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The Honorable Gina McCarthy
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator McCarthy,

As part of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology's continuing oversight of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS), I am writing to reiterate the prior request dated May 10, 2016.[1] In my prior letter, I asked that the Agency provide a response to the Committee by May 24, 2016.[2] To date, the Agency has not provided any documents and communications related to the Committee's request, nor has the Agency communicated with the Committee about its intent to respond to the request.

In the Committee's May 10, 2016, letter to you, the Committee raised a series of concerns regarding the IRIS program's ability to complete sound assessments in a timely manner, and the procedures and protocols followed by the IRIS program.[3] Given the Committee's responsibility to ensure the soundness and transparency of EPA's process of providing a scientific position on the potential human health effects from exposure to chemicals in the environment, it is imperative that documents and communications responsive to the Committee's request be provided.

Unfortunately, the EPA's failure to even respond to the Committee's letter is just another example of its pattern of unresponsiveness to this Committee's inquiries. I reiterate all of the requests contained in our May 10, 2016, letter. Please provide all of the requested materials to the Committee immediately. If the Department does not provide all of the requested materials by June 9, 2016, at 12:00 p.m., the Committee will consider use of the compulsory process to obtain the information.

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[1] Letter from Hon. Lamar Smith, H. Comm. on Science, Space, & Tech., to Hon. Gina McCarthy, Admin, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (May. 10, 2016) [hereinafter Letter, May. 10, 2016].
[2] Letter, May. 10, 2016, *supra* note 1.
[3] Letter, May. 10, 2016, *supra* note 1.

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If you have any questions about this request, please contact Drew Colliatie or Lamar Echols of the Committee Staff at 202-225-6371. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Lamar Smith

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cc: The Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson, Ranking Member, Committee on Science, Space, and Technology