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Joshua B. Bolten, Director,
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Dear Director Bolten:

The proposed OMB Bulletin "Peer Review and Information Quality" is fundamentally flawed. Implementation in its current form would serve little value; its costs will be substantial, and its benefit, at least to the public's health and to the environment, will likely be negative.

Recognizing that peer review of science in the regulatory context is an important process, the scientific community should be engaged in this discussion. The Office of Management and Budget should withdraw the proposed Bulletin and engage the scientific community in an open, transparent process to streamline the peer review process.

Sincerely,

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