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THE ADMINISTRATOR

Elizabeth A. Sheppard, Ph.D. Chair Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Dr. Sheppard:

I would like to thank you for your March 18, 2022, letter conveying the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee Review of the *EPA's Policy Assessment for the Reconsideration of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particulate Matter (External Draft – October 2021)*.

The committee's thorough review and comments will be very helpful in preparing the final policy assessment, which will be released this spring, and I want to express my appreciation to you and the CASAC members for your time and efforts. Your comments will also be helpful as the agency moves into the rulemaking portion of the reconsideration.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact Erika Sasser in the Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, at (919) 541-3889 or sasser.erika@epa.gov.

Sincerely yours,

Michael S. Regan