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Dr. James K. Hammitt
Chair
Advisory Council on Clean Air Compliance Analysis
Office of the Science Advisory Board
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Dear Dr. Hammitt:

Thank you for providing me with the Advisory Council on Clean Air Compliance Analysis review of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's second prospective Clean Air Act Section 812 Report to Congress. The Council's report on the Agency's initial progress on the study and the Project Team's proposals for addressing residual study design issues is balanced and thoughtful.

I value the advice and assistance provided by the Council, and I look forward to its further input as the study progresses through its remaining phases. The Project Team reports that with the completion of the emissions inventories and their review by the Council, the air quality modeling for the core and the sensitivity scenarios is now underway. The uncertainty analyses and computerized general equilibrium modeling preparation work are also underway. The Project Team anticipates completion of the air quality modeling work and initiation of the health and ecological benefits modeling this fall.

I look forward to continuing the effective and productive working relationship between the Council and the Agency as we move forward on the current Section 812 study of the Clean Air Act.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "S. L. Johnson", is written over the typed name "Stephen L. Johnson".

Stephen L. Johnson