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National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

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Dear NEPA Contact:

I am pleased to announce the availability of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) evaluating the environmental impacts of the proposed Corporate Average Fuel Economy standards for passenger cars and light trucks, prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act.

On December 1, 2011, NHTSA and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published in the Federal Register a joint proposal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and fuel consumption in passenger cars and light trucks. NHTSA proposed fuel economy standards under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, and EPA proposed greenhouse gas emissions standards under the Clean Air Act. The joint proposal addresses the closely intertwined challenges of energy independence, energy security, and climate change, and implements the President's directive to reduce fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions in light duty vehicles through coordinated Federal standards.

The Final EIS analyzes the environmental impacts of NHTSA's proposed fuel economy standards and alternative standards for model years 2017 and beyond, including impacts related to fuel and energy use, air quality, and climate change. No sooner than 30 days after EPA publishes a Notice of Availability of the Final EIS in the *Federal Register*, NHTSA and EPA will publish a final rulemaking and Record of Decision.

The Final EIS is available for public viewing online at <http://www.nhtsa.gov/fuel-economy>, on the public docket at <http://www.regulations.gov> (Docket No. NHTSA-2011-0056), and at the DOT Library (W12-300, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, West Building, Washington, DC 20590). To obtain a CD with a digital version of the document, please contact James MacIsaac, Office of International Policy, Fuel Economy and Consumer Programs, at 202-366-9108 (for TTY, please contact 1-800-424-9153) or at nhtsa.nepa@dot.gov.

Sincerely yours,

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