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Dear Mr. Wennberg and Ms. Chapman:

On behalf of Administrator Lisa P. Jackson, I would like to thank the National Advisory Committee (NAC) and Governmental Advisory Committee (GAC) for its joint advice of May 16, 2012, regarding the CEC Submissions on Enforcement Matters (SEM) Trilateral Modernization Review; in particular, for its advice on the SEM Task Force proposal material. EPA greatly appreciates the time and effort the NAC and GAC put into developing this advice which stood-out in its thoughtfulness and detail. As requested, this advice was immediately considered by EPA and factored into the then ongoing SEM Task Force negotiations.

EPA would also like specifically to thank the NAC and GAC for taking the time to comprehensively discuss the SEM proposal material with EPA representatives in the weeks preceding the provision of the May 16th advice. This dialogue was invaluable to the continuing maturation of the U.S. negotiating position and was a significant factor in further revisions being made to the SEM material.

Consistent with the SEM Task Force timeline, the SEM proposal material has been finalized in preparation for consideration and action by the Council at the July Council Session. We look forward to continued work with the NAC and GAC on critical CEC matters and thank you again for your time and attention to the Trilateral SEM Review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michelle DePass".

Michelle DePass
Assistant Administrator