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Honorable Christine Todd Whitman
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

Subject: Notification of a Consultation on Multi-year Planning and Performance Metrics for Science at EPA

Dear Governor Whitman:

The Research Strategies Advisory Committee (RSAC) of the EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB), met on March 6, 2001 to conduct a consultation with staff from the Office of Research and Development (ORD) and the Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OFCO) on multi-year planning and performance metrics for science at EPA.

The SAB has developed the consultation as a mechanism to advise the Agency on technical issues that should be considered in the development of regulations, guidelines, or technical guidance before the Agency has taken a position. A consultation is conducted under the normal requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, which include advance notice of the public meeting in the Federal Register.

As is our customary practice, there will be no formal report from the SAB as a result of this consultation, nor do we expect any formal response from the Agency. However, RSAC believes that EPA is on the right track with these efforts to ensure a well-planned and sound science program that supports the Agency mission. We look forward to learning more about these efforts in the future.

Sincerely,

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