Memo/Reply From
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TO: Paul Deisler
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... Threshold Controversy 3/23

Thank you for your letter, and the ms.

My main comment is that it is a very lucid statement and I agreed with all of it.

Perhaps I would stress even more strongly (if that is possible) how futile is the argument without more theoretical clarity about mechanisms. No empirical study is going to be generalizable or otherwise useful if it doesn't rest upon, or clearly clarify, understanding of mechanisms.

One approach to PPT is neutrality of health effects - namely that the health impact of all costs (including opportunity cost) of regulation to a given level not exceed the imputed detriment of exposure to the same.

Yours,

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P.S.

I would like to think of a way to pursue this promising lead to be able to make a stronger etiological statement than "appears to be involved".

(You did state this with appropriate caution.)

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