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Subject: AltEn

Hi All – Ed, Mike, OPP, NDA and others had phone call with University of NE researchers today that discussed concerns they have regarding honey bee losses from managed hives at their Mead research facility which is located perhaps a mile to a mile and a half south of AltEN. Dr. Wu-Smart is an apiarist with the university and discussed bee losses at the site that began in the spring/summer of 2017 when hives were first placed there until the present. She has yet to determine with certainty whether pesticide residues from the AltEn site are contributing to the losses but has concerns and is interested in pursuing further.

OPP used the call primarily to probe for greater details and insights. Dr. Wu-Smart discussed in some detail her observations to date and is interested in speaking to someone who can discuss in greater detail the conditions at the facility, results of any sampling, etc. In addition to an interest in the wet cake itself, she was also interested in whether residues were leaving the facility and entering a stream(s) that flow in or near the Experiment Station. One of these is intermittent and the second (according the Mead Experiment Station manager) now has continuous flow due to discharge from the ethanol facility.

NDA suggested that UNL contact (or that we put them into contact) with someone at NDEE that might be able to help answer her questions regarding concentrations being found in the wet cake and outflow. I am not sure whether they will be able to share the results of their sampling or not given the potential status of any compliance determinations. We were running out of time on the call but I can follow-up with her to let her know there may be limits to what they can discuss but before I even do that I wanted to check in to see if any of you wanted to visit for a collective download. Ed and Mike were there and I'm sure will brief – but if you'd like any other information, let me know. I'm certain she will want to reach out to NDEE and would suggest they be brought up to speed on her concerns

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

If anyone would like to discuss let me know.

Thanks

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