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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 with the Office of Ground
Water and Drinking Water (OGWDW) on the Development
of the Groundwater Disinfection Rule

Dear Ms. Browner:

The Drinking Water Committee (DWC) of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) met on August 16-18, 1995, in part to conduct a consultation with staff from the Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (OGWDW) regarding EPA's development of the groundwater disinfection rule mandated by the Safe Drinking Water Act. Initially, the Agency staff presented this issue as a briefing to update the Committee on the regulatory and research issues affecting development of the rule. However, during the presentation, it became evident that the issue was sufficiently developed for meaningful exchange between the Committee and the Agency, hence, the preparation of this Notification of a Consultation.

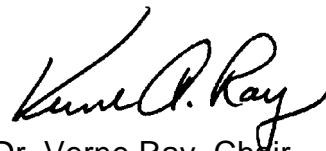
The SAB has developed the consultation as a mechanism to advise the Agency on technical issues that should be considered in the development of regulations, guidelines, or technical guidance before the Agency has taken a position. A consultation is conducted under the normal requirements of the Federal 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, individual members of the panel may provide comments, or the Committee may provide more guidance at a later date in a Commentary or through a formal review. We look forward to reviewing this issue further in the future.

Sincerely,



Dr. Genevieve M. Matanoski, Chair
Executive Committee



Dr. Verne Ray, Chair
Drinking Water Committee