



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

SEP 13 2013

OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL AND  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

The Honorable Lamar Smith  
Chairman  
Committee on Science, Space and Technology  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515-6301

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This letter is in further response to the subpoena *duces tecum* from the United States House of Representatives Committee on Science, Space, and Technology for data from the American Cancer Society and Harvard Six Cities cohorts, as well as attendant documents necessary to understand that data.

As indicated in our August 19, 2013, letter, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has continued to work to obtain the data that was not in our possession but that was requested from us by the Committee and other members of Congress. At that time, however, we had not yet received the following data we had requested from the Health Effects Institute (HEI):

Krewski D, Jerrett M, Burnett RT, Ma R, Hughes E, Shi, Y, et al. 2009. "Extended follow-up and spatial analysis of the American Cancer Society study linking particulate air pollution and mortality." HEI Research Report, 140, Health Effects Institute, Boston, MA.

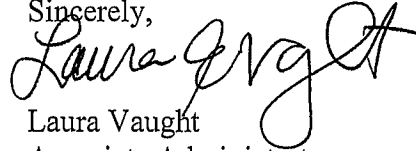
The EPA has now obtained that data, and is transmitting that data to you today with this letter. In addition, our August 19, 2013, letter indicated that we are working with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to resolve privacy concerns in a way that would allow the agency to provide the Committee with the data from the following study:

Lepeule J, Laden F, Dockery D, Schwartz J 2012. "Chronic Exposure to Fine Particles and Mortality: An Extended Follow-Up of the Harvard Six Cities Study from 1974 to 2009." *Environ Health Perspect.* Jul;120(7):965-70.

We continue to actively work with the CDC, will keep the Committee apprised of the CDC's review, and will produce the data expeditiously should the CDC identify an effective way to protect the personally identifiable information of the study participants.

The EPA's efforts to obtain the requested research data and to provide the Committee with any data we obtain demonstrate the agency's good faith efforts to comply with the Committee's requests and subpoena. The EPA looks forward to continuing to work with the Committee on this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laura Vaught". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "L".

Laura Vaught  
Associate Administrator

Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson  
Ranking Member