

**Jonathan Links Commentary July 27, 2011 12:31 PM**

Hi Folks:

I strongly endorse Giles's proposal. I did a crosswalk between EPA's 7 points and the 6 points in the (excellent) HPS letter; here's what I found:

EPA #1 (updated treatment of measurement uncertainty) maps perfectly with HPS #1.  
EPA #2 (updated measurement methods) maps perfectly with HPS #5.  
EPA #3 (Scenario B treated as equal to A) has no corresponding HPS point.  
EPA #4 (increased regulator interface) has no corresponding HPS point.  
EPA #5 (user comments) has no corresponding HPS point.  
EPA #6 (consistent MAR terminology) maps perfectly with HPS #2.  
EPA #7 (hotspots and UMTRCA) maps perfectly with HPS #3.

Of major importance, the above means that there are two HPS points that are absent from the EPA points:

HPS #4 (scan-only surveys) - HPS wants the MARSAME concept applied to MARSSIM  
HPS #6 (subsurface surveys) - HPS wants subsurface surveys added to MARSSIM, consistent with Giles's proposal

Regards,  
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