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

> Subject: Agency's Proposed Methodology for Measuring Coarse Particulate Matter: A CASAC Notification of a Consultation

Dear Governor Whitman:

The Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) of the EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) met via public Teleconference on October 1, 2001 to conduct a consultation with staff from the Office of Air and Radiation on the Agency's Proposed Methodology for Measuring Coarse Particulate Matter.

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 <u>Federal Register</u>.

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 a full peer review of the subject matter in a few months.

Sincerely,

/ Signed /

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