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THE ADMINISTRATOR

Dr. Philip K. Hopke  
Chair, Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
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Dear Dr. Hopke:

Thank you for writing to provide me with the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee's report (EPA-SAB-CASAC-04-008) concerning the follow-up review of revised Chapters 7, 8 and 9 of the *Air Quality Criteria Document for Particulate Matter*.

I was pleased to learn that the Committee reached final closure on the toxicology and epidemiology chapters at their July meeting. EPA is making final revisions on those chapters based on CASAC comments.

Thank you for noting the Agency's very good initial effort in developing the last remaining integrative synthesis chapter. EPA staff in the National Center for Environmental Assessment have revised this chapter based on comments heard at the July review meeting and the recommendations included in your report. As you know, the revised integrative synthesis chapter has already been transmitted back to CASAC in preparation for CASAC's review on September 20, 2004.

Again, thank you for your constructive review of these documents. I look forward to a successful conclusion of CASAC's review of the draft PM Criteria Document.

Sincerely,

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Michael O. Leavitt