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Subject Region 5 Library

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> To: All Region 5 Employees

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> The Agency's proposed budget for FY 2007 calls for a \$2 million reduction to EPA's library budget. This will result in a \$150,000 reduction (approximately 90 percent) in funding for Region 5 library services, which will require closure of the Region 5 library.

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> We will continue to provide staff with access to the library services they need to carry out the Agency's mission-critical functions. We have compiled significant information regarding how our library is presently being used. The highest priority uses have been the online library system, interlibrary loans and reference services. Region 5 employees will continue to have online access to key journals and publications through the EPA Desktop Library(link)and we expect we will have access to interlibrary loans and reference services through another EPA library. In addition, the Online Library System (link) (OLS), the catalog of all the holdings in EPA's libraries, will continue to be available to staff and the public.

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> In order to allow time for an orderly relocation of our library collection, the library will close in the near future. We are aware these changes may have an impact on some Region 5 employees. We are committed to minimizing those impacts, and will keep you updated as we move forward in developing the new model for library services. We also will be meeting with Local 704 representatives soon to discuss the changes.