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I am writing to recommend that EPA re-constitute the Particulate Matter Advisory Panel.

Particulate matter air pollution is known to cause significant death and illness in the United States, and EPA's regulatory role in controlling air levels is important to protection of the Public Health.

Research into the health effects of particulate air pollution is active and interpreting that scientific literature in the regulatory process requires considerable experience and expertise in the health effects of particles or soot in the air.

For this reason, a well-rounded Advisory Panel to CASAC is needed to come to appropriate decisions on the human health risks of particles. Giving responsibility for this function solely to CASAC overburdens CASAC and loses the benefit of science experts who are willing to serve as scientific reviewers.

The current membership of CASAC includes only one true expert in this area, Dr Mark Frampton. More expertise is needed.

As one who has conducted both laboratory and epidemiological research into the important health effects of particulates, I urge you to re-convene the PM Advisory Panel.

Sincerely,

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