



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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OFFICE OF
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Dear Dr. Adams,

Thank you for your letter of August 30, 2019 describing your concerns with the Updated Problem Formulation and Protocol for the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) Assessment of Inorganic Arsenic (iAs).

The IRIS assessment of iAs is in Step 1 of the IRIS process. We are currently evaluating the input received from the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) in their report, *Review of EPA's Updated Problem Formulation and Protocol for the Inorganic Arsenic IRIS Assessment*. We will be considering NAS input as well as written and oral public comments in any future revisions to the protocol. Following development of the protocol, the iAs assessment will follow the IRIS process identified in Attachment 1.

Thank you for providing your comments, as well as submitting comments and participating in the recent NAS meeting. EPA remains fully committed to stakeholder engagement and transparency in the assessment development process. Given the extensive nature of your comments, we would be happy to meet with you and discuss your concerns in greater detail. If this engagement is of interest to you, please contact the ORD Immediate Office at 202-564-6620 to schedule a follow-up meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Orme-Zavaleta". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

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