May 25, 2001

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Honorable Christine Todd Whitman  
Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20460

Re: Trade and the Environment; an EPA Science Advisory Board Notification of a Consultation

Dear Governor Whitman:

The Environmental Economics Advisory Committee (EEAC) of the EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB), met on May 25, 2001, in part to conduct a consultation with staff from the Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation’s National Center for Environmental Economics (NCEE) on the Agency’s plans to develop tools and approaches to carry out its responsibilities under Executive Order 13141, *Environmental Review of Trade Agreements*.

The SAB has developed the consultation as a mechanism to advise the Agency on technical issues that should be considered in the development of regulations, guidelines, or technical guidance before the Agency has taken a position. A consultation is conducted under the normal requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, which include advance notice of the public meeting in the Federal Register.

As is our customary practice, there will be no formal report from the SAB as a result of this consultation, nor do we expect any formal response from the Agency. However, the Committee looks forward to the opportunity of continuing to interact with EPA on this issue in the future.

Sincerely,

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