



## ORD's Science Council

### What Is the Mission of the Science Council?

The mission of the ORD Science Council is to facilitate an integrated, strong, well-managed and effective national environmental science and technical organization that produces high quality and timely scientific and technical information to support Agency decision-making. Achievement of this mission requires that ORD :

1. Maintains a strong science and technology policy, leadership, oversight, research and coordinating capability;
2. Ensures that the ORD science program is well thought out, balanced, forward-looking, timely and productive ; and
3. Provides direct, relevant and accountable science and technology support to EPA Program and Regional offices and other stakeholders (e.g., states and local communities).

To achieve this mission, the Council will serve as a scientific resource to the ORD Executive Council and provide a forum for identifying, discussing, reviewing, integrating and directing the development of science and science policy.

### What Are the Goals of the Science Council?

The Office of Research and Development (ORD) is the Agency's lead office for the production, review and integration of scientific and technical knowledge into a sound science base on which effective policies and regulations for present and future environmental protection can be developed. To develop this sound scientific base, ORD must involve senior management across the organization in defining, developing, and implementing effective policies, plans and actions. To assist in this, the ORD Science Council has been created. The Science Council meets regularly, once or twice a month.

### Who is Represented on the Science Council?

**Director, Office of Science Policy** (Chair)

**Associate Directors for Ecology, and Health** (8): National Exposure Research Laboratory, National Health and Environmental Effects Research Laboratory, National Risk Management Research Laboratory, National Center for Environmental Assessment

**Associate Directors for Science** (3): National Center for Environmental Research, National Homeland Security Research Center, National Center for Computational Toxicology

**National Program Directors** (8): Pesticides and Toxics, Contaminated Sites/Resource Conservation, Global Change Research Program, Mercury, Air Ecology, Human Health, Drinking Water, Water Quality.

**Associate Director for Information Management**, Office of Resources Management and Administration

**Associate Director for Science, Office of Science Policy** (ex officio)

**Deputy Assistant Administrator for Science** (ex officio)

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