



Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC)

A Federal Advisory Committee to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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The Honorable Michael S. Regan
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Subject: CASAC Review Process for the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for
Ozone

Dear Administrator Regan:

The 2022 Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) Ozone Review Panel, hereafter referred to as the Panel, met on April 29, 2022, to receive a briefing from the EPA on the *Policy Assessment (PA) for the Reconsideration of the Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (External Review Draft – April 2022)*. During and after this meeting, several scientific issues were raised by members of the Panel. On May 13, 2022, I issued a memo to the Panel indicating that we would pause our review of the Ozone PA so that the Panel could deliberate on whether a fuller discussion of the science is needed before the PA could be reviewed. The Panel met on June 8 and June 10, 2022, and agreed that a fuller discussion of the science is needed at a future public meeting before the PA can be reviewed.

I will coordinate with your staff in the Office of Research and Development to schedule a public meeting for the Panel to be briefed by EPA on the 2020 Ozone Integrated Science Assessment and a public meeting for the Panel to have a fuller discussion of the science. Following deliberations, the CASAC advice on the science will be transmitted to you and I will then coordinate with your staff in the Office of Air and Radiation regarding next steps for the PA review.

We are aware that the Agency is under a tight timeline for the Ozone NAAQS reconsideration and we are committed to working expeditiously and maintaining the highest standard of scientific integrity.

Sincerely,

/s/

Dr. Elizabeth A. (Lianne) Sheppard, Chair
Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee