

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Congressional Inquiry Regarding EPA's Integrated Risk Information System
OPE-2012-2734

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FROM: Eric Lewis
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TO: Lek Kadeli
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Office of Research and Development

We are beginning a review of EPA's use of the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS). This review was initiated to answer inquiries expressed by Representative Paul Broun. Specifically, we will determine how EPA program offices and regions utilize IRIS in their work and products.

Our general project objectives are listed below:

- 1) Determine which EPA offices and regions utilize data derived from IRIS assessments or other similar systems.
- 2) Determine how EPA offices and regions utilize data derived from IRIS assessments, and the circumstances under which they use IRIS or an alternate system.

We plan to conduct work within the Office of Research and Development and EPA program and regional offices.

We will contact you to arrange a mutually agreeable time to discuss our objectives and the purpose of the preliminary research phase of our project. We would also be particularly interested in any areas of concern that you may have. We will answer any questions you may have about the project process, reporting procedures, methods used to gather and analyze data, and what we should expect of each other during the course of the project.

I am the Product Line Director for this project. I can be reached at (202) 566-2664 or Lewis.Eric@epa.gov. Christine El-Zoghbi will be the Project Manager and can be reached at (202) 566-2063 or El-Zoghbi.Christine@epa.gov.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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