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**MEMORANDUM**

THE ADMINISTRATOR

**SUBJECT:** The 2006 Scientific and Technological Achievement Awards

**TO:** Assistant Administrators
General Counsel
Inspector General
Chief Financial Officer
Associate Administrators
Regional Administrators

I am pleased to announce the winners of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's 2006 Scientific and Technological Achievement Awards – an Agency-wide program that recognizes employees' outstanding research publications.

The awards are sponsored by the Office of Research and Development in cooperation with the Science Advisory Board. To be eligible for consideration, the research must initiate or revise a scientific or technological principle or procedure and be recognized as a major achievement within its discipline or field of study.

The Agency solicited nominations in the following eleven award categories: Control Systems and Technology; Ecological Research; Health Effects Research and Human Health Risk Assessment; Monitoring and Measurement Methods; Transport and Fate; Review Articles; Risk Management and Ecosystems Restoration; Integrated Risk Assessment; Social Sciences; Environmental Futures; and Environmental Statistics. Agency scientists and engineers submitted a total of 94 nominations.

In evaluating the nominations, the SAB's STAA Committee applied criteria consistently and did not seek to ensure equal numbers or percentages of awards in each category. On the basis of its recommendations, 45 papers will receive a cash award this year, and 26 have been recommended for Honorable Mention. The awards are detailed in the attached report, which includes a summary of winning authors and publications by level of recognition. ORD is currently preparing congratulatory letters and certificates and is processing monetary awards for the winners.

Please join me in congratulating the 2006 STAA winners.

Stephen L. Johnson

Attachment