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Ms. Pam O. Inmann
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Dear Ms. Inmann:

This letter is in response to your letter of July 23, 2004, to Secretary Spencer Abraham requesting the Department of Energy designate a person within the Department to serve as a liaison with Western Governors' Association (WGA) on issues in support of natural gas and petroleum supply and to ensure the best practices reliability and integrity of our Nation's pipeline infrastructure. On behalf of the Secretary, I am pleased to respond to your letter.

The Office of Fossil Energy, Office of Oil and Natural Gas administers the oil and natural gas research and development programs and welcomes the opportunity to work with the Western Governors' Association in support of the WGA Policy Resolution 04-15, Ensuring Adequate and Stable Natural Gas and Petroleum Supplies. Mr. James Slutz, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Oil and Natural Gas will serve as our contact to WGA for this issue. Mr. Slutz can be reached by email James.Slutz@hq.doe.gov and his telephone number is (202) 586-5600.

Thank you again for your letter, and please continue to keep us informed on this and other issues of interest to you and your members.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Maddox", is written over a faint horizontal line.

Mark Maddox
Acting Assistant Secretary
Office of Fossil Energy