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Honorable Carol M. Browner
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
401 M Street, SW
Washington, DC 20460

Subject: Notification of a Consultation on the Agency's FY2000 Science
and Technology (S&T) Budget

Dear Ms. Browner:

The Research Strategies Advisory Committee (RSAC) of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) met on July 31, 1998, to conduct a consultation with the Chief Financial Officer, other budget staff, program staff, and staff from the Office of Research and Development on the Agency's science and technology (S&T) budget process for FY2000. This consultation was conducted at the request of Deputy Administrator Hansen who wanted to obtain the insights of individual SAB members on the development of the S&T budget.

The SAB has developed the consultation as a mechanism to provide the early reflections of selected members and consultants to the Agency on technical issues that should be considered in the development of regulations, guidelines, technical guidance, research, or assessment methods 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 the opportunity of conducting a formal review of this issue in the future.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Joan Daisey, Chair
Science Advisory Board

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Dr. William Randall Seeker, Chair
Research Strategies Advisory Committee

Science Advisory Board

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