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

Subject: Notification of a Consultation on the Agency's Preliminary Staff Paper and Risk Assessment Scoping Plan for Particulate Matter

Dear Governor Whitman:

The Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) of the EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) met on July 23-24, 2001 in the EPA Laboratory in Research Triangle Park, NC, in part to conduct a consultation with staff from the Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS) on the Agency's preliminary Staff Paper for Particulate Matter, and the preliminary Risk Assessment Scoping Plan for Particulate Matter.

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, or technical guidance 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. However, the Committee looks forward to a full peer review of the subject documents in the future.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Philip K. Hopke, Chair  
Clean Air Scientific Advisory  
Committee

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