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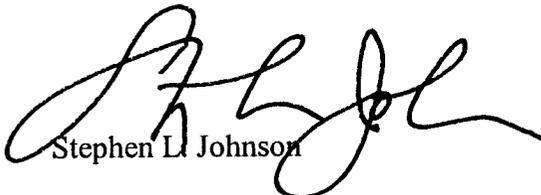
Dear Drs. Morgan and Cummins:

Thank you for providing me with the Science Advisory Board advisory on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Regional Vulnerability Assessment Program (EPA-SAB-ADV-06-001). As an advisory to a research program in the middle stages of maturation, your review is most timely, providing the EPA's Office of Research and Development valuable insights to guide the future revision of the ReVA strategy, as well as a very useful conceptual and pragmatic critique of the Environmental Decision Toolkit.

Many of the suggestions offered in your review are being incorporated into the implementation of the Web-based Environmental Decision Toolkit, as well as the toolkit users' guide and documentation of the ReVA approach. In 2007, the ReVA team will revise its research strategy with improved conceptual models, research questions, objectives and priorities that will incorporate recommendations from the SAB advisory.

Again, we appreciate your advice and recommendations. The science and the products of the ReVA program have benefited greatly from this activity. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Dr. Lawrence Reiter at (919) 541-2106.

Sincerely,



Stephen L. Johnson