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**COMMENTS ON DRAFT IRIS ASSESSMENT OF HYDROGEN CYANIDE  
AND CYANIDE SALTS  
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Thank you for asking us to review the draft IRIS document on hydrogen cyanide and cyanide salts. The current version is in excellent shape and has all the pertinent information needed.

My only concern is related to the selection of critical study for derivation of oral RfD. I tend to agree with the external reviewer, Dr. Michael J. DiBartolomeis, who had some convincing comments against using the NTP studies as a basis for RfD derivation. The Science Discussion meeting would be the next logical phase where we can deliberate on this issue further.

Regards,

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