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Dr. Richard Belzer
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RE: Information Quality Guidelines Request for Correction (RFC) regarding the draft 2008 Report to Congress on the Benefits and Costs of Federal Regulations.

Dear Dr. Belzer:

Thank you for your Request for Correction (RFC), filed under the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Information Quality Guidelines, and received by OMB via email on November 7, 2008. Your public comments on the OMB 2008 draft Report to Congress on the Benefits and Costs of Federal Regulations are also submitted as a request for correction. This letter responds to that request.

OMB's government-wide guidelines for responding to Information Quality correction requests state, "Recognizing that many agencies already have a process in place to respond to public concerns, it is not necessarily OMB's intent to require these agencies to establish a new or different process."¹ This concept has been incorporated into OMB's practices for handling Information Quality correction requests. Since your RFC was received during the open public comment period for the 2008 draft report, OMB will address the comments in your RFC as part of its response to comments when the 2008 draft report is finalized. OMB believes that the thorough consideration provided by the response to comments process provides an opportunity for the correction of any information that does not comply with its Information Quality Guidelines, without duplicating or interfering with the orderly conduct of established processes.

In light of this procedure, we have referred your letter to the OMB team working to finalize the 2008 draft report, and your comments will be considered in that context. Upon completion, OMB will post the final 2008 report on its webpage and will include a response to your concerns as part of that posting.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Administrator
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¹ 67 Fed. Reg. 8452 (February 22, 2002). <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/fedreg/reproducible2.pdf>