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Honorable Timothy H. Bishop
Member, U.S. House of Representatives
3680 Route 112, Suite C
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Dear Congressman Bishop:

Thank you for your fax of April 10, 2008, written on behalf of your constituent, Dr. Carmine Vasile of Patchogue, New York concerning complaints about safety and alleged violations of anti-pollution regulations at the Northport Power Station (NPS) located in Northport, New York. Your constituent's documents included a State of New York Summary of Complex Complaint About Safety at the NPS; a letter from the U.S. Coast Guard addressed to your constituent which responded to concerns expressed regarding shipments of oil to the Northport Power Plant; and a letter from LIPA addressed to Mrs. Denise Knudsen responding to concerns expressed about National Grid's acquisition of KeySpan.

EPA has been in contact with Mr. and Mrs. Knudsen, after a complaint they had filed regarding the NPS, was forwarded to the EPA. Dr. Carmine Vasile also contacted us soon after and we have been in touch with him since, as well. We have also been in contact with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to determine the compliance history and status of the NPS facility. The NYSDEC conducted a multimedia inspection at the NPS facility on April 30, 2008 and we are awaiting a report of their findings to assist us in responding to your constituent's concerns. Once NYSDEC provides us with the overall findings from their inspections, and we finalize our own internal investigations based on the materials that both Ms. Knudsen and Dr. Vasile have provided to us, we will contact you with a further update.

If you have further questions, please let me know or your staff may contact Peter B. Brandt, Chief for Intergovernmental & Community Affairs at (212) 637-3657.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan J. Steinberg".

Alan J. Steinberg
Regional Administrator