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The Honorable Gina McCarthy
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

Subject: Science Advisory Board (SAB) Discussions about EPA Planned Actions in the Fall 2012 Unified (Regulatory) Agenda and their Supporting Science

Dear Administrator McCarthy:

As part of its statutory duties, the Science Advisory Board (SAB) recently concluded a series of discussions about possible review of the science supporting major EPA planned actions. The EPA Office of Policy provided notice of release of the Fall 2012 Unified (Regulatory) Agenda and Regulatory Plan on December 21, 2012. Since that time, the SAB held three public teleconferences to discuss whether to review the science supporting any of the planned regulatory actions in that agenda in order to provide advice and comment on the adequacy of the science, as authorized by section (c) of the Environmental Research, Development and Demonstration Authorization Act.


The SAB appreciates the information provided by the EPA Office of Policy and the EPA program offices describing the planned actions, associated scientific questions, and agency plans for scientific analyses and peer review. The written information provided and the results of fact-finding discussions with SAB members have been posted on the SAB website.

The SAB focused its attention on 41 major planned actions, identified by the EPA Office of Policy, that had not yet been proposed. The Board noted that the EPA had already requested that either the SAB or the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee review the science associated with six of these actions (see enclosed table). Based on its deliberations in the three public teleconferences held since receiving the list of planned actions, the SAB has decided that it will not undertake review of the science supporting any other actions in the December 2012 Unified (Regulatory) Agenda.

In regard to the action entitled Revised Regulations for Environmental Radiation Protection Standards for Nuclear Power Plant Operations (2060 AR12), while the SAB will not undertake any immediate actions, it welcomes the commitment made by staff of the Office of Air and Radiation to provide the SAB with information summarizing public comments in response to the Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. The SAB has a strong interest in the science supporting this important topic.

On behalf of the SAB, I thank you for the opportunity to support EPA through consideration of the science supporting actions in the agency's regulatory agenda.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David T. Allen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" being more prominent.

Dr. David T. Allen, Chair
Science Advisory Board

Enclosures

- (1) Planned actions for which EPA has requested SAB or CASAC science review
- (2) Roster of SAB Members

Enclosure

Planned actions for which EPA has requested SAB or CASAC science review

Title and RIN	Status
Clean Water Protection Rule, 2040-AF30	EPA has committed to future SAB review
National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWR): Group Regulation of Carcinogenic Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs), 2050-AF29	EPA has committed to future SAB review
NPDWR for Lead and Copper: Long-term Regulatory Revisions, 2040 AF15	SAB review completed
NPDWR: Regulation of Perchlorate, 2040-AF28	SAB review completed
Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act/ he Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act Reporting Requirements for Air Releases of Hazardous Substances From Animal Waste at Farms, 2050-AG66	SAB review completed
National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone, 2060-AP3	CASAC review currently underway

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