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Dear Dr. Gilman,

I have read the publication entitled "Assessment Factors" published by the Science Policy Council. The agency is to be complimented on an excellent piece of work which will have a significant impact on the timely and efficient implementation of the Data Quality Act.

One sentence says it all:

"The EPA Information Quality Guidelines apply to information generated by third parties if EPA distributes information prepared or submitted by an outside party in a manner that reasonably suggests that EPA endorses or agrees with it..." (U.S. EPA, Science Policy Council, "Assessment Factors," June 2003)

I suggest you work with other agencies so they might publish similar documents for their specific programs.

Thank you,

Jim Tozzi
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