September 16, 2020

Dear Attendees,

This letter is to underscore our intention to return to face-to-face meetings as soon as possible. The PSRC leadership is fully aware of the benefits of in person meetings and is committed to this approach. Many of you have pointed out the benefits that often present themselves during the informal times between working group meetings (at coffee breaks etc.). I whole heartedly agree that these benefits are what I have found the most rewarding in my time at the PSRC.

In the interim we will continue to rely on guidance from the CDC and leverage on-line “virtual” meetings as a stop-gap to keep our important work moving forward. While we have used on-line meetings for a long time (as necessary in between our regular in-person meetings to keep time critical work ground work progressing) we do not think virtual would be good for our regular meetings. As such, we will only hold virtual PSRC meetings as absolutely necessary (e.g. September 2020).

We thank each of you for your willingness to bear with us until the time returns where we can again meet in person.

Best regards,

Russell W. Patterson