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Chair, Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee
Science Advisory Board
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Dear Dr. Sarnat:

I would like to thank you and the other members of the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee Lead Panel for your comments on aspects of the approach for quantitative exposure and risk analyses for the ongoing review of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Lead. My colleagues greatly appreciated the thorough and constructive discussion by the CASAC Lead Panel at the November 22, 2024, public meeting, as well as the post-meeting written panel member comments in your December 9, 2024, letter.

The EPA will consider the panel member comments in developing the draft quantitative health risk and exposure assessment. Results from the draft assessment will inform development of the draft policy assessment for the review. The Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards will seek CASAC review of the draft PA and associated REA in 2025.

The EPA appreciates the work of CASAC in supporting the agency's NAAQS reviews. CASAC advice plays a critical role in the agency's reviews of the NAAQS and the public health and welfare protection that they provide.

Should you have any questions, Erika Sasser, director of the OAQPS Health and Environmental Impacts Division, would be pleased to assist and is available at sasser.erika@epa.gov and (919) 541-3889.

Sincerely,

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Acting Administrator