



# THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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## MEMORANDUM

**SUBJECT:** The 2015 Scientific and Technological Achievement Awards

**FROM:**

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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 from across 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 complex environmental and public-health challenges. That is why I am pleased to announce the winners of the EPA's 2015 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 awards are sponsored by the Office of Research and Development in cooperation with the EPA's Science Advisory Board.

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 120 nominations.

Based on its recommendations, 42 nominations will receive Level I, II or III awards for notably excellent or unusually notable research or technological effort, and 42 have been recommended for honorable mention. The 2015 STAA 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 know, science is the foundation of decision making at the EPA, and the 2015 STAA award winners reflect our long, proud history of scientific excellence. Please join me in congratulating our winners.

Attachment

