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Mr. George A. Boettger
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Dear Mr. Boettger:

Thank you for completing the United States Postal Service (USPS) project under US EPA's Project eXcellence and Leadership (Project XL). The USPS project has been a successful partnership between the US EPA, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), and USPS, designed to achieve superior environmental and public health protection through more cost effective means. EPA would like to congratulate you on your hard work in fulfilling commitments made in the Final Project Agreement signed on May 22, 2000. At this time we would like to officially close out the record on the USPS XL project.

Through Project eXcellence and Leadership (Project XL) over 50 project sponsors, numerous states, and other project stakeholders have contributed to significant environmental and public health gains across the nation. Broad accomplishments of Project XL include building partnerships to achieve positive environmental results and testing new incentives to produce these results. The USPS project specifically has contributed to environmental gains by: 1) reducing the level of emissions created by the Denver postal fleet, 2) increasing the use of clean fuel within the fleet, and 3) recycling or relocating the older model vehicles.

Although the Project XL initiative is coming to a close with the resolution of its original 52 projects, EPA's work on innovative approaches to environmental protection continues. In June of 2003 EPA established the National Center for Environmental Innovation (NCEI). The work of NCEI builds on the foundation created by Project XL and maintains a focus on finding new ways to achieve improved environmental results and improve the efficiency of environmental protection. We are grateful for USPS's early leadership and we welcome your continued interest in EPA's work on innovative

practices. You can find more information about NCEI and stay informed about EPA's latest innovation activities by going to <http://www.epa.gov/innovation/>.

EPA remains committed to learning from each partnership and individual investment in innovation. Results from completed pilots provide a valuable set of data for the Agency both in terms of potential program-wide changes and potential transferability to other facilities. We thank you for your assistance in analyzing the USPS Project XL project.

Thank you again for your participation in Project XL and your successful demonstration of excellence and leadership in public health and environmental protection. We are enclosing a certificate in recognition of your achievements which we hope you will enjoy putting on display at your facility. If we can be of any assistance to you in the future, please do not hesitate to contact Gerald Filbin (202.566.2182) at NCEI.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth A. Shaw, Director
National Center for Environmental Innovation

cc: Mary Byrne, Region 8
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Enclosure: Certificate of Completion of Innovation Project for USPS

United States Environmental Protection Agency National Center for Environmental Innovation

This is to congratulate

The United States Postal Service

On a successful partnership with the US EPA and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to achieve superior environmental and public health protection by upgrading the postal fleet and encouraging clean fuel options. The USPS project specifically has contributed to environmental gains by reducing the level of emissions created by the Denver postal fleet, increasing the use of clean fuel within the fleet, and recycling or relocating the older model vehicles.



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Date