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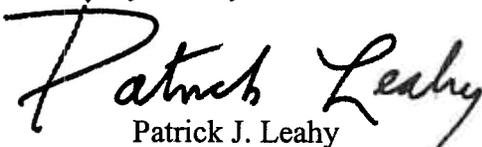
The Honorable Steven Johnson
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington DC 20460

Dear Administrator Johnson:

As you know, we strongly opposed the issuance by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation of a permit allowing International Paper's (IP) Ticonderoga mill to conduct a test burn of tire-derived fuel (TDF). We are pleased that IP discontinued this trial yesterday, after burning TDF between November 7 and November 14, 2006. Though the trial burn was of short duration, we remain concerned about its public health and environmental consequences. We are particularly troubled that local doctors reported that residents of Addison County, Vermont experienced respiratory difficulties at rates much higher than expected during the trial burn. We believe that any connection between the emissions from the trial burn and these health reports must be confirmed and by copy of this letter we are requesting:

- 1) the immediate release of all criteria and hazardous air pollutant emissions data collected in New York and Vermont related to the IP tire burn, including particulate matter, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxide, mercury, hazardous air pollutants, and chlorine; and
- 2) any data held by the Environmental Protection Agency's Region I and II offices or any analyses conducted by those offices with respect to the operation of the facility's continuous emissions system or ambient monitoring of visible emissions.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, which is of grave importance to our constituents.


Patrick J. Leahy
United States Senate


James M. Jeffords
United States Senate



Bernie Sanders
Member of Congress