

Independent Evaluator (IE): PSC Discussion Highlights

- PSC did not reach consensus, but the **National Academy of Science (NAS)** is the preferred option, which was also STAC's recommendation.
- The recommendation will move forward to the Executive Council.
 - MD, DE, VA & CBC strongest NAS supporters
- Reasons for selection
 - Avoids appearance of conflict of interest
 - Rigorous processes to check for conflicts of interest and balance bias
 - NAS currently reviewing a similar program: Everglades but CB review would be of different scope
 - Funding: EPA's CBP appropriation – which is distributed to the 8 signatories
- First Report due to Congress 180 days from establishment of IE
 - Review of previous audits and evaluations done on CBP