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Dear Mr. Dolan:

The December 2009 Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) Toxicological Review of Methanol (External Review Draft)¹ which is the subject of the Methanol Institute's information quality guidelines Request for Correction (RFC 10005)² has been archived.³

In March 2012, EPA announced that it would no longer rely on certain data⁴ that were used in the December 2009 draft Toxicological Review of methanol to characterize the carcinogenic potential of methanol. Since the document upon which the Methanol Institute's Request for Correction is based is no longer being considered, As a result, EPA plans to close the associated RFC.

The IRIS assessment development process⁵ offers multiple opportunities for the public, including the Methanol Institute, to provide input on draft assessments. The current status of the cancer and non-cancer methanol assessments is available on the IRISTrack website⁶ and will be updated as new information becomes available.

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 methanol, please contact Jeffrey Gift at (919) 541-4828.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Monica D. Jones".

Monica D. Jones, Director
Quality Staff

¹ IRIS Toxicological Review of Methanol (External Review Draft), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC, EPA/635/R-09/013, December 2009.

² RFC 10005, July 2010 (<http://epa.gov/quality/informationguidelines/documents/RFC10005.pdf>)

³ http://ofmpub.epa.gov/eims/eimscomm.getfile?p_download_id=506440

⁴ See the Ramazzini update - <http://www.epa.gov/IRIS/ramazzini.htm>

⁵ <http://www.epa.gov/iris/process.htm>

⁶ http://cfpub.epa.gov/ncea/iris_drafts/recordisplay.cfm?deid=225977

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