The Secretary of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

October 21, 2002

The Honorable Harry Reid
Chairman
Subcommittee on Energy
and Water Development
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-3010

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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In accordance with the report language, four main activities were initiated:

- The formation of a Clean Energy Technology Exports Working Group (CETEWG). The co-chairs of this working group are the Department of Energy, the Department of Commerce, and the United States Agency for International Development. Other participating agencies include the Department of State, the Department of the Treasury, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Export-Import Bank, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and the Trade and Development Agency.

- The formation of a Private Sector Advisory Panel. This panel, when officially formed, will include private sector companies, academic institutions, non-governmental organizations and other private interests. This panel will be essential to successfully implement project goals.

- The development of a Five-Year Strategic Plan by the Clean Energy Technology Exports Working Group in consultation with non-governmental entities, which indicate paths forward regarding the export of clean energy technology.

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- The submission of an annual report to Congress by March 1 to measure progress toward established goals.

Promotion of clean energy technology exports will mitigate international dependence on oil supplies from volatile regions, help lower energy costs for U.S. consumers, reduce nuclear proliferation risks, bring U.S. firms greater access to large foreign markets, and enhance U.S. integration with global sources of innovation. The Working Group looks forward to working with the Congress to implement these critical tasks.

If you have any questions regarding this Strategic Plan, please contact Mr. Dan Brouillette, Assistant Secretary for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, at (202) 586-5450.

Sincerely,

Spencer Abraham

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Pete V. Domenici
Ranking Minority Member

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