Draft closing remarks for the December 10, 2020 STPC meeting

Thank you for a productive STPC meeting. We covered a number of items today. Areas that we are making progress on include

- The Report on the Environment
  - I hope you support their request to continue building connections with Evidence Act Officials and to continue engagement with the program offices
- Citizen Science
  - There are several milestones this month including drafts of the Citizen Science documents you have reviewed being sent to the Administrator's Office this week and to the OIG by the end of the month.
- RAF Ecological Oversight Committee EcoRisk Portal.
  - They should be commended for their steady, quick progress.
  - The basic EcoRisk Portal will be completed within the first six months of our concurrence on their plan, with enhancements completed during the first year.

There are a few areas where it will be helpful to have your organization's strong involvement as well as input from the incoming leadership, including

- The prioritization and development of the modules in the Consolidated Human Toxicity Assessment Guidelines,
  - The RAF has made a lot of progress. This is a very important project that will benefit all of EPA.
  - I hope you will commit resources to this project, specifically expertise because the involvement of your organizations is important to ensure the development of a guideline that is useful to and will be used across EPA.
- The Workplan for the STPC.
  - To develop the STPC Workplan, my staff will be working with the SSP and the leads of the STPC forums and workgroups. They will work to understand your offices' and regions' priorities and the priorities of the incoming leadership. They will use this to develop recommendations that will help strengthen the STPC and the benefits it provides to EPA.