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David A. Smith
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RE: Interim Response to Request for Correction (RFC#12385, Carcinogenicity of Bromate) pursuant to United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Information Quality Guidelines

Dear Mr. Smith:

I want to provide you with a status update regarding your August 18, 2003, Request for Correction submitted under the EPA 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 calendar days to resolve, informing the complainant that more time is required.

EPA is thoroughly reviewing the information you provided and is preparing a response to your request, but will require additional time to coordinate Agency review. 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 Terry Simpson at (202) 564-0968.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Gilman".

Paul Gilman, Ph.D.

Assistant Administrator

cc: Kim Nelson, Assistant Administrator, OEI
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