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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: New Chair of the Endocrine Disruptor Methods Validation Subcommittee

FROM: Stephen L. Johnson /s/
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TO: Endocrine Disruptor Methods Validation Subcommittee Members

It is my pleasure to announce the selection of Joseph J. Merenda, Jr, as Chair of the Endocrine Disruptor Methods Validation Subcommittee, (EDMVS). Joe has been with EPA since its establishment in December 1970, and has held a variety of scientific and management positions in several of EPA's program offices, most recently the Office of Pesticide Programs (six years) and the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (19 years). In September 2002, Joe became Director of the Office of Science Coordination and Policy (OSCP), the office in which the Endocrine Disruptor Screening Program, sponsors of the EDMVS, resides.

The EDMVS, established on September of 2001, originally consisted of 25 subject matter experts with additional expertise from the Chair, Vanessa Vu, Ph.D., Director, OSCP. Dr. Vu resigned as EDMVS Chair to serve as Director of the U.S. EPA Science Advisory Board in the Office of the Administrator.

Please join me in welcoming Joe as chair of this important Federal Advisory Committee. I am sure he will be an asset to your hard working group. Thank you for your time and contributions to this valuable work.