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FYI. Understand Graham already has this or something related to it under consideration, but thought you'd appreciate it. We talked about it some months ago on a dog walk. MHL

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On behalf of FETEG, we sent the attached e-mail and letter to EPA urging EPA to expedite the IRIS review of formaldehyde.

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> Ladies and Gentlemen:
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> On behalf of the Formaldehyde Epidemiology, Toxicology and Environmental
> Group, Inc., I am attaching a letter urging that **EPA** expedite its update
> of the formaldehyde IRIS assessment.
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> EPA's current IRIS value for formaldehyde's potential carcinogenicity was
> established in 1987. Since then, an enormous amount of research has
> occurred. Organizations including OECD, WHO, Health Canada and the German
> MAK Commission have found that formaldehyde is unlikely to be carcinogenic
> at low doses. CIIT, in a report peer-reviewed under the auspices of EPA
> and Health Canada, developed a state-of-the-art, biologically-based model
> for quantitative risk assessment. At environmentally relevant doses, the
> best available estimates of risk are orders of magnitude below the current
> IRIS value. EPA's SAB web site lists the review of the formaldehyde risk
> assessment as a high priority.
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> Continued use of the 1987 value in the large number of ongoing regulatory
> proceedings that address formaldehyde will result in a serious
> misallocation of resources. We urge EPA to expeditiously complete its
> update of the formaldehyde risk assessment.
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> Further information *is* provided in the attached letter. Relevant
> materials are in the IRIS docket, but please let us know if we can supply
> any additional information. We appreciate your consideration.
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