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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Worker Health and Safety Branch and Human Health Assessment Branch Staff
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SUBJECT: JOINT BRANCH POLICY FOR REQUESTS TO UPDATE INFORMATION FOR
COMPLETED RISK ASSESSMENT DOCUMENTS THAT ARE UNDER
REVIEW FOR MITIGATION DEVELOPMENT

Scope

The Worker Health and Safety (WHS) Branch utilizes Risk Characterization Documents (RCD) completed by the Human Health Assessment Branch (HHA) to determine measures to mitigate the exposure scenarios of concern. Occasionally, WHS identifies the need for exposure recalculations because of missing data or changes in use patterns, labels, application rates, etc., or because more than five years have elapsed between the completion of the RCD and the initiation of mitigation (if necessary). The policy described in this memo specifies the process by which WHS makes a request for such information and HHA responds to such a request. This policy does not address RCDs that require an addendum or toxicity endpoint reevaluation.

Information Request

The WHS Branch Chief will prepare a memorandum to the HHA Branch Chief indicating the rationale for the request, outlining the scope of the information needed, and identifying the WHS staff who are requesting the information. The HHA Branch Chief will identify the appropriate HHA staff to complete the request. Once the additional information is compiled, the HHA Branch Chief will then develop a response memorandum to the WHS Branch Chief containing the requested information.