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Chair  
Science Advisory Board  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
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Dear Dr. Morgan:

Thank you very much for the Science Advisory Board's February 28, 2007, consultation on "Enhancing Risk Assessment Practices and Updating EPA's Exposure Guidelines" (EPA-SAB-07-003). The Agency greatly appreciates the efforts of the SAB Environmental Health and Integrated Human Exposure Committees in reviewing ways to advance human health risk assessment practices and our plans to update U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's exposure guidelines.

The SAB has provided many thoughtful recommendations that the Agency will consider to improve its risk assessment practices and exposure guidelines. The recommendations provide valuable feedback to the relevant technical panels and Agency scientists who are working on these issues. For example, multiple Agency offices (including the Office of Pesticide Programs, the Office of Research and Development, and the Risk Assessment Forum) are actively researching methods and developing guidance to address aggregate exposure and cumulative risk. Additionally, the Agency is consulting with the National Academies, as well as conducting its own research, to improve understanding and communication of uncertainty and variability in risk assessments and risk management decisions. EPA, under the leadership of the Office of the Science Advisor, will carefully evaluate the SAB recommendations in these areas and others as Agency risk assessment practices and guidance are developed.

Again, we appreciate the work of the SAB Environmental Health and Integrated Human Exposure Committees and look forward to consulting with you in the future as our efforts on advancing risk assessment practices and developing updated exposure guidelines go forward.

Sincerely,

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Again, thank you  
so much.  
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