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Dear John:

I received your letter dated March 26, 2010 regarding the NanoSafety Consortium for Carbon (NCC). EPA has successfully worked with numerous other industry groups in the past to address mutual environmental health and safety testing issues that affect a consortium of companies. The advisory board you have formed to address scientific issues may prove to be especially beneficial regarding testing of nanoscale materials.

EPA looks forward to working with NCC on the issues you have identified in your letter. EPA agrees that addressing these issues will be difficult and complex to work through. As you and I have discussed, TSCA section 5(e) consent orders for carbon nanotubes specifically encourage consortia of companies to develop alternative testing for a representative set of carbon nanotubes. The consent orders also state that EPA would consider accepting the results of such testing in lieu of triggered testing in this order. We welcome the chance to work with NCC on using this same approach with its members.

I will be in touch with you to discuss how NCC can develop and bring forward concrete proposals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Alwood".

James Alwood