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The Honorable Ralph M. Hall
Chairman
Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-6301

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter dated July 28, 2011, regarding the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) assessment of the potential impacts on the Global Positioning System (GPS) that are anticipated from the proposed spectrum licensing to LightSquared Subsidiary LLC (LightSquared). While the EPA has been engaged in discussions on this important topic with other agencies through its leadership role on the interagency Federal Geographic Data Committee, the Agency has not prepared an impact assessment on this particular issue.

It is our understanding that other Departments and inter-agency consortia have developed formal assessments detailing their concerns on potential negative impacts on the performance of GPS devices in the event that the use of adjacent spectrum by LightSquared may cause. The EPA expects that the assessments developed by other Departments represent our best interests and provide an accurate depiction of federal-wide concerns about the issuance of the LightSquared spectrum license.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions, please contact me or your staff may call Monica Linnebrink in EPA's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at 202-564-6407.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Malcolm D. Jackson".

Malcolm D. Jackson
Assistant Administrator
and Chief Information Officer