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Re: Interim Response to the Request for Correction of the draft EPA (2003) Disposition of Comments on Perchlorate document and related supporting information pursuant to EPA and OMB Information Quality Guidelines.

Dear Mr. Girard,

I want to provide you with a status update regarding your December 22, 2003, Request for Correction submitted under the Environmental Protection Agency's Information Quality Guidelines. These guidelines state that EPA's goal is to respond to each Request for Correction within 90 days of receipt, either by providing a decision on the request, or, if the request will require more than 90 days to resolve, informing the complainant that more time is required.

EPA is carefully evaluating the information you provided and is preparing a response to your request, but will require additional time to coordinate reviews of the response. We anticipate that a response providing the Agency's decision will be forwarded to you within an additional 60 days. Thank you for your interest in environmental information quality. Should you have any questions, please contact Connie Bosma at (202) 564-6773.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Gilman".

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