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Subject: FW: Checking in on the Chloroprene RFC

Hi Andy and Tracy,

Jeff wants to add Chloroprene RFC to today's discussion too.

Helen

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We should include this in our discussion later today. Thanks!

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Patrick,

See below, in blue.

Thanks - Kris

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Kris,

A few more questions please.

Did the new reviewer (Hsieh) get the same documents as the rest of the second-round team? What instructions was he given, seeing as how he was not part of the original group of reviewers?

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Can you provide feedback on how EPA's work with Denka and Ramboll did not constitute a QA review as described on page 4 of the letter? "Importantly, while EPA provided feedback on quality assurance, EPA does not consider these discussions to constitute a formal quality assurance review, as the discussions alone did not satisfy the QA requirements outlined in the Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for Dosimetry and Mechanism-Based Models developed by the U.S. EPA's Office of Research and Development (U.S, 2020b)."

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Can you provide the basis for the calculation shown in the letter on page 5? "Overall, the U.S. EPA concludes that even if the current Ramboll PBPK model were accepted at face value and applied to the extent possible, the *total* estimated cancer risk would be reduced by no more than 50%."

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Thank you.

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Patrick,

The background document referenced is from the 2020 peer review (Background Description for Chloroprene PBPK Modeling July 2020 (U.S. EPA, 2020) (PDF)). The URL to the first peer review is https://cfpub.epa.gov/ncea/iris_drafts/recordisplay.cfm?deid=349015.

The questions provided to the reviewers are verbatim included in the peer review report that was attached in the prior response. EPA provided the peer review contractor all the documents associated with RFC 21005 submitted by Denka to EPA. EPA also provided the peer review contractor documents associated with RFC 17002/RFR 17002A as background. No other documentation was provided.

Hope this clarifies,

Kris

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Kris,

What exactly is the "Background for the Peer Review" document?

And were the charge questions provided as written in the second round report? Can you provide them to me as they were provided to the peer reviewers? Were there any other documents provided to the peer reviewers in addition to the charge questions? If so, can you please provide them?

Thanks,

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Patrick,

The charge questions for the second round of review starts on page 3 (or page 5 of 79) of peer review report (attached).

Note that many of the charge questions were repeated (with minor edits) from the original charge questions. If I understand your comment, then I think(?) that is the context for citing the "Background for the Peer Review" document in the charge questions (excerpt below). We did not provide EPA analyses for this second review engagement. But, let me know if you are referring to a different context for citing the background document.

> Overall PBPK Model Soundness and Applicability
>
> Model-predicted doses in model tissue compartments corresponding to tissues in which neoplasm were observed in the rat and mouse bioassay, with corresponding cancer incidence for 80 ppm chloroprene inhalation exposure, are provided in the EPA background document. In potential application to human health risk assessment, the relative risk of tumors in human liver and lung will depend on the relative rate of metabolism predicted in those tissues, compared to the mouse or rat (as well as the relative rate of clearance). Estimation of risks for tissues other than liver and lung could depend on the relative estimates of chloroprene venous blood or tissue concentration. An evaluation of the model's applicability and degree of uncertainty should consider both the absolute model predictions (i.e., does the model accurately predict the absolute rates of metabolism and blood/tissue concentrations in each species?) and the ability to predict the relative rate of metabolism or relative concentration in human vs. rodent tissues, though some inaccuracy in the absolute values may exist. See "Background for the Peer Review" document for additional context.

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A couple more requests:

It appears that EPA treated this second round of comments as a new peer review. Is that true? Can you please provide the original charge to this group of reviewers, including any background documents USEPA provided them in preparation for the peer review?

Also, the document mentions a "Background for the Peer Review" document on page 8. What document is that referencing, and could you please supply it?

Thank you

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Patrick,

Sorry about that, we are having that fixed ASAP. In the interim, here is the report.

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The letter references a document prepared by the peer reviewers responding to our response to their original comments. Can you please supply this to me? The link in the letter just goes to a citation in HERO. Thank you.

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Hello all,

We are updating the file and will follow up today.

Best Regards,

Nikki

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Bob,

I have not received any communication aside from this.

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Hi Patrick,

My apologies for the confusion. This is the final response that is posted. I will have the information owner correct the letter and remove any reference to DRAFT.

The information owner will be sending the sending you the response directly. I believe this was done last week.

Best regards,

Bob

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Bob,

I was just looking at our RFC page at epa.gov and a letter has been posted there denying the RFC. A couple of questions:

1. It still says "draft" at the top of every page. Is this in error and the letter is not final? If so, why has it been posted?
2. If the letter is final, why was no communication made to me directly as the submitter?

Please let me know the answers to these questions as soon as you can. Thank you.

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Hi Patrick,

We have yet to hear back from OMB. Depending on their workload and the complexity of the RFC response it sometimes takes a while.

As soon as I receive the OMB review and comments, I will forward them to the Information Owner for inclusion in the response. The response will be finalized and sent to you by the Information Owner.

Best regards,

Bob

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Hello Bob,

Happy Wednesday. Doing my monthly check-in to get a status update on our RFC. Please advise of any developments. Thanks!

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Bob,

Understood. Thank you for the information.

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Hi Patrick,

Unfortunately I do not know how long the OMB review will take; however, OMB is very responsive to the documents we send them for review. The OMB turn-around time is dependent on their workload.

Thanks

Bob

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Hello Bob,

COVID fortunately made a small dent, despite all of us being vaccinated. It could have been much worse.

Anyway, thank you for the very quick response. I'm glad to see the progress and look forward to results when they become available. Do you have any gauge as to how long OMB will take with it?

Thanks!

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Hi Patrick,

Sorry to hear COVID has found you but glad you are okay now.

The RFC 21005 – Chloroprene draft response has been sent to OMB for their review and comment.

Thanks

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Hello Bob,

I hope your holidays were restful and COVID-free (unlike mine in both cases, sadly—at least everyone is okay now).

Just checking in to see what progress, if any, has been made with our RFC. There are a lot of eager people asking me questions. Thanks!

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Hi Patrick,

I know that the information owner is working diligently to get the draft response completed. We will forward it to OMB immediately once that is done. We need no further information from you.

Thanks

Bob

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Hello Bob,

Thanks for the quick response. Can you give me some idea when these steps will proceed, and what is preventing them from happening? Is there anything else the Agency needs from us, or any questions we could answer?

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Hi Patrick,

I have been in contact with the information owner and have not yet received the draft response. Once I receive the draft response, EPA will forward it to OMB for their review.

Thank you for inquiring,

Bob

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Hello Bob,

Just checking in to see how things are progressing. Please provide an update when you can. Thanks!

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Good morning Patrick

The information owner has taken the time necessary to give your request a thorough review. The draft response is now with the information owner's senior management for review. I should have a response from them by next week. Once my management completes their review, we-will need to send the draft response to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for their review and comment. OMB comments will be incorporated into the final response prior to management signature and sending to you.

I anticipate the entire process from this point should take another couple of weeks. I will keep you posted as the process moves along.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Regards,

Bob

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Subject: RE: Checking in on the chloroprene RFC
Importance: High

Hello Bob,

I'm checking in to see if the Agency has completed its review of our RFC. As I'm sure you are aware, we are very interested in the Agency's response, and were expecting it today. Please advise. Thanks!

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Hi Bob,

Thanks for the quick response. We remain ready to answer questions or concerns should any arise.

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Hi Patrick,

The information owners are still reviewing the RFC. There is no update and there have been no questions.

Best Regards,

Bob

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Hi Bob,

Well, it's been 2 months since I submitted the chloroprene RFC, about halfway through the projected review period, so it seems a natural time to check in with you all. I wondered if you could provide a brief status update on how you all are proceeding with the review? Have any questions cropped up that we can answer for you? We are available to do that at any time if you or anyone else needs us.

Hoping this message finds you well and looking forward to any information you can provide. Thanks!

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