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Dear Dr. Hammitt:

Thank you for your letter and review report of December 16, 2010, providing final advice from the advisory council on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's *Section 812 Second Prospective Study of the Clean Air Act*. The council's letter and report represent the culmination of a decade of effort to review the study design, analytical choices and results developed by the project team charged with carrying out this benefit-cost evaluation of 1990 Clean Air Act Amendment programs.

The council's thoughtful, constructive and rigorous reviews offer valuable ideas and insights, which greatly improved the second prospective study. I appreciate and share the council's view that this study will be of significant interest to those who seek information about Clean Air Act programs' effect on the economy, public health and the environment.

Through its multidisciplinary expertise, high standards and dedication, the council has successfully fulfilled its role to advise the EPA on the second prospective study.

I look forward to continuing our effective and productive working relationship and to receiving the council's advice on future efforts to evaluate the benefits and costs of air-pollution-control programs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Lisa P. Jackson", is written over a horizontal line.

Lisa P. Jackson