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Colleagues --

Recognizing that sound science is the backbone of all we do at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, I want to bring to your attention an important memorandum on scientific integrity in the federal government. The December 17 memo from John Holdren, Assistant to the President for Science and Technology and Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy, builds upon six principles President Obama identified in March 2009 as central to preserving and promoting scientific integrity and gives federal agencies specific guidance to ensure the highest level of scientific integrity in our work.

Dr. Holdren's guidance is tremendously valuable to the EPA, and I encourage each of you to read the attached memo.

For 40 years, broad exploration of ideas, extensive testing, and consideration of many different viewpoints have made us stronger as an agency. From my first day as Administrator, I pledged to continue that tradition by leading an EPA guided by sound science and the law. Our ability to fulfill the EPA's mission to safeguard human health and protect the environment depends on the best independent scientific analyses available, and I am proud that we have maintained our commitment to scientific integrity.

Our ongoing work to uphold scientific integrity is part of our progress as One EPA and should continue to set the standard for federal government agencies.

Thank you once more for your professionalism, expertise and hard work.

Sincerely,

Lisa P. Jackson
Administrator

(See attached file: scientific-integrity-memo-12172010.pdf)