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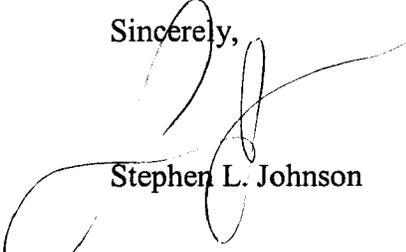
Dear Dr. Rose:

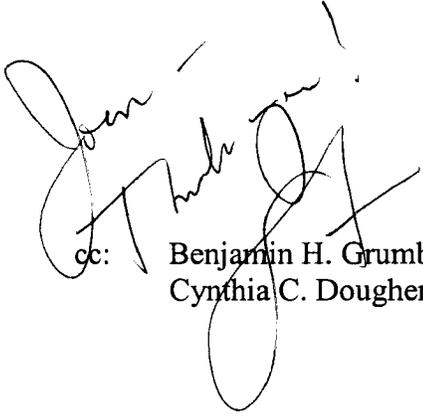
Thank you for providing me with the results of the Science Advisory Board Drinking Water Committee's consultation on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Proposed Aircraft Drinking Water Rule (EPA-SAB-09-001). I appreciate the significant time and effort the Committee expended in preparing for and conducting this consultation.

The proposed requirements of the ADWR are intended to tailor existing health-based drinking water standards to the unique characteristics of aircraft public water systems to protect public health against illnesses attributable to microbiological contamination. The Committee's comments have been valuable in shaping the future direction of the ADWR with regard to statistical sampling and hot water tap sampling. We will take your comments into consideration as we finalize the rule.

Again, thank you for your assistance with this important effort. If you have any questions, please contact Benjamin Grumbles, the Assistant Administrator for Water, at (202) 564-2700.

Sincerely,


Stephen L. Johnson


cc: Benjamin H. Grumbles, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water
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