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Dear Ms. Bergeson:

The February 2010, Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) Toxicological Review of Inorganic Arsenic (External Review Draft)[1] which is the subject of the Organic Arsenical Products Task Force (OAPTF) and Wood Preservative Science Council (WPSC) Request for Correction (RFC 10004)[2] has been archived. As a result, EPA plans to close this RFC.

EPA plans to initiate the development of a new Toxicological Review of inorganic arsenic in the near future[3]. Information on the new schedule will be available on the IRIS Substance Assessment Tracking System (IRISTrack[4]) as it becomes available.

The IRIS assessment development process[5] offers multiple opportunities for the public, including OAPTF and WPSC, to provide input on draft assessments. In addition, the OAPTF and WPSC will be able to provide comments on scientific issues related to the evaluation of inorganic arsenic toxicity during a public workshop, which will be hosted by the National Academy of Sciences (NAS). When the draft IRIS assessment is completed, it will be provided to the NAS for external peer review.

If you have questions about the decision to close your RFC, please contact me at (202) 564-1641. If you have questions about the IRIS assessment for inorganic arsenic, please contact Reeder Sams at (919) 541-0661.

Sincerely,

Monica D. Jones

Monica D. Jones, Director
Quality Staff

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[1] IRIS Toxicological Review of Inorganic Arsenic (External Review Draft), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA/635/R-10/001, Washington, DC, February 2010. (http://oaspub.epa.gov/eims/eimscomm.getfile?p_download_id=494787)
[2] RFC 10004, June 2010 (http://epa.gov/quality/informationguidelines/documents/10004.pdf)
[3] http://cfpub.epa.gov/ncea/iris_drafts/recordisplay.cfm?deid=225977
[4] http://cfpub.epa.gov/ncea/iristrac/
[5] http://www.epa.gov/iris/process.htm

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