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Dear Dr. Morgan and Dr. Cory-Slechta:

Thank you for your report of the FY2005 recommended Scientific and Technological Achievement Awards (STAA) nominations (EPA-SAB-06-004). I appreciate the effort required to screen and review the large number of applications that were submitted this year and am thankful to the Science Advisory Board's (SAB's) Scientific and Technological Achievement Awards Panel for their participation.

I am pleased to adopt the recommended nominations of the Panel and have already taken steps to formally announce the winners and release the congratulatory letters, certificates, and monetary awards. I have also noted the SAB recommendations for administrative improvements to the STAA program and am pleased to announce that many of these recommendations will be incorporated into the process for future competitions. One suggestion that we have already implemented is to recognize the non-EPA authors of the 2005 awarded nominations by listing their names on the ORD website. Also, we are exploring options for electronic submission of the nominations for the 2006 competition.

Again, thank you for your continued assistance with this important program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. L. Johnson".

Stephen L. Johnson