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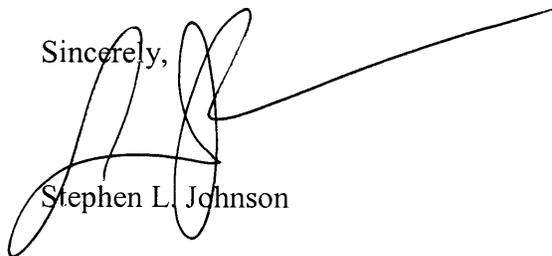
Dear Dr. Henderson:

Thank you for writing to present the recommendations of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Science Advisory Board's Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee regarding the process by which National Ambient Air Quality Standards are reviewed by the Agency. The Committee's advice and recommendations have been helpful throughout EPA's NAAQS process review, and they serve as an important resource for us as the Agency considers changes in that review process.

I appreciate your ongoing participation in EPA's NAAQS process review, including the preliminary comments offered in your May 12, 2006, letter and your participation in the June 29, 2006, meeting with Agency officials and staff to discuss your recommendations. Your advice and detailed comments have been valuable to us as we consider ways to streamline and improve the NAAQS review process. We will consider your recommendations carefully as we move forward, and we welcome the Committee's continued involvement.

Again, thank you for your letter.

Sincerely,



Stephen L. Johnson

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Appreciated our
conversations last
week!
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