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FROM: Nancy Stoner, NRDC; Alexandra Dunn, NACWA
DATE: October 5, 2006
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As the policy is implemented, we anticipate that a number of questions will be asked and accordingly, urge the Agency to develop a series of Frequently Asked Questions & Answers to supplement a final policy. We would appreciate the opportunity to provide joint input to the Agency regarding possible questions and answers. We also suggest that the Agency offer training to affected entities about how to implement the policy. This could include in-person training, video conference calls, and written materials.

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