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THE ADMINISTRATOR

Michael Honeycutt, Ph.D.
Chair, Science Advisory Board
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Dr. Honeycutt:

Thank you very much for the June 2, 2020, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Science Advisory Board report reviewing of the document "EPA's Identification of Research Needs to Address the Environmental and Human Health Impacts of COVID-19." Responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and contributing to the health and safety of our nation's people is a top priority for the EPA. The SAB's recommendations will support and enhance our current and future research on how to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

I recognize and appreciate that the SAB moved with urgency in the development of this report. Your timely deliberations and recommendations will provide important input as we move forward with our research activities to support other federal agencies, states, tribes, local and territorial governments and the public to reduce the risk of exposure to the virus that causes COVID-19. These research activities will be updated on our website at <https://www.epa.gov/healthresearch/research-covid-19-environment>, and I encourage you to follow our work there.

Thank you again for the development of this report. The EPA appreciates the ongoing efforts of the SAB to provide scientific and technical input to help guide the agency's research on this very important challenge to address the public health of the Nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew R. Wheeler".

Andrew R. Wheeler