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Dr. Jonathan M. Samet  
Chair, Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee  
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
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Dear Dr. Samet:

Thank you and the members of the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee Particulate Matter Review Panel for your comments on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's *Risk Assessment to Support the Review of the PM Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standards* (September 2009 External Review Draft). The Panel's review and advice, both during the public meeting on October 5-6, 2009, during a follow-up teleconference on November 12, 2009, and in your November 24, 2009 letter, have been very helpful to me and my staff.

We are carefully considering your comments and recommendations, as well as public comments received by the Agency, as we revise this document to further develop and sharpen our approach for conducting quantitative health risk analyses that will be most useful for informing the current review of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for particulate matter. We plan to send a second draft of the quantitative risk assessment to the CASAC PM Panel in January for your review at a public meeting in March 2010. At that time, we will highlight in the transmittal memorandum revisions that have been made in the analyses and the draft document in response to CASAC comments.

Again, I thank you and the Panel members for your efforts. I look forward to the continuation of an effective and productive relationship between CASAC and the Agency as we move forward with our review of the PM NAAQS.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa P. Jackson".

Lisa P. Jackson

cc: Holly Stallworth  
CASAC PM Review Panel