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Dear Mr. Grunenfelder:

Thank you for your letter of November 7, 2008, on behalf of the National Drinking Water Council (NDWAC) to Stephen L. Johnson, Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in which you expressed concern about the Council's ability to review EPA's recent preliminary determination to not regulate perchlorate in drinking water.

In response to comments the Agency received from the NDWAC and other groups, the comment period for the notice was extended through November 28, 2008. I know that this allowed the Council to discuss the issue at its November 19-21, 2008, meeting in Washington, D.C. The Agency looks forward to receiving the Council's feedback on this matter and other important drinking water issues that were discussed during that meeting.

Thank you again for your efforts in leading the Council. EPA appreciates the broad perspectives Council members bring on issues that are important to the Agency and the drinking water community.

Sincerely,

Cynthia C. Dougherty, Director
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