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Paul G. Risser, Ph.D. Chair, ACSERAC Acting Director, National Museum of Natural History Smithsonian Institution, MRC 106 P.O. Box 37012 Washington, D.C. 20013-7012

Dear Dr. Risser:

Thank you for providing me with the recent Adaptation for Climate-Sensitive Ecosystems and Resources Advisory Committee's review of Synthesis and Assessment Product 4.4(SAP 4.4): Adaptation for Climate-Sensitive Ecosystems and Resources. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency appreciates the ACSERAC members' many thoughtful and constructive recommendations.

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