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

Subject: Office of Inspector General's Pilot Project to Improve the Use of
Science for Decisions: an EPA Science Advisory Board
Notification of a Consultation

Dear Governor Whitman:

The Research Strategies Advisory Committee (RSAC) of the EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB), met on August 29, 2001 in Dallas, TX at EPA's Region 6 Office to conduct a consultation with staff from the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) on the use of science for decision-making.

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.

Sincerely,

/ Signed /

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Dr. Raymond Loehr, Chair
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