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Dear Dr. Marty:

Thank you for your letter of March 23, 2007, to Administrator Johnson, regarding the review of the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for ozone. As you know, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is now in the process of reviewing the ozone NAAQS. The Agency expects to complete its review and make decisions about the appropriateness of revising the standards by June 20, 2007.

In reviewing the ozone NAAQS, EPA has conducted a thorough examination of the relevant scientific and technical information as summarized in the ozone Criteria Document and Staff Paper. As we move forward, we will take into account your comments regarding the effects on children of exposure to ozone and your recommendations in favor of tightening the primary ozone standard to a level of 0.060 ppm. I would like to assure you that we share your concern about protecting the health of children. In considering the appropriate level for the primary (health-based) standard for ozone, we will carefully consider effects on children and other sensitive groups. I have forwarded your comments to the docket for this rulemaking, EPA-HQ-OAR-2005-0172, so that they may be considered, along with the recommendations of CASAC and other comments received, as EPA moves forward in developing its proposed decision.

Again, thank you for your letter. I appreciate the opportunity to be of service, and I trust the information provided is helpful.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen D. Page".

Stephen D. Page
Director

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