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Peter S. Thorne, Ph.D.
Chairman
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Dear Dr. Thorne:

I want to thank you and members of the Science Advisory Board and its Drinking Water Committee for the significant time and effort you devoted to reviewing the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's draft Fourth Drinking Water Contaminant Candidate List and to providing advice and recommendations for improvement.

As you know, the SAB was charged with providing advice on the clarity and transparency of the Drinking Water Contaminant Candidate List support documents, additional data sources the EPA should consider and contaminants the SAB recommends be added to or deleted from the list. We value and appreciate the recommendations for improving the Drinking Water Contaminant Candidate List. We will address the SAB recommendations in the Final Drinking Water Contaminant Candidate List *Federal Register* notice. In addition, we will continue to work to improve the transparency and clarity of the Drinking Water Contaminant Candidate List and future contaminant candidate lists.

Should you have any questions, please contact Joel Beauvais, deputy assistant administrator for the Office of Water, at (202) 564-5700 or beauvais.joel@epa.gov.

In the meantime, please know that we are grateful for your contributions to this important effort.

Sincerely,

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