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David T. Allen, Ph.D.
Chairman
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Dr. Allen:

Thank you for your April 18, 2013, letter regarding the Science Advisory Board's review of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's emissions-estimating methodologies for broiler-animal-feeding operations and for lagoons and basins at swine and dairy-animal feeding operations.

We recognize the significant amount of time that SAB panelists devoted to this effort, and we appreciate your hard work in reviewing these methodologies. We will carefully consider the SAB's analysis and recommendations in developing emissions-estimating methodologies for the animal-feeding-operation sectors covered under the EPA's Air Quality Compliance Agreement. The SAB's information will guide our next steps as we continue to respond to the 2003 National Research Council's recommendations on how to account for air emissions from animal-feeding operations.

I assure you that we will work diligently in the coming months to develop appropriate emissions-estimating methodologies for animal-feeding operations throughout the U.S.

In the meantime, please accept my gratitude for your efforts to advance the EPA's mission to protect public health and our environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Perciasepe".

Bob Perciasepe
Acting Administrator