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Mr. Robert E. Fabricant, Special Counsel Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP 787 Seventh Avenue New York, NY 10019-6099

Re:

Interim response to your Request for Reconsideration (RFR # 04020A)

Dear Mr. Fabricant:

I want to provide you with a status update regarding your May 26, 2005, Request for Reconsideration (RFR #04020A) submitted under the Environmental Protection Agency's Information Quality Guidelines. These guidelines state that EPA's goal is to respond to the request within 90 days of receipt, either by providing a decision on the RFR or if the request will require more than 90 days to resolve, informing the requestor that more time is required.

EPA is preparing a response to your request but will require additional time to complete its review and finalization of the response. We anticipate that a response providing the Agency's decision will be forwarded to you within an additional 30 days. Thank you for your interest in environmental information quality.

Sincerely yours,

Reggie Cheatham

Director, Quality Staff