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Ms. Gabriele Randlshofer Managing Director International Platinum Group Metals Association Schiess-Staett-Strasse 30, 80339 Munich, Germany

Dear Ms. Randlshofer:

EPA recently removed platinum fuel additives from the list of registered additives for use in onroad diesel vehicles. Because of this, the Agency no longer has a need for the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) assessment of halogenated platinum salts. The status of this assessment will be made publicly available in the next IRIS agenda that is anticipated to be released later this summer. Please check <u>www.epa.gov/iris</u> for more information.

EPA plans to archive the external review draft report "Toxicological Review of Halogenated Platinum Salts and Platinum Compounds"¹ which is the subject of the International Platinum Group Metals Association's Information Quality Guidelines Request for Correction (RFC) #11001². Since the document upon which the International Platinum Group Metals Association's RFC is based is no longer being considered, EPA plans to close the associated RFC.

If you have questions about the decision to close your RFC, please contact me at (202) 564-1641. If you have questions about the IRIS assessment for Halogenated Platinum Salts and Platinum Compounds, please contact Lynn Flowers at (703) 347-8537.

Sincerely,

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 ¹ U.S. EPA. IRIS Toxicological Review of Halogenated Platinum Salts and Platinum Compounds (External Review Draft). U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC, EPA/635/R-08/018, 2009.
² RFC 11001, August 2011 (http://epa.gov/quality/informationguidelines/documents/11001.pdf)

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