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George – as requested.

Susan – please find additional background information regarding the School Air Toxics item in the Administrator's report for this week.

- In response to a series of articles in USA Today, EPA developed an initiative to implement former Administrator Lisa Jackson's commitment to assess potentially elevated air toxics levels at some of our nation's schools. EPA and state air pollution control agencies monitored specific air toxics in the outdoor air around 63 priority schools nationally, including 13 schools in Region 5. Initial reports were written and released. Follow up monitoring was conducted at schools where monitoring data was elevated above health benchmarks. There were 4 sites in Region 5 which needed additional monitoring.

- We conducted follow-up monitoring at Abraham Lincoln Elementary - East Chicago and Jefferson Elementary - Gary, Indiana; and East Elementary - East Liverpool and Warren Elementary - Marietta, Ohio. In October 2012, EPA released the data collected at the Indiana schools, and in February 2013, EPA released the data collected at the Ohio schools.

- We have completed reports for all 4 schools and received OAQPS and state approval. OAPQS is not requiring a press release for these follow-up reports and we do not intend to do a press release/statement, but will make the reports available to the public on EPA's website the week of September 23.

- While all 4 sites/schools continue to show manganese concentrations above health benchmarks, it is noted that there are currently enforcement actions against the nearby culpable sources for 2 sites (Indiana sites/schools); a national Clean Air Act Ferroalloys Risk and Technology Rule is under development relating to another site/school (Marietta, Ohio); and Ohio EPA and Region 5 are closely tracking compliance with the source at the remaining site (East Liverpool, Ohio).