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Below are USDA's comments on EPA's Response to "Health Risks from Dioxin and Related Compounds: Evaluation of the EPA Reassessment" published by the National Research Council of the National Academies:

- USDA found the EPA response to the National Academies' report and recommendations to be very thorough, well written, and well documented. The document provides the transparency and clarity on EPA positions that the National Academies requested.
- USDA does not have specific comments to offer regarding EPA's response. USDA feels the document is ready for independent external peer review and public review and comment as per EPA's suggested plan.

We are also including a copy of our journal article, a statistically based survey of dioxins and dioxin-like compounds in domestic meat and poultry that was conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture from September 2007 to September 2008.

Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you.

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