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Mr. Allan M. Siegal
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Dear Mr. Siegal:

I hope the New York Times will correct the record regarding a front-page story written by Keith Schneider, "Unbending Regulations Incite Move to Alter Pollution Laws" (Nov. 29, 1993).

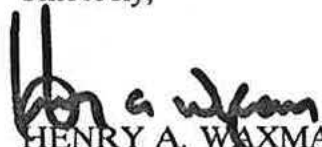
The premise of the article -- that congressional micromanagement forced EPA to regulate the wrong pollution source at an Amoco refinery -- is fundamentally wrong. As I pointed out in a letter to the editor (copy enclosed), Congress did the exact opposite of what Mr. Schneider reports: its specific mandate is directed at the larger and still unregulated pollution source, not the smaller source.

A much more accurate account of the circumstances at the Amoco refinery was given by the Wall Street Journal in a front-page story written eight months before the Times story (copy enclosed). As the Journal story makes clear, there is no basic flaw in the statutory language of Clean Air Act that affects the Amoco refinery. Rather, there is a need for improvements in implementation, such as those that are now being developed at the Amoco facility.

My interest is in an accurate record. I hope the Times will either publish my letter or, better yet, run a correction to set the record straight.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,


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Chairman, Subcommittee on
Health and the Environment

cc: Linda Mathews, National Editor