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THE ADMINISTRATOR

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Dear Dr. van der Vaart:

I am pleased to invite you to continue to serve as a member of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Science Advisory Board for a term beginning immediately and ending on September 30, 2023. You would continue to serve as a special government employee and would be asked to provide independent expert advice on technical issues underlying EPA policies and decision making. Your expertise in engineering and air quality is a great asset to the board.

As Administrator, I am committed to employing sound science in the EPA's pursuit of resolutions to a broad range of urgent environmental issues. Science Advisory Board members' scientific and technical expertise, experience and innovation play critical roles in the success of the EPA's approach to environmental protection. I rely on the board for the expert guidance that is essential to the EPA's ability to protect public health and safeguard the environment.

The Science Advisory Board is organized under the *Environmental Research Development and Demonstration Authorization Act* and the *Federal Advisory Committee Act*, which regulate and govern its operation, including public participation and access to documents. Enclosed are copies of the Science Advisory Board's current charter and *FACA Essentials at EPA for Federal Advisory Committee Members*. To accept this invitation, please return the enclosed membership acceptance form by email using the information provided on the form.

Should you have any questions or require more information, please contact Thomas Brennan, director of the EPA's Science Advisory Board staff office, at (202) 564-6953 or brennan.thomas@epa.gov.

I hope that you will accept this appointment so the EPA can continue to benefit from your expertise and perspective.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Andrew R. Wheeler", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Andrew R. Wheeler

Enclosures