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Dear Dr. Hopke:

As I have discussed with you and your Subcommittee of the Science Advisory Board (SAB), enclosed is a review by the CASAC of the Science Advisory Board's (SAB) Draft Advisory "Review of the Clean Air Act Ozone Criteria, Preliminary Assessment of Adverse Impacts of Ozone and NOx – How Much are Lights Out Around Your City?" Dr. Samuel Luoma, Chair, Ozone Subcommittee, is the author of the enclosed letter, prepared on behalf of the CASAC, "Review of the Science Advisory Board's (SAB) Draft Advisory on Ozone Impacts of Transboundary Pollution Transport and Quality Management Standards (TPQMS), and Its Relationship to Current Work by the CASAC PM Panel, Ozone Work Group, and other Science Advisory Board Panels," dated April 1, 2003.

As you can see, the CASAC PM Panel's ongoing review of the EPA's current review of the PM criteria and standards, as well as the SAB's draft advisory on the New Source Review (NSR) Ozone Offset Ratios, are quite relevant to our deliberations. For reference, I have enclosed the "Draft Charge to the Ozone Work Group of the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee" dated February 21, 2003, and the "Draft Charge to the Particulate Matter Work Group of the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee" dated February 21, 2003, as well. Providing the proposed revised and/or draft charge to panel members is important because of time the PM, Ozone Work Group, Ozone Offset Ratios Advisory Panel, Science & Technology Committee (STC) Ozone Advisory Panel, February 27, 2003 Consultation, and Board meeting on the Ozone Advisory of the May 21, 2003.

As requested by the Committee's May 29, 2002 advisory, TAQPS is preparing the draft Clean Air Quality Management Memorandum for Committee review prior to the PM and STC Ozone Advisory Panel meetings. We look forward to hearing the panel members' views and feedback on these documents. We look forward to hearing the panel members' views and feedback on the draft Ozone Advisory, and the draft charge to the panel, and the advisory of new and/or updated health, welfare benefits, and health risk information, as well as other issues.