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Mr. Richard A. Samp Chief Counsel Washington Legal Foundation 2009 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20036

RE: Interim Response to the Washington Legal

Foundation's Request for Reconsideration

(RFR #05006A)

Dear Mr. Samp:

I want to provide you with a status update regarding your March 21, 2006, Request for Reconsideration (RFR #05006A) submitted under the Environmental Protection Agency's Information Quality Guidelines. EPA's goal is to respond to each request within 90 days of receipt. However, due to the complexity of this RFR, the Agency needs more time to adequately respond to your request.

To ensure an objective review of the RFR, EPA convened an Executive Panel as described in our Information Quality Guidelines. The panel's conclusions were used to prepare the Agency's response. This response is undergoing a final internal review. We anticipate that it will be forwarded to you within 90 days.

Thank you for your interest in environmental information quality. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact me at (202) 564-6830.

Sincerely yours,

Reggie Cheatham

Director, Quality Staff