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Dear Mr. Burton:

In response to the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) memo of September 10, 2003, we have enclosed the Department of Defense (DoD) Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Section 6002 report for Fiscal Year (FY) 2003.

The OFPP-directed changes to the RCRA report format for FY 2002/2003 substantially altered the reporting baseline. We will utilize the enclosed FY 2003 data as a new baseline for the RCRA 6002 reporting process in light of the revised reporting parameters. The individual DoD Components have substantively incorporated the new data elements into their respective green procurement management processes, resulting in the most accurate and comprehensive DoD RCRA 6002 report to date.

Our FY 2003 data show success in recycling initiatives, with an overall DoD solid waste diversion rate of 48%, once again exceeding our goal of 40%. The green procurement data reflects our successes, as well as significant opportunity for improvement across the Department. To improve our performance, we recently initiated formal coordination of DoD green procurement policy, metrics and guidance as part of a more robust green procurement program within the Department.

Should you have additional questions, please contact Mr. John Coho, ODUSD(I&E)EM, (703) 604-1630, <u>John.Coho@OSD.mil</u>, or Mr. David Boyd, OUSD(AT&L)DPAP, (703) 697-6710, <u>David.Boyd@OSD.mil</u>.

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