

**May 13, 2022**

**Memorandum**

**SUBJECT: CASAC Ozone Review Panel Meeting**

**FROM:** Dr. Lianne Sheppard, Chair  
CASAC

**TO:** CASAC Ozone Review Panel Members

We had previously scheduled meetings on 6/8, 6/10, 6/13, and 6/17/22, to conduct a peer review of the *Policy Assessment (PA) for the Reconsideration of the Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (External Review Draft – April 2022)*. One of EPA’s charge questions asks about the Panel’s views on “EPA’s evaluation of newer studies and its conclusion that they do not materially change the findings of the 2020 ISA or warrant reopening the air quality criteria.” In order to answer this question, it seems that a fuller discussion of the science would first be needed. Additionally, several panel members raised concerns during the meeting on April 29, 2022, about some of the causal determinations made in the 2020 ISA. Therefore, at this stage, I have decided to pause the review of the PA and we will use the scheduled meeting on 6/8/22 (and 6/10/22, if needed) for the panel to decide if they would like to have further discussion of the science prior to reviewing the PA. If so, this discussion of the science would take place at a future meeting. Additionally, please consider which scientific topics should be included in such a discussion (e.g., causal determinations of cardiovascular effects and mortality, etc.). We will cancel the meetings on 6/13 and 6/17.

Thank you and I look forward to our upcoming meeting. In the interim, please contact me or contact Aaron at: 202-564-2050, or [yeow.aaron@epa.gov](mailto:yeow.aaron@epa.gov), if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Lianne Sheppard  
Chair  
CASAC