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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: The 2013 Scientific and Technological Achievement Awards

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TO: Deputy Administrator
General Counsel
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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency depends upon our scientists, engineers and partners from across the scientific community to inform decisions to protect human health and the environment. The EPA has great scientists and engineers working on innovative solutions for today and for the future. That is why I am pleased to announce the winners of the EPA's 2013 Scientific and Technological Achievement Awards, an agencywide program that recognizes the outstanding scientific work of EPA colleagues who published their technical work in peer-reviewed literature. The awards are sponsored by the Office of Research and Development in cooperation with the EPA's Science Advisory Board.

The EPA solicited nominations in the following categories: control systems and technology; ecological research; energy and the environment; environmental policy and decision-making studies; health-effects research and human-health risk assessment; homeland security; industry and the environment; integrated risk assessment; monitoring and measurement methods; other environmental research; review articles; risk management and ecosystem restoration; sustainability and innovation; and transport and fate. EPA scientists and engineers submitted 105 nominations.

Based on recommendations from the Scientific and Technological Achievement Awards panel, 36 nominations will receive Level II or III awards for notably excellent or unusually notable research or technological effort, and 39 have been recommended for honorable mention. The 2013 awards are detailed in the attached report, which includes a summary of winning authors and publications by level of recognition. ORD is preparing congratulatory letters and certificates and processing monetary awards for the winners.

As you know, science is the foundation of decision making at the EPA, and the 2013 STAA award winners exemplify our agency's long history of scientific excellence.

Please join me in congratulating our award winners.

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