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Dear Dr. Thorne:

I want to thank you and the Science Advisory Board for your April 13, 2016, letter providing the results of the board's consideration of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's approach to the development of supporting science for the planned actions listed in the Fall 2015 Unified (Regulatory) Agenda and Plan.

While the SAB concluded that it would not undertake a review of the science supporting any of the actions in the fall 2015 agenda, it did welcome our offer to brief board members on geologic sequestration of carbon dioxide. We would provide an overview of the EPA's geologic sequestration regulations as well as our collaboration on related research efforts with the Department of Energy and other federal agencies. The EPA remains pleased to provide such a briefing and will work with the SAB staff office on its scheduling and content.

As always, we appreciate the board's efforts in support of the EPA's scientific activities and look forward to continuing to work with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gina McCarthy".

Gina McCarthy