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Honorable Carol M. Browner  
Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
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Washington, DC 20460

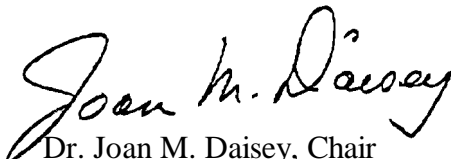
Subject: Notification of a Consultation on the Use of Toxic Equivalency  
Factors (TEFs) in Ecological Risk Assessments

Dear Ms. Browner:

The Ecological Processes and Effects Committee (EPEC) of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) met on July 9, 1998, in part to conduct a consultation with staff from the Risk Assessment Forum in the Office of Research and Development on a proposed framework for the application of Toxic Equivalency Factors (TEFs) for dioxins, furans, and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) to ecological risk assessment. The SAB has developed the consultation as a mechanism to advise the Agency on technical issues that should be considered in the development of regulations, guidelines, or technical guidance before the Agency has taken a position. A consultation is conducted under the normal requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, which include advance notice of the public meeting in the Federal Register.

As is our customary practice, there will be no formal report from the SAB as a result of this consultation, nor do we expect any formal response from the Agency.

Sincerely,



Dr. Joan M. Daisey, Chair  
Science Advisory Board



Dr. Mark A. Harwell, Chair  
Ecological Processes and  
Effects Committee  
Science Advisory Board