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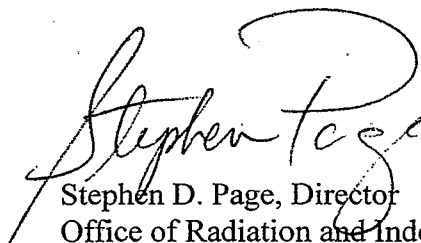
We are pleased to send you the enclosed final report, *Healthy Buildings, Healthy People* (HBHP), a vision and action plan to address indoor environmental quality in the first part of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

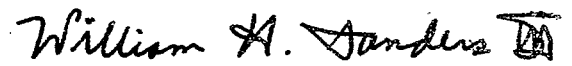
HBHP is the culmination of a cross-Agency effort which involved a wide spectrum of individuals and organizations who gave us the benefit of their expertise and advice at all stages of this project. We want to thank the many stakeholders who gave of their valuable time to participate in several workshops to create the vision and brainstorm the action plan, or to provide thoughtful comments on the draft document. Many commentators felt that the report was comprehensive in scope, and that the vision, goals and potential actions captured important themes and needs.

Already, EPA has undertaken program initiatives focusing on childhood asthma, characterizing the effect of building and consumer products on the indoor environment, increasing the demand for cleaner indoor products for use in schools, creating standards of care for existing buildings, and designing guidance for new schools. EPA is also integrating good indoor environmental quality into the Energy Star label program for commercial office buildings. We believe others will find this a useful resource to identify actions they can take to improve indoor environments.

Again, we want to thank those who helped make this project a success, and we look forward to working with you to realize the vision of HBHP.

Sincerely,

  
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