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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Review of EPA's Management of Selected Clean Air Advisory Committees
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TO: Cynthia Jones-Jackson,
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Outreach

This memorandum is to notify you that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Inspector General (OIG) plans to begin an evaluation of EPA's management of selected federal advisory committees. We are initiating this assignment based on requests from Senator James M. Inhofe, Ranking Member, Committee on Environment and Public Works, who asked that we review EPA's management of the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) and the Advisory Council on Clean Air Compliance Analysis (ACCACA).

Our objective is to determine whether EPA has managed the CASAC and ACCACA federal advisory committees in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and guidance pertaining to appearances of impartiality, balance of committee viewpoints and perspectives, rotation of members, potential conflicts of interest, and peer review. We plan to conduct work at EPA's Office of Federal Advisory Committee Management and Outreach (OFACMO), EPA's Science Advisory Board (SAB), CASAC, ACCACA, the Office of Air and Radiation, and other EPA offices, as appropriate. Our review will focus on advisory activities related to the review of national ambient air quality standards for ozone, particulate matter, sulfur dioxide, and nitrogen dioxide. We also plan to review peer review activities related to the *Benefits and Costs of the Clean Air Act: Second Perspective Study*. The evaluation will be conducted using applicable *Government Auditing Standards*.

We will contact Bernadette Dunn, Agency Audit Follow-up Coordinator, to arrange a mutually agreeable time for an entrance conference with OFACMO and SAB officials to discuss our assignment plans. We will also answer any questions about the evaluation process and reporting procedures. If you or your staff have any questions regarding this assignment, please contact Rick Beusse, Director for Program Evaluation, Air & Research Issues at (919) 541-5747 or beusse.rick@epa.gov, or Jim Hatfield at (919) 541-1030, or hatfield.jim@epa.gov.

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