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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 Approaches to Calculating Radon Risks

Dear Ms. Browner:

The Radiation Advisory Committee (RAC) of the Science Advisory Board (SAB), met on November 17, 1998 to conduct a consultation with staff from the Office of Radiation and Indoor Air (ORIA) on approaches to calculating radon risks. This activity is a logical follow-up by the ORIA staff to the on-going work of the National Research Council's report of the sixth Committee on Biological Effects of Ionizing Radiation (BEIR VI), which addresses the risk of lung cancer associated with exposure to radon and its radioactive progeny. 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, since the RAC finds the schedule appropriate, the Committee looks forward to conducting a formal review in the future as outlined in the Development Schedule.

Sincerely,

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