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J. Rount Reigart, MD
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Advisory Committee
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Dear Dr. Reigart:

Thank you for your letter of March 28, 2001 to Administrator Whitman, transmitting the Children's Health Protection Advisory Committee's recommendations on strengthening the agency's children's health protection program.

We appreciate your thoughtful recommendations and have shared them with our Office of Children's Health Protection for consideration and adoption, as appropriate. EPA works closely with the Department of Health and Human Services on many children's health issues. Through these collaborations, as well as those with other external experts, we are able to bring considerable pediatric health expertise to bear on the Agency's policy and decision-making activities.

Administrator Whitman is very committed to working with other federal agencies on public health issues, particularly through the Task Force on Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks to Children. President Bush signed an Executive Order on October 9, 2001 extending the Task Force until October 2003 and EPA hosted the first meeting on October 24, 2001.

Thank you again for your thorough recommendations and your ongoing concern about children's health issues.

Sincerely yours,

Daiva Balkus, Director
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and Organizational Services