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Hi all,

Based on the discussions at the recent SAB CAAC meetings (two teleconferences and two 3-day peer review meetings), several of us concluded that a change to our charges to peer reviewers was in order. There were multiple instances of members of the panel getting confused and misreading/misinterpreting the questions. It became clear that we needed to revise the charges to help the peer reviewers focus on the major decision points on which we need feedback without having them get lost in the details (and interpretation of the wording) of the charge questions.

The IRIS branch chiefs and I have worked on a proposal and have revised the draft benzo[a]pyrene charge to reflect this proposal. For those of you who've been here a while this may come as quite a shock but I ask that you look at this with a fresh perspective...forget what we've done for the last 20 years, come at it from a minimalist point of view of making sure we've covered the appropriate topics such that a smart group of people could provide recommendations on the major scientific decision in the IRIS assessments.

Please let us know what you think! More specifically, please send any comments/questions/edits to me within the next week if possible.

Thanks,
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