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Dear Ms. Bergeson:

This is in response to your letter of March 10, 2010, concerning the EPA's Science Advisory Board (SAB) meeting scheduled for April 6-7, 2010, to review the Agency's draft document *Toxicological Review of Inorganic Arsenic: In Support of the Summary Information on the Integrated Risk Information* (EPA/635/R-10-001).

You requested that the SAB Staff Office reschedule the meeting to allow the Organic Arsenic Products Task Force (OAPTF) 75 days to prepare comments for SAB consideration. While I understand that OAPTF would like additional time to prepare public comments, the SAB is acting in response to the Agency's request for an expedited and focused review of the draft assessment. The SAB is also in full compliance with requirements under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and General Services Administration (GSA) regulations which require that public federal advisory meetings must be announced in the Federal Register at least 15 days prior to the meeting. The SAB Federal Register notice was published on March 1, 2010.

You also requested that the SAB review modeling of the carcinogenicity slope factor for inorganic arsenic. The Agency's charge to the SAB work group requests comment on EPA's approach to modeling inorganic arsenic cancer risks. The Agency's charge questions are available on the SAB Website.

Thank you for your interest in this important advisory activity. Public involvement is a valuable component of the SAB advisory process. Please provide OAPTF comments to Dr. Suhair Shallal, the SAB Designated Federal Officer. Dr. Shallal can be contacted at 202-343-9977 or shallal.suhair@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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