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The Honorable Christine Todd Whitman
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

Subject: Notification of a Consultation on Environmental Systems Management
Research

Dear Governor Whitman:

On March 22, 2001, the Subcommittee on Industrial Ecology and Environmental Systems Management of the EPA Science Advisory Board's Environmental Engineering Committee conducted a Consultation on the Agency's Environmental Systems Management Research Program at the National Risk Management Research Laboratory (NRMRL).

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, technical guidance, or research programs 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.

As is our customary practice, there will be no formal report from the SAB as a result of this consultation, nor do we expect any formal response from the Agency.

Sincerely,

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