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As an agency scientist, I have several concerns with the proposed OMB Peer Review and Information Quality Bulletin.

First, I think it is a mistake to exclude agency scientists and federally-funded scientists from serving on peer-review panels or in peer review processes. These people may be the best choice for these panels because they are least influenced by profit motives.

Also, federal agencies must err on the side of public health and safety. Peer review processes must not interfere with an agency's swift response to protect public health. Once immediate action is taken to protect the public, peer review processes may be initiated to review this action and to consider alternative, less protective measures.

Thank you for accepting these comments. I hope you will reconsider the intent of your bulletin and engage the National Academy of Science in the effort to revise it.

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