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Dear Dr. Gerberding:

I write to request that the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry conduct a Public Health Assessment for the area around the AES power station in Dresden, New York.

Earlier this year, Dr. David O. Carpenter, director of the Institute for Health and the Environment at the University of Albany/SUNY published a study showing marked increases in respiratory ailments for six zip codes around the Dresden plant.

The study found a statistically significant 41 percent elevation in hospital diagnosis rates for chronic bronchitis and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease for six local zip codes (Dresden 14441, Penn Yan 14527, Bellona 14415, Dundee 14837, Watkins Glen 14891 and Rock Stream 14878) around Dresden. In addition, the study found a statistically significant 37 percent elevation for all forms of infectious respiratory diseases for these same areas.

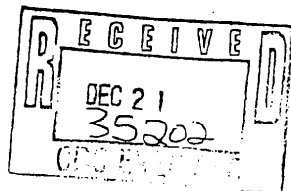
These are troubling findings, and there is concern in these communities that emissions from the Dresden plant may be the cause of these elevated respiratory concerns. I believe that further study is warranted, and ask that you begin a study to examine these issues in more detail.

I look forward to your reply. Please contact Dan Utech (202-224-8365) on my staff if you have any question about this request.

Sincerely yours,

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