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Dr. Rogene Henderson
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Dear Dr. Henderson:

Thank you for your letters of June 6, 2005, September 15, 2005, and March 21, 2006, in which you presented the recommendations of the Science Advisory Board's Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee Particulate Matter Review Panel regarding the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's review of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for particulate matter. The Panel's advice and recommendations have been extremely helpful to me and my staff throughout the review of the standards, and they serve as an important resource for me as I weigh alternatives for a final PM NAAQS.

I appreciate the assistance that you and all of the members of the Panel have provided to the Agency during its review process. Your advice and detailed comments were invaluable in the preparation of both the PM Criteria Document and the Staff Paper. I also found your advice and recommendations enormously helpful in formulating the proposed decisions contained in EPA's December 20, 2005, proposal. I also thank you for the additional guidance offered in your letter of March 21, 2006, and I will consider your advice and recommendations carefully in formulating my final decision, which I must issue by September 27, 2006.

Sincerely,

Stephen L. Johnson

*Thanks again
for your leadership!*