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The Honorable William K. Reilly
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
401 M Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

Subject: Science Advisory Board Notification of a Consultation on the OSW's Modeling Approaches, Assumptions, and Data to be Used in the Subsurface Fate and Transport Model(s) for Oily Wastes.

Dear Mr. Reilly:

On October 31 - November 1, 1991, the Environmental Engineering Committee (EEC) of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) met with staff of the Office of Solid Waste and conducted a consultation on EPA's modeling approaches, assumptions, and data to be used in the subsurface fate and transport model(s) for oily wastes. Oily wastes typically include petroleum wastes, used oil, coke and coke byproducts, and several other waste streams, such as wood preserving wastes. 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.

We believe that the consultation achieved its goal by discussing a number of important issues that EPA can consider in developing its modeling approach in this area. As is our customary practice there will be no formal report from the SAB as result of this consultation, nor do we expect any formal response from the Agency. We look forward to advising the Agency in the future by consultations as well as through more formal scientific reviews.

Sincerely,


Raymond C. Loehr, Chairman
Executive Committee
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Richard A. Conway, Chairman
Environmental Engineering Committee
Science Advisory Board