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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 the Development of a Sediment
Quality Criterion for PAH Mixtures

Dear Ms. Browner:

The Ecological Processes and Effects Committee (EPEC) of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) met on May 13, 1997, in part to conduct a consultation with staff from the Office of Water on the Agency's proposed approach to the development of a Sediment Quality Criterion for polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon (PAH) mixtures in sediments. 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 draft methodology for deriving a PAH mixtures criterion in the future.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Genevieve M. Matanoski, Chair
Executive Committee

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Dr. Mark A. Harwell, Chair
Ecological Processes and
Effects Committee

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Dr. William J. Adams, Chair
Sediment Quality Subcommittee