

Review CASAC Letters

CASAC review of EPA Staff Paper on June 6, 2005

<http://www.epa.gov/sab/pdf/casac-05-007.pdf>

Included advice on both annual and daily PM_{2.5} standards and for coarse PM standards.

CASAC review of EPA Staff Paper on September 15, 2005

<http://www.epa.gov/sab/pdf/sab-casac-05-012.pdf>

Review of Staff Paper and comments on proposing a standard for coarse particles.

CASAC letter on March 21, 2006

<http://www.epa.gov/sab/pdf/casac-ltr-06-002.pdf>

This is the PM panel's consensus letter to EPA on revisions to PM NAAQS. This came after extensive review of EPA's draft PM Staff Paper and a final report on the Staff Paper. It includes CASAC's proposed standards and literature review.

EPA Response letter to CASAC on June 7, 2006

http://www.epa.gov/sab/pdf/casac-ltr-06-002_response.pdf

Thanks CASAC for the three letters received. Johnson states that he will consider CASAC advice and recommendations when making final decisions.

Provisional Assessment of Recent Studies on Health Effects of Particulate Matter Exposure: EPA/600/R-06/063, July 2006

http://www.epa.gov/oar/particlepollution/pdfs/ord_report_20060720.pdf

Summarizes over 200 studies published since 2004.

CASAC letter on September 29, 2006

<http://www.epa.gov/sab/pdf/casac-ltr-06-003.pdf>

This letter is to express "serious scientific concerns" for public health and welfare implications of EPA's final PM standards. EPA rejected CASAC advice to lower the annual fine particle standard, did not set a secondary standard for visibility, and did not set a standard for coarse particles, despite "clear and convincing scientific evidence" to do so.