



## THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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### MEMORANDUM

**SUBJECT:** Announcing the Winners of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's 2014 Scientific and Technological Achievement Awards

**FROM:** Gina McCarthy

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**TO:** Deputy Administrator  
General Counsel  
Assistant Administrators  
Inspector General  
Chief Financial Officer  
Chief of Staff  
Associate Administrators  
Regional Administrators

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency depends upon our scientists, engineers and partners throughout the scientific community to inform decisions to protect human health and the environment. The EPA has exceptional scientists and engineers working on innovative solutions to pressing public-health and environmental challenges. That is why I am pleased to announce the winners of the EPA's 2014 Scientific and Technological Achievement Awards, an agencywide program that recognizes the outstanding scientific work of EPA employees who published their technical work in peer-reviewed literature. The Office of Research and Development, in cooperation with the Science Advisory Board, sponsors the awards.

The EPA solicited nominations in the following categories: control systems and technology; ecological research; energy and the environment; environmental policy and decision-making studies; health-effects research and human-health risk assessment; homeland security; industry and the environment; integrated risk assessment; monitoring and measurement methods; other environmental research; review articles; risk management and ecosystem restoration; sustainability and innovation; and transport and fate. The EPA's scientists and engineers submitted 72 nominations.

Based on recommendations, 23 nominations will receive Level I, II or III awards for notably excellent or unusually notable research or technological effort, and 29 have been recommended for honorable mention. The awards are detailed in the attached report, which includes a summary of winning authors and publications by level of recognition. ORD is currently preparing congratulatory letters and certificates and is processing monetary awards for the winners.

As you all know, science is the foundation of decision making at the EPA, and the 2014 STAA award winners reflect our agency's long, proud history of scientific excellence. Please join me in congratulating our winners.

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