

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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THE ADMINISTRATOR

## **MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT: The 2005 Scientific and Technological Achievement Awards (STAA)

TO:

Assistant Administrators Associate Administrators Regional Administrators

I am pleased to announce the winners of EPA's 2005 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 EPA 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 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 110 nominations.

In evaluating the nominations, the STAA panel of the SAB applied criteria consistently and did not seek to ensure equal numbers or percentages of awards in each category. On the basis of its recommendations, 39 papers will receive a cash award this year, and 31 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 2005 STAA winners

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