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**Honorable Carol M. Browner
Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
401 M St. S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460**

**OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR
SCIENCE ADVISORY BOARD**

Dear Ms. Browner:

The Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) is pleased that you have directed the Office of Air and Radiation to identify all measures that could be taken to accelerate the ozone review process. For several years, various members and chairs of the CASAC have been concerned about the timeliness and increasingly encyclopedic nature of the criteria documents (CDs) underlying the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). On a number of occasions, CASAC has even formally recommended that future Criteria Documents need to be much more concise and focused.

I wish to assure you that the members of CASAC will do their part to accommodate whatever accelerated schedule is selected for the CD and Staff Paper (SP) review processes. At the same time, I must note that recent reviews have required multiple CASAC reviews to ensure adequate scientific and technical exposition and support. Whether the emerging ozone documents will require extensive reworking depends largely on the quality of the first external drafts. It is essential that the Agency carefully focus their revision and adequately address those areas where new information is available and most relevant. We are scheduling a consultation with the Agency to discuss the needs and options for producing these documents in the most efficient and effective manner. In short, CASAC will join in the effort to reach closure in no more than 2 reviews. However, the Committee will not hesitate to recommend additional reviews if they are needed to generate the quality of technical documents you deserve upon which to base your social decision.

Sincerely,

**George Wolff
Chairman
Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee**

**cc
Randall Bond
Donald Barnes**



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