Dear Colleagues,

Over the past decade, EPA has learned a lot about enhancing our culture of scientific integrity. Now we need your help as we update our Scientific Integrity Policy. This is your opportunity to use your experience to update, strengthen, and improve our policy. Your feedback is important to us. EPA employee comments may be submitted via the EPA's Scientific Integrity Policy Update Comment Form Page until Jan. 31. Employee comments will be anonymous.

In 2012, EPA launched the agency's first Scientific Integrity Policy (SI policy). Over the years, the SI policy has guided EPA's work to deliver transparent and objective science. In 2021, the Biden-Harris Administration Memorandum on Restoring Trust in Government Through Scientific Integrity and Evidence-Based Policymaking led to the release of Office of Science and Technology Policy's A Framework for Federal Scientific Integrity Policy and Practice (Framework). The Framework provided a first ever government-wide definition of scientific integrity, a model Scientific Integrity Policy, critical metrics for iterative improvement, and a roadmap of activities and outcomes to achieve an ideal state of scientific integrity.

This draft EPA Scientific Integrity Policy is built on the Framework, lessons learned from over 10 years of implementing EPA's Scientific Integrity Program, results from past scientific integrity surveys, comments from our unions, and results from our Tribal consultation. For more information, visit the Building EPA's Updated Scientific Integrity Policy page.

The scientific integrity program appreciates your feedback on the draft Scientific Integrity Policy and looks forward to your responses. Thank you for everything you do for scientific integrity and please visit the Scientific Integrity website to learn more about scientific integrity at EPA.

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