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The Honorable Gina McCarthy  
Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20460

Subject: Science Advisory Board (SAB) Consideration of EPA Planned Actions in the Fall 2013 Unified (Regulatory) Agenda and their Supporting Science

Dear Administrator McCarthy:

As part of its statutory duties, the Science Advisory Board (SAB) recently concluded a series of discussions about possible review of the science supporting major EPA planned actions. The EPA Office of Policy informed the SAB that the Fall 2013 Unified (Regulatory) Agenda and Regulatory Plan had been published in the *Federal Register* on November 26, 2013. Since that time, the SAB held public teleconferences on June 11, 2014, and January 23, 2015, to discuss whether to review the science supporting any of the planned regulatory actions in that agenda in order to provide advice and comment on the adequacy of the science, as authorized by section (c) of the Environmental Research, Development and Demonstration Authorization Act.

The SAB focused its attention on five major actions identified by the EPA Office of Policy as being planned but not yet proposed as of the date the Semiannual Regulatory Agenda was published. The SAB has decided that it will not undertake review of the science supporting any actions in the semi-annual regulatory agenda at this time. It asks, however, that the agency inform the SAB about the status of one action, Development of Best Management Practices for Recreational Boats under § 312(o) of the Clean Water Act (2040-AF03), when future semi-annual regulatory agendas are published, because of the critical significance of the threat of invasive species to terrestrial, coastal, and freshwater ecosystems. The chartered SAB also asks the EPA to provide it, in 2015, with briefings on: (1) the science underlying agency approaches to address transport of invasive species, including both primary and secondary transport modes; and (2) the legal authorities existing to address transport of invasive species, a major, high priority global environmental threat.

On behalf of the SAB, I thank you for the opportunity to support EPA through consideration of the science supporting actions in the agency's regulatory agenda.

Sincerely,

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Dr. David T. Allen, Chair  
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Enclosure

(1) Roster of SAB Members

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