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Honorable Carol M. Browner Administrator U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 401 M Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20460

> Subject: Notification of a Consultation on National Saltwater Dissolved Oxygen Criteria

Dear Ms. Browner:

The Ecological Processes and Effects Committee (EPEC) of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) met on June 23, 1994, to conduct a consultation with staff from the Office of Water on the Agency's methodology for deriving national saltwater dissolved oxygen aquatic life criteria. 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, the Committee looks forward to conducting a formal review of the proposed national methodology in the future.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Genevieve Matanoski, Chair Science Advisory Board

Dr. Kenneth L. Dickson, Chair

Ecological Processes and Effects Committee