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OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR SCIENCE ADVISORY BOARD

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Honorable William K. Reilly Administrator U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 401 M Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20460

> Subject: Science Advisory Board Notification of a Consultation on Plans for the Habitat Cluster.

Dear Mr. Reilly:

On June 20, 1992, the Ecological Processes and Effects Committee (EPEC) of the Science Advisory Board (SAB) met with Agency staff from various offices that were associated with the Habitat Cluster and conducted a consultation on EPA's Plans for Research and Regulatory activities related to habitats. 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.

We believe that the consultation achieved its goal by discussing a number of important issues that EPA can consider in developing its plans. As is our customary practice there will be no formal report from the SAB as result of this consultation, nor do we expect any formal response from the Agency. We look forward to advising the Agency in the future by consultations as well as through more formal scientific reviews.

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Raymond C. Loehr, Chair Executive Committee

Sincerely,

Kenneth L. Dickson, Chair Ecological Processes and Effects Committee

