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THE ADMINISTRATOR

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

Dear Dr. Sheppard:

I would like to thank you and all the members of the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee Lead Review Panel for your comments on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Integrated Review Plan for the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Lead. Volume 2: Planning for the Review and the Integrated Science Assessment (March 2022), hereafter referred to as Volume 2 of the Lead IRP, transmitted with your April 22, 2022, letter.

My colleagues and I appreciate the thorough and constructive discussion by the CASAC Lead Review Panel during its public consultation April 8, 2022.

The EPA will thoughtfully consider the panel's comments and recommendations, as well as those from the public, as we use Volume 2 of the Lead IRP to guide development of the Integrated Science Assessment. The EPA looks forward to continuing to work with CASAC to receive input on the ISA and other documents to support review of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Lead.

CASAC's advice plays a critical role in our process of evaluating the science that supports our regulatory actions protecting public health and the environment. Please accept my appreciation for your efforts and your expertise.

Sincerely yours,

Michael S. Regan