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Subject: Rejoining TERA

Dear Colleagues

I am pleased to announce my return to the nonprofit 501c3 organization, *Toxicology Excellence for Risk Assessment* (TERA), as its Director of Science. As many of you know, TERA joined the University of Cincinnati, College of Medicine (<https://med.uc.edu/eh/centers/rsc>) two years ago and became known as the Risk Science Center (RSC). However, TERA always maintained an external nonprofit organization under the leadership of Dr. Patricia McGinnis in order to complete several contracts, including one with the Consumer Products Safety Commission.

TERA's Board of Trustees has decided to continue TERA as a nonprofit organization and remain a separate entity from the RSC. TERA's mission will emphasize hazard identification, dose response assessment, independent peer review, and public education. Dr. McGinnis will continue to serve as TERA's President leading the business and contributing to projects as a board-certified toxicologist.

As many of you also know, TERA's extensive collaborative work was woefully mischaracterized during my US EPA confirmation hearings. Responses to this mischaracterization can be viewed at <http://tera.org/TERAcollaborativework%2012.8.17.pdf>. You may also wish to view <https://www.cincinnati.com/story/news/politics/2018/01/25/university-cincinnati-professor-former-uc-professor-dourson-picks-up-pieces-after-failed-controversi/1047685001/> for some additional thoughts on this confirmation process.

TERA looks forward to the opportunity to work with you in the future. If you are attending the annual meeting of the Society of Toxicology next month, please stop by our booth #555.

Cheers!

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