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Dr. Peter Thorne  
Chair  
Science Advisory Board  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
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Dear Dr. Thorne:

Administrator Pruitt asked me to respond and thank you for the Board's January 12, 2017 letter to then Administrator Gina McCarthy that provided the results of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) consideration of the Agency's approach to the development of supporting science for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's planned actions listed in the Spring 2016 Unified (Regulatory) Agenda.

While the SAB concluded that it would not undertake review of the science supporting any of the actions in the Spring 2016 Agenda, it did note that EPA is planning an SAB review in 2017 of Screening Methodologies to Support Risk and Technology Reviews (RTR): A Case Study Analysis. EPA looks forward to working with the SAB on this review.

As always, we appreciate the Board's work in support of the EPA's scientific activities and look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

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cc: Christopher Zarba