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Bryan L. Brendle
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Dear Mr. Brendle:

On October 16, 2008, you submitted a Request for Reconsideration (RFR) under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Information Quality Guidelines (EPA IQG) on behalf of the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM). In this request, you asked EPA to reconsider its decision on the NAM Request for Correction (RFC 08001). In the EPA letter dated January 1, 2008, the Agency communicated its decision to treat the NAM RFC as a public comment on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone. Your October 16, 2008, request does not ask EPA to reconsider that decision. Rather, you request that the Agency provide more "cogent answers" than EPA provided in the final Response to Comments document included in the docket for the NAAQS for ozone.

As you know, the ozone NAAQS Rule that is the subject of your IQG request has been challenged in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. The Ozone NAAQS Litigation Group, of which NAM is a member, is one of the petitioners challenging this rule. Since the issues raised in your RFR may be related to the on-going litigation, EPA is deferring consideration of your request at this time.

However, if at the conclusion of the litigation your data quality concerns have not been addressed, you may resubmit this request. If you choose to submit an RFR, please send your written request to the EPA Information Quality Guidelines Processing Staff via mail (Information Quality Guidelines Processing Staff, Mail Code 2811R, U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20460); electronic mail (epa.gov); or fax (202-565-2441). Additional information about how to submit an RFR is listed on the EPA IQG Web Site (www.epa.gov/quality/informationguidelines).

Thank you for your interest in EPA's information quality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert J. Meyers". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Robert J. Meyers
Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator