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Dr. Thomas Armitage
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Dear Dr. Armitage:

Thank you for soliciting public input for the U.S. EPA Science Advisory Board meeting scheduled for January 17, 21, 22, and 24. Please find attached the *Report on the Proposed Changes to the Federal Mercury and Air Toxics Standards* issued by the External Environmental Economics Advisory Committee (E-EEAC). As the co-chair of the E-EEAC's MATS Review Committee that produced this report, I believe our analysis can inform the Members of the Science Advisory Board as they discuss their review of the "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Coal- and Oil-Fired Electric Utility Steam Generating Units—Reconsideration of Supplemental Finding and Residual Risk and Technology Review." Moreover, our report can inform broader SAB discussions about the role of co-benefits in EPA benefit-cost analyses as well as the use of the most recent scientific evidence in retrospective analysis of regulatory performance.

Let me know if you or the Members of the Science Advisory Board have any questions or would like to discuss this work further. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Attachment: *Report on the Proposed Changes to the Federal Mercury and Air Toxics Standards*

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ATTACHMENT

The attachment, *Report on the Proposed Changes to the Federal Mercury and Air Toxics Standards* issued by the External Environmental Economics Advisory Committee (E-EEAC) is available at the following URL:

<https://www.e-eeac.org/mats-report>