

Children's Health Protection Advisory Committee

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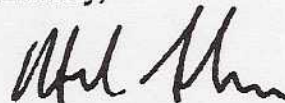
Marianne L. Horinko
Acting Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
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Dear Administrator Horinko:

The Children's Health Protection Advisory Committee (CHPAC) commends the Agency for its ongoing efforts to address the bioethical issues on the use of human data to develop environmental policy and regulation. We believe constituting a Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) Committee on Bioethics (Committee) is an important step forward in this effort.

The CHPAC notes that unique bioethical concerns arise when research involves children. Accordingly, the CHPAC requests that the Agency consider the health needs of children in selecting members of the Committee and that, specifically, individuals with a strong background in bioethics who also have knowledge and experience in the areas of pediatrics and pediatric clinical research, including pediatric bioethicists, be included as members of the Committee. Further, we request that child health issues be considered in drafting the charge to the Committee. The CHPAC would value the opportunity to review and comment on charge questions to the Committee and would be pleased to assist in developing questions relevant to child health issues.

Sincerely,



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cc: V. Vu, Staff Office Director, Science Advisory Board
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