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Honorable Carol M. Browner
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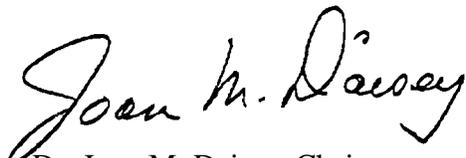
Subject: Notification of a Consultation on Ranking Criteria for Strategic
Planning and Budgeting

Dear Ms. Browner:

The Strategic Ranking Criteria Subcommittee, an ad hoc subcommittee of the Executive Committee of the Science Advisory Board (SAB), met on September 18, 1998 to conduct a consultation with staff from the Office of the Chief Financial Officer on the use of comparative risk and comparative economic criteria for evaluating Agency strategic planning and budgeting priorities. 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. However, the Subcommittee looks forward to conducting a formal review of the proposed analysis methodology and/or the results of comparative risk and economic analyses generated using the methodology.

Sincerely,



Dr. Joan M. Daisey, Chair
Science Advisory Board



Dr. Wm. Randall Seeker, Chair
Strategic Ranking Criteria Subcommittee
Science Advisory Board