

Errata Sheet for the  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Scientific Integrity Policy  
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This errata sheet identifies corrections to information provided in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Scientific Integrity Policy, which was published in February 2012. (The Policy is at: [https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2014-02/documents/scientific\\_integrity\\_policy\\_2012.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2014-02/documents/scientific_integrity_policy_2012.pdf))

Location	Previous	Correction
Page 6, line 30	Disputes associated with the dissemination plan for a scientific product will be resolved first by the employees' direct supervisors, and if necessary, the Office of External Affairs and Environmental Education (OEAAEE) and the Deputy Scientific Integrity Official or his/her designee.	Disputes associated with the dissemination plan for a scientific product will be resolved first by the employees' direct supervisors, and if necessary, the Office of <b>Public</b> Affairs ( <b>OPA</b> ) and the Deputy Scientific Integrity Official or his/her designee.
Page 7, line 21	During a nationally significant incident or environmental crisis, OEAAEE may officially activate	During a nationally significant incident or environmental crisis, <b>OPA</b> may officially activate
Page 7, line 26	OEAAEE	<b>OPA</b>
Page 7, line 27	OEAAEE	<b>OPA</b>
Page 8, line 5	Agency-wide peer review policies have been in place since 1993 [17] and establish	Agency-wide peer review policies have been in place since 1993 and establish
Page 8 Footnote	<sup>5</sup> Peer-reviewed committees	<sup>9</sup> Peer-reviewed committees
Page 10, line 10	each of the Agency's Program Offices and Regions, in accordance with its charter [29].	each of the Agency's Program Offices and Regions.
Works Cited	[Most urls changed since the publication of the first Policy. These were updated and those on the intranet were replaced by internet locations. In addition the reference to the draft Committee charter was removed as this document was never made final.]	[1] Ruckelshaus, William (1983) Fishbowl Memo. <a href="https://archive.epa.gov/epa/aboutepa/ruckelshaus-takes-steps-improve-flow-agency-information-fishbowl-policy.html">https://archive.epa.gov/epa/aboutepa/ruckelshaus-takes-steps-improve-flow-agency-information-fishbowl-policy.html</a>  [2] Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget (2002) Information Quality Guidelines. <a href="http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/inforeg/iqg_oct2002.pdf">http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/inforeg/iqg_oct2002.pdf</a>

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