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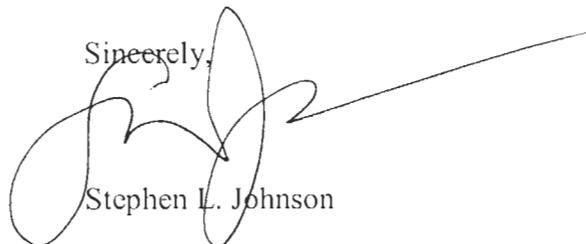
Dear Dr. Henderson:

Thank you for writing to provide me with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Science Advisory Board Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee Lead Review Panel's recommendations regarding its peer review of the draft *Lead Human Exposure and Health Risk Assessments for Selected Care Studies* (Draft Lead Exposure and Risk Assessment Report, July 2007).

The Panel's advice and recommendations have been extremely helpful to me and my staff in our review of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for lead. We considered your advice and recommendations carefully as we completed our work on the final Lead Exposure and Risk Assessment Report and the final *Review of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Lead: Policy Assessment of Scientific and Technical Information: OAQPS Staff Paper*, which we completed on November 1, 2007. We look forward to receiving your continued advice and recommendations throughout the remainder of this review of the lead standards.

In your letter, you also expressed concern over the extent to which recent changes to the NAAQS review process will alter interactions with CASAC and potentially hinder the Committee's ability to fulfill its statutory mandate to advise EPA on the NAAQS. I assure you that we are making every effort to ensure that CASAC receives materials, including the risk and exposure analyses, in a timely manner and that the Committee is afforded ample opportunity to review and comment on those materials. We value CASAC's participation and advice highly throughout the process. Thank you for your commitment and your service to the Agency.

Sincerely,



Stephen L. Johnson

*Again -
Thank you,
John*