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Dear Dr. Seaver:

I would like to take this opportunity to respond to your request for correction (RFC 11702) dated July 5, 2003, raising concerns about what you describe as differing "advisory levels" regarding perchlorate at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Headquarters and at EPA Region 1. Since you did not provide a reference to the information disseminated by EPA regarding differing "advisory levels," EPA is not able to process your request for correction. However, I would like to provide additional information that may clarify EPA's guidance for perchlorate. I have also provided more information that will assist you if you wish to resubmit a request for correction.

With respect to the Agency's guidance for perchlorate, EPA issued a memorandum in early 2003 to update information concerning the status of the Interim Assessment Guidance for Perchlorate originally transmitted on June 18, 1999 (Noonan, 1999; Horinko, January 2003 and clarifying memo March 2003). The January 2003 memorandum reaffirms the recommendations in the 1999 Interim Guidance regarding perchlorate related assessment activities, recommending use of the standing provisional reference dose ("RfD") range of 0.0001 to 0.0005 mg/kg day for perchlorate related assessment activities. The interim guidance stated, "If environmental authorities decided to pursue site specific clean up or other water management decisions based on this RfD range by applying the standard default body weight (70 kg) and water consumption level (2 L/day), the resulting provisional clean up levels or action levels would range from 4 to 18 parts per billion ("ppb")." Please note that this is guidance, and not a regulation. As such, it does not impose requirements for clean up nor substitute for EPA regulation under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), or the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). More information is available on EPA's Federal Facilities Restoration and Reuse Web site at http://www.epa.gov/swerffrr/documents/perchlorate_memo.htm.

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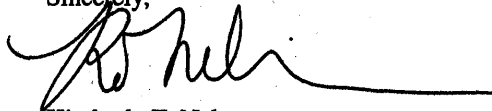
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If you would like to resubmit this request under the Information Quality Guidelines, please include specific reference to the information that EPA relied upon to develop the perchlorate guidance and how you believe such information may not comply with the EPA or the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Information Quality Guidelines. Please refer to Section 5.3 of the EPA Information Quality Guidelines for further description of when the Guidelines apply. You can download EPA's Information Quality Guidelines at: <http://www.epa.gov/oei/qualityguidelines>. A new request for correction should include the following as described in Section 8.2 of EPA's Information Quality Guidelines:

- ▶ a description of the information you believe does not comply with the EPA or OMB Information Quality Guidelines, including specific citations to the information and to the guidelines, if applicable;
- ▶ an explanation of how the information does not comply with the Information Quality Guidelines;
- ▶ a recommendation for corrective action; and
- ▶ an explanation of how the alleged error affects or how a correction would benefit you.

Thank you for your interest in this important matter. If you have any further concerns on this topic, please feel free to contact me or Mike Flynn, Director of the Office of Environmental Information's Office of Information Analysis and Access, at 202-566-0600.

Sincerely,



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Chief Information Officer