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Dear Mr. Kovacs:

This is the response to your May 28, 2013, Information Quality Guidelines (IQG) Request for Reconsideration (RFR 12004A)¹ submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and received by the EPA, pursuant to the *Guidelines for Ensuring and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility, and Integrity of Information Disseminated by the Environmental Protection Agency* (EPA IQG). Your RFR requests that EPA reconsider its response, dated December 12, 2012, to your Request for Correction (RFC) 12004².

Consistent with EPA's IQG, EPA convened an executive panel to determine EPA's response to this RFR. The executive panel consisted of the EPA Science Advisor, the Office of Policy, and me, the EPA Acting Chief Information Officer. The panel reviewed your RFC, EPA's Response, and the RFR and have concluded that EPA's RFC response was appropriate.

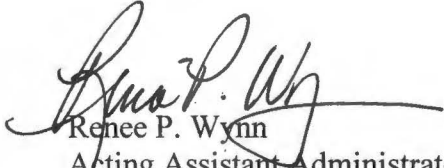
The scope and nature of our analysis conducted as part of the final regulatory determination were appropriate, and the information presented in those analyses meets our EPA IQG standards of objectivity and utility. In addition, EPA plans to carefully consider your comments and provide an explanation for the issues you raised as part of the proposed rulemaking for the National Primary Drinking Water Regulation for perchlorate. You will also have an opportunity to review and comment upon EPA's proposed rule and updated analysis of the occurrence of perchlorate in public water systems at that time.

¹ RFR 12004A, May 2013 (<http://epa.gov/quality/informationguidelines/documents/12004A.pdf>)

² RFC 12004, September 2012 (<http://epa.gov/quality/informationguidelines/documents/12004.pdf>)

If you have any questions about this response, please contact Monica D. Jones, Director, Quality Staff, at (202) 564-6830.

Sincerely,



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