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Chairman  
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Dear Dr. Samet:

I thank you and the other members of the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee Particulate Matter Review Panel for your comments on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's *Policy Assessment for the Review of the Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards – Second External Review Draft*, June 2010. My staff and I greatly appreciate the review and advice provided during the public meetings on July 26 and 27, 2010, the teleconference on August 25, 2010, and in your letter dated September 10, 2010.

We are carefully considering your comments and recommendations and the public's comments as we work to finalize this document. Specifically, we are focusing on further developing and refining our approach for evaluating the adequacy of the current suite of particulate-matter standards and in identifying potential alternative standards for consideration. We plan to issue a final policy assessment in October 2010. At that time, we will send a memorandum highlighting revisions in the analyses and the final document we made in response to your comments.

Please accept my gratitude for the advice the panel has provided throughout our review of the Particulate Matter NAAQS, including multiple drafts of the *Integrated Science Assessment*, *Quantitative Health Risk Assessment*, *Urban-Focused Visibility Assessment* and *Policy Assessment*.

Again, thank you for your hard work. I look forward to continuing our productive relationship.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa P. Jackson".

Lisa P. Jackson