



September 18, 2017

Aaron Yeow
EPA Science Advisory Staff Office
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Mr. Yeow:

Western Energy Alliance supports the nominations of Dr. Steven Packham, Toxicologist, Utah Division of Air Quality; and Dr. Larry Wolk, Executive Director, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and Chief Medical Officer for the State of Colorado to the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Council (CASAC). Both men are distinguished leaders in western state environmental quality departments with a deep understanding of public health and policy issues that are critical for the Scientific Advisory Board's mission of scientific and technical peer review.

Western Energy Alliance represents over 300 companies engaged in all aspects of environmentally responsible exploration and production of oil and natural gas in the West. Alliance members are independents, the majority of which are small businesses with an average of fifteen employees.

Dr. Packham's experience developing Utah's state implementation plans for PM2.5 and ozone is directly relevant to CASAC's mission. He is also an adjunct professor at the University of Utah with over 30 years of experience in his field. His understanding of how epidemiological studies have at times been misused by EPA would help provide a more multi-disciplinary approach to air quality science at EPA. Dr. Larry Wolk is one of the leading experts on public health in Colorado. Like Dr. Packham, his on-the-ground experience in the technical aspects of implementing National Ambient Air Quality Standards in energy-rich states would be an asset to the CASAC.

Western Energy Alliance supports CASAC's mission of vetting and validating scientific information that otherwise could be misrepresented during rulemaking processes. We believe both Dr. Packham and Dr. Wolk would be tremendous assets for EPA.

Sincerely,

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Kathleen M. Sgamma