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I wish to register my agreement with the National Academy of Science panel on peer review, as written below.

>This proposed OMB Bulletin "Peer Review and Information
>Quality" is fundamentally flawed in its intent as well as
>content. Implementation in its current form would serve
>little value; its costs will be substantial, and its
>benefit, at least to the public's health and environment,
>will likely be negative.
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>Recognizing that peer review of science in the regulatory
>context is an important process, the scientific community
>should be engaged in this discussion. The National Academy
>of Sciences is an appropriate forum for such a discussion.
>The Academy has issued several important reports on agency
>peer review, as well as on broader issues relating to the
>role of science in regulation. The OMB should withdraw the
>proposed Bulletin and engage the scientific community in an
>open, transparent process.

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