42038

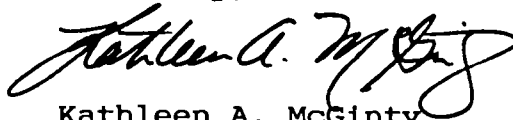
Dear Mr. Atchison:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your thoughts about chip mills located in the Tennessee River Valley. It was good hearing from you.

As you know, I share President Clinton's and Vice President Gore's commitment to the preservation of our environment. I understand your concerns about the potential environmental impacts of chip mills on the adjacent rivers, as well as the impacts of timber harvesting in regions surrounding the mills. I have notified the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Acting Assistant Secretary of Civil Works of your thoughts in this matter. I am sure that your concerns will be given every consideration.

Again, thank you for sharing your views with me.

Sincerely,



Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

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HELP ALERT WESTERN KENTUCKY

P.O. Box 1225, Eddyville, KY 42038

December 22, 1993

Honorable Katie McGinty
Director, Office of Environmental Policy
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20501

Dear Ms. McGinty:

I am concerned about a potentially disastrous problem for the Tennessee Valley.

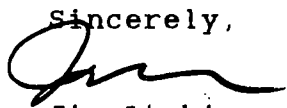
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Nashville district, presently has over twenty (20) requests for new or modifications to existing permits for facilities to ship whole logs, wood chips, or "residual chips" on the Cumberland River. The Corps has announced it will not follow the precedent set by the Tennessee Valley Authority of evaluating the environmental impacts of these proposals.

As you know, USACE participated with TVA in such a study last year in relation to similar proposals for three (3) facilities near Chattanooga and the permits were denied. It is absurd to think that the Corps will not study the impacts of these proposals on the surrounding forests and communities.

I implore you to contact USACE and request they comply with the National Environmental Policy Act and study the cumulative effects of their actions before permits are issued or modified.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Jim Atchison, President
Help Alert Western Kentucky, Inc.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 13, 1994

Mr. Christopher Allen
3407 Oakenshaw Place
Baltimore, MD 21218

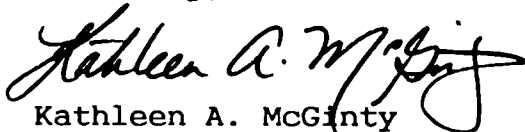
Dear Mr. Allen:

This is to notify you that I am in receipt of your request for information regarding the Council on Environmental Quality. I apologize for the delay in responding.

The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) applies only to records maintained by "agencies" within the Executive Branch. See 5 U.S.C. §522(f). The Office of the President, including the President's immediate personal staff and units in the Executive Office whose sole function is to advise and assist the President, is not an "agency" for the purposes of FOIA. Thus the White House Office on Environmental Policy is not an "agency" for the purposes of FOIA. Consequently, FOIA does not establish a statutory right to the documents that you have requested from the Office of the President.

Again, thank you for contacting my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kathleen A. McGinty', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

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3407 Oakenshaw Place
Baltimore, MD 21218
December 6, 1993

Kathleen McGinty
Director
Office on Environmental Policy
Old Executive Office Building
Room 360
Washington, D.C. 20501

RE: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear Ms. McGinty:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

I request copies of all correspondence, memoranda, and other records with outside parties relating to President Clinton's February 8, 1993 proposal to terminate the Council on Environmental Quality. In addition, I request copies of all communications and other records between the Office on Environmental Policy and the Environmental Protection agency relating to the proposal to abolish CEQ.

In order to determine my status to assess fees, you should know that I am a student with the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, and this request is made for scholarly purposes and not for commercial use.

I am willing to pay fees up to a maximum \$75.00. If you estimate that the fees will exceed this limit, please contact me at (202) 887-1576 during business hours or (410) 243-7309 after 7pm.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher C. Allen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Christopher C. Allen

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 20, 1994

Ms. Bonnie Armstrong
334 Prout Hall
BGSV, Ohio 43403

Dear Ms. Armstrong:

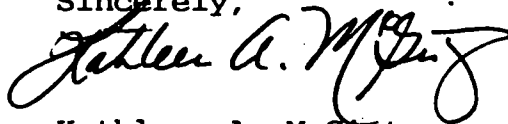
Thank you for contacting me regarding your thoughts about President Clinton's Forest Management Plan. It was good to hear from you.

As you know, President Clinton announced his Forest Plan for a Sustainable Economy and a Sustainable Environment, based on the analytical work of three working groups established at the Forest Conference. This Administration believes that the Forest Plan is scientifically-sound and legally responsible and will provide a sustainable harvest. This plan also includes a new economic assistance program that helps local workers, businesses and communities in strengthening the region's economy by creating family-wage jobs, offering new economic opportunities, and ensuring the region's long-term economic health.

After receiving over 100,000 comments on the proposed plan, we are now working to refine it further and expect to submit it to the court by the end of March. I appreciate learning your views on this very important issue.

Again, thank you for sharing your thoughts with me.

Sincerely,



Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

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Dear Ruthleen McGinty,

I would like to take this time to express my thought regarding the Siskiyou forest in South Western Oregon. Please consider the drawbacks to Option 9 which will allocate squares of the Siskiyou forest that have already been clear cut to be what is protected. Instead Option 1 will permanently withdraw all logging & development from Roadless areas. I believe if we are to think in a responsible, long-term manner, Option 1 is the best choice to protect these forests. Thank you for your time. Sincerely,

Bonnie
Armstrong

Bonnie Armstrong
334 Prout Hall
HSU OH
43403



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 4, 1993

Mr. John Adams
Executive Director
Natural Resources Defense Council
1350 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear John 

Thank you for your recent letter regarding your thoughts about reauthorization of the Clean Water Act. It was good to hear from you.

I certainly appreciate learning about your support for strengthening the Act and your concern about the reauthorization process. As you know, President Clinton and I agree that we must move forward on it in a timely manner, given the great amount of public interest in this very important issue. Rest assured that we will continue in our efforts to protect one of our nation's most valuable resources -- our water.

I have taken the liberty of sharing your letter with my staff handling this issue, and we will keep you apprised of developments as we move toward reauthorization. Again, thank you for sharing your views with me.

Sincerely,



Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

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December 16, 1993

Ms. Kathleen McGinty
Director, Office of Environmental Policy
Office of the President
Old Executive Office Building
Washington, D.C.

re: Clean Water Act Reauthorization

Dear Katie:

I was very encouraged by our conversation about reauthorization of the Clean Water Act. Strengthening the Act is a major priority for NRDC and the whole environmental community. It also represents a clear opportunity for this Administration to take a proactive role in strengthening a major domestic environmental program. Polls show overwhelming public support for strengthening our water pollution laws. And the drinking water problems in Milwaukee and Washington, D.C. this year increased public awareness of the need to protect our water supplies.

We are concerned, however, that the Clean Water Act process has begun to stall. Congress has made only limited progress, and I believe movement will come only with strong leadership from the Administration. Yet the Interagency Work Group process has been slow, and recently, we understand that economic arguments against a strong Clean Water Act have emerged within the Administration.

We are anxious to help make the political, economic and environmental arguments in favor of a strong Clean Water Act. Bob Adler and Jessica Landman have requested meetings with OMB to present our case for clean water. But I believe these arguments need your strong personal involvement to be heard, first within the Administration, and then in Congress. I am also writing to Carol Browner with a similar message about the need for her personal involvement in this debate.

We look forward to working with you on this campaign, and would like to meet with you to discuss how we can best get our message across. Please call Bob or Jessica if you have questions, or to arrange a meeting.

Sincerely,


John Adams
Executive Director

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 27, 1994

Ms. Merribel Ayres
Executive Director
National Independent Energy Producers
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Suite 320S
Washington, D.C. 20005

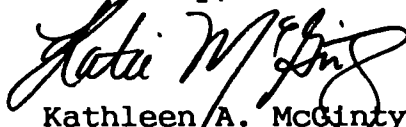
Dear Merribel:

Thank you for your recent letter and the copy of the report you enclosed entitled Clean Energy Solutions: Independent Power and the Environment. It was good to hear from you.

I certainly appreciate learning about your continuing efforts at the National Independent Energy Producers to study the environmental performance of power generation facilities. I share your enthusiasm for future progress in the development and implementation of new energy technologies. This Administration supports such initiatives which decrease our dangerous dependence on dirtier, less fuel-efficient energy sources.

Again, thank you for calling your work to my attention.

Sincerely,



Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

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January 4, 1994

Merribel S. Ayres
Executive Director
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Ms. Kathleen McGinty
Deputy Assistant to the President and Director Office of
Environmental Policy
Room 360, Old Executive Office Building
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Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Kathleen:



On behalf of the National Independent Energy Producers (NIEP), I am pleased to enclose a copy of our new report, ***Clean Energy Solutions: Independent Power and the Environment***.

The report demonstrates how competitive forces have led to dramatic advances in the environmental performance of power generation facilities. Using NIEP member companies' operating experiences as examples, the report shows how independent power producers (IPPs) have reduced the impact that power generation has on the environment by applying state-of-the-art renewable energy and fossil fuel-fired technologies.

Largely due to the innovation and efficiencies spurred by competition in power markets, new fossil fuel-fired generating facilities are cleaner than older, existing plants *by a factor of six-to-one* on average. As a result, new generating capacity has significantly less impact on the environment than older plants. In fact, total emissions will decline as new, fuel-efficient power projects, using modern environmental control technologies or renewable fuels, replace dirtier, aging facilities.

A few technological innovations that have been driven by competitive forces include:

- clean coal gasification;
- advanced solid fuel boilers, such as circulating fluidized bed (CFB) combustors;
- high-efficiency, gas-fired combined cycle systems;
- low water-consumption cooling equipment; and
- advanced emissions reduction systems.

Ms. Kathleen McGinty
January 3, 1994
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In addition, independent power producers have developed and implemented innovative approaches to offsetting their facilities' impact on the environment. Such approaches include programs to plant trees or purchase and retire older, polluting cars.

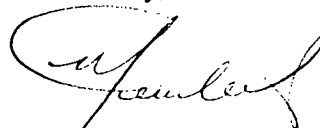
As companies committed to clean, efficient power generation in a competitive market, NIEP members support environmental policies that rely on flexible, market-based approaches to regulation. NIEP is an association of companies that build, own and operate independent power generation facilities, selling electricity in competitive power markets and steam to industrial companies. Member companies use a broad spectrum of fossil fuel-fired and renewable energy technologies.

IPPs have been a driving force in the evolution of competitive electric power markets during the past decade. In 1992, independent power plants accounted for nearly two-thirds of the new generating capacity brought on line, and IPPs have built more than 50 percent of the new capacity that has entered service since 1989. The industry is expected to maintain this strong position into the future, bringing an additional 40,000 megawatts of capacity on line, and investing \$50 billion by the year 2000.

Given the continued need to find cost-effective solutions to the environmental challenges associated with power generation, it is critical that regulatory structures encourage competition and the innovation it brings. As the track record of the independent power industry demonstrates, competitive forces can make a significant contribution toward achieving environmental objectives.

We hope this report helps to clarify the role that competitive power markets can play in bringing about a cleaner, more efficient energy future.

Sincerely,



Merribel S. Ayres
Executive Director

*But this will
be helpful information
in the environmental
policy office
last week in 1994*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 27, 1994

Mr. Erik Albert
P.O. 6103
Ketchum, ID 83340

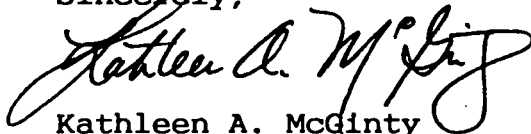
Dear Mr. Albert:

Thank you for contacting my office regarding your thoughts about the U.S. Air Force's proposed bombing range in Owyhee County, Idaho. It was good to hear from you.

As you know, the protection of our nation's valuable natural resources continues to be one of the Administration's highest priorities. I appreciate learning your views about the potential environmental impacts of the proposed bombing range. I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to the Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Environmental Security for review of the specific issues that you raise. I am sure that your concerns will be given the appropriate consideration.

Again, thank you for sharing your views with me.

Sincerely,



Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

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Jan 8, 1994

Dear Kathleen McIntyre,

I'm writing you because I'm concerned about The Owyhee
Canyonlands because of a plan to turn it into a gaming
range. If we allow this to happen we will deny future
generations ~~it~~ something that we were asked to
have. A wilderness experience in The Owyhee Canyonlands
with a fraction of the original Redwood Forest left &
The Colorado & Columbia rivers dammed is about time we
say "no more" to the destruction of wild country. I
hope you will convey my feelings to the President & I
look forward to your reply.

Thank you,
Eric Albert