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Office of the White House Press Secretary

NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H.R. 7108 - Environmental Research, Development and Demonstration Authorization Act of 1976, which authorizes fiscal year 1976 and transition quarter appropriations for the Environmental Protection Agency; makes certain future EPA appropriations contingent upon an authorization; and, requires annual reports on EPA's R&D program plan.

Legislative authority for EPA's research and development program derives from seven separate Congressional Acts -- the Clean Air Act, the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, the Safe Drinking Water Act, the Solid Waste Disposal Act, the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, the Public Health Service Act and the Noise Control Act.

The bill also contains a provision that would limit reprogramming by EPA of funds authorized by the bill, in the categories listed above, to 10 percent of any category listed unless 30 legislative days have passed after EPA submits a report to the Congress on the reasons for the fund transfer or before the 30 days expires, each congressional committee with jurisdiction over this matter has informed EPA it has no objection to the proposed action.

The President has signed S. 2618 - Relief of Chea Hyo Suk, which authorizes the issuance of an immigrant visa to an alien child to be adopted by United States citizens.

The President has signed H. J. Res. 1008 - which authorizes the President to designate the week beginning October 3, 1976, as "National Volunteer Firemen Week."

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