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Certified Fee		
Return Receipt Fee (Endorsement Required)		
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Sent To
 Judy McClarren

Street, Apt. No.; or PO Box No.
 525 68th Street.

City, State, ZIP+ 4
 Holmes Beach, FL 34217
 PS Form 3800, May 2000 See Reverse for Instructions

SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION

- Complete items 1, 2, and 3. Also complete item 4 if Restricted Delivery is desired.
- Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.
- Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits.

1 Article Addressed to:

 Ms. Judy McClarren
 525 68th Street
 Holmes Beach, FL 34217

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 Judy McClarren Addressee
 B. Received by (Printed Name) C. Date of Delivery
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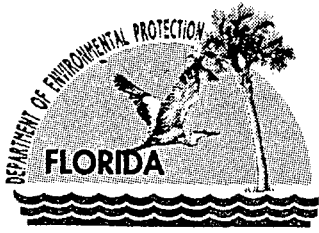
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Jeb Bush
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2600 Blair Stone Road
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Colleen M. Castille
Secretary

April 12, 2005

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Ms. Judy McClarren
525 68 Street
Holmes Beach, FL 34217

Dear Ms McClarren:

Thank you for your recent letter to Governor Jeb Bush regarding an editorial cartoon by Pat Oliphant about "mercury emissions allowances". You voiced your concern that your grandchildren will have to live with this. The Governor asked me to review your letter and reply on his behalf.

Florida's air is among the cleanest in the nation. Florida is one of only three states east of the Mississippi River that currently meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standards, which are set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and designed to protect public health. The Florida Department of Environmental Protection is proud of this accomplishment. Both Governor Bush and our Secretary, Colleen Castille, are committed to keeping the State's air clean and healthy for all its citizens.

In 1999, the Department, using its enforcement authority, obtained a settlement with Tampa Electric (TECO) regarding issues at their Big Bend and Gannon Power Plants. As a result of this agreement, TECO has undertaken a modernization effort at its Gannon facility and agreed to additional air pollution controls at its Big Bend facility. Another agreement to reduce pollution was obtained through voluntary negotiations with Gulf Power in Pensacola. Gulf Power has agreed to add a control device for oxides of nitrogen and also to burn lower sulfur coal at their Crist facility. Studies have shown that the reduction of the emissions of oxides of sulfur help to reduce the growth of bacteria that contribute to the uptake of mercury compounds into the food chain. Another example of the lowering of emissions was the installation of mercury controls at all municipal waste combustion facilities in the State. You can find out more about these projects and others by visiting the Division's website at <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/air/>.

Additionally, the Department has taken a very proactive stance in regards to mercury emissions to the air, land and water throughout the State. Dr. Tom Atkeson, the Department's Mercury Coordinator, leads the effort in the Division of Resource Assessment and Management (DRAM). You may learn more about this work at <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/labs/mercury/index.htm>.

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