Message

From: Bahadori, Tina [Bahadori.Tina@epa.gov]
Sent: 5/21/2019 7:36:25 PM
To: Casso, Ruben [Casso.Ruben@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Request for conference call -

OK, thanks.
Tina

From: Casso, Ruben
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2019 2:47 PM
To: Bahadori, Tina <Bahadori.Tina@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Request for conference call -

I think we as EPA primarily just need to hear them out. States can say what they will and ask for what they want. That doesn't obligate us in any way.

I wish I could give you more, but TCEQ is very careful wth generating public records before their process reaches that stage. They tend to be more forthcoming on the phone until they are ready to go public with their preliminary conclusions –either in a peer review or in a public comment period.

From: Bahadori, Tina
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2019 12:59 PM
To: Casso, Ruben <Casso.Ruben@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Request for conference call -

Hmmm, I am trying to see how this meeting is going to play out and how to make it productive and constructive. IRIS has a 2016 EtO assessment that has undergone multiple rounds of public comment and two rounds of full peer review. So, a TCEQ 2015 guidance is not directly relevant. I guess we will have to see.

Tina

From: Casso, Ruben
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2019 1:39 PM
To: Bahadori, Tina <Bahadori.Tina@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Request for conference call -

TCEQ will not be sending materials in advance. Their information specific to this pollutant effects screening level evaluation is still draft and not public.

If it helps, information on the 2015 TCEQ Guidelines to Develop Toxicity Factors can be found at:
https://www.tceq.texas.gov/toxicology/esl/guidelines/about.html

The TCEQ folks on the line will be: Michael Honeycutt and Kip Haney & Sabine Lange from his Toxicology Division staff

The following LDEQ folks have asked ot participate: Lourdes Iturralde, Elliot Vega, Charlotte Goudeau, Greg Langley, and June Sutherlin

EPA R6: Jeff Robinson, Assoc. Dir Air Permits & Monitoring, Fran Verhalen – Air Monitoring Section Chief, Ruben Casso & Josh Madden – technical staff

From: Bahadori, Tina
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2019 12:23 PM
To: Casso, Ruben <Casso.Ruben@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Request for conference call - call -in number

Thanks Ruben. A few questions:

1. Will TCEQ be sending any presentation materials in advance?
2. Will you share full list of who plans to attend?

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From: Casso, Ruben
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2019 1:13 PM
To: Bahadori, Tina <Bahadori.Tina@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Request for conference call - call -in number

Call in number: 1-202-991-0477
Code: 3546191#

From: Bahadori, Tina
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 9:59 AM
To: Casso, Ruben <Casso.Ruben@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Request for conference call

Hi Ruben,
I have put a hold on the calendars of the following individuals. We are spread between DC and RTP. Do you want to do this as a phone or video conference?
Thanks,
Tina

ORD/NCEA
Belinda Hawkins
Kris Thayer
David Bussard
Paul White
Emma Lavoie
Ted Berner (on detail to ORD/OSP)

EPA/OAR/OAQPS
Amy Vasu
Kelly Rimer
Darcie Smith

From: Casso, Ruben
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 1:42 PM
To: Bahadori, Tina <Bahadori.Tina@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Request for conference call

Tina –

Will you please get me a list of the folks there that are expected to be participating on the call? I'm working on getting lists of State/R6 folks to you.
Thanks!
-Ruben

From: Bahadori, Tina
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 3:22 PM
To: Casso, Ruben <Casso.Ruben@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Request for conference call

OK, great!

From: Casso, Ruben
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 4:21 PM
To: Bahadori, Tina <Bahadori.Tina@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Request for conference call

yes

From: Bahadori, Tina
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 3:21 PM
To: Casso, Ruben <Casso.Ruben@epa.gov>
Cc: Berner, Ted <Berner.Ted@epa.gov>; Thayer, Kris <thayer.kris@epa.gov>; Hawkins, Belinda <Hawkins.Belinda@epa.gov>; Vasu, Amy <Vasu.Amy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Request for conference call

Ruben,
Just to confirm your proposal of 1:30 would be central time. So, 2:30 PM Eastern??
Tina

From: Casso, Ruben
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 4:11 PM
To: Bahadori, Tina <Bahadori.Tina@epa.gov>
Cc: Berner, Ted <Berner.Ted@epa.gov>; Thayer, Kris <thayer.kris@epa.gov>; Hawkins, Belinda <Hawkins.Belinda@epa.gov>; Vasu, Amy <Vasu.Amy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Request for conference call

Thank you Tina. I'll confirm with TX & LA and set up the call. If there is anything else you or your folks need, please let me know. -Ruben

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From: Bahadori, Tina
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 3:09 PM
To: Casso, Ruben <Casso.Ruben@epa.gov>
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Subject: RE: Request for conference call

Hi Ruben,
We'll make the 28th at 1:30 work. We'll lose some of our colleagues for the Office of Air, but Amy Vasu agreed that we should proceed.

Tina

From: Casso, Ruben
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 8:16 AM
To: Bahadori, Tina <Bahadori.Tina@epa.gov>
Cc: Berner, Ted <Berner.Ted@epa.gov>; Thayer, Kris <thayer.kris@epa.gov>; Hawkins, Belinda <Hawkins.Belinda@epa.gov>; Vasu, Amy <Vasu.Amy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Request for conference call

Tina

LDEQ is available for a conference call on May 28, 1:30. As an alternate, May 22 at 1:30 will work. Will either of these dates & times work for y'all?

-Ruben

From: Bahadori, Tina
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2019 1:47 PM
To: Casso, Ruben <Casso.Ruben@epa.gov>
Cc: Berner, Ted <Berner.Ted@epa.gov>; Lavoie, Emma <Lavoie.Emma@epa.gov>; Thayer, Kris <thayer.kris@epa.gov>; Hawkins, Belinda <Hawkins.Belinda@epa.gov>; Vasu, Amy <Vasu.Amy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Request for conference call

Thanks Ruben.
Tina

From: Casso, Ruben
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2019 2:46 PM
To: Bahadori, Tina <Bahadori.Tina@epa.gov>
Cc: Berner, Ted <Berner.Ted@epa.gov>; Lavoie, Emma <Lavoie.Emma@epa.gov>; Thayer, Kris <thayer.kris@epa.gov>; Hawkins, Belinda <Hawkins.Belinda@epa.gov>; Vasu, Amy <Vasu.Amy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Request for conference call

Hi Tina. Thank you for your response. As I mentioned to Emma & Ted, the State of Louisiana will also be participating on the call. I have also sent them the list of possible dates/times and am waiting to hear back from them. When I do, I will get back with y'all to confirm a date & time that works for all.

We appreciate your group being willing to have the call to listen to our state partners.

Thanks,

-Ruben

From: Bahadori, Tina
Sent: Thursday, May 9, 2019 1:03 PM
To: Casso, Ruben <Casso.Ruben@epa.gov>
Cc: Berner, Ted <Berner.Ted@epa.gov>; Lavoie, Emma <Lavoie.Emma@epa.gov>; Thayer, Kris <thayer.kris@epa.gov>; Hawkins, Belinda <Hawkins.Belinda@epa.gov>; Vasu, Amy <Vasu.Amy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Request for conference call

Hi Ruben,

Thank you for taking the time to provide additional background on this to Emma and Ted on Tuesday. I am following up because Ted is starting a new detail position and Emma had to step away due to a death in the family. Of the dates provided, I suggest we aim for May 29th at 2PM Eastern. NCEA-side, we will gather a small group of our senior scientists. I have copied Amy Vasu from OAR for their awareness and if they would also like to join. We can try audio or video, depending on what you think might work. I'll put a hold on calendars from our side, but will wait for you to confirm.

Just to be clear, because we are under intense timelines to provide support to TSCA, this meeting will be primarily for us to listen to Texas and seek clarification. We are not offering to review their draft assessment or do too much more in advance. I hope that is OK?

Thanks,
Tina

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National Program Director, Human Health Risk Assessment (EPA/ORD/HHRA)

From: Casso, Ruben
Sent: Monday, May 06, 2019 10:05 AM
To: Berner, Ted <Berner.Ted@epa.gov>
Subject: Request for conference call

Ted – This is Ruben Casso with EPA Region 6. The State of Texas is doing a re-evaluation of its state health effects screening level for ethylene oxide. They are aware of the EPA IRIS number and the Request for Correction.

TCEQ would like to discuss the differences in the EPA approach to reaching the IRIS value vs their preliminary evaluation/conclusions. I'd like to arrange a conference call between you, Region 6 and the States of TX & LA.
I expect the participating personnel from Texas with be Michael Honeycutt, Chief of the TCEQ toxicology Division and his primary staff member on their ongoing state evaluation of potential ethylene oxide health risks.
Louisiana has also asked to participate on the call and the participant will likely be their state staff risk assessor. I am also making OAQPS aware of the call, so they can participate if they so desire.

TCEQ has provided the possible dates below for this conference call. Pease let me know which date and time will work for you. Region 6 would greatly appreciate you helping our states better understand this issue.

Thank you.

If you have any questions, please call me at 214-665-6763.

-Ruben

Anytime May 20th
Morning of May 21
Anytime May 22
Morning of May 24
Anytime May 28
Anytime May 29
Anytime May 30