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Subject: RE: Hot Issues List to Report on RA Update to the Administrator

I drafted the following WAR entries for TX & LA EtO and put them in the WAR system. I'm not sure if you'll be able to review/edit them in the system.

WAR entries on these issues seem to already accomplish the same purpose as the fact sheets you mentioned needing in the section meeting. Right?

Ethylene Oxide - TCEQ Effects Screening Level (ESL)
Texas is in the process of revising their state effects screening level (ESL) for ethylene oxide and expects to complete peer review within 6 months. TCEQ is also planning to submit comments both on the industry Request For Correction on the ethylene oxide EPA IRIS value and on EPA proposed MACT rules which mention ethylene oxide. Region 6 agreed to arrange a call between TCEQ and ORD to discuss the differences in TCEQ and EPA approaches in their respective evaluations on an appropriate inhalation risk value for ethylene oxide.

Ethylene Oxide - LDEQ Air Monitoring Methodology Research
Existing air monitoring methods are not sensitive enough to detect ethylene oxide at low levels in the outdoor air. EPA is working to develop new techniques for measuring ethylene oxide in the outdoor air to improve our ability to measure ethylene oxide at low levels. Louisiana is investigating the availability of ambient air monitoring protocols that may be able to reach lower detection limits for ethylene oxide than EPA can currently achieve reliably. Region 6 agreed to arrange a call between LDEQ and OAQPS so both agencies can share information they have obtained in their respective efforts to find more sensitive and effective air monitoring methods for ethylene oxide.

From: Verhalen, Frances
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Here is the example of the type of information found in weekly update taken from our WARs.

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Sorry. Hit send too quickly.

I will need a WAR entry as shown soon. I am working on getting a copy of the format that Olivia mentioned.

For now, we only have the EtO in TX (risk analysis) and LA (monitoring methodies). [Denka belongs to EN at this time.]

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So you are aware that we will need to update WAR every week going forward until we complete items related to issues handled by Monitoring & Grants and Air Permits.

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Here are a few hot issues David wants reported in the weekly. However, this isn't comprehensive and we usually set the list of sites we are reporting on. FYI

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Subject: Hot Issues List to Report on RA Update to the Administrator

Hi All,

Attached is a list of hot issues that David developed and would like for all of you to pay close attention to and be sure to provide an RA Update to the Administrator, on the Weekly Report, if anything is going on now or taking place in the near future (1 to 4 weeks). The list is not inclusive, so if you have other activities going on in different locations that merit reporting on the RA Update, please continue to do so. We just want to make sure that you are on the lookout and report on any activity going on in any of the topics listed on the hot issues list.

We also need your assistance in making sure all entries have been made and approved in the Weekly, by noon on Wednesday. David submits the report to the Administrator on Thursday morning, and we have limited time to review and edit the report prior to getting it to him on Wednesday afternoon (which to date has always been late evening).

I've also attached a copy of the last report that David submitted on 4/25/2019, so that you can see the final format that we use. The heading should not be in all caps, and the entries should begin with the date of the activity and be as concise as possible. We will be providing you an updated list, as it is updated.

As always, we appreciate your being part of our team that strives to work smarter, not harder☺

Thanks!
Olivia