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

Re: Revised Microbial Risk Assessment Framework; an EPA Science
Advisory Board Notification of a Consultation

Dear Governor Whitman:

The Drinking Water Committee (DWC) of the EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB), met on June 12 and 13, 2001, in part to conduct a consultation with staff from the Office of Water's Office of Science and Technology (OW/OS&T) on the Agency's plans to develop tools and approaches to carry out risk assessments of microbial contamination that might be associated with drinking water in the United States.

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 the opportunity of continuing to interact with EPA on this issue in the future.

Sincerely,

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Dr. William Glaze, Chair
EPA Science Advisory Board

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Dr. Rhodes Trussell, Chair
Drinking Water Committee
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