Need for the *ARA*

"*The strategy of pooling resources to work toward a common goal certainly resonates, given that dose-response assessment has always suffered from a gross imbalance between resources and workload compounded by parochialism and inefficiency.*"
EPA Senior Toxicologist

"*The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services has suffered significant budget cuts over the last few years and has limited technical resources. I understand the pressures of trying to find or have access to state-of- the-science information. The ARA, if developed, could provide a viable way for many groups with varied resources to come together and work on common goals regarding emerging contaminants and risk assessment information.*"
State Risk Assessment Leader

"*I wholeheartedly support your efforts to establish the Alliance for Risk Assessment (ARA). The TCEQ (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) often encounters toxicological and risk assessment issues that are complex and controversial. The idea of having help from a group of prestigious, unbiased scientists such as ARA is exciting. ARA would help ensure that the agency uses good science and would provide more credibility to our decisions.*"
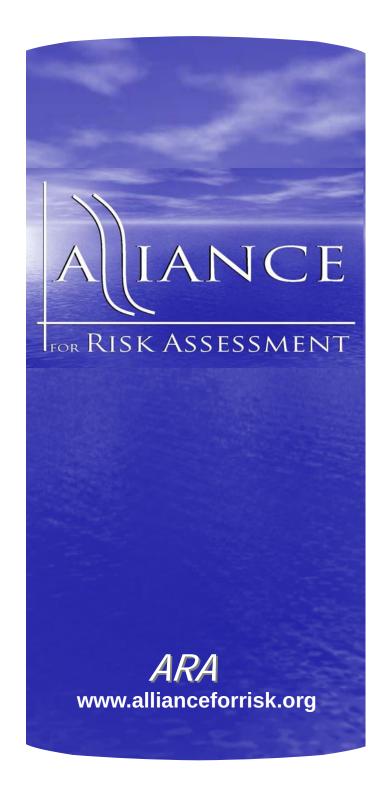Senior State Public Health Official

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Alliance for Risk Assessment

The Alliance for Risk Assessment (ARA) provides an open and transparent multi-stakeholder approach for addressing the technical support needs of state and local risk assessors, environmental organizations, and the regulated community. The Alliance aims to more effectively focus the financial resources and expertise of the risk assessment community to increase the output of risk values and risk information.

ARA Guiding Principles

- Improved communication among groups

- Transparency in development of products

- Harmonization and consistency in risk assessments

- Shared costs and human resources

ITER

The International Toxicity Estimates for Risk *(ITER)* is a free Internet database of chronic human health risk values and/or cancer classifications for over 650 chemicals from a variety of authoritative groups worldwide.

www.tera.org/ITER
or on TOXNET at http://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov

RiskIE

The Risk Information Exchange (RiskIE) is a free Internet database for tracking in-progress human health risk and toxicity assessments. RiskIE tracks over 5600 projects being conducted by over 28 organizations across the globe.

www.allianceforrisk.org/RiskIE.htm

Why ARA?

Credibility
Projects are evaluated by the ARA Steering Committee, composed of a broad range of experts from various backgrounds and perspectives. The involvement of diverse interests:

- enhances credibility
- ensures consideration of key data and ideas
- provides thoughtful management of potential biases
- indicates the importance of a project to the broader risk assessment community

Resource Sharing
The collaborative nature of the ARA centers on the pooling of resources. Participants benefit from access to:

- *Technical resources*- experienced scientists not typically found within a single organization.
- *Financial Resources*– ARA will assist in identifying potential co-sponsors.
- *Information*– Participants keep each other informed of activity, creating opportunities for collaboration.

Exposure
The ARA encourages the free-flow of information across organizations. ARA projects that will be broadcast via:

- *RiskIE*- a free internet database that tracks in-progress risk and toxicity assessments
- *ITER*- database of peer reviewed chronic human health risk values
- *ARA Newsletter/Website*- ARA keep participants informed with an up-to-date website & regular newsletter updates.

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