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Subject: RE: 3pm deadline -- Harpers fact checking on Rosemont

Thanks Ellen.

John Hillenbrand is out so I sent the reporter to the Hayden / ASARCO enforcement web page.

https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/asarco-llc-settlement

I didn't address the other issues. I also alerted Nancy in HQ about the query.

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Subject: RE: 3pm deadline -- Harpers fact checking on Rosemont

Margot,
You should know that the Rosemont issue is hot right now. The RA will be meeting with the project proponent in Arizona at the end of August, and it may be to discuss our 2017 comment letter. The description by Harper's of the 2017 comments is factually correct, but you may want to check with Alexis on before getting back to the magazine.

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

EPA routinely reviews and provide comments on draft 404 permits authorizing discharges of dredged or fill material at specific sites in waters of the United States. Further, under CWA § 404(c), EPA can restrict, prohibit, deny, or withdraw discharge sites for dredged or fill material if the discharge will have unacceptable adverse effects on municipal water supplies, shellfish beds and fishery areas, wildlife, or recreational areas.
Thoughts, Rich?
Ellen

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Importance: High

Ellen and Sam – This generally seems fine to me, but you may want to temper response on "veto" as you see fit, potentially noting LA District's draft denial.

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Subject: Fwd: Harpers fact checking?

Hi John, Rusty, Carter & Jason

The settlement was in 2015, but the NOV was in 2011. I can send information from the web on the settlement.

There's also refer nice to our veto power. Not sure if Jason and Carter can weigh in on that.

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Subject: Re: Harpers fact checking?

Hi Margot,

Thanks for your email. Yes, I'm fact checking an article about Arizona copper mines by Mort Rosenblum, running in the September issue of Harper's Magazine. The piece looks largely at the Rosemont and Resolution projects, and also mentions Asarco's Hayden copper smelter, and there a couple things that have to do with the EPA that I'd like to run by you to check that they're accurate.

In 2011, the Environmental Protection Agency found that Asarco's copper smelter in Hayden had been continuously emitting illegal amounts of dangerous air pollutants, including arsenic and lead, is that right? The smelter is now a Superfund site and Asarco is required to spend $150 million to install new technology to reduce emissions, is that right?

We mention that the Rosemont project is waiting on a Clean Water Act permit from the US Army Corps of Engineers, and that the Environmental Protection Agency has the power to veto the permit, is that right?

We also mention that the EPA issued an analysis of the Rosemont project in November 2017 that emphasized its longstanding and serious doubts about the project and the scientific claims behind it, is that right?

The piece is closing today, so I apologize for the short timeframe, but if you could get back to me by 6pm ET that'd be much appreciated.

Best,
Stephanie

On Wed, Jul 11, 2018 at 1:49 PM, PerezSullivan, Margot <PerezSullivan.Margot@epa.gov> wrote:

> Hi Stephanie,
> I understand you have some questions for a story? Please send them to me, thanks!
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