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Mr. Gregory Dolan
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RE: Request for Correction (RFC #10005) - *Study associated with Toxicological Review of Methanol: In Support of the Summary Information on the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) External Peer Review Draft*

Dear Mr. Dolan:

I am providing you with a status update on your July 2010, Information Quality Guidelines (IQG) Request for Correction (July 2010), submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), related to cancer data collected by the Ramazzini Institute and the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) Methanol Toxicological Review containing these data.

As noted in our letter dated June 6, 2011, EPA has placed the external peer review of the draft IRIS Methanol Toxicological Review (Cancer) on hold. EPA expects to address the information quality concerns raised in your Request for Correction (RFC) in an updated draft methanol cancer assessment and through the IRIS public comment and peer review process. The Methanol Institute's RFC and supporting information (including the submissions dated January 3, 2011¹) were submitted to the IRIS Methanol assessment docket and will be provided to the peer reviewers upon the review of the updated cancer assessment.

We will update you on the status of your RFC within 90 business days.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Monica D Jones".

Monica D. Jones
Acting Director, Quality Staff

¹ Evaluation of the Ramazzini Foundation Study Report, ToxWorks, January 6, 2011.