



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

September 30, 2020

THE ADMINISTRATOR

Michael Honeycutt, Ph.D.
Chair
Science Advisory Board
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Dear Dr. Honeycutt:

Thank you for your July 31, 2020, letter regarding the recent consultation on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's development of a Consolidated Human Toxicity Assessment Guideline and the comments shared from individual members of the Science Advisory Board and members of its Chemical Assessment Advisory Committee.

The SAB's input and advice has been, and will continue to be, critical to the agency's work on this issue. As you are aware, some of the guidelines for human toxicity assessments were developed more than two decades ago. Many scientific advances have occurred since the development of the existing EPA guidelines, and there are risk assessment elements and toxicity endpoints for which the EPA does not have guidelines. To ensure the use of the best available science at all phases of risk assessment, I tasked the EPA's Risk Assessment Forum with revising existing or developing new assessment guidelines.

Any significant new aspects of the Consolidated Guideline will undergo public comment and external scientific peer review. The EPA intends to complete the design of the Consolidated Guideline and prioritize the modules to be developed in December 2020. The EPA will initiate the development of the modules in January 2021. This consultation on the approach the EPA proposes to use to develop the Consolidated Guideline is the first of several consultations with the SAB.

The agency greatly appreciates the board and committee's expression of support and interest in this work. The EPA will consider these comments as it proceeds with this important project.

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cc: Jennifer Orme-Zavaleta, Ph.D.



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