

November 20, 2000

Ms. Carol Browner, Administrator  
Environmental Protection Agency  
401 M Street SW  
Washington, DC 20460

Re: Clean Air Act §505(b) petition, Shell Chemical Co. permits

Dear Ms. Browner:

On July 11, 2000, the Louisiana Environmental Action Network (LEAN), Caring Parents of Geismar, Ascension Parish Residents Against Toxic Pollution and Concerned Citizens of Iberville Parish filed a Clean Air Act §505(b) petition with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) objecting to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality's issuance of three (3) air emission permits to Shell Chemical Company for proposed expansion to its facility in Geismar, Ascension Parish, Louisiana and requesting that EPA veto the Shell permits. Pursuant to EPA and LEAN's agreement in principle in *LEAN v. EPA*, CA-00-467-A-M2, LEAN requests that EPA's decision on its objection to the issuance of the Shell permits be withheld until further notice.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation and assistance in this matter,

TULANE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CLINIC  
ATTORNEYS FOR LEAN

---

Arthur M. Murray, Student Attorney

---

Suzanne Dickey, Supervising Attorney

cc: Lois Godfrey Wye, (202) 514-8865  
Larry Starfield & Ragan Tate, (214) 665-2182  
Bliss Higgins & Herman Robinson, (225) 765-0222  
Jan Tierney, (202) 564-5603