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Dear Dr. Hopke:

This letter transmits review documents in preparation for the July 29, 1999 conference call with the of the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) Technical Subcommittee for Fine Particle Monitoring. The attachments (posted at <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/amtic/>) include:

1. data summaries from the speciation sampler intercomparison study, a principal agenda topic for the meeting,
2. draft report prepared by Petros Koutrakis and the expert speciation panel, which provides commentary on several recent developments in the chemical speciation program,
3. the January, 1999 speciation guidance document, an updated version of the same document reviewed last year by the Subcommittee,
4. the Supersites Request for Assistance (RFA) which was released in March, 1999,
5. the Atlanta Supersite program plan, and
6. the Fresno Supersite plan.

As we discussed earlier in Las Vegas and RTP, the primary purpose of the meeting will be to review the last half year of progress in the chemical speciation and Supersites programs, with an emphasis on the speciation program and the recent results from the intercomparison study. We appreciate you and the rest of Subcommittee's continued willingness to participate in this review and look forward to working to the discussion at the end of this month. Should you have any questions, please contact me (919-541-4650).

Sincerely,

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