



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

JAN 16 2009

THE ADMINISTRATOR

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: The 2008 Scientific and Technological Achievement Awards

TO: Assistant Administrators
Associate Administrators
Regional Administrators
Office of Research and Development Laboratory and Center Directors

I am pleased to announce the winners of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's 2008 Scientific and Technological Achievement Awards – an Agency-wide program that recognizes employee's outstanding research publications.

The awards are sponsored by the Office of Research and Development in cooperation with the EPA Science Advisory Board. To be eligible for consideration, the research must initiate or revise a scientific or technological principle or procedure and be recognized as a major achievement in its discipline or field of study.

The Agency solicited nominations in 12 award categories: Control Systems and Technology; Ecological Research; Health Effects Research and Human Health Risk Assessment; Monitoring and Measurement Methods; Transport and Fate; Review Articles; Risk Management and Ecosystems Restoration; Integrated Risk Assessment; Social Sciences; Environmental Futures; Environmental Statistics; and Other Environmental Research.

The SAB's STAA Committee reviewed and evaluated each of the 130 nominations submitted by Agency scientists and engineers. Based on the committee's recommendations, 51 nominations will receive a cash award this year, and 43 have been recommended for Honorable Mention. The awards are detailed in the attached report, which includes a summary of winning authors and publications by level of recognition. ORD is currently preparing congratulatory letters and certificates and is processing monetary awards for the winners. Please join me in congratulating the 2008 STAA winners.

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

Stephen L. Johnson

Attachment



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Dr. Thomas L. Theis
Science Advisory Board
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
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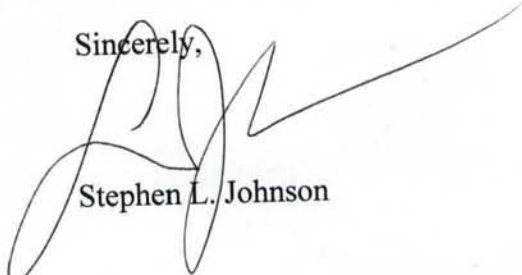
Dear Dr. Theis:

Thank you for your report on the Fiscal Year 2008 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Scientific and Technological Achievement Awards. I appreciate the STAA Committee's participation in this important activity and its efforts to screen and review the 2008 nominations. I am pleased to adopt the Committee's award recommendations and have taken steps to formally announce the winners and release the congratulatory letters, certificates, and monetary awards.

I also appreciate receiving the Committee's administrative recommendations. With the 2009 announcement, steps were already being taken to encourage principal authors to be more strategic in their submission of multiple publications. The guidance in your report will help strengthen these nomination requirements. In addition, STAA database upgrades are already in process. These upgrades should enable generation of the index of publications that have received awards and honorable mentions well within the two years requested in your report.

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

Sincerely,


Stephen L. Johnson

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Thanks again!
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THE ADMINISTRATOR

Dr. Deborah L. Swackhamer
Chair
Science Advisory Board
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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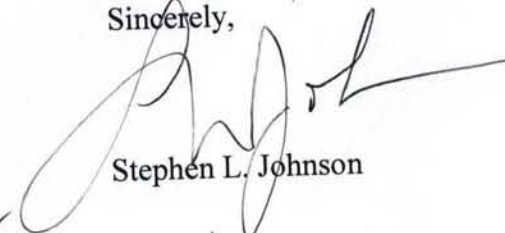
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