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Mr. Gary Polakovic
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Re: Congratulations on Polakovic & Partners

Dear Gary,

Congratulations on the start-up of your new firm, Polakovic & Partners. It seems as if it was only yesterday (hard to believe it was nearly ten years ago) when I first spoke with you when you were a reporter with the Riverside Press Enterprise. I have always appreciated your keen insight and ability to obtain and analyze complex information on a variety of different environmental issues. Equally importantly is your ability to take complex issues (whether they be policy or technical information) and distill them into a concise, coherent, and meaningful communication. In today's world, the ability to understand and develop clear communications on complex issues is more important than ever.

While I will sorely miss your writing and reporting for the LA Times, I am confident that these skills will be invaluable to your future clients in helping them understand and address the many diverse challenges they face in our environment today. I wish you the best of luck and look forward to hearing about the progress of your new endeavors.

Sincerely,


Wayne NASTRI
Regional Administrator