

## **Preliminary Comments on the REA Planning Document from Dr. Jack Harkema**

### **Comments on Chapter 1 - Introduction**

*1. Chapter 1 provides introductory and background information to provide perspective on the role of the REA planning document within the broader context of the review of the primary NO<sub>2</sub> NAAQS. To what extent is the information in this chapter appropriate for this purpose and clearly communicated?*

Chapter 1 provides a clear introduction and appropriate background information giving an adequate perspective on the role of the REA Planning Document in regards to the review of the primary NAAQS for NO<sub>2</sub>.

*2. Section 1.3 outlines the approach to informing staff's preliminary conclusions on the extent to which updated quantitative analyses are supported in the current review. Key components of this approach include consideration of the available health evidence; consideration of the available technical information, tools, and methods; and judgments as to the likelihood for particular quantitative analyses to provide substantial insights into NO<sub>2</sub> exposures or health risks, beyond the insights gained from the analyses conducted in the last review. What are the Panel's views on this approach to considering support for updated quantitative analyses?*

Approach appears to be suitable to consider support for updated quantitative analyses.