Appointment

**From**: Reed, Kristen [Reed.Kristen@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 1/29/2019 5:08:00 PM
**To**: Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]; Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]; Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]; Hewitt, James [hewitt.james@epa.gov]; Beach, Christopher [beach.christopher@epa.gov]

**Subject**: Talk through press strategy
**Location**: WJCE 3130A

**Start**: 1/30/2019 6:15:00 PM
**End**: 1/30/2019 6:45:00 PM
**Show Time As**: Tentative

Message

**From**: Risley, David [Risley.David@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 9/25/2019 3:13:02 AM
**To**: Schiermeyer, Corry [schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov]; Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]; McFaul, Jessica [mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov]
**CC**: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Drinkard, Andrea [Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov]; Dennis, Allison [Dennis.Allison@epa.gov]; Regional Public Affairs Directors [Regional_Public_Affairs_Directors@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Recall: Close-hold: 10/3 announcement of WaterSense Partners

Risley, David would like to recall the message, "Close-hold: 10/3 announcement of WaterSense Partners".

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**From**: Birgfeld, Erin [Birgfeld.Erin@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 9/21/2018 2:39:34 PM
**To**: Birgfeld, Erin [Birgfeld.Erin@epa.gov]; Bennett, Tate [Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]; Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; DeLuca, Isabel [DeLuca.Isabel@epa.gov]; Millett, John [Millett.John@epa.gov]; Hengst, Benjamin [Hengst.Benjamin@epa.gov]

**Subject**: NOx HD Announcement
**Attachments**: HD NOx Event Planning Sept 21 2018.docx
**Location**: DCRoomARN6524/DC-OAR-OTAQ-IO

**Start**: 9/21/2018 5:00:00 PM
**End**: 9/21/2018 5:30:00 PM
**Show Time As**: Busy

Dear Nancy, Tate and Molly,

AA Wehrum wants us to have a fairly firm plan for this roll out on Monday and I think a discussion with you all about scheduling and planning today would help do this. Amazingly we are all free at this time so thought I'd take a chance and set something up.

I've reserved a room here but am also happy to come to you.

Attached are OTAQ's ideas for event(s).

Thanks,
Erin

Message

**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 3/8/2019 10:53:02 PM
**To:** Bradley Sylvester [brad@dailycallernewsfoundation.org]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Re: Media Request - The Daily Caller News Foundaion

Good afternoon Brad,

For attribution to U.S. EPA, please.

| **CAA Initiations** | **FY 17** | **FY 18** |
|---|---|---|
| CAA Stationary Source Case Initiations | 165 | 122 |
| CAA Mobile Source Case Initiations | 49 | 46 |
| CAA 112r Case Initiations | 178 | 166 |

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On Mar 7, 2019, at 12:30 PM, Bradley Sylvester <brad@dailycallernewsfoundation.org> wrote:

> Thanks for your time Robert.
>
> Here are my questions:
>
> 1. How many enforcement actions under the CAA *specifically* were initiated in 2017? How many in 2018? fiscal year or full year figures are sufficient.
>
> 2. In how many of these cases were there case conclusions?
>
> Please let me know as soon as possible.
>
> Thanks,
> Brad
>
> On Thu, Mar 7, 2019 at 12:21 PM Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> > Hey Brad,

Good talking to you just now. Thanks in advance for sending your follow-up questions.

Cheers, R.

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**Sent:** Thursday, March 07, 2019 12:14 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Media Request - The Daily Caller News Foundaion

Hi Robert,

Just tried your office but no answer. I have a meeting coming up, but will be free to talk after 2PM. Let me know what time works best for you.

Thanks,

Brad

On Thu, Mar 7, 2019 at 11:32 AM Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

> Brad, I just left you a voicemail. Can you give me a ring when you have a minute, please?

Cheers, R.

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**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Media Request - The Daily Caller News Foundaion

Thanks Robert, is it possible to get figures on case conclusions under the clean air act in particular?

On Tue, Mar 5, 2019 at 6:52 PM Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

> Hullo Brad,
>
> Good evening Brad,
>
> The EDGI data shown in this table does not accurately capture EPA's FY 2018 enforcement results. While we do not know definitively, we suspect that the formula EDGI used to create this table using data it downloaded from EPA's ECHO site failed to capture the entirety of the FY 2018 results. Thus, the EDGI table substantially undercounts EPA FY 2018 enforcement activity. For complete information on FY 18 results compared to prior years EPA's Annual Enforcement Results. **- EPA Spokesperson**
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
> On Mar 4, 2019, at 4:33 PM, Bradley Sylvester <brad@dailycallernewsfoundation.org> wrote:

Yeah that's no problem. Thanks for looking into this.

On Mon, Mar 4, 2019 at 4:28 PM Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Also, Brad: I don't know that we'll be getting back to you this afternoon. Can we touch base tomorrow to see where things stand?

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert
**Sent:** Monday, March 04, 2019 2:13 PM
**To:** 'Bradley Sylvester' <brad@dailycallernewsfoundation.org>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Media Request - The Daily Caller News Foundaion

Good afternoon Brad,

Acknowledging receipt.

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**From:** Bradley Sylvester <brad@dailycallernewsfoundation.org>
**Sent:** Monday, March 04, 2019 2:10 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Media Request - The Daily Caller News Foundaion

Hi Robert,

Duckworth's office sent me something that seems to contradict that. I may be missing something here. Attached below is figures they say they pulled from EPA's website. Could you help explain this?

On Fri, Mar 1, 2019 at 8:37 AM Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

> Good morning Brad,
>
> Clean Air Act stationary source case conclusions dropped by 11% from FY 2017 to FY 2018. **– EPA Spokesperson.**
>
> Cheers, R.
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**From:** Bradley Sylvester <brad@dailycallernewsfoundation.org>
**Sent:** Thursday, February 28, 2019 5:13 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Media Request - The Daily Caller News Foundaion

And to clarify: is it not accurate that it's dropped by 40%? Or that it has reached the lowest level in ten years? Or both?

On Thu, Feb 28, 2019 at 5:03 PM Bradley Sylvester <brad@dailycallernewsfoundation.org> wrote:

> Thanks Robert,
>
> Are there hard figures on this you could forward me? I'd like to have something a little more concrete if possible.
>
> On Thu, Feb 28, 2019 at 5:01 PM Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> > Hullo again Bradley,
> >
> > No, that statistic is not accurate. **– EPA Spokesperson.**
> >
> > Cheers, R.
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**To:** Bradley Sylvester <brad@dailycallernewsfoundation.org>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Media Request - The Daily Caller News Foundaion

Good morning Bradley,

We'll look into this for you. Are you on deadline?

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**Sent:** Thursday, February 28, 2019 10:06 AM
**To:** Bradley Sylvester <brad@dailycallernewsfoundation.org>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Media Request - The Daily Caller News Foundaion

Hi Bradley, a colleague will be in touch.

On Feb 28, 2019, at 10:05 AM, Bradley Sylvester <brad@dailycallernewsfoundation.org> wrote:

Hi Enesta,

Sen. Duckworth recently tweeted: "EPA's enforcement actions under the Clean Air Act dropped by 40% in 2018 to their lowest levels in more than ten years!"

We are interested in potentially writing a fact check about this. Is this statistic accurate? Could you point to an EPA source?

Thanks,

Brad

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**To**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: Subject: Media request by AUTO BILD mag., Germany

Thank you, Robert!
Happy Weekend.
Hauke

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Straight Outta Mobile

Am 08.03.2019 um 13:08 schrieb Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>:

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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 06, 2019 1:00 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Subject: Media request by AUTO BILD mag., Germany

Thank you!

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**Datum:** Mittwoch, 6. März 2019 um 18:55
**An:** "Schrieber, Hauke" <hauke.schrieber@autobild.de>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Betreff:** RE: Subject: Media request by AUTO BILD mag., Germany

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Sorry for the rush.
Thanks in advance.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 06, 2019 8:06 AM
**To:** Calvino, Maria Soledad <Calvino.Maria@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Media request by AUTO BILD mag., Germany

Dear Maria.

AUTO BILD, Europeans largest selling car magazine, is very interested in the VW- and Audi Diesel vehicles, that are been stored in Victorville, CA, for more than a year.

Can you please answer me following questions?

- How is EPA been watching the Volkswagen Group on this issue?
- Does VW have to report in any way their methods in this case to EPA?
- Is it correct, that there a still VW and Audi Diesel vehicles been delivered to Victorville?
- How many cars in total are been storaged right now?
- If yes: how are the cars been converted?
- If yes: how many vehicles are already back in sale?

- Have cars, that were not converted, been shipped to other countries?

It would be great to get a few answers within this week.

Kind regards,
Hauke

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 3/8/2019 9:10:49 PM
**To:** Doug Mahoney [dmahoney@wirecutter.com]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** RE: Wirecutter repellent question

Good afternoon Doug,

For attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson," please:

**Question 1:** So I'm looking for a quick overview of the approval process for a chemical repellent (DEET, picaridin, OLE, etc.). How does it all work? What I've been able to tell so far is that the EPA has a set of testing protocols that a repellent manufacturer hires an EPA-approved 3rd party test facility to perform. The EPA then evaluates that data and approves/denies the repellent? Am I off on this? If this is the case, could someone speak to the scope of this testing?

**Response 1:** In order for any pesticide to be sold or distributed in the United States, an EPA registration is required. See https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/about-pesticide-registration for information on the registration process. As part of the registration process, we review a wide range of data on safety and ecological effects before making a decision on registration. We then develop a label that tracks with the data conclusions and the safety standards in the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act.

See https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EPA-HQ-OPPT-2009-0150-0011 for the Product Performance Test Guidelines: OPPTS 810.3700: Insect Repellents to be Applied to Human Skin.

**Question 2:** Is there a separate evaluation process for the chemical...and then for the product? Meaning, are picaridin and DEET approved....but then the specific manufacturers need to have each of their picaridin and DEET products approved individually as well? I think this must be the case, but I want to make sure.

**Response 2:** Yes, EPA evaluates and registers both the active ingredient (e.g., DEET) and any product that contains that active ingredient. Extensive data are required during the review of pesticide active ingredients, including acute, subchronic, and chronic human toxicity data, as well as ecotoxicity, residue, and fate data. For end-use (consumer) products, EPA requires acute toxicity studies and limited product chemistry information. Each product formulation must be registered with EPA.

**Question 3:** Also, does the EPA recommend one product over the other, or is it simply a pass/fail evaluation?

**Response 3:** EPA does not recommend one product over another. Products submitted for registration are evaluated on their individual merits. Those that meet the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act standard for registration receive an EPA registration number.

**Question 4:** Along the same lines, do the manufacturers pay the EPA for any part of the process?

**Response 4:** The Pesticide Registration Improvement Act created a registration service fee system for applications for specified pesticide registration actions. In exchange for a fee dependent on the type of registration action, EPA is required to make a determination on the application within a specified decision time. Fees cover a large variety of regulatory reviews, based on the complexity and data needed to be reviewed. See https://www.epa.gov/pria-fees for information on PRIA fees.

**Question 5:** Also it's my understanding that the EPA has control over the product labels (the info on repellent time, health hazards, storage and handling, etc)? Is this correct? If so, how does this process work and what's the scope there?

**Response 5:** Yes, EPA is in charge of a pesticide's label. Pesticide product labels provide critical information about how to safely and legally handle and use pesticide products. Unlike most other types of product labels, pesticide labels are legally enforceable, and all of them carry the statement: "It is a violation of Federal law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling." In other words, the label is the law. A key function of the pesticide product label is to manage the potential risks from pesticides. See https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-labels/introduction-pesticide-labels for more information.

**Question 6:** Could you shed any light on how the duration of protection is decided on (again, it's my understanding that the EPA is involved with the labeling of the repellents)? What's the threshold there? I'm asking because it seems like other independent studies tend towards lower protection times. For example, something like Cutter Backwoods Dry with 25% DEET says "up to 10 hours of protection from mosquitoes and ticks," while a NEJM study states a product with 23.8% DEET lasts about five hours. Just curious if you'd have any insight in to the difference in numbers here. Is it just two different test protocols and all the variables involved?

**Response 6:** Studies in EPA's database indicate that DEET repels ticks for about 2-10 hours and mosquitoes from 2-12 hours, depending on the percentage of DEET in the product. If a length of effectiveness is specified on the label, the product has tested to be effective for that length of time, based on data submitted to the agency support that product's registration and label.

Cheers, R.

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**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Wirecutter repellent question

Hello,

My name is Doug Mahoney and I'm a Senior Writer with Wirecutter (a New York Times Company). I'm currently working on a guide to bug repellents and am hoping that someone there could talk to me a bit about the EPA approval process and how that works. Just some general questions. I wouldn't take up much of your time at all. I can email some questions over if that's convenient. I'm on a bit of a deadline so if we could touch base today or tomorrow, that would be ideal.

Thank you for the consideration!

Best,

Doug

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- Does VW have to report in any way their methods in this case to EPA?
- Is it correct, that there a still VW and Audi Diesel vehicles been delivered to Victorville?
- How many cars in total are been storaged right now?
- If yes: how are the cars been converted?
- If yes: how many vehicles are already back in sale?
- Have cars, that were not converted, been shipped to other countries?

It would be great to get a few answers within this week.

Kind regards,
Hauke

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Message

**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 10/23/2018 6:37:23 PM
**To**: Kelly Franklin [kelly.franklin@chemicalwatch.com]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Media inquiry: TSCA new chemicals program
**Attachments**: Reviewed Chem Watch new chems qs 10 23 18.docx

Good afternoon Kelly,

Please find our response, attached and for attribution to U.S EPA, please.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Kelly Franklin [mailto:kelly.franklin@chemicalwatch.com]
**Sent:** Monday, October 15, 2018 11:29 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>; Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Media inquiry: TSCA new chemicals program

Thanks Robert. Enesta, to follow on my previous email to Robert: if more specific questions would be helpful, I'd be curious to hear more on any of the following:

- Some in industry have said that while there is no minimum data set for new substances, certain tests are being routinely required with such frequency that they are operating as something of a *de facto* minimum data set. Is this occurring? Can you speak to how the agency determines what tests to request?
- The most recent program statistics show 483 cases under review, which is significantly above the 300 'average' load. To what is the high level attributable? Is this number expected to increase or decrease? Why?
- A larger number of submissions are being withdrawn by the original submitter than before passage of Lautenberg. Why is this the case?
- I've also heard some concerns that EPA is taking an overly precautionary approach and "assuming the worst", in terms of the default assumptions used in substance reviews. There have also been objections raised to imposing consent orders or SNURs that require the use of PPE and other workplace safety measures that are already required by OSHA, which some argue is duplicative and unnecessary. Can you speak to these concerns? How is EPA balancing the appropriate level of protectiveness and meeting the program changes put in place by Lautenberg against the importance of timely reviews and regulatory certainty?

I can push my deadline a little bit if you would like to address any of these questions more specifically, to noon Wednesday. Would that work?

Thanks,
Kelly

On 11 October 2018 at 16:24, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

It's always helpful. Just so you know, I'll be out all next week, so you can always follow up with my colleague Enesta if needed.

Cheers, R.

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**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Media inquiry: TSCA new chemicals program

At the moment no, and I've just closed down my computer for the week, but I can send more specific questions Monday morning if that would help?

Thanks,

Kelly

On Oct 11, 2018, at 4:21 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

> Good afternoon Kelly,
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> Let me get this started for you. Do you have more specific questions, or more specific stakeholder comments you'd like us to reply to?
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Hi Robert,

I am planning on doing a story covering TSCA new chemicals program data that SOCMA presented at an SBA roundtable back in September. I'm also planning to discuss the ways in which industry remains concerned at the pace of review, the size of the backlog, some of the tests that are being requested to support PMN decisions, and the amount of substances that are being subject to consent orders and SNURs.

Would EPA like to provide any comment? I'd be interested in any insights as to how the program is evolving and changing in the two+ years since Lautenberg, and any new initiatives the agency has planned to continue to improve on the pace and quality of reviews. Any feedback you can provide would be great.

My deadline is end of day Monday, October 15.

Thanks,

Kelly

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**To:** Laurie Toupin Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Re: Subject: Media questions regarding PFAS and TSCA

Laurie, for attribution to U.S. EPA, please:

**Please feel free to tell your readers about the March 13 Webinar you inquired about. Details at the bottom.**

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   **The TSCA Inventory is not a "toxics" list. The Inventory is a list of substances that are allowed to be in U.S. commerce, either because they were in commerce at the time TSCA was enacted in 1976 and added to the original Inventory (under TSCA section 8), or because they entered U.S. commerce after being reviewed as a new chemical substance (under TSCA section 5). Substances that are not on the Inventory are considered "new" chemical substances and are subject to TSCA section 5 new chemical review. Substances that are on the Inventory are considered "existing" chemical substances in U.S. commerce and may be subject to existing chemicals provisions under TSCA such as TSCA sections 4 and 6.**

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4. Does the list indicate the amount a manufacture may use of each chemical regulated?
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5. If a manufacturer uses a substance found on this list, can they still produce/sell the product after they declare it or do they have to use something else?
   **Substances on the TSCA Inventory can be domestically manufactured or processed in the U.S. and do not need to be "declared." Substances that are imported into the U.S. are subject to TSCA section 13 import certification requirements.**

6. What do you do if you find that a company declares a chemical that is flagged as toxic?
   **If a substance is subject to regulation under TSCA, it can be commercialized in the U.S. as long as the commercial activity adheres to the requirements and/or restrictions of the regulation. If a company that manufactures, imports, processes, or distributes a substance in U.S. commerce**

**obtains new information that reasonably supports the conclusion that such substance presents a substantial risk of injury to health or the environment, the company is required to notify EPA of such information under TSCA section 8(e). A risk evaluation may be initiated by EPA to determine if a chemical substance presents an unreasonable health or the environment. Read more.**

7. Do the same requirements for declaring chemicals used in a product fall on imports as well as those manufactured here in the US?
   **Generally yes, substances subject to TSCA includes those in commerce in the U.S., either from domestic manufacture or processing or from importation. There may be differences in reporting requirements for domestically manufactured substances versus imported substances, e.g., less information may be required in a TSCA section 5 notice for an imported substance compared to a domestically manufactured one.**

8. You say, To be listed on the TSCA Inventory, the substance must be considered an "existing" chemical substance in U.S. commerce. Any chemical that is not on the Inventory is considered a "new chemical substance." If it is a "new chemical substance," must it be cleared before it can be used in manufacturing or the product allowed to be imported into the country?
   **Yes, substances that are "new" chemical substances (i.e., that are not on the Inventory) are subject to TSCA section 5 new chemical review prior to commercialization in the U.S.**

9. If yes, how long would this process take approximately?
   **TSCA section 5 Premanufacture Notices have a 90 day review period. TSCA section 5 exemption applications have a shorter review period, e.g., the review period is 30 days for low volume exemption applications and low environmental release and low human exposure exemption applications, and 45 days for test marketing exemption applications.**

10. Whose responsibility is it to prove it is "safe"?
    **TSCA requires EPA to review section 5 notices and make an affirmative finding on the safety of new chemical substances or significant new uses of chemical substances before they can enter U.S. commerce.**

11. Has it really been 40 years since the list was updated?
    **The TSCA Inventory is updated almost daily with the addition of new substances that have entered commerce after TSCA section 5 review. The Inventory was just recently updated to add, for the first time, commercial activity status data per new reporting requirements under amendments to TSCA section 8(b). It is the law, the Toxics Substances Control Act (TSCA)[not the TSCA inventory] that was originally passed in 1976, that had not been updated until 2016 when the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act was passed, thereby amending TSCA.**

**Information about the March 13 Webinar:**

**EPA is hosting a webinar to assist manufacturers (including importers) and processors with future reporting requirements under the TSCA Inventory Notification (Active-Inactive) final rule after the initial Inventory was published February 19.**

**Almost half of the chemical substances on the TSCA Inventory have been reported as active by manufacturers or processors. Under the Active-Inactive rule, a substance is not designated as an "inactive substance" until 90 days after EPA publishes the initial version of the Inventory with all listings identified as active or inactive. The rule provides time for manufacturers and processors to react to an**

**inactive substance identification and to file an NOA Form B prior to the effective date of the inactive designation 90 days later.**
**Manufacturers and processors should be aware that if there is a substance that is listed as "inactive" that is currently being manufactured or processed, they have 90 days to file an NOA Form B so that they can continue their current activity. Manufacturers and processors that intend to manufacture or process an "inactive" substance in the future must submit an NOA Form B before they start their activity.**

**The webinar is scheduled for 1-4 PM EDT on Wednesday, March 13. The webinar will include an overview of filing a Notice of Activity Form B, a demo of the electronic reporting application, and time for questions and answers. Registration for the webinar is not required.**

**For more information, visit EPA's website:https://www.epa.gov/tsca-inventory**

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On Mar 7, 2019, at 1:30 PM, Laurie Toupin <Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)> wrote:

> Hi!
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> No worries about getting back to me today. Beginning of next week will be fine. My boss said that we can post after the webinar.
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> He also asked if it was being recorded for future reference? But if not, he asked if it might be possible for me to attend part of the webinar? Would that be permitted?
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> Thank you!
>
> Laurie

> On Mar 7, 2019, at 11:09 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:
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> Lemme check.
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> Cheers, R.
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**From:** Laurie Toupin <Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)>
**Sent:** Thursday, March 07, 2019 11:07 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Subject: Media questions regarding PFAS and TSCA

Hello!

Sorry to bother you...I would still love to get the answers to my questions ASAP, but will the webinar be recorded for future reference? If so, then I don't have to rush this blog and could just say that people could watch the recording.

Thank you so much for all your help!!

Laurie

On Mar 6, 2019, at 7:10 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

God it. So can we get back to you, say, Friday AM?

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**From:** Laurie Toupin Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 06, 2019 6:59 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Subject: Media questions regarding PFAS and TSCA

Hi!

I had hoped to publish it Friday so that I could announce your webinar coming up on March 13. If we get the information at the beginning of next week, we won't have enough time to let our readers know about your event before it takes place. So I guess it is more up to you,

I understand you are very busy!

I am happy to talk on the phone if that would be easier than writing everything out. I probably only need about 15 minutes of your time. Would that be better for you? If so, please let me know when you are free. I am available all day tomorrow until 2:00.

Thank you so much for your help!

Laurie

On Mar 6, 2019, at 6:48 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Good evening Laurie,

Is it OK if we get back to you towards the end of the week, or early next week? When are you hoping to publish your post?

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Laurie Toupin < Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) >
**Date:** March 6, 2019 at 1:52:52 PM EST
**To:** "Sauerhage, Maggie" <Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov>
**Subject: Media questions regarding PFAS and TSCA**

Dear Maggie,

Thank you so much for your answers to the PFAS Action Plan. They are very helpful and very complete!

However, that blog has been usurped to try to get in one about the updating of the TSCA so that we can alert our readers to the upcoming webinar.

Would it be possible, please, for you to answer even the first couple of these questions either today or tomorrow morning?

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Thank you so much for any help you can provide!

Sincerely,
Laurie Toupin
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Thank you so much in advance for any help you can provide!

I can be reached at: ( Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) cell)

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**Sent:** 12/11/2018 4:28:32 PM
**To:** Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]
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**Subject:** Re: 4:45 call in
**Attachments:** signature.asc

Thanks. Will additional materials be available at 11:30?

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On Dec 11, 2018, at 11:25 AM, Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov> wrote:

There were no facts sheets shared with the press. reporters ignored the embargo and obtained embargoed materials from non-epa sources.

Molly

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**Subject:** Re: 4:45 call in

Can you please send me the fact sheet referred to in the NYTimes story? I didn't receive one and can't find it online. Thanks
https://www.nytimes.com/2018/12/10/climate/trump-clean-water-rollback.html

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On Dec 10, 2018, at 2:37 PM, Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov> wrote:

Thank you for RSVP'ing to today's teleconference briefing. Please see call in information below.

Call-in number: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
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Best,
Molly

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Hi -
I'm responding your note about signing up for the 4:45 background briefing on water policy.
Please let me know the call number and sign-in information.
Thanks,
Sharon

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What's good with Nancy is good with me.

Sent from my iPhone

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**Subject:** RE: Clarification needed on points Dunn, Jeffrey made at GlobalChem

And it's "Good afternoon," of course.

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert
**Sent:** Thursday, March 07, 2019 2:39 PM
**To:** Rizzuto, Denise Pat <prizzuto@bloombergenvironment.com>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Clarification needed on points Dunn, Jeffrey made at GlobalChem

Good morning Pat,

For attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson, please:

**CONTEXT:** During her opening remarks and comments she was making about pigment violet 29, Alex Dunn said there is TSCA confidential business information and "regular confidential business information." The agency is reviewing the health, safety, and perhaps other studies it received from the EU to determine what kind of CBI they may qualify for.

EPA Clarification: With respect to PV-29, EPA received some voluntary submissions of information from foreign manufacturers of the chemical – not from the EU. Those companies made CBI claims pursuant to EPA's general CBI regulations at 40 CFR part 2, subpart B, §§ 2.201-2.215. EPA is in the process of reviewing those claims.

**QUESTION 1:** What is the distinction between TSCA CBI and Regular CBI?

EPA Answer: EPA has general CBI regulations at 40 CFR part 2, subpart B, §§ 2.201-2.215 which govern the handling by EPA of business information and determinations as to whether information is entitled to confidential treatment. Various other statutes, including TSCA, contain special provisions concerning the entitlement to confidential treatment of information gathered under those statutes. TSCA CBI is governed by Section 14 of the law, and its implementing regulations.

**CONTEXT:** Jeffrey Morris discussed new chemicals. It sounded like he said if the agency is satisfied with the language on a safety data sheet, the agency could conclude that new chemicals was unlikely to pose an unreasonable risk AND that the new chemical would NOT need a significant new use rule.

**QUESTION 2:** Did I hear that correctly? Can language the original manufacturer uses on its safety data sheet obviate the need for a SNUR requiring similar language?

EPA Answer:
There is not a one size fits all to new chemical determinations and the use of SNURs. We will consider the specifics of each case to determine what is the appropriate approach to take to ensure protection of public health.

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**Deadline,** basically asap. I'll be filing something from Dunn's presentation by 11, but can update it if the agency gets back to me (ideally early afternoon so her distinguishing the two types of CBI isn't left as an unclear distinction).

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Message

**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 11/2/2018 2:23:30 PM
**To**: Carah [carah@rrfn.com]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Interview Request

Good morning Carah,

For attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson," please:

1. Why a one-size fits all label? What is being done to encourage state-level regulations?

R1. EPA recognizes and supports the important authority FIFRA section 24(c) gives the states for issuing locally appropriate regulations for pesticide use. If a state wishes to modify the over-the-top labels for dicamba in order to better meet their circumstances, the agency will work with them to support their goals.

2. Does the 45 day restriction totally replace the 'up to or including R1 stage for soybeans'? Why or why not?

R2. The directions for use on soybeans include restrictions on 45 days after planting and retains the R1 growth stage restriction, whichever comes first. This was done to add protective measures to further minimize the potential for off-site damage.

3. Does the endangered species portion of the label mean both plants and animals? Where did this recommendation come from?

R3. The endangered species effects determination addresses both federally listed threatened and endangered plants and animals and well as designated critical habitat. An extensive effects determination was undertaken to support the decision the agency has reached in this case. The effects determination document is available on the docket (EPA-HQ-OPP-2016-0187).

4. What does success look like under this new label?

R4. The intent of this action is to help support producers who face ongoing challenges in weed management while also further minimizing potential off-target movement.

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-----Original Message-----
From: Carah [mailto:carah@rrfn.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 01, 2018 11:31 AM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Interview Request

1. Why a one-size fits all label? What is being done to encourage state-level regulations?

2. Does the 45 day restriction totally replace the 'up to or including R1 stage for soybeans'? Why or why not?

3. Does the endangered species portion of the label mean both plants and animals? Where did this recommendation come from?

4. What does success look like under this new label?

Thanks,
Carah

-----Original Message-----
From: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, November 1, 2018 10:13 AM
To: Carah <carah@rrfn.com>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Interview Request

Carah, thanks for your patience. We won't be able to put someone on the phone with you, but we're happy to get back to you in writing if you care to send questions.

Cheers, R.

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To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Interview Request

We don't usually send questions ahead via email, but it would be a five minute recorded interview, focused on the new dicamba label.

Thanks,
Carah

Sent from my iPhone

> On Nov 1, 2018, at 5:20 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> Good morning and thanks, Carah. Can you send some questions, please? Not sure of Reuben's schedule, but that way, we can have someone respond to your inquiry in case he isn't here, or if we can't put someone on the phone.
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> Cheers, R.
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Carah [mailto:carah@rrfn.com]
> Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2018 8:48 PM
> To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
> Subject: Interview Request
>
> Hi Robert-
>
> I'd like to talk with Reuben on the dicamba label updates Thursday, please.
>
> Thanks,
> Carah
>
> Sent from my iPhone

Message

**From**: Lynn, Tricia [lynn.tricia@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 12/11/2018 4:07:39 PM
**To**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: Press Inquiry about Wetlands

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**From:** Marohn, Kirsti <kmarohn@mpr.org>
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 11, 2018 11:06 AM
**To:** Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Press Inquiry about Wetlands

OK, thank you. Can you direct me to where the information will be posted once it's released?

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**From:** Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 11, 2018 10:04 AM
**To:** Marohn, Kirsti <kmarohn@mpr.org>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Press Inquiry about Wetlands

Hi Kristi—

On background, there was no fact sheet shared with press. Reporters ignored an embargo and obtained embargoed information on their own.

Best,

Tricia

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**From:** Marohn, Kirsti <kmarohn@mpr.org>
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 11, 2018 10:44 AM
**To:** Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Press Inquiry about Wetlands

Hi Tricia,
I'm writing about the WOTUS rule today for MPR News. I understand the EPA released a fact sheet about it to the media. Can I get a copy of that? Also, can you let me know when the rule will be released, and where I can find it?

Thanks,

Kirsti Marohn

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 10/10/2018 9:14:42 PM
**To:** Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
**Subject:** Subject: Julie Foudy ESPN

Good afternoon Ms. Foudy,

For attribution to U.S. EPA, please:

The draft report on the ***Federal Research Action Plan on Recycled Tire Crumb Used on Playing Fields and Playgrounds*** was sent for external peer-review in May 2018. EPA and CDC continue to address peer review comments. We will release the report for public review once technical review comments are addressed. The report will be finalized after the public comments are reviewed.

For more information: https://www.epa.gov/chemical-research/federal-research-recycled-tire-crumb-used-playing-fields

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**From:** Julie Foudy Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
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**Cc:** Max Brodsky <Max.Brodsky@espn.com>
**Subject: Julie Foudy ESPN**

Hi Jennifer,
My name is Julie Foudy and I work with ESPN. Gina McCarthy told a colleague that you would be the best person to talk to on the subject of Crumb Rubber and Turf Fields. We did a story at ESPN a few years back on turf fields and I am just hoping to get an update on the EPA/CDC study, etc. Copying my producer Max Brodsky here as well. Let us know a good time to talk and thank you in advance!
Best,

Message

**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 9/26/2019 6:33:48 PM
**To:** Nikitha Sattiraju [nikitha_sattiraju@cannabiswire.com]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** RE: Subject: Media Inquiry

Nikitha, for attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson," please:

1.) **Has the EPA received a lot of public comments on hemp pesticides?**

A tally of the comments received by EPA can be seen in the hemp docket at www.regulations.gov, docket number EPA-HQ-OPP-2019-0369. Thus far, 32 comments have been made.

2.) **As the comment period is closing today, what are the next steps for EPA on rule-making regarding hemp pesticides? Does the Agency have a more concrete timeline for when it might make a decision on the pesticides, say before Thanksgiving?**

EPA will next review the comments submitted. We anticipate coming to a regulatory decision on each of the actions by the end of 2019.

**3.) Have lawmakers been in touch with EPA to provide clarity on pesticides as soon as possible?**

EPA met with the United States Senate Committee on Agricultural, Nutrition, and Forestry on July 25, 2019, to discuss hemp production. See the full committee hearing at www.agriculture.senate.gov/hearings/hemp-production-and-the-2018-farm-bill.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Nikitha Sattiraju <nikitha_sattiraju@cannabiswire.com>
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 25, 2019 6:15 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Subject: Media Inquiry

We can wait till Friday, Robert, thank you so much.

On Wed, Sep 25, 2019 at 3:15 PM Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

> Hi Nikitha, I've asked the relevant folks if we could get you something by COB today. They said they'll try, but cautioned that Friday is rather more likely at this stage. Let me know if that still works for your purposes.

Cheers, R.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 25, 2019 10:04 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Subject: Media Inquiry

Good morning Robert,

Just following up on this.

On Mon, Sep 23, 2019 at 1:39 PM Nikitha Sattiraju <nikitha_sattiraju@cannabiswire.com> wrote:

> Could you let me know about Wednesday and then I'll talk to my editors about getting it pushed in case it doesn't work out? Thanks!

On Mon, Sep 23, 2019 at 1:38 PM Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

> Let me check on Wednesday. If that doesn't work, would you still accept a response by Friday?
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> Cheers, R.
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**Sent:** Monday, September 23, 2019 1:37 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Subject: Media Inquiry

Hi Robert,

Thank you for getting back to me! Yes, absolutely, we can wait. But would it be possible to get a response by Wednesday EOD? Looking forward.

On Mon, Sep 23, 2019 at 1:30 PM Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

> Good afternoon and thanks, Nikitha,
>
> Happy to work on these questions for you. Judging from your message, it doesn't sound as though you're on urgent deadline? Would you mind our trying to get you responses by, say, the end of the week?
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> Cheers, R.
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**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Subject: Media Inquiry

Hi Robert,

Thank you for your response. And I apologize for my delay in getting back to you. I had a couple of follow-up questions:

1.) Has the EPA received a lot of public comments on hemp pesticides?

2.) As the comment period is closing today, what are the next steps for EPA on rule-making regarding hemp pesticides? Does the Agency have a more concrete timeline for when it might make a decision on the pesticides, say before Thanksgiving?

3.) Have lawmakers been in touch with EPA to provide clarity on pesticides as soon as possible?

Looking forward to hearing from you!

On Wed, Sep 18, 2019 at 11:58 AM Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

> Also, I take it you've seen our release from last month?
>
> https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-seeks-public-comment-pesticide-applications-hemp
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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 18, 2019 11:44 AM
**To:** nikitha_sattiraju@cannabiswire.com
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Subject: Media Inquiry

Good morning,

Thanks for reaching out. Are you on deadline, and writing a story, or just keeping abreast of developments?

Cheers, R.

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**Resent-From:** <Press@epa.gov>
**From:** Nikitha Sattiraju <nikitha_sattiraju@cannabiswire.com>
**Date:** September 18, 2019 at 10:57:51 AM EDT
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject: Media Inquiry**

Hello,

I was wondering what progress the EPA has made on rule-making related to hemp pesticides since the end of July and if there is an estimated timeline for when the Agency plans to release the rules.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

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Thanks & Regards,

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**To**: Rowan, Anne [rowan.anne@epa.gov]
**CC**: Lippert, Allison [lippert.allison@epa.gov]; Kelley, Jeff [kelley.jeff@epa.gov]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: Press Inquiry about Wetlands

Hi Anne—

FYI, I just sent the following to the reporter.

Thanks!

--Tricia

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**Sent:** Tuesday, December 11, 2018 11:04 AM
**To:** Marohn, Kirsti <kmarohn@mpr.org>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Press Inquiry about Wetlands

Hi Kristi—

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 10/10/2018 2:23:10 PM
**To:** Will Beverina [Will@lubesngreases.com]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** RE: WILL: Chlorinated Paraffins

Good morning Will,

On background – i.e. for attribution to EPA, please:

**1. Phone inquiry – general comments requested on the ongoing regulation of chlorinated paraffins.**

On August 17, 2018, EPA published concurrent direct final and proposed Significant New Use Rules (SNURs) on certain CPs (in addition to other chemicals) that were submitted as Premanufacture Notices (PMNs) under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Because EPA received adverse comment on these CP SNURs, it is therefore withdrawing those specific direct final SNURs that the adverse comments pertain to and will address the adverse public comments within a subsequent final rule.

These CPs are:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | P-12-0277 | Alkanes, $C_{20-28}$, chloro | 2097144-43-7 |
| 2 | P-12-0278 | Slack wax (petroleum), chloro | 2097144-44-8 |
| 3 | P-12-0280 | Hexacosane, chloro derivs; Octacosane, chloro derivs | 2097144-46-0 and 2097144-47-1 |
| 4 | P-12-0281 | Alkanes, $C_{20-24}$, chloro | 2097144-45-9 |
| 5 | P-12-0282 and P-14-0684 | Alkanes, C14-16, chloro | 1372804-76-6 |
| 6 | P-12-0283 and P-14-0683 | Tetradecane, chloro derivs | 198840-65-2 |
| 7 | P-12-0284 | Octadecane, chloro derivs | 2097144-48-2 |
| 8 | P-12-0433 | Alkanes, C18-20, chloro | 106262-85-3 |
| 9 | P-12-0453 | Alkanes, $C_{14-17}$, chloro | 85535-85-9 |
| 10 | P-12-0505 | Alkanes, C22-30, chloro | 288260-42-4 |

**2 and 3: What is the EPA's reasoning for classifying medium- and long-chain chlorinated paraffins as new use substances? I've talked to several people within the chlorinated paraffin industry and they seem both critical of these proposed rules and confused at the timing of them. Why now when companies are already a year into a program where they're manufacturing CPs and submitting testing on them?**

EPA published the concurrent direct and proposed SNURs to ensure that all companies take the same measures to protect the public. After review of PMNs submitted by Dover Chemical, Qualice, and INEOS Chlor Americas companies, in 2017 EPA issued TSCA Section 5(e) Consent Orders to these companies to require protective measures limiting exposures or otherwise mitigate the potential unreasonable risk. (EPA had required Dover and INEOS companies to submit PMNs for all chlorinated paraffins domestically produced or imported as a result of enforcement actions in 2012: Dover Chemical and INEOS Chlor Americas)

The batch SNURs published August 17, 2018 cover the same substances and match the terms of the 2017 TSCA section 5(e) Consent Orders. When EPA issues a Consent Order it is only binding on the original PMN submitter(s) for that substance. Therefore, EPA generally promulgates a SNUR that requires notice to EPA of any manufacturer or processor who wishes to manufacture or process the chemical in a way other than described in the terms and the conditions contained in the Order. The SNURs identify as significant new uses any manufacturing, processing, use, distribution in commerce, or disposal that does not conform to the restrictions imposed by the underlying Orders.

Cheers, R.

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**Sent:** Thursday, September 27, 2018 10:14 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: WILL: Chlorinated Paraffins

Hey Robert,

Could we get those comments? Also is there a timeline for when the EPA will make a decision on the course of action it will take after considering all comments submitted by organizations? And is there a way we could be notified when a decision happens?

Thank you,
Will

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 18, 2018 4:38 PM
**To:** Will Beverina <Will@lubesngreases.com>
**Subject:** RE: WILL: Chlorinated Paraffins

Will, a quick update: I just spoke to the program folks, and it just doesn't look as though we'll be getting back to you by 5 PM.

Any chance you could update your story with a response tomorrow?

Cheers, R.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, September 18, 2018 2:36 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: WILL: Chlorinated Paraffins

Robert,

5 p.m. today is the absolute latest I could receive these.

Regards,
Will

**From:** Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 18, 2018 2:34 PM
**To:** Will Beverina <Will@lubesngreases.com>
**Subject:** RE: WILL: Chlorinated Paraffins

Thanks, Will. That might prove a little tight, to be perfectly honest. Any way you could use a response by COB today, or even tomorrow morning?

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Will Beverina [mailto:Will@lubesngreases.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 18, 2018 2:29 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: WILL: Chlorinated Paraffins

Robert,

I appreciate the response.

I have become more aware of the situation and have some more specific questions to ask if your office would be able to answer them.

1 What is the EPA's reasoning for classifying medium- and long-chain chlorinated paraffins as new use substances?

2 I've talked to several people within the chlorinated paraffin industry and they seem both critical of these proposed rules and confused at the timing of them. Why now when companies are already a year into a program where they're manufacturing CPs and submitting testing on them?

My deadline is today by 3:30 p.m. EST.

Thank you in advance.

Regards,
Will

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 18, 2018 2:15 PM
**To:** Will Beverina <Will@lubesngreases.com>
**Subject:** WILL: Chlorinated Paraffins

Dear Mr. Beverina (Will, if I may and please, call me Robert),

A quick word to let you know my colleagues from the toxic chemicals program are working on a response to your question.

Thanks in advance for sharing your deadline.

Cheers, R.

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Mr. Frithsen and Mr. Tietge,

My name is Will Beverina from Lube Report, a series of online publications covering the lubricants industry, among other things.

I'm looking into ongoing regulations regarding chlorinated paraffins and was told that the EPA will be possibly issuing a direct final ruling on CPs on Monday. I can't quite remember what I was told and I don't know if this is the correct department to find this information, but I figured I'd get in touch with you and see if you can confirm that the EPA will be releasing anything on CPs on Monday.

Thank you,
Will

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Message

**From:** Daniel Ross [dross1@gm.slc.edu]
**Sent:** 2/22/2019 9:42:10 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Re: Financial assurance

Hi Robert --

Thanks for getting back to me with that info. I've follow up questions:

In this document (pages 88-97):

https://www.hwmpenvirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/site_documents/5122174918/DRAFT%202007%20PC%20Permit_Montezuma.pdf

...the figures shown support the findings in the Audit:

But the figures shown in this recent Independent Review Panel report(done for California's DTSC):

https://www.dtsc.ca.gov/GetInvolved/ReviewPanel/upload/DTSC-Additional-Information-on-Financial-Assurances-for-Corrective-Action-at-Permitted-Hazardous-Waste-Facilities-June-7-2916.pdf

...don't match (and still appear to show insufficient financial assurance coverage at the facilities listed in the EPA audit).

Please can you give me the most current data you have on file in terms of both cost estimates and the documented financial assurances for the following facilities:

IT Corp Benson Ridge:
IT Corp Montezuma:
IT Corp Vine Hill:
IT Corp Panoche:

I'd really appreciate this info early next week, if possible. If the data quality improvement initiative has worked, I think that should be pretty quick and easy to find.

Cheers,

Dan

On Fri, Feb 22, 2019 at 1:14 PM Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

> Dan, on background, please:
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> "The contents of the Excel spreadsheet are not audit findings. The spreadsheet contains data discrepancies which were provided to assist in updating and correcting the data. The figures contained in the spreadsheet are not actual financial assurance deficiencies and should not be represented as such. The data quality improvement initiative is one of the appropriate efforts to maintain financial assurance data in RCRAInfo described in EPA's response (https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-06/documents/_epaoig_16-p-0126_agency_response-memo-oeca-and-olem.pdf) to the OIG's Management Alert. "

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On Feb 21, 2019, at 5:54 PM, Daniel Ross <dross1@gm.slc.edu> wrote:

Great - thanks Robert.

So, just so I understand, and explain accurately in the story: the audit findings in that Excel spreadsheet came about as a result of this OIG investigation?

Cheers,

Dan

On Thu, Feb 21, 2019 at 6:31 AM Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Good morning Dan,

For attribution to U.S. EPA, please:

The effort to improve financial assurance data quality was prompted by an Office of Inspector General report (report located online at: https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-03/documents/20160331-16-p-0126.pdf ) issued in 2016.

EPA's public response to that report can be read online at: https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-06/documents/_epaoig_16-p-0126_agency_response-memo-oeca-and-olem.pdf

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 19, 2019 1:57 PM
**To:** Daniel Ross <dross1@gm.slc.edu>
**Subject:** RE: Financial assurance

Hullo Dan,

We're following up on this for you. I hope to have a response for you soon. When are you planning to publish?

Cheers, R.

Robert Daguillard

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**From:** Daniel Ross <dross1@gm.slc.edu>
**Sent:** Friday, February 15, 2019 7:27 PM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Financial assurance

Hi --

I understand that Tricia no longer works at the communications office. And so, I'm just following up on my earlier questions. Tricia mentioned the answers would be ready today?

Cheers,

Dan

On Wed, Feb 13, 2019 at 7:43 AM Daniel Ross <dross1@gm.slc.edu> wrote:

Thanks Tricia -- big help. Thanks.

Just to make sure, when you say they're planning to have responses for all by the end of the week, you mean both the old questions and the new set, right?

Dan

On Wed, Feb 13, 2019 at 7:40 AM Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Dan—

I did receive the additional questions and passed them on. At this point they're planning on responding in writing, though I don't think they'd gotten to the additional questions yet, so that could change. As far as I'm aware, they're planning to have responses for all by the end of the week.

Hope this helps!

--Tricia

**From:** Daniel Ross <dross1@gm.slc.edu>
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 13, 2019 10:38 AM
**To:** Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Financial assurance

Hi Tricia --

Apologies for pestering - just wanted to make sure you received the extra questions sent yesterday. Was also wondering the likelihood of getting answers back by the end of the week - or the likelihood of chatting with someone in person. Would be so much easier to do the latter (if possible).

Cheers,

Dan

On Tue, Feb 12, 2019 at 1:27 PM Daniel Ross <dross1@gm.slc.edu> wrote:

Hi Tricia --

Ok, so, here are the other questions I have, related to the audit (as you can see, due to their granularity, might be easier to chat with someone in person). Ideally, I'd love an answer to these questions, along with the others, by the end of the week:

- Are there similar such audits for all other states (or EPA regions)?

- Did the EPA make any recommendations to the DTSC in regards the audit findings?

In regards the Excel spreadsheet (of the audit):

For the tab labeled "Report Information."

- What differentiates the 264 total facilities from the 120 facilities that require financial assurance (FA)?

- Why would a cost estimate be performed on a facility that wouldn't require FA?

For the tab labeled "Insufficient FA."

- What is meant specifically by "face value amount"?

- I've calculated that, of these 6 facilities, there's insufficient FA amounting to $36,403,928. Is that correct?

- And therefore, would it be accurate to say that there is a "short-fall" of more than $36 million, at least, in the amount of FA required at California's hazardous waste facilities?

- If so, what are the potential consequences from that? Will the taxpayer potentially be liable for making up that difference?

- Why is the face value amount, in these cases, lower than the cost estimate?

For the tab "Facilities that Require Financial Assurance but do not have Cost Estimates"

- These 20 facilities are evidently ones that require FA. Why haven't cost estimates been performed?

- What are the potential consequences from these facilities lacking cost estimates and FA?

- Because these facilities haven't had cost estimates performed (and therefore, don't have FA's on file), will the insufficient FA amount potentially be larger than the $36 million plus figure, and possibly much larger?

For the tab "FA Mechanism Expired"

- What are the potential risks from an expired FA mechanism?

Sincerely,

Dan

On Tue, Feb 12, 2019 at 11:35 AM Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov> wrote:

Sounds good. I'll look for your email.

Thanks,

Tricia

**From:** Daniel Ross <dross1@gm.slc.edu>
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 12, 2019 2:33 PM
**To:** Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Financial assurance

Kind of sort of. It would certainly help.

But, you know what, I'll actually frame some of the follow up questions today, and send a little later. I'm running a bit tight on time, and really want to dig into this audit properly, so, probably best to have as much to you as soon as possible.

Dan

On Tue, Feb 12, 2019 at 11:21 AM Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks for asking, Dan. I'll check with them about the possibility of an interview, though we'd need your (follow-up) questions in order to determine whether an interview is best. I assume you can't provide them until you've received the response to your first set of questions. Is that correct?

Thanks again,

Tricia

**From:** Daniel Ross <dross1@gm.slc.edu>
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 12, 2019 1:43 PM
**To:** Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Financial assurance

Hi Tricia --

In regards to possibly speaking with someone, should I contact the Land & Emergency Management office directly?

Dan

On Tue, Feb 12, 2019 at 7:26 AM Daniel Ross <dross1@gm.slc.edu> wrote:

Hi Tricia --

Thanks for getting back to me. Appreciated.

And yes, I am very much in need of the answers. Ideally, by the end of the week, if possible.

I'll also have follow up questions, digging into the information included in the audit, to make sure I've interpreted the data correctly. Do you think it would be possible to chat with someone directly? If so, could that be arranged before the 20th of this month?

Thanks

Dan

On Tue, Feb 12, 2019 at 6:16 AM Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Dan—

I've received your inquiry, below, and am planning to work with our Land & Emergency Management office to try to get answers for you if you still need them. Can you please let me know if you're still looking for the information and, if so, what your new deadline is?

Thanks so much,

Tricia

Tricia Lynn

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**From:** Daniel Ross [mailto:dross1@gm.slc.edu]
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 05, 2019 10:57 AM
**To:** Edmondson, Russ@DTSC <Russ.Edmondson@dtsc.ca.gov>
**Subject:** Financial assurance

Hi Russ --

This is Dan Ross, a reporter with Capital & Main. Hope this finds you well.

I'm working on a story looking at financial assurance. In my research, I've been provided with the attached Excel spreadsheet, broadly detailing a number of hazardous waste facilities where their financial assurance is found lacking. I was wondering:

- Why was the audit conducted? And who conducted it?

- Is this the most up-to-date such audit of hazardous waste facilities and their financial assurance situation? If there's one more current, can I see it?

- Is this audit complete? Is there information missing from it?

- Will another such audit be conducted in the future?

If possible, could I have this information by the end of this week?

Sincerely,

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Message

**From:** Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 12/17/2018 11:39:32 PM
**To:** Kruesi, Kimberlee [KKruesi@ap.org]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Re: Media event tomorrow

Thanks for RSVP'ing.

Please arrive at the Wilson County Exposition Center before 10:00 am ct for the event.

John Konkus will be your POC on the ground. He can be reached at Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

John Konkus
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On Dec 17, 2018, at 5:37 PM, Kruesi, Kimberlee <KKruesi@ap.org> wrote:

> Hello,
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> Kim Kruesi here with AP in Nashville. I'll be attending the media event in Lebanon tomorrow. Thanks.
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> Sent from my iPhone
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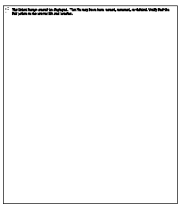
**From**: Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis [dr.bchavis@nnpa.org]
**Sent**: 12/6/2018 3:49:44 PM
**To**: Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: National Newspaper Publishers Association will attend and cover the EPA media event today at 1:30 PM
**Attachments**: ATT00001.txt

Thank you Molly.
I will be there.
Sincerely,
Benjamin Chavis



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**From:** Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Thursday, December 6, 2018 10:48 AM
**To:** Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis <dr.bchavis@nnpa.org>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: National Newspaper Publishers Association will attend and cover the EPA media event today at 1:30 PM

Please arrive at the William Jefferson Clinton south entrance around 1:00 pm.

Feel free to give me a call when you get here Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Molly

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**From:** Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis <dr.bchavis@nnpa.org>
**Sent:** Thursday, December 6, 2018 10:46 AM

**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** National Newspaper Publishers Association will attend and cover the EPA media event today at 1:30 PM

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Message

**From:** Julie Halpert Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
**Sent:** 10/9/2018 4:04:37 PM
**To:** Birgfeld, Erin [Birgfeld.Erin@epa.gov]; Haugen, David [haugen.david@epa.gov]; Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]; Fowlkes, Sarah [fowlkes.sarah@epa.gov]
**Subject:** RE: Thank you!

Erin:
I'm sure the thumb drive info was useful. I'll circle back if there's any follow up.
Thanks again.
Julie

On October 9, 2018 at 11:59 AM "Birgfeld, Erin" <Birgfeld.Erin@epa.gov> wrote:

Dear Julie,

Thank you for making the NVFEL a part of your tour for your journalists. We really appreciated the opportunity to show it off and to get the word out about the important work we do.

I hope the photos and information provided on the thumb drives were useful. Please do let us know if you need any follow up from us.

Thanks again and I hope that the rest of the conference went well.

Sincerely,
Erin Birgfeld

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**From:** Julie Halpert [mailto Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
**Sent:** Thursday, October 04, 2018 8:30 PM
**To:** Haugen, David <haugen.david@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Fowlkes, Sarah <fowlkes.sarah@epa.gov>; Birgfeld, Erin <Birgfeld.Erin@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Thank you!

Dave, Molly, Sarah and Erin:

I can't thank you enough for accommodating such a big group of journalists at the EPA and providing such a wonderful tour. I realize the situation was complicated with the "not for attribution" during the tour. Even though we made the guidelines clear in printed materials prior to the tour, there was a misunderstanding, with some journalists thinking

the EPA tour would be entirely off the record. It's SEJ's policy not to allow that, since journalists are interested in coming back with stories and people they can quote in those stories. And SEJ is focused on pressing for full disclosure of information at a government agency. Agreeing to keep the EPA session on background was never a problem for the student journalists I took on the tour, since they weren't going to be writing any articles for publication. But the journalists were pleased when they found out they could use the audio, take photos and ask questions in an on-the-record session. Dave, I hope you weren't offended by my requesting that you shorten your presentation. The quandary we were in was that if you took up more time and the journalists spent time asking you questions, they couldn't quote you in the information you gave. So I thought it more appropriate for them to save most of their questions for a longer on-the-record session, where they could quote the source of the information they received. Having said that, I'm a bit unclear why you didn't want to be quoted by name. The information you provided wasn't at all controversial; it was more of a straightforward discussion of what the lab does and how the test procedures work. It was very informative.

After we returned, several participants told me how much they appreciated the chance to get a glimpse of the EPA. They really seemed to enjoy the tour. And I had never seen the last part previously, with the giant truck. Sarah, it would be great if that could be part of our class tour. The students would clearly be wowed by that visual.

I greatly appreciate how much time and effort you all put into this tour and I believe it was a highlight of our conference.

Thanks so much again.

Julie

---------- Original Message ----------
From: "Birgfeld, Erin" <Birgfeld.Erin@epa.gov>
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Cc: "Brusstar, Matt" <brusstar.matt@epa.gov>, "Haugen, David" <haugen.david@epa.gov>, "Block, Molly" <block.molly@epa.gov>, "Mylan, Christopher" <Mylan.Christopher@epa.gov>, "Fowlkes, Sarah" <fowlkes.sarah@epa.gov>
Date: September 14, 2018 at 8:01 AM
Subject: SEJ tour Logistics and Detail for Oct. 4

Dear Julie,

Thanks for a good meeting yesterday. I spoke with our security folks and they are recommending that the bus does go to the Lab entrance on Plymouth road. As long as we have a list of attendees one week in advance they will be able to check IDs of everyone while they are on the bus, and then they won't have to check IDs again once they are on the inside.

Below is a list of everything that we have discussed to date so we have it in one place.

Please send me your cell number so we can me in contact on the day of the event in case we need to coordinate. Mine is at the bottom of this email.

Let me know if I've missed anything. We are looking forward to hosting you.

Best regards,

Erin

**Security and Logistics**

- To streamline security we will need to have a full list of attendees by Sept. 27 (one week ahead of the tour). You can send this list to me and I'll coordinate with security.
- ***International visitors must provide all the required information to EPA by Sept. 20 (two weeks before the tour).*** EPA will send this information to the Department of Homeland Security for screening. Please send the completed spreadsheet with international participants' information to me by Sept. 20th. I've re-attached the spreadsheet for easy reference.

- The bus should go to the NVFEL lab entrance at 2565 Plymouth Road. Security will check IDs while the participants are on the bus. Visitors will not need to show their IDs again when they enter the building.
- Everyone on the tour must be signed up and must bring a government issued ID such as a drivers' license or passport. ***Note that the bus driver will also need his or her ID to get through the check point – this has been a problem in the past!***
- International visitors must bring their passport as ID.
- Attendees who don't have the required ID will, unfortunately, be denied entry.
- Upon entry to the building everyone must go through a security check which includes going through a magnetometer and a bag screening. ***To save time, please encourage people to travel light and leave bags on the bus!***
- No weapons are allowed in the facility, and that includes pocket knives.

**Photos and Audio Recordings**

- EPA will provide stock photos of key attributes of the laboratory including the emission test cells, Portable Emissions Monitors, and the Heavy Duty Dynamometers. [Julie – let's talk what is the best way to provide this? These will be large files…]

- In general, photography is prohibited in the lab to protect potential confidential information. However, the tour leader will point out a few places where photographs can be taken.

- Unfortunately, we won't be able to allow audio recording in the lab for this tour.

**Other Ground Rules**

- Dr. David Haugen is the Director of the Laboratory will be giving the tour. Everything that he says can be used on background in the reporters stories.

- At the end of the tour Byron Bunker, Director of the Compliance Division will be available for about 20 minutes to answer questions on the record and for attribution.

**Agenda and Timing**

- 2:15/2:30 pm Bus Arrives

- 2:30 pm - 2:45 pm Attendees go through security

- 2:45 pm – 3:45/4:00 pm Lab tour

**Lab Tour Overview**

- Brief (5-7 min) stand-up overview of NVFEL, including history of the lab and the scope of our testing mission. Include a bit of history on the CAFÉ standards over time.

- Car\SUV\pick-up vehicle testing area: learn how cars are emissions & fuel economy tested and how the test results impact the environment and the auto industry (this show and tell includes both advance tech cars on display and vehicles being testing on chassis dynos, cold & hot). Attendees will learn about:
    - How emissions and fuel economy testing is performed, changes we've made to car\SUV testing post VW and why.
    - How changes in car technology, both recent (EVs, hybrids, advanced techs) and around-the-corner (advanced safety systems, autonomous vehicles, shared mobility) could affect the environment.
    - Our testing preparations for these future cars - less laboratory-centric, adding real-world operations - to keep pace with future transportation.

- Heavy-duty truck emissions testing, how it is changing, and why emissions from on-highway trucks and buses increasingly matter.
    - This will include a "behind the curtain" look at our unique\really big heavy duty dynamometer and other heavy duty testing equipment.

**Contact Information**

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Message

**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 12/17/2018 10:15:08 PM
**To:** Jeff Plungis [jeff.plungis@consumer.org]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** RE: Questions from Consumer Reports -- Infiniti fuel economy

Hullo Jeff,

We're very close to a response, but will likely get there tomorrow. Would that work for you?

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Jeff Plungis <jeff.plungis@consumer.org>
**Sent:** Friday, December 14, 2018 5:01 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Questions from Consumer Reports -- Infiniti fuel economy

Thanks, Robert. Please keep me posted after you have the chance to check in with your people on Monday. --JP

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On Fri, Dec 14, 2018 at 4:43 PM Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

> Jeff, thanks for your follow-ups. I'm happy to forward your questions to the vehicle test folks. This said, and since we're quite close to the end of the business day, I don't know how much we'll get done this evening. We'll definitely give Monday, end of business, a shot, but any flexibility – i.e., chance you might push that deadline back a bit – would be most welcome. Thanks in advance.
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> Cheers, R.
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**From:** Jeff Plungis <jeff.plungis@consumer.org>
**Sent:** Friday, December 14, 2018 4:20 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Questions from Consumer Reports -- Infiniti fuel economy

Robert:

We're now looking at publishing the story about the Infiniti QX50 early next week.

In our final edits on the piece, we wanted to be very clear about what happened with the EPA audit on this vehicle. I asked under what circumstances the agency would do a coast-down audit, since in your answer to us you noted the agency had done a chassis test but not the coast-down test. It doesn't appear you answered that question, even though you did spell out in detail the differences between the two tests.

Just to be clear, could you answer these questions:

--Why did EPA do a chassis test and not also a coast-down test for the QX50?

--Isn't it true that the mileage restatements by Ford in 2013 and 2014, and the fines levied on Hyundai and Kia in 2014 occurred after errors in coast-down testing?

--Didn't the EPA vow after these cases to do more coast-down testing and release the results to the public?

--Can you characterize how many of the models tested each year by EPA are chassis tests versus coast-down tests?

Please provide whatever answers you can by close of business Monday, Dec. 17.

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On Mon, Dec 3, 2018 at 4:15 PM Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Jeff,

Still on background, please:

--When you say EPA audits 15-20 percent of the test vehicles each manufacturer makes available to the agency, do you mean approximately 15-20 percent of models sold in the U.S. each year? Or is the agency only auditing the result s for new models or those that have been significantly redesigned? In other words, if a model is little changed from the previous model year, does the agency see a need to test it?

**EPA conducts its own testing on 15-20 percent of models per year. Typically we do more testing on newly designed models since they are truly new. However, we take a variety of information into account when we make decisions about the vehicles we audit, and we do not just audit newly redesigned vehicles.**

--A 2014 fact sheet from EPA estimates the agency has audited around 150-200 models a year. Is that still an accurate estimate?

**It is an accurate number for 2014.**

--You say with regards to the QX50, EPA did a chassis test but not a coast-down audit. Can you explain the difference? Under what circumstances does the agency conduct a coast-down audit?

**A *chassis test* measures tailpipe emissions as a car is driven through a prescribed driving cycle on a chassis dynamometer. For the emissions measurements to be accurate, the dynamometer must be loaded to simulate the forces the car would experience if it were being driven outside on a road. Thus before a vehicle undergoes a chassis test, the dynameter settings are adjusted to account for the effect of real-world factors such as road friction on that vehicle. A *coast down test* is used to quantify those forces for any given vehicle. It basically measures how long it takes to go from 70 mph to 10 mph on an open road with very little wind. The result of coast down testing is an essential input into the dynamometer testing (aka chassis test) that is done in the laboratory. If the coast down testing is off, then the results**

**of chassis testing can also be off, particularly for fuel economy and greenhouse gas emissions labeling. Thus, we audit manufacturer road load as well as chassis testing results as well as manufacturer chassis testing results.**

Cheers, R.

Robert Daguillard

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**From:** Jeff Plungis <jeff.plungis@consumer.org>
**Sent:** Friday, November 30, 2018 10:14 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Questions from Consumer Reports -- Infiniti fuel economy

It's for the original story, now in editing.

On Fri, Nov 30, 2018 at 10:09 AM Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

> Good morning Jeff and thanks for reaching out,
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> Let me get this started for you. Are you still working on the story for which you originally got in touch? Or is this a follow-up piece?
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> Cheers, R.
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> Robert:
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> A couple of follow-up questions:

--When you say EPA audits 15-20 percent of the test vehicles each manufacturer makes available to the agency, do you mean approximately 15-20 percent of models sold in the U.S. each year? Or is the agency only auditing the results for new models or those that have been significantly redesigned? In other words, if a model is little changed from the previous model year, does the agency see a need to test it?

--A 2014 fact sheet from EPA estimates the agency has audited around 150-200 models a year. Is that still an accurate estimate?

--You say with regards to the QX50, EPA did a chassis test but not a coast-down audit. Can you explain the difference? Under what circumstances does the agency conduct a coast-down audit?

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On Wed, Nov 21, 2018 at 11:51 AM Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Good morning Jeff,

On background – i.e., for attribution to U.S. EPA, please:

-- Has EPA audited Infiniti's self-reported mpg values for the QX50? Is there any discrepancy between EPA's test results and those of the company?

**EPA did conduct a chassis test of the Infiniti QX50 but did not conduct a coast down audit. The Agency's testing did observe a more than 15% difference between testing in standard mode and sport mode. The vehicle FE label is based on operation in standard mode.**

-- Infiniti is promoting the QX50 as having best-in-class fuel economy, while our tests show it is among the worst-in-class. What's the agency's reaction to our results?

**EPA takes seriously reported discrepancies in fuel economy estimates and appreciates CR raising this to our attention. We cannot comment specifically on the discrepancy CR has found here without first knowing more about CR's testing and further investigation.**

-- What percentage of self-reported vehicle mileage estimates are audited by the EPA? What happens if there is a discrepancy? How often do the agency's audits result in a change in the automakers' self-reported estimates?

**We audit 15-20% of the test vehicles manufacturers are required to make available to EPA. Where EPA conducts an audit, the EPA test results become the official results for the vehicle. The majority of EPA's fuel economy test results are within 3% of the manufacturer submissions. If a single manufacturer routinely has results that differ by more than 3%, we increase the audit rate of vehicles from that specific manufacturer.**

-- This testing anomaly, along with the recent history involving Ford, Hyundai and Kia, raises concerns about the system that allows manufacturers to self-report their test results with only a small number of models being audited by EPA. Has the agency considered auditing more models to ensure consumers have confidence in the values that appear on window stickers in the showroom?

**EPA shifts our oversight testing resources between a wide range of oversight responsibilities based on our assessment of likely noncompliance risk and in a manner that may be unpredictable to manufacturers. This includes not only passenger car fuel economy testing audits but also passenger car and heavy-truck defeat device testing and a wide range of engine testing of nonroad equipment. If we see a greater risk of fuel economy discrepancies we may shift resources among these testing programs.**

Happy Thanksgiving.

Cheers, R.

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**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Questions from Consumer Reports -- Infiniti fuel economy

Robert:

Consumer Reports conducts regular fuel-economy tests as part of its overall evaluation of every vehicle we purchase. As part of our evaluation of the Infiniti QX50, we have found a sizable discrepancy between our testing and the EPA results.

Our on-road testing has two parts. On the highway, we drive at a steady 65 mph, which generally results in a higher mileage value than the EPA's highway test. At our test track, we conduct a course of simulated city driving which typically results in a lower value than the EPA's. We have strict controls on ambient conditions and correct for any difference in temperature. Nearly two-thirds of the vehicles we test get within 1 mpg of their EPA window-sticker values. More than 85 percent are within 2 mpg.

In our on-road testing, we recorded 22 mpg overall in our AWD QX50 test vehicle which is 4 mpg below the EPA estimate of 26 mpg. The 4 mpg gap represents over a 15 percent shortfall of the advertised EPA number, the largest percent deficit we have seen in recent years.

Our findings on Infiniti come after other fuel-economy reporting errors that have led to restatements, customer refunds and civil penalties. In 2013, after Consumer Reports found large differences in real-world performance and EPA estimates, Ford restated mileage for several hybrid models and offered customers a rebate to compensate for unexpected fuel costs. In 2014, Hyundai and Kia agreed to pay a $100 million fine for overstating mileage on 12 different models.

Here are some questions for the EPA. To be included in our story, we need your responses by no later than Wednesday, Nov. 21 at 5 p.m. If for any reason you need more time for a complete response, please let me know as soon as possible.

-- Has EPA audited Infiniti's self-reported mpg values for the QX50? Is there any discrepancy between EPA's test results and those of the company?

-- Infiniti is promoting the QX50 as having best-in-class fuel economy, while our tests show it is among the worst-in-class. What's the agency's reaction to our results?

-- What percentage of self-reported vehicle mileage estimates are audited by the EPA? What happens if there is a discrepancy? How often do the agency's audits result in a change in the automakers' self-reported estimates?

-- This testing anomaly, along with the recent history involving Ford, Hyundai and Kia, raises concerns about the system that allows manufacturers to self-report their test results with only a small number of models being audited by EPA. Has the agency considered auditing more models to ensure consumers have confidence in the values that appear on window stickers in the showroom?

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Message

**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 10/9/2018 3:45:48 PM
**To:** Munson, James [jmunson@correspondent.bloomberglaw.com]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** RE: EPA-Canada Chemical Risk Assessment

Good morning James. For attribution to U.S. EPA, please:

1. Why are N-methylpyrrolidone (NMP) and 1-bromopropane priorities for the agencies?

**For the U.S., NMP and 1-BP are priorities because they are two of the first 10 chemicals undergoing Risk Evaluation under the amended Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). See:** https://www.epa.gov/assessing-and-managing-chemicals-under-tsca/risk-evaluations-existing-chemicals-under-tsca#ten

2 Why is cooperation on N-methylpyrrolidone (NMP) and 1-bromopropane important?

**For the U.S., these chemicals are near-term priorities for risk evaluation. Cooperation on these substances is important as it provides opportunities to address substances of mutual concern as well as help access international scientific expertise, assessment tools, standards and risk assessment materials.**

3 Will one country's agencies adopt the risk assessment processes of the other in this process? If so, which parts of the process specifically?

**The cooperation may include staff interchanges, collaboration in face to face meetings, conference calls, new avenues of communication (e.g., Ad hoc or Specialized Groups) and a shared portal for information exchange. Read more** here.

4 Will one country's agencies share information on these two chemicals with the other? If so, which country will be providing the information?

**Both agencies will share information. This provides an opportunity to build on one another's work, conduct inter-agency peer review, as well as consult on various risk assessment approaches. The U.S. would share any/all information that is allowable under TSCA (given restrictions surrounding confidential business information).**

**Note: Much of the information the U.S. will be using in its Risk Evaluation is already been provided publicly. See:** https://www.epa.gov/assessing-and-managing-chemicals-under-tsca/risk-evaluation-n-methylpyrrolidone-nmp-0 and https://www.epa.gov/assessing-and-managing-chemicals-under-tsca/risk-evaluation-1-bromopropane-1-bp

5 Will the rolling work plan be affected by the Canadian environment minister's review of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999? Specifically, is any aspect of the rolling work plan or the Assessment Collaboration Framework waiting on the minister to complete her review and make any changes to CEPA, 1999?

**This is a question for Canada.**

6 When do you expect to complete risk assessments for N-methylpyrrolidone (NMP) and 1-bromopropane? Which industries do you expect to be consulted?

**U.S. EPA expects to publish DRAFT Risk Evaluations, as required by TSCA in late 2019. US EPA has already interacted with industry in developing Scope and Problem Formulation documents, which are steps in the risk evaluation process. For details, see these documents on our websites and/or in the Dockets. N-Methylpyrrolidone:** https://www.epa.gov/assessing-and-managing-chemicals-under-tsca/risk-evaluation-n-methylpyrrolidone-nmp-0 and https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=EPA-HQ-OPPT-2016-0743; **1-Bromopropane:** https://www.epa.gov/assessing-and-managing-chemicals-under-tsca/risk-evaluation-1-bromopropane-1-bp and https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=EPA-HQ-OPPT-2016-0741

7 How will Americans benefit from this cooperation between the agencies?

**The U.S. and Canada are committed to continue working together to deliver benefits to the public, industry and regulators while maintaining public protection, health, safety, security and the environment.**

Cheers, R.

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**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** EPA-Canada Chemical Risk Assessment

Hi Robert,

My name is James Munson and I am a correspondent with Bloomberg Environment.

I have several questions about the rolling work plan for the Assessment Collaboration Framework between the EPA, Environment and Climate Change Canada and Health Canada for chemical risk assessment.

Why are N-methylpyrrolidone (NMP) and 1-bromopropane priorities for the agencies?

Why is cooperation on N-methylpyrrolidone (NMP) and 1-bromopropane important?

Will one country's agencies adopt the risk assessment processes of the other in this process? If so, which parts of the process specifically?

Will one country's agencies share information on these two chemicals with the other? If so, which country will be providing the information?

Will the rolling work plan be affected by the Canadian environment minister's review of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999? Specifically, is any aspect of the rolling work plan or the Assessment Collaboration Framework waiting on the minister to complete her review and make any changes to CEPA, 1999?

When do you expect to complete risk assessments for N-methylpyrrolidone (NMP) and 1-bromopropane? Which industries do you expect to be consulted?

How will Americans benefit from this cooperation between the agencies?

Thank you. A response by 1PM tomorrow (Weds) would be greatly appreciated. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

James

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Message

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**Sent:** 10/29/2018 7:52:56 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Re: Fact-checking questions from PNAS about e-waste

Hi Robert,

Got it, thank you for getting back to me. I'll take a look at that link and let you know if I need to clarify anything further.

Best,
Roberta

On Fri, Oct 26, 2018, at 4:16 PM, Daguillard, Robert wrote:

> Roberta, on background – i.e., for attribution to U.S. EPA, please:
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> No, it is not correct. The generation of selected consumer electronics was 3.36 million tons in 2014, while in 2015 (our latest year of data), it decreased to 3.09 million tons. Please see Table 14 on page 16 of our 2015 Data Tables for more information: https://www.epa.gov/facts-and-figures-about-materials-waste-and-recycling/advancing-sustainable-materials-management
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> **From:** Roberta Kwok [mailto: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]
> **Sent:** Friday, October 26, 2018 2:58 PM
> **To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: Fact-checking questions from PNAS about e-waste
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> Hi Robert,
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> I think that's probably fine; I'll let you know if my editor sets an earlier deadline than that.
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> Thanks!
> Roberta
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> On Fri, Oct 26, 2018, at 2:55 PM, Daguillard, Robert wrote:
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> > Thanks, Roberta,
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> > Let's shoot for the end of next week, if that's all right?

Cheers, R.

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**Sent:** Friday, October 26, 2018 2:54 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Fact-checking questions from PNAS about e-waste

Dear Robert,

Thanks for your message. I don't have a firm deadline from my editor yet for getting in corrections. If someone is able to get back to me in the next few business days, that would probably be fine. Thanks!

Roberta

On Fri, Oct 26, 2018, at 2:53 PM, Daguillard, Robert wrote:

> Dear Ms. Kwok, (Roberta, if I may),
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> Happy to look into this for you. Are you on deadline? And when are you hoping to publish your story?
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> Thanks, R.
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> **From:** Roberta Kwok [mailto: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) ]
> **Sent:** Friday, October 26, 2018 2:48 PM
> **To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: Fact-checking questions from PNAS about e-waste
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> Hello,
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> I got an out-of-office message from Ms. Lynn. Would someone else at EPA be able to help with this fact-checking question (below)?
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> Best,
> Roberta

On Fri, Oct 26, 2018, at 2:47 PM, Roberta Kwok wrote:

Dear Ms. Lynn,

I am a freelance journalist based near Seattle. I am currently fact-checking an article about e-waste recycling for the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS)' news section, which will briefly mention information from the EPA report "Improved Information Could Better Enable EPA to Manage Electronic Waste and Enforce Regulations" (#13-P-0298).

I was wondering if I could confirm one fact with you: Is it correct that the amount of e-waste is growing faster than that of every other type of solid garbage in the United States?

You can find more information about my work, including previous articles I've written, at http://www.robertakwok.com.

Thank you for your help!

Best,
Roberta Kwok

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Message

**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 12/17/2018 2:35:20 PM
**To:** Bryce Gray [BGray@post-dispatch.com]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]; Carey, Curtis [Carey.Curtis@epa.gov]; Brees, Angela [Brees.Angela@epa.gov]
**Subject:** RE: Dicamba interview with the St. Louis Post-Dispatch?

Good morning Bryce,

On background – i.e., for attribution to U.S. EPA, please:

1) **I see <u>here</u> that negative effects to bees/pollinators are not anticipated by EPA, but some beekeepers have expressed confusion about why that determination was made while the agency's <u>lengthier</u> <u>reports</u> say that "potential direct risk concerns could not be excluded for" certain mammals, birds and terrestrial plants. Is anyone able to help clarify that?**

EPA's 2016 screening level risk assessments for the use of dicamba on dicamba-tolerant cotton and soybeans concluded that there is potential for direct effects on terrestrial invertebrates (including pollinators), but it is low. This conclusion was based on the available ecotoxicological data for honey bees (which are sometimes used as a surrogate for other insect pollinators). Based on available ecotoxicological data for these species, potential on-field risks exist for certain mammals, birds and terrestrial plants when dicamba is applied.

2) **Were potential threats to plants that provide bee forage taken into consideration as either a direct or indirect risk to pollinators?**

While the 2016 assessments acknowledge the potential that the use pattern may result in off-site exposure to non-target plants through volatility and that such exposure could indirectly affect organisms such as pollinators that rely on those plants, EPA believes that the use of dicamba is unlikely to result in indirect effects on pollinators, as these areas (cotton and soybeans) are already being managed in such a way as to minimize other flowering plant species on the field.

EPA has updated the label to include stronger measures to help ensure that the pesticide is used in a manner that reduces the amount of dicamba that moves off field as a result of spray drift or volatility. This limits the potential for direct effects on non-target plants and hence indirect effects on pollinators. These mitigation requirements provide an extra measure of protection for all plants and for organisms utilizing them as a resource (including pollinators).

3) **If the dicamba complaints we've seen in recent years continue, is the product likely to be renewed again in 2020? (In other words, was the extended registration granted on the condition that damage reports diminish or go away?)**

EPA will re-evaluate the registration over the next two years based on grower experiences and the new data we have asked registrants to generate to better understand the use pattern. The additional 2-year time limit on the registration will allow for the generation of these data and help the agency understand if it should either let the use expire or to make the necessary changes in the registration if there are problems with resistant weeds or pesticide drift.

4) **Why was a two-year renewal granted? Was a shorter, one-year extension considered at all?**

After weighing the risks and benefits associated with this use, EPA determined it could make a regulatory decision supporting a 2-year registration that requires registrants to generate more data to better inform future risk assessments and possible mitigation measures.

5) **These risk assessments about dicamba are based on the assumption that it will be used according to the label. But the last few years have shown that it often isn't used according to the label, or at other times, many farmers have said problems still occur even when applied correctly. Was that taken into account by EPA, and if so, how? To what extent does the agency expect its additional guidelines and restrictions to cut down on complaints of dicamba damage?**

EPA's determinations are based on the premise that applicators will follow the label directions. Pesticide labels are legally enforceable, and it a violation of federal law to use the product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling. In this case, EPA modified the product labels based on feedback and data provided by our stakeholders (including issues related to the label) and changed the applicator requirements so that only certified applicators (*i.e.*, only the most trained and experienced applicators) can use the dicamba products. EPA amended the terms and conditions of the registration as well as labeling restrictions to further minimize the potential for off-site movement of dicamba from the treated fields.

Cheers, R.

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**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>; Carey, Curtis <Carey.Curtis@epa.gov>; Brees, Angela <Brees.Angela@epa.gov>; Bryan, David <Bryan.David@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Dicamba interview with the St. Louis Post-Dispatch?

Hey Robert,

Though far from ideal, 10 p.m. Central would probably be the absolute latest chance for me to relay something to the night editor. Starting pretty soon, though, I am not likely to check work emails this evening, so calls to my cell phone Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) would be the best way to get that information to me.

-Bryce

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, November 29, 2018 5:16 PM
**To:** Bryce Gray
**Cc:** Press; Carey, Curtis; Brees, Angela; Bryan, David
**Subject:** RE: Dicamba interview with the St. Louis Post-Dispatch?

Bryce, I checked back with the pesticides folks. In the still hugely unlikely event we're able to get back to you this evening, what's the latest (Eastern time? Central?) you could accept our response.

Many thanks, R.

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**Subject:** RE: Dicamba interview with the St. Louis Post-Dispatch?

Hi Robert,

Thanks for letting me know. Unfortunately, it sounds like we won't be able to hold off publication of this particular story until next week. (The plan is still to run it in print tomorrow.) My article does at least take note of the EPA's statement that, based on risk assessment, it does not anticipate "adverse impacts to bees or other pollinators," if dicamba is used according to its label.

Even though additional details might not be available until next week, I write about dicamba regularly enough that I'd still welcome answers to my questions if possible, and could likely weave that information into future coverage.

Thanks again for the time and effort.

-Bryce

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**Sent:** Thursday, November 29, 2018 3:15 PM
**To:** Bryce Gray
**Cc:** Press; Carey, Curtis; Brees, Angela; Bryan, David
**Subject:** RE: Dicamba interview with the St. Louis Post-Dispatch?

Dear Bryce, it looks as though we'll need until Monday to get back to you. Any way to push your publication date back until then?

Cheers, R.

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**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>; Carey, Curtis <Carey.Curtis@epa.gov>; Brees, Angela <Brees.Angela@epa.gov>; Bryan, David <Bryan.David@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Dicamba interview with the St. Louis Post-Dispatch?

Hi Robert,

I really appreciate the quick reply. Here are some more specific questions about risk to pollinators, along with other relevant questions about the recent extension of top dicamba varieties' registration through 2020:

-I see here that negative effects to bees/pollinators are not anticipated by EPA, but some beekeepers have expressed confusion about why that determination was made while the agency's lengthier reports say that "potential direct risk concerns could not be excluded for" certain mammals, birds and terrestrial plants. Is anyone able to help clarify that?
-Were potential threats to plants that provide bee forage taken into consideration as either a direct or indirect risk to pollinators?
-If the dicamba complaints we've seen in recent years continue, is the product likely to be renewed again in 2020? (In other words, was the extended registration granted on the condition that damage reports diminish or go away?)
-Why was a two-year renewal granted? Was a shorter, one-year extension considered at all?
-These risk assessments about dicamba are based on the assumption that it will be used according to the label. But the last few years have shown that it often isn't used according to the label, or at other times, many farmers have said problems still occur even when applied correctly. Was that taken into account by EPA, and if so, how? To what extent does the agency expect its additional guidelines and restrictions to cut down on complaints of dicamba damage?

Thanks again for any help you can provide — I'm happy to discuss these over the phone, if it's most convenient. And to answer your final question, our aim is to run this story in Friday's paper.

-Bryce

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 28, 2018 1:53 PM
**To:** Bryce Gray
**Cc:** Press; Carey, Curtis; Brees, Angela; Bryan, David
**Subject:** RE: Dicamba interview with the St. Louis Post-Dispatch?

Good afternoon and thanks, Bryce,

Let me look into this for you. Since you're talking about dicamba, on the one hand, and pollinators, on the other, can you send some specific questions – beyond what you discuss in your e-mail below - just so we know who to direct them to?

Also, when are you planning to publish your story?

Thanks in advance, R.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, November 28, 2018 2:50 PM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Dicamba interview with the St. Louis Post-Dispatch?

Hello,

My name is Bryce Gray and I'm a reporter with the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. I am working on an article about alleged effects that dicamba damage is having on beekeepers, and have a few questions that I'd love for the EPA to address. Even though I'm aware that the EPA said that pollinators are not expected to be affected by the product, it would be great to clarify a few things, such as whether the agency considered more indirect effects to plants that provide bee forage, and how it reached that determination when the lengthier report says "risk concerns could not be excluded" for certain mammals, birds and plants.

Please feel free to call me at 314-340-8307. Given my deadline, I would need to hear from an EPA representative either today or tomorrow. Thanks in advance for your time.

Gratefully,

-Bryce

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Message

**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 2/22/2019 6:44:10 PM
**To:** Meyer, Zlati [zmeyer@usatoday.com]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** RE: Urgent media request -- glyphosate

Hey Zlati,

For attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson," please:

**Response:**

EPA is responsible for regulating the pesticides that are used by growers to protect crops grown for human food and for setting limits on the amount of pesticides, including glyphosate, that may remain in or on foods marketed in the US. These limits on pesticides left on foods are called "tolerances." The Food and Drug Administration monitors food and animal feed for pesticide residues. Food or feed that contain residues above the tolerance limit are considered adulterated and subject to enforcement action by FDA.

If a pesticide residue is detected on crops grown for human consumption, it does not necessarily mean it is at an unsafe level. Specifically, trace residues of glyphosate found in commodities below established maximum residue levels are not expected to represent a risk concern (i.e., harm consumers). Find EPA's established glyphosate tolerances for residues in the Code of Federal Regulations.

As stated in our December 2017 announcement, EPA evaluated a very extensive database and found no meaningful risks to human health, including infants and children, when the product is used according to the pesticide label. EPA's draft human health risk assessment also concluded that glyphosate is not likely to be carcinogenic to humans. The Agency's scientific findings are consistent with other countries and regulatory authorities including the Canadian Pest Management Regulatory Agency, Australian Pesticide and Veterinary Medicines Authority, European Food Safety Authority, the European Chemicals Agency, German Federal Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, the Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues, the New Zealand Environmental Protection Authority, and Food Safety Commission of Japan.

We are currently reviewing public comments received on the draft assessment and plan to publish the proposed interim registration review decision for glyphosate in 2019. The proposed interim registration review decision will outline any proposed mitigation measures to reduce risk, if any are needed.

For more information read our Revised Glyphosate Issue Paper: Evaluation of Carcinogenic Potential

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Meyer, Zlati <zmeyer@usatoday.com>
**Sent:** Thursday, February 21, 2019 7:09 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>

**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Urgent media request -- glyphosate

Thanks!

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Thursday, February 21, 2019 7:02 PM
**To:** Meyer, Zlati <zmeyer@usatoday.com>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Urgent media request -- glyphosate

All good. Let's see what we can get you by tomorrow early afternoon

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On Feb 21, 2019, at 6:59 PM, Meyer, Zlati <zmeyer@usatoday.com> wrote:

> I'm asking for info about:
> 1. EPA's tolerance levels glyphosate for beer and wine
> 2. which of those the EPA has in place specifically for beer and wine
> 3. the status of the draft risk assessment that began in 2017 and ended last year
>
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> **From:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
> **Sent:** Thursday, February 21, 2019 6:57 PM
> **To:** Meyer, Zlati <zmeyer@usatoday.com>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: Urgent media request -- glyphosate
>
> Well, I'm sure you understand it's very difficult for us to comment on an embargoed report.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Meyer, Zlati <zmeyer@usatoday.com>
**Sent:** Thursday, February 21, 2019 6:56 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Urgent media request -- glyphosate

The report is embargoed.
I can't push my deadline much later. I could maybe do 2 p.m. ET.

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Thursday, February 21, 2019 6:46 PM
**To:** Meyer, Zlati <zmeyer@usatoday.com>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Urgent media request -- glyphosate

Good evening,

Do you have a copy of, or link to, the report in question?

Also, is there any way you can push your deadline back to, say, the end of the day tomorrow?

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Meyer, Zlati <zmeyer@usatoday.com>
**Sent:** Thursday, February 21, 2019 5:42 PM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Urgent media request -- glyphosate

Hi. I'm working on a story on deadline about a new report that found glyphosate present in beer and wine. I'd like to speak to someone at the EPA about tolerance levels, what rules you have in place specifically for beer and wine and the status of the draft risk assessment that began in 2017 and ended last year.

My deadline is tomorrow/Friday at 1 p.m. ET.

Thank you,
Zlati

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Message

**From**: Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 12/7/2018 5:54:29 PM
**To**: Hewitt, James [hewitt.james@epa.gov]
**CC**: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]; Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: can you talk in a bit?

She's producing it.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 7, 2018, at 9:29 AM, Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov> wrote:

> Is Stephanie not doing the interview?
>
> **From:** Abboud, Michael
> **Sent:** Friday, December 7, 2018 12:05 PM
> **To:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** Fwd: can you talk in a bit?
>
> This is who's interviewing Wheeler on Monday. Can we look into him?
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
> Begin forwarded message:
>
>> **From:** "Ebbs, Stephanie" <Stephanie.Ebbs@abc.com>
>> **Date:** December 7, 2018 at 9:02:19 AM PST
>> **To:** "Abboud, Michael" <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
>> **Subject: Re: can you talk in a bit?**
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>> Devin Dwyer
>>
>> Stephanie Ebbs
>> ABC News- Washington
>> 202-875-4377
>>
>> **From:** Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
>> **Sent:** Friday, December 7, 2018 12:01:23 PM
>> **To:** Ebbs, Stephanie
>> **Subject:** Re: can you talk in a bit?
>>
>> Walk and talk will be fine. Who will be the interviewer?
>>
>> Sent from my iPhone
>>
>> On Dec 7, 2018, at 8:35 AM, Ebbs, Stephanie <Stephanie.Ebbs@abc.com> wrote:
>>
>>> Ok, I think we can work with that. Is he doing any other interviews Tuesday? I'm talking to them about timing for airing the interview

on our live channel and they want to know if anyone else will have it if they re-air it in the afternoon

Stephanie Ebbs

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**From:** Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Thursday, December 6, 2018 5:38:12 PM
**To:** Ebbs, Stephanie
**Subject:** Re: can you talk in a bit?

Realistically it'd be 12:01 am Tuesday, so whenever you guys want to run it that morning. We just can't have it go the night before.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 6, 2018, at 4:40 PM, Ebbs, Stephanie <Stephanie.Ebbs@abc.com> wrote:

> Sorry I was on another call. What time on Tuesday morning?
>
> Stephanie Ebbs
>
> ABC News-Washington
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> (office)202-222-7271
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> @stephebbs
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> **From:** Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
> **Sent:** Thursday, December 6, 2018 3:38:42 PM
> **To:** Ebbs, Stephanie
> **Subject:** RE: can you talk in a bit?
>
> Hey sorry for the delay, we were caught up with the 111b event. Just tried you on your cell. The event on Tuesday rolling out the replacement won't be until later in the morning closer to noon, so we would prefer to

hold the embargo until the morning of the 11th. You guys will still be the first television outlet to break it.

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**From:** Ebbs, Stephanie <Stephanie.Ebbs@abc.com>
**Sent:** Thursday, December 6, 2018 11:09 AM
**To:** Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: can you talk in a bit?

Do you have a specific time for when the interview would be off embargo? Would 5pm work?

I'm talking with our ABC News Live folks and they're very interested, they might want one of our on air reporters Devin Dwyer to do the interview while I produce. I think they might even build it out into a bigger story if he does it

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**From:** Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Thursday, December 6, 2018 9:43:03 AM
**To:** Ebbs, Stephanie
**Subject:** RE: can you talk in a bit?

Yes.

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**From:** Ebbs, Stephanie <Stephanie.Ebbs@abc.com>
**Sent:** Thursday, December 6, 2018 9:35 AM
**To:** Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: can you talk in a bit?

Sure, can I call you in like 10 min?

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**From:** Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Thursday, December 6, 2018 09:28
**To:** Ebbs, Stephanie
**Subject:** can you talk in a bit?

**Michael Abboud**
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Message

**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 2/21/2019 10:18:54 PM
**To:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Fwd: DAN: Open Detonation of Munitions

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Date:** February 21, 2019 at 5:18:28 PM EST
**To:** Daniel Ross <dross1@gm.slc.edu>
**Subject: Re: DAN: Open Detonation of Munitions**

Hullo again Dan,

For attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson," please:

1. **What's the EPA's response to the NAS study?**

   Overall, we are supportive of the NAS study findings and recommendations that were made to the Department of Defense (DoD). We plan to include a discussion of the NAS report in our own forthcoming Alternative Treatment Technologies report as well.

2. **What next steps will (or perhaps can) the EPA take to potentially implement the NAS's recommendations?**

   Although the recommendations in the NAS report are solely focused on DoD and how they might implement the recommendations, we have been engaged in several efforts that may support implementation of some recommendations, such as: studying alternative technologies to OB/OD and assessing closed or near closed OB/OD sites. We will continue to work with DoD on OB/OD issues.

3. **The NAS study notes that "EPA and the states maintain that permitted operations are safe for human health and the environment." But my previous reporting found that senior EPA officials have noted the "tremendous amount" of air, soil and groundwater contamination caused by open burning. What is the EPA's official stance on OB/OD-caused pollution, and how does that affect its approach to tightened OB/OD restrictions?**

We understand that safety from the immediate hazard posed by explosive waste continues to be a primary consideration in a facility's selection of OB/OD as a treatment technology, for example, in terms of minimizing handling or in the absence of other effective alternative technologies for specific energetic waste.

EPA, in 1978, originally proposed a regulation to ban OB/OD for all hazardous wastes. However, in response to comments that there were no other alternatives to safely dispose of most munitions, EPA allowed OB/OD, only for waste explosives, in the 1980 final rule. Further, the 1980 interim status regulations for OB/OD, at 40 CFR 265.382, state that "[o]pen burning of hazardous waste is prohibited except for the open burning and detonation of waste explosives. Waste explosives include waste which has the potential to detonate and bulk military propellants which cannot safely be disposed of through other modes of treatment."

In lieu of safe alternative technologies for treating explosive waste, RCRA permits would serve as an important mechanism for minimizing exposure during OB/OD operations and ensuring clean-up of contaminants upon closure. EPA expressed at the time that this was considered to be a temporary situation, that the Agency would be monitoring the progress of the ongoing development of safe alternatives and may propose additional regulations at a later time. Thus, the January 2019 NAS report is notable as the report finds "Viable alternative technologies exist within the demilitarization enterprise…for almost all munitions currently being treated…via OB/OD." EPA is conducting its own ongoing studies (as mentioned above) and is also engaging with DOD as well as RCRA permit writers about the issue.

4. **I was also wondering what you can also tell me about this recent DoD memo: https://cswab.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Army-Memo-Alternatives-Open-Burning-Munitions-1-Nov-2018.pdf**

Regarding DoD's November 1st memorandum, we cannot speak directly to the factors that led to its development and issuance or how it will be implemented. However, EPA does support the overall direction."

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On Feb 20, 2019, at 11:46 AM, Daniel Ross <dross1@gm.slc.edu> wrote:

Hi Robert --

Just wanted to make certain you saw the latest email, sent yesterday.

Dan

On Tue, Feb 19, 2019 at 2:53 PM Daniel Ross <dross1@gm.slc.edu> wrote:
Hi Robert --

Following up with these questions, sent the end of last year.

As you can probably tell, it's not an urgent story, but if possible, I'd appreciate answers by the middle of next week.

Cheers,

Dan

On Fri, Dec 21, 2018 at 7:53 AM Daniel Ross <dross1@gm.slc.edu> wrote:
That's fine, Robert. Understand it's a tricky time of year.

Cheers for the heads up, and have a good holidays.

Dan

On Fri, Dec 21, 2018 at 6:44 AM Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Good morning Dan,

Asking on Tricia's behalf whether you might be able to push your deadline back one week. We don't expect to be able to get back to you before January 4th. Please advise.

Cheers, R.

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I'm working on a follow-up to an investigation I did last year (into the OB/OD of munitions) in light of the recent NAS study into alternatives to OB/OD. I was wondering if I could speak with you about the upcoming DoD Inspector General report into compliance at active OB/OD sites.

1. What's the EPA's response to the NAS study?

2. What next steps will (or perhaps can) the EPA take to potentially implement the NAS's recommendations?

3. The NAS study notes that "EPA and the states maintain that permitted operations are safe for human health and the environment." But my previous reporting found that senior EPA officials have noted the "tremendous amount" of air, soil and groundwater contamination caused by open burning. What is the EPA's official stance on OB/OD-caused pollution, and how does that affect it's approach to tightened OB/OD restrictions?

I was also wondering what you can also tell me about this recent DoD memo: https://cswab.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Army-Memo-Alternatives-Open-Burning-Munitions-1-Nov-2018.pdf

Message

**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 12/6/2018 12:25:14 PM
**To**: Rizzuto, Denise Pat [prizzuto@bloombergenvironment.com]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: Clarification needed on previous emailed reply

Good morning Pat,

Checking.

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On Dec 5, 2018, at 1:02 PM, Rizzuto, Denise Pat <prizzuto@bloombergenvironment.com> wrote:

See clarification needed in red. Deadline Friday noon.

**From:** Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Friday, November 16, 2018 5:53 PM
**To:** Rizzuto, Denise Pat <prizzuto@bloombergenvironment.com>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Hope I'll be hearing back from EPA on Outlook

Looks like you'll be able to.

For attribution to Jeff Morris please:

Incoming #1: Clearly OPPT has a lot of TSCA-mandated deadlines in 2019.

Response #1: EPA has successfully met all our major statutory deadlines under amended TSCA and will continue to do so while seeking input from stakeholders on critical implementation elements. Since June 2016, EPA has held an unprecedented number of public meetings seeking to hear from affected entities and will continue to do so. Input from these meetings and other vehicles has helped shape the agency's deliberations.

Incoming #2: How many staff does OPPT have for its new chemicals program, for its existing chemicals prioritization and risk evaluation activities—and, of course, how does that number compare to normal staffing levels?

Response #2: OPPT's FY 2018 FTE ceiling was 340.1, an increase from the FY 2017 FTE ceiling of 311.1. The hires under the increased FTE ceiling are focused on providing direct or indirect support to TSCA implementation. The final FY 2019 FTE ceiling will be determined after EPA receives its FY 2019 appropriations.

Response # 2 needs clarification. My question was how many staff OPPT has. The reply doesn't answer that. It says what the ceiling is. Again how many FTE does OPPT have this year? For context how does that compare to the previous year, FY 2017?

Incoming #3: EPA's talked about using lean management. Can it give me any specific examples of how it's using that for OPPT's workload?

Response #3: EPA is using lean management concepts to evaluate the new chemical review process and to track progress on undertaking risk evaluation and risk management activities. This includes mapping work process flows, identifying areas that need improvement, piloting program improvements and monthly tracking of performance.

Incoming #4: With the Democrats having taken the House, lots of oversight hearings are expected—including on TSCA. Will prepping for and angering questions from some hearings add to the challenges the agency faces in 2019?

Response #4: EPA regularly receives Congressional inquiries on all aspects of amended TSCA and will continue to respond to all requests in a prompt and thorough manner.

Incoming #5: Any other comments on OPPT's intentions for 2019 welcome.

Response #5: In 2019 EPA will continue to focus on meeting TSCA deadlines, grounding our decisions in good public policy and sound science, and increasing transparency through enhanced stakeholder engagement. Specific priority activities are completing the first ten risk evaluations, prioritizing the next 40 chemicals, proposing a PBT rule, and continued progress on enhancing the new chemicals program.

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On Nov 16, 2018, at 4:38 PM, Rizzuto, Denise Pat <prizzuto@bloombergenvironment.com> wrote:

> Today isn't essential, but I've got to start writing.

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Message

**From**: Sauerhage, Maggie [Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 3/6/2019 11:02:28 PM
**To**: scarignan@bloombergenvironment.com
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Superfund remedies

Hi Sylvia,

Thanks for your patience. Please see the statement below, attributable to an EPA spokesperson:

Administrator Wheeler is very supportive of adaptive management. We are currently in the midst a two-phase adaptive management pilot. Phase 1 consisted of education and pilot selection, and was completed in December 2018. Phase 2, now underway, consists of pilot implementation and development of an implementation plan.

Thanks,
Maggie

Maggie Sauerhage
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**From:** Carignan, Sylvia <scarignan@bloombergenvironment.com>
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 05, 2019 3:08 PM
**To:** Sauerhage, Maggie <Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Superfund remedies

That's fine. Thanks for letting me know.

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**From:** Sauerhage, Maggie [mailto:Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 05, 2019 3:07 PM
**To:** Carignan, Sylvia <scarignan@bloombergenvironment.com>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Superfund remedies

Hi Sylvia,

I spoke too soon. Is it possible you could extend your deadline until tomorrow mid-morning?

Thanks,
Maggie

Maggie Sauerhage
Office of Public Affairs
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**From:** Sauerhage, Maggie
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 05, 2019 3:00 PM
**To:** scarignan@bloombergenvironment.com

**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>; Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Superfund remedies

Hi Sylvia – hope to have something for you shortly.

Thanks,
Maggie

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**From:** Carignan, Sylvia <scarignan@bloombergenvironment.com>
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 05, 2019 2:50 PM
**To:** Sauerhage, Maggie <Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>; Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Superfund remedies

Hi Maggie – Do you anticipate having a response by my deadline today?

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**From:** Sauerhage, Maggie [mailto:Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Monday, March 04, 2019 1:42 PM
**To:** Carignan, Sylvia <scarignan@bloombergenvironment.com>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>; Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Superfund remedies

Hi Sylvia,

We'll look into this for you.

Thanks,
Maggie

Maggie Sauerhage
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**From:** scarignan@bloombergenvironment.com <scarignan@bloombergenvironment.com>
**Sent:** Monday, March 04, 2019 1:33 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Superfund remedies

Hi Robert – A follow-up question regarding this inquiry:

This morning, Administrator Wheeler said "I don't foresee any particular guidance coming forth" regarding adaptive management at Superfund sites. Has the agency decided not to issue the guidance you said last month was under development?

My deadline for this is tomorrow at 4 p.m. Thanks.

**From:** Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Friday, February 15, 2019 4:02 PM
**To:** Carignan, Sylvia <scarignan@bloombergenvironment.com>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Superfund remedies

Sylvia, for attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson, please:"

**AROW [Alliance to Restore Our Waterways] is advocating for a specific remedy at all sediment sites. In this remedy, (1) hot spots are removed, (2) moderately contaminated areas are capped, and (3) remaining contamination is left to monitored natural attenuation. Is the EPA planning to recommend that specific approach in its forthcoming guidance about adaptive management?**

Given that this is guidance is still under development, it is premature for EPA to comment at this time. Please note, per EPA's working definition, adaptive management is a project management approach that has potential applications at a number of large and complex Superfund sites. Adaptive management does not prescribe remediation strategies.

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On Feb 15, 2019, at 8:31 AM, "scarignan@bloombergenvironment.com" <scarignan@bloombergenvironment.com> wrote:

> HI all – I realize yesterday was a busy day; just highlighting my deadline today on this. Thanks.
>
> **From:** Carignan, Sylvia
> **Sent:** Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:29 PM
> **To:** 'Press' <Press@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** 'Lynn, Tricia' <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** Superfund remedies
>
> Hi all,
>
> Hope you're doing well. I'm continuing to work on a story about the Alliance to Restore our Waterways, and I have a few additional questions.
>
> AROW is advocating for a specific remedy at all sediment sites. In this remedy, (1) hot spots are removed, (2) moderately contaminated areas are capped, and (3) remaining contamination is left to monitored natural attenuation.

--Is the EPA planning to recommend that specific approach in its forthcoming guidance about adaptive management?

AROW has also advocated for some changes to the Superfund program that have become recommendations for the Superfund task force.

--What does EPA anticipate including in the Superfund task force final report this year?

My deadline for these questions is tomorrow at 4 p.m. Please let me know when this is received.

Thanks,
Sylvia

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**Sylvia Carignan**
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Message

**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 11/28/2018 3:22:44 PM
**To:** Lindsay Mader [lsm@lindsaystaffordmader.com]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** RE: Subject: questions for article on m-44 decision

Good morning Lindsay,

I hope the following works for you. On background, -i.e. for attribution to U.S. EPA, please:

**When is the EPA's current Registration Review process on sodium cyanide expected to be completed?**

The Agency anticipates publishing the Sodium Cyanide Interim Decision in mid-2019 after reviewing comments received on the Proposed Interim Decision, which EPA plans to publish in the public docket (EPA-HQ-OPP-2010-0752) for comment by the end of the year.

**The agency says that petitioners have not presented substantial new information. Is that compared with the information presented in the 2009 M-44 petition or with the information produced from the last EPA Registration Review on sodium cyanide?**

No substantial new information was presented compared to both the EPA Reregistration Eligibility Decision issued in 1995 and EPA'S 2009 detailed response to a petition to cancel the M-44 registration. EPA is currently evaluating sodium cyanide under registration review, the periodic review of all registered pesticides at least every 15 years as mandated by the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act.

**When was the last EPA Registration Review on sodium cyanide?**

Before EPA launched the registration review program, EPA reevaluated existing registered pesticides through reregistration program.The reregistration review of sodium cyanide (i.e., publication of the Reregistration Eligibility Decision) was in 1995.

**When is the Sodium *Cyanide Proposed Interim Decision* expected to be published?**

EPA will soon publish the sodium cyanide Proposed Interim Decision in the public docket (EPA-HQ-OPP-2010-0752) for comment by the end of the year.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Lindsay Mader <lsm@lindsaystaffordmader.com>
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 27, 2018 5:31 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Subject: questions for article on m-44 decision

Hi Robert,

I checked on our production schedule tomorrow. The earlier the better since they've got a lot of late content due to last week's holiday. But please send whatever you can when you're able and we can go from there. And it's that 1st question that is most important, if that's helpful. Thank you.

Lindsay

On Tue, Nov 27, 2018 at 3:34 PM Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Lindsay, I'm terribly sorry but it looks as though we'll need an extension. Could we get back to you by, say, COB tomorrow (Wednesday)?

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert
**Sent:** Monday, November 26, 2018 4:39 PM
**To:** 'Lindsay Mader' <lsm@lindsaystaffordmader.com>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Subject: questions for article on m-44 decision

We'll see what we can do.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Lindsay Mader <lsm@lindsaystaffordmader.com>
**Sent:** Monday, November 26, 2018 4:38 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Subject: questions for article on m-44 decision

Great, thank you, Robert. I'd need responses by the end of the day tomorrow. Does that work for you?

On Mon, Nov 26, 2018 at 3:25 PM Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Lindsay,

My colleagues from the pesticides program forwarded me your inquiry. This is just a quick word to acknowledge receipt.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Lindsay Mader <lsm@lindsaystaffordmader.com>
**Sent:** Monday, November 26, 2018 4:09 PM
**To:** Rimmer, Leigh <Rimmer.Leigh@epa.gov>
**Subject:** questions for article on m-44 decision

Hello Leigh,

I'm working on a short article for the Austin Chronicle about the EPA's recent rejection of various groups' petition to ban m-44s (cyanide capsules). I have a few questions regarding some of the information presented in the EPA's letter to petitioners, prepared below. I'm unfortunately on a tight deadline and need feedback by tomorrow EOD. At your earliest convenience, please let me know if this works for you. Thank you greatly!

1. When is the EPA's current Registration Review process on sodium cyanide expected to be completed?
2. The agency says that petitioners have not presented substantial new information. Is that compared with the information presented in the 2009 M-44 petition or with the information produced from the last EPA Registration Review on sodium cyanide?
3. When was the last EPA Registration Review on sodium cyanide?
4. When is the Sodium *Cyanide Proposed Interim Decision* expected to be published?

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Message

**From**: Sauerhage, Maggie [Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 3/4/2019 5:19:41 PM
**To**: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]; Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: coal ash story

Thanks!

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**From:** Konkus, John
**Sent:** Monday, March 04, 2019 12:19 PM
**To:** Sauerhage, Maggie <Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: coal ash story

Mine or Michael Abboud.

John Konkus
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On Mar 4, 2019, at 12:15 PM, Sauerhage, Maggie <Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov> wrote:

> Washington Post would like a name for attribution for the coal ash statement, whose should I give them?
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> Maggie Sauerhage
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Dennis, Brady <Brady.Dennis@washpost.com>
> Sent: Monday, March 04, 2019 12:09 PM
> To: Sauerhage, Maggie <Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov>
> Subject: RE: coal ash story
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> Hi Maggie,
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> Thanks for this. Happy to include some of this. We have to use a specific name when we quote someone, so I will plan to attribute this to you if that works...
>
> Thanks,
> Brady

-----Original Message-----
From: Sauerhage, Maggie [mailto:Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 04, 2019 12:07 PM
To: Dennis, Brady <Brady.Dennis@washpost.com>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: coal ash story

Good afternoon Brady,

We appreciate you updating your story. Please see below for our comment, attributable to an EPA spokesperson.

EPA is reviewing the Environmental Integrity Project report issued today and cannot comment on its contents yet. However, it is important to note that the federal regulations for the disposal of coal combustion residuals (CCR), finalized in 2015, require groundwater monitoring as a first step in a process to monitor and assess contaminants from CCR units. Where contamination is detected above specified levels, the regulations require the owner or operator of the facility to initiate measures to clean up the contamination.

The posting of groundwater monitoring data, as well as other information on facilities' actions to comply with the elements of the regulations, on a publicly available website is also part of the federal regulations for CCR disposal units. This set of requirements helps provide transparency and a mechanism to oversee a facility's compliance with the regulations.

EPA continues to work with our state partners toward full implementation of the CCR regulations. Additional information on EPA's coal ash program is available here: https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.epa.gov_coalash&d=DwIGaQ&c=RAhzPLrCAq19eJdrcQiUVEwFYoMRqGDAXQ_puw5tYjg&r=t4hJdWEVTki0hCEVS913r1wqu5bBniXm3-ASfF0zGfY&m=fVJA1kscAy4lN2q3q28EjBM3LxMGtCBdcYNg_U1tOB8&s=mLbnN9IKBepDHCN-2L2gpHgZoL-mR-0Nu0159yQ8BZk&e=.

Thanks,
Maggie

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From: Dennis, Brady <Brady.Dennis@washpost.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 03, 2019 8:19 PM
To: Sauerhage, Maggie <Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: coal ash story

Hi Maggie,

The story is posting early tomorrow, I think, because that's when the embargo lifts on this report. Though we should have ability to add additional comment tomorrow, if necessary.

Thanks,
Brady

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On Mar 3, 2019, at 6:53 PM, Sauerhage, Maggie <Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov> wrote:

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hi Brady,

What's your deadline?

Thanks,
Maggie

Maggie Sauerhage
Office of Public Affairs
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On Mar 3, 2019, at 2:30 PM, Dennis, Brady <Brady.Dennis@washpost.com> wrote:

Hi all,

Some environmental groups are planning to put out findings early tomorrow, based on the monitoring data released last year, that they claim shows that a large percentage of coal ash ponds and landfills around the country are leaking harmful metals into nearby groundwater — sometimes at very high levels. This is using data that the 2015 CCR rule required to be disclosed.

We will probably write about this report, and I just wanted to check to see if EPA has any comment about what it is doing to prevent coal ash contamination around the country or any planned future changes are to the existing rule. I will of course note some to the changes that were

finalized last year. And my understanding is that a subsequent proposal that sells with the use of coal ash in concrete and other materials is currently at OMB.

In any case, wanted to make sure and seek any comment you might have on specifics or on the broader issue of preventing coal ash leaks.

Thanks much,

Brady

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Message

**From**: Rizzuto, Denise Pat [prizzuto@bloombergenvironment.com]
**Sent**: 3/6/2019 9:53:13 PM
**To**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Any chance of getting this new chemical detail today

Thank you!

**From:** Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 06, 2019 4:49 PM
**To:** Rizzuto, Denise Pat <prizzuto@bloombergenvironment.com>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Any chance of getting this new chemical detail today

Pat, for attribution to U.S. EPA, please:

1. **Could you provide details on those targets? For example, does EPA plan to have the backlog cleared by any specific target date? How else would you describe the target?**

**Answer:** EPA is giving equal priority to both (1) meeting its statutory review deadline on new submissions, and (2) reducing the backlog of older cases. Each submission is unique, and some may advance through the process at a faster rate than others. The agency has implemented a number of improvements in our processes to help streamline new chemical reviews and expedite completion of final safety determinations.

2. **Is there a timeline to update the new chemicals framework? For example, will it be done this year? Will the new framework be open to public comment?**

**Answer:** The Agency appreciates all the comments on the draft "framework" document and is considering them as we work to develop and publish an updated version of the document. EPA expects the next version of the document will include:

- the statutory and scientific justifications for our approaches
- the policies and procedures EPA is using/plans to use in its PMN reviews, and
- responses to public comments we've received

EPA will hold a public meeting to solicit additional public comment on the document and describe our approaches within 60 days of publication of the updated document.

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On Mar 6, 2019, at 12:57 PM, Rizzuto, Denise Pat <prizzuto@bloombergenvironment.com> wrote:

**CONTEXT:** I'm at the Global Chemical Regulations Conference today where a bunch of folks from the new chemicals team underscored information that it would be helpful for chemical manufacturers to provide the agency when submitting PMNs or similar Section 5 notices. Greg Schweer mentioned the EPA has set some targets to reduce the backlog of PMNs; that and a few other points made during the PMN session spurred questions below.

**QUESTIONS:**

1. Could you provide details on those targets?
    a. For example, does EPA plan to have the backlog cleared by any specific target date? How else would you describe the target?

2. Is there a timeline to update the new chemicals framework? For example, will it be done this year?
3. Will the new framework be open to public comment?

**DEADLINE:** I must file my story by 1, but would add information provided to me from the agency if you can get it to me before 5 p.m.

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Message

**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 2/19/2019 9:47:40 PM
**To:** Carey Gillam [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** RE: Subject: comment on this paper published today?

Carey, the preceding is for attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson," please.

Cheers, R.


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**From:** Daguillard, Robert
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 19, 2019 4:35 PM
**To:** Carey Gillam <Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Subject: comment on this paper published today?

Good afternoon Carey,

The requirement that additional "data be provided" is only triggered (under FFDCA section 408(b)(2)(E)(ii)) **if** EPA *relies on "anticipated or actual residue levels"* in establishing or modifying a tolerance.
In this case, EPA conducted a more conservative risk assessment, with levels higher than "anticipated or actual residue levels." The agency's assessment assumes that 100% of the agricultural acreage on which glyphosate can be used is treated and that residues are always at the highest levels allowed by the label. These higher levels are not indicative of the residues expected in food on the "dinner plate" that people are typically exposed to.)

Although EPA is not requiring additional data to be provided, FDA has tested for glyphosate in food. Test results for FY 2016 assignment samples for glyphosate testing showed no pesticide residue violations for glyphosate in all four commodities tested. See the FY 2016 Annual Pesticide Report (posted October 2018). FDA: Questions and Answers on Glyphosate. For a description of the studies supporting the modification of glyphosate's tolerance and EPA's assessment of those studies, see www.regulations.gov under docket # EPA-HQ-OPP-2012-0132.

Cheers, R.


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**From:** Carey Gillam <Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)>
**Sent:** Thursday, February 07, 2019 3:23 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: comment on this paper published today?

Any response to this question about the requirement within the Federal Food Drug and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) ?
Given that USDA and FDA have not been gathering data for glyphosate residues in food the last few decades I'm wondering where the EPA might be getting the data. Perhaps there is an internal agency program has gathered such data? Has the EPA for some reason waived the need to comply with this provision for a review of residue data within five years of setting a tolerance?
I'd appreciate guidance and clarity on this.

***Best regards,***

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On Mon, Jan 28, 2019 at 12:00 PM Carey Gillam <Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)> wrote:

> Ah no, the story has run. I would still be most interested in your reply, if you have one. Separately, I do have another question regarding a separate story I'm working on for The Guardian. This pertains to EPA tolerance adjustments made over the years for residues of glyphosate in food. The Federal Food Drug and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) section 408(f)(1) states that five years after tolerances are established or modified for a pesticide in food that "data be provided" "demonstrating that the levels in food are not above the levels anticipated." I'm hoping EPA can point me to the data/documents showing that it has complied with this provision with respect to glyphosate tolerances, which have been established for multiple crops and raised/modified for some of those crops multiple times. Given that USDA and FDA have not been gathering data for glyphosate residues in food the last few decades I'm wondering where the EPA might be getting the data. Perhaps there is an internal agency program has gathered such data?
> I'd appreciate guidance and clarity on this.
>
> ***Best regards,***
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On Mon, Jan 28, 2019 at 10:29 AM Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Good morning Carey,

Are you still working on this story?

Cheers, R.

Robert Daguillard

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**From:** Carey Gillam <Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)>
**Sent:** Monday, January 14, 2019 10:29 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** comment on this paper published today?

Greetings - This paper was published this morning in the journal Environmental Sciences Europe and is sharply critical of the EPA's evaluation of genotoxicity literature pertaining to glyphosate based herbicides. I'm wondering if the EPA has a comment. I understand resources are limited, given the shut-down, but still hoping you may want to weigh in.

The paper is attached.

The bottom line is this: According to the report, which examines the opposing positions taken by the EPA and an international cancer research agency on glyphosate-based herbicides, the EPA has disregarded substantial scientific evidence of genotoxicity associated with weed killing products such as Roundup and other Monsanto brands. Genotoxicity refers to a substance's destructive effect on a cell's genetic material. Genotoxins can cause mutations in cells that can lead to cancer.

***Best regards,***

**Carey Gillam**

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Message

**From**: Dizikes, Cynthia [CDizikes@sfchronicle.com]
**Sent**: 10/7/2019 9:11:31 PM
**To**: Labbe, Ken [Labbe.Ken@epa.gov]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: Data the EPA gets from local air districts in California regarding stationary sources of air pollution

Got it, thank you.

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**From:** "Labbe, Ken" <Labbe.Ken@epa.gov>
**Date:** Monday, October 7, 2019 at 12:01 PM
**To:** "Dizikes, Cynthia" <CDizikes@sfchronicle.com>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Data the EPA gets from local air districts in California regarding stationary sources of air pollution

Hi Cynthia,

You would make the FOIA request through headquarters.

-Ken

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**From:** Dizikes, Cynthia <CDizikes@sfchronicle.com>
**Sent:** Monday, October 7, 2019 2:06 PM
**To:** Labbe, Ken <Labbe.Ken@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Data the EPA gets from local air districts in California regarding stationary sources of air pollution

Got this, thanks. Ken, if I want to proceed with a FOIA re quest for ICIS data would I do that through headquarters or through region nine? Thanks again,

Cynthia

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**From:** "Labbe, Ken" <Labbe.Ken@epa.gov>
**Date:** Monday, October 7, 2019 at 10:47 AM
**To:** "Dizikes, Cynthia" <CDizikes@sfchronicle.com>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Data the EPA gets from local air districts in California regarding stationary sources of air pollution

Hi Cynthia- Please see our responses, (for attribution to an EPA spokesperson please)highlighted in red, to your follow up questions:

1. Would the data you refer to as sensitive be available through a FOIA request? No. Sensitive means it has a FOIA exemption.
2. What format are the case files kept in? Case file data reported to ICIS is maintained in electronic format in an Oracle database.
3. Are there any local agencies that must report more than the minimum data requirements, and if so, are any of those in California? EPA is not aware of any jurisdictions required to report more than the minimum data requirements.

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Message

**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 2/15/2019 11:55:23 PM
**To:** Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]; Gutro, Doug [Gutro.Doug@epa.gov]; Senn, John [Senn.John@epa.gov]; Bender, Emily [Bender.Emily@epa.gov]; Deegan, Dave [Deegan.Dave@epa.gov]
**Subject:** KEN: EPA's PFAS meeting on 2/14

Dear Mr. Liebeskind, for attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson," please:

"EPA held events in all 10 of the agency's regions yesterday to announce the Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Action Plan, with EPA acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler participating in an event at EPA's regional office in Philadelphia. Alexandra Dunn, the Assistant Administrator for EPA's Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, was the agency spokesperson for our event that took place at EPA's lab in Chelmsford, Mass. More than 100 people participated in that event in person and through a teleconference, including concerned citizens from across New England, members of the New England congressional delegation and the press. Assistant Administrator Dunn delivered remarks that introduced the action plan and detailed the short-term and long-term actions that EPA will take to address PFAS and to protect public health. Assistant Administrator Dunn then took questions from the audience and teleconference participants on a range of topics about the plan and EPA's broader work to address PFAs nationally and at the community level. To learn more about the content of the plan please visit this website: https://www.epa.gov/pfas/epas-pfas-action-plan."

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-----Original Message-----
From: Ken Liebeskind <Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)>
To: block.molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
Sent: Fri, Feb 15, 2019 10:26 am
Subject: Re:

Hi Molly,

I filed a story yesterday without making any reference to the New England meeting. I was told Alexandra Dunn or someone involved in the meeting would contact me to discuss it. I'd like to do a follow up article on the New England meeting so please have someone contact me. Thanks,

Ken

Message

**From**: scarignan@bloombergenvironment.com [scarignan@bloombergenvironment.com]
**Sent**: 2/15/2019 9:03:07 PM
**To**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Superfund remedies

That's very helpful; thanks much.

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Friday, February 15, 2019 4:02 PM
**To:** Carignan, Sylvia <scarignan@bloombergenvironment.com>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Superfund remedies

Sylvia, for attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson, please:"

**AROW [Alliance to Restore Our Waterways] is advocating for a specific remedy at all sediment sites. In this remedy, (1) hot spots are removed, (2) moderately contaminated areas are capped, and (3) remaining contamination is left to monitored natural attenuation. Is the EPA planning to recommend that specific approach in its forthcoming guidance about adaptive management?**

Given that this is guidance is still under development, it is premature for EPA to comment at this time. Please note, per EPA's working definition, adaptive management is a project management approach that has potential applications at a number of large and complex Superfund sites. Adaptive management does not prescribe remediation strategies.

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On Feb 15, 2019, at 8:31 AM, "scarignan@bloombergenvironment.com" <scarignan@bloombergenvironment.com> wrote:

> HI all -- I realize yesterday was a busy day; just highlighting my deadline today on this. Thanks.
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> **From:** Carignan, Sylvia
> **Sent:** Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:29 PM
> **To:** 'Press' <Press@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** 'Lynn, Tricia' <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** Superfund remedies

Hi all,

Hope you're doing well. I'm continuing to work on a story about the Alliance to Restore our Waterways, and I have a few additional questions.

AROW is advocating for a specific remedy at all sediment sites. In this remedy, (1) hot spots are removed, (2) moderately contaminated areas are capped, and (3) remaining contamination is left to monitored natural attenuation.

--Is the EPA planning to recommend that specific approach in its forthcoming guidance about adaptive management?

AROW has also advocated for some changes to the Superfund program that have become recommendations for the Superfund task force.

--What does EPA anticipate including in the Superfund task force final report this year?

My deadline for these questions is tomorrow at 4 p.m. Please let me know when this is received.

Thanks,
Sylvia

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Message

**From**: Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 10/7/2019 6:59:33 PM
**To**: Labbe, Ken [Labbe.Ken@epa.gov]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Data the EPA gets from local air districts in California regarding stationary sources of air pollution

Yes.

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**From:** Labbe, Ken <Labbe.Ken@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Monday, October 7, 2019 2:59 PM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** FW: Data the EPA gets from local air districts in California regarding stationary sources of air pollution

OECA concurs that a FOIA request should be made through HQ. Okay to send reporter?

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Message

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**To**: Jennifer McCaffery [Jennifer.McCaffery@TrustedMediaBrands.com]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: information verification request from Reader's Digest

Good morning Jennifer,

**On background, please – i.e., for attribution to U.S. EPA:** "EPA does not regulate idling for passenger cars, pick-up trucks, and heavy-duty trucks, but over two dozen states and many cities and local counties have laws that limit the amount of time that a vehicle can idle. For a list of State and local anti-idling laws, please visit the American Transportation Research Institute's (ATRI's) website at: http://www.atrionline.org/research/idling/ATRI_Idling_Compendium.pdf.

(Please note that we are providing these links for your reference only. In doing so, EPA does not endorse any non-government websites (or the information they contain), companies, or applications. In addition, EPA cannot attest to the accuracy of non-EPA information provided on these third-party websites.) If there is a law for the area you live in, you could follow up with the proper authorities."

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Jennifer McCaffery <Jennifer.McCaffery@TrustedMediaBrands.com>
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 12, 2018 3:17 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: information verification request from Reader's Digest

Thanks Robert! I would appreciate it if I could get it by Friday. Is that reasonable?

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**From:** "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Date:** Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 3:16 PM
**To:** Jennifer McCaffery <Jennifer.McCaffery@TrustedMediaBrands.com>, Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: information verification request from Reader's Digest

Good afternoon,

Let me check. When do you need this information by?

Cheers, R.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, December 12, 2018 3:14 PM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** information verification request from Reader's Digest

Hello,

I'm a writer for Reader's Digest and I am updating one of our posts about anti-idling regulations. I just wanted to check and see if this is the best source for states that have those regulations in effect? It's dated April 2006, but may have been updated since then.

https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/documents/CompilationofStateIdlingRegulations.pdf

If not, is there a better resource you would point me to? I reached out to Region 2 and Elias Rodriguez said they weren't aware of any changes in their region, but suggested I reach out to you for the overall picture.

Thanks for your help!

Best,

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Message

**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 10/3/2018 6:48:49 PM
**To:** Satyanarayana, Megha [meghas@acs.org]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** RE: Media request: Updated report available?

Megha, for attribution to U.S. EPA, please:

The 2017 Pesticide Industry Sales and Usage Report referenced in your inquiry is the latest report, and it provides a holistic look at glyphosate use compared to other popular herbicides. EPA also published a 2015 Screening Level Usage Analysis for glyphosate that further breaks down glyphosate usage by category in pounds of active ingredient applied annually and percent of crop treated.

As part of glyphosate's registration review, EPA recently published and solicited comments on the draft glyphosate human health and ecological risk assessments. These assessments and other registration review supporting documents can be found under docket number EPA-HQ-OPP-2009-0361 at www.regulations.gov. EPA expects to release the proposed interim decision by 2019.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Satyanarayana, Megha [mailto:meghas@acs.org]
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 25, 2018 9:00 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Media request: Updated report available?

Hi Robert. Following up. I would still appreciate this information. Thank you.

**From:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Monday, September 24, 2018 8:33 AM
**To:** Satyanarayana, Megha <meghas@acs.org>
**Subject:** [EXT] RE: Media request: Updated report available?

[Actual Sender is Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]

Good morning Megha,

Let me check.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Satyanarayana, Megha [mailto:meghas@acs.org]
**Sent:** Monday, September 24, 2018 9:28 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Media request: Updated report available?

Good morning, Mr. Daguillard:
I'm writing a story about research being published later today about the effect of glyphosate on honey bee health, and was wondering if there was an updated version of this report available: https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-01/documents/pesticides-industry-sales-usage-2016_0.pdf. If not, is there any updated information about glyphosate use (see p. 14). I will also reach out to USDA, but given that this particular report came from EPA, I wanted to check with you first.

My deadline is 3 p.m. ET. Thank you in advance.
Megha

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 2/15/2019 7:15:49 PM
**To:** Flaherty, Kaitlin (NBCUniversal) [Kaitlin.Flaherty@nbcuni.com]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** RE: Follow- up on asbestos story questions

Good afternoon Katie,

At long last, and on background. i.e. for attribution to U.S. EPA, please:

EPA is committed to protecting the public from asbestos exposures. Before the Frank R. Lautenberg Safety for the 21st Century Act, EPA lacked a comprehensive program to evaluate the risk of existing chemicals, or chemicals already on the market such as asbestos. After the law was passed on June 22, 2016, EPA took swift actions on asbestos, including:

- In December 2016, selecting asbestos as one of first 10 chemicals to undergo a risk evaluation under the new act, triggering a statutory deadline to complete risk evaluation within three years;
- In June 2017, releasing the asbestos scope documents to present the scope of the risk evaluation, and in May 2018, releasing the problem formulation to refine the scope of the risk evaluation; and
- In June 2018, to complement the risk evaluation of asbestos, proposing a Significant New Use Rule (SNUR) to prohibit immediately currently unregulated, former uses of asbestos. The SNUR would ban uses of asbestos that could otherwise re-enter the market. Before this rule is finalized, nothing currently prohibits someone from reviving these former uses.
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The draft risk evaluation for asbestos is under development and is anticipated to be published for public comment and peer review later this year. If the final evaluation finds that any use within the scope of the risk evaluation present an unreasonable risk, EPA will take action to eliminate the risk. Read about the process and considerations for the risk evaluations. EPA's actions can include prohibiting, restricting, or limiting the amount of a substance that can be manufactured, processed, or distributed, imposing labeling requirements, or imposing record keeping requirements.
EPA has worked with advocacy groups, other stakeholders, including federal partners, like NIOSH, to inform the agency's risk evaluation, which will address human health and environmental issues related to asbestos and other chemicals. EPA relies on information from studies from academia, non-profits and industry, among others. The process used by Agency to gather information is discussed in detail in the "Strategy for Conducting Literature Searches for Asbestos: Supplemental Document to the TSCA Scope Document," see https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-06/documents/asbestos_lit_search_strategy_053017.pdf.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Flaherty, Kaitlin (NBCUniversal) <Kaitlin.Flaherty@nbcuni.com>
**Sent:** Thursday, February 14, 2019 2:07 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Follow- up on asbestos story questions

Hi Robert,

I'm just following up to see if you've received the answers from the toxic chemicals crew yet? I'm really going to need these answers today please.

Thank you very much,

Katie

Message

**From:** Woods, Andrea [Woods.Andrea@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 10/15/2019 7:58:57 PM
**To:** Suzanne Yohannan [suzanney@iwpnews.com]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Re: ***MEDIA ADVISORY*** Administrator Wheeler to Deliver Remarks at National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services Annual Meeting

Suzanne,

Thank you for RSVP'ing to tomorrow's event at the National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services. Please arrive **no later than 8:00 AM ET**. Event details are below:

**Start Time**: 8:15 AM

**Location:** DoubleTree Arlington – Washington Ballroom

300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA

Please check in at the registration desk outside the Washington Ballroom upon arrival. Don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Best,
Andrea

On Oct 15, 2019, at 3:51 PM, Suzanne Yohannan <suzanney@iwpnews.com> wrote:

Dear Press Officer,

I'm a reporter for Inside EPA, and would like to attend the Oct. 16 media event (below).

Thanks.

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**WHEN**: Wednesday, October 16, 2019
8:15 AM ET

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**Sent:** 11/27/2018 2:49:33 AM
**To:** Mike Price [mike.price@eastidahonews.com]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Re: M-44 cyanide Decision

Mike, for attribution to U.S. EPA, please:

**Question #1**: EPA denied the petitioners request to cancel the use of M-44 Cyanide devices nationally. What were the grounds for the decision?

**Response**: EPA denied a petition to cancel the registration or to initiate a "special review" on sodium cyanide because the chemical is already undergoing registration review for which EPA intends to release the *Proposed Interim Decision* by the end of the year. The registration review process is designed to review all available data on the risks and benefits of the pesticide to ensure that it continues to meet the standards of FIFRA and a special review process would be redundant.

**Question #2:** I was also hoping to find out more about the Sodium Cyanide Interim Decision and when that will be going on the docket.

**Response:** EPA intends to publish the *Sodium Cyanide Proposed Interim Decision* in the public docket (EPA-HQ-OPP-2010-0752) for comment by the end of the year. The Proposed Interim Decision will explain the agency's conclusions about the risks and benefits of the use.

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On Nov 26, 2018, at 1:00 PM, Mike Price <mike.price@eastidahonews.com> wrote:

> Robert:
>
> I am with EastIdahoNews.com, I was hoping to speak to you about the EPA's decision not to ban the use of M-44 Cyanide devices.
>
> I was also hoping to find out more about the Sodium Cyanide Interim Decision and when that will be going on the docket.
>
> Please feel free to give me a call at 208-881-6793
>
> Best,
>
> --
> **Mike Price**

mike.price@eastidahonews.com
208-881-6793

Message

**From**: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 10/19/2018 3:24:20 PM
**To**: Molina, Michael [molina.michael@epa.gov]; Darwin, Veronica [darwin.veronica@epa.gov]; Darwin, Henry [darwin.henry@epa.gov]; Richardson, RobinH [Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Wooden-Aguilar, Helena [Wooden-Aguilar.Helena@epa.gov]; Kime, Robin [Kime.Robin@epa.gov]; Pritchard, Eileen [Pritchard.Eileen@epa.gov]; Lovell, Will (William) [lovell.william@epa.gov]; Fonseca, Silvina [Fonseca.Silvina@epa.gov]; Johnson, Laura-S [Johnson.Laura-S@epa.gov]; Burton, Tamika [burton.tamika@epa.gov]; Sauerhage, Maggie [Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov]; White, Terri-A [White.Terri-A@epa.gov]; Beach, Christopher [beach.christopher@epa.gov]; Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]; Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]; Hewitt, James [hewitt.james@epa.gov]; Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: October 19 report
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**From:** Grantham, Nancy
**Sent:** Friday, October 19, 2018 9:58 AM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
**Subject:** October 19 report

Message

**From**: regionalpress [regionalpress@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 10/2/2018 9:40:36 PM
**To**: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]; Hewitt, James [hewitt.james@epa.gov]; Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]; Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]; Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: Ohio University The Post (student reporter Chloe Myers) ((recd 10/2)) OPEN. Student reporter has q's on Wayne National Forest, OH, revision plan. DDL Oct 7.

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**From:** regionalpress
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 2, 2018 9:40:34 PM (UTC+00:00) Monrovia, Reykjavik
**To:** Arcaute, Francisco; regionalpress; Kelley, Jeff; Rowan, Anne
**Subject:** RE: Ohio University The Post (student reporter Chloe Myers) ((recd 10/2)) OPEN. Student reporter has q's on Wayne National Forest, OH, revision plan. DDL Oct 7.

Good to go

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Message

**From**: Suzanne Yohannan [suzanney@iwpnews.com]
**Sent**: 10/15/2019 7:50:47 PM
**To**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: ***MEDIA ADVISORY*** Administrator Wheeler to Deliver Remarks at National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services Annual Meeting

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**Sent:** 12/19/2018 4:14:44 PM
**To:** Hewitt, James [hewitt.james@epa.gov]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Re: Text of lead action plan?

Yes, thanks. Got it soon after I emailed.

In the future, is there any way things like this could be released to press on embargo? Would be super helpful for making coverage plans and understanding what is being discussed in the press conference.

On Wed, Dec 19, 2018 at 11:12 AM Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov> wrote:

Emily, link to report should be on the press release. Did you receive?

**From:** Emily Holden <emily.holden@theguardian.com>
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 19, 2018 10:57 AM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Text of lead action plan?

Hi all--is the text available? Or when will it be? I see the photo of it on Twitter but no links elsewhere. Thank you

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**Sent:** 2/15/2019 2:46:49 PM
**To:** Hogue, Cheryl [C_Hogue@acs.org]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** RE: Press inquiry re: TSCA enforcement against Chemours in North Carolina

Cheryl, on background, - i.e., for attribution to U.S. EPA, please:

EPA sent a Notice of Violation to Chemours on February 14, 2019, identifying violations at the Fayetteville Works Facility in Fayetteville, NC and the Washington Works facility near Parkersburg, WV. EPA found that Chemours failed to meet certain requirements of the Toxic Substances Control Act.
LINK: https://www.epa.gov/nc/chemours-toxic-substances-control-act-notice-violation-february-14-2019

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Hogue, Cheryl <C_Hogue@acs.org>
**Sent:** Thursday, February 14, 2019 8:23 PM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Press inquiry re: TSCA enforcement against Chemours in North Carolina

Hi –

I'm seeking the Feb. 13, 2019 Notice of Violation EPA sent to Chemours under the Toxic Substances Control Act. Lisa Sorg of NC Policy Watch received the document from EPA and wrote about it here: http://pulse.ncpolicywatch.org/2019/02/14/epa-cites-chemours-with-multiple-notices-of-violation-company-allegedly-failed-to-provide-key-documents/

I would like a copy of the cover letter and the sanitized complaint.

My hard deadline is 10 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 15.

Thanks!

Cheryl

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**Sent**: 9/25/2019 7:59:16 PM
**To**: Eilperin, Juliet [Juliet.Eilperin@washpost.com]
**CC**: Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]; Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]; Dennis, Brady [Brady.Dennis@washpost.com]; McFaul, Jessica [mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: call today at 1:30pm
**Attachments**: image2019-09-25-035805.pdf

Hello Juliet and Brady,

Please see attached final letter to Governor Newsom. Embargoed until 8amET tomorrow.

Thank you!!!

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**From:** Eilperin, Juliet <Juliet.Eilperin@washpost.com>
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 25, 2019 2:44 PM
**To:** Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Dennis, Brady <Brady.Dennis@washpost.com>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: call today at 1:30pm

Dear All,
Thanks for the call. We just wanted to follow up on a few fronts.

1. In terms of the reason for the senior official's anonymity, just provide a relatively pithy one and we will be set on that front.
2. We see the link to the TMDL Susan referenced as a footnote in the letter, so that probably covers it. If there are specific homeless studies you would like to provide, feel free.
3. Also, in terms of the back and forth on the West Side permit, is there an easy way to summarize the dispute b/w EPA and the city? What exactly are the permit standards that the city is saying it doesn't need to meet?
4. In terms of the LA visit that came out, I think it was referenced in this story, for example: https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2019/09/12/trump-officials-tour-unused-faa-facility-california-search-place-relocate-homeless-people/ Were any EPA officials on that trip? And when exactly did it take place?
5. Is it possible to get the letter to Wisconsin that went out under the last administration, for context?
6. Susan referenced a strategy document that detailed the extent to which federal water standards are being exceeded, and future goals. So it would be helpful to get those specific numbers, especially where the exceedances stand now.
7. In terms of the timing for tomorrow, Corry, if you could give me a call, I wanted to check in with you on that, as well as one other point.

Best,
Juliet

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**From:** Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 25, 2019 1:10 PM
**To:** Eilperin, Juliet <Juliet.Eilperin@washpost.com>
**Cc:** Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Dennis, Brady <Brady.Dennis@washpost.com>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: call today at 1:30pm

Yep…that is our plan. Thank you.

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**From:** Eilperin, Juliet <Juliet.Eilperin@washpost.com>
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 25, 2019 1:09 PM
**To:** Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Dennis, Brady <Brady.Dennis@washpost.com>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: call today at 1:30pm

Thanks so much, we will read it now. And yes, it would be great to get a formatted letter that we can turn into a link, though we wouldn't do that until late today in any event.
Best,
Juliet

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**From:** Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 25, 2019 1:05 PM
**To:** Eilperin, Juliet <Juliet.Eilperin@washpost.com>
**Cc:** Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Dennis, Brady <Brady.Dennis@washpost.com>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: call today at 1:30pm

Here is an embargoed (until 6amET tomorrow) copy of the text of the letter. The team is still formatting. Once I have the final, I will send it to you, but wanted you to have this info before the call.
This will be addressed to CA Governor Newsom.

Thank you!

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**From:** Schiermeyer, Corry
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 25, 2019 11:48 AM
**To:** Eilperin, Juliet <Juliet.Eilperin@washpost.com>
**Cc:** Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Dennis, Brady <Brady.Dennis@washpost.com>
**Subject:** RE: call today at 1:30pm

Thank you! trying to do too many things at once…sorry Brady!!!

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**From:** Eilperin, Juliet <Juliet.Eilperin@washpost.com>
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 25, 2019 11:43 AM
**To:** Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Dennis, Brady <Brady.Dennis@washpost.com>
**Subject:** RE: call today at 1:30pm

Sounds good, and I am just looping in Brady.
Best,
Juliet

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**From:** Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 25, 2019 11:26 AM
**To:** Eilperin, Juliet <Juliet.Eilperin@washpost.com>
**Cc:** Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
**Subject:** call today at 1:30pm

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Hello Juliet,

Here is the call in info for the call today. I am still working on getting you the final letter, under the embargo until 6am tomorrow. Please let me know if you have any questions!

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Message

**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 2/28/2019 8:54:05 PM
**To**: Eric Miller [emiller@ttnews.com]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Glider truck question

Eric, for attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson," please:

EPA has just begun receiving reports from manufacturers and cannot discuss or share them at this time.

The Air Enforcement Division, Office of Civil Enforcement, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, is in charge of enforcing the glider rule.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Eric Miller <emiller@ttnews.com>
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 19, 2019 12:23 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Glider truck question

Robert:
Has EPA received the annual reports from glider truck manufacturers on their production volumes for 2018?
If so, could I get copies?
Also, is there a specific division of EPA in charge of enforcement of the glider rule?
Thanks.
-Eric Miller

**Eric Miller**
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**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 2/28/2019 2:45:29 PM
**To**: roy@furchgott.com
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Press Inquiry about TSCA

Good morning Roy,

For attribution to U.S. EPA, please: " There are many ways for consumers to learn about chemicals and products that they may choose to purchase. For example, a wide variety of information on chemicals can be searched in EPA's ChemView database: https://www.epa.gov/assessing-and-managing-chemicals-under-tsca/introduction-chemview."

Cheers, R.

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-----Original Message-----
From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Friday, February 01, 2019 1:42 PM
To: roy@furchgott.com
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Press Inquiry about TSCA

Good morning Roy,

Thanks for reaching out. Can you send me your questions so I can share them with the TSCA folks? And what is your deadline?

Cheers, R.

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-----Original Message-----
From: roy@furchgott.com <roy@furchgott.com>
Sent: Friday, February 01, 2019 12:30 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Press Inquiry about TSCA

Hi Robert, I am completing a story for the Washington Post on building materials and have a couple of what I hope are easy questions. I left messages on both of your phones as well. Today I can be reached at
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Thanks,

--R

Message

**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 8/31/2018 7:43:23 PM
**To**: Tatiana Schlossberg [ Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) ]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Press Inquiry about Coal Ash
**Attachments**: Questions on CCR for book author_final.docx

Good afternoon Tatiana,

Attached, and for attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson," please.

Cheers, R.


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**From:** Jones, Enesta
**Sent:** Thursday, August 30, 2018 10:05 AM
**To:** Tatiana Schlossberg <Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)>
**Cc:** AO OPA Media Relations <AO_OPA_Media_Relations@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Press Inquiry about Coal Ash

Hi again, Tatiana, we *should* have a response to you tomorrow. You'll be hearing back from a colleague while I'm on vacation.

On Aug 22, 2018, at 11:23 AM, Tatiana Schlossberg <Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)> wrote:

Hi there,

Thanks so much for getting back to me. Here are my questions:

How does the new rule change what coal-fired power plants are required or expected to do with their coal ash? What were EPA's objections to the rule as published under the previous administration?

What is the rationale for allowing groundwater monitoring to be performed by a state official rather than by a certified professional engineer or similar? Do all leaking ponds/dams found going forward need to be closed and what is the timeline for that? How can EPA ensure that leaking ponds are properly reported (and subsequently closed) without 3rd party authentication? Will EPA continue to perform inspections?

How does the decision to let Oklahoma (and any subsequent states that may also get approval) do its own monitoring, permitting and enforcement interact with the national rule? I have seen a report from Earthjustice and the Environmental Integrity Project that found that every coal ash pond in Oklahoma is leaking, so what happens to that now? It would seem that Oklahoma state agencies have been lax on enforcement, so now that EPA is not responsible for the state, how will EPA ensure that there is adequate oversight?

My deadline is August 31.

Thank you so much for your help.

Tatiana

On Mon, Aug 20, 2018 at 8:50 AM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:

Tatiana, hi.

What are your specific questions and firm deadline?

On Aug 18, 2018, at 10:55 AM, Tatiana Schlossberg < Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) > wrote:

Dear Ms. Lynn.

I'm a journalist working on a book about climate change and the environment, and I am writing a little bit about coal ash, generally. I have written about the issue in the past, but not before the recent revision to the CCR rule. I am wondering if you or someone at EPA might be able to explain to me how the new rule changes the regulations around coal ash ponds and landfills. Please feel free to give me a call at 917 596 9841 or let me know if there's a good way or time to reach you.

Thanks very much!
Tatiana Schlossberg

Message

**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 3/5/2019 2:40:20 PM
**To:** Ian Graber-Stiehl [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** RE: Scientific American Re Questions On Over Saving America's Pollinators Act

Good morning Ian,

For attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson," please:

Q1: How do the requirements of the draft Saving America's Pollinators Act differ from what the EPA already has in place?

Answer: The EPA provides technical assistance to Congress when requested, but we do not analyze or speculate on draft legislation. The bill sponsors might be a better source for an answer to this question.

Q2: How does the EPA ensure that pollinators are protected from harmful pesticide exposure?

Answer: The EPA has taken many actions to protect pollinators from pesticides.

Q4: Has EPA's approach to pollinator protection changed under this administration?

Answer: The EPA began developing its current approach to protect pollinators from harmful pesticide exposure in 2006. We continue to use the pollinator risk assessment process that resulted from that effort in our pesticide regulatory work. We plan to finalize our review of the neonicotinoid pesticides, which incorporated the new pollinator risk assessment process, in 2019.

Q5: The bill also demands that the EPA and Interior Dept. monitor native bee populations. How might such a program bee enacted?

Answer: The EPA does not analyze or speculate on draft legislation, but the reporter might want to check with the US Geological Survey's Native Bee Inventory and Monitoring Lab to see how their program works now.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert
**Sent:** Friday, March 01, 2019 8:41 AM
**To:** 'Ian Graber-Stiehl' <Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Scientific American Re Questions On Over Saving America's Pollinators Act

Thanks, Ian. That'll be helpful.

To be honest, we'll almost certainly be getting back to you in writing, so if you want to add any specific questions to those in your previous messages, please do so now.

As mentioned, though, we'll get you good info.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Ian Graber-Stiehl < Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
**Sent:** Friday, March 01, 2019 8:38 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Scientific American Re Questions On Over Saving America's Pollinators Act

Actually, I just managed to convince my editor to hold off until Monday morning! I'm aiming to get everything to her by Sunday evening, but I could hold off until Monday morning as well.

Would that provide us enough time for a brief phone call, or for some answers to the questions I sent?

Message

**From**: Siacon, Aleanna [ASiacon@freepress.com]
**Sent**: 3/4/2019 9:09:01 PM
**To**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]; Kelley, Jeff [kelley.jeff@epa.gov]; Rowan, Anne [rowan.anne@epa.gov]; Bassler, Rachel [Bassler.Rachel@epa.gov]; Corado, Ana [Corado.Ana@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: Detroit Free Press: toxins in consumers paint strippers

Thank you Robert!

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Monday, March 4, 2019 3:58:53 PM
**To:** Siacon, Aleanna
**Cc:** Press; Kelley, Jeff; Rowan, Anne; Bassler, Rachel; Corado, Ana
**Subject:** RE: Detroit Free Press: toxins in consumers paint strippers

Aleanna, for attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson," please:

Under certain circumstances, methylene chloride not only can pose danger, but has also caused worker deaths. EPA submitted a final rule for methylene chloride paint and coating removal to OMB for interagency review on December 21, 2018. Questions regarding the scope, implementation, and timing of the final rule, and associated EPA actions, will depend on the outcome of the interagency review process.

The Agency has stated that we are moving forward on a risk evaluation required by the amended TSCA, and that that evaluation will include the uses that were in the proposed rule. Conducting these evaluations does not preclude EPA from finalizing the proposed NMP regulation if through its evaluation EPA determines that any of the conditions of use present unreasonable risk. EPA has concluded that the Agency's assessment of the potential risks will be more robust if the potential risks from these conditions of use are evaluated by applying standards and guidance under amended TSCA. In particular, this includes ensuring the evaluation is consistent with the scientific standards in Section 26 of TSCA (including systematic review approaches).

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Siacon, Aleanna <ASiacon@freepress.com>
**Sent:** Monday, March 04, 2019 9:05 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>; Kelley, Jeff <kelley.jeff@epa.gov>; Rowan, Anne <rowan.anne@epa.gov>; Bassler, Rachel

<Bassler.Rachel@epa.gov>; Corado, Ana <Corado.Ana@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Detroit Free Press: toxins in consumers paint strippers

Hi Robert,

I hope all is well. I just wanted to check in to see if more information or a statement was available from the EPA regarding whether or not actions to regulate the use of methylene chloride were upcoming?

My deadline is this afternoon.

Best,

**Aleanna Siacon**

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Friday, March 1, 2019 7:08:42 AM
**To:** Siacon, Aleanna
**Cc:** Press; Kelley, Jeff; Rowan, Anne; Bassler, Rachel; Corado, Ana
**Subject:** Re: Detroit Free Press: toxins in consumers paint strippers

Got it. Thanks Aleanna.

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On Mar 1, 2019, at 7:04 AM, Siacon, Aleanna <ASiacon@freepress.com> wrote:

Hi Robert,

Thanks so much for the response, I've let my editor know that a statement may not come until Monday.

In the meantime, I just wanted to clarify what we were looking for:

- An update on whether or not federal regulation prohibiting the use of methylene chloride and nmp in products is coming, I understand the EPA announced upcoming action on methylene chloride in 2018, but action has not been finalized yet.
    - What has caused the wait on federal restrictions on methylene chloride? Is there a timeline in place for when more progress is expected, and does the EPA plan to restrict the use of methylene chloride for *both* workers and consumers.?
    - A status update on regulations for NMP. I understand that in 2017 the EPA was also looking at possibly prohibiting its use as well. Is that/will that be underway?

Best,

**Aleanna Siacon**

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Thursday, February 28, 2019 7:46 PM
**To:** Siacon, Aleanna
**Cc:** Press; Kelley, Jeff; Rowan, Anne; Bassler, Rachel
**Subject:** Re: Detroit Free Press: toxins in consumers paint strippers

Good evening Aleanna,

Looks as though we may not get back to you by the end of tomorrow. Would a Monday response work for you, if it comes to that?

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On Feb 25, 2019, at 10:07 AM, Siacon, Aleanna <ASiacon@freepress.com> wrote:

Hi Robert,

Thanks so much for the response -- I'm looking to get some more info or a statement sometime this week, preferably before Friday.

Best,

**Aleanna Siacon**

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2019 10:05:21 AM
**To:** Siacon, Aleanna; Press
**Cc:** Kelley, Jeff; Rowan, Anne; Bassler, Rachel
**Subject:** RE: Detroit Free Press: toxins in consumers paint strippers

Good morning Aleanna,

Thanks for reaching out. Are you on deadline?

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Siacon, Aleanna <ASiacon@freepress.com>
**Sent:** Monday, February 25, 2019 10:03 AM

**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Detroit Free Press: toxins in consumers paint strippers

Greetings,

My name is Aleanna Siacon and I'm a reporter at the Detroit Free Press. We're following reports that Midwest chain Menards has announced that it will no longer be purchasing paint stripping products that contain methylene chloride and NMP, and speaking to activists as well as medical experts about the dangers of these two chemicals in consumers products.

I wanted to see if a rep from the EPA could maybe speak with me about any efforts that have been made to have the EPA take regulatory/legal action against the use of these two chemicals in consumers products?

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Message

**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 8/28/2018 1:34:17 PM
**To:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** For Review: Snopes.com - Asbestos - Follow-up

Nancy Beck and Erik Baptist (both out of the office now) wanted to respond to the reporter's note from yesterday. Please advise if this is OK to send:

RESPONSE: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Statement: "As a result of that stipulation, any conceivable use in the future that *does not* fall into those categories would, in fact, not be required to undergo any risk evaluation, and therefore "may begin at any time, without any regulatory barriers." "

Response: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Statement: I take exception, as well, with your framing of the issue to suggest that the Obama administration had the chance to block these uses and did not. A 25 April 2018 email to members of the asbestos SNUR team from Robert Courtnage, obtained by the *New York Times*, pretty clearly shows that that the original plan for the SNUR was, in fact, to affect a blanket ban on all unregulated uses, but "upper management" requested "a different approach":

Response: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

**From:** Alex Kasprak [mailto:alex@snopes.com]
**Sent:** Monday, August 27, 2018 4:29 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
**Cc:** David Mikkelson <snopes@snopes.com>
**Subject:** Re: Media inquiry: Snopes.com

Hello Robert,

I have read through your comments on our piece, spoken with outside experts, and conducted further research. I agree that a clarification is in order regarding the legal status of currently unregulated asbestos. I am in error in saying that "new uses" — as legally defined in EPA court rulings — were previously banned.

I disagree with your assertion, at least as argued in the document you sent me, that the proposed SNUR does not allow for novel asbestos uses to be approved for use in the future. My primary reason for this disagreement is the suggestion that you are committing to a complete ban on all currently unregulated uses of asbestos when it appears you are not.

My understanding of this SNUR is that it is an enforceable prohibition only for *specifically defined* uses:

> Adhesives, sealants, and roof and non-roof coatings;
> arc chutes;
> beater-add gaskets;
> extruded sealant tape and other tape;
> filler for acetylene cylinders;
> high-grade electrical paper;
> millboard;
> missile liner;
> pipeline wrap;
> reinforced plastics;
> roofing felt;
> separators in fuel cells and batteries;
> vinyl-asbestos floor tile;
> and any other building material (other than cement).

As a result of that stipulation, any conceivable use in the future that *does not* fall into those categories would, in fact, not be required to undergo any risk evaluation, and therefore "may begin at any time, without any regulatory barriers." Please correct me if I am wrong in this assertion.

I take exception, as well, with your framing of the issue to suggest that the Obama administration had the chance to block these uses and did not. A 25 April 2018 email to members of the asbestos SNUR team from Robert Courtnage, obtained by the *New York Times,* pretty clearly shows that that the original plan for the SNUR was, in fact, to affect a blanket ban on all unregulated uses, but "upper management" requested "a different approach":

> After sharing a draft of the proposed SNUR, OCSPP upper management asked us to take a different approach. Instead of requiring a significant new notice (SNUN) for all uses that are not ongoing, after listing and clarifying the currently ongoing uses would not require a SNUN, they have instead asked us to specifically list out certain uses that are no longer ongoing that will require a SNUN.

More generally, your framing of the SNUR regarding asbestos seems to overlook the possibility that any other uses which pass the safety review would, in fact, be approved for use. While I understand the argument that technically these unregulated uses were already allowed, I find that assertion to also be misleading. Your process, in theory, could bestow legal protections upon some of these unregulated uses (as long as they pass your safety review), and although the result may not be a "new use" as understood by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, it would certainly be a "new use" as understood by the average American.

We are planning on correcting some supporting elements in the original fact check, but for the reasons described above, we do not plan on changing the rating.

We are also planning on running an additional story regarding the PR campaign the EPA has apparently initiated to defend their SNUR, which will explain in more detail why we are not changing the rating. **We would appreciate any comments on the above concerns, as our story will run tomorrow.**

Best,

Alex Kasprak

On Fri, Aug 24, 2018 at 1:56 PM, Alex Kasprak <alex@snopes.com> wrote:

Thank you. Let me review these over the weekend and get back to you on Monday with any questions or concerns. Broadly, I am having trouble squaring how you describe the SNUR process in this critique with your assertion that the proposed SNUR process does not provide a framework for new uses to be approved.

"The June 2018 proposed rule would ban the identified new uses of asbestos and, therefore, would require EPA to evaluate any intended new use of asbestos and**, when necessary,** continue to disallow uses."

What happens when disallowing its use is not "necessary"? Would that not, then, be a formal approval for a new use that came to light through the SNUR?

Best,

Alex

On Fri, Aug 24, 2018 at 1:36 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Alex. We hope the attached – for attribution to U.S. EPA, please – is helpful.

Let us know if you have any questions or comments.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Alex Kasprak [mailto:alex@snopes.com]
**Sent:** Friday, August 24, 2018 4:31 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Media inquiry: Snopes.com

I am. How can I help?

Best,

Alex

On Fri, Aug 24, 2018 at 1:28 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Alex,

Are you the right contact to discuss Snopes' recent post on EPA's regulation of Asbestos?

Thanks in advance.

Robert Daguillard

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Message

**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 8/24/2018 9:38:32 PM
**To**: michael fitzpatrick Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Press Inquiry about Science Advisor to Agency

Michael, not for attribution, please, but we'll just refer you to the registration decision document we sent you earlier.

Cheers, R.

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-----Original Message-----
From: michael fitzpatrick [mailto: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Sent: Friday, August 24, 2018 5:00 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Press Inquiry about Science Advisor to Agency

Many thanks, Robert, for that prompt action.

Says there "Registration is in no way to be construed as an endorsement or recommendation of this product by the Agency."

And yet the Kansai Paint press release says Kansai paint has "approval" for this product. Is that a correct claim?

Please see here

KANSAI PAINT GROUP ANNOUNCES FIRST EVER ANTI-MOSQUITO PAINT APPROVED BY THE EPA The water-based paint can play a vital role in helping to slow the spread of mosquito-borne diseases in the U.S.
April 18, 2018–Troy, MI – Kansai Paint Group, a global manufacturer of paints and coatings, (Head office: Osaka Japan, President and CEO: Hiroshi Ishino) has announced approval from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for its Kansai Anti-Mosquito Paint. The Kansai Anti-Mosquito Paint is designed for interior use and contains a synthetic pyrethroid insecticide. The paint has been shown to significantly reduce the presence of mosquitoes in painted areas, contributing to effective mosquito population control and reducing the spread of many mosquito-borne diseases. Formulas for all base colors have been approved for use in this product, enabling Kansai to offer a wide swath of attractive colors.
"Development of the Kansai Anti-Mosquito Paint marks a major milestone, not only for our company but also for the worldwide effort in fighting the spread of infectious diseases," said Hiroshi Ishino, "For generations, people all over the world have struggled with mosquito-borne illnesses and the effects they have on families and communities. Kansai is proud to be the first company in the world to develop a safe paint, approved by the EPA that addresses this challenge in a creative and effective way."
Kansai Paint Group began development of the Kansai Anti-Mosquito Paint in 2013. After several years of extensive testing, the application was officially submitted to the EPA in early 2017. Approval was secured in just over 12 months, marking a near-record authorization time for products in this industry.
The Kansai Anti-Mosquito Paint is the only anti mosquito paint that is approved by the EPA. It is currently approved in Uganda and Zambia and is expected to be available in the U.S. by summer of 2018.
Contact with the active ingredient in Kansai Anti-Mosquito Paint, disables the nervous systems of mosquitos and prevents them from flying and biting. Use of the active ingredient in this product has not shown to be dangerous for humans, either by physical contact or oral ingestion. Further, presence of the active ingredient does not affect the paint's aesthetic quality, as the Kansai Anti-Mosquito Paint provides a smooth, matte finish with superior opacity and whiteness.
"Our testing has showed that the Kansai Anti-Mosquito Paint was able to exterminate on contact more than 90% of mosquitoes and is effective for at least two years" noted Kalpana Abe , Vice President, President's Office, Kansai Paint Group. "It will deter various species of mosquitos, which can carry several viruses present in the U.S., including Zika and the West Nile."
Production of the Kansai Anti-Mosquito Paint in the U.S. will be led by U.S. Paint, a subsidiary of the Kansai Paint Group, acquired in 2016. While the product has been available for limited sale around the world, approval from the EPA marks a significant advancement in the company's ability to compete in the U.S. market. EPA approval is also expected to hasten approvals abroad.
About Kansai Paint
Kansai Paint was established in 1918 in Osaka, Japan and is a leading manufacturer of automotive, decorative, protective and industrial coatings and finishes. Kansai Paint Group is one of the ten biggest paint manufacturers in the world, with manufacturing facilities in Africa, America, Europe, Middle East, and East and South Asia.

Governor Rick Scott of Florida and Industrialist Hotelier Danny Gaekward Discussing Kansai's Anti-Mosquito Paint with Kalpana Abe, Vice President, President's Office, Kansai Paint Co. Ltd.
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Regards

Michael Fitzpatrick

Journalist

Vienna

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> On 24 Aug 2018, at 18:28, michael fitzpatrick <Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)> wrote:
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> Many thanks, Robert
>
> It is for Undark
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> Regards
>
> Michael Fitzpatrick
>
> Journalist
>
> Vienna
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> Mobile; WhatsApp: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
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> Skype: fitzmaya
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>> On 24 Aug 2018, at 18:24, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:
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>> Good afternoon and thanks, Michael. Let me check on this for you.
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>> Incidentally, who are you researching this story for?
>>
>> Robert Daguillard
>> U.S. EPA
>> Office of Media Relations
>> Washington D.C.
>> Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) (M)
>> 202-564-6618 (O)
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>> On Aug 24, 2018, at 12:18 PM, michael fitzpatrick <Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)> wrote:
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>>> Dear Robert
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>>> Can you confirm this report is correct? Has the agency approved this paint? On what grounds? Links to papers, etc, please.
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>>> https://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20180418005279/en/Kansai-Pain
>>> t-Group-Announces-Anti-Mosquito-Paint-Approved
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>>> Regards
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Message

**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 8/24/2018 8:36:00 PM
**To**: Alex Kasprak [alex@snopes.com]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Media inquiry: Snopes.com
**Attachments**: EPA_Response_ asbestos_ snur_article.docx

Thanks, Alex. We hope the attached – for attribution to U.S. EPA, please – is helpful.

Let us know if you have any questions or comments.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Alex Kasprak [mailto:alex@snopes.com]
**Sent:** Friday, August 24, 2018 4:31 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Media inquiry: Snopes.com

I am. How can I help?

Best,

Alex

On Fri, Aug 24, 2018 at 1:28 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

> Good afternoon Alex,
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> Are you the right contact to discuss Snopes' recent post on EPA's regulation of Asbestos?
>
> Thanks in advance.
>
> Robert Daguillard
>
> Office of Media Relations
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Message

**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 8/24/2018 2:58:33 PM
**To:** Gabriel Popkin [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** RE: Request for interview on EPA's role in reviewing transgenic chestnut tree

Gabe, for attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson," please:

**Incoming #1:** Will EPA be involved in reviewing the transgenic American chestnut tree that has been developed at SUNY-ESF? If so, what is EPA's specific role in this review? If not, why not?

**Response #1:** EPA oversees pesticide traits in transgenic crops, e.g. Bt corn, as plant-incorporated protectants (PIPs). The term plant-incorporated protectant means the pesticidal substance that is intended to be produced and used in a living plant, or in the produce thereof, and the genetic material necessary for production of such a pesticidal substance.

EPA has been working with the developer since 2014 to acquaint them with EPA requirements and possible options. To date, EPA has not received an application from them for either field testing under an experimental use permit (EUP) or widespread use under a registration.

Should SUNY-ESF submit an experimental use permit (EUP) or registration application and/or a tolerance exemption petition for residues in food to EPA, we would determine the risk related to the use of the transgenic American chestnut tree and make regulatory decisions regarding those uses and residues in food under the pesticide laws we administer, the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and section 408 of the Federal Food Drug and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA).

**Incoming #2:** What factors will EPA consider when determining whether the chestnut tree poses an environmental risk?

**Response #2:** To support an application for a registration, EPA requires scientific data and information on the potential health and environmental effects of a PIP. The data and information allow EPA to evaluate risks to humans and nontarget wildlife and plants.

**Incoming #3:** Is it possible that the tree could be registered as a fungicide, and undergo periodic reviews?

**Response #3:** A transgenic tree is not regulated as a pesticide under FIFRA. EPA does however regulate the pesticide trait as a PIP, i.e., the substance(s) and the genetic material necessary to produce the substance(s) engineered into a tree for a pesticidal purpose. A pesticide is defined in part by FIFRA as "any substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing, destroying, repelling or mitigating any pest," and any substance engineered into a tree for any of those purposes would be considered a pesticide.

**Incoming #4:** When do you expect a decision?

**Response #4:** EPA has not to date received an application from the developer of the transgenic American chestnut tree. Based upon current statutory timelines established the Pesticide Registration Improvement Act (PRIA), the review time would be approximately 1-2 years should an application be submitted.

**Incoming #5:** In a presentation to the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine, Dr. Kough wrote that "EPA is looking to reduce the burden of testing while still meeting the intent of the safety standards."

With regard to the chestnut specifically, what are the relevant safety standards and what does it mean to reduce the burden of testing?

**Response #5:** Under FIFRA standards, EPA may register a pesticide if it will not cause unreasonable adverse effects on the environment. Under FFDCA 408 standards, EPA may establish an exemption from the requirement of a tolerance for residues provided there is a reasonable certainty of no harm. EPA typically evaluates product characterization data on how the transgenic tree was produced, health data on possible impacts to people, and environmental data on possible impacts to non-target organisms and the environment. The Agency can issue data waivers, accept additional data or accept alternative approaches as appropriate.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert
**Sent:** Thursday, August 23, 2018 11:00 AM
**To:** Gabriel Popkin <Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)>
**Subject:** Re: Request for interview on EPA's role in reviewing transgenic chestnut tree

Good morning Gabe. Let's rich base this afternoon, if OK. I'll call you.

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On Aug 23, 2018, at 10:54 AM, Gabriel Popkin <Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)> wrote:

> Thanks Robert. Any chance of a response today?
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> On Tue, Aug 21, 2018 at 2:12 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:
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> > Thanks, Gabe. Let me see what I can find out for you.
> >
> > Cheers, R.
> >
> > Robert Daguillard
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**From:** Gabriel Popkin [mailto: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 21, 2018 1:41 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>

**Subject:** Re: Request for interview on EPA's role in reviewing transgenic chestnut tree

Hi Robert,

Thanks for your reply. Here are my questions:

Will EPA be involved in reviewing the transgenic American chestnut tree that has been developed at SUNY-ESF? (Please let me know if you would like more information on this tree.)

If so, what is EPA's specific role in this review?

If not, why not?

What factors will EPA consider when determining whether the chestnut tree poses an environmental risk?

Is it possible that the tree could be registered as a fungicide, and undergo periodic reviews?

When do you expect a decision?

In a presentation to the National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine, Kough wrote that "EPA is looking to reduce the burden of testing while still meeting the intent of the safety standards." With regard to the chestnut specifically, what are the relevant safety standards and what does it mean to reduce the burden of testing?

Of course a phone interview is always preferred, if possible.

Thanks again.

Gabriel

On Tue, Aug 21, 2018 at 1:28 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Gabe, thanks so much for reaching out. Can you send some specific questions, so we can have staff respond in case we can't put Dr. Kough on the phone with you?

Cheers, R.

Robert Daguillard

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**From:** Gabriel Popkin [mailto: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
**Sent:** Monday, August 20, 2018 1:51 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Request for interview on EPA's role in reviewing transgenic chestnut tree

Dear Robert Daguillard,

I am a science writer working on a news story for Science magazine on the upcoming submission to US regulators of the transgenic American chestnut tree. I understand that EPA will be involved in reviewing this submission. Last week I contacted John Kough for an interview (see below), as I see that he presented at a National Academies workshop on this topic: http://nas-sites.org/dels/studies/forest-biotech/first-public-meeting/ However, I have not heard back. Could you please help me connect with Dr. Kough or another subject matter expert for an interview on the role EPA will play in reviewing the transgenic chestnut tree?

In my earlier inquiry I asked for an interview by today, however my deadline has been extended, so any day this week would now work.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Gabriel

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: **Gabriel Popkin** <Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)>
Date: Wed, Aug 15, 2018 at 1:13 PM
Subject: Re: Request for interview on EPA's role in reviewing transgenic chestnut tree
To: kough.john@epa.gov

Hi again Dr. Kough,

Checking in on this request. If speaking today is not possible, would sometime Monday be an option? (I will be traveling tomorrow and Friday.)

Best,

Gabriel

On Tue, Aug 14, 2018 at 8:31 AM, Gabriel Popkin <Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)> wrote:

> Dear John Kough,
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> I am a science writer working on a news story for Science magazine on the upcoming submission to US regulators of the transgenic American chestnut tree. I see that you participated in the NAS study on biotechnology's potential for

addressing forest health. I would be interested to speak with you about the role EPA will take on (if any) in reviewing the transgenic chestnut tree.

Would you have time this week for a phone interview on this topic?

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Message

**From**: Shepardson, David (Reuters) [David.Shepardson@thomsonreuters.com]
**Sent**: 11/13/2018 2:08:40 PM
**To**: Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]; Hewitt, James [hewitt.james@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: I will attend tomorrow's event

Thank you Molly !

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**From:** Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 13, 2018 9:07:42 AM
**To:** Shepardson, David (Reuters); Hewitt, James
**Subject:** RE: I will attend tomorrow's event

Here's a rough transcript of Wheeler's opening remarks:

Thank you and thank you all for joining us this evening. Tomorrow, we will be announcing the launch of the Cleaner Trucks Initiative or CTI. This initiative will help modernize heavy-duty truck engines improving their efficiency and providing cleaner air for all Americans.

We are under no regulatory or court order requirements to launch this initiative. We were doing it because it's good for the environment. This rulemaking will establish updated standards to address nitrogen oxide emissions from heavy-duty trucks.

We will do this in a manner that improves air quality and protects public health without jeopardizing the historic economic growth we're achieving under President Trump. Thanks largely to innovation and technology, the U.S. has made big reductions in NOx emissions over the past several decades.

Since 2000, NOx emissions in the U.S. had been reduced by 52 percent. However, it is estimated that heavy-duty trucks will be responsible for one third of NOx emissions from transportation by 2025 and it's been nearly 20 years since EPA last set NOx emissions standards for heavy-duty trucks.

Part of this initiative will be to also cut unnecessary red tape while simplifying certification of compliance requirements for heavy-duty trucks. For the past two decades, additional regulatory requirements have been added to on-highway heavy-duty vehicles in a piecemeal fashion. This has resulted in some overly complex and constant requirements that do little to actually improve the environment.

EPA will undertake a comprehensive review of existing requirements to root out inefficiencies and ensure our heavy-duty trucks are clean and able to remain a competitive method of transporting goods. Areas of deregulatory focus will include onboard diagnostic requirements to ensure they focus on the functionality of key emission control system components, cost-effective means of

reassuring real world compliance by using modern and advanced technologies, the deterioration factor testing process and concerns regarding annual recertification of engine families where the underlying technologies have not changed from one model year to the next.

This update to the standards will result in significant mobile source NOx reductions which will help areas come into attainment with ozone and Particulate Matter Standards. This is especially true for cities and areas with heavy stop-and-go traffic where small improvements can make a big difference.

Private sector research and development efforts have already spurred new technologies. Our goal is to update our standards so that we can help get these new technologies and use across the country.

Through the Cleaner Trucks Initiative, we want to provide the trucking industry with the regulatory certainty they need and help cities and states meet the attainment requirements for ozone and Particulate Matter.

This has been our approach across the board and it's working. Under President Trump, we have finalized 28 major derogatory action saving Americans over $1.6 billion. Overall, we are currently developing an additional 49 deregulatory actions. They're estimated to provide up to hundred billion dollars in savings.

Thanks to the President's Regulatory Reform Agenda, the economy is booming and we're the number one energy producer in the world. At the same time, we are global leader in cleaner progress in CO2 reductions. From 1970 to 2017, U.S. criteria air pollution fell by 73 percent while the economy grew over 260 percent. And from 2005 to 2017, total U.S. energy-related CO2 emissions fell by 14 percent. In contrast, global energy-related CO2 emissions increased over 20 percent.

And we just released a new report which is from the Greenhouse Gas Emissions for major industrial sources decreased by 2.7 percent from 2016 to 2017. The Trump administration has proven that burdensome federal regulations are not necessary to drive environmental progress. By respecting the rule of law and working closely with states, the regular community were improved in both the environment and the economy.

In tomorrow's announcement, we'll show that we are continuing to clean up the environment whilst simplifying some of the regulatory processes that the regular community has to follow.

With that, I'll turn it over to our Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation. Bill Wehrum.

**From:** Shepardson, David (Reuters) <David.Shepardson@thomsonreuters.com>
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 13, 2018 9:06 AM
**To:** Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: I will attend tomorrow's event

Do you have the administrators prepared remarks? I missed the first part. Is the embargo still until 3 PM?

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**From:** Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 13, 2018 9:04:28 AM
**To:** Shepardson, David (Reuters); Press
**Subject:** RE: I will attend tomorrow's event

Thank you for RSVPing. Please enter through the William Jefferson Clinton north entrance by 3:40 pm. You can reach me at Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

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**From:** Shepardson, David (Reuters) <David.Shepardson@thomsonreuters.com>
**Sent:** Monday, November 12, 2018 3:49 PM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** I will attend tomorrow's event

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Message

**From**: Schiermeyer, Corry [schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 9/25/2019 7:02:29 PM
**To**: Bodine, Susan [bodine.susan@epa.gov]
**CC**: Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]; Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]; McFaul, Jessica [mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: call today at 1:30pm

No...

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**From:** Bodine, Susan <bodine.susan@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 25, 2019 3:02 PM
**To:** Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: call today at 1:30pm

Corry, you added Brady to the email below. Did you intend to?

I just sent you an email with a bunch of links.

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**From:** Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 25, 2019 2:49 PM
**To:** Bodine, Susan <bodine.susan@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Dennis, Brady <Brady.Dennis@washpost.com>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: call today at 1:30pm

Here are her follow up questions.

We have 1 and 2. Is there something you could add in regards to #3?
We will take #4, waiting to see if we can give her #5.
For #6, were you talking about the overall EPA strategic plan?

Thank you again for doing the call!

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**From:** Eilperin, Juliet <Juliet.Eilperin@washpost.com>
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 25, 2019 2:44 PM
**To:** Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Dennis, Brady <Brady.Dennis@washpost.com>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: call today at 1:30pm

Dear All,
Thanks for the call. We just wanted to follow up on a few fronts.

1. In terms of the reason for the senior official's anonymity, just provide a relatively pithy one and we will be set on that front.
2. We see the link to the TMDL Susan referenced as a footnote in the letter, so that probably covers it. If there are specific homeless studies you would like to provide, feel free.

3. Also, in terms of the back and forth on the West Side permit, is there an easy way to summarize the dispute b/w EPA and the city? What exactly are the permit standards that the city is saying it doesn't need to meet?
4. In terms of the LA visit that came out, I think it was referenced in this story, for example: https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2019/09/12/trump-officials-tour-unused-faa-facility-california-search-place-relocate-homeless-people/ Were any EPA officials on that trip? And when exactly did it take place?
5. Is it possible to get the letter to Wisconsin that went out under the last administration, for context?
6. Susan referenced a strategy document that detailed the extent to which federal water standards are being exceeded, and future goals. So it would be helpful to get those specific numbers, especially where the exceedances stand now.
7. In terms of the timing for tomorrow, Corry, if you could give me a call, I wanted to check in with you on that, as well as one other point.

Best,
Juliet

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**From:** Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 25, 2019 1:10 PM
**To:** Eilperin, Juliet <Juliet.Eilperin@washpost.com>
**Cc:** Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Dennis, Brady <Brady.Dennis@washpost.com>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: call today at 1:30pm

Yep…that is our plan. Thank you.

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**From:** Eilperin, Juliet <Juliet.Eilperin@washpost.com>
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 25, 2019 1:09 PM
**To:** Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Dennis, Brady <Brady.Dennis@washpost.com>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: call today at 1:30pm

Thanks so much, we will read it now. And yes, it would be great to get a formatted letter that we can turn into a link, though we wouldn't do that until late today in any event.
Best,
Juliet

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**From:** Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 25, 2019 1:05 PM
**To:** Eilperin, Juliet <Juliet.Eilperin@washpost.com>
**Cc:** Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Dennis, Brady <Brady.Dennis@washpost.com>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: call today at 1:30pm

Here is an embargoed (until 6amET tomorrow) copy of the text of the letter. The team is still formatting. Once I have the final, I will send it to you, but wanted you to have this info before the call.
This will be addressed to CA Governor Newsom.

Thank you!

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**From:** Schiermeyer, Corry
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 25, 2019 11:48 AM
**To:** Eilperin, Juliet <Juliet.Eilperin@washpost.com>
**Cc:** Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Dennis, Brady

<Brady.Dennis@washpost.com>
**Subject:** RE: call today at 1:30pm

Thank you! trying to do too many things at once…sorry Brady!!!

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**From:** Eilperin, Juliet <Juliet.Eilperin@washpost.com>
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 25, 2019 11:43 AM
**To:** Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Dennis, Brady <Brady.Dennis@washpost.com>
**Subject:** RE: call today at 1:30pm

Sounds good, and I am just looping in Brady.
Best,
Juliet

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**From:** Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 25, 2019 11:26 AM
**To:** Eilperin, Juliet <Juliet.Eilperin@washpost.com>
**Cc:** Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
**Subject:** call today at 1:30pm

**CAUTION: EXTERNAL SENDER**

Hello Juliet,

Here is the call in info for the call today. I am still working on getting you the final letter, under the embargo until 6am tomorrow. Please let me know if you have any questions!

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Extension: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Participant Code: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

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Message

**From**: Krisher, Tom [tkrisher@ap.org]
**Sent**: 11/13/2018 1:34:30 PM
**To**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: embargo broken

It looks like Reuters may have broken the embargo on the heavy-duty truck release. Are you lifting the embargo?

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 9/25/2019 5:56:58 PM
**To:** Kristin Kasper [kristin.kasper@gray.tv]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** RE: Subject: Gary TV: Interview today- Live Stock & Poultry -Sectors

Kristin, for attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson," please:

**Q: We spoke with a sheep rancher who is encouraging the continues use of M44s. What we are searching for is someone to speak with about why they are being re-evaluated, and maybe to comment about the current discussions surrounding sodium cyanide.**

A: Sodium cyanide, the pesticide active ingredient in the M-44 device, is currently being reevaluated under the registration review program. EPA is statutorily required to complete registration review for all pesticide active ingredients once every 15 years. This reevaluation program ensures that, as new information becomes available, pesticide products can still be used safely without unreasonable adverse risks to the public or the environment.

Sodium cyanide, in an encapsulated single-dose product, is inserted into an M-44 spring-loaded ejector device to control predatory animals. Use is limited to:

- Situations where canids (e.g., foxes, coyotes, feral dogs) prey upon (or are likely to prey upon) livestock, poultry or federally designated threatened or endangered species; or
- Particular canids that are carriers of communicable diseases. All currently registered products are Restricted Use Pesticides requiring specific applicator training and certification requirements.

Under the current registration review cycle, EPA published a Proposed Interim Registration Review Decision (PID) on December 2018; this PID proposed updates to the 26 use restrictions on M-44 devices in order to reduce potential exposure to humans and non-target species. On Aug. 6, 2019, the Interim Registration Review Decision (ID) published; it incorporated changes proposed in the PID.

On Aug. 15, 2019, EPA announced the withdrawal of the Aug. 6 Interim Decision in order to allow the Agency more time for the reevaluation process of sodium cyanide (Statement by EPA Administrator Wheeler on M-44, Predator Control Devices). EPA determined that this decision warranted further analysis and additional discussions by EPA with USDA (the primary registrant).

The existing registration for sodium cyanide remains in effect and can continue to be used while EPA performs further review. Once we complete our process of further review, we will issue a revised interim decision.

Cheers, R.

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Hello Robert,
Kristin here.

Thank you so much for taking the time to speak with me. Like I said, we spoke with a sheep rancher who is encouraging the continues use of M44s.

What we are searching for is someone to speak with about why they are being re-evaluated, and maybe to comment about the current discussions surrounding sodium cyanide.

Thank you,

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**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>, Kristin Kasper <kristin.kasper@gray.tv>
**Subject:** Re: Subject: Gary TV: Interview today- Live Stock & Poultry -Sectors

Rob,

Thank you for the information. I am trying to find someone to speak about the ranchers' concerns overall. Are they valid, are cattle ranchers facing struggles and what are they? If you guys do not have anyone, can you recommend someone? I am having a hard time trying to locate someone in DC.

I appreciate any help or guidance you can give me.

Sincerely,

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**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Subject: Gary TV: Interview today- Live Stock & Poultry -Sectors

Good afternoon Karen and thanks for reaching out,

I think EPA could be of help only in discussing M-44s. But what, specifically, do you want to know about these?

I hope the following link is helpful. Let me know if you want to discuss, as well as your hard deadline.

https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/statement-epa-administrator-wheeler-m-44-predator-control-devices

Cheers, R.

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Hi this is Karen from the Gray DC Television Bureau. Gray has over 100 stations in 91 markets across the country. https://www.graydc.com/

I am reaching out because I am looking for an expert to talk to us and explain the Live and Poultry Sectors, what the concerns of cattle ranchers are and are they valid?

Tomorrow the U.S. Senate Committee on Agricultural, Nutrition and Forestry are holding a hearing to address the ***Perspectives on the Livestock and Poultry Sectors.***

Here is a link to an article addressing the problem cattle ranchers are facing.

https://www.tsln.com/news/roberts-stabenow-announce-livestock-and-poultry-hearing/

We are interviewing Burton Pfliger, who will represent the American Sheep Industry in the hearing, will address four main points.
1. Approval for expanded use of M44 – a predator control method.
2. Mandatory price reporting. With only 3 packers buying slaughter lambs, if one doesn't buy a certain week or meet other requirements (doesn't buy enough lambs, doesn't buy from enough different individuals), there are essentially no sales reported. The 3-70-20 confidentiality rule that applies to cattle also applies to sheep to protect the confidentiality of the company buying the livestock. In order for a transaction to be reportable, at least 3 packers have to provide data at least 50 percent of the time over the most recent 60 day period, one company can't submit more than 70 percent of the data for the most recent 60 day period, No single reporting entity may be the sole reporting entity for an individual report more than 20 percent of the time over the most recent 60 day time period.
"If you lose any packing plant, for whatever reason, we essentially will lose all data available. That information is useful to producers as well as packers who need to make informed decisions," said Pfliger. One suggestion ASI has made is changing the "70 percent" to "80 percent" to reflect the continued consolidation of the packing industry, he said.
3. Trade. ASI supports the passage of the USMCA.
4. The US Sheep Experiment Station. This research station is of critical importance to the sheep industry in providing real-live studying opportunities for interactions with wildlife, health issues and a number of other topics.
Pfliger, a past ASI president, raises sheep near Bismarck, North Dakota.
Is there an expert available to talk to us this afternoon or first thing in the morning?

Sincerely,

Karen

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**Subject:** Re: MEDIA ADVISORY: Background Briefing on Deregulatory Action by Acting Administrator Wheeler

Correct. January 2001. Feel free to share the call-in info with your colleagues.

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 12, 2018, at 10:04 AM, Puko, Tim <tim.puko@wsj.com> wrote:

> This would be the first update to commercial truck NOx emissions rules in nearly two decades, right?
>
> I want to loop our Detroit team in on this. Will there be a briefing packet or one-pager or something explaining the history and what the upcoming process will include?
>
> On Mon, Nov 12, 2018 at 10:00 AM Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> > OTR: Acting Administrator Wheeler will be announcing a Cleaner Trucks initiative that will cut unnecessary red tape while simplifying certification and compliance requirements for heavy-duty vehicles. Also as part of the initiative, EPA will engage in rulemaking to establish updated standards to address nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions from heavy-duty trucks and engines.
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> > Sent from my iPhone
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> > On Nov 12, 2018, at 10:00 AM, Puko, Tim <tim.puko@wsj.com> wrote:
> >
> > > OK, great. Thanks.
> > >
> > > On Mon, Nov 12, 2018 at 9:59 AM Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov> wrote:
> > >
> > > > Until the embargo is lifted tomorrow.
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> > > > Sent from my iPhone
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> > > > On Nov 12, 2018, at 9:58 AM, Puko, Tim <tim.puko@wsj.com> wrote:
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> > > > > Off the record like I can never discuss it or use it or just that I can't use it until after the embargo lifts?
> > > > >
> > > > > On Mon, Nov 12, 2018 at 9:56 AM Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov> wrote:
> > > > >
> > > > > > Thank you for RSVPing. The briefing will be embargoed until 3 pm ET on November 13th.
> > > > > > Call-in number for the briefing: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
> > > > > > Conference ID: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

I can send you some info off-the-record and for planning purposes if that works for you.

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On Nov 12, 2018, at 9:51 AM, Puko, Tim <tim.puko@wsj.com> wrote:

> Thanks for the invite. I'm preparing to participate in this. Can you give me an idea of what to expect on this or when I'll be able to use this background info in a story?
>
> On Fri, Nov 9, 2018 at 1:30 PM EPA Press Office <press@epa.gov> wrote:

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**Background Briefing on Deregulatory Action by Acting Adminis**

Via Teleconference

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**WASHINGTON** (November 9, 2018) - Acting Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) A Wheeler and Assistant EPA Administrator for Air and Radiation Bill Wehrum will hold call on an upcoming regulatory action.

**WHO:** Acting EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler

Assistant EPA Administrator for Air and Radiation Bill Wehrum

**WHAT:** Background briefing via teleconference

**WHEN:** Monday, November 12 at 6 pm ET

Credentialed press: please RSVP to press@epa.gov for call-in info.

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**Subject**: call today at 1:30pm

Hello Juliet,

Here is the call in info for the call today. I am still working on getting you the final letter, under the embargo until 6am tomorrow. Please let me know if you have any questions!

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Message

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**Subject**: RE: Michigan PFAS meeting

Sounds good!

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**From:** Block, Molly
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 26, 2018 8:50 AM
**To:** Kelley, Jeff <kelley.jeff@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Michigan PFAS meeting

Yes. I'll be there on Friday. I'm at the last day for the safe vehicles fuel hearing. Can we chat on this on Friday. I have a pretty solid idea of how things should be structured.

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On Sep 26, 2018, at 9:46 AM, Kelley, Jeff <kelley.jeff@epa.gov> wrote:

> Are you coming next week? Have you given any thought to the press strategy for the round table and the site visits?
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> ***Jeff Kelley***
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Message

**From:** Richard Wortman [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]
**Sent:** 9/25/2018 6:11:17 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Re: Reporters Questions

Robert. Thanks so much for ur persistence and help

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 24, 2018, at 11:40 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Richard,

Here are our answers on lead in paint, for attribution to U.S. EPA, please:

**Incoming #1:** What is the current U.S. policy regarding lead in paint. Is it now banned in the U.S.?

**Response #1:** In 1978 the U.S. government banned the sale of paint and similar coating products that contain lead, and this ban is enforced by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. The ban covers paint or other coating products that contain greater than 90 ppm lead. It also covers toys and other articles intended for use by children, and furniture coated with lead-containing paint (i.e., paint with greater than 90 ppm lead). The ban also covers all paint and coating products sold directly to consumers and includes uses in homes, schools, hospitals, parks, playgrounds and other public areas where children or consumers will have direct contact to painted surfaces.

**Incoming #2:** What programs are in place to deal with lead in paint that is still in homes, buildings etc.? What efforts are being made to deal with this ongoing problem?

**Response #2:** Reducing childhood lead exposure and addressing associated health impacts is a top priority for EPA. Strengthening the standards for lead in dust is an important component of EPA's strategy to curtail childhood lead exposure.

EPA also has programs in place to deal with existing lead-based paint including:

- Lead-Based Paint Activities Program - Individuals and firms who perform abatement projects in pre-1978 target housing and child-occupied facilities are required to be certified by EPA (or an EPA-authorized state) and follow specific work practices. EPA provides the regulatory infrastructure, including state and tribal funding, to ensure that:
    - individuals and firms conducting lead-based paint abatement risk assessment or inspection are properly trained and certified;
    - training programs are accredited; and
    - these activities are conducted according to reliable, effective and safe work practice standards.
- Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) Program - The RRP program requires that firms performing renovation, repair, and painting projects that disturb lead-based paint in homes, child care facilities and pre-schools built before 1978 be certified by EPA (or an EPA-authorized state), use certified renovators who are trained by EPA-approved training providers, and follow lead-safe work practices. Under this program EPA continues to:
    - increase the number (or percentage) of certified renovation firms capable of providing lead-safe renovation, repair and painting services through targeted outreach campaigns to contractors, including providing state and tribal funding; and

- provide a nationwide list of certified renovation firms on the Agency's website: https://cfpub.epa.gov/flpp/pub/index.cfm?do=main.firmSearch.

**Incoming #3:** Based on your experience (decline in lead levels after undertaking special programs) what steps should be made in Georgia to assess the problem of lead contamination and reduce negative effects?

**Response #3:** The UN Environment Program and the World Health Organization have established a voluntary partnership – the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint - to prevent exposure to lead, while promoting the phase-out of paints containing lead internationally. The Alliance has developed a Model Law and Guidance for Regulating Lead Paint and a tool kit with comprehensive information to help governments and other stakeholders understand the issues related to lead and to galvanize action to ban lead paint: https://www.unenvironment.org/explore-topics/chemicals-waste/what-we-do/emerging-issues/global-alliance-eliminate-lead-paint.

**Incoming #4:** Are there any easy-to-use devices that can detect lead in paint so that anyone can check a house and trust the results?

**Response #4:** EPA has recognized three lead test kits, which when used by a trained professional, can reliably determine that regulated lead-based paint is not present. There is more information about lead test kits on EPA's website (https://www.epa.gov/lead/lead-test-kits).

Cheers, R.

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**Subject:** Reporters Questions

Hello Robert. I talked to the reporter again and received these questions in return. Do I need to talk to the FDA about lead in Georgian spices? I hope this helps in sorting out an expert we can talk to. I realize you have a problem in sorting through all the experts at EPA and who can talk about these issues. But, if this helps, the answers are for a TV audience, not a group of scientists, so we just need general answers, not overly scientific replies that a typical TV audience will not even understand.

What is the effect of lead contamination on humans?
Can you measure the amount of lead in a person?
What steps can be taken to deal with it?
What is best treatment for lead poisoning? Are anti lead-poisoning medications safe?

**LEAD IN GASOLINE**

Is there anyone at EPA who can talk specifically about the problem the U.S. had with lead in gasoline in the U.S. and the ultimate banning of it?
Is there a way to test for lead in gasoline?
How do you assess the problem of lead in gasoline and reduce its negative effects?

## LEAD IN GEORGIAN SPICES

There is a big problem with lead contamination in Georgian spices. The following questions apply to this problem. Most of the questions relate to studies I believe were done by the NYC health department. I have requested an interview with them.

Does the EPA have any information about lead found in spices imported from Georgia into the U.S?

Have any studies been done about this problem?

Were these spices packed and labeled "Made in Georgia" or were they kept in homemade packaging without producer details on them? (This is very common for spices sold in Georgia)

Can you confirm that these spices were contaminated because the seeds that were ground up were contaminated with lead during their growth (maybe because soil or water were contaminated), or that ground-up seeds of spices were mixed with colored dyes (red for chili pepper and yellow for yellow flower or saffron) and those dyes were contaminated with lead?

## LEAD IN PAINT

What is the current U.S. policy regarding lead in paint. Is it now banned in the U.S.?
What programs are in place to deal with lead in paint that is still in homes, buildings etc.? What efforts are being made to deal with this ongoing problem?
Based on your experience (decline in lead levels after undertaking special programs) what steps should be made in Georgia to assess the problem of lead contamination and reduce negative effects?
Are there any easy-to-use devices that can detect lead in paint so that anyone can check a house and trust the results?

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**Subject**: FINAL REVIEW: WEEK OF OCTOBER 7 – EPA COMMUNICATIONS

**Importance**: High

**Finally…final review. Hitting send at or before 5pm.**

**DRAFT-DELIBERATIVE: SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

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**Subject**: RE: EPA R8 and ND Self Audit Memo

Yes yes yes. Thank you for flagging this!!

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Do we want to Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)?

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**Subject:** RE: EPA R8 and ND Self Audit Memo

Molly,
Below is the info pertaining to the self-audit memo. Our plan is simple: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) We will send out
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Best regards,

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**Subject:** RE: EPA R8 and ND Self Audit Memo

Not sure if I responded yesterday. Can you resend materials?

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**From:** McFaul, Jessica
**Sent:** Thursday, October 3, 2019 3:24 PM
**To:** Mutter, Andrew <mutter.andrew@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Mylott, Richard <Mylott.Richard@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Bohan, Suzanne <bohan.suzanne@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: EPA R8 and ND Self Audit Memo

Hey there, sorry for not getting back sooner. I need to loop Molly to make sure there aren't any conflicts, since she is traveling with the Administrator next week. But I believe this is all okay. Jess

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**From:** Mutter, Andrew <mutter.andrew@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 2, 2019 12:57 PM
**To:** McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Mylott, Richard <Mylott.Richard@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Bohan, Suzanne <bohan.suzanne@epa.gov>
**Subject:** EPA R8 and ND Self Audit Memo

Jess,
R8 and ND plan to sign a self-audit memo Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) This memo mirrors the one we signed Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Our RA will be in ND to participate in some of the Adm's events, and we want to take advantage of Greg's time on the ground to complete this action. We plan Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
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Please let us know if you all have any concerns.

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Best regards,

Andrew

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Message

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**Sent**: 10/4/2019 1:51:15 PM
**To**: Haniya Rae [haniya.rae@consumer.org]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]; Mears, Mary [Mears.Mary@epa.gov]; Rodriguez, Elias [Rodriguez.Elias@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Press Inquiry: Speak to someone about storm/flood clean up?

Good morning Haniya,

**Attributable to an EPA spokesperson:**
You should not reenter your home until you are told it is safe to do so, this is typically after flood waters recede. Before you enter or inspect a home that may be moldy, keep in mind that breathing in mold may cause health effects, such as allergic reactions or respiratory irritation. Be sure to protect yourself from exposure to mold and other contaminants by following the guidance for respiratory protection in the Homeowner's and Renter's Guide to Mold Cleanup After Disasters or other federal guidance. At a minimum, wear an N-95 respirator mask, goggles and protective gloves. EPA's booklet *Flood Cleanup and the Air in Your Home* provides illustrations to help you choose protective clothing.

Microorganisms, such as bacteria, can multiply and grow in standing water. From there, they can get in the air, where you can inhale them. Even when flooding is due to rainwater, floodwater can get mixed with sewage, dirt, or other substances and bring contaminants such as bacteria and chemicals into your home. You should remove all standing water as soon as possible. Use a wet vacuum to remove water from floors, carpets and hard surfaces. For more information, please visit: https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-09/documents/floods.pdf

Thanks,
Maggie

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**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>; Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov>; Rodriguez, Elias <Rodriguez.Elias@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Press Inquiry: Speak to someone about storm/flood clean up?

Hi Maggie,

If someone could answer before EOD tomorrow, that'd be great. Thank you!

On Thu, Oct 3, 2019 at 1:23 PM Sauerhage, Maggie <Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov> wrote:

> Hi Haniya,
>
> Checking on this for you. What's your deadline?

Thanks,

Maggie

Maggie Sauerhage

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**From:** Haniya Rae <haniya.rae@consumer.org>
**Sent:** Thursday, October 03, 2019 1:02 PM
**To:** Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>; Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov>; Rodriguez, Elias <Rodriguez.Elias@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Press Inquiry: Speak to someone about storm/flood clean up?

Hello Enesta,

I have a quick question: I know a homeowner shouldn't enter until they're told it's safe to do so, but should they also wait until floodwaters recede? Or should they enter even if there's standing water?

On Tue, Sep 17, 2019 at 11:08 AM Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:

> Please attribute to Enesta Jones, an EPA Spokesperson.
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> On Sep 17, 2019, at 10:38 AM, Haniya Rae <haniya.rae@consumer.org> wrote:
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> Hello Enesta,
>
> Is there a name we can attribute to directly?
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> On Tue, Sep 10, 2019 at 5:28 PM Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:

Haniya,

Please see our response below.

**Attributable to an EPA Spokesperson:** The moisture levels to which you are referring indicate optimal comfort levels for occupants under every-day circumstances and are not related to appropriate humidity levels for buildings that have experienced flooding or other water damage. To know if it is safe to bring drywall, wood, or furniture into a flood-damaged building, please discuss with your contractor or home inspector.

On Sep 10, 2019, at 3:50 PM, Haniya Rae <haniya.rae@consumer.org> wrote:

Thank you so much, Enesta.

For moisture levels, I see that you recommend that it's ideally between 30 and 50 percent—is that humidity level safe to put wood/furniture/drywall back in your home as well?

On Tue, Sep 10, 2019 at 2:48 PM Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:

Hello Haniya,

Please see our responses below, attributable to an EPA Spokesperson.

**What do you do first if you smell gas or see downed powerlines near your home?**

CDC and FEMA offer guidance. Please contact them.

**Are shovels the best way to remove debris from your home? Where should debris be piled up?**

Use of Shovel -- Be careful when moving furnishings or debris, because they may be waterlogged and heavier after a flood. What tools should be used to safely clean up debris will depend on several factors including the amount and type of debris, location and situation.

Debris Cleanup -- Check to see if your local government/municipality has a disaster debris management plan for specific guidelines in your area. In general, debris placed from the sidewalk toward your property will not be picked up. Contractors cannot collect items on private property. Do not set debris against trees or poles. Doing so makes it harder for cleanup crews to scoop up the items. Homeowners may be asked to separate debris into categories (eg., household garbage, construction debris, household hazardous waste, goods/appliances, electronics, etc.). For more information see https://www.epa.gov/natural-disasters/managing-debris-after-natural-disaster

**If you have a dehumidifier (or multiple dehumidifiers), where should it be placed?**

A dehumidifier reduces the amount of moisture in the air and can be an important part of post-flood cleanups to aid in the drying process. Although fans may be used to move moisture into the air from wet surfaces and materials, unless that moisture is removed from the air, it can re-condense on those surfaces and materials. Where to place the dehumidifier or multiple dehumidifiers depends upon several factors including type and power of the dehumidifier and your personal situation.

**How long should you keep an airflow through a house if you're trying to dry it out? Is there a magic number or moisture level? If you have to remove drywall, how long should you leave your walls open and allow to dry? Is there an indoor moisture level recommended?**

The amount of time it takes to completely dry a house varies and depends on several factors including moisture content of the air being used to ventilate, where the moisture is located and the nature, types and porosity of the materials inside that need to dry. It is important to note that once the liquid water is removed from the building and the large open surfaces are dry to the touch, problem water can still remain in cavities, cracks, and porous materials. If drying efforts stop too soon, microbial growth may begin or recur.

If it is not raining outside, opening windows and doors will provide a great deal of ventilation. How quickly things dry depends on how dry the outdoor air is compared to the indoor air. If the outdoor air is warm and dry, the building will dry quicker but if the air is hot and humid things will dry more slowly.

How quickly things dry also depends on the nature of the materials and whether the item or assembly contains cavities, joints, cracks, or porous materials that make it difficult to air dry. Cracks are often hard to dry because liquid water can be held between them and may be too small to blow air through or wipe out with a rag. Air movement, dry air, and heat are needed to dry cavities, cracks, and porous materials. Some cavities such as cabinets, drawers, air handlers, and plumbing walls can be opened and aired out. Other cavities can only be accessed by removing built-in cabinets or making holes in the kick spaces, soffits, and wall or ceiling cavities. Opening these cavities greatly increases the drying rate.

**If objects/surfaces in your home feel dry after a flood, should you just assume that they could still harbor mold?**

If the house has been closed up for several days, enter briefly to open doors and windows to let the house air out for a while (at least 30 minutes) before you stay for any length of time.

Things that remain wet for more than two days usually get moldy. If you were not able to dry your home (including furniture and other items) within 24-48 hours, you should assume you have mold growth. In addition, beyond mold, microorganisms such as bacteria can multiply and grow in standing water. Even when flooding is due to rainwater, floodwater can get mixed with sewage, dirt, or other substances and bring contaminants such as bacteria and chemicals into your home.

**How soon can you replace vinyl, carpet, furniture, and other surfaces?**

A home/area that has been flooded should first be determined to be safe, with no structural, electrical or other hazards. After which ensure that thehouse/area is completely cleaned and dry before beginning to replace items in the home.

**Is there any certification that people should look for if a contractor offers their services for mold cleanup? (ie: how do people know whether they're being scammed?)**

Hire a mold inspection or remediation professional affiliated with or certified by the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA), the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA), the Institute of Inspection, Cleaning and Restoration Certification (IICRC), or American Council for Accredited Certification (ACAC) to inspect, repair, and restore the damaged parts of your home. Your state also may regulate mold remediation.

Additional resources:

Homeowner's and Renter's Guide to Mold Cleanup After Disasters -https://www.epa.gov/mold/homeowners-and-renters-guide-mold-cleanup-after-disasters

On Sep 10, 2019, at 9:46 AM, Haniya Rae <haniya.rae@consumer.org> wrote:

Hello,

We're working on a story about cleaning up your home after a flood. I was wondering if I could speak to an expert for attribution who can talk about mold and cleanup. I'd need to speak to someone before EOD. Thanks!

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**Sent**: 10/3/2019 8:36:23 PM
**To**: Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: FOR REVIEW: OPA Content Tracker (Oct. 7)
**Attachments**: 2019-2020 DRAFT-DELIBERATIVE OPA Monthly Content Tracker.docx

**Importance**: High

Just realized you weren't on my distro. You are now! J

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**From:** McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Thursday, October 3, 2019 4:35 PM
**Subject:** FOR REVIEW: OPA Content Tracker (Oct. 7)
**Importance:** High

OPA Content Tracker attached for review, with the week ahead pasted below. ***Please reply to this email by Noon tomorrow (Friday) with any edits or additions.*** Thanks! Jess

*A copy of the most updated tracker is always available on the OPA Information Hub. Need access? Let me know.*

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

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**Sent**: 10/15/2019 12:38:31 PM
**To**: TShirley@nexstar.tv
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Subject: EPA Response for Story--Nexstar Media Group D.C.

Good morning,

I think one of my colleagues may have gotten back to you on Friday, but just in case, here's our response, for attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson," please. I hope you'll still find it useful .

Chlorpyrifos is undergoing registration review, a program that re-evaluates all pesticides on a 15-year cycle. This is a comprehensive, scientific and transparent process that will further evaluate chlorpyrifos' potential effects. EPA is working to update its risk assessments, which will result in a more complete, accurate assessment of the risks of chlorpyrifos. EPA expects to release the revised chlorpyrifos risk assessments for public availability and comment in August 2020. EPA plans to release the proposed interim decision for chlorpyrifos, incorporating these updated risk assessments, for public availability and comment by October 2020.

EPA is aware of the recently announced agreement between California and several pesticide manufacturers to cancel many chlorpyrifos products. Pesticide manufactures may decide which states they choose to market their products. The manufacturers' decision to stop selling certain products in California does not affect EPA's registration review process of chlorpyrifos or the federally approved chlorpyrifos label.

Because the science addressing neurodevelopmental effects is still unresolved, it has not yet been demonstrated to EPA's satisfaction that chlorpyrifos poses an unreasonable risk. Therefore, as part of the ongoing registration review process, which EPA is expediting, we will continue to review the science addressing neurodevelopmental effects of chlorpyrifos.

Additional information: www.epa.gov/ingredients-used-pesticide-products/chlorpyrifos

**Background:**

In May 2019, the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) announced that the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) would act to ban chlorpyrifos use in California by initiating cancellation of the pesticide.

California and other states may pass their own pesticide regulations if they are at least as stringent as federal pesticide regulations. Pesticide applicators are subject to the laws and regulations set by their own states as well as the requirements set forth on EPA-approved product labeling.

Corteva, formerly Dow AgriSciences, is the primary manufacturer of chlorpyrifos, but a number of other chlorpyrifos registrants are included in this agreement.

EPA has also been engaged in discussions with the chlorpyrifos registrants that could result in further use limitations affecting the outcome of EPA's assessment.

Cheers, R.

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**Date:** October 10, 2019 at 10:52:18 AM EDT
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject: EPA Response for Story--Nexstar Media Group D.C.**
Good morning,

I'm working on a story for today about California banning the use of chlorpyrifos, a pesticide used in agriculture. Previously (under the Obama EPA) regulations were put in place to end the use of chlorpyrifos, but those regulations have been rolled back under the Trump EPA. I have several questions I wanted to know if the EPA could respond to, as follows:

What is the reason for the EPA rollback on regulations involving the use of chlorpyrifos?
Does the EPA object to California independently deciding to ban the use of chlorpyrifos?
Does the EPA consider chlorpyrifos a substance that can have adverse health effects?

Please let me know what you can...my deadline for needing a response is today at 2:00 PM EDT.

Best,
Trevor Shirley

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**To**: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
**CC**: Ross, David P [ross.davidp@epa.gov]; Lyons, Troy [lyons.troy@epa.gov]; Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]; Hewitt, James [hewitt.james@epa.gov]; Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]; Beach, Christopher [beach.christopher@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: PFOA -- heads up

After discussing this with David just now, we'd prefer Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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**From:** Jackson, Ryan
**Sent:** Monday, February 4, 2019 4:55 PM
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**Cc:** Ross, David P <ross.davidp@epa.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>
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I think we accomplish our purpose by saying,

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Maybe we want to Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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**Subject:** RE: PFOA -- heads up

Here's the updated (stronger) statement from David Ross. I'd like to get this to Newsday ASAP please if everyone is good.

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**Subject:** Re: PFOA -- heads up

We need to develop a response similar to Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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On Feb 4, 2019, at 11:27 AM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:

Flagging...for awareness.

**From:** Mears, Mary
**Sent:** Monday, February 4, 2019 11:11 AM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Kluesner, Dave <kluesner.dave@epa.gov>
**Subject:** PFOA
**Importance:** High

Hi Nancy, Robin and Andrea,

FYI see below related to PFOA and SOTU. We have also just got a media inquiry from NY Newsday asking for a response to a planned media event from Senator Schumer plans today. According to reporter, Senator Schumer will ask EPA to "reverse course on a likely imminent decision to not set drinking water standards for highly toxic chemicals already found on Long Island."

**From:** Kluesner, Dave
**Sent:** Monday, February 4, 2019 9:45 AM
**To:** Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov>

**Cc:** Rini, Sophia <Rini.Sophia@epa.gov>; Romanowski, Larisa <Romanowski.Larisa@epa.gov>; Kandil, Shereen <Kandil.Shereen@epa.gov>
**Subject:** this will be of interest to Pete
**Importance:** High

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Hoosick Falls environmental advocate to attend State of the Union

February 3, 2019

Hoosick Falls resident Michael Hickey, who exposed toxic chemicals polluting water in his Rensselaer County village, will attend the State of the Union in Washington D.C. Tuesday as the guest of U.S. Rep. Antonio Delgado.

Hickey said he was honored and grateful to be joining Delgado.

"Putting a spotlight on the poisoning of residents of Hoosick Falls and Petersburgh is exactly what we need to spur action on a local and national level," a statement to the Times Union read.

After the death of his father from cancer, Hickey began testing local water for contaminants. He discovered that a toxic chemical PFOA, emitted from factories nearby, polluted water supplies in and around the village of Hoosick Falls.

The Times Union r**eported the discovery** in December 2015. The story also revealed that village and state officials downplayed the problem for more than a year and did not warn residents that the water was unsafe to drink, possibly to protect their efforts to revive the local economy.

Within a week of publication, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) demanded the village warn residents to stop drinking the water. Two months later, the state of New York declared the village would become a Superfund site designated for federally funded clean-up.

In 2016, Hickey **sued two companies** that operated the manufacturing plants which caused the contaminants. He and other Hoosick Falls residents, including mayor Rob Allen elected in 2017, have pushed for compensation and systemic change as the problem persists. A **recent survey** discovered rates of illnesses and cancer caused by pollution were higher than previously estimated.

Delgado, serving his first term as representative for the 19th Congressional District which includes Hoosick Falls, said the situation is **one of his top regional concerns**.

"I've seen personally the devastating effects that PFOA chemicals have had on our communities and on families like Michael Hickey's. He is a true hero in what he has done to spur action," a statement from the representative to the Times Union read. "I'm pleased he will join me for the State of the Union as we send a powerful message that this crisis cannot be ignored. I am committed to working with members on both sides of the aisle to take decisive steps to address water contamination. And I will be a strong voice urging the Administration to step up its efforts to protect the health and safety of communities in Upstate New York and across the country."

Last week, Delgado **sent a letter** to EPA's Acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler urging him to include a commitment to set maximum contaminant levels for the toxic chemicals PFOA and PFAS. Delgado's letter said that the agency's National Management Plan, overdue after a scheduled release in fall 2018, is rumored to not include a maximum level.

Delgado's guest will highlight the issue on a national stage. This year's State of the Union delivered by the President, an annual tradition, was delayed because of the longest shutdown in U.S. history. Speaker

of the House Nancy Pelosi refused to invite President Donald Trump to give the speech in the House but conceded after the shutdown was temporarily ended.

Every member of Congress can bring one guest to the event. The President and the Speaker of the House may invite up to 24 guests each in their designated boxes.

Congressman Paul Tonko is bringing Gene Karpinski, president of the League of Conservation Voters and a leading national voice for climate action and environmental advocacy.

Congresswoman Elise Stefanik invited Steve Bowman, an Air Force veteran from Plattsburgh, who is the director of the Clinton County Veterans Services Agency.

Hoosick Falls Mayor Rob Allen, who announced Hickey's invitation on Twitter Saturday, said two other advocates from PFAS contaminated communities will attend the State of the Union address Tuesday.

New Hampshire Senator Jeanne Shaheen invited Andrea Amico from grassroots group "Testing for Pease." According to the organization's website, Amico started advocacy after tests exposed water contamination on Pease Air National Guard Base near Portsmouth in 2014. She was personally affected: her husband was employed for a company on Pease for almost 9 years and both of her children attended daycare there since they were 12 weeks old.

Michigan U.S. Rep. Dan Kildee invited Cathy Wusterbarth. According to his office's press release, Wusterbarth is a resident of Oscoda that surrounds former Wurtsmith Air Force Base. PFAS chemicals from the base seeped into surrounding groundwater wells and pose a threat to drinking water sources in Oscoda and across the country.

Kildee's district also includes Flint, where tests in 2015 confirmed dangerous levels of lead in the town's drinking water.

Delgado told reporters a week after he took office that he is working with Kildee and other representatives of affected districts to champion for clean water.

**David W. Kluesner**

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**Subject**: Re: reporter contact info - Region 2; PFOA

Thx

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 4, 2019, at 12:46 PM, Kluesner, Dave <kluesner.dave@epa.gov> wrote:

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I can start to tweak the statement and share it with the group.

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Sent from my iPhone

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Double-checking.

Cheers, R.

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**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: For Review: ABC News - glyphosate

Nancy Beck approved?

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**Sent:** Thursday, October 25, 2018 11:09 AM
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**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2018 3:57 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: glyphosate

Thank you!

I looked at the site you sent that shows 30 parts per million. Is there a totally daily recommendation? Why are there different recommendations of safety levels for different foods? Thanks!

Anna

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**To:** Jackson, Anna X. -ND <Anna.X.Jackson.-ND@abc.com>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
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Good afternoon Dr. Jackson,

EPA's review of available data does not support recent claims that glyphosate, the active ingredient of Round up, found in cereal (and other foods containing commodities like wheat and oat) is cause for concern **– EPA Spokesperson.**

**On background (for attribution to the Agency, please)**: A tolerance has been established for residues of glyphosate at 30 parts per million (ppm) for cereal grains (a crop group that includes oats).

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**Subject:** glyphosate

Hello,

My name is Anna, and I am writing from the ABC news medical unit. I was reviewing an article on glyphosate in food, and wanted to see what the legal limit was in oats and the recommendation for daily consumption overall. Thank you so much, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Warmly,

Anna Jackson, MD

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**From**: Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 8/20/2018 4:36:55 PM
**To**: Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: For Review: Center for Public Integrity (Jamie Hopkins) re methylene chloride (DDL: 8/20)

Good to go.

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**From:** Jones, Enesta
**Sent:** Monday, August 20, 2018 12:17 PM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** For Review: Center for Public Integrity (Jamie Hopkins) re methylene chloride (DDL: 8/20)

**Nancy Beck-approved response:**

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)** — EPA spokesperson

**From:** "Hopkins, Jamie" <jhopkins@publicintegrity.org>
**Date:** August 20, 2018 at 7:55:29 AM EDT
**To:** "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject: Re: Media query -- methylene chloride**

Hi, Robert, I'm re-upping this question because Walmart is announcing today that it will be removing methylene chloride paint strippers from its shelves. When does the EPA plan to forward its methylene chloride paint stripper rule to OMB?

Many thanks.

Best,

Jamie

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**From:** Hopkins, Jamie
**Sent:** Monday, July 23, 2018 11:26:02 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert
**Cc:** Press
**Subject:** Re: Media query -- methylene chloride

OK, thank you, but you're unable to share any sense of when that rulemaking will be sent to OMB? Will it be this summer? By the end of the year?

**From:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Monday, July 23, 2018 11:24:56 AM
**To:** Hopkins, Jamie
**Cc:** Press
**Subject:** RE: Media query -- methylene chloride

Hullo again Jamie,

EPA is working to send the finalized methylene chloride rulemaking to OMB. That document will contain actions that the Agency will take, including timeframes. – **EPA Spokesperson.**

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Good morning. Can EPA give an update on where things stand with the methylene chloride rule? The agency said on May 10 that it would send a final version to OMB shortly, but it has yet to show up on that agency's dashboard of regulatory actions under review (https://www.reginfo.gov/public/jsp/EO/eoDashboard.jsp). What is the EPA's expected timeline?

Best,

Jamie

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OK, thanks for the speedy response!

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**To:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** For Review: Center for Public Integrity (Jamie Hopkins) re methylene chloride (DDL: 8/20)

**Nancy Beck-approved response:**

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

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**From:** "Hopkins, Jamie" <jhopkins@publicintegrity.org>
**Date:** August 20, 2018 at 7:55:29 AM EDT
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**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject: Re: Media query -- methylene chloride**

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**To:** Daguillard, Robert
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OK, thank you, but you're unable to share any sense of when that rulemaking will be sent to OMB? Will it be this summer? By the end of the year?

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**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: ABC Australia request

Hi Stephanie,

We have to decline your interview request at this time.

Re the OIG Report, here are some contacts in the Inspector General's Office for you to reach out to:

Jeff Lagda — 202-566-2584 – Lagda.Jeffrey@epa.gov
Tia Elbaum — 202-566-2548 – Elbaum.Kentia@epa.gov
Jennifer Kaplan — 202-566-0918 –Kaplan.jennifer@epa.gov

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**Subject**: Re: Open Inquiries' Afternoon Edition, 8/20/18

Will do — tnx Michael.

On Aug 20, 2018, at 12:05 PM, Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov> wrote:

Good on Australia, good on farm progress, hold on Bloomberg.

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**To:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>
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**Subject:** Fwd: ABC Australia request re glyphosate

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**Subject: For Review: Farm Progress (Kurt Lawton) re dicamba (DDL: 8/20)**

**Nancy Beck-approved response when asked about timing/status for dicamba:**

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**From:** Lawton, Kurt [mailto:kurt.lawton@farmprogress.com]
**Sent:** Friday, August 17, 2018 1:48 PM
**To:** Brees, Angela <Brees.Angela@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Press Inquiry - dicamba decisions and input

Angela

Was wondering when the dicamba decision by EPA is going to occur, and who are the best contacts to get background on feedback they have been receiving from university and other sources about current status of application issues.

Thank you!

Kurt

**Kurt Lawton**
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**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject: For Review: Bloomberg Environment (Alan Kovski) re EDF, methane emissions (DDL: 8/17)**
**OAR-approved response:**

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**Date:** August 13, 2018 at 1:15:47 PM EDT
**To:** "jones.enesta@epa.gov" <jones.enesta@epa.gov>
**Subject: one or two basic questions on methane emissions in oil and gas sector**

Hi Enesta,
It seems like a year passes between each time I contact you these days. I am trying to pull together a cumbersome feature story on methane emissions in the oil and gas sector.

A study led by the Environmental Defense Fund that was published in June was essentially a review of many airborne and facility-wide (outside the facility) studies of methane emissions, and it concluded that those types of measurements indicate methane emissions from the oil and gas sector are maybe 60 percent higher than what get summarized in EPA's emissions inventories. But the EDF study was a snapshot in time, with no trend line, so it is quite possible that emissions are declining as reflected in the EPA inventories even if, as EDF suggests, they are higher than the inventories suggest. Higher emissions can still be higher declining emissions.

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A second more general question: Does EPA have any other observations on the EDF study that could be shared with me?

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Message

**From:** Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 8/20/2018 3:41:19 PM
**To:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Fwd: ABC Australia request re glyphosate

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**From:** Stephanie March <March.Stephanie@abc.net.au>
**Date:** August 20, 2018 at 11:38:20 AM EDT
**To:** "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>, Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject: RE: ABC Australia request**

Hello,

I am following up on this request regarding an interview with an EPA spokesperson and information on the IG report?

We are currently planning our filming schedule and we are hoping to set aside time for the interview.

Thank you,

Stephanie

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Wednesday, 15 August 2018 1:26 PM
**To:** Stephanie March <March.Stephanie@abc.net.au>
**Subject:** Re: ABC Australia request

Good afternoon (morning to you),

For attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson," please:

As stated in our December 2017 announcement, EPA's draft human health risk assessment concluded that glyphosate is not likely to be carcinogenic to humans. Our assessment found no other meaningful risks to human health when the product is used according to the pesticide label. The Agency's scientific findings are consistent with other countries and regulatory authorities including the Canadian Pest Management Regulatory Agency, Australian Pesticide and Veterinary Medicines Authority, European Food Safety Authority, the European Chemicals Agency, German Federal Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, the Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues, the New Zealand Environmental Protection Authority, and Food Safety Commission of Japan.

EPA's human health review evaluated dietary, residential/non-occupational, aggregate, and occupational exposures. Additionally, the Agency performed an in-depth review of the glyphosate cancer database, including data from epidemiological, animal carcinogenicity, and genotoxicity studies.

We are currently reviewing public comments received on the draft assessment and plan to publish the proposed interim registration review decision for glyphosate in 2019.

The proposed interim registration review decision will outline any proposed mitigation measures to reduce risk, if any are needed.

For more information read our Revised Glyphosate Issue Paper: Evaluation of Carcinogenic Potential.

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On Aug 15, 2018, at 12:59 PM, Stephanie March <March.Stephanie@abc.net.au> wrote:

> Hello,
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> I'm a reporter with *Four Corners,* Australia's pre-eminent investigative documentary program.
>
> At the moment we are doing a story on the Monsanto vs Johnson case and the broader debate over Glyphosate.
>
> Would an EPA spokesperson be available for a pre-recorded, on-camera interview for this story?
>
> Secondly, can you provide an update on where the agency's Inspector General report into this issue is at? Is it still underway? Is there a completion date?

Thirdly, when will the EPA review of Glyphosate be completed? Is any information available aside from the draft risk assessment released in December 2017?

Our deadline for the interview and information on the IG report and product review is September 10.

By way of background, our program is a 45-minute documentary show that covers the big issues confronting Australian society and the world; our films are often syndicated and rebroadcast around the globe. The program has been on air for over 50 years and has a well founded reputation for unbiased evidence based investigations. Over the years investigations by Four Corners have prompted Royal Commissions, significant changes in criminal justice policies and been referenced in UN inquiries. Our international equivalents are BBC Panorama and PBS Frontline.

Our website, which carries archived episodes, is here: www.abc.net.au/4corners

If you have any questions you would like to discuss by phone please call me on the number below.

Best regards,

Stephanie March

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**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 8/31/2018 6:39:38 PM
**To**: Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]; Brett Walton [brett@circleofblue.org]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Drinking Water Workshop presentations

Brett, for attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson," please:

1. The three webinars were recorded and will be posted in a couple of weeks, with the exception of the PFAS webinar due to audio difficulties. We decided to hold another PFAS webinar on September 25 as part of the small systems webinar series. It will be a two-hour webinar, with 1.5 hours of presentations and 30 minutes of Qs & As. The workshop material is available on the workshop SharePoint site: https://cadmus.sharepoint.com/:f:/s/CP5883-EXT/EoNFZlbEoQpApaWfYPPOmvwBVoL20KJWopfMWDmKwTBBLg?e=e2EdOy

3A. Yes, 900 systems number is correct. EPA's goal is to reduce the number of community water systems with health-based violations to 2,700 by 2020. The baseline was 3,600 in 2017.

3B. EPA will consider information from the National Leadership Summit, community engagements, and the public docket to develop a PFAS Management Plan for release later this year. The Management Plan will include actions that the EPA will take to provide tools that states, tribes, and communities can use to address PFAS.

Cheers, R.

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-----Original Message-----
From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Thursday, August 30, 2018 2:01 PM
To: Brett Walton <brett@circleofblue.org>
Subject: Re: Drinking Water Workshop presentations

Checking Brett.

On Aug 30, 2018, at 2:00 PM, Brett Walton <brett@circleofblue.org> wrote:

Enesta,

Are there presentation pdfs/powerpoints available that EPA staff gave at the workshop held this week? And are Acting Admin. Wheeler's comments available? I heard from people who attended about an EPA goal of reducing by 900 the number of systems out of compliance with health standards and a PFAS management plan this fall. Is this so? What will be in the plan?

Deadline is end of day Friday.

thanks,
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Message

**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 2/28/2019 12:16:15 AM
**To**: Emily Unglesbee [Emily.Unglesbee@dtn.com]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: LL GT27 question

Emily, for attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson," please:

"Users should refer to the labels of specific products for their registered uses. Regardless of the product name (i.e., RoundUp or otherwise), if the label states the product is for over-the-top use on glyphosate-resistant soybeans, it can be used on any soybean that has a glyphosate-resistant trait, including the LL GT27 trait. However, if the label states it is for use on specific traits by name and does not include the LL GT27 as one of those traits, then it could only be used on the traits specifically listed on the label and it would not be permissible to be used on LL GT27 soybeans. Ultimately, users must comply with the label."

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On Feb 19, 2019, at 9:27 AM, Emily Unglesbee <Emily.Unglesbee@dtn.com> wrote:

> Robert,
>
> What is EPA's response to this question? I now have Bayer, the registrant of Roundup herbicides, saying that it is not legal for farmers to apply any Roundup products over the top of GT27 soybeans.
>
> Is this correct? Are farmers still permitted to apply generic glyphosate products to GT27 soybeans, post-emergence?
>
> Emily Unglesbee
> Staff Reporter, DTN/The Progressive Farmer
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> **Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
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Good afternoon Emily. Let me look into this for you. What's your deadline, and when do you hope to publish your story, please?

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Emily Unglesbee <Emily.Unglesbee@dtn.com>
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 12, 2019 3:22 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** LL GT27 question

Robert,

I need some clarification from EPA on what herbicides are legal to apply to LL GT27 soybeans this year. We are hearing that one company, Bayer, is telling farmers and educators that it is not legal to apply glyphosate post-emergence to LL GT27 soybeans, which were developed to tolerate glyphosate and glufosinate applications, post-emergence.

On the other side, some Extension educators are telling growers that it IS legal to apply glyphosate post-emergence to these soybeans, either alone or in a tank mix with glufosinate.
https://agfaxweedsolutions.com/2019/02/06/ohio-the-ll-gt27-soybean-whats-legal-to-spray-and-when/

What is EPA's guidance on this issue?

Emily Unglesbee
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**Sent:** 2/26/2019 8:54:34 PM
**To:** Joe Rubino [jrubino@denverpost.com]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]; Mutter, Andrew [mutter.andrew@epa.gov]; Mylott, Richard [Mylott.Richard@epa.gov]; McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa [Mcclain-Vanderpool.Lisa@epa.gov]
**Subject:** JOE: EPA Response re: Glyphosate

Joe, for attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson," please:

EPA is responsible for regulating pesticides that are used by growers to protect crops grown for human food and for setting limits on the amount of pesticides, including glyphosate, that may remain in or on foods marketed in the US. These limits on pesticides left on foods are called "tolerances." The Food and Drug Administration monitors food and animal feed for pesticide residues. Food or feed that contain residues above the tolerance limit are considered adulterated and subject to enforcement action by FDA.

If a pesticide residue is detected on crops grown for human consumption, it does not necessarily mean it is at an unsafe level. Specifically, trace residues of glyphosate found in commodities below established maximum residue levels are not expected to represent a risk concern (i.e., harm consumers). Find EPA's established glyphosate tolerances for residues in the Code of Federal Regulations.

As stated in our December 2017 announcement, EPA evaluated a very extensive database and found no meaningful risks to human health, including infants and children, when the product is used according to the pesticide label. EPA's draft human health risk assessment also concluded that glyphosate is not likely to be carcinogenic to humans. The Agency's scientific findings are consistent with other countries and regulatory authorities including the Canadian Pest Management Regulatory Agency, Australian Pesticide and Veterinary Medicines Authority, European Food Safety Authority, the European Chemicals Agency, German Federal Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, the Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues, the New Zealand Environmental Protection Authority, and Food Safety Commission of Japan.

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Cheers, R.

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**Sent:** 2/26/2019 8:50:12 PM
**To:** Ahl, Jonathan [ahlj@umsl.edu]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]; Carey, Curtis [Carey.Curtis@epa.gov]; Brees, Angela [Brees.Angela@epa.gov]
**Subject:** RE: Subject: Interview request

Sorry, Jonathan, disregard what I just sent you a minute ago. The following, below, is the correct response for you.

Still attributable to "an EPA Spokesperson," please:

"EPA understands dicamba is a valuable pest control tool for some growers and recognizes the importance of minimizing dicamba drift for both the farmers who use dicamba and those who don't. To further minimize the potential for off-site movement of dicamba, EPA added additional dicamba label restrictions in October 2018, based on environmental and health effects assessments and input from various stakeholders, like the farmers you spoke to. The pesticide label is legally enforceable and provides important information about how to safely use pesticide products. These label changes include: more stringent application restrictions, new buffer specifications to protect endangered species, and enhanced training requirements. For example, anyone involved with any part of the use and application process of dicamba must be a certified applicator and participate in their state-implemented training program each year. These training requirements help ensure that applicators understand and follow all provisions of the label.

EPA is working with the states to clarify the details of the changes to the dicamba labels. We continue to support coordination among states to ensure that everyone has the same, consistent understanding of the label changes. See https://www.epa.gov/ingredients-used-pesticide-products/registration-dicamba-use-dicamba-tolerant-crops for more information."

Cheers, R.

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**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>; Carey, Curtis <Carey.Curtis@epa.gov>; Brees, Angela <Brees.Angela@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Subject: Interview request

Good afternoon Jonathan,

We won't be able to do an interview, but hope the following helps.

For attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson," please:

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**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>; Carey, Curtis <Carey.Curtis@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Subject: Interview request

Following up… any progress on an interview on this topic?

Thanks,

Jonathan

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**Date:** Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 9:33 AM
**To:** "Ahl, Jonathan" <ahlj@umsl.edu>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>, "Carey, Curtis" <Carey.Curtis@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Subject: Interview request

OK. Thanks, Jonathan.

Cheers, R.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, February 20, 2019 10:29 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>; Carey, Curtis <Carey.Curtis@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Subject: Interview request

Robert:

Thanks for getting back to me. Your questions, not in any order….

Deadline… I'm in the office today and tomorrow morning before hitting the road for some meetings. Early next week for an interview would be the latest but still keep me on track.
Yes, looking for audio, for a feature piece that will be 4-5 minutes in length with multiple voices and sources. Plus a web version in a more print format. It would air on the Harvest Public Media stations and be on their web sites.
The topic of the interview would be…. What is the USEPA's role in making sure dicamba is used properly and doesn't hurt other farmers/producers, and what needs to happen to make sure a farmer with 4,000 acres of soybeans and cotton that relies on dicamba for decent yield and a small produce farmer who grows things that can be decimated by dicamba drift…. Can peacefully coexist?

Thanks,

Jonathan

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**Date:** Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at 7:47 AM
**To:** "Ahl, Jonathan" <ahlj@umsl.edu>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>, "Carey, Curtis" <Carey.Curtis@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Subject: Interview request

Good morning Jonathan,

My colleague Curtis Carey forwarded me your inquiry. Thanks for reaching out. I forwarded your ask the pesticides folks already. This said, can you send some specific questions so we can determine who could give you the best information possible? NB, I'm not promising we'll be able to deliver an interview, just trying to determine the best source of info for you.

Also, and for my own edification as much as anything (my own background is in broadcasting): Are you looking to include audio from an interview in, say, a two-minute sport, a three-minute interview segment, a larger feature?

Last but not least, are you on deadline? If so, how firm?

Thanks in advance for any insight. Happy to discuss whenever you have time.

Cheers, R.

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**To:** Brees, Angela <Brees.Angela@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Interview request

Angela:

I spent some time in the bootheel last week and did some very interesting interviews with some farmers. On was with a producer who was very happy with using dicamba resistant soybeans and cotton and was very pleased with the results. He also spoke at length about the care he and his crew take with following the application rules.

I also spoke with a produce farmer who says the dicamba drift damage to his crop was so bad last year that he isn't going to plant anything at all this year.

I'm wondering someone at the department might be able to speak with me about dicamba, what the EPA can do and is doing and what the state's role in this are, to make it possible for both farmers that I spoke with the be successful.

Please let me know.

Thanks,

Jonathan

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**CC**: Pagan Motta, Monica [Monica.PaganMotta@fda.hhs.gov]
**Subject**: RE: FDA's press office reaching out re: Sterigenics

Yes. For some reason it's not coming up on my computer. I did just use my phone though, and it looks like it's live and that they've issued some statements/press comms. Thanks.

**Alison Hunt, MPH**
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Is this the website you're looking at? https://www.sterigenicswillowbrook.com/

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**Cc:** Pagan Motta, Monica <Monica.PaganMotta@fda.hhs.gov>
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Thanks. Close hold, but I wanted to flag that we plan on s Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
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Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) but if media end up having questions for you all, I'll send them your way.

Do you all know if Sterigenics did any press comms? Their web site has been down. Did EPA do any proactive press comms?

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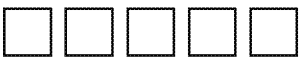

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**Subject:** Re: FDA's press office reaching out re: Sterigenics

Feel free to forward reporter's to press@epa.gov.

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On Feb 22, 2019, at 2:20 PM, Rowan, Anne <rowan.anne@epa.gov> wrote:

> Generally, we (Jeff, Josh and I) coordinate closely with EPA HQs OPA (Molly) on all incoming press calls regarding the facility.
>
> Molly, would you prefer if Allison referred reporters to you? Or should she forward them to us? Please advise. Thanks.
>
> Anne Rowan, Chief
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Thanks Jeff.

Would you two be the best people to send press to who call with questions for EPA?

Also, are you aware of any communication that Sterigenics is doing about the issue? I tried going to their web site, but it looks like it's down.

**Alison Hunt, MPH**
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Alison, you should also include Molly Block (block.molly@epa.gov, 202-564-0330) from our HQ as a press contact.

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**Subject:** RE: FDA's press office reaching out re: Sterigenics

Thanks Anne. Jeff and Josh – We're in the initial phases of developing comms about this issue and just wanted a press contact at EPA for coordination purposes.

Thanks!

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Hi Allison, I haven't been as involved as my boss Jeff Kelley and Josh Singer, our press officer. Both are copied here.

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Hi Anne,

I work in FDA's press office and I'm reaching out to see if you are the correct press officer to connect with regarding the Illinois Willow Brook facility? We're trying to coordinate communication about this and how it impacts medical devices processed at the facility.

https://www.epa.gov/il/sterigenics-willowbrook-facility-latest-update#20190221

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**Subject**: RE: Press Inquiry: Speak to someone about storm/flood clean up?

Hi Haniya,

Checking on this for you. What's your deadline?

Thanks,
Maggie

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**Cc:** "Harwood, Douglas" <harwood.douglas@epa.gov>
**Subject: Re: Subject: RE: Pesticide Program Update: EPA Releases Aquatic Life Benchmarks for Freshwater Species and Ambient Water Quality Criteria for Registered Pesticides**

Hullo again Adam,

Off the record, please: Generally, the revised benchmarks represent lower, i.e., more sensitive, values. Any numbers that went up were due to new information that came to light from updated risk assessments. Typically, the risk assessment documents, from which the values are extracted, include a discussion of the new data; links to these chapters are included for each of the chemicals included in the Aquatic Life Benchmark table.

You can compare the old benchmarks to the new by comparing the old and new versions of this webpage:https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-science-and-assessing-pesticide-risks/aquatic-life-benchmarks-and-ecological-risk. The old version from Sept. 5 is at https://web.archive.org/web/20190905144239/https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-science-and-assessing-pesticide-risks/aquatic-life-benchmarks-and-ecological-risk.

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On Oct 1, 2019, at 9:53 AM, Allington, Adam <aallington@bloombergenvironment.com> wrote:

Hello gentlemen,

Thank you for this response, but unless I am missing something (which is quite possible), none of this appears to answer the only question I had, and reason I reached out to Dr. Harwood in the first place.

Again, my question is thus: **How can I tell which direction the benchmarks have changed? Is there a way to compare these new benchmarks to the old figures?**

Again, I am not looking for a quote. I am just looking for assistance so that I can fully understand the context of these new data as they compare to the previous.

If you could get me a response to my prior question from yesterday by 11:00 today I would appreciate it.

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Adam

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Good morning Adam,

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EPA updated the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) Aquatic Life Benchmarks table (available at https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-science-and-assessing-pesticide-risks/aquatic-life-benchmarks-and-ecological-risk) as of September 30, 2019 with new aquatic life benchmarks. EPA's goal is to add to these benchmarks on an annual basis. These benchmarks are used by state water management agencies and international regulatory authorities as well as researchers both domestically and

internationally. The Aquatic Life Benchmarks web page is also mirrored on the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development Clearspace platform.

New aquatic life benchmarks (found in red in the table) represent either newly registered pesticides and their degradates (**New Registrations**) or new values for previously registered pesticides and their degradates undergoing registration review (**Updated Registrations**):

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->**New Registrations**: Flutianil; Pydiflumetofen; Transfluthrin; and, Fenpicoxamid (XDE-777).

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**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Harwood, Douglas <harwood.douglas@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Subject: RE: Pesticide Program Update: EPA Releases Aquatic Life Benchmarks for Freshwater Species and Ambient Water Quality Criteria for Registered Pesticides

Hello gentlemen,

Thank you for this response, but unless I am missing something (which is quite possible), none of this appears to answer the only question I had, and reason I reached out to Dr. Harwood in the first place.

Again, my question is thus: **How can I tell which direction the benchmarks have changed? Is there a way to compare these new benchmarks to the old figures?**

Again, I am not looking for a quote. I am just looking for assistance so that I can fully understand the context of these new data as they compare to the previous.

If you could get me a response to my prior question from yesterday by 11:00 today I would appreciate it.

Many thanks!
Adam

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 01, 2019 9:23 AM
**To:** Allington, Adam <aallington@bloombergenvironment.com>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>

**Subject:** RE: Subject: RE: Pesticide Program Update: EPA Releases Aquatic Life Benchmarks for Freshwater Species and Ambient Water Quality Criteria for Registered Pesticides

Good morning Adam,

With apologies for the late reply, and for attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson," as usual.

EPA updated the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) Aquatic Life Benchmarks table (available at https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-science-and-assessing-pesticide-risks/aquatic-life-benchmarks-and-ecological-risk) as of September 30, 2019 with new aquatic life benchmarks. EPA's goal is to add to these benchmarks on an annual basis. These benchmarks are used by state water management agencies and international regulatory authorities as well as researchers both domestically and internationally. The Aquatic Life Benchmarks web page is also mirrored on the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development Clearspace platform.

New aquatic life benchmarks (found in red in the table) represent either newly registered pesticides and their degradates (**New Registrations**) or new values for previously registered pesticides and their degradates undergoing registration review (**Updated Registrations**):

- **New Registrations**: Flutianil; Pydiflumetofen; Transfluthrin; and, Fenpicoxamid (XDE-777).

- **Updated Registrations:** 1-Napthalene acetic acid (NAA); 3-Trifluoromethyl-4-Nitrophenol (TFM); Acibenzolar; Afidopyropen; Aldicarb (and Aldicarb degradates "Aldicarb sulfone" and "Aldicarb sulfoxide"); Aliphatic esters; Asulam; Boric acid; Bromuconazole; Carfentrazone-ethyl; Clodinafop-propargyl (and Clodinafop-propargyl degradate "Clodinafop acid"); Cloransulam-methyl (and Cloransulam-methyl degradate "Cloransulam"); Copper compounds; Cyclanilide (and Cyclanilide degradate "2,4-dichloroaniline"); Cymoxanil; Cyprodinil (and Cyprodinil degradates "CGA 249287" and "CGA 275535"); Dimethomorph; EPTC (S-ethyl dipropylthiocarbamate); Ethephon; Fludioxonil; Flumiclorac-pentyl; Fomesafen; Hexazinone; Hymexazol; Kresoxim-methyl; Mefenoxam; Mepiquat Chloride/Mepiquat Pentaborate; Metaflumizone; Metalaxyl; Methoxyfenozide; Niclosamide; Nitrapyrin; Noviflumuron; Pendimethalin; Propamocarb HCl; and, Quinoxyfen (and Quinoxyfen degradates "2-Oxo-quinoxyfen" and "DCHQ").

EPA based the benchmarks on toxicity values from scientific studies that it reviewed and has used to estimate risk for pesticides and their degradates in their most recent publicly available ecological risk assessments and preliminary problem formulations written in support of pesticide registration review. The toxicity studies are specified in U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR 158). EPA uses Harmonized Test Guidelines and the Evaluation Guidelines for Ecological Toxicity Data in the Open Literature to evaluate the quality and utility of the studies. The table directly links the source documents for each of the benchmarks.

The Overview of the Ecological Risk Assessment Process and ecological risk assessments for individual pesticides provide useful information for understanding how these ecotoxicity benchmarks were developed. Comparing a measured concentration of a pesticide in water to an aquatic life benchmark can be helpful in interpreting monitoring data and in identifying and prioritizing sites and pesticides that may require further investigation.

Aquatic Life Benchmarks are generated for degradates upon request by state water management agencies when suitable toxicity data are available. Aquatic Life Benchmarks for pesticide degradates differ from those of the parent compound in that degradate endpoints are not typically used to estimate risk.

Cheers, R.

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**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Subject: RE: Pesticide Program Update: EPA Releases Aquatic Life Benchmarks for Freshwater Species and Ambient Water Quality Criteria for Registered Pesticides

Sorry Adam,

Per Dr. Harwood, I understand your deadline is 4 PM today.

Cheers, R.

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**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Subject: RE: Pesticide Program Update: EPA Releases Aquatic Life Benchmarks for Freshwater Species and Ambient Water Quality Criteria for Registered Pesticides

Hey Adam,

Dr. Harwood forwarded your inquiry. We're looking into it. Are you on deadline?

Cheers, R.

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**Sent:** Monday, September 30, 2019 11:58 AM
**To:** Harwood, Douglas <harwood.douglas@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Pesticide Program Update: EPA Releases Aquatic Life Benchmarks for Freshwater Species and Ambient Water Quality Criteria for Registered Pesticides

Hello Dr. Harwood,

Adam Allington from Bloomberg here. I have a simple interpretation question.

Is there a way to see whether the benchmarks have been revised upwards or downwards? Do the prior data points for previously-registered pesticides still exist on another spreadsheet?

Many thanks for any assistance you can provide.

Best,
Adam

**From:** EPA Pesticides Programs [mailto:oppt.epa@public.govdelivery.com]
**Sent:** Monday, September 30, 2019 10:34 AM
**To:** Allington, Adam <aallington@bloombergenvironment.com>
**Subject:** Pesticide Program Update: EPA Releases Aquatic Life Benchmarks for Freshwater Species and Ambient Water Quality Criteria for Registered Pesticides

**EPA Releases Aquatic Life Benchmarks for Freshwater Species and Ambient Water Quality Criteria for Registered Pesticides**

Today, EPA released the revised Aquatic Life Benchmarks table, which includes both new and updated aquatic life benchmark values.
State, tribal and local governments use these benchmarks in their interpretation of water monitoring data. Comparing a measured concentration of a pesticide in water to an aquatic life benchmark can be helpful in interpreting monitoring data and in identifying and prioritizing sites and pesticides that may require further investigation.
New aquatic life benchmarks represent newly available toxicity endpoints for registered chemicals. EPA's goal is to add to these benchmarks on an annual basis.
EPA based these benchmarks on toxicity values found in scientific studies that the agency reviewed in support of publicly available ecological risk assessments and regulatory decisions. The table directly links the source documents for each of the benchmarks.

EPA distributes its OPP Updates to external stakeholders and citizens who have expressed an interest in the Agency's pesticide program activities and decisions. This update service is part of EPA's continuing effort to improve public access to federal pesticide information.
For general questions about pesticides and pesticide poisoning prevention, contact the National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC) by email at npic@ace.orst.edu or by visiting the NPIC website.
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**Sent**: 10/10/2019 7:29:06 PM
**Subject**: FOR REVIEW: OPA Content Tracker
**Attachments**: 2019-2020 DRAFT-DELIBERATIVE OPA Monthly Content Tracker.docx

**Importance**: High

OPA Tracker attached for review, week-ahead pasted below. Please ***reply to this email by Noon tomorrow*** with edits or additions. Thanks!

View the current tracker any time on the OPA Information Hub. (Access requests reviewed each weekday.)

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Message

**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 2/1/2019 4:55:14 PM
**To:** Catherine Roberts [catherine.roberts@consumer.org]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Re: query from Consumer Reports about insect repellents

Hey Catherine,

For attribution to US EPA, please: "At https://www.epa.gov/insect-repellents/skin-applied-repellent-ingredients you will find the names of the active ingredients in insect repellents that have been registered by EPA and links to information on the active ingredient and the technical information that EPA reviewed in reaching a decision on the registration or reregistration of the active ingredient."
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On Jan 29, 2019, at 5:08 PM, Catherine Roberts <catherine.roberts@consumer.org> wrote:

> Soft deadline for this would be a week from today, Feb 5. Thanks!
>
> On Tue, Jan 29, 2019 at 5:02 PM Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:
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> > Got it. And your deadline (soft/hard/whatever)?
> >
> > Cheers, R.
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> > **Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2019 5:01 PM
> > **To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>

**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: query from Consumer Reports about insect repellents

Sure thing. I'm interested mainly in repellents for ticks and mosquitoes, and specifically the kinds people can apply to their skin. I'm not going to be referencing any specific incidents, it's more trying to understand the testing/science that goes into figuring out how well one of these products works. Thanks!

On Tue, Jan 29, 2019 at 4:50 PM Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Catherine, a quick follow-up, if I may: Before I share your inquiry with the pesticides folks, can you tell me more about the focus of your inquiry? Are you looking, for instance, at flea and tick products? Will your piece be referencing specific incidents?

Happy to chat tomorrow (Wednesday) if that helps. Please advise.

Cheers, R.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2019 4:06 PM
**To:** 'Catherine Roberts' <catherine.roberts@consumer.org>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: query from Consumer Reports about insect repellents

Hey Catherine,

Let me look into this for you. Are you on deadline, and if so, what's your planned publication date?

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Catherine Roberts <catherine.roberts@consumer.org>
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2019 4:04 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** query from Consumer Reports about insect repellents

Hello Robert,

I'm a journalist with Consumer Reports, and I cover insect repellents and vector-borne disease. I've been looking for some information regarding EPA registration of repellents that I'm hoping you can help me with.

The page in the EPA site that provides a database of registered repellents, here, says that the information in the database comes from manufacturer-provided "technical information on the safety of the product and its effectiveness against mosquitoes and/or ticks."

I'm interested in taking a look at that technical information for a couple of repellents, and I've been searching around on the EPA site for those reports or studies, but I haven't been able to find it. Is there any place that those technical reports are already available on the EPA site, or is this something that I would need to file a FOIA for?

I'm happy to file one if that's what's needed, but I didn't want to file one unnecessarily in case that info already lives publicly somewhere that I just haven't found yet.

Thanks very much for your help with this.

Best,

Catherine Roberts

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**From:** Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 8/16/2018 3:16:04 PM
**To:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Fwd: EFAB

**Michael, third floor, I reached out to get the specificity of his request. I am now turning this over to you based on his line of questioning.**

**From:** Sean Reilly <sreilly@eenews.net>
**Date:** August 16, 2018 at 11:10:25 AM EDT
**To:** "Jones, Enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
**Subject: RE: EFAB**

Hi Enesta:

No questions about coal ash at this point. Regarding EFAB, I'm working on an article on the extent to which EPA has fully implemented the requirements of Scott Pruitt's Oct. 31, 2017 directive titled "Strengthening and Improving Membership on EPA Federal Advisory Committees, " to all of the agency's 22 committees. In announcing this directive, Mr. Pruitt singled out three (the SAB, CASAC, and BOSC), but the directive makes clear (and Michael Abboud confirmed at the time) that the directive's requirements apply to all 22. After speaking to numerous members of the EFAB and other committees, however, I've been unable to find any evidence that EPA has sought to substantively implement the directive to any FACs beyond the three mentioned by Mr. Pruitt.

My specific questions at this point are:

1) Has EPA implemented the directive's requirements, including the ban on federal advisory committee service by active EPA grant recipients, to any of the other 19 advisory committees and, if so, which ones? Have any members been required to resign from their respective committees because they declined to give up their EPA grants, and if, so how many?

2) If EPA has not applied the directive's requirements to any of the 19 committees, why not, given that almost ten months have passed since Mr. Pruitt issued it?

My deadline is 4 p.m. tomorrow; I will need on-the-record, for-attribution responses if they're going to be used.

Thanks,
Sean

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From: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 16, 2018 7:41 AM
To: Sean Reilly <sreilly@eenews.net>
Cc: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Subject: EFAB

Sean, I understand you have questions about EFAB and coal ash. Please share along with your firm deadline.

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**From**: Totiyapungprasert, Priscilla [Priscilla.Totiya@azcentral.com]
**Sent**: 2/14/2019 9:05:24 PM
**To**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**CC**: Glenn, William [Glenn.William@epa.gov]; Zito, Kelly [ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Subject: Media Inquiry - Rebate Program

Thanks for the info, Robert. Have a good day.

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**Sent:** Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:48 PM
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**Subject:** RE: Subject: Media Inquiry - Rebate Program

Good afternoon Priscilla,

On background, i.e. for attribution to U.S. EPA, please:

EPA awarded DERA School Bus Rebates to an Arizona school district in 2016. Marana Unified School District received $440,000 to replace 20 old school buses. Both of their applications were selected for funding in the lottery that year. You can sort the table on the following page for State to see Marana listed: https://www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/clean-diesel-rebates-issued-2012-2017

One other applicant from Arizona has been selected for funds in the past, Crane Elementary School District, but they dropped out and did not receive the $75k they had applied for.

In total, we have received 16 applications from Arizona between 2012 and 2017, with the two from Marana and the one from Crane being selected for funding in the lottery. The lottery relies on a simple random number generator. We have not announced 2018 selectees yet.

Here's the list of applicants from Arizona (2012-2017):

| Fiscal Year | DERAProgram | Status | OrganizationName | Number OfEligibleVehicles | PaymentAmount | AmountReserved |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2016 | School Bus Replacements | Rebate Issued | Marana Unified School District #6 | 10 | $230,000 | $230,000 |
| 2016 | School Bus Replacements | Rebate Issued | Marana Unified School District #6 | 10 | $210,000 | $210,000 |
| 2015 | School Bus Replacements | Selected – Dropped Out | Crane Elementary School District 13 | 3 | - | $75,000 |
| 2017 | School Bus Replacements | Applicant – Not Selected | Marana Unified School District #6 | - | - | - |
| 2016 | School Bus Replacements | Applicant – Not Selected | Sierra Vista Unified School District 68 | - | - | - |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2016 | School Bus Replacements | Applicant – Not Selected | Canon ESD #50 | - | - | - |
| 2016 | School Bus Replacements | Applicant – Not Selected | Deer Valley Unified School District #97 | - | - | - |
| 2016 | School Bus Replacements | Applicant – Not Selected | Fort Thomas Unified School District | - | - | - |
| 2015 | School Bus Replacements | Applicant – Not Selected | Blackwater Community School | - | - | - |
| 2015 | School Bus Replacements | Applicant – Not Selected | Glendale Union High School District #205 | - | - | - |
| 2012 | School Bus Replacements | Applicant – Not Selected | Phoenix Union High School District | - | - | - |
| 2012 | School Bus Replacements | Applicant – Not Selected | Yuma Union High School District #70 | - | - | - |
| 2012 | School Bus Replacements | Applicant – Not Selected | Marana Unified School District #6 | - | - | - |
| 2012 | School Bus Replacements | Applicant – Not Selected | Chandler Unified School District #80 | - | - | - |
| 2012 | School Bus Replacements | Applicant – Not Selected | Mesa Unified School District #4 | - | - | - |
| 2012 | School Bus Replacements | Applicant – Not Selected | Yuma School District #1 | - | - | - |

Cheers, R.

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**Cc:** Glenn, William <Glenn.William@epa.gov>; Zito, Kelly <ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Subject: Media Inquiry - Rebate Program

Hi Robert,

Thanks for the timely response. I hope to publish my story at the beginning of March.

My deadline for this information is the end of the week so I have enough time for anything I need to follow up on.

Kind regards,

Priscilla

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 12, 2019 10:32:08 AM
**To:** Totiyapungprasert, Priscilla
**Cc:** Glenn, William; Zito, Kelly; Press
**Subject:** Subject: Media Inquiry - Rebate Program

Good afternoon (morning to you) Priscilla,

My colleagues from the Clean Diesel program forwarded me your inquiry. What's your deadline and when do you hope to publish your story?

Cheers, R.

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**Sent:** Monday, February 11, 2019 5:10 PM
**To:** cleandiesel@epa.gov
**Subject:** Media Inquiry - Rebate Program
**Importance:** High

Hello,

My name is Priscilla Totiyapungprasert and I'm a reporter with the Arizona Republic. I have a couple questions about the Clean Diesel Rebate recipients: https://www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/clean-diesel-rebates-issued-2012-2017

1. In 2018, did the EPA issue any group in Arizona a rebate?
2. I noticed there are no recipients from Arizona from 2012-2017.
    a. Has any group from Arizona applied for a rebate since the start of the rebate program?
    b. If yes: Who, what year, and why were they passed over?

Kind regards,

**Priscilla Totiyapungprasert**
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Message

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**Sent:** 9/23/2019 2:47:46 PM
**To:** Lisa Jenkins [lisa.jenkins@chemicalwatch.com]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** RE: Media request re: SACC report

Lisa, for attribution to the agency, please:

Yes, that is the report, and no, we won't be taking public comments on it. As you can see from the docket, the comment period for PV-29 was from June 10 to July 10: https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=EPA-HQ-OPPT-2018-0604

Cheers, R.

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**Sent:** Monday, September 23, 2019 9:47 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Media request re: SACC report

Hi Robert –

Quick question – can you confirm that this post in the docket is the final SACC report on PV29? Will the EPA be taking public comments on it? And if so, for how long?

Trying to get something up ASAP – thanks for your help.

Best,

Lisa

Lisa Martine Jenkins

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**To**: Abrahm Lustgarten [Abrahm.Lustgarten@propublica.org]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Abrahm: Your questions for EPA on biodiesel?

Abrahm, we hope the following is helpful:

Summary and Analysis of Comments on the Lifecycle Analysis of the 2010 RFS program from may be found here:https://www.epa.gov/renewable-fuel-standard-program/renewable-fuel-standard-rfs2-final-rule-additional-resources (you will need to scroll down the page)

Actual comments themselves may be found in the EPA docket which can be accessed through www.regulations.gov. *Search for docket number* EPA-HQ-OAR-2005-0161 that will bring you to all the docket material including public documents and other supporting documents that are relevant to this program and individual rulemakings under this program through 2011. Broadly the docket covers the regulations we call RFS1 and RFS2 which were the foundational regulations for the RFS program. Here is a link to this docket which contains public comments.

As noted in our previous email, the March 2010 RFS2 rule did not include a lifecycle analysis (LCA) of palm oil biodiesel, but the preamble stated that EPA would conduct one. After extensive data gathering and modeling, EPA published and sought comment on our palm oil LCA in a January 2012 Notice of Data Availability (https://www.epa.gov/renewable-fuel-standard-program/learn-more-about-notice-data-availability-noda-renewable-fuels).

To access the docket of this NODA once again go to www.regulations.gov and search for the appropriate docket number which in this case is: EPA–HQ–OAR–2011–0542. For reference every FR notice announces the docket number in the first few sections. You can do to regulations.gov and search the public docket that way for any regulation.https://www.regulations.gov/docketBrowser?rpp=25&so=DESC&sb=commentDueDate&po=0&dct=PS&D=EPA-HQ-OAR-2011-0542 .

Please advise if you have any follow-ups.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Abrahm Lustgarten [mailto:Abrahm.Lustgarten@propublica.org]
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 09, 2018 1:43 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Abrahm: Your questions for EPA on biodiesel?

**Robert,**

**I'm writing again to follow up on the part of my request asking where public records are kept of comments from past fuels policies... (per below). That was something you were going to get back to me about. Can I expect a response? These are documents I'm told should be in the docket for the lifecycle analysis related to the RFS program, and I believe they are not.**

**(And yes – prior to publication, I will still be submitting questions to EPA to address the issues you have declined to offer interviews about).**

**Thank you, hoping for a response here, its been months now.**

**Regards,**
**Abrahm Lustgarten**
**917-589-1262**

**From:** "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Date:** Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at 10:13 AM
**To:** Abrahm Lustgarten <Abrahm.Lustgarten@propublica.org>
**Subject:** RE: Abrahm: Your questions for EPA on biodiesel?

Abrahm, thanks for message. I don't know how useful a chat this afternoon would be, as I don't personally have subject matter expertise in biodiesels. That's why I've deferred until now to senior staff in our transportation and air quality program.

Having said this, I'm glad you're considering sending us written questions. I'm sorry if I didn't mention before that we'd find those hugely helpful, if only to decide who in the program would best address the specific points you want to raise in your reporting. I may have told you before how often we get questions directed to a specific researcher or official, only to find out they're best answered by a number of people, or by a series of offices altogether.

The program will work hard to return solid, useful responses to whatever questions you decide to send us.

I hope this helps. Let me know.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Abrahm Lustgarten [mailto:Abrahm.Lustgarten@propublica.org]
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 05, 2018 12:19 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Abrahm: Your questions for EPA on biodiesel?

Robert,

Thank you for the reply. Are you available to speak by phone later today? What you've offered here does not really say anything or answer any questions. The links do not appear to provide any of the draft materials or public comments which I asked for access to. This after more than 5 weeks of waiting.

This won't help my reporting in any way, unfortunately, and I'm further concerned by the apparent lack of access to public material including the comments.

You have not specifically addressed my request for interviews. Can you explain if they are being denied and why? If I submit detailed questions to you which actually pertain to my reporting, will EPA answer them?

Without his how would you expect substantive reflection of Epa interests and efforts in the New York Times and Propublica?

Regards,
Abrahm

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 5, 2018, at 11:58 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Abrahm, on background – i.e., for attribution to U.S. EPA, please:

**As required by the Clean Air Act, EPA evaluated the lifecycle greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions associated with biofuels used under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) program. The statute says that lifecycle GHG emissions include "direct emissions and significant indirect emissions from land use changes)…" A draft lifecycle GHG analysis (LCA) of soybean-oil biodiesel was conducted for the May 2009 RFS proposed rule (https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2009-05-26/pdf/E9-10978.pdf). After extensive public comment, a public workshop, and peer review, the final soy biodiesel LCA results were published in the March 2010 RFS2 rule (https://www.epa.gov/renewable-fuel-standard-program/renewable-fuel-standard-rfs2-final-rule). Due to time constraints, the March 2010 RFS2 rule did not include an LCA of palm oil biodiesel, but the preamble stated our intention to conduct one. After extensive data gathering and modeling, we published and sought comment on our palm oil LCA in a January 2012 Notice of Data Availability (https://www.epa.gov/renewable-fuel-standard-program/learn-more-about-notice-data-availability-noda-renewable-fuels).**

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Abrahm Lustgarten [mailto:Abrahm.Lustgarten@propublica.org]
**Sent:** Thursday, August 30, 2018 6:19 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Abrahm: Your questions for EPA on biodiesel?

Robert,

Just following up to keep these requests alive. Could you at least point me to the public records?

Thank you,
Abrahm

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 10, 2018, at 1:58 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

> Thanks, Abrahm.
>
> Yesterday, you did, in fact, ask us about public comments and minutes for RFS NODAS and LCA studies. Also, your e-mail from last Friday expressed interest in discussing several things, including EPA's process for evaluating feedstocks for biodiesel, or the Agency's consideration of indirect land use change. It is my understanding that our fuels and transportation staff had been working on a response for you.
>
> Having said this, you're more than welcome to send us more specific questions. Regardless of how we get there, we will send you good, solid responses.
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> Cheers, R.
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> **From:** Abrahm Lustgarten [mailto:Abrahm.Lustgarten@propublica.org]
> **Sent:** Friday, August 10, 2018 4:48 PM
> **To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: Abrahm: Your questions for EPA on biodiesel?
>
> Robert, again, I have not submitted any questions to you or the EPA. What exactly are they answering and who is answering it? H=Who is expecting that this will meet the needs of my story and news organizations? How do you even know the details of what I am interested in?
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> Abrahm
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> **From:** "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
> **Date:** Friday, August 10, 2018 at 1:24 PM
> **To:** Abrahm Lustgarten <Abrahm.Lustgarten@propublica.org>
> **Subject:** RE: Abrahm: Your questions for EPA on biodiesel?
>
> Good afternoon Abrahm,

A quick follow-up. I just checked with the fuels and transportation program folks: The person who's working on your questions is out today, so we're now looking at a response no later than the middle of next week.

Sincere apologies for the delay, but we'll get there.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert
**Sent:** Thursday, August 09, 2018 4:57 PM
**To:** Abrahm Lustgarten <Abrahm.Lustgarten@propublica.org>
**Subject:** Re: Abrahm: Your questions for EPA on biodiesel?

Thanks Abrahm,

Let me check.

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On Aug 9, 2018, at 4:54 PM, Abrahm Lustgarten <Abrahm.Lustgarten@propublica.org> wrote:

> Robert,
>
> Are the public comments and meeting minutes for each of the RFS NODAS and LCA studies posted on the EPA website somewhere? How can I access those public documents. This would concern the 2009 draft, 2010 final reviews for Ethanol, soy and other feedstocks, and the 2012 Palm oil review.
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> Thank you,
> Abrahm
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> **From:** "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
> **Date:** Thursday, August 9, 2018 at 9:30 AM
> **To:** Abrahm Lustgarten <Abrahm.Lustgarten@propublica.org>
> **Subject:** RE: Abrahm: Your questions for EPA on biodiesel?
>
> Good afternoon Abrahm,

Yes, we're working on getting you a written response before the end of the week. Thanks.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Abrahm Lustgarten [mailto:Abrahm.Lustgarten@propublica.org]
**Sent:** Thursday, August 09, 2018 12:27 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Abrahm: Your questions for EPA on biodiesel?

Hi Robert,

Checking in on where we stand on this. Think you can help?

Thank you,
Abrahm Lustgarten
9`17-589-1262

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**From:** "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Date:** Monday, August 6, 2018 at 9:35 AM
**To:** Abrahm Lustgarten <Abrahm.Lustgarten@propublica.org>
**Subject:** RE: Abrahm: Your questions for EPA on biodiesel?

Good afternoon and thanks, Abrahm. One of the colleagues from Sharyn's office today is out sick today. I believe she'll be back tomorrow. At a minimum, I can update you then. Thanks for your patience.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Abrahm Lustgarten [mailto:Abrahm.Lustgarten@propublica.org]
**Sent:** Monday, August 06, 2018 12:14 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Abrahm: Your questions for EPA on biodiesel?

Hi Robert,

I hope you had a good weekend. I wanted to check in with you in hopes I can connect with Sharyn for this story, today?

Thank you,
Abrahm

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**From:** "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Date:** Friday, August 3, 2018 at 1:27 PM
**To:** Abrahm Lustgarten <Abrahm.Lustgarten@propublica.org>
**Subject:** Abrahm: Your questions for EPA on biodiesel?

Good afternoon Abrahm,

I understand via my colleague Sharyn Lie that you have questions about biodiesel? Thanks in advance for letting us know how we can help. Maybe you'd have time to talk first thing Monday AM?

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 9/11/2018 6:11:12 PM
**To:** sophie.borland@dailymail.co.uk
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Subject: Asbestos

Good evening,

For attribution to U.S. EPA, please:

The report referenced in this article can be found at https://nepis.epa.gov/Exe/ZyPURL.cgi?Dockey=9100BENP.txt, which is a 1980 support document for the Friable Asbestos-Containing Materials in Schools Proposed Notification and Identification Rule. The risk to school building occupants reported in this document was based on research that is now 38 years old and only relevant to the specific circumstances cited in the document, which have changed due to several subsequent important EPA actions addressing asbestos in school buildings including:

- The 1982 final Friable Asbestos-Containing Materials in Schools Proposed Notification and Identification Rule under Section 6 of TSCA that required schools to inspect all areas of each school building for friable asbestos, take samples and have the samples analyzed. Schools with friable asbestos-containing material were required to inform employees of the location of the asbestos and provide employees with a guidance document on reducing asbestos exposure; and
- Implementation by EPA of the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) that helped to reduce the amount of friable asbestos in school buildings through proper removal, repair and management.

For more information on EPA's requirements for addressing asbestos in school buildings: https://www.epa.gov/asbestos/asbestos-and-school-buildings.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Sophie Borland [mailto:sophie.borland@dailymail.co.uk]
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 05, 2018 9:36 AM
**To:** Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Asbestos

Hi,

I wondered if you could send me your research on asbestos which has found that for every teacher or school member of staff who dies from an asbestos-related illness, another nine pupils die. It is cited here in the Express newspaper

https://www.express.co.uk/life-style/health/1011848/secret-asbestos-schools-killing-400-victims-a-year

Sophie

Sent from my iPhone

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**Sent**: 2/14/2019 7:24:53 PM
**To**: Linda Baker [lbaker@freightwaves.com]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Subject: Media inquiry/SmartWay

Good afternoon Linda,

On background, i.e., for attribution to U.S. EPA, please:

We'd refer you to our annual highlights document on the website, which summarizes the program's achievements/effectiveness.
https://www.epa.gov/smartway/smartway-program-successes

Also and for clarification: there is not a "certification" process, since SmartWay is a voluntary partnership

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**From:** Linda Baker <lbaker@freightwaves.com>
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 13, 2019 9:07 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Subject: Media inquiry/SmartWay

Hi Robert,

I am writing an article about Freightera, a freight marketplace based in Vancouver B.c. that uses SmartWay carriers.

I really have only one question: how has the SmartWay certification program.reduced emissions. Do you have stats on the effectiveness of the program?

Thanks!

On Wed, Feb 13, 2019 at 5:47 PM Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

> Linda, a quick follow-up on our phone conversation a bit earlier. I know you agreed to send us specific questions, but the sooner we get them, the earlier we can get to work on your inquiry - unless you'd be willing to push your deadline back from Thursday to Friday?
>
> Also, and for my own edification as much as anything else, what's your bigger story about? Happy to discuss.
>
> Cheers, R.

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**From:** Linda Baker <lbaker@freightwaves.com>
**Date:** February 13, 2019 at 11:38:01 AM EST
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject: Media inquiry/SmartWay**

Hi

I am a reporter on deadline writing an article about Freightera, a green freight marketplace that participates in the SmartWay program.

I have a few questions about the program. I am on deadline today and hope to speak with someone ASAP.

Thanks!

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Freightwaves.com
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Message

**From**: Dunn, Alexandra [dunn.alexandra@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 1/30/2019 10:41:55 PM
**To**: Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]; Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]; Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]; Hewitt, James [hewitt.james@epa.gov]; Beach, Christopher [beach.christopher@epa.gov]; Bolen, Derrick [bolen.derrick@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Talk through press strategy

Sorry I missed this; in the future feel free to find Derrick who can find me!

Thanks for coming by regardless.

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**From:** Block, Molly
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 30, 2019 12:11 PM
**To:** Dunn, Alexandra <dunn.alexandra@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Talk through press strategy

Can we move this to OPA? I know some of us have a 1:30 pm mtg with Wheeler. Shouldn't take more than 15 mins anyways.

-----Original Appointment-----
**From:** Dunn, Alexandra
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 29, 2019 12:08 PM
**To:** Dunn, Alexandra; Block, Molly; Konkus, John; Abboud, Michael; Hewitt, James; Beach, Christopher
**Subject:** Talk through press strategy
**When:** Wednesday, January 30, 2019 1:15 PM-1:45 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
**Where:** WJCE 3130A

Message

**From:** Wendy Zukerman [wendyz@gimletmedia.com]
**Sent:** 9/11/2018 1:38:44 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]; Mears, Mary [Mears.Mary@epa.gov]; Kluesner, Dave [kluesner.dave@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Re: Subject: Media Inquiry: Recycling

Hi Robert, And everyone else. Another quick question. Quite urgent! **Deadline today.**

What is the main source of US plastics getting into the ocean and waterways? (Is this through littering and sewage systems maxing out?

Again, on background. Although - would be great to get an official EPA word.

Thank you

Wendy

On Wed, Sep 5, 2018 at 3:48 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Wendy, you may want to reach out to NYC Department of Sanitation's recycling program, which would certainly have better insight into the on-the-ground challenges of a recycling program. You can contact New York Department of Sanitation's press office at 646-885-5020.

Cheers, R.


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**From:** Wendy Zukerman [mailto:wendyz@gimletmedia.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 04, 2018 5:34 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>; Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov>; Kluesner, Dave <kluesner.dave@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Subject: Media Inquiry: Recycling

Thanks, this is helpful - can I have a quick chat with you over the phone tomorrow morning? Just on background.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 4, 2018, at 4:07 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Dear Ms. Zukerman, for attribution to U.S. EPA, please:

**1) Around the US, what are the kinds of plastics that are recycled? I know all rigid plastics can be recycled in New York - is that true across the US? Does any state regularly recycle non- rigid plastics? Or only a few of the plastics recycled?**

EPA's data are used to characterize the national waste stream and are not disaggregated by state. Recycling of specific types of plastics vary by state and locality.

**2) Why in New York do we only recycle rigid plastics? Is it an issue of economics? Are the products that come from non-rigid plastics not sellable?**

As Region 2 mentioned, we cannot speak to New York's recycling program, but across the United States, we understand that a variety of plastics are recycled. The recycling of plastics overall is relatively low (9.1 percent) though certain plastic products have a higher recycling rate (e.g., the recycling rate for high density polyethylene, HDPE, natural white translucent bottles and polyethylene terephthalate, PET, bottles and jars is around 30 percent).

EPA collects information on the recycling of plastic products and materials in the Advancing Sustainable Materials Management: Facts and Figures report. Table 8, Plastics in Products in Municipal Solid Waste, of the 2015 Data Tables may be of particular interest to you as it shows the amounts of plastics recycled broken up by various categories including durable goods, non-durable goods and containers and packaging. Additionally, the Data Tables have information about of plastic bags, sacks and wraps. Table 24 of the Data Tables shows that 530,000 tons (.53 million tons), about 12.8 percent, were recycled in 2015. You can find the Data Tables on this web page: https://www.epa.gov/facts-and-figures-about-materials-waste-and-recycling/advancing-sustainable-materials-management.

Our website also has explanations about plastics generation, recycling, composting, combustion with energy recovery and landfilling on the following web pages:

- Plastics: Material-Specific Data-- https://www.epa.gov/facts-and-figures-about-materials-waste-and-recycling/plastics-material-specific-data

- Containers and Packaging, Plastic Containers and Packaging-- https://www.epa.gov/facts-and-figures-about-materials-waste-and-recycling/containers-and-packaging-product-specific-data#PlasticC&P

- Nondurable Goods, Plastic Plates and Cups-- https://www.epa.gov/facts-and-figures-about-materials-waste-and-recycling/nondurable-goods-product-specific-data#PlasticPlatesandCups

There are a number of stakeholders engaged in the conversation around plastics and plastic pollution in the United States that may have additional information for you. For example, the American Chemistry Council (ACC), the American Institute for Packaging and the Environment (AMERIPEN), the Sustainable Packaging Coalition (SPC), the Association of Plastics Recyclers (APR) and Plastics Industry Alliance (PIA) are all working with their members to better understand the educational and infrastructural issues associated with plastics waste collection and recycling and to develop ways to approach this problem. Also, a number of state and local programs and businesses provide collection opportunities for non-rigid plastics through the Wrap Recycling Action Program (WRAP). Plastics collected through this program are used in a number of products available to consumers. A list of WRAP partners and collection points can be found on their website, www.plasticfilmrecycling.org.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Wendy Zukerman [mailto:wendyz@gimletmedia.com]
**Sent:** Friday, August 31, 2018 12:41 PM
**To:** Deegan, Dave <Deegan.Dave@epa.gov>; Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Media Inquiry: Recycling

Dear Dave and Mary,

My name is Wendy Zukerman and I'm the host of the podcast Science Vs, from Gimlet Media. I'm developing a story on plastics, what is recyclable - and why. I'd love to speak with you on background about a few specific questions I have. Alternatively, I can put them in email if it's easier?

1) Around the US, what are the kinds of plastics that are recycled? I know all rigid plastics can be recycled in New York - is that true across the US? Does any state regularly recycle non- rigid plastics? Or only a few of the plastics recycled?

2) Why in New York do we only recycle rigid plastics? Is it an issue of economics? Are the products that come from non-rigid plastics not sellable?

My deadline is **Tuesday 4th September EOD.**

Do you think you could get back to me by then?

Best,

Wendy

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Message

**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 8/15/2018 6:45:52 PM
**To:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** FW: Glyphosate and cereals, oats

I'd direct her, on background, to the next-to-last paragraph of the previous response, the one that says:

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Cheers, R.

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**From:** Mihir Zaveri [mailto:mihir.zaveri@nytimes.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 15, 2018 2:39 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Glyphosate and cereals, oats

Hi, would the EWG report today make you question any of the findings that glyphosate is not likely carcinogenic to humans?

On Wed, Aug 15, 2018 at 1:22 PM Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

> Hullo Mihir,
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> For attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson," please:
>
> As stated in our December 2017 announcement, EPA's draft human health risk assessment concluded that glyphosate is not likely to be carcinogenic to humans. Our assessment found no other meaningful risks to human health when the product is used according to the pesticide label. The Agency's scientific findings are consistent with other countries and regulatory authorities including the Canadian Pest Management Regulatory Agency, Australian Pesticide and Veterinary Medicines Authority, European Food Safety Authority, the European Chemicals Agency, German Federal Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, the Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues, the New Zealand Environmental Protection Authority, and Food Safety Commission of Japan.
>
> EPA's human health review evaluated dietary, residential/non-occupational, aggregate, and occupational exposures. Additionally, the Agency performed an in-depth review of the glyphosate cancer database, including data from epidemiological, animal carcinogenicity, and genotoxicity studies.

We are currently reviewing public comments received on the draft assessment and plan to publish the proposed interim registration review decision for glyphosate in 2019. The proposed interim registration review decision will outline any proposed mitigation measures to reduce risk, if any are needed.

For more information read our Revised Glyphosate Issue Paper: Evaluation of Carcinogenic Potential.

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On Aug 15, 2018, at 11:35 AM, Mihir Zaveri <mihir.zaveri@nytimes.com> wrote:

> Thank you -- appreciate your acknowledgement!
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> Mihir
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> On Wed, Aug 15, 2018 at 11:34 AM Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:
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> > Good morning Mihir,
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> > A quick work to acknowledge receipt. We'll be in touch soon.
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> > Cheers, R.
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> > Robert Daguillard
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> > **From:** Mihir Zaveri [mailto:mihir.zaveri@nytimes.com]
> > **Sent:** Wednesday, August 15, 2018 11:26 AM
> > **To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
> > **Subject:** Glyphosate and cereals, oats

Hello, this is Mihir Zaveri, I'm a reporter with The New York Times. I'm working on a story today about this new report from the Environmental Working Group that shows certain levels of the chemical "glyphosate" in cereal, granola, and other food products.

I'm sure you have been over these points before, but the report suggests that glyphosate is linked to cancer, and supports that notion with a WHO agency designation and California state designation as well as the recent settlement in California earlier this month. The report further suggests that the levels of glyphosate that they found could particularly put children at risk.

Hoping to get an answer to some questions:

-- It's my understanding that the federal government does not consider glyphosate to be linked to cancer, is this true?

-- Are there any risks associated with glyphosate for parents, or general population, to be concerned about?

-- Why is there this dissonance between what federal regulators say and what, for example, the state of California says regarding Glyphosate?

-- How would EPA respond to the public who might read this EWG report and be scared that their children might not be safe if they eat these foods? Or others?

-- The EWG scientists assert that glyphosate applied later in a crop cycle reflects an increased risk compared to that applied earlier in the cycle. Is there any reason to challenge this notion?

-- When do the draft risk assessments published in December become final and what more is there to do in that process?

Thank you, I am writing this story today and it will go online later this afternoon.

Thank you,
Mihir

Message

**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 8/15/2018 2:41:18 PM
**To**: Polansek, Tom (Reuters) [Thomas.Polansek@thomsonreuters.com]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Reuters News question on bees/neonics

Hey Tom,

Yes, we're still working on dicamba answers for you. Meantime, here's out statement on Canada's neonicotinoids decision, for attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson," please:

"EPA's review of thiamethoxam, clothianidin and other neonicotinoid pesticides is ongoing. We are currently reviewing comments received on the preliminary risk assessments the Agency published in 2016 and 2017. EPA plans to issue updated pollinator risk assessments and proposed interim decisions for public comment in Spring of 2019. We look forward to reviewing the Canadian proposed mitigation."

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**From:** Polansek, Tom (Reuters) [mailto:Thomas.Polansek@thomsonreuters.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 15, 2018 9:56 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Reuters News question on bees/neonics

Good morning Robert,
Thank you for your email last night on my request for information about dicamba.
I am also helping a colleague in Canada with a separate story today about neonics.
Canada is expected to announce this morning that it is phasing out two of the three main types of neonics, thiamethoxam and clothianidin. The Toronto Star has a story here:
https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2018/08/14/ottawa-to-phase-out-pesticides-linked-to-bee-deaths.html
This move follows Europe, but I understand is out of step with the US EPA. Can you please tell me what is the US position is on neonics? Are there any restrictions/phase out planned of any of the main types of neonics?
Please get back to me as soon as possible today because the announcement is expected to come out in the next few hours. Thanks again!
Tom

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**From**: Lynn, Tricia [lynn.tricia@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 8/14/2018 8:20:04 PM
**To**: cate@catemontana.com
**Subject**: Re: Article on toxic molds

Cate--

For attribution to "an EPA spokesperson"

Thank you for your inquiry regarding EPA's Indoor Environment's Divisions guidelines for dealing with indoor mold.

Regardless of the type of mold that is present, the key to mold control is moisture control. If there is mold growth in your home, you must clean up the mold and fix the water problem. If you clean up the mold, but don't fix the water problem, then, most likely, the mold problem will come back.

Fix plumbing leaks and other water problems as soon as possible within 24-48 hours.

To clean up mold:

- Scrub mold off hard surfaces with detergent and water, and dry completely. Any type of detergent can be used to clean up mold.
- Absorbent or porous materials, such as ceiling tiles and carpet, may have to be thrown away if they become moldy. Mold can grow on or fill in the empty spaces and crevices of porous materials, so the mold may be difficult or impossible to remove completely.
- Dry all items completely.

In most cases, EPA recommends using detergent and water to clean up mold, rather than biocides. Biocides are substances that can destroy living organisms. The use of a chemical or biocide that kills organisms such as mold (chlorine bleach, for example) is not recommended as a routine practice during mold cleanup. There may be instances, however, when professional judgment may indicate its use (for example, when immune-compromised individuals are present).

In most cases, it is not possible or desirable to sterilize an area; a background level of mold spores will remain - these spores will not grow if the moisture problem has been resolved. In addition, dead mold may still cause allergic reactions in some people, so it is not enough to simply kill the mold using biocides, it must also be removed. Detergent and water solutions can remove mold.

If you choose to use disinfectants or biocides, always ventilate the area and exhaust the air to the outdoors. Never mix chlorine bleach solution with other cleaning solutions or
detergents that contain ammonia because toxic fumes could be produced.

For more information, visit www.epa.gov/mold.

For information on detergents, visit: https://www.epa.gov/saferchoice/safer-ingredients

Best,

Tricia

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Tricia Lynn

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**From:** Jones, Enesta
**Sent:** Thursday, August 09, 2018 6:38 PM
**To:** Cate Montana <cate@catemontana.com>
**Cc:** Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Article on toxic molds

Thanks for speaking to me just now, Cara. I will get this started for Tricia Lynn now and see what's possible — and she'll be in touch when she returns tomorrow.

On Aug 9, 2018, at 6:36 PM, Cate Montana <cate@catemontana.com> wrote:

Hi Anesta -

I'm writing an article for the global health magazine *What Doctors Don't Tell You* on the impact of the common indoor molds, Cladosporium, Aspergillus, Stachybotrys, Fusarium, Penicillium, and Alternaria on human health.

The reason I'm contacting the EPA is to find out the correct guidelines for dealing with indoor molds—what chemicals to use and what not to use to mitigate mold.

There is so much confusion in the marketplace. For example, household bleach is commonly prescribed as a solution. And yet bleach is contraindicated for porous surfaces and recent studies show bleach can actually promulgate the spread of spores.

I've seen the general recommendations on the EPA website. But I'm looking for specific "safe" product solutions for people who want to deal with a mold problem themselves - the appropriate biocides to use for specific molds. Also, I need to find out what natural products can be used effectively, such as tea tree oil and white vinegar.

Is there someone I can interview on this subject?

My deadline is August 20.

Thanks so much.

Best regards,

Cate
360-791-9885
www.catemontana.com

Message

**From**: Dowdell, Jaimi L. (Reuters) [Jaimi.Dowdell@thomsonreuters.com]
**Sent**: 8/10/2018 9:18:24 PM
**To**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Subject: Reporter inquiry: Survey on civil litigation

Thanks so much for this, Robert.
Have a great weekend,
Jaimi

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Friday, August 10, 2018 1:29 PM
**To:** Dowdell, Jaimi L. (Reuters) <Jaimi.Dowdell@thomsonreuters.com>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Subject: Reporter inquiry: Survey on civil litigation

Jaimi, for attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson," please:

**"We are not aware of any such civil litigation guidance or policy for the EPA**

**EPA filings with a court within the context of private civil litigation case where EPA is not a party would be a public record. For instance, if DOJ were to file a motion to intervene on behalf of EPA, that motion would be on record with the court. You should be able to access any such motions with a court record search.**

**Though the timeframe of this request spans more than a decade and EPA has not conducted an exhaustive search of all its records, EPA does not believe that it has taken regulatory action since 2006 based, even in part, on information gathered during civil litigation relating to a recalled product."**

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Dowdell, Jaimi L. (Reuters) [mailto:Jaimi.Dowdell@thomsonreuters.com]
**Sent:** Friday, August 10, 2018 1:17 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Subject: Reporter inquiry: Survey on civil litigation

Thanks to you both!

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Friday, August 10, 2018 10:10 AM
**To:** Dowdell, Jaimi L. (Reuters) <Jaimi.Dowdell@thomsonreuters.com>

**Cc:** Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Subject: Reporter inquiry: Survey on civil litigation

Good afternoon Jaimi. We're hoping to have something for you today.

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On Aug 10, 2018, at 12:21 PM, Dowdell, Jaimi L. (Reuters) <Jaimi.Dowdell@thomsonreuters.com> wrote:

> Hi, Robert and Tricia. Thanks for chatting with me Monday. I just wanted to check in with you on this.
> Thanks again,
> Jaimi
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> **From:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
> **Sent:** Monday, August 06, 2018 7:26 AM
> **To:** Dowdell, Jaimi L. (Reuters) <Jaimi.Dowdell@thomsonreuters.com>
> **Cc:** Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: Subject: Reporter inquiry: Survey on civil litigation
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> That's a worldwide media organization for you.
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> Cheers, R.
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> **From:** Dowdell, Jaimi L. (Reuters) [mailto:Jaimi.Dowdell@thomsonreuters.com]
> **Sent:** Monday, August 06, 2018 10:22 AM
> **To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: Subject: Reporter inquiry: Survey on civil litigation
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> Yes, Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) It's complicated, haha. Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) my team is in New York and I have a St. Louis phone number. ☺
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> **From:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
> **Sent:** Monday, August 06, 2018 7:19 AM
> **To:** Dowdell, Jaimi L. (Reuters) <Jaimi.Dowdell@thomsonreuters.com>
> **Cc:** Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: Subject: Reporter inquiry: Survey on civil litigation
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> 314. That's St. Louis, correct?

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Dowdell, Jaimi L. (Reuters) [mailto:Jaimi.Dowdell@thomsonreuters.com]
**Sent:** Monday, August 06, 2018 10:18 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Subject: Reporter inquiry: Survey on civil litigation

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Monday, August 6, 2018 7:11:03 AM
**To:** Dowdell, Jaimi L. (Reuters)
**Cc:** Lynn, Tricia
**Subject:** RE: Subject: Reporter inquiry: Survey on civil litigation

You know what? We can talk at 10:30 Eastern after all. At what number can I reach you?

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Dowdell, Jaimi L. (Reuters) [mailto:Jaimi.Dowdell@thomsonreuters.com]
**Sent:** Monday, August 06, 2018 10:08 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Subject: Reporter inquiry: Survey on civil litigation

Hi Robert,
I thought you meant you wanted to talk this morning. The story won't be published right away so there is some time on that end.
Thanks,
Jaimi

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Monday, August 6, 2018 6:29:22 AM

**To:** Dowdell, Jaimi L. (Reuters)
**Cc:** Lynn, Tricia
**Subject:** RE: Subject: Reporter inquiry: Survey on civil litigation

Good morning Jaimi and thanks for this. 10:30 might prove a little tight, but we'll try updating you later in the day.

Bottom line, what's the very latest you can accept a response from us? When are you planning on publishing your story?

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Dowdell, Jaimi L. (Reuters) [mailto:Jaimi.Dowdell@thomsonreuters.com]
**Sent:** Friday, August 03, 2018 5:39 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Subject: Reporter inquiry: Survey on civil litigation

Hi, Robert. Sorry I missed your call today. It's late in DC so I understand if you don't want to talk today. But I could chat with you Monday morning. I'm in California so I'd be willing to talk as early as 10:30 a.m. Eastern. Would that work? I have another call at noon Eastern but am free much of the rest of the day.
Thanks much,
Jaimi

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Friday, August 03, 2018 1:25 PM
**To:** Dowdell, Jaimi L. (Reuters) <Jaimi.Dowdell@thomsonreuters.com>
**Cc:** Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Subject: Reporter inquiry: Survey on civil litigation

Ms. Dowdell, my colleague Tricia is out today and I don't think we'll be able to get back to you before close of business. Perhaps you could still accept a response from us early next week?

I left you a voicemail not long ago. Let me know if you have time to chat this afternoon or first thing Monday morning.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Dowdell, Jaimi L. (Reuters)
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 18, 2018 8:35 AM
**To:** 'lynn.tricia@epa.gov' <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Reporter inquiry: Survey on civil litigation

Ms. Lynn,
My name is Jaimi Dowdell and I'm a reporter with Reuters. We've been doing some research into private civil litigation and how it impacts the regulatory process. As part of that, we're conducting a survey of federal regulatory agencies. Please answer the questions below by Friday, August 3. If you are not the best contact, could you please put me in touch with the proper person? Please let me know if you have any questions.
Kind regards,
Jaimi

Questions:
1) Does the EPA have any guidance or policies regarding the use of protective orders, sealing and settlement agreements in private civil litigation? For example, does the EPA encourage the courts and parties in litigation to include a provision in protective orders and settlement agreements that allows dissemination of public-safety related information to the EPA? If so, has the guidance/policy been published? When did it take effect? Can we get a copy of, or a link to the guidance/policy?

2) More generally, how does the EPA typically interact with safety litigation that could have an impact on the work of the EPA and its regulatory responsibilities?

3) Since 2006, has the EPA intervened in civil litigation to attempt to obtain information? If so, please describe the litigation and the information the EPA was attempting to obtain. If Was the EPA successful in the intervention?

4) Since 2006, has the EPA taken any regulatory action based, at least in part, on documents/data that the EPA first became aware of due to civil litigation? If so, please provide some basic information on each instance including the name of the sanctioned party and/or recalled product and date.

**Jaimi Dowdell**
Thomson Reuters
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Jaimi.dowdell@tr.com

Message

**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 11/16/2018 10:59:49 PM
**To**: Dan Charles [DCharles@npr.org]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: [SPAM-Sender] RE: Question from NPR about dicamba

Dan, for attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson," please:

**Response:** Within the next two weeks EPA plans to post Pesticide Use Limitation Areas (PULAs) for endangered species as it relates to dicamba on Bulletins Live. PULAs, when posted, will provide a more precise limitation area for users.

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On Nov 15, 2018, at 11:45 AM, Dan Charles <DCharles@npr.org> wrote:

> I'm working on something that may take a few days. Next week?
>
> **From:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
> **Sent:** Thursday, November 15, 2018 11:42 AM
> **To:** Dan Charles <DCharles@npr.org>
> **Subject:** RE: Question from NPR about dicamba
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> Good morning Dan. Let me take a look.
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> What's your deadline and when are you planning to file your story?
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> Cheers, R.
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> **From:** Dan Charles <DCharles@npr.org>
> **Sent:** Thursday, November 15, 2018 11:41 AM
> **To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** [SPAM-Sender] RE: Question from NPR about dicamba
>
> Hi Robert,
>
> I have another question about dicamba. It's about the 57-foot buffers that will be required when dicamba is being applied on fields close to critical habitat for threatened or endangered species.

I'm trying to figure out how many areas will be subject to that restriction. Is there a detailed map that shows those areas? I'd like to see it.

Thanks,
Dan Charles

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Message

**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 11/16/2018 10:58:09 PM
**To**: David Brown [david@azwriter.com]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: CHECKING IN

The news release link below addresses the questions raised by your accuracy check.

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On Nov 16, 2018, at 5:55 PM, David Brown <david@azwriter.com> wrote:

> Thanks, I will add.
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> The other information is good?
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> David
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> **From:** Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
> **Sent:** Friday, November 16, 2018 3:01 PM
> **To:** David Brown <david@azwriter.com>
> **Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: CHECKING IN
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> Funny you should ask.
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> Still for attribution to U.S. EPA, please:
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> https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/love-canal-revealed-national-problem-superfund-provided-solution
>
> 1. **"How many acres is the sequestered site"**
>
> The **fenced 70-acre Love Canal site**encompasses the original 16-acre hazardous waste landfill with a 40-acre clay/synthetic liner cap.
>
> 2. **"who owns that land now?"**
>
> The 70 acres is owned by the **Niagara Falls Board of Education and the City of Niagara Falls, N.Y.**

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On Nov 16, 2018, at 4:58 PM, David Brown <david@azwriter.com> wrote:

Robert:

Checking in. Hope you can confirm the text or make edits before leaving for the weekend.

*Thanks,*

**David M. Brown**
**480.892.5805**
**david@azwriter.com**

**Please receipt**

Message

**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 11/16/2018 10:52:55 PM
**To:** Rizzuto, Denise Pat [prizzuto@bloombergenvironment.com]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Re: Hope I'll be hearing back from EPA on Outlook

Looks like you'll be able to.

For attribution to Jeff Morris please:

Incoming #1: Clearly OPPT has a lot of TSCA-mandated deadlines in 2019.

Response #1: EPA has successfully met all our major statutory deadlines under amended TSCA and will continue to do so while seeking input from stakeholders on critical implementation elements. Since June 2016, EPA has held an unprecedented number of public meetings seeking to hear from affected entities and will continue to do so. Input from these meetings and other vehicles has helped shape the agency's deliberations.

Incoming #2: How many staff does OPPT have for its new chemicals program, for its existing chemicals prioritization and risk evaluation activities—and, of course, how does that number compare to normal staffing levels?

Response #2: OPPT's FY 2018 FTE ceiling was 340.1, an increase from the FY 2017 FTE ceiling of 311.1. The hires under the increased FTE ceiling are focused on providing direct or indirect support to TSCA implementation. The final FY 2019 FTE ceiling will be determined after EPA receives its FY 2019 appropriations.

Incoming #3: EPA's talked about using lean management. Can it give me any specific examples of how it's using that for OPPT's workload?

Response #3: EPA is using lean management concepts to evaluate the new chemical review process and to track progress on undertaking risk evaluation and risk management activities. This includes mapping work process flows, identifying areas that need improvement, piloting program improvements and monthly tracking of performance.

Incoming #4: With the Democrats having taken the House, lots of oversight hearings are expected—including on TSCA. Will prepping for and angering questions from some hearings add to the challenges the agency faces in 2019?

Response #4: EPA regularly receives Congressional inquiries on all aspects of amended TSCA and will continue to respond to all requests in a prompt and thorough manner.

Incoming #5: Any other comments on OPPT's intentions for 2019 welcome.

Response #5: In 2019 EPA will continue to focus on meeting TSCA deadlines, grounding our decisions in good public policy and sound science, and increasing transparency through enhanced stakeholder engagement. Specific priority activities are completing the first ten risk evaluations, prioritizing the next 40 chemicals, proposing a PBT rule, and continued progress on enhancing the new chemicals program.

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On Nov 16, 2018, at 4:38 PM, Rizzuto, Denise Pat <prizzuto@bloombergenvironment.com> wrote:

> Today isn't essential, but I've got to start writing.
> : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : : :
>
> **Pat Rizzuto**
> Chemicals Reporter
>
> **Bloomberg Environment**
>
> (703) 341-3741
> prizzuto@bloombergenvironment.com

Message

**From:** Lou Hammond [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
**Sent:** 9/24/2018 2:00:30 PM
**To:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Fw: LOU: In a meeting...

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

On Monday, September 24, 2018, 6:00 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Good morning Lou,

Thanks for the RSVP. Someone will circle back. If you don't hear from anyone, please follow up with press@epa.gov

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Lou Hammond [mailto: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) ]
**Sent:** Monday, September 24, 2018 12:07 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: LOU: In a meeting...

Robert,

I"m planning to be at the hearing tomorrow.

Can I confirm that it is at 1401 fulton at 10am?

I will be recording the event (or some of it)

will you be there?

Thanks,

Lou Ann

*And remember -*
*Never drive faster than your angel can fly.*

Thank You
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On Thursday, September 6, 2018, 2:39:43 PM PDT, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Lou, for attribution to US EPA, please:

We would suggest you also reach out to NHTSA.

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Message

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**Sent:** 9/24/2018 4:07:01 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Re: LOU: In a meeting...

Robert,

I"m planning to be at the hearing tomorrow.

Can I confirm that it is at 1401 fulton at 10am?

I will be recording the event (or some of it)

will you be there?

Thanks,

Lou Ann

*And remember -*
*Never drive faster than your angel can fly.*

Thank You
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**To:** Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Re: 4:45 call in
**Attachments:** signature.asc

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On Dec 11, 2018, at 11:29 AM, Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov> wrote:

Yes

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On Dec 11, 2018, at 11:28 AM, Sharon Lerner <sharon.lerner@theintercept.com> wrote:

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On Dec 11, 2018, at 11:25 AM, Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov> wrote:

There were no facts sheets shared with the press. reporters ignored the embargo and obtained embargoed materials from non-epa sources.

Molly

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**From:** Sharon Lerner <sharon.lerner@theintercept.com>
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 11, 2018 11:23 AM
**To:** Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: 4:45 call in

Can you please send me the fact sheet referred to in the NYTimes story? I didn't receive one and can't find it online. Thanks
https://www.nytimes.com/2018/12/10/climate/trump-clean-water-rollback.html

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On Dec 10, 2018, at 2:37 PM, Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov> wrote:

Thank you for RSVP'ing to today's teleconference briefing. Please see call in information below.

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Best,
Molly

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**From:** Sharon Lerner <sharon.lerner@theintercept.com>
**Sent:** Monday, December 10, 2018 2:35 PM

**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** 4:45 call in

Hi -
I'm responding your note about signing up for the 4:45 background briefing on water policy.
Please let me know the call number and sign-in information.
Thanks,
Sharon

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**From:** Paula Melton [paula@buildinggreen.com]
**Sent:** 9/20/2018 1:29:35 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Re: Press Inquiry about Toxics / TSCA

Thanks, Robert!

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On Sep 20, 2018, at 9:25 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Paula, for attribution to U.S. EPA, please:

**Incoming #1:** Health advocates have characterized the proposed asbestos SNUR as too narrow. Why didn't EPA simply ban all new uses instead of merely requiring notification for specific new uses?

**Response #1:** Press reports on this issue have been inaccurate. The SNUR, if finalized, is an immediate, enforceable prohibition on the currently unregulated former uses of asbestos identified in the rule. Currently, the manufacturing, importing or processing of asbestos (including as part of an article) for these unregulated former uses may begin at any time, without any regulatory barriers.

New uses of asbestos starting after August 25, 1989 remain banned. If the proposed SNUR had been written to include all possible new uses, EPA could then actually be creating a pathway to bring those banned uses back to market. The proposed SNUR preserves the 1989 ban on new uses in effect.

**Incoming #2:** Health and environmental advocates have also criticized the proposed TSCA Systematic Review methodology, saying it favors industry-sponsored literature over independent studies and that it will exclude most epidemiological studies. Can you explain in laypersons' terms how the weighting methodology works, and also address whether these critiques are accurate?

**Response #2:** No, the critiques are not accurate. EPA's Application of Systematic Review in TSCA Evaluations includes a structured way of searching, screening, evaluating and integrating evidence using pre-determined criteria. Searches are intended to comprehensively capture all available science. Screening and evaluation criteria are designed to sort and assess quality of this information. As described in Appendix A of the TSCA systematic review document, the TSCA process has been informed by and incorporates approaches, tools/frameworks and evaluation criteria from numerous

previously published systematic review schemes/approaches. The tool is designed so that high quality data is given a preference over lower quality data, based on the merits of the study.

**Incoming #3:** Will the Systematic Review methodology be peer reviewed? If yes, when? If not, why not?

**Response #3:** The systematic review document is a living document that may be revised or updated as EPA learns more through implementation of amended TSCA. EPA welcomes comments from stakeholders and the public in docket #EPA-HQ-OPPT-2018-0210. The Agency will consider these comments to improve the approach to systematic review. Further, each existing chemical risk evaluation must undergo peer review, which will include review of the application and outcomes of the systematic review process.

Cheers, R.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, September 18, 2018 12:20 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Press Inquiry about Toxics / TSCA

Thanks, Robert! I need to finish writing by the end of the day tomorrow, so having questions answered this afternoon or tomorrow morning would be ideal.

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On Sep 18, 2018, at 11:55 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Good morning Paula,

Why don't you send some questions, and share your *firm* deadline, and we'll get this started for you.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Paula Melton [mailto:paula@buildinggreen.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 18, 2018 11:49 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Press Inquiry about Toxics / TSCA

Hi, Robert! I am writing in hopes of speaking with someone about the implications of TSCA implementation for the building industry. My deadline is tomorrow. Let me know the best way to get my questions answered. Thanks!

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 12/22/2018 12:15:34 AM
**To:** Susan.Scutti@turner.com
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Re: Subject: Quick Question from CNN -- URGENT

Susan, for attribution to U.S. EPA, please:

1. Yes, the rule was signed on December 11th and this is considered a final agency action. We published the pre-publication version of the rule on our website as a courtesy to the public, and it is therefore considered the unofficial version (as is indicated at the top of each page). The publication in the Federal Register will follow, the date of which is used to determine the effective date of the rule (in this case, six months after publication). Here's the pre-publication version: https://www.epa.gov/hwgenerators/final-rule-management-standards-hazardous-waste-pharmaceuticals-and-amendment-p075#rule-summary

2. The final rule, including the sewer disposal prohibition, will pertain only to hazardous waste pharmaceuticals managed by facilities subject to the rule: healthcare facilities and reverse distributors. Many comments that EPA received on the proposed rule urged us to apply the sewer prohibition to all pharmaceuticals, not just hazardous waste pharmaceuticals. Subtitle D of RCRA, which governs the management of nonhazardous waste, does not provide EPA the statutory authority to apply the sewer prohibition to nonhazardous waste pharmaceuticals. However, EPA strongly recommends against sewering any pharmaceuticals in any setting as seen in the preamble of the final rule and a number of policy memos EPA has released regarding pharmaceutical take-back programs. Additionally, the Agency believes that many provisions in the final rule, such as the streamlined standards for healthcare facilities, will encourage healthcare facilities to manage their nonhazardous waste pharmaceuticals as hazardous waste pharmaceuticals including not sewering.

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On Dec 21, 2018, at 1:32 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

> Good afternoon Susan,
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> We're looking into it.
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> Cheers,, R.
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> Robert Daguillard
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**From:** Scutti, Susan <Susan.Scutti@turner.com>
**Sent:** Friday, December 21, 2018 1:17 PM
**To:** Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Quick Question from CNN -- URGENT

Hello Enesta,
Happy holidays!

If you happen to recall, I was writing about the **proposed rule for managing hazardous waste pharmaceuticals that was published on Sept. 25, 2015** --- It appears to me, based on the website below, that the rule has been finalized and signed as of December 11, 2018.

https://www.epa.gov/hwgenerators/final-rule-management-standards-hazardous-waste-pharmaceuticals-and-amendment-p075

So, is this correct – that's the final version now signed and official, right?

And
2/ What does this mean in terms of real-world action? Will healthcare facilities legally be able to continue to sewer pharmaceuticals that are considered non-hazardous waste? The newly finalized rule does not pertain to drugs that are not considered hazardous waste, right?

Thank you.
Best,
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CNN Health Writer
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Susan.Scutti@Turner.com

Message

**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 8/17/2018 1:09:52 PM
**To:** Vera Novais [vnovais@observador.pt]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** RE: Environmental Working Group — report on glyphosate traces

Good morning,

For attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson," please,

As stated in our December 2017 announcement, EPA's draft human health risk assessment concluded that glyphosate is not likely to be carcinogenic to humans. Our assessment found no other meaningful risks to human health when the product is used according to the pesticide label. The Agency's scientific findings are consistent with other countries and regulatory authorities including the Canadian Pest Management Regulatory Agency, Australian Pesticide and Veterinary Medicines Authority, European Food Safety Authority, the European Chemicals Agency, German Federal Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, the Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues, the New Zealand Environmental Protection Authority, and Food Safety Commission of Japan.

EPA's human health review evaluated dietary, residential/non-occupational, aggregate, and occupational exposures. Additionally, the Agency performed an in-depth review of the glyphosate cancer database, including data from epidemiological, animal carcinogenicity, and genotoxicity studies.
We are currently reviewing public comments received on the draft assessment and plan to publish the proposed interim registration review decision for glyphosate in 2019. The proposed interim registration review decision will outline any proposed mitigation measures to reduce risk, if any are needed.
For more information read our Revised Glyphosate Issue Paper: Evaluation of Carcinogenic Potential.

Also, for information on the way EPA sets pesticide tolerances: https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-tolerances/setting-tolerances-pesticide-residues-foods

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Vera Novais [mailto:vnovais@observador.pt]
**Sent:** Friday, August 17, 2018 8:55 AM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Fwd: Environmental Working Group — report on glyphosate traces

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a science journalist in a Portuguese news media - Observador (https://observador.pt/perfil/vnovais/)

Environmental Working Group released a report showing that oat cereals, oatmeal, granola and snack bars are contaminated with glyphosate.
https://www.ewg.org/childrenshealth/glyphosateincereal/#.W3a6KJNKjOQ

I wonder if you can help me go through this report and what this actually means.

Is the methodology followed the best to evaluate traces of glyphosate in this kind of food products? If not, what should have been done?

What is the limit concentration of glyphosate in food?

Do these cereals really exceed that limit like the report suggests?

If so, what's the cause? What should be done?

Can you make a general comment on this report — what's true and untrue about it?

Do you ever test glyphosate in these kinds of cereals? What were your conclusions? Can you send me the report?

Thank you very much for your time.
Best regards,
Vera Novais

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 8/16/2018 9:02:00 PM
**To:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** For Review: Bloomberg News - Diesel Truck Follow-up - DDL ASAP

Response to a follow-up inqiury on diesel trucks from Bloomberg News. Good to send?

ORIGINAL RESPONSE: It is estimated that the clean diesel (MY2007 and later) trucks represent about 51% of the heavy-duty fleet in CY2016. For comparing the pre- and post-2007 standards, it's not so easy for NOx, as prior to 2007, it was an "**NMHC + NOx**" standard (2.4 g/bhp-hr), whereas 2007-and-newer engines have separate HC (0.14 g/bhp-hr) and NOx (0.2 g/bhp-hr) standards. You could say that "NMHC + NOx" for 2007-and-newer engines is 0.34 g/bhp-hr (0.14 + 0.2), which is a 85% reduction from pre-2007 levels.

Follow up: **I guess my only follow-up question would be what makes up the other 49 percent of truck penetration in the U.S.?**

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**From:** Brianna Jackson (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:) [mailto:bjackson125@bloomberg.net]
**Sent:** Thursday, August 09, 2018 11:26 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Reaching out...

Hi Robert,
Thanks for getting back to me on those numbers. I guess my only follow-up question would be what makes up the other 49 percent of truck penetration in the U.S.?

Many thanks,
Bri

From: Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov At: 08/09/18 09:19:49
To: Brianna Jackson (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM: )
Cc: Press@epa.gov
Subject: RE: Reaching out...

Hullo Brianna,

For attribution to "an EPA Spokespeson," please. Let us know if you have any follow-up questions.

- **About 40 percent of transit buses in the U.S. run on CNG?**

A: Unfortunately, we do not have the latest data to answer this question. The Energy Information Administration's Annual Energy Outlook is a good source for recent and projected estimates on the penetration of various fuel types and consumption in transit buses and other heavy duty vehicles.

- **About 60 percent of trash trucks in the U.S. run on CNG?**

A: We are not aware of any official data that can confirm this estimate.

- **Natural gas is 90 percent cleaner than the EPA's current NOx standard?**

A:Correct, for example, the Cummins Westport ISL G engine is EPA and CARB certified to 0.02 grams per brake horsepower hour (g/bhp-hr) NOx

- **The EPA's current NOx standard is 0.2 grams per brake horsepower per hour?**

A: Correct

- **Also, could you give me some numbers on how much penetration clean diesel has right now and how clean it is?**

A: It is estimated that the clean diesel (MY2007 and later) trucks represent about 51% of the heavy-duty fleet in CY2016. For comparing the pre- and post-2007 standards, it's not so easy for NOx, as prior to 2007, it was an "**NMHC + NOx**" standard (2.4 g/bhp-hr), whereas 2007-and-newer engines have separate HC (0.14 g/bhp-hr) and NOx (0.2 g/bhp-hr) standards. You could say that "NMHC + NOx" for 2007-and-newer engines is 0.34 g/bhp-hr (0.14 + 0.2), which is a 85% reduction from pre-2007 levels.

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**From:** Brianna Jackson (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:) [mailto:bjackson125@bloomberg.net]
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 01, 2018 10:18 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Reaching out...

Hi Robert,

That would be great. Is there a time that works best for you?

Best,

Brianna

From: Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov At: 08/01/18 10:13:45

To: Brianna Jackson (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM: ) , Jones.Enesta@epa.gov
Cc: Press@epa.gov
Subject: RE: Reaching out...

Brianna, as per our phone conversation yesterday, feel free to check with me on the status of this inquiry. We can connect later today, if you like.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Jones, Enesta
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 01, 2018 10:11 AM
**To:** Brianna Jackson <bjackson125@bloomberg.net>

**Cc:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Reaching out...

Hi Brianna, Robert Daguillard is your contact. He should be in contact ASAP with a status update.

On Aug 1, 2018, at 10:10 AM, Brianna Jackson (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:) <bjackson125@bloomberg.net> wrote:

Good morning Enesta,

Thank you again for the update on those numbers I wanted to check. Just wanted to send you a note to keep me updated on if anyone responds to you today. If I could get it by the end of the day Friday that would be perfect.

Cheers,

Brianna

Message

**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 9/17/2018 7:21:57 PM
**To:** Saiyid, Amena [asaiyid@bloombergenvironment.com]; Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** RE: Bloomberg Environment request for clarity on how prescribed burns are treated under the exceptional events exemption to national air quality standards

Good afternoon Amena,

On Enesta's behalf, and for attribution to the Agency, please:

**Can states include prescribed burns like they use wildfires to claim exemptions under the exceptional events provision?**

Answer: Yes, both wildfires and prescribed fires, under certain circumstances, can be considered exceptional events. You can learn more about the exceptional events rule and guidance here: https://www.epa.gov/air-quality-analysis/exceptional-events-rule-and-guidance

EPA is currently working on a guidance document titled, "Prescribed Fire on Wildland: Addendum to the Guidance on the Preparation of Exceptional Events Demonstrations for Wildfire Events that May Influence Ozone Concentrations." This document will provide additional information to support areas preparing exceptional events demonstrations due to prescribed fire activity influencing ozone concentrations, and is expected to be published in early 2019.

**Question: How exactly are emissions from prescribed burns incorporated into the calculations to determine whether a state is in compliance with PM 2.5 standards?**

Answer: The Clean Air Act requires every state to establish a network of air monitoring stations for criteria pollutants, using criteria set by EPA for their location and operation. Data from these monitoring stations are used to calculate an air quality statistic that describes the air quality status of a given location relative to the level of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). These values help inform whether an area is above or below the NAAQS. While impacts from exceptional events are taken into consideration in the calculation of these values, emissions data are not included in the calculations.

**Question: Do we have any estimates calculating emissions from prescribed burns versus wildfires?**

Answer: Yes, the data are publicly available on the EPA website for the 2014 National Emissions Inventory. The link is https://www.epa.gov/air-emissions-inventories/2014-national-emissions-inventory-nei-data

Cheers, R.

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**Subject:** RE: Bloomberg Environment request for clarity on how prescribed burns are treated under the exceptional events exemption to national air quality standards

Thank you much.

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Amena, checking.

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**Subject:** Bloomberg Environment request for clarity on how prescribed burns are treated under the exceptional events exemption to national air quality standards

Good Afternoon Enesta and the rest of the Press Office,
I am at a House hearing examining the air quality impacts of wildfires. One of the witnesses, Collin O'Mara, of National Wildlife Federation, testified that states are disincentivized to carry out prescribed burns because the EPA requires states to include emissions from these burns in their calculations to determine whether they are meeting national ambient air quality standards, whereas wildfires are regularly excluded from these calculations.

How exactly are emissions from prescribed burns incorporated into the calculations to determine whether a state is in compliance with PM 2.5 standards. Can states include prescribed burns like they use wildfires to claim exemptions under the exceptional events provision.
Appreciate any insight and documents you can share to clarify.
Thanks,
Amena

Ps. If I can get an answer by cob I will be grateful.

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**Subject:** Subject: RE: Returning your call to the EPA Region 6 Office

Good morning Megan,

On Enesta's behalf, and for attribution to "US EPA," please.

EPA's estimates of the cost savings show that the targeted improvements the agency has proposed to the oil and gas rule would save up to approximately $484 million in regulatory compliance costs from 2019-2025, or $75 million annually. The agency's analysis is at a national level and does not look at cost savings or impacts state-by-state.

Cheers, R.

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On Sep 13, 2018, at 2:28 PM, Ross, Megan N. <meganross@ou.edu> wrote:

Hi Enesta,

I'm a reporter with Gaylord News, the University of Oklahoma's new Washington DC-based wire service. Our goal is to provide Oklahomans with reliable information about national issues that affect them, and so we have a distribution partnership with the Oklahoman, the Tulsa World, 14 local papers across the state, as well as News 9 in OKC and News on 6 in Tulsa.

The New York Times published a story about the topic on Monday, and I've been looking into the potential impact such a roll back would have on Oklahoma and the rest of Region 6. I'd like to speak with someone about the ways in which removing the restriction could benefit the oil and gas companies in Region 6. And I'd also like to discuss the potential environmental implications of increased methane emissions: what are the risks, and what will be done to mitigate those?

Clarification: How does moving "the restriction" benefit the oil and gas companies in Region 6?

I was referring to the 2016 New Source Performance Standards for oil and gas companies that put rules in place to reduce emissions of methane and VOCs, including the requirement of leak inspections as frequently as every six months on drilling equipment, and repair of leaks within 30 days.

My deadline for this story is tomorrow at 5pm.

Thanks so much!

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**From:** Kluesner, Dave
**Sent:** Monday, September 10, 2018 3:12:25 PM (UTC+00:00) Monrovia, Reykjavik
**To:** regionalpress
**Cc:** Mears, Mary; Rini, Sophia; Rodriguez, Elias
**Subject:** Draft Comms Strategy for Regional Administrator Visit to Puerto Rico and the USVI (Sept 17 - 20)

Attached is a draft communications strategy for your awareness, review and input. Please note that the strategy acknowledges the sensitivities of, and possible need to modify due to, Hurricane Florence impacts. Our current plan is to Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)


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**Subject:** Re: ORD comments on OPP draft assessment

Okay, I will finesse that and let you know if any questions come up in the editing.

I appreciate all your work on this. I will wait to hear from you about an interview with Cogliano, and with Anna Lowit if that turns out to be possible, otherwise I will assume this is the official response and leave it at that.

Have a good evening,

Michael

On Wed, Aug 22, 2018 at 8:27 PM Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:
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On Aug 22, 2018, at 8:07 PM, Michael Balter <Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)> wrote:

Thanks Robert, I will study these responses carefully, but I need you to clarify what you mean by on background. Normally that means that none of the responses can be quoted or even referred to. Do you mean that they should be attributed to an EPA spokesperson, or to the agency, rather than an individual?

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On Wed, Aug 22, 2018 at 8:01 PM Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:
Michael, on background, please:

"**Incoming #1:** It was clear from the SAP report and the transcript that many members of the panel took issue with some of the approach that EPA had used to the animal studies, the human epidemiology studies, and the final conclusion that glyphosate was "unlikely" to be carcinogenic in humans at normal doses. And yet it was my distinct impression, and that of several members of the panel I spoke to, that the 12-page response by EPA dismissed nearly all the concerns raised, and adopted only the fairly minor suggestions. Did the EPA conclude that the issues raised by many panel members were incorrect, or that the panel members did not have the proper expertise to peer review the Issue paper? Or is there any other explanation for why so little of the panel's suggestions were adopted in the revised draft?

**Response #1:** The Agency reviewed the final report from the SAP panel and considered their recommendations, however the panel did not reach consensus on the majority of the

recommendations provided. As a result, revisions to the Issue Paper focused on statements where consensus appeared to be reached. Additional revisions to the Issue Paper were made to address errors and further details on approaches taken for the evaluation.

**Incoming #2:** Expanding on the question above: From looking at the transcript, and talking to panel members this past week, it appeared that only a minority of panel members were happy with the proposed "unlikely" to be carcinogenic in humans conclusion. I think a rough estimate would indicate that the panel was indeed "split"--as it described itself in its report--but in three ways: Those who agreed with EPA that glyphosate was unlikely to be a carcinogen; those who would have preferred something in between such as "equivocal" or "inadequate"; and those who thought the evidence was strong enough for a "suggestive" conclusion. So in my estimate, only a third of the SAP actually agreed with the EPA's final evaluation. This is likely to be an important point in my article and so I would be eager to have any comment you care to make on my interpretation of how the panel came down on Charge question no 5.

**Response #2:** Although the panel did not reach complete consensus on several charge questions, the Agency noted that none of the panel members believed glyphosate should be classified as "likely to be carcinogenic to humans" or "carcinogenic to humans". When considering the numerous recommendations included in the SAP report, particularly those in direct conflict with each other, EPA suggests using caution when weighing the opinions and responses of particular individuals over the totality of the report. The Agency uses SAP reports to consider and respond to the full continuum of opinions expressed. In the specific case of glyphosate, given the variety of opinions expressed, the Agency focused on statements where consensus appeared to be reached to revise the issue paper.

The Agency believes that the strongest support is for "not likely to be carcinogenic to humans". More details regarding this conclusion can be found in Section 6.6 of the revised issue paper. Suggestions by the panel of different classification descriptors, such as "no credible evidence of carcinogenicity" or "equivocal" are not appropriate since these descriptors are not included the EPA's 2005 Guidelines for Carcinogen Risk Assessment. In addition, given the significant amount of information across multiple lines of evidence for glyphosate, the cancer classification descriptor "inadequate information to assess carcinogenic potential" would not be appropriate.

**Incoming #3:** Following on from Question 2: Would it not have been more prudent from a public health perspective, and more consistent with the panel's deliberations, to either withhold a final conclusion for further study, or to adopt the "suggestive" conclusion give the combination of human and animal evidence that the panel considered?

**Response #3:** See response to #2.

**Incoming #4:** On the human evidence: A number of panel members felt it was inappropriate to discount the evidence from the case control studies, despite the negative results in the AHS cohort study, arguing that despite the limitations of the case control studies they all pointed in a positive direction, ie ORs great than 1.0 or meta-RRs great than 1.0 in pretty much every case. As you know, IARC took this as "limited" evidence of human carcinogenicity for glyphosate, and some panel members agreed with that approach. Comment?

**Response #4:** The Agency noted that a number of panel members agreed with our evaluation of the epidemiological data and did not consider the risk estimates in the case control studies to be compelling evidence of carcinogenic potential for glyphosate. We again suggesting using caution when weighing the opinions and responses of particular individuals over the totality of

the report, particularly given several recommendations were in direct conflict with each other. The case control studies were not discounted, but rather, all relevant epidemiological data were considered in a weight of evidence evaluation. Based on the weight-of-evidence, the Agency cannot exclude chance and/or bias as an explanation for observed associations for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (NHL) in the database. For more details regarding the Agency's evaluation of the epidemiological data for NHL, please see Section 3.6 of the revised issue paper.The Agency concluded that the strongest support based on all lines of evidence is for "not likely to be carcinogenic to humans".

**Incoming #5:** Several panel members argued that EPA had violated its own carcinogen assessment guidelines in a number of ways. Chris Portier, in his comments to the panel, made similar arguments. The violations included requiring two statistical tests for a positive finding in animals and other issues. I will just ask a general question here, did the EPA follow its own guidelines scrupulously or were errors made in this regard?

**Response #5:** The Agency performed this evaluation in accordance with the 2005 Guidelines for Carcinogen Risk Assessment.

**Incoming #6:** Portier in particular argued that the EPA had not included a number of animal studies it should have, showing positive results. Again, without getting into the details which would require a telephone conversation, please comment on his contentions in this regard.

**Response #6:** There are a number of criteria the agency uses when evaluating the technical adequacy of animal carcinogenicity studies.Studies the Agency considers acceptable are further evaluated for potential tumor effects. A systematic review of studies submitted to the Agency and the open literature was performed to identify all potentially relevant animal carcinogenicity studies, which included all animal carcinogenicity studies used by IARC. Following study quality evaluation, a total of eight chronic/carcinogenicity studies in the rat and six carcinogenicity studies in the mouse were considered acceptable for use in the current evaluation for glyphosate and were subsequently evaluated in the context of the 2005 EPA Guidelines for Carcinogen Risk Assessment and adherence to test guidelines harmonized with OECD. For additional details regarding the considerations of study quality for animal carcinogenicity studies and assessment of animal carcinogenicity studies used in the Agency's evaluation for glyphosate, see Section 4.0 of the revised issue paper. Furthermore, the Agency evaluated nearly 90 genotoxicity studies for glyphosate conducted in mammalian systems or standard bacterial test strains with a long history of detecting chemicals that are mutagenic in humans. This included all relevant studies from the IARC review; however, it should be noted that IARC included genotoxicity studies conducted in non-mammalian species (e.g., worms, fish, reptiles, plants) that are not considered relevant for informing genotoxic risk in humans.

**Incoming #7:** Any other comments or observations that EPA would like to make would be very welcome and appreciated.

**Response #7:** As stated in our December 2017 announcement, EPA's draft human health risk assessment concluded that glyphosate is not likely to be carcinogenic to humans. Our assessment found no other meaningful risks to human health when the product is used according to the pesticide label. The Agency's scientific findings are consistent with other countries and regulatory authorities including the Canadian Pest Management Regulatory Agency, Australian Pesticide and Veterinary Medicines Authority, European Food Safety Authority, the European Chemicals Agency, German Federal Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, the Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues, the New Zealand Environmental Protection Authority, and Food Safety Commission of Japan.

EPA's human health review evaluated dietary, residential/non-occupational, aggregate, and occupational exposures. Additionally, the Agency performed an in-depth review of the glyphosate cancer database, including data from epidemiological, animal carcinogenicity, and genotoxicity studies.

We are currently reviewing public comments received on the draft assessment and plan to publish the proposed interim registration review decision for glyphosate by 2019. The proposed interim registration review decision will outline any proposed mitigation measures to reduce risk, if any are needed.

For more information read our Revised Glyphosate Issue Paper: Evaluation of Carcinogenic Potential.

**Incoming #8:** Chris Portier in his comments to EPA, and to me in an interview, made a large point of the EPA's alleged requiring preneoplastic lesions in animals studies before accepting that tumors found in the animals should be counted in the evaluation. A few panel members also made this point in the Dec 2016 meeting. The argument here is that some cancer types, including those of interest in evaluating glyphosate, do not show preneoplastic lesions. Ie, the first thing you see is the cancerous tumor in some cancer types. This is an important issue and I would be grateful for a response to it.

**Response #8:** Not all tumor types are expected to have preneoplastic or related non-neoplastic lesions (e.g., lymphoma); however, for other tumor types (e.g., kidney, lung, liver) the presence of preneoplastic or related non-neoplastic lesions are generally expected given the long-term, continuous exposure to a non-genotoxic carcinogen. As a result, for these tumor types, the presence or lack of preneoplastic or related non-neoplastic lesions are considered as a line of evidence in the weight of evidence evaluation, which is consistent with the2005 EPA Guidelines for Carcinogen Risk Assessment. For additional information regarding the Agency's assessment of the animal carcinogenicity studies, see Section 4.3 of therevised issue paper."

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On Aug 21, 2018, at 8:11 PM, Michael Balter <Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)> wrote:

> Hello, can I expect to hear from you sometime Weds morning with the responses?
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> thanks,
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> Michael
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> On Mon, Aug 20, 2018 at 10:38 AM Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:
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> > Michael, the program is working to be responsive by tomorrow. You'll hear from Robert at that time.

On Aug 20, 2018, at 10:31 AM, Michael Balter <Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)> wrote:

Thanks Enesta, much appreciated.

While we can always add in comments from EPA during editing, given how central the agency is to our story--as I explained--that would be less than ideal.

best, Michael

On Mon, Aug 20, 2018 at 10:00 AM Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:

Michael, Robert is out today. I'll be in touch with the program to see where things stand.

**From:** Michael Balter [mailto:Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
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**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: ORD comments on OPP draft assessment

Good morning Robert, I hope you had a good weekend.

My editor has now given me an extension until end of day tomorrow, Tuesday. Thus I am very much hoping that EPA will be able to provide responses to my questions by tomorrow if at all possible.

I have been thinking about our exchanges and I am wondering if I have fully emphasized the importance of responses from EPA. As you know, Monsanto and those scientists and other commenters on the glyphosate debate have insisted that IARC's finding that the chemical was an "outlier" relies heavily on the conclusions of EPA, EFSA, and other agencies.

However, as should be clear from my questions about the SAP and the ORD review, a major point for my article is whether IARC really was an outlier in any real sense. From our perspective, the fact that the majority (by my count) of SAP members did not agree with the "unlikely" conclusion, nor did the ORD review as I read it, means that EPA can be--and has been by some--accused of ignoring its own scientific advice, both in-house and external peer review. This is a major point of my article, and puts EPA at the center of it.

Thus my repeated efforts to get actual responses to my questions in the interests of full fairness and balance. Simply referring back to a document that basically does what EPA is being criticized for does not achieve that.

I hope that this email fully explains the situation as we see it, and that our efforts to be fair are fully understood.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

best, Michael

On Fri, Aug 17, 2018 at 5:08 PM Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Michael,

The answer to both is yes. ORD was part of the team that developed the final charge questions that were used for the SAP peer review and the draft Glyphosate Issue Paper: Evaluation of Carcinogenic Potential (September 2016). – **EPA Spokesperson.**

Following our correspondence this week, we'll try sending answers to your more detailed questions by the early part of next week, if that's all right.

Cheers, R.

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**Subject:** ORD comments on OPP draft assessment

Dear Robert,

Over the weekend I had a chance to read the above document dated December 14, 2015.

I don't know if you are familiar with this document but it takes issue with a number of aspects of the OPP's Issue paper, some along the lines of the SAP members' critiques.

At the end the ORD offers to work with OPP to develop the charge questions put to the SAP in Dec 2016.

Did the OPP in fact accept input from ORD in preparing those questions, or otherwise work with ORD to revise its assessment in any way?

thanks again,

Michael

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**Sent**: 8/28/2018 5:34:02 PM
**To**: Elliott, Dan [delliott@ap.org]
**Subject**: RE: Proposed Withdrawal of the Control Techniques Guidelines for the Oil and Natural Gas Industry

Dan, still for attribution to an "EPA Spokesperson," please:

The comment period closed on April 23, 2018. We are still reviewing the comments.

https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/03/09/2018-04703/notice-of-proposed-withdrawal-of-the-control-techniques-guidelines-for-the-oil-and-natural-gas

Cheers, R.

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**Subject:** RE: Proposed Withdrawal of the Control Techniques Guidelines for the Oil and Natural Gas Industry

Robert:

Thank you. What is the next step after the comments are reviewed?

Dan

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**Subject:** RE: Proposed Withdrawal of the Control Techniques Guidelines for the Oil and Natural Gas Industry

Hullo again Dan,

The EPA issued the final Control Techniques Guidelines (CTG) on October 20, 2016. On March 9, 2018, EPA published a notice proposing to withdraw the 2016 Control Techniques Guidelines in its entirety. The EPA received over 90,000 comments on the proposed CTG withdrawal. The comment period closed April 23, 2018. EPA is still evaluating comments. – **EPA Spokesperson**

Cheers, R.


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Greetings:

What will be the next step in the proposed withdrawal of control techniques for the oil and gas industry, EPA-HQ-OAR-2015-0216, after the public comment period ends on Oct. 27?

My deadline is 2 p.m. ET Tuesday, Aug. 28.

Thank you.

Dan Elliott

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**Subject:** Re: Subject: Press Inquiry about Food Waste

The U.S. generates more than 4 million tons of plastic bags, sacks and wraps a year, with less than 13% of it recycled, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. Plastic containers and packaging account for nearly 6% of municipal waste, the EPA says. That all look accurate? Keeping the numbers rough given they are a big dated.

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https://www.epa.gov/facts-and-figures-about-materials-waste-and-recycling/advancing-sustainable-materials-management

Plastics: Material-Specific Data-- https://www.epa.gov/facts-and-figures-about-materials-waste-and-recycling/plastics-material-specific-data

Containers and Packaging, Plastic Containers and Packaging-- https://www.epa.gov/facts-and-figures-about-materials-waste-and-recycling/containers-and-packaging-product-specific-data#PlasticC&P

Nondurable Goods, Plastic Plates and Cups-- https://www.epa.gov/facts-and-figures-about-materials-waste-and-recycling/nondurable-goods-product-specific-data#PlasticPlatesandCups

For more information on other materials and products-- https://www.epa.gov/facts-and-figures-about-materials-waste-and-recycling

Cheers, R.

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**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Subject: Press Inquiry about Food Waste

Thanks. I'm not seeing plastic bags specifically referred to anywhere here in terms of waste generation or recycling. Is that not data you break out?

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On Wed, Aug 22, 2018 at 12:51 PM Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Heather, you can attribute all information in the links below to U.S. EPA. Thanks in advance.

Our latest and current information on plastics is available in our recently released 2015 Facts and Figures (waste generation and management) data.

Plastics: Material-Specific Data-- https://www.epa.gov/facts-and-figures-about-materials-waste-and-recycling/plastics-material-specific-data

Containers and Packaging, Plastic Containers and Packaging-- https://www.epa.gov/facts-and-figures-about-materials-waste-and-recycling/containers-and-packaging-product-specific-data#PlasticC&P

Nondurable Goods, Plastic Plates and Cups-- https://www.epa.gov/facts-and-figures-about-materials-waste-and-recycling/nondurable-goods-product-specific-data#PlasticPlatesandCups

For more information on other materials and products-- https://www.epa.gov/facts-and-figures-about-materials-waste-and-recycling

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 22, 2018 11:30 AM
**To:** 'Heather Haddon' <heather.haddon@wsj.com>
**Subject:** RE: Subject: Press Inquiry about Food Waste

Good morning Heather. Let me check.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Heather Haddon [mailto:heather.haddon@wsj.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 22, 2018 7:54 AM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Fwd: Subject: Press Inquiry about Food Waste

I see Tricia is out. Can someone else help me today? This is the blog post

https://blog.epa.gov/blog/tag/plastic-bags/

Thank you

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@heatherhaddon

---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: **Heather Haddon** &lt;heather.haddon@wsj.com&gt;
Date: Tue, Aug 21, 2018 at 8:19 PM
Subject: Re: Subject: Press Inquiry about Food Waste
To: Lynn, Tricia &lt;lynn.tricia@epa.gov&gt;

HI Tricia,

This is Heather from the Journal. I'm doing a story tomorrow on disposable plastic bag use in the US and recycling. I'm looking for stats. I saw this EPA blog post, and wondering if these stats are still current, and if I can attribute them to the EPA if so. Would you be able to look into this tomorrow (Wednesday?)

Thanks in advance,

Heather

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On Fri, Dec 29, 2017 at 10:05 AM Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov> wrote:

> Hi Heather—
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> Robert's out today, but I actually cover food waste now, so you're in the right place.
>
> Can you please send a list of your specific questions and your hard deadline so we can get started?

Thanks so much,

Tricia

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Tricia Lynn

Office of Public Affairs

U.S. EPA

Office: 202.564.2615

**From:** Haddon, Heather [mailto:heather.haddon@wsj.com]
**Sent:** Friday, December 29, 2017 10:46 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Subject: Press Inquiry about Food Waste

Hello Robert,

I'm interested in potentially exploring a story about the EPA's food waste efforts, including anything to potentially back FoodMaven or other startups addressing the issue. Could I arrange for an interview with a subject expert in this area? Let me know what's possible when you can.

Thanks in advance.

Heather

On Thu, Oct 26, 2017 at 3:11 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Heather, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

Food Maven participated in the Midwest Food Recovery Summit in Des Moines, IA in early September (https://iwrc.uni.edu/foodrecoverysummit/speakers/bultema) in the Thursday, 9/7 panel session, Tools and Resources to Promote Recovery and Donation Efforts.

EPA supports a variety of efforts and strategies that reduce the amount of wholesome, nutritious food going to landfills. See our Food Recovery Hierarchy (https://www.epa.gov/sustainable-management-food/food-recovery-hierarchy).

Regards, R.

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**From:** Haddon, Heather [mailto:heather.haddon@wsj.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2017 2:08 PM
**To:** StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Press Inquiry about Food Waste

Hello,

I'm the food retail reporter for the Journal, and am working on a story about a Colorado company that has built a marketplace to sell food waste to restaurants and food service companies. It's called Food Maven. My understanding is that the EPA had the CEO of the company, Patrick Bultema, speak at a recent conference. Looking to confirm and get some detail if so, or if the agency supports this effort more generally. Any response by tomorrow would be most appreciated. I'm at my desk if it would help to discuss.

Thanks,

Heather

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Message

**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 9/6/2018 9:39:38 PM
**To:** Lou Hammond [ Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) ]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Re: LOU: In a meeting...

Lou, for attribution to US EPA, please:

We would suggest you also reach out to NHTSA.

EPA and NHTSA are currently seeking public comment on a wide range of regulatory options, including a preferred alternative that locks in MY 2020 standards through 2026, providing a much-needed time-out from further, costly increases. The agencies' preferred alternative reflects a balance of safety, economics, technology, fuel conservation, and pollution reduction. It is anticipated to prevent thousands of on-road fatalities and injuries as compared to the standards set forth in the 2012 final rule. The joint proposal initiates a process to establish a new 50-state fuel economy and tailpipe carbon dioxide emissions standard for passenger cars and light trucks covering MY 2021 through 2026.

"We are delivering on President Trump's promise to the American public that his administration would address and fix the current fuel economy and greenhouse gas emissions standards," **said EPA Acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler.** "Our proposal aims to strike the right regulatory balance based on the most recent information and create a 50-state solution that will enable more Americans to afford newer, safer vehicles that pollute less. More realistic standards can save lives while continuing to improve the environment. We value the public's input as we engage in this process in an open, transparent manner."

**Helpful resources:**
Light-duty Vehicle and Fuel Economy Trends Report: https://www.epa.gov/fuel-economy-trends. This report is published annually to summarize trends in EPA's best estimate of real world tailpipe carbon dioxide ($CO_2$) emissions and fuel economy, and associated technologies. Manufacturers Performance Report, which can be found at the following URL:https://www.epa.gov/regulations-emissions-vehicles-and-engines/greenhouse-gas-ghg-emission-standards-light-duty-vehicles. The annual GHG Performance Report formally documents the status of auto company compliance with the GHG standards since the standards took effect in the 2012 model year.

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On Sep 6, 2018, at 5:06 PM, Lou Hammond < Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) > wrote:

> Anything?
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> Sent from Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) for iPhone
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> On Thursday, September 6, 2018, 12:02 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

…waiting to get the response back for you.

Cheers, R.

**Robert Daguillard**

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Message

**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 9/6/2018 8:58:37 PM
**To:** Tracy Asanuma Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** RE: Subject: Press Inquiry

Ms. Asanuma, for attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson," please:

**Incoming #1:** Do you classify Round up as a cancer causing agent?

**Response #1:** As stated in our December 2017 announcement, EPA's draft human health risk assessment concluded that glyphosate is not likely to be carcinogenic to humans. Our assessment found no other meaningful risks to human health when the product is used according to the pesticide label. The Agency's scientific findings are consistent with other countries and regulatory authorities including the Canadian Pest Management Regulatory Agency, Australian Pesticide and Veterinary Medicines Authority, European Food Safety Authority, the European Chemicals Agency, German Federal Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, the Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues, the New Zealand Environmental Protection Authority, and Food Safety Commission of Japan.

EPA's human health review evaluated dietary, residential/non-occupational, aggregate, and occupational exposures. Additionally, the Agency performed an in-depth review of the glyphosate cancer database, including data from epidemiological, animal carcinogenicity, and genotoxicity studies.

We are currently reviewing public comments received on the draft assessment and plan to publish the proposed interim registration review decision for glyphosate in 2019. The proposed interim registration review decision will outline any proposed mitigation measures to reduce risk, if any are needed.

For more information read our Revised Glyphosate Issue Paper: Evaluation of Carcinogenic Potential.

**Incoming #2:** Have you conducted any clinical trials into the safety of Round Up? Specifically, have you evaluated children who have eaten pork which was fed with Roundup ready soy beans?

**Response #2:** The risk assessments linked from the December 2017 announcement discuss the extensive data EPA has used in the registration review of glyphosate, the active ingredient in Roundup. The Agency believes there are no risks of concern for children who eat pork from pigs that have been fed soy beans that have been treated with glyphosate according to the EPA-approved label.

**Incoming #3:** Recently, I heard that mature wheat grown in the United States was routinely sprayed with Round Up to help it dry faster. Does the EPA have any regulations against this practice? Are oats sprayed with round up to assist the drying process? Are there regulations against that?

**Response #3:** Glyphosate is approved for use as a harvest aid (as a pre-harvest defoliant or desiccant) by grain growers in areas such as North Dakota. The trace levels of glyphosate residue that might remain on cereal grains from pre-harvest use are not expected to pose risks of concern for consumers.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Tracy Asanuma [mailto: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 05, 2018 8:58 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Subject: Press Inquiry

Dear Mr. Daguillard:
I haven't decided on a Media outlet yet.
These are huge questions. Also would you care to comment. Recently there was a report that Roundup was found in Cheerios. Are oats sprayed with round up to assist the drying process? Are there regulations against that?
Sincerely;
Tracy Asanuma

On Sep 3, 2018 6:13 PM, "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

> Thanks for the deadline. We're looking into it.
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> Who are you pitching your story to?
>
> Robert Daguillard
> U.S. EPA
> Office of Media Relations
> Washington D.C.
> Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) M)
> 202-564-6618 (O)
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> On Sep 2, 2018, at 10:21 PM, Tracy Asanuma < Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) wrote:
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>> Dear Mr Daguillard:
>> I write freelance on the issues which concern me. If you could back to me by Friday 9/7 that would be great.
>> Sincerely,
>> Tracy Asanuma
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>> On Fri, Aug 31, 2018, 12:06 PM Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:
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>>> Also: what publication, or outlet, are you writing for?
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>>> Robert Daguillard
>>> U.S. EPA
>>> Office of Media Relations
>>> Washington D.C.
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>>> On Aug 31, 2018, at 1:05 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Tracy and thanks for reaching out. Are you on deadline?

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**From:** Tracy Asanuma [mailto: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
**Sent:** Friday, August 31, 2018 8:43 AM
**To:** Rowan, Anne <rowan.anne@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Press Inquiry

Dear Miss Rowan:
I am writing an article about the Monsato trial and its ramifications. I have already contacted the FDA but they suggested I contact you as well. I was hoping you could answer a few questions:
1. Do you classify Round up as a cancer causing agent?
2. Have you conducted any clinical trials into the safety of Round Up? Specifically, have you evaluated children who have eaten pork which was fed with round up ready soy beans?
3. Recently, I heard that mature wheat grown in the United States was routinely sprayed with Round Up to help it dry faster. Does the EPA have any regulations against this practice?
Sincerely,
Tracy Asanuma

Message

**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 9/6/2018 8:53:31 PM
**To:** Suzanne Yohannan [suzanne.yohannan@iwpnews.com]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** RE: media query - Recycling remarks

Suzanne, also for attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson," please:

**Inquiry:**
Below, you say that EPA "**is communicating with governments at the federal, state, tribal and local levels, as well as stakeholders in the private sector, to determine what steps should be regarding the domestic management of materials."** Can you offer any specifics on these talks? Who specifically are they with? What suggestions is EPA hearing from these groups? When will EPA make decisions on these suggestions?

Response: EPA's program uses Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) which is a voluntary approach to sourcing, using and managing natural resources in a way that maximizes the opportunity for economic growth, resiliency and jobs. In applying the SMM approach to the current recycling system challenges, the whole lifecycle is considered in trying to find systemic ways to maximize the utilization and recovery of materials. As such, we are thinking beyond traditional boundaries and are considering the entire system – and this means engaging with stakeholders across the lifecycle through various ways. For example, we participated in a recent conference at WasteCon where we, along with a wide variety of stakeholders, heard about the challenges and opportunities in the system of managing materials. There are challenges, opportunities, and solutions throughout the whole lifecyle. EPA welcomes opportunities to hear from the whole range of stakeholders including the public on issues of importance to the management of these materials.

Also, below, EPA says: "**Future EPA actions will likely focus on enhancing and expanding materials management infrastructure in the United States, increasing the quality of recovered materials and enhancing end-use markets for recovered materials."** My question is: how does EPA plan to do this? Through policy, or other means? Can you provide some detail?

RESPONSE: EPA hasn't made any specific plans or decisions on how to act on these important aspects of the materials management system.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 04, 2018 10:42 AM
**To:** 'Suzanne Yohannan' <suzanne.yohannan@iwpnews.com>
**Subject:** RE: media query - Recycling remarks

Thank you, Suzanne. Are you on deadline?

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Suzanne Yohannan [mailto:suzanne.yohannan@iwpnews.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 04, 2018 10:41 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: media query - Recycling remarks

Robert,
I do have a couple follow-up questions related to your response below. They relate to the last bullet point below.

Below, you say that EPA "**is communicating with governments at the federal, state, tribal and local levels, as well as stakeholders in the private sector, to determine what steps should be regarding the domestic management of materials."** Can you offer any specifics on these talks? Who specifically are they with? What suggestions is EPA hearing from these groups? When will EPA make decisions on these suggestions?

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If someone from ORCR is available to answer these via a phone interview, that would be great.

Thanks again.
Suzanne Yohannan
Inside EPA
703-562-8759
suzanney@iwpnews.com

On 8/31/2018 3:48 PM, Daguillard, Robert wrote:

Hey Suzanne,

For attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson," please:

1. Could you tell me if he made any of the remarks via webcast to the conference? If so, could I obtain a copy of them, or a web-link to them?

- **Barnes Johnson's session was cancelled so he did not provide remarks remotely.**

2. If he did not make remarks, could you tell me if he planned to announce any new policies or positions on recycling issues? Was he going to address the ongoing crisis the recycling industry is in over export restrictions set by China? If so, when will EPA be announcing those policies/positions?

Does EPA have a position on the issues facing the recycling industry right now? If so, what is it?

- **Recovered materials have provided significant and valuable feedstock for manufacturing in the United States. By converting waste materials into valuable raw materials, recycling creates jobs, builds more competitive manufacturing industries and significantly contributes to the U.S. economy. In addition, many major corporations have committed to ambitious goals to recover materials for reuse, and strongly support U.S. recycling infrastructure improvements and market development. In addition to changing markets for recovered materials, the evolution of material use and design and the debris generated by disasters have created an oversupply of materials that stress the materials management system in the United States.**

- **Recycling is extremely important to governments, manufacturers, retailers and especially to citizens. The U.S. public has a strong desire for direct daily opportunities to participate in protecting the environment. While the responsibility for the collection and management of materials primarily occurs at the local level, EPA is committed to supporting national efforts that result in consistent, high quality and high quantities of processed recycled materials for manufacturing. To achieve this, EPA is communicating with governments at the federal, state, tribal and local levels, as well as stakeholders in the private sector, to determine what steps should be regarding the domestic management of materials. Future EPA actions will likely focus on enhancing and expanding materials management infrastructure in the United States, increasing the quality of recovered materials and enhancing end-use markets for recovered materials.**

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Suzanne Yohannan [mailto:suzanney@iwpnews.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, August 30, 2018 4:52 PM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** media query - Recycling remarks

Dear Press Officer,

I'm a reporter for Inside EPA. I have a query related to recycling. I know that ORCR Director Barnes Johnson was supposed to speak last week at the SWANA wastecon conference but that he had to back out due to weather-related flight cancellations.

Could you tell me if he made any of the remarks via webcast to the conference? If so, could I obtain a copy of them, or a web-link to them?

If he did not make remarks, could you tell me if he planned to announce any new policies or positions on recycling issues? Was he going to address the ongoing crisis the recycling industry is in over export restrictions set by China? If so, when will EPA be announcing those policies/positions?

Does EPA have a position on the issues facing the recycling industry right now? If so, what is it?

I'm working under a deadline of Thursday (Sept. 6) at 9 a.m.

I can be reached at the email or number below.

Thanks very much.

Suzanne Yohannan
Inside EPA
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suzanney@iwpnews.com

Message

**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 9/5/2018 7:48:38 PM
**To:** Wendy Zukerman [wendyz@gimletmedia.com]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]; Mears, Mary [Mears.Mary@epa.gov]; Kluesner, Dave [kluesner.dave@epa.gov]
**Subject:** RE: Subject: Media Inquiry: Recycling

Wendy, you may want to reach out to NYC Department of Sanitation's recycling program, which would certainly have better insight into the on-the-ground challenges of a recycling program. You can contact New York Department of Sanitation's press office at 646-885-5020.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Wendy Zukerman [mailto:wendyz@gimletmedia.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 04, 2018 5:34 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>; Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov>; Kluesner, Dave <kluesner.dave@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Subject: Media Inquiry: Recycling

Thanks, this is helpful - can I have a quick chat with you over the phone tomorrow morning? Just on background.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 4, 2018, at 4:07 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

> Dear Ms. Zukerman, for attribution to U.S. EPA, please:
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> **1) Around the US, what are the kinds of plastics that are recycled? I know all rigid plastics can be recycled in New York - is that true across the US? Does any state regularly recycle non- rigid plastics? Or only a few of the plastics recycled?**
>
> EPA's data are used to characterize the national waste stream and are not disaggregated by state. Recycling of specific types of plastics vary by state and locality.
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> **2) Why in New York do we only recycle rigid plastics? Is it an issue of economics? Are the products that come from non-rigid plastics not sellable?**
>
> As Region 2 mentioned, we cannot speak to New York's recycling program, but across the United States, we understand that a variety of plastics are recycled. The recycling of plastics overall is relatively low (9.1 percent) though certain plastic products have a higher recycling rate (e.g., the recycling rate for high density polyethylene, HDPE, natural white translucent bottles and polyethylene terephthalate, PET, bottles and jars is around 30 percent).

EPA collects information on the recycling of plastic products and materials in the Advancing Sustainable Materials Management: Facts and Figures report. Table 8, Plastics in Products in Municipal Solid Waste, of the 2015 Data Tables may be of particular interest to you as it shows the amounts of plastics recycled broken up by various categories including durable goods, non-durable goods and containers and packaging. Additionally, the Data Tables have information about of plastic bags, sacks and wraps. Table 24 of the Data Tables shows that 530,000 tons (.53 million tons), about 12.8 percent, were recycled in 2015. You can find the Data Tables on this web page: https://www.epa.gov/facts-and-figures-about-materials-waste-and-recycling/advancing-sustainable-materials-management.

Our website also has explanations about plastics generation, recycling, composting, combustion with energy recovery and landfilling on the following web pages:

- Plastics: Material-Specific Data-- https://www.epa.gov/facts-and-figures-about-materials-waste-and-recycling/plastics-material-specific-data
- Containers and Packaging, Plastic Containers and Packaging-- https://www.epa.gov/facts-and-figures-about-materials-waste-and-recycling/containers-and-packaging-product-specific-data#PlasticC&P
- Nondurable Goods, Plastic Plates and Cups-- https://www.epa.gov/facts-and-figures-about-materials-waste-and-recycling/nondurable-goods-product-specific-data#PlasticPlatesandCups

There are a number of stakeholders engaged in the conversation around plastics and plastic pollution in the United States that may have additional information for you. For example, the American Chemistry Council (ACC), the American Institute for Packaging and the Environment (AMERIPEN), the Sustainable Packaging Coalition (SPC), the Association of Plastics Recyclers (APR) and Plastics Industry Alliance (PIA) are all working with their members to better understand the educational and infrastructural issues associated with plastics waste collection and recycling and to develop ways to approach this problem. Also, a number of state and local programs and businesses provide collection opportunities for non-rigid plastics through the Wrap Recycling Action Program (WRAP). Plastics collected through this program are used in a number of products available to consumers. A list of WRAP partners and collection points can be found on their website, www.plasticfilmrecycling.org.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Wendy Zukerman [mailto:wendyz@gimletmedia.com]
**Sent:** Friday, August 31, 2018 12:41 PM
**To:** Deegan, Dave <Deegan.Dave@epa.gov>; Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Media Inquiry: Recycling

Dear Dave and Mary,

My name is Wendy Zukerman and I'm the host of the podcast Science Vs, from Gimlet Media. I'm developing a story on plastics, what is recyclable - and why. I'd love to speak with you on background about a few specific questions I have. Alternatively, I can put them in email if it's easier?

1) Around the US, what are the kinds of plastics that are recycled? I know all rigid plastics can be recycled in New York - is that true across the US? Does any state regularly recycle non- rigid plastics? Or only a few of the plastics recycled?

2) Why in New York do we only recycle rigid plastics? Is it an issue of economics? Are the products that come from non-rigid plastics not sellable?

My deadline is **Tuesday 4th September EOD.**

Do you think you could get back to me by then?

Best,

Wendy

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Message

**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 11/8/2018 3:24:38 PM
**To**: Ellis, Frank [Ellis.Frank@epa.gov]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]; Strauss, Linda [Strauss.Linda@epa.gov]; Dunton, Cheryl [Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov]; Courtnage, Robert [Courtnage.Robert@EPA.GOV]; Han, Kaythi [Han.Kaythi@epa.gov]; Sisco, Debby [Sisco.Debby@epa.gov]; Dinkins, Darlene [Dinkins.Darlene@epa.gov]; Mendelsohn, Mike [Mendelsohn.Mike@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: ISGP Interview Request: Food Innovation: Bioengineered Foods and Ingredients

Good morning and thanks, Frank. I'll get in touch with the reporter.

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On Nov 8, 2018, at 9:52 AM, Ellis, Frank <Ellis.Frank@epa.gov> wrote:

> OCSPP/OPP/BPPD received the request below for a non-attributed interview with the Institute on Science for Global Policy. We would appreciate your assistance in dealing with the request.
>
> Thanks,
> Frank
>
> **Frank Ellis** | Acting Deputy Director | Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division
> U.S. Environmental Protection Agency | 1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW (7511P) | Washington, DC 20460
> (703) 308-8107
>
> **From:** Mendelsohn, Mike
> **Sent:** Thursday, November 08, 2018 7:38 AM
> **To:** Ellis, Frank <Ellis.Frank@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** Biotech Interview ? ISGP Interview Request: Food Innovation: Bioengineered Foods and Ingredients
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> Frank,
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> Could you run this interview request through the Communications/OPA route for approval as if it is a news outlet? I checked with FDA and they have not been able to provide background on this group even though they seem to claim they are affiliated with FDA. Should I decline the interview or something else? They claim it's Chatham House rules, which means they are not supposed to reveal sources. The interview is claimed to be to help them prepare for a conference.
>
> Here's some more background.
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> > *The ISGP was founded by Dr. George Atkinson, former Science & Technology Adviser to U.S. Secretaries of State Colin Powell and Condoleezza Rice. For more information, please refer to the attached ISGP brochure, list of ISGP Board of Directors, and the website: http://scienceforglobalpolicy.org/.*

*I would like to arrange for the ISGP staff to interview you at a mutually convenient time to learn your views on the current realities and what issues these stakeholders need to consider. Your comments will be treated in the same not-for-attribution (Chatham House rule) manner used to conduct all ISGP conferences.*

Mike Mendelsohn, Chief
Emerging Technologies Branch
Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division (7511P)
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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Kat Wheeler <kwheeler@scienceforglobalpolicy.org>
**Date:** November 7, 2018 at 5:55:58 PM EST
**To:** "Mendelsohn, Mike" <Mendelsohn.Mike@epa.gov>
**Subject: Re: ISGP Interview Request: Food Innovation: Bioengineered Foods and Ingredients**

Hi Mike,

Just a check-in, are you still interested in interviewing?

Regards,

Kat

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**From:** Mendelsohn, Mike <Mendelsohn.Mike@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Thursday, November 1, 2018 5:42:14 PM
**To:** Kat Wheeler
**Subject:** Re: ISGP Interview Request: Food Innovation: Bioengineered Foods and Ingredients

Thanks Kat. I'll touch bases with you Monday.

Mike Mendelsohn, Chief
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On Nov 1, 2018, at 12:54 PM, Kat Wheeler <kwheeler@scienceforglobalpolicy.org> wrote:

Dear Dr. Mendelsohn,

I just wanted to touch base with you regarding the interview request I sent last week, which is included below. The Institute on Science for Global Policy would greatly appreciate the opportunity to speak with you regarding your area of expertise. Please find attached additional information.

Thank you,

Kat Wheeler

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**From:** Kat Wheeler
**Sent:** Friday, October 26, 2018 6:14 PM
**To:** mendelsohn.mike@epa.gov
**Subject:** ISGP Interview Request: Food Innovation: Bioengineered Foods and Ingredients

Dear Mr. Mendelsohn,

I am contacting you based on your expertise and experience as chief of United States Environmental Protection Agency's newly formed Emerging Technologies Branch in the Biopesticides and Pollution Prevention Division of the Office of Pesticide Programs.

I am an Associate Program Director at the Institute on Science for Global Policy (ISGP), a non-profit organization designed to bridge the growing challenges associated with obtaining an accurate understanding of evidence-based scientific options that influence private sector and governmental regulatory decisions concerning emerging food choices and the safety of the food supply.

The ISGP, with primary support from Food and Drug Administration (FDA), is currently organizing a multi-year program focused on Food Innovation: Bioengineered Foods and Ingredients. The ISGP program will organize and convene invitation-only conferences between 2019 and 2021. The debate/caucus format pioneered by the ISGP over the last decade begins with extensive interviews with domestic and international subject-matter experts in scientific, technological, commercial, governmental, policy, and public advocacy communities. The initial ISGP conference is being planned for June 2019, with

participation by senior leadership representing governmental regulatory, private sector, scientific, technological, and public advocacy perspectives. The ISGP debates and caucuses seek to identify areas of consensus and actionable next steps that accurately reflect the priorities of these diverse groups.

The ISGP was founded by Dr. George Atkinson, former Science & Technology Adviser to U.S. Secretaries of State Colin Powell and Condoleezza Rice. For more information, please refer to the attached ISGP brochure, list of ISGP Board of Directors, and the website: http://scienceforglobalpolicy.org/.

I would like to arrange for the ISGP staff to interview you at a mutually convenient time to learn your views on the current realities and what issues these stakeholders need to consider. Your comments will be treated in the same not-for-attribution (Chatham House rule) manner used to conduct all ISGP conferences.

I greatly appreciate your time and interest and look forward to our discussion.

Sincerely,

Kat Wheeler
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Message

**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 8/16/2018 7:46:50 PM
**To:** Angela Lashbrook [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** RE: Press request from The Atlantic: glyphosate

Hullo Angela,

For attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson," please:

As stated in our December 2017 announcement, EPA's draft human health risk assessment concluded that glyphosate is not likely to be carcinogenic to humans. Our assessment found no other meaningful risks to human health when the product is used according to the pesticide label. The Agency's scientific findings are consistent with other countries and regulatory authorities including the Canadian Pest Management Regulatory Agency, Australian Pesticide and Veterinary Medicines Authority, European Food Safety Authority, the European Chemicals Agency, German Federal Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, the Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues, the New Zealand Environmental Protection Authority, and Food Safety Commission of Japan.

EPA's human health review evaluated dietary, residential/non-occupational, aggregate, and occupational exposures. Additionally, the Agency performed an in-depth review of the glyphosate cancer database, including data from epidemiological, animal carcinogenicity, and genotoxicity studies.

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For more information read our Revised Glyphosate Issue Paper: Evaluation of Carcinogenic Potential.

Also, for information on the way EPA sets pesticide tolerances: https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-tolerances/setting-tolerances-pesticide-residues-foods

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Angela Lashbrook [mailto: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
**Sent:** Thursday, August 16, 2018 11:59 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Press request from The Atlantic: glyphosate

Hi Robert! Thanks for answering my call just now. I'm including my questions below--thanks for all your help!

Angela.

What has the EPA determined to be the safe level of glysophate in foods?
How did the EPA determine that safety level?

Is the EPA currently re-evaluating safety levels of glysophate in food?
Why are the EPA's regulations different from the State of California's, as well as guidance from the WHO?

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Message

**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 8/9/2018 7:55:37 PM
**To:** Lauren Sweeney [lauren.sweeney@winknews.com]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** RE: Subject: Fw: Glyphosate inquiry

Lauren, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

1. All pesticide labels are required to indicate the active ingredient and specific directions and precautions regarding their use as well as warning statements. To find examples of glyphosate labels, search for glyphosate under the Chemical Name search at https://iaspub.epa.gov/apex/pesticides/f?p=PPLS:1.

2. EPA establishes "tolerances," which are maximum legal residue levels for any pesticide whose use is likely to result in residues in food or feed. FDA monitors food and animal feed for pesticide residues. Food or feed that contain residues above the tolerance limit are considered adulterated and subject to enforcement action by FDA.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Lauren Sweeney [mailto:lauren.sweeney@winknews.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, August 09, 2018 1:35 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Harris-Young, Dawn <Harris-Young.Dawn@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Subject: Fw: Glyphosate inquiry

I DON'T HAVE A COPY OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE COURT CASE HANDY. THERE ARE A FEW THOUSAND SIMILAR CASES ACROSS THE U-S.

THE ONE IN CALIFORNIA IS FIRST TO GO.

HERE'S AN ARTICLE:https://www.reuters.com/article/us-monsanto-cancer-lawsuit/first-trial-alleging-monsantos-roundup-causes-cancer-goes-to-jury-idUSKBN1KS2G8

**From:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Thursday, August 9, 2018 1:30:17 PM
**To:** Lauren Sweeney
**Cc:** Harris-Young, Dawn; Grantham, Nancy
**Subject:** Subject: Fw: Glyphosate inquiry

Good afternoon Lauren,

Let me look into this for you. Do you have a copy of the filing, by any chance?

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Lauren Sweeney [mailto:lauren.sweeney@winknews.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, August 9, 2018 12:44 PM
**To:** Harris-Young, Dawn <Harris-Young.Dawn@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Fw: Glyphosate inquiry

Hello -

I'm covering the Monsanto lawsuit out of California today and similar lawsuits filed here in Florida.

I'm reaching out because it has been mentioned that the government does not require any warning on the makers of the weed killer to warn about Glyphosate in the product? Would this be a function of the FDA to require such a warning?

I'm also seeing that the FDA is beginning to test for trace amounts of glyphosate in food products? Can you comment or elaborate on that?

If you have anything on behalf of the FDA to provide please do so before 3:30 PM today (4-4:15 at the latest possible as my story is on air at 5PM). I apologize for the rapid fire deadline -- I don't make my deadlines just have to abide by them.

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Message

**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 8/16/2018 7:42:04 PM
**To:** Dorothy Atkins [dorothy.atkins@law360.com]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** RE: Law360 Request for Comment

Dear Ms. Atkins, for attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson," please:

As stated in our December 2017 announcement, EPA's draft human health risk assessment concluded that glyphosate is not likely to be carcinogenic to humans. Our assessment found no other meaningful risks to human health when the product is used according to the pesticide label. The Agency's scientific findings are consistent with other countries and regulatory authorities including the Canadian Pest Management Regulatory Agency, Australian Pesticide and Veterinary Medicines Authority, European Food Safety Authority, the European Chemicals Agency, German Federal Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, the Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues, the New Zealand Environmental Protection Authority, and Food Safety Commission of Japan.

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**From:** Dorothy Atkins [mailto:dorothy.atkins@law360.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 15, 2018 11:02 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Law360 Request for Comment

Hi Mr. Daguillard,

I'm a reporter at Law360 working on an analysis of the $289 million verdict that came down in California state court last week in a product liability suit against Monsanto over its Roundup and Ranger Pro products. I just wanted to reach out and see if the EPA would like to comment on the case or the EPA's approval of the products' active ingredient, glyphosate. I'm also happy to chat with someone at the EPA, if available.

Regards,

Dorothy Atkins

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Message

**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 8/16/2018 7:30:48 PM
**To:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** FOR REVIEW: NY Times - Glyphosate and cereals, oats

I'd direct her to the last part of our statement, that says:

**We are currently reviewing public comments received on the draft assessment and plan to publish the proposed interim registration review decision for glyphosate in 2019. The proposed interim registration review decision will outline any proposed mitigation measures to reduce risk, if any are needed.**

Do we Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)?

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Mihir Zaveri [mailto:mihir.zaveri@nytimes.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 15, 2018 3:09 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Glyphosate and cereals, oats

Hello -- I'd like to add one more question, so both questions together:

-- Would the EWG report today make you question any of the findings that glyphosate is not likely carcinogenic to humans?
-- What do you think about the Environmental Working Group in general? Do they present fair arguments or counterpoints?

Mihir

On Wed, Aug 15, 2018 at 2:39 PM Mihir Zaveri <mihir.zaveri@nytimes.com> wrote:

> Hi, would the EWG report today make you question any of the findings that glyphosate is not likely carcinogenic to humans?
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> On Wed, Aug 15, 2018 at 1:22 PM Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:
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> > Hullo Mihir,
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> > For attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson," please:
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> > As stated in our December 2017 announcement, EPA's draft human health risk assessment concluded that glyphosate is not likely to be carcinogenic to humans. Our assessment found no other meaningful risks to human health when the product is used according to the pesticide label. The Agency's scientific findings are consistent with other countries and regulatory authorities including the Canadian Pest Management Regulatory Agency, Australian Pesticide

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On Aug 15, 2018, at 11:35 AM, Mihir Zaveri <mihir.zaveri@nytimes.com> wrote:

> Thank you -- appreciate your acknowledgement!
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> Mihir
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> On Wed, Aug 15, 2018 at 11:34 AM Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:
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> > Good morning Mihir,
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> > A quick work to acknowledge receipt. We'll be in touch soon.
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> > Cheers, R.
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**From:** Mihir Zaveri [mailto:mihir.zaveri@nytimes.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 15, 2018 11:26 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Glyphosate and cereals, oats

Hello, this is Mihir Zaveri, I'm a reporter with The New York Times. I'm working on a story today about this new report from the Environmental Working Group that shows certain levels of the chemical "glyphosate" in cereal, granola, and other food products.

I'm sure you have been over these points before, but the report suggests that glyphosate is linked to cancer, and supports that notion with a WHO agency designation and California state designation as well as the recent settlement in California earlier this month. The report further suggests that the levels of glyphosate that they found could particularly put children at risk.

Hoping to get an answer to some questions:

-- It's my understanding that the federal government does not consider glyphosate to be linked to cancer, is this true?

-- Are there any risks associated with glyphosate for parents, or general population, to be concerned about?

-- Why is there this dissonance between what federal regulators say and what, for example, the state of California says regarding Glyphosate?

-- How would EPA respond to the public who might read this EWG report and be scared that their children might not be safe if they eat these foods? Or others?

-- The EWG scientists assert that glyphosate applied later in a crop cycle reflects an increased risk compared to that applied earlier in the cycle. Is there any reason to challenge this notion?

-- When do the draft risk assessments published in December become final and what more is there to do in that process?

Thank you, I am writing this story today and it will go online later this afternoon.

Thank you,
Mihir

Message

**From**: Maxine Joselow [mjoselow@eenews.net]
**Sent**: 8/1/2018 7:38:00 PM
**To**: Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: E&E News inquiry

Perfect, thanks so much, Michael.

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**From:** Abboud, Michael [mailto:abboud.michael@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 01, 2018 3:37 PM
**To:** Maxine Joselow <mjoselow@eenews.net>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: E&E News inquiry

Here you are Maxine,

"EPA officials and career staff have worked amicably with their counterparts at NHTSA in the development of the upcoming NPRM that will aim to save lives, preserve consumer choice and improve the economy." – EPA spokesman

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**From:** Maxine Joselow [mailto:mjoselow@eenews.net]
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 1, 2018 2:59 PM
**To:** Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** E&E News inquiry

Hi Michael,

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Thanks,
Maxine
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**From**: Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 8/1/2018 7:06:03 PM
**To**: Beach, Christopher [beach.christopher@epa.gov]; Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]; Hewitt, James [hewitt.james@epa.gov]; Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: E&E News inquiry

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Message

**From**: Lynn, Tricia [lynn.tricia@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 8/16/2018 5:59:18 PM
**To**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: FOR REVIEW: Hotel Management Magazine (Elliott Mest) RE: TV Recycling (8/16)

Checking on this one…OK to send?

**From:** Lynn, Tricia
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 15, 2018 3:30 PM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** FOR REVIEW: Hotel Management Magazine (Elliott Mest) RE: TV Recycling (8/16)

Reporter is asking about TV recycling. Elliott Mest, Hotel Management Magazine.

**Suggested Response:**

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**1. What are the dangers of improperly disposing of TV-related waste to the environment, and what are the legal ramifications?**

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2. How are hotels recommended to dispose of electronic waste?

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3. What should hotel operators know about the process before they begin?

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4. What are some common mistakes that hotel operators make during the disposal process?

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5. How can hotels go above and beyond during this process?

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**From:** Elliott Mest [mailto:emest@questex.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, August 09, 2018 5:07 PM
**To:** Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Press Inquiry: Hotel Management Magazine TV Recycling Article

Hi Tricia,

Great! My deadline for this story is next Thursday, August 16. Here are the questions I would like to ask:

1. What are the dangers of improperly disposing of TV-related waste to the environment, and what are the legal ramifications?

2. How are hotels recommended to dispose of electronic waste?

3. What should hotel operators know about the process before they begin?

4. What are some common mistakes that hotel operators make during the disposal process?

5. How can hotels go above and beyond during this process?

Thank you,
Elliott

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**From:** "Lynn, Tricia" <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
**Date:** Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at 3:57 PM
**To:** Elliott Mest <emest@questex.com>
**Subject:** RE: Press Inquiry: Hotel Management Magazine TV Recycling Article

Hi Elliott—

Thanks so much for your inquiry. I'm happy to help get you the information you need.

Before I can reach out to our subject matter experts, I need a bit more information from you.

First, can you please share your deadline for receiving the information?

Second, can you please send a list of your specific questions?

Thanks again. I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

--Tricia

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Tricia Lynn
Office of Public Affairs

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**From:** Elliott Mest [mailto:emest@questex.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 8, 2018 3:04 PM
**To:** Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Press Inquiry: Hotel Management Magazine TV Recycling Article

Hi Mary,

I was wondering if you could help me get in contact with someone for an operations-based TV story in Hotel Management magazine? The story will encompass sustainable recycling of legacy TVs as new devices are cycled into hotels. The story will cover what hoteliers should know ahead of time, what the process entails, and why recycling these devices matters.

Thank you,
Elliott
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**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 8/16/2018 3:45:47 PM
**To**: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]; Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]; Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]; Hewitt, James [hewitt.james@epa.gov]; Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]
**CC**: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Lynn, Tricia [lynn.tricia@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FOR APPROVAL : UNDARK - Open Inquiries, 8/14/18

Now with Rich Yamada's edits. Please advise if this is OK to send.

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Cheers, R.

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**From:** Konkus, John
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 14, 2018 3:55 PM
**To:** Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Open Inquiries, 8/14/18

Who in ORD approved this response: Response: **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

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You can say "yes" to the request to print AAW's photo. Please make sure they have the hi-res version.

Everything else is good to go.

Thank you Enesta!

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**From:** Jones, Enesta
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 14, 2018 3:40 PM
**To:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>; Daguillard, Robert

<Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Open Inquiries, 8/14/18

Seven Awaiting Third Floor Approval:

**From:** "Jones, Enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
**Date:** August 14, 2018 at 3:37:03 PM EDT
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject: For Review: InsideClimate News (Philip McKenna) re NEJAC meeting (DDL: 8/14)**

**OP/EJ approved response:**

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**From:** Philip McKenna <phil.mckenna@insideclimatenews.org>
**Date:** August 14, 2018 at 3:10:51 PM EDT
**To:** "Jones, Enesta" <jones.enesta@epa.gov>
**Subject: Fwd: journalist requesting press pass to attend this week's NEJAC conference in Boston**

Hi Enesta,
I'm a journalist covering environmental justice interested in attending tomorrow's NEJAC hearing in person in Boston. I missed the deadline for pre-registration and it appears that seating at the event is limited. Do you know if there is separate registration for members of the media? Also, if I can't attend in person, do you know if there is separate registration for the live teleconference (I missed preregistration for this as well and it also appears to be limited)

Best,
Phil

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**From:** "Jones, Enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
**Date:** August 14, 2018 at 3:29:23 PM EDT
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject: For Review: ProPublica (Talia Buford) re NEJAC meeting (DDL: 8/14)**

**OP/EJ approved response:**

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**From:** Talia Buford <Talia.Buford@propublica.org>
**Date:** August 14, 2018 at 2:51:39 PM EDT
**To:** "Jones, Enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
**Cc:** "Martin, KarenL" <Martin.KarenL@epa.gov>
**Subject: ProPublica re: NEJAC meeting**

Hi Enesta,

I'm wondering if you can help me with some information or a solution possibly for an issue I'm having. I'm in New York, and I wanted to listen to the NEJAC meeting today in Boston. The call in option is apparently only for the meeting tomorrow and Thursday – and there's no way for remote people to listen in on the public comment portion tonight. I reached out to Karen, but I assume she's in Boston for the meeting and unavailable via email.

I don't need to listen to it in real time, but I am hoping to listen to this portion of the meeting at some point. Do you know if it will be recorded, or if it can be? Or, if it is possible, if there can be a listen only line set up for the public comment section? I thought the public comment portion would be included in the meeting, and didn't realize until this morning that I had no way to listen to it.

Please let me know if you can help with this.

Thanks,
Talia Buford
ProPublica

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**From:** "Lynn, Tricia" <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
**To:** "Press" <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject: FOR REVIEW: The Environmental Editors (Tricia Hodkiewicz) RE: EPA letter denying UST deadline extension (8/14)**

Reporter is asking for the letters EPA sent to Senators and House Members regarding their request for a compliance deadline extension. The response below is the same as we sent to OPIS last week. Tricia Hodkiewicz, The Environmental Editors

**Suggested Response:**

# Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

From: epaeditors [mailto:epaeditors@jjkeller.com]
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2018 7:37 PM
To: McDermott, Elizabeth <McDermott.Elizabeth@epa.gov<mailto:McDermott.Elizabeth@epa.gov>>
Subject: request for EPA letter denying UST deadline extension

Elizabeth,
Hello! How may I obtain a copy of the EPA letter or letters (to U.S. Senate and House members) denying requests<https://www.pmaa.org/advocacy/regulatory-issues/> for a three-year compliance deadline extension of portions of the 2015 UST rule. The EPA denial letter is described (but not provided) at http://www.mitchellwilliamslaw.com/federal-underground-storage-tank-rule-revisions-us-environmental-protection-agency-is-stated-to-have-denied-extension-request ? However, I could not find it in the docket, and I am eager to obtain a copy of the EPA letter. Could you please send me a copy?

Thank you for your help!

Best Regards,

Tricia Hodkiewicz, Editor
[http://www.jjkeller.com/wcsstore/CVCatalogAssetStore/images/global/email-images/white-keller-logo84.png]

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**From:** "Lynn, Tricia" <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
**Date:** August 14, 2018 at 11:44:07 AM EDT
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject: FOR REVIEW: Global Health Magazine (Cate Montana) RE: Indoor Mold (8/20)**

Reporter is asking about indoor mold cleanup. Cate Montana, Global Health Magazine

**Suggested Response:**

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For information on detergents, visit: https://www.epa.gov/saferchoice/safer-ingredients

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**From:** Jones, Enesta
**Sent:** Thursday, August 09, 2018 6:38 PM
**To:** Cate Montana <cate@catemontana.com>
**Cc:** Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Article on toxic molds

Thanks for speaking to me just now, Cara. I will get this started for Tricia Lynn now and see what's possible — and she'll be in touch when she returns tomorrow.

On Aug 9, 2018, at 6:36 PM, Cate Montana <cate@catemontana.com> wrote:

Hi Anesta -

I'm writing an article for the global health magazine *What Doctors Don't Tell You* on the impact of the common indoor molds, Cladosporium, Aspergillus, Stachybotrys, Fusarium, Penicillium, and Alternaria on human health.

The reason I'm contacting the EPA is to find out the correct guidelines for dealing with indoor molds—what chemicals to use and what not to use to mitigate mold.

There is so much confusion in the marketplace. For example, household bleach is commonly prescribed as a solution. And yet bleach is contraindicated for porous surfaces and recent studies show bleach can actually promulgate the spread of spores.

I've seen the general recommendations on the EPA website. But I'm looking for specific "safe" product solutions for people who want to deal with a mold problem themselves - the appropriate biocides to use for specific molds. Also, I need to find out what natural products can be used effectively, such as tea tree oil and white vinegar.

Is there someone I can interview on this subject?

My deadline is August 20.

Thanks so much.

Best regards,

Cate
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**From:** "Jones, Enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
**Date:** August 14, 2018 at 12:02:07 PM EDT
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject: Fwd: NC region. TV Interview for PearVideo, CatersNews and TVC.**

Would you like me to politely decline — or you will handle directly?

**From:** Marat Sadana <msadana2@ncsu.edu>
**Date:** August 14, 2018 at 11:59:36 AM EDT
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>, "Marraccini, Davina" <Marraccini.Davina@epa.gov>
**Subject: NC region. TV Interview for PearVideo, CatersNews and TVC.**

Dear Sir or Madam,

I really appreciate any time you can give me!
My name is Marat Sadana and I am a PhD student at NCSU (communication, rhetoric and digital media) and a professional TV journalist.

I really appreciate any time that you can give. I am working on a project about the climate change, that is going to be a documentary for PearVideo, CatersNews and TVC.

Can you please give me some of time and assist me in finding an interviewee/expert/researcher whom I could interview in the EPA in North Carolina, Durham.

In the interview we will touch upon the unusual high temperatures in the US, Europe and the reasons behind it - global warming and pollution. What is being done now and what will be done in the nearest future to protect the environment. Also, it would be good if we could cover the issue about the quitting the Paris agreement - what consequences is it bringing and will it bring? This is going to be a very general interview - we will not get into the details. Questions about the current US policy on this topic - can be omitted.

The interview will take about 30 minutes. . It has to be In-person interview. As for the b-roll - I will need to have a footage of any EPA building- with the Logo, people come and go - just general b-roll to put the voiceover upon. and the b-roll of the interviewee - s/he comes, walks, shows a chart of a climate change.

I would love to do that within this week, because of the deadlines. Thank you for understanding!

Thank you so much!

Marat Sadana

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**From:** "Jones, Enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
**Date:** August 14, 2018 at 8:08:10 AM EDT
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject: For Review: The Intercept (Sharon Lerner) re PFAS on TSCA Inventory (Deadline: 8/14)**

**Nancy Beck-approved response.**

**Attributable to an EPA spokesperson:**

Dr. Morris was referring to the number of Pre-Manufacture Notices (PMNs ) for PFAS' that have come through the TSCA program (New Chemicals Program). EPA's latest accounting for those PMNs is as follows:

- **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

**From:** Sharon Lerner <sharon.lerner@theintercept.com>
**Date:** August 3, 2018 at 10:59:44 AM EDT
**To:** enesta Jones <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
**Subject: question re PFAS**

Hi Enesta-

I have a question related to PFAS.

On EPA's website --https://www.epa.gov/pfas/pfas-laws-and-regulations — it says that there are 478 PFAS on the TSCA Inventory (though the inventory is still "interim" due to inventory reset), 294 of which have been added to the inventory since 2006.

In particular, it says: **330** non-CBI PFAS are listed on the Interim Updated TSCA Inventory. In addition, **148** CBI PFAS are reported.

But at the recent PFAS Summit, Jeff Morris, director of OPPT, reported that "[n]early 900 new PFAS chemicals have come through EPA's TSCA program since 2006." https://www.epa.gov/pfas/pfas-national-leadership-summit-materials

Can you please help me understand this discrepancy? In particular, he says that 900 new PFAS "came through" the TSCA program. Yet the website indicates that only 294 PFAS have been added to the inventory since 2006. What happened to the other 606 PFAS that "came through" the program if they weren't added to the TSCA inventory? Were they exempted for some reason? Did EPA refuse to approve them for distribution in commerce?

I'd really appreciate your help in understanding this.

Thanks,
Sharon

**Sharon Lerner**
**Reporter**
**The Intercept**

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**From:** "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Date:** August 13, 2018 at 12:08:14 PM EDT

**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject: FOR REVIEW: UNDARK - DDL 8/14 - Questions for EPA -- glyphosate story**

SUMMARY: The reporter is taking a look at questions surrounding the glyphosate issue paper and the more recent conversations between the agency and the glyphosate SAP. The reporter originally wanted an interview with Anna Lowit, but both she and Rick Keigwin, the pesticides chief, are out this week. Also, the program feels the agency's response to SAP (https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EPA-HQ-OPP-2009-0361-0072) answers the more detailed questions in the inquiry, below in the thread, even though the reporter has already read said response. He wants to hand in a first draft to his story this week, but will almost certainly return with more questions next week. Michael Balter – Undark (MIT publication) – michael.balter@gmail.com

**Incoming:** Dear Robert,

Over the weekend I had a chance to read the above document dated December 14, 2015.

I don't know if you are familiar with this document but it takes issue with a number of aspects of the OPP's Issue paper, some along the lines of the SAP members' critiques.

At the end the ORD offers to work with OPP to develop the charge questions put to the SAP in Dec 2016.

Did the OPP in fact accept input from ORD in preparing those questions, or otherwise work with ORD to revise its assessment in any way?

**Response:** Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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**One No Response/Acknowledgement:**

**From:** Kate McCreary <kxm515@case.edu>
**Date:** August 14, 2018 at 3:15:26 PM EDT
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject: Photo Permission - Andrew Wheeler**

Hello!

I am reaching out from The Alumni Association of Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Andrew Wheeler is an alumnus of Case Western Reserve University and we are mentioning his EPA appointment in the upcoming issue of our alumni publication, *Think Magazine*.

We would like to include the photo of Mr. Wheeler found on his bio page. Please let me know if we have permission to use the photo in print and online (we will only use this picture in association with the Class Note on Mr. Wheeler). If we have permission to use it, please also provide the preferred photo credit.

Best regards,
Kate

**Kate McCreary**
Director for Marketing, Communications & Regional Programming
The Alumni Association I Case Western Reserve University

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Message

**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 9/18/2019 2:08:07 PM
**To**: GCima@avma.org
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Subject: Media request, sodium cyanide registration

Greg, for attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson," please:

A. On Aug. 15, EPA announced the withdrawal of the Aug. 6 interim decision in order to reevaluate the use of M-44 devices. That interim decision essentially stated that the M-44 devices, with certain changes to the registration, met the standards for registration under pesticide laws. EPA determined that this decision warranted further analysis and additional discussions by EPA with the registrants, and therefore withdrew the decision.

The existing registration for sodium cyanide remains in effect while EPA is undertaking further review. This does not bar the use of these devices while EPA is conducting further analysis. Once we complete our process of further review, we will issue another interim decision.

Read about EPA's registration review process.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 17, 2019 4:41 PM
**To:** GCima@avma.org
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Subject: Media request, sodium cyanide registration

Good afternoon,

Thanks for reaching out. We'll be in touch.

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**Resent-From:** <Press@epa.gov>
**From:** Greg Cima <GCima@avma.org>
**Date:** September 17, 2019 at 4:09:18 PM EDT
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject: Media request, sodium cyanide registration**

Good afternoon,

I'm a reporter for the Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association, and I could use some help understanding Administrator Wheeler's announcement Aug. 15 that the EPA is reconsidering the registration of M-44 sodium cyanide devices.

Does the announcement indicate the administrator halted the reauthorization that is required for any uses of those devices? If so, is it safe to assume those devices are prohibited?

I need to put together an article by tomorrow afternoon, and I would appreciate any help you could provide. I apologize for the short notice.

Thank you for your time.

Best,

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Message

**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 9/18/2019 1:35:10 PM
**To:** Sharon Lerner [sharon.lerner@theintercept.com]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** RE: SHARON: Your questions on the PFAS inventory

Hey Sharon,

Still for attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson," please:

**Question**: "Does EPA consider either production volume or whether a chemical has 8(e) reports associated with it when determining which PFAS compounds to look for in drinking water?"

**Response:** EPA's Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR) program collects nationally representative data for contaminants suspected to be present in drinking water but that do not have regulatory standards. Every Five years, EPA develops a new list of UCMR contaminants, after considering the Contaminant Candidate List (CCL) and other agency priorities. The CCL lists contaminants that are not currently addressed by national primary drinking water regulations, are known or anticipated to occur at public water systems and may warrant regulation. The EPA uses a variety of data sources to determine which chemicals are listed in the CCL, including production volume data reported under the Chemical Data Reporting (CDR) rule. As outlined in the PFAS Action Plan, the EPA intends to propose nationwide drinking water monitoring for additional PFAS compounds under the next UCMR monitoring cycle.

**Question**: Has EPA looked for water contamination from any of these specific PFAS compounds that I will mention in the article, which I'll list below by their CAS numbers? 647-42-7; 67584-55-8; 34454-97-2; 375-72-4; and 65545-80-4

**Response:** The EPA collected data for six PFAS: PFOA, PFOS, PFBS, PFNA, PFHxS, and PFHpA under UCMR3 (2012-2016) (details below). As outlined in the PFAS Action Plan, the EPA will propose nationwide drinking water monitoring for additional PFAS under the next UCMR monitoring cycle. EPA intends to use new laboratory methods to monitor for more PFAS and at lower measurement levels in the next round of UCMR (UCMR5).

**Six Perfluorinated Compounds**

| Contaminant | CAS Registry Number[1] | Minimum Reporting Level | Sampling Points[2] | Analytical Methods |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) | 1763-23-1 | 0.04 µg/L | EPTDS | EPA 537 Rev 1.1 |
| perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) | 335-67-1 | 0.02 µg/L | EPTDS | EPA 537 Rev 1.1 |
| perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA) | 375-95-1 | 0.02 µg/L | EPTDS | EPA 537 Rev 1.1 |

| Contaminant | CAS Registry Number[1] | Minimum Reporting Level | Sampling Points[2] | Analytical Methods |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| perfluorohexanesulfonic acid (PFHxS) | 355-46-4 | 0.03 µg/L | EPTDS | EPA 537 Rev 1.1 |
| perfluoroheptanoic acid (PFHpA) | 375-85-9 | 0.01 µg/L | EPTDS | EPA 537 Rev 1.1 |
| perfluorobutanesulfonic acid (PFBS) | 375-73-5 | 0.09 µg/L | EPTDS | EPA 537 Rev 1.1 |

**Question:** There is one CAS number that it is impossible to search for on Chemview: 958445-44-8. The program simply will not allow me to insert into the "chemical name or chemical identifier" field. This is for a piece that is coming out this week. Can someone please help me with this?

**Response:** ChemView accesses information reported to EPA that is not claimed as confidential. When a search of ChemView yields no results, it means that either the information has not been reported to a database retrieved via ChemView, or the information was claimed as confidential.

**Question:** Also - just double checking that I'm interpreting your response correctly if I say that " Since 2006, companies have withdrawn their application to bring a new PFAS compound onto the market on 44 occasions after EPA issued a consent orders"
i.e - in those 44 cases, had a consent order been issued first?

**Response:** No, a consent order had not been issued first. The withdrawal of the 44 PMNs occurred while the substances were under EPA review.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Sharon Lerner <sharon.lerner@theintercept.com>
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 17, 2019 12:29 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: SHARON: Your questions on the PFAS inventory

Also - just double checking that I'm interpreting your response correctly if I say that " Since 2006, companies have withdrawn their application to bring a new PFAS compound onto the market on 44 occasions after EPA issued a consent orders"
i.e - in those 44 cases, had a consent order been issued first?
Thanks,
Sharon

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On Sep 17, 2019, at 11:48 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

**Since 2006, when the PFOA Stewardship Initiative began, until early February 2019, EPA placed restrictions on 142 new PFAS chemical substances**

Message

**From**: Hackel, Angela [Hackel.Angela@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 9/17/2019 9:44:38 PM
**To**: Tamara Ward [tward@somdnews.com]
**CC**: White, Terri-A [White.Terri-A@epa.gov]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: The Calvert Recorder - Request for Interview

Hi Tamara,

Please attribute the responses to Andrea Woods.

Thanks,

Angela

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**From:** Tamara Ward <tward@somdnews.com>
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 17, 2019 5:36 PM
**To:** Hackel, Angela <Hackel.Angela@epa.gov>
**Cc:** White, Terri-A <White.Terri-A@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: The Calvert Recorder - Request for Interview

Thanks so much. Our paper policy is to have a name for attribution. Well I attribute the responses to you?

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 17, 2019, at 4:42 PM, Hackel, Angela <Hackel.Angela@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Tamara,

Please see our response to your inquiry below.

**Attributable to an EPA Spokesperson**

**1. How are the recent changes to the Clean Water Act under the current administration lessening water pollution and improving water quality, if at all?**

Water quality will not be harmed as EPA and the Army repeal the unlawful Obama Administration WOTUS rule and restore longstanding and familiar Clean Water Act regulations. The final Step 1 rule will end the regulatory patchwork that included implementing two competing Clean Water Act regulations, which created uncertainty across the United States. The agencies have finalized a rule that repeals the 2015 rule defining "waters of the United States" and reinstating the pre-existing regulatory definition that will be administered consistent with Supreme Court decisions, agency guidance documents, and longstanding practice. These pre-2015 Rule regulations are currently being implemented in 27 states.

**2. Do the recent changes to the Clean Water Act revert the regulations to the level of protections established in the 1970s?**

This final rule recodifies the regulatory text defining "waters of the United States" that existed prior to the 2015 Rule, last finalized in the mid-1980s. The agencies will implement the pre-2015

regulations informed by applicable agency guidance documents and consistent with Supreme Court decisions and longstanding agency practice.

**3. Does the recent changes to the Clean Water remove all the regulatory changes implemented in 2015 under the Obama Administration?**

The final rule repeals the 2015 Rule in its entirety and restores the regulatory text that existed prior to the 2015 Rule. The agencies will implement the pre-2015 Rule regulations informed by applicable agency guidance documents and consistent with Supreme Court decisions and longstanding agency practice. As stated above, the 2015 Rule, which is not about water quality, is not in effect in 27 states.

**4. How do the recent changes to the Clean Water Act impact small streams, wetlands and drinking water supplies?**

Please see the economic analysis for the final rule on EPA's website for a discussion of the potential changes in CWA jurisdiction.

EPA notes that there is no existing map of jurisdictional water under the CWA under any regulatory definition of "waters of the United States"; therefore, any quantitative estimate of a change of stream miles is fraught with uncertainty. The agencies note that in the economic analysis for the final rule, the agencies are taking into consideration existing state programs regulating waters that would no longer be jurisdictional under the 2015 Rule to better reflect the important roles that states play in managing their water resources.

**5. Are provisions regulating pesticides and nutrient run-off from agriculture removed or lessened?**

No.

Thanks,

Angela

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**From:** Tamara Ward <tward@somdnews.com>
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 17, 2019 11:42 AM
**To:** Hackel, Angela <Hackel.Angela@epa.gov>; White, Terri-A <White.Terri-A@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Fwd: The Calvert Recorder - Request for Interview

Just checking in. Any progress with my request?

On 9/16/19 11:09 AM, Tamara Ward wrote:

> Thank you!
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> On 9/16/19 11:08 AM, Hackel, Angela wrote:
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> > Hi Tamara,
> >
> > Thanks for sending these questions. I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Thanks,

Angela

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**From:** Tamara Ward <tward@somdnews.com>
**Sent:** Monday, September 16, 2019 11:04 AM
**To:** Hackel, Angela <Hackel.Angela@epa.gov>; White, Terri-A <White.Terri-A@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Fwd: The Calvert Recorder - Request for Interview

Thanks for responding.

I am a reporter for Southern Maryland Newspapers. Our region is home to the Chesapeake Bay and the Patuxent River. In the Southern Maryland region we have a nuclear plant, gas plant and coal plant. So, genuinely there is concern about industrial pollution being discharged in the local waters.

How are the recent changes to the Clean Water Act under the current administration lessening water pollution and improving water quality, if at all?

Do the recent changes to the Clean Water Act revert the regulations to the level of protections established in the 1970s?

Does the recent changes to the Clean Water remove all the regulatory changes implemented in 2015 under the Obama Administration?

How do the recent changes to the Clean Water Act impact small streams, wetlands and drinking water supplies?

Are provisions regulating pesticides and nutrient run-off from agriculture removed or lessened?

Any other info you'd like to share?

On 9/16/19 9:54 AM, Hackel, Angela wrote:

> HI Tamara,
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> I can help you with your request. Can you please send me your specific questions and deadline?
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> Thanks,
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> Angela
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> Angela Hackel
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**From:** Tamara Ward <tward@somdnews.com>
**Sent:** Monday, September 16, 2019 9:49 AM
**To:** White, Terri-A <White.Terri-A@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Fwd: The Calvert Recorder - Request for Interview

Thank you. My deadline is tomorrow 4 p.m.

Tamara

On 9/16/19 9:47 AM, White, Terri-A wrote:

> Good morning, Tamara
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> I'm referring your request for an interview to EPA's national press office (copied) Someone there will get back to you.
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> Thanks.
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> Terri White
> EPA Region 3
> Office of Public Affaurs
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> > From: Rachel Felver [mailto:rfelver@chesapeakebay.net]
> > Sent: Monday, September 16, 2019 9:26 AM
> > To: Tamara Ward <tward@somdnews.com>
> > Cc: Seneca, Roy <Seneca.Roy@epa.gov>
> > Subject: RE: The Calvert Recorder

- Request for Interview

Good morning, Tamara. Unfortunately, I can't commit on EPA-related activities. I'm CC-ing Ron Seneca, our EPA Press Officer to help you out.

Best,
Rachel

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From: Tamara Ward <tward@somdnews.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 15, 2019 1:28 AM
To: Rachel Felver <rfelver@chesapeakebay.net>
Subject: The Calvert Recorder - Request for Interview

Hello Ms. Felver. Would you be available early this week to discuss via phone the recent roll backs in the clean water act?

Tamara

Sent from my iPhone

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Message

**From**: Sauerhage, Maggie [Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 9/17/2019 8:21:43 PM
**To**: Sean Reilly [sreilly@eenews.net]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: CASAC consultant pool

Good afternoon Sean,

You'll need to submit a FOIA request for that information.

Thanks,
Maggie

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**From:** Sean Reilly <sreilly@eenews.net>
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 17, 2019 2:35 PM
**To:** Sauerhage, Maggie <Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: CASAC consultant pool

Thanks, Maggie. And can I get a list of all those were recommended or nominated, even if they weren't ultimately chosen for the pool?

Sean

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**Sent:** Tuesday, September 17, 2019 2:33 PM
**To:** Sean Reilly <sreilly@eenews.net>

**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: CASAC consultant pool

Good afternoon,

The pool of subject matter experts are all highly regarded experts in their fields. The Administrator named the pool following recommendations and nominations from the public. All candidates for the CASAC pool of consultants had to file the same confidential financial disclosure forms as all other Special Government Employees. EPA Ethics Officials reviewed these forms and did not identify any conflicts of interest for the 12 consultants that were selected. The Administrator, and the CASAC look forward to hearing from this pool of experts as they review and comment on issues before EPA. – **EPA spokesperson Corry Schiermeyer**

Thanks,
Maggie

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**From:** Sean Reilly <sreilly@eenews.net>
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 17, 2019 2:00 PM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** CASAC consultant pool

Hi folks:

I'm working on a story for tomorrow that will look more closely at the backgrounds of some of the pool's members. A couple of questions:

1) Can I get a full list of all nominees/candidates who were considered for the pool?
2) The story will note the industry connections of some (e.g., Mr. Jansen) and the fact that some (e.g., Dr. Sax and Dr. Rhomberg) were nominated by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association and/or have previously taken positions that questioned the need to strengthen a particular NAAQS. The story may also note that some (e.g., Dr. Aliferis) appear to have little, if any, background in current air pollution research. What were Mr. Wheeler's guiding criteria in making selections for this pool?

My deadline is 10:30 a.m. tomorrow. For-attribution responses, please.

Thanks,
Sean

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**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 11/15/2018 4:59:27 PM
**To**: David Brown [david@azwriter.com]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: RESOURCE
**Attachments**: Green Living Magazine Press Inquiry - Draft Response - 15 November 2018 - OSRTI.DOCX

David, please see attached, for attribution to U.S. EPA, please.

Cheers, R.

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**Cc:** 'David Brown' <david@azwriter.com>
**Subject:** RE: RESOURCE

*Thanks, Robert!*

*David M. Brown*
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*david@azwriter.com*

*Please receipt*

**From:** Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 13, 2018 11:38 AM
**To:** David Brown <david@azwriter.com>
**Cc:** PerezSullivan, Margot <PerezSullivan.Margot@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: RESOURCE

Good afternoon David,

Sorry I missed your call this morning. I'll follow up soon.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert
**Sent:** Friday, November 09, 2018 4:30 PM
**To:** David Brown <david@azwriter.com>
**Cc:** PerezSullivan, Margot <PerezSullivan.Margot@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: RESOURCE

Good afternoon and thanks, David. Just a word to acknowledge receipt, and to remind you our offices are closed Monday, due to the federal holiday. Maybe you could share your deadline and you and I could reconnect on Tuesday?

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On Nov 9, 2018, at 4:19 PM, David Brown <david@azwriter.com> wrote:

> Margot:
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> Thanks. Can you direct me to a specific associate?
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> ***Thanks, and enjoy your weekend!***
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**From:** PerezSullivan, Margot [mailto:PerezSullivan.Margot@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Friday, November 9, 2018 1:59 PM
**To:** David Brown <david@azwriter.com>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: RESOURCE

Hi David,
Since you're asking broader questions that span two regions, it's probably best for you to work with our HQ press office. They should be able to answer questions on Love Canal as well as AZ. Thanks!

Margot Perez-Sullivan
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**From:** David Brown <david@azwriter.com>
**Sent:** Friday, November 09, 2018 7:33 AM
**To:** PerezSullivan, Margot <PerezSullivan.Margot@epa.gov>
**Cc:** 'David Brown' <david@azwriter.com>
**Subject:** RE: RESOURCE

Thanks, Margot:

1. What is the legacy of Love Canal for the environment and its protection today in the US? CERCLA? NPL? Others?
2. What are the NPL sites in Arizona? How are they identified for listing? Their status for remediation?
3. How can consumers help?

***Thanks, Margot!***

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**From:** PerezSullivan, Margot [mailto:PerezSullivan.Margot@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, November 8, 2018 9:33 PM
**To:** David Brown <david@azwriter.com>
**Subject:** Re: RESOURCE

Hi David,

Have you sent your questions? I need them to determine the appropriate subject matter expert.

Thanks!

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On Nov 8, 2018, at 7:07 PM, David Brown <david@azwriter.com> wrote:

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Message

**From**: Ethan Gumpert [egumpert@aaas.org]
**Sent**: 11/15/2018 4:52:05 PM
**Subject**: Announcement of 2018 AAAS Fellow(s) from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
**Attachments**: ATT00001.txt; 2018 Fellows List for OPP - updated 11.12.18.xlsx; Fellows News Release 2018.docx; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.docx

Please find attached information for your 2018 Fellow. Please direct all questions to nbeteck@aaas.org

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Dear Public Information Officer:

The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) has awarded the distinction of Fellow to 416 of its members this year. These individuals have been elevated to this rank because of their efforts toward advancing science applications that are deemed scientifically or socially distinguished. New Fellows will be presented with an official certificate and a gold and blue (representing science and engineering, respectively) rosette pin on **Saturday, 16 February**, at the AAAS Fellows Forum during the 2019 AAAS Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.

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The Fellow(s) from your institution:

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Should you have any questions regarding the election of the AAAS Fellow(s) from your institution, please contact me.

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**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 11/15/2018 3:55:32 PM
**To**: Brian Bienkowski [bbienkowski@ehsciences.org]
**Subject**: RE: Comment request
**Attachments**: 12940_2018_421_final.pdf

Good morning Brian. Let me see what I can find for you.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Brian Bienkowski <bbienkowski@ehsciences.org>
**Sent:** Thursday, November 15, 2018 10:52 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Comment request

Good morning Robert,

Brian Bienkowski from Environmental Health News here. I hope you're well.

I am writing a story for tomorrow morning on a new study, embargoed until Friday morning, in which researchers looked at the data behind industry studies on chlorpyrifos, and found misinformation and bias in the science.

I have attached a copy of the study (please respected the Friday morning embargo).

The authors of the study say the EPA, in reviewing this, should have flagged these problems/inaccuracies in the science and not continued to rely on the studies to re-register chlorpyrifos.

I wanted to give the EPA a chance to 1) respond to the study; 2) respond to the assertions that the agency hasn't done due diligence in combing through the data behind the industry science on this chemical; 3) send along any pertinent info as to the current status of chlorpyrifos.

Thanks in advance, Robert. My deadline is 5 pm ET today, but I can update the story with a response whenever it is sent.

Best,
Brian Bienkowski
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**From**: Shepardson, David (Reuters) [David.Shepardson@thomsonreuters.com]
**Sent**: 11/14/2018 7:00:51 PM
**To**: Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: I will attend tomorrow's event

Thanks for checking Molly

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**From:** Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 14, 2018 2:00:00 PM
**To:** Shepardson, David (Reuters)
**Cc:** Press
**Subject:** RE: I will attend tomorrow's event

We have nothing to add to Wheeler's comments yesterday at the moment.

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**From:** Block, Molly
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 14, 2018 10:45 AM
**To:** 'Shepardson, David (Reuters)' <David.Shepardson@thomsonreuters.com>
**Subject:** RE: I will attend tomorrow's event

David –

Checking on this.

Molly

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**From:** Shepardson, David (Reuters) <David.Shepardson@thomsonreuters.com>
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 14, 2018 10:06 AM
**To:** Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: I will attend tomorrow's event

Great to see you yesterday

So following up on what the administrator said yesterday on California, my understanding is the counterproposal was a modest tweak to the Obama rules – some additional lead time, more credits but essentially would retain the bulk of the Obama era rules

Was looking for quote/background on if that is accurate and if you think it is a good faith counterproposal

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**From:** Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 13, 2018 9:08 AM
**To:** Shepardson, David (Reuters) <David.Shepardson@thomsonreuters.com>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: I will attend tomorrow's event

Here's a rough transcript of Wheeler's opening remarks:

Thank you and thank you all for joining us this evening. Tomorrow, we will be announcing the launch of the Cleaner Trucks Initiative or CTI. This initiative will help modernize heavy-duty truck engines improving their efficiency and providing cleaner air for all Americans.

We are under no regulatory or court order requirements to launch this initiative. We were doing it because it's good for the environment. This rulemaking will establish updated standards to address nitrogen oxide emissions from heavy-duty trucks.

We will do this in a manner that improves air quality and protects public health without jeopardizing the historic economic growth we're achieving under President Trump. Thanks largely to innovation and technology, the U.S. has made big reductions in NOx emissions over the past several decades.

Since 2000, NOx emissions in the U.S. had been reduced by 52 percent. However, it is estimated that heavy-duty trucks will be responsible for one third of NOx emissions from transportation by 2025 and it's been nearly 20 years since EPA last set NOx emissions standards for heavy-duty trucks.

Part of this initiative will be to also cut unnecessary red tape while simplifying certification of compliance requirements for heavy-duty trucks. For the past two decades, additional regulatory requirements have been added to on-highway heavy-duty vehicles in a piecemeal fashion. This has resulted in some overly complex and constant requirements that do little to actually improve the environment.

EPA will undertake a comprehensive review of existing requirements to root out inefficiencies and ensure our heavy-duty trucks are clean and able to remain a competitive method of transporting goods. Areas of deregulatory focus will include onboard diagnostic requirements to ensure they focus on the functionality of key emission control system components, cost-effective means of reassuring real world compliance by using modern and advanced technologies, the deterioration

factor testing process and concerns regarding annual recertification of engine families where the underlying technologies have not changed from one model year to the next.

This update to the standards will result in significant mobile source NOx reductions which will help areas come into attainment with ozone and Particulate Matter Standards. This is especially true for cities and areas with heavy stop-and-go traffic where small improvements can make a big difference.

Private sector research and development efforts have already spurred new technologies. Our goal is to update our standards so that we can help get these new technologies and use across the country.

Through the Cleaner Trucks Initiative, we want to provide the trucking industry with the regulatory certainty they need and help cities and states meet the attainment requirements for ozone and Particulate Matter.

This has been our approach across the board and it's working. Under President Trump, we have finalized 28 major derogatory action saving Americans over $1.6 billion. Overall, we are currently developing an additional 49 deregulatory actions. They're estimated to provide up to hundred billion dollars in savings.

Thanks to the President's Regulatory Reform Agenda, the economy is booming and we're the number one energy producer in the world. At the same time, we are global leader in cleaner progress in CO2 reductions. From 1970 to 2017, U.S. criteria air pollution fell by 73 percent while the economy grew over 260 percent. And from 2005 to 2017, total U.S. energy-related CO2 emissions fell by 14 percent. In contrast, global energy-related CO2 emissions increased over 20 percent.

And we just released a new report which is from the Greenhouse Gas Emissions for major industrial sources decreased by 2.7 percent from 2016 to 2017. The Trump administration has proven that burdensome federal regulations are not necessary to drive environmental progress. By respecting the rule of law and working closely with states, the regular community were improved in both the environment and the economy.

In tomorrow's announcement, we'll show that we are continuing to clean up the environment whilst simplifying some of the regulatory processes that the regular community has to follow.

With that, I'll turn it over to our Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation. Bill Wehrum.

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**From:** Shepardson, David (Reuters) <David.Shepardson@thomsonreuters.com>
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 13, 2018 9:06 AM

**To:** Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: I will attend tomorrow's event

Do you have the administrators prepared remarks? I missed the first part. Is the embargo still until 3 PM?

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**From:** Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 13, 2018 9:04:28 AM
**To:** Shepardson, David (Reuters); Press
**Subject:** RE: I will attend tomorrow's event

Thank you for RSVPing. Please enter through the William Jefferson Clinton north entrance by 3:40 pm. You can reach me at Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

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**From:** Shepardson, David (Reuters) <David.Shepardson@thomsonreuters.com>
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**Sent**: 5/2/2018 10:20:20 PM
**To**: Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: [EXTERNAL] RE: Request for comment

I appreciate the prompt response.

Thanks,

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**From:** Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 2, 2018 5:47 PM
**To:** Spencer, Jim
**Cc:** Press
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] RE: Request for comment

Jim –

"The criteria used to grant waivers has not changed since previous administrations. EPA follows a long-standing, objectively determined process where the Agency uses a Department of Energy analysis to inform decisions about refiner exemptions/waivers, for refineries that are below the statutory threshold. EPA decisions on waivers are based on refinery-specific information that is subject to confidential business information protections. We continue to work through petitions received for 2017 and will provide updated information, as soon as complete." **Jahan Wilcox, EPA spokesperson**

Additional background (not for attribution):

- As requests for waivers are based on CBI, EPA cannot share company-specific information.

- Any refinery that produces 75,000 barrels or less per day on an annualized basis can apply for the Small Refinery Hardship exemption. As of 4/24/18: 24 approvals, 1 denial and 4 pending – total applicants are 29. There are 38 plants who could qualify for exemptions in the U.S.
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- During the Obama Administration, there was often disagreement by EPA with DOE's recommendation. Since the start of this administration, EPA has worked to better coordinate with DOE to ensure cross-administration consistency.
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**From:** "Spencer, Jim" <Jim.Spencer@startribune.com>
**Date:** May 2, 2018 at 4:09:37 PM EDT
**To:** "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject: Request for comment**

Robert,

I am writing a story about the Advanced Biofuels Association's petition for a review of EPA's renewable fuel standard waiver program. Can you please provide me a reaction as soon as possible. I am specifically interested in EPA's reaction to the charge that it has lowered the standard and destabilized the ethanol market. I appreciate the effort.

Thanks,

Jim Spencer

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**Sent**: 5/2/2018 9:25:23 PM
**To**: Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Press Inquiry about Fuel: ethanol, RFS, fuel efficiency

Thank you very much, this is helpful.

Juliette

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**From:** Block, Molly [mailto:block.molly@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 02, 2018 2:24 PM
**To:** Juliette MICHEL
**Cc:** Press
**Subject:** RE: Press Inquiry about Fuel: ethanol, RFS, fuel efficiency

Juliette –

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 2, 2018 1:13 PM

**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Press Inquiry about Fuel: ethanol, RFS, fuel efficiency

FYI. Should the program look at the questions regarding CBI and recent regulatory changes?

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**Sent:** Wednesday, May 02, 2018 12:26 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Press Inquiry about Fuel: ethanol, RFS, fuel efficiency

Hello Robert,

I am a reporter for the news agency AFP.

I am working on a story on the growing debate between refineries and ethanol producers/farmers in the US on the RFS.

On the fact that EPA has granted more exemptions over the past few months to refineries asking to not participate in the RFS program, I understand you are not allowed to communicate on which refineries have received waivers. I was wondering though if you could confirm that it is because of protection regarding confidential business information? Also are there any explanation to the fact that EPA has apparently changed the treshold for demonstrating "disproportionate economic hardship"? And shall we expect any change in the regulation in the coming weeks/months?

Best regards,

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**Sent**: 5/2/2018 8:26:11 PM
**To**: Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: RFS proposals

No problem - the statement was a damp squib in the end.

Have a great day

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**From:** Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 2, 2018 9:23:42 PM
**To:** Tim Worledge; Press
**Subject:** RE: RFS proposals

Tim –

I don't have any new information for you. Feel free to use anything from the updated statement and background below:

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**From:** Tim Worledge [mailto:tim.worledge@agricensus.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 2, 2018 12:49 PM
**To:** Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: RFS proposals

Hi Molly,

Many thanks for this – I believe the RFA is getting ready to publish a press release on this week's EIA data, which shows a cut in PADD 1 East Coast ethanol production and a build in stocks. It's highly possible they may link it to waivers – I'm guessing here, but if so can I come back to you for a fresh comment?

Kind regards

Tim

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**From:** Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 2:53:19 PM
**To:** Tim Worledge; Press
**Subject:** RE: RFS proposals

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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 4:16 AM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: RFS proposals

Hi,

Just following up on the RFA's claim that waivers may have stripped 1.6 billion gallons out of the 2016 and 2017 obligations.

Does the EPA have any comment on the findings of the RFA and the comments made by Bob Dinneen regarding "Administrator Pruitt's campaign to undermine the RFS"?

Kind regards

Tim Worledge

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**From:** Tim Worledge
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 3:42:03 PM
**To:** press@epa.gov
**Subject:** FW: RFS proposals

Hi,

Is anyone available to help me with the media query below? I'm just looking to follow up with the cabinet meeting yesterday in which it was reported potential RFS proposals were unveiled.

Is it possible to get a comment on what might have been discussed, what the list of proposals entailed and whether any decisions were made?

Many thanks

Tim

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Sent:** 10 April 2018 15:37
**To:** Tim Worledge <tim.worledge@agricensus.com>
**Subject:** Re: RFS proposals

Thanks, Tim. Please follow up with press@epa.gov.

Regards, R.

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On Apr 10, 2018, at 10:32 AM, Tim Worledge <tim.worledge@agricensus.com> wrote:

> Hi Robert,
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> Just following up from yesterday's email – is there anything that you can comment on regarding the topics discussed or any likely outcomes/results from the meeting?
>
> There's not a huge amount of information available, but a few sources have suggested that there were no conclusions and for the moment everything is still under consideration.
>
> Are there any details you can furnish on progress/proposals at all?
>
> Tim

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> **From:** Tim Worledge
> **Sent:** 09 April 2018 14:43
> **To:** daguillard.robert@epa.gov
> **Subject:** RFS proposals
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> Hi Robert,
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> I hope you're doing well – busy day ahead; I just wanted to check in and see if there are any ideas on what the RFS proposals might look like.
>
> I understand that they're to be discussed at cabinet today, and I was wondering if there is or will be a clear statement on what the EPA and the USDA have put forward for President Trump to consider.
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> Any information you can provide me would be really helpful – we're looking at writing a piece for our website and daily news service. We currently cover corn, wheat and soybean markets globally, so any insight you can share or comments you can provide will be appreciated. More information online – www.agricensus.com.
>
> Kind regards
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> Tim

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**From**: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 5/9/2018 10:29:26 PM
**To**: Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]
**CC**: Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]; Beach, Christopher [beach.christopher@epa.gov]; Daniell, Kelsi [daniell.kelsi@epa.gov]; Ferguson, Lincoln [ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]; Hewitt, James [hewitt.james@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: GOING OUT TOMORROW AM: Administrator Pruitt Signs Memo to Reform the National Ambient Air Quality Standards Review Process - Preview

Tell Dlouhy she can post at 4a

Sent from my iPhone

On May 9, 2018, at 6:25 PM, Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov> wrote:

> Whoops – used Jahan's Team Comms so he's not on the list. Resending to make sure he sees this. Sorry Jahan!
>
> Please read through and let me know if you have any edits. We'll have a link to the signed memo at 8 am tomorrow morning. Jennifer Dlouhy has an early copy with an embargo until 6:00 am tomorrow. Let me know if you have any questions. We may be getting one or two more quotes before then to add into the release.
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> Molly

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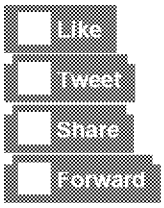


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**Sent:** 4/30/2018 6:58:07 PM
**To:** smertl@shaw.ca
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Subject: FW: Press Inquiry emissions testing

Steve, on Julia V's behalf, and on background, please:

Response about the current certification pipeline:

***We do not comment on the status of pending certification, so we cannot answer questions about any diesel certification currently in the pipeline.***

Regarding manufacturer's alleged complaints:

***EPA expanded certification testing methods in September 2015 and this means we may keep their vehicles longer for the additional testing.***

On background and not for attribution:

***Environment Canada relies solely on EPA confirmatory testing for certification, it does not conduct its own confirmatory tests. Canada does purchase and test new and use vehicles for purposes of auditing production vehicles or assessing in-use vehicle emissions.***

Cheers, R.

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-----Original Message-----
From: Steve Mertl [mailto:smertl@shaw.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 2:06 PM
To: Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>
Subject: Press Inquiry emissions testing

Greetings Julia:

I'm a contributing reporter for the Canadian edition of Automotive News. I'm writing a piece on the diesel passenger vehicle market in Canada.

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I'm hoping to write the story this week for our May print edition.

Regards,
Steve Mertl
Vancouver
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**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 4/30/2018 6:12:16 PM
**To:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** FOR Review: Automotive News (S. Mertl) - Diesel Emission Testing Procedures - ASAP

**SUMMARY:** The reporter is asking about the current status of diesel passenger vehicle certification following the agency's 2015. update to its diesel emission testing procedures Julia V thought it important to push back on the reporter's assertion, in his original e-mail, that: "Since then, OEMs have at times complained the new procedure was lengthening the time it took for models to go through the process." When asked for the source of his assertion, the reporter said he'd only spoken to Mazda. Since his original outreach, last Tuesday, the reporter sent a follow-up, just below. Steve Mertl – Automotive News (Canadian Edition) smertl@shaw.ca

**RESPONSE:**

Follow-up questions: Just checking to see whether you've made any progress on my information request **and to submit one other question. Can you say how many diesel passenger vehicles (not pickups) are currently in the certification pipeline, if any? I know you can't discuss specific models but I could use a number.**

Response about the current certification pipeline:

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On background and not for attribution:

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Cheers, R.

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To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Press Inquiry emissions testing

Will update our response and review with the programs.

FYI: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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**Sent**: 4/30/2018 5:52:31 PM
**To**: Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: (PRESS) Comment re Reuters report on RFS waiver to Carl Icahn

Many thanks for sending this over!

- Kyla

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**From:** Block, Molly [mailto:block.molly@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Monday, April 30, 2018 1:12 PM
**To:** Kyla Mandel (TP) <kmandel@thinkprogress.org>
**Cc:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
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**Sent:** Monday, April 30, 2018 10:09 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** (PRESS) Comment re Reuters report on RFS waiver to Carl Icahn

Hi Robert,

I'm an associate editor at D.C. based news outlet ThinkProgress and I'm writing about new reports by Reuters that the EPA has granted a financial hardship waiver to an Oklahoma refinery owned by Carl Icahn (https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-biofuels-epa-icahn-exclusive/exclusive-u-s-epa-grants-biofuels-waiver-to-billionaire-icahns-oil-refinery-sources-idUSKBN1I10YB ). Any comment on the issue would be most appreciated, I aim to publish within the hour but am happy to include/update with any comment sent through today.

Many thanks,
Kyla

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**From**: Lisa Friedman [lisa.friedman@nytimes.com]
**Sent**: 4/30/2018 5:25:01 PM
**To**: Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]
**CC**: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: comment on oil refinery waiver?

Many thanks, Molly. Best,
Lisa

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On Apr 30, 2018, at 1:13 PM, Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov> wrote:

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**From:** Friedman, Lisa [mailto:lisa.friedman@nytimes.com]
**Sent:** Monday, April 30, 2018 11:26 AM
**To:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** comment on oil refinery waiver?

Hi Liz - we also have sources telling us that Mr. Icahn's refinery was granted a hardship waiver. Story will be running soon - can you offer a comment? Thank you,
lisa

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Message

**From:** Elvina Nawaguna [elvinanawaguna@cqrollcall.com]
**Sent:** 4/30/2018 5:17:40 PM
**To:** Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Re: Verifying reports on CAFE standards proposal and CVR Energy RFS waiver

Got it. Thanks!

Elvina Nawaguna
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On 30 April 2018 at 13:16, Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov> wrote:

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**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Verifying reports on CAFE standards proposal and CVR Energy RFS waiver

Thanks, Molly.

Any way to comment specifically on CVR Energy?

Also any word on the CAFE standards? (I've also reached out to NHTSA) but would like a comment from EPA since both agencies are in charge.

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Elvina –

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**Sent:** Monday, April 30, 2018 9:29 AM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Verifying reports on CAFE standards proposal and CVR Energy RFS waiver

Hi Liz,

Hope you had a good weekend.

Would like to get verification on whether the EPA has a draft proposal to freeze fuel economy standards, according to various news reports. When do you plan to make an official announcement? Any way to get a copy of the draft?

Also looking to verify Reuters report that EPA has granted Carl Icahn's CVR Energy an RFS waiver.

Working on a deadline of 11 a.m.

Thanks.

Elvina

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**Sent**: 5/14/2018 8:20:31 PM
**To**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: E&E News inquiry regarding reg reform task force

Just talked with the reporter and handling both of these.

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**From:** Maxine Joselow [mailto:mjoselow@eenews.net]
**Sent:** Monday, May 14, 2018 3:50 PM
**To:** Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: E&E News inquiry regarding reg reform task force

Hey Michael, one other related request -- I was also hoping you could provide an update on who will become regulatory reform officer of the task force now that Samantha Dravis has left the agency. Thanks again.

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**From:** Maxine Joselow
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Thank you for your consideration and looking forward to hearing back.

Best,
Maxine
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Hi Michael,

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I was hoping you could provide a comment or statement addressing why Fugh didn't know all the task force members' names, and whether this was unusual or posed an ethical problem, etc. If you'd prefer to discuss this on background before providing a comment or statement on the record for attribution from an EPA spokesman, please don't hesitate to give me a call. This may potentially turn into a story that would be published no earlier than this Wednesday.

Thank you for your consideration and looking forward to hearing back.

Best,
Maxine
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Message

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**Sent**: 10/8/2019 8:37:38 PM
**To**: Woods, Andrea [Woods.Andrea@epa.gov]; Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]
**CC**: Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]; Rodrick, Christian [rodrick.christian@epa.gov]; Struhar, Kirby [struhar.kirby@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Embargoed: Indiana WIFIA Event

Thanks! We have requests out so hopefully will get a few more before it goes out.

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**From:** Woods, Andrea <Woods.Andrea@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 8, 2019 4:31 PM
**To:** Kolb, John (JohnMark) <kolb.john@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
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**Subject:** RE: Embargoed: Indiana WIFIA Event

Thank you! Will add to the release.

Are we expecting quotes from any other house members? For awareness, we are planning on sending the release at 12:30 PM tomorrow.

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**From:** Kolb, John (JohnMark) <kolb.john@epa.gov>
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**Subject:** FW: Embargoed: Indiana WIFIA Event

See Rep. Larry Bucshon quote for Indiana WIFIA announcement tomorrow. I would just add (IN-08) after Dr. Bucshon.

Let me know if you need anything else on this.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Davis, Susey <Susey.Davis@mail.house.gov>
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 8, 2019 4:19 PM
**To:** Kolb, John (JohnMark) <kolb.john@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Struhar, Kirby <struhar.kirby@epa.gov>; Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>; Hansen, Andrew <Andrew.Hansen@mail.house.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Embargoed: Indiana WIFIA Event

Hi John,

Thank you so much! Unfortunately, Congressman Bucshon is unable to attend, but we would love to submit a quote. Please see below:

"I am pleased to see that Indiana is receiving a $436 million WIFIA loan to help with critical water infrastructure needs. This investment will help Hoosiers across the state, including those in rural communities, receive important funding to strengthen and improve their water infrastructure. As a physician, I understand the importance clean and reliable water infrastructure plays in the health of our citizens and the vitality of our agriculture." – Dr. Bucshon

I have cc'd our Communications Director, Andrew Hansen, in case you have any questions.

Best,

*Susey Davis*
Senior Legislative Assistant | Congressman Larry Bucshon, M.D. | IN 8th District

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**From:** Kolb, John (JohnMark) <kolb.john@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Monday, October 7, 2019 11:30 AM
**To:** Davis, Susey <Susey.Davis@mail.house.gov>
**Cc:** Roberts, Connor <connor.roberts@mail.house.gov>; Struhar, Kirby <struhar.kirby@epa.gov>; Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Embargoed: Indiana WIFIA Event

Susey,

Great speaking with you – and Connor good to hear from you. On Wednesday, Administrator Wheeler will be making a big WIFIA announcement in Indianapolis. We would love to invite your boss to attend. Details below:

This $436 million WIFIA loan, including the largest initial disbursement under WIFIA to date, will help fund dozens of additional projects in communities across the state, including rural areas. Administrator Wheeler will attend an announcement and signing ceremony with Governor Holcomb, community members, and stakeholders that will start at 12:30pm at the Indiana State House (200 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204).

If he can make it please let me know. Otherwise, happy to coordinate press with you if you would like to submit a quote.

Again, please keep this information of very close hold.

Thanks!

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Message

**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 7/5/2018 3:53:16 PM
**To:** Meagan Drillinger [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** RE: HealthyWay.com Inquiry for EPA

Meagan, hope you've had a joyous Fourth. On background – i.e. for attribution to U.S. EPA, please:

**RESPONSE:**

We believe the Federal Trade Commission's Green Guides can answer the vast majority of your questions. For more information:
https://www.epa.gov/greenerproducts/introduction-ecolabels-and-standards-greener-products

**Response to Questions 7 and 8:**

500 manufacturers use the Safer Choice label on approximately 2,000 products that include all-purpose cleaners, laundry detergents, and drain-line maintainers (see the list: https://www.epa.gov/saferchoice/products.)

Background: To qualify for the Safer Choice label, manufacturers may only use chemicals that meet the Safer Choice safer chemical criteria. These criteria are pass-fail thresholds for a broad range of human health and environmental endpoints, based in large part on EPA's TSCA New Chemicals Program methodologies. The criteria apply to all product ingredients—there's no *de minimis*—including all proprietary supplier ingredients and subcomponents (e.g., ingredient preservatives). To bear the Safer Choice label, products must also meet Safer Choice whole-product criteria for the product's combined wet-chemical content, and for ingredient communication, packaging and performance. Safer Choice developed its Standard and safer-chemical criteria through a multi-stakeholder, notice and comment standard-setting process. More information about the program: https://www.epa.gov/saferchoice

For more information on environmentally-friendly everyday practices:

Energy Star: https://www.energystar.gov/
BurnWise: https://www.epa.gov/burnwise
Watersense: https://www.epa.gov/watersense
Trash-Free Waters: https://www.epa.gov/trash-free-waters
Nutrient Pollution: https://www.epa.gov/nutrientpollution/what-you-can-do
Redusing Waste: https://www.epa.gov/recycle/reducing-waste-what-you-can-do

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Meagan Drillinger [mailto Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 03, 2018 10:41 AM

**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: HealthyWay.com Inquiry for EPA

Hi Robert, no worries on the name! And i can't at 11 but i could likely around 1130

Sent on the fly....

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@drillinjourneys
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On Jul 3, 2018, at 10:30 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Meagan (correct spelling this time, sorry for earlier): Do you have time to chat in the next 30 minutes or so? Around 11 AM Eastern? Please advise.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 03, 2018 8:29 AM
**To:** 'Meagan Drillinger' <Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)>; Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: HealthyWay.com Inquiry for EPA

Good morning and thanks, Megan. We're still planning on meeting your deadline. I'll check with the Safer Choice folks and keep you posted about any change.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Meagan Drillinger [mailto: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 03, 2018 7:22 AM
**To:** Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: HealthyWay.com Inquiry for EPA

Thank you, Enesta! Hi Robert - do you happen to have an ETA on the responses? Thanks so much!!

On Mon, Jul 2, 2018 at 8:29 PM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Megan, our Safer Choice program should be able to address the subject of your inquiry. Robert Daguillard will be in touch, if he hasn't been already.

On Jul 2, 2018, at 6:26 PM, Meagan Drillinger <Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)> wrote:

Hi Ernesta, I hope you had a great weekend! No rush on the responses, but I was wondering if you knew when they might come in. I am planning my work for the rest of the week so am happy to work around your schedule!

On Thu, Jun 28, 2018 at 1:38 PM, Meagan Drillinger <Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)> wrote:

Hi Enesta,

Yes, thank you so much for getting back to me. See my questions below. Hard deadline is Thursday of next week, but earlier would always be awesome. But definitely would need the questions by Thursday AM next week. Thank you very much!

1. For those not in the know, how can you best describe greenwashing?

2. Why might companies participate in greenwashing? What is the benefit to the company?

3. Can greenwashing also be negative for a company? How so? Can it be negative for a consumer?

4. What are the Seven Sins of greenwashing?

5. What are the signs of greenwashing, so that a consumer can know what to look for?

6. How can someone get involved against greenwashing?

7. Where can consumers go to find eco-friendly alternatives to products that they might already be using? Any specific companies you can recommend?

8. Are there any practical tips for people to start incorporating more eco-friendly practices into their every day lives?

Meagan

On Wed, Jun 27, 2018 at 6:53 PM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Meagan,

Thanks for reaching out with your inquiry below. I'll get this started for my colleague, Robert Daguillard.

Can we please send along more specific questions and firm deadline?

Thanks,
Enesta

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I am reaching out because I'm writing an article for HealthyWay.com about greenwashing. I'm looking to speak with experts in greenwashing, environmentalists, people who are fighting

for/against it, and perhaps a list of companies that do not participate in greenwashing. If there is any way you can point me in the right direction I'd greatly appreciate it.

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 4/30/2018 4:51:34 PM
**To:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Fwd: Comment for Guardian story on air pollution
**Attachments:** AAP_database_summary_results_2018_v4.pdf; ATT00001.htm; pnas.201801191.pdf; ATT00002.htm

Third Floor, will you handle, or should I send to the program?

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Oliver Milman" <oliver.milman@theguardian.com>
**To:** "Jones, Enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>, "Press" <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject: Comment for Guardian story on air pollution**

Hi Enesta,

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If you could get back to me on this by the close of business tomorrow I'd be very grateful.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks,

Oliver

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**Sent:** 5/2/2018 6:37:31 PM
**To:** Tom Philpott [tphilpott@motherjones.com]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** RE: Press Inquiry about Pesticides—neonics

Tom, on background, please. Hoping you can include the following into your story (I couldn't find it on your web site. Have you published yet?).

**On background (not for attribution):**
The European Union's recently announced ban on neonicotinoid pesticides decision is based, at least in part, on a recently published European Food Safety Authority risk assessment. It is our understanding that the EFSA report does not address risk management, which, consistent with U.S. federal law, is a key component of the EPA's pesticide regulatory scheme. Banning a pesticide is one way to manage risks, but the approach required by U.S. law involves assessing the risks and benefits of pesticide use, considering the most robust scientific data available. If the potential risk posed by a pesticide, supported by the best available science, is not justified by the benefits, EPA will examine whether the relevant pesticide registrations must be modified by adopting risk mitigation measures or whether other action, which could include cancellation of the relevant registrations, is necessary to prevent unreasonable risks.

EPA's assessments for clothianidin, thiamethoxam, and dinotefuran, similar to the preliminary pollinator assessment for imidacloprid, showed that most approved uses do not pose significant risks to bee colonies. However, spray applications to a few crops, such as cucumbers, berries, and cotton, may pose meaningful risks to bees that come in direct contact with residue. EPA will address these risks as we finish our review of the neonicotinoid pesticides, most of which are scheduled to be concluded this year. EPA is reviewing and considering the comments received on the draft preliminary assessments. We will revise our pollinator risk assessments as needed, taking into account benefits information (benefits assessments for foliar applications are in the linked dockets above), as well as the revised pollinator risk estimates. When necessary, we will propose risk mitigation

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Tom Philpott [mailto:tphilpott@motherjones.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 01, 2018 12:41 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Press Inquiry about Pesticides—neonics

Dear Robert,
In light of the European Union's ban of three neonicotinoid pesticides—clothianidin, imidacloprid, and thiamethoxam—I'm wondering where EPA is the re-registration process. Any plans to restrict their use?

This— https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EPA-HQ-OPP-2008-0844-1260 — says: "EPA is not proposing any mitigation at this stage..." Is that still the case?

Also, has EPA released benefits assessments of these chemicals, and if so, where can I find them?
Thanks,
Tom

Tom Philpott

Food and agriculture correspondent, Mother Jones

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Message

**From:** Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 5/2/2018 2:20:29 PM
**To:** Beach, Christopher [beach.christopher@epa.gov]; Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]
**Subject:** FW: EMBARGOED: Airshed grants

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**From:** Cory, Preston (Katherine)
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 2, 2018 8:17 AM
**To:** Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>; Palich, Christian <palich.christian@epa.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Frye, Tony (Robert) <frye.robert@epa.gov>; Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>; Shimmin, Kaitlyn <shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Fwd: EMBARGOED: Airshed grants

Utah gov and DEQ quotes below.

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Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** Gordon Larsen <gordonlarsen@utah.gov>
> **Date:** May 1, 2018 at 11:17:11 PM EDT
> **To:** "Cory, Preston (Katherine)" <Cory.Preston@epa.gov>
> **Subject: Re: EMBARGOED: Airshed grants**
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> Here's the quote from the Governor:
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> "We continue to see air quality as the number one health concern for people living along the Wasatch Front. That's why we are looking forward to partnering with the EPA. These targeted airshed grants, which give over $12 million to Utah cities, will play a significant role in helping to eliminate pollution by changing out wood-burning appliances and replacing outdated diesel trucks. We ask all Utahns to consider their impact on the environment, and to join Utah's Department of Environmental Quality and the EPA in making the hard decisions that will help clean Utah's air."
>
> And here's a quote from Alan Matheson, Executive Director of the Utah Department if Emvironmental Quality:
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> "We are pleased to receive these airshed grants, which will supplement our continuing efforts to protect public health by improving air quality," said Alan Matheson, executive director of Utah Department of Environmental Quality. "The work funded by these grants will go a long way to reduce pollution in Utah communities from wood burning and diesel equipment."
>
> Feel free to include both in your statement. We'll be sending a separate statement.

Thanks!

Gordon

Sent from my iPhone

On May 1, 2018, at 2:28 PM, Cory, Preston (Katherine) <Cory.Preston@epa.gov> wrote:

> Thanks much!
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> **From:** Gordon Larsen [mailto:gordonlarsen@utah.gov]
> **Sent:** Tuesday, May 1, 2018 2:20 PM
> **To:** Cory, Preston (Katherine) <Cory.Preston@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: EMBARGOED: Airshed grants
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> Darn it, I called you Cory again. Sorry!
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> On Tue, May 1, 2018 at 2:15 PM, Gordon Larsen <gordonlarsen@utah.gov> wrote:
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> > Hi Cory,
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> > We're working on quotes from our DEQ director as well as the Governor. We'll get back to you shortly.
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> > Gordon
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> > On Tue, May 1, 2018 at 1:47 PM, Cory, Preston (Katherine) <Cory.Preston@epa.gov> wrote:
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> > > Hi Gordon,
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> > > Any movement on this?
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> > > Thanks,
> > > Preston
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> > > **From:** "Cory, Preston (Katherine)" <Cory.Preston@epa.gov>
> > > **Date:** April 30, 2018 at 4:06:59 PM EDT
> > > **To:** "gordonlarsen@utah.gov" <gordonlarsen@utah.gov>
> > > **Subject: EMBARGOED: Airshed grants**
> > >
> > > Gordon,

Glad to chat today. We are planning to announce these grants officially midday Wednesday. Here is some more info from an embargoed press release for Gov. Herbert and his team:

**EPA Awards $30 Million to Help Communities Hard Hit by Air Pollution**

Nine projects in three Western states have been awarded between $3 million and $4 million each to tackle some of the country's toughest air quality challenges. Authorized and funded by Congress, EPA's "Targeted Airshed Grants" support local clean air projects in areas facing the highest levels of ground-level ozone and fine particulate matter ($PM_{2.5}$), commonly known as smog and soot.

EPA received funding in the 2010, 2015, and 2016 Appropriations Acts to reduce air pollution in the nation's areas with the highest levels of ozone or fine PM exposure. In the 2017 Consolidated Appropriations Act Congress again directed $30 million to EPA for competitive grants to reduce air pollution in nonattainment areas that the Agency determined were ranked as the top five most polluted areas relative to ozone, annual $PM_{2.5}$, or 24-hour $PM_{2.5}$ standards.

- Logan, UT – $3,184,875 to replace old diesel trucks with significantly less polluting models.

- Logan, UT – $3,184,875 for wood-burning appliance change-outs to reduce residential wood smoke.

- Provo, UT – $3,184,875 for wood-burning appliance change-outs to reduce residential wood smoke.

- Salt Lake City, UT – $3,184,875 for wood-burning appliance change-outs to reduce residential wood smoke.

More information about criteria air pollutants: https://www.epa.gov/criteria-air-pollutants

Thanks for keeping a close hold on this until we do an official release on Wednesday!

Thanks,

Preston

**K. Preston Cory**

Director of Intergovernmental Relations

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**Sent**: 6/14/2018 11:30:23 AM
**To**: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]; Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: GKM Claims - News coming Friday?

We are working with ogc on a desk statement .. thanks ng

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**From:** Zito, Kelly
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 13, 2018 6:10 PM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Mutter, Andrew <mutter.andrew@epa.gov>; Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov>
**Subject:** GKM Claims - News coming Friday?

Hi Nancy, David and Andrew –
Please see the note below from one of our attorneys to our Sfund director.
Is there news coming soon about GKM claims?
If so, it could generate a fair amount of attention. I wanted to find out if there a press strategy being developed, statements, Q&A, POCs for people with questions, etc.
We also may need to do some notifications around this to tribal, elected officials…
Thank you!
Kelly

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**From:** Manzanilla, Enrique
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 13, 2018 9:59 AM
**To:** Reynolds, Rebekah <Reynolds.Rebekah@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Chilingaryan, Sona <Chilingaryan.Sona@epa.gov>; Quast, Sylvia <Quast.Sylvia@epa.gov>; Maldonado, Lewis <Maldonado.Lewis@epa.gov>; Rongone, Marie <Rongone.Marie@epa.gov>; Leon, Sandra <Leon.Sandra@epa.gov>; Duncan, Will <Duncan.Will@epa.gov>; Hogan, Sean <Hogan.Sean@epa.gov>; Lyons, John <Lyons.John@epa.gov>; Yogi, David <Yogi.David@epa.gov>; Stalcup, Dana <Stalcup.Dana@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: GKM Claims Update

Thanks Rebekah! It would be good to know **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**
**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 13, 2018, at 9:46 AM, Reynolds, Rebekah <Reynolds.Rebekah@epa.gov> wrote:

> I received a voice message from Ken Redden in OGC providing an update on the claims process for Gold King Mind that I am passing alonng. He stated that today Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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If you have any additional questions let me know and I can try to get an answer for you.

Thanks,
Rebekah

Message

**From:** Oliver Milman [oliver.milman@theguardian.com]
**Sent:** 4/30/2018 4:14:22 PM
**To:** Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Comment for Guardian story on air pollution
**Attachments:** AAP_database_summary_results_2018_v4.pdf; pnas.201801191.pdf

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**Sent:** 6/12/2018 7:35:21 PM
**To:** Dan Way [dway@carolinajournal.com]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** RE: Subject: Press Inquiry

Dan, with apologies for the delayed response, and for attribution to U.S. EPA or to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

**Can EPA say conclusively that GenX and other PFAS are used in the production of Teflon film and other components for solar cells/solar panels?**

Publicly available information indicates that PFAS are used in the production of fluoropolymer Teflon film that is marketed for use in photovoltaics, which could include components of solar cells/panels.

**Chemours, which makes GenX, and its predecessor DuPont have done testing that I understand the EPA will be reviewing. Did any of those tests involve its use in solar equipment?**

The testing required for the GenX chemicals include environmental fate and health and safety (toxicity) tests. EPA reviewed these data as they were submitted to EPA. Testing of solar panels which may contain fluoropolymers that were potentially created using the GenX chemicals was not part of the testing included in EPA's Consent Order.

**Is EPA conducting any research on GenX specifically as it relates to potential health and environmental impacts and effects on solar industry applications?**

While EPA researchers are not specifically focusing on any industry, the research that is currently underway will apply across industries and will help states, tribes, and local communities make the most effective choices for protecting public health and the environment.

For example, EPA researchers are evaluating different treatment technologies that could remove certain PFAS, including GenX chemicals, from drinking water systems. They are evaluating systems across the nation currently treating PFAS and gathering data on treatability. Researchers are also testing modifications needed to improve drinking water treatment.

EPA scientists are also currently developing and validating laboratory methods to detect and quantify selected PFAS (including GenX chemicals) in water and soil.
And EPA researchers have coordinated with researchers from the National Institutes of Health to develop a risk-based approach for conducting PFAS toxicity testing.
Finally, EPA researchers are measuring PFAS in environmental media to understand how and to what degree people might be exposed to PFAS. This research includes modeling to better understand the relative contributions of various sources and pathways for PFAS.

**As I understand statements released at the National Leadership Summit, EPA will be doing expanded research on GenX. Will the use of GenX in the solar industry be part of those studies?**

The research currently underway, and in the future, isn't focused on any one specific industry that uses PFAS chemicals at this point. But researchers are looking at laboratory methods, technologies, and treatment processes, while also gaining more information about the entire class of chemicals so that states, tribes, and local communities can make informed decisions to protect public health and the environment.

Cheers, R.

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**Subject:** Re: Subject: Press Inquiry

Thank you sir.

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**From:** "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
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**To:** Dan Way <dway@carolinajournal.com>
**Subject:** RE: Subject: Press Inquiry

Thanks, Dan. Please follow up with Enesta Jones, who is now back in the office.

She's on jones.enesta@epa.gov.

Cheers, R.

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**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Subject: Press Inquiry

Greetings and salutations. Can you provide me with a timeline for detailed answers to my specific questions please? (see below)

Thanks a million.

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**Subject:** Re: Subject: Press Inquiry

Robert:

Greetings. It's another week. Hope all is well.

Just checking back to determine the status of getting answers to my questions. Please advise. Thanks a million.

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**Subject:** Re: Subject: Press Inquiry

Robert:

Thanks for the link. As for my questions:

1) Can EPA say conclusively that GenX and other PFAS are used in the production of Teflon film and other components for solar cells/solar panels?
2) Should state Department of Environmental Quality and Department of Health and Human Services be concerned about the potential for GenX in the quickly growing solar farms around North Carolina?
3) Chemours, which makes GenX, and its predecessor DuPont have done testing that I understand the EPA will be reviewing. Did any of those tests involve its use in solar equipment?
4) Is EPA conducting any research on GenX specifically as it relates to potential health and environmental impacts and effects on solar industry applications?
5) Is the use of GenX in producing components for the ever-expanding solar industry a concern for the EPA, particularly in a state such as North Carolina, which has the second-highest installed solar capacity in the nation, with solar farms from one end of the state to the other?
6) As I understand statements released at the National Leadership Summit, EPA will be doing expanded research on GenX. Will the use of GenX in the solar industry be part of those studies?

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**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Subject: Press Inquiry

Dan, the following link should prove helpful. Let me know if you have any follow-up questions.

https://www.epa.gov/pfas/pfas-national-leadership-summit-and-engagement

Cheers, R.

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**Subject:** RE: Subject: Press Inquiry

Sounds good. Last, and most importantly, can you send some specific questions? Asking as two or three different offices work on PFAS, so we need to find out who could contribute to the responses.

Cheers, R.

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**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
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Duh! Sorry. I blame overwork for my calendar follies.

Yes, Tuesday. Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 24, 2018, at 2:53 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Dan. We're closed Monday, for the federal holiday. Any way we could shoot for Tuesday?

Cheers, R.

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**Subject:** Re: Subject: Press Inquiry

Thanks for the quick response Robert. I'm shooting for end of business Monday. Do you think that might be possible?

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**From:** "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Date:** Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 2:34 PM
**To:** Dan Way <dway@carolinajournal.com>
**Subject:** Subject: Press Inquiry

**Good afternoon Dan,**

**Thanks for reaching out. What's your deadline, please?**

**Cheers, R.**

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**From:** Dan Way [mailto:dway@carolinajournal.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, May 24, 2018 1:32 PM
**To:** Harris-Young, Dawn <Harris-Young.Dawn@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Press Inquiry

Ms. Harris-Young:

I am working on a story about concerns some are raising that GenX is used by Chemours in Fayetteville, N.C., to produce Teflon film, which is used to coat the fronts of solar panels. GenX and related compounds also might be used in producing other components for solar cells and solar panels. GenX is a roiling issue in North Carolina, with legal and legislative action being taken against Chemours for its release of the emerging contaminant into waterways. Because North Carolina has the second-highest installed capacity of solar energy in the nation, behind only California, whether GenX is used in solar panels could be a significant issue for the state's residents.

I am wondering if GenX's use in making products for the solar industry was a topic of any of the sessions or speakers at EPA's just-concluded two-day National Leadership Summit on PFAS, or a study area of any EPA scientists. I'm trying to find someone to interview for my story about the intersection of GenX and the solar industry, and hoping you can provide me with contact information.

Looking forward to your response. Thanks a million!

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**Subject**: RE: Interview with EPA scientist re: future of air quality science
**Attachments**: SP Inquiry Air Quality.docx

Good afternoon Annalee,

Please find our answers attached, with requested attribution.

Cheers, R.

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Hello, it's Annalee from S&P Global Market Intelligence. I'm working on a feature story on the future of air quality monitoring/modeling with a focus on upcoming technology and how a tech disruption could change how the EPA regulates emissions. I've been interviewing researchers all over the country for this story and was hoping the EPA could make available one of your scientists for an interview.

Specifically, one of my sources spoke highly of Ron Williams, a research chemist with EPA's Office of Research and Development. I'd like to learn more about Williams' research and how the EPA is shaping new science in this area.

I'm happy to send over some questions/general topics I'd like to discuss with Williams ahead of time. I'd like to set something up for Friday or Monday, preferably.

Please let me know what time works for Mr. Williams are your team, and do not hesitate to give me a call at 571-814-2081 if you have any additional questions about my story. I look forward to chatting with Mr. Williams.

Thank you

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*The following information applies to air quality sensors*

**For attribution to: Ron Williams, research scientist, EPA Office of Research and Development, National Exposure Research Laboratory.**

EPA conducts research to advance the development and application of next generation air monitoring through its Sensor Performance Evaluation and Application Research (SPEAR) initiative. SPEAR focuses on the growing air sensor revolution that is providing lower-cost, portable and user-friendly monitoring devices for use by the public and others interested in learning about air quality. Sensors are being developed and used in a variety of ways to learn more about personal exposures to air pollutants and to understand the impact of emissions from traffic, industry or other sources at the local or even street level.

**-Can you tell me how technology is changing air quality monitoring, and what advances you are most excited about**?

EPA is supporting the advancement of air sensor technology by evaluating and testing commercial devices and developing and testing new instruments using miniaturized sensors and other technologies. In total these efforts will:

- Enhance current monitoring activities by states, tribes and communities.
- Provide new data of air quality at the local level and near air pollution sources.
- Improve access to air monitors for the public interested in getting information about their air quality.

**How is the cost of air monitoring equipment changing? Are we seeing costs come down for this equipment, and what will that mean for states or communities as they seek to meet the nation's air quality standards**?

Emerging air quality sensor technology ranges in cost from less than $100/monitor to the tens of thousands for regulatory quality instrumentation. Low cost sensor technology (instrumentation <$2,500) represents a world-wide sector some estimate in the $Billions.

**- What kind of timeline do you see for wider adoption of the kinds of technologies you're researching**?

Determination of the value of information gained from the emerging technologies will be critical in its use in a purposeful manner. EPA and others are actively engaged in investigating the quality of sensor data and how they might be used for a wide variety of purposes.

**- What does the future of air quality technology look like to you?** New air quality monitoring technologies will be developed that will benefit the EPA and all its stakeholders. We would expect these technologies to be less expensive and offer a variety of useful characteristics. Even so, defining how to use these technologies successfully and understanding the data quality of these measurements represent important future goals.

**- Can you tell me a bit about some of the programs EPA has supported with air quality research grants? I've heard a lot about the projects going on in California, Minnesota and Kentucky. What EPA-supported research are you excited about**?

Two very exciting grant activities include our Smart Cities Challenge ([ HYPERLINK "https://www.challenge.gov/challenge/smart-city-air-challenge/" ]) and the sensor community grant awards ([ HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/air-research/air-pollution-monitoring-communities-grants" ]). Both of these efforts involve use of emerging air quality sensors in community settings and involving research teams working closely with local stakeholders.

**- What kind of advancements are happening on the software side? How do we process all this data into something usable?**

One of the greatest challenges associated with emerging air sensor technologies is the need for data standards ([ HYPERLINK "https://e-enterprisefortheenvironment.net/our-projects/data-standards-for-continuous-monitoring-data/" ]). Future advancements in this area would benefit state and other regulatory agencies, communities, and others engaged in collection of air quality information using new technologies.

***The questions that follow are your questions about other monitoring technologies, modeling and data transparency***

**<u>For attribution to: EPA</u>**

**My publication has a specific interest in the power and energy industry. So can you tell me how are power or natural gas utilities are adapting new technologies to monitor their emissions?**
There are four primary federal air emission measurement regulations – 40 CFR parts 60, 63, 75, and 98. For the power sector, the allowable monitoring methodologies vary by fuel type and pollutant monitored. For example, under 40 CFR part 75, power plants that burn solid/heterogeneous fuels generally use continuous emission monitoring systems (CEMS) to measure CO2, NOx, and SO2 pollutant concentration and stack gas flow. Natural gas-fired (homogeneous fuel) power plants use continuous emissions monitoring systems (CEMS) to measure NOx pollutant concentration but have the option to use fuel flow meters along with sulfur and carbon content to calculate emissions.

Continuous emission measurement hardware has advanced in recent years, but much of the innovation has been on the software side to analyze the data to identify potential problems with the measurement system and/or continuous measurements. Power plants may be adapting other new monitoring technologies (e.g., sensors), but these are not used for compliance reporting to EPA programs.

***We have combined the following questions, because they share an answer:***

- **Are we getting better at pinpointing where emissions come from and how to mitigate them?**

- **I've been told that the air regulation community is on the cusp of a tech transformation with respect to air quality issues -- similar to how smart grids have helped utilities pinpoint distribution and reliability issues. Do you agree that we could see a disruption in how states and sources of pollution monitor/model their emissions, and how regulations are developed as a result?**
- **Much of the EPA's air quality standards, such as the NAAQS, rely on an averaged air quality reading across a region. Could we see that change as data gets better and we can see hot spots better?**

Technology in the air quality monitoring and information management areas is changing rapidly, and we are continuing to evaluate how these developments could inform air quality management programs.

**- When it comes to transparency and the public having access to air quality data, what is EPA doing?**

EPA has made air quality data publicly available for many years, in different formats. Here are a few examples:

- On the AirData website ([ HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/outdoor-air-quality-data" ]), anyone can access summary level Air Quality Index and concentration information for criteria pollutants. Detailed information (individual sample measurements going back to 1980) also is available. This includes the criteria (AQI) pollutants as well as about 1,000 other substances. The total number of samples available is over 2.5 billion. (Note: the criteria pollutants are six common pollutants: ozone, particulate matter, nitrogen oxide, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide and lead.
- The public can access real-time air quality data and forecasts on [ HYPERLINK "http://www.airnow.gov" ]. More than 150 state, local, tribal, and federal air quality agencies across the U.S. provide the data for more than 500 U.S. cities.
- Other types of data also are available, including design values, which show the air quality status of a given location relative to the level of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). Design values are available for each of the criteria pollutants – by nonattainment area, by county and at the monitor level. See [ HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/air-trends/air-quality-design-values" ]
- Additional air data information is available at [ HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/air-quality-data-and-tool" ]

**- President Trump in a recent executive order directed the EPA to focus on monitored data over modeled data for regulatory decisions. This is an idea that has been around for a while. Can you explain how this change is being implemented at the EPA, and how it might alter the EPA's regulatory process?"**

The Presidential Memo directs the EPA to ensure that monitoring and modeling data are used appropriately in designations, permitting decisions, and air quality demonstrations. Consistent with the Presidential Memo, the Agency has historically relied on and will continue to rely upon

monitored data as the basis for most of its air quality regulatory decisions. For designations, EPA relies on air monitoring data for most pollutants, but for sulfur dioxide has provided states with the flexibility to also consider air quality modeling data. Therefore, the Presidential Memo is not expected to affect most designation actions, but does call for greater reliance on monitoring data in SO2 designations.

To estimate the impacts of new sources that do not yet exist (in the case of permit actions), and of modifications to existing sources that have yet to be implemented (in the case of attainment demonstrations), modeling is needed. EPA's current guidelines already allow for the use of monitoring data for permitting purposes. Therefore, the Presidential Memo is not expected to affect most permitting decisions and air quality demonstrations.

Message

**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
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Good evening Sandra. For attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson," please:

> "Video footage of Magnolia's renovations of older homes appearing in several seasons of "Fixer Upper" reviewed by EPA did not depict the lead-safe work practices normally required by the RRP Rule. After EPA contacted Magnolia with concerns about the company's compliance, Magnolia took immediate steps to ensure compliance with the RRP Rule, including to obtain RRP certification and training for the firm and its staff and to ensure active compliance across all ongoing renovation projects.
> EPA's review of information it obtained with Magnolia's cooperation found evidence of noncompliance at renovations of 33 properties. Among the violations subsequently alleged by EPA were that Magnolia did not comply with the following requirements and precautions of the RRP Rule:
> - Obtain firm certification from EPA before performing renovations covered by the RRP Rule;
> - Assign a certified renovator to such renovations;
> - Provide home owners or occupants with an approved pamphlet about lead-based paint hazards prior to the renovation;
> - Post signs to clearly define the work area and warn people to remain outside that area;
> - Comply with the RRP Rule's work practice standards, such as closing doors and windows to the interior work areas, covering floor surfaces, ducts and other openings to work areas with plastic sheeting, and covering the ground with plastic sheeting to capture falling paint chips from exterior renovations."

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On Jun 7, 2018, at 8:13 PM, Garcia, Sandra <sandra.garcia@nytimes.com> wrote:

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Subject: Re: Chip and Joanna Gaines
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Thank you Tricia,

Just a couple more questions? How did the EPA find out Magnolia Homes was mishandling lead paint? How were they mishandling?

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On Thu, Jun 7, 2018 at 5:17 PM, Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov> wrote:

Sylvia--

You can find EPA's Magnolia Homes settlement press release here: https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-reaches-settlement-magnolia-homes-alleged-lead-paint-violations-during-renovations

And here's a fact sheet about the case: https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/magnolia-waco-properties-llc-residential-property-renovation-rule-settlement-information

Best,

Tricia

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**From:** Garcia, Sandra [mailto:sandra.garcia@nytimes.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, June 07, 2018 5:00 PM
**To:** Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Chip and Joanna Gaines

Hello Tricia,

I am on an immediate deadline, am hoping to file by 7PM. Here are a few questions:

What exactly was the mishandling of the paint? How was it mishandled?

The couple settled with the EPA so was the fine significantly larger?

Is there a press release I can look at?

Thank you!

Sandra E. Garcia

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On Thu, Jun 7, 2018 at 4:31 PM, Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov> wrote:

> Hi Sandra—
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> Thanks for your inquiry. While we're not always able to put someone on the phone, we can typically respond in writing if not. In either case, I'll need you to send a list of your specific questions.

Additionally, can you please share your hard deadline?

Thanks so much,

Tricia

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**From:** Garcia, Sandra [mailto:sandra.garcia@nytimes.com]
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**Subject:** Chip and Joanna Gaines

Hello,

My name is Sandra E. Garcia and I am a reporter with The New York Times. I have some questions in regards to the fines on Chip and Joanna Gaines and was wondering if there was someone I could speak to?

Am also looking for a press release on the matter.

Thank you,

Sandra E. Garcia

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Message

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Wonderful! Thank you Robert. Is it possible to get a photo (head and shoulders shot) of Jay for this and/or a high res logo for the EPA? If not to either/both that's fine, just putting everything together. Much thanks.

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Alex, for attribution to Jay Benforado, Chief Innovation Officer, U.S. EPA Office of Research and Development, please.

See attached.

Cheers, R.

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Hi, I've included a copy of our editorial strategy...

I work with Business View Magazine (www.businessviewmagazine.com)

We're producing a series looking at Sustainability in the US, my editor was hoping to organize a keynote interview with someone at the EPA (although if it's easier, you can submit something).

Let me know what the best next steps would be?

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Hi Alex, thanks for reaching out. Can you please send along with specific questions and firm deadline? Also, who are you writing for?

I was hoping to organize an interview with someone at the EPA too discuss Sustainability Best Practices and Innovation in the USA.

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**Sent**: 6/8/2018 7:05:41 PM
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**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Subject: RE: EPA Inquiry
**Attachments**: Business View Sustainability.docx

Alex, for attribution to Jay Benforado, Chief Innovation Officer, U.S. EPA Office of Research and Development, please.

See attached.

Cheers, R.

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To: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Inquiry

Hi, I've included a copy of our editorial strategy...

I work with Business View Magazine (www.businessviewmagazine.com)

We're producing a series looking at Sustainability in the US, my editor was hoping to organize a keynote interview with someone at the EPA (although if it's easier, you can submit something).

Let me know what the best next steps would be?

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**CC**: May, Jennifer [May.Jennifer@epa.gov]; Rodriguez, Elias [Rodriguez.Elias@epa.gov]
**Subject**: American Cyanamid Superfund Site; clips, photos, news releases
**Attachments**: 1. NBC interview.jpg; 2. RA site tour 2.jpg; 3. RA site tour with Debbie Mans.jpg; 4. RA at podium.JPG; 5. Pete podium and audience.jpg; 6. Pete podium.jpg; 7. ACSS circa 1960.jpg; 8. ACSS circa 2017.jpg; 9. ACSS Imp 2.JPG

News releases, news articles and photos from today's media event at the American Cyanamid Superfund site in Bridgewater, NJ announcing the EPA cleanup proposal (an Administrator Emphasis List site). Note: It's early in the day and we do expect more print and broadcast coverage, including from News12 NJ and NBC4, which were both present at the event.

**News releases:**

EPA news release: https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-announces-cleanup-proposal-american-cyanamid-superfund-site-bridgewater-township-nj

Congressman Lance news release: https://www.insidernj.com/press-release/lance-epa-proposes-cleanup-american-cyanamid-superfund-site-bridgewater/

**News articles:**
[with video] https://www.mycentraljersey.com/story/news/local/land-environment/2018/05/23/american-cyanamid-bridgewater-toxic-cleanup-epa/637971002/

https://patch.com/new-jersey/bridgewater/epa-finalizes-cleanup-chemical-waste-bridgewater

**Photos:**

1. NBC interview: NBC4 Brian Thompson interviews R2 RA Pete Lopez during the American Cyanamid Superfund press event [L to R: Elias Rodriguez (R2); Brian Thompson (NBC4); Walter Mugdan (R2 Acting Deputy RA); Chris Lyon (R2 Chief of Staff); Pete Lopez (R2 RA); Mark Austin (R2 project manager); Steve Kopec (R2 Special Assistant)]
2. RA site tour 2: RA Lopez tours impoundments 1 and 2 at the American Cyanamid Superfund site [L to R: Russ Downey (Pfizer); Mark Austin (R2 project manager); Pete Lopez (R2 RA); Debbie Mans (NJDEP Deputy Commissioner)]
3. RA site tour with Debbie Mans: Pfizer gives an overview of the work being done at impoundments 1 and 2 at the American Cyanamid Superfund site [L to R: Debbie Mans (NJDEP Deputy Commissioner); Pete Lopez (R2 RA); Russ Downey (Pfizer)]

4, 5, and 6. RA Lopez speaks to the audience of community members, media, EPA, NJDEP and Pfizer staff at a press conference. The American Cyanamid Superfund site served as the back-drop for the event. [pictured: Pete Lopez (R2 RA)]

7. Rendered image of the American Cyanamid Company, Bridgewater, NJ, circa 1960 (Source: American Cyanamid).
8. 2018 Aerial view of the American Cyanamid Superfund Site (Source: Google Earth).
9. Impoundment 2 located in the southeastern corner of the American Cyanamid Superfund Site (Source: Pfizer).

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**Subject**: RE: FOR REVIEW: RFS proposals

That's fine, thanks

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**From:** Block, Molly
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 8:16 AM
**To:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Daniell, Kelsi <daniell.kelsi@epa.gov>
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Here's what we sent yesterday to S&P Global Platts. We have the option to add in commentary on Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) (request below suggested response).

**Suggested Response:** Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 4:16 AM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: RFS proposals

Hi,

Just following up on the RFA's claim that waivers may have stripped 1.6 billion gallons out of the 2016 and 2017 obligations.

Does the EPA have any comment on the findings of the RFA and the comments made by Bob Dinneen regarding "Administrator Pruitt's campaign to undermine the RFS"?

Kind regards

Tim Worledge

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**From:** Tim Worledge
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 3:42:03 PM
**To:** press@epa.gov
**Subject:** FW: RFS proposals

Hi,

Is anyone available to help me with the media query below? I'm just looking to follow up with the cabinet meeting yesterday in which it was reported potential RFS proposals were unveiled.

Is it possible to get a comment on what might have been discussed, what the list of proposals entailed and whether any decisions were made?

Many thanks

Tim

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Sent:** 10 April 2018 15:37

**To:** Tim Worledge <tim.worledge@agricensus.com>
**Subject:** Re: RFS proposals

Thanks, Tim. Please follow up with press@epa.gov.

Regards, R.

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On Apr 10, 2018, at 10:32 AM, Tim Worledge <tim.worledge@agricensus.com> wrote:

> Hi Robert,
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> Just following up from yesterday's email – is there anything that you can comment on regarding the topics discussed or any likely outcomes/results from the meeting?
>
> There's not a huge amount of information available, but a few sources have suggested that there were no conclusions and for the moment everything is still under consideration.
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> Are there any details you can furnish on progress/proposals at all?
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> Tim
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> **From:** Tim Worledge
> **Sent:** 09 April 2018 14:43
> **To:** daguillard.robert@epa.gov
> **Subject:** RFS proposals
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> Hi Robert,
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> I hope you're doing well – busy day ahead; I just wanted to check in and see if there are any ideas on what the RFS proposals might look like.
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> I understand that they're to be discussed at cabinet today, and I was wondering if there is or will be a clear statement on what the EPA and the USDA have put forward for President Trump to consider.
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> Any information you can provide me would be really helpful – we're looking at writing a piece for our website and daily news service. We currently cover corn, wheat and soybean markets globally, so any insight you can share or comments you can provide will be appreciated. More information online – www.agricensus.com.
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Checking.

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On May 9, 2018, at 10:42 AM, Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov> wrote:

> Thank you! This is really helpful. Do you have the calendar dates/year for CYs
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> So, our figures, per Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
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> For compliance year, Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
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Can you figure out the confusion here?

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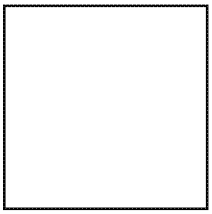

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- When first established, the program automatically exempted refineries based solely on their output, which resulted in 59 small refineries being exempted from 2007 to 2010. Post-2010, qualifying refineries seeking a small refinery hardship exemption submit financial information to EPA. EPA then shares this information with DOE and DOE uses a scoring matrix to quantify structural, economic and refinery-specific factors that may contribute to "disproportionate economic hardship."
- During the Obama Administration, there was often disagreement by EPA with DOE's recommendation. Since the start of this administration, EPA has worked to better coordinate with DOE to ensure cross-administration consistency.
- On August 15, 2017, EPA received an adverse decision from the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals, which found the agency's viability analysis employed by the previous administration to be inconsistent with congress's intent of the hardship exemption and outside its statutory authority (Sinclair Wyoming Refining Company v. EPA). Specifically, the court found EPA's requirement that refineries demonstrate an "existential threat" to their long-term viability as the standard for demonstrating "disproportionate economic hardship" inconsistent with EPA's statutory authority and vacated a previously denied hardship exemption and remanded Sinclair's hardship petitions back to EPA for further consideration.

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Hi Robert,
Can I get a comment from the EPA on this? Can you provide a justification for providing CVR Energy a waiver from the RFS regulations? Are the statistics the senators cite correct, re. the number of waivers granted.. my deadline is noon.
Thanks,
Ron

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***DOJ Investigating Icahn for Potential Illegal Actions While Advising President Trump on RFS***

Letter to Icahn (PDF) | Letter to EPA (PDF)

**Washington, DC -** United States Senators Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.), Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.), Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio), Tammy Duckworth (D-Ill.), Tammy Baldwin (D-Wis.), Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.), and Tina Smith (D-Minn.) sent letters to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt and Carl Icahn, billionaire former adviser to President Trump and Chairman of CVR Energy Inc., to request information on reports that the EPA granted CVR an "economic hardship waiver" from the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS). The senators have previously raised concerns about Icahn's actions related to the RFS and his access to key Administration RFS decision makers when he was a White House special adviser. They expressed concern that Mr. Icahn, who is currently under investigation by federal prosecutors for potential illegal activity while working as a White House adviser to change RFS regulations, received a "hardship waiver" even though CVR made a profit of over $230 million in 2017.

In 2016, Mr. Icahn, who was a public supporter of Scott Pruitt's nomination as EPA Administrator, bet heavily on a drop in the price of renewable fuel credits. Mr. Icahn then secured a position as a senior adviser to President Trump and recommended personnel and policies that did in fact cause the price of these credits to drop - ultimately resulting in a $50 million windfall for his company. After Mr. Pruitt was nominated, Mr. Icahn said that Scott Pruitt "feels strongly about the absurdity of these (RFS) obligations."

"We are troubled by the news that a corporation that made a profit of over $200 million in 2017, and that is owned by a billionaire former 'special adviser' to the President who is currently under investigation by federal prosecutors for his activities in the RFS market, has now received a 'hardship waiver' from the RFS," **wrote the senators**.

Refiners can receive a temporary exemption from RFS requirements if they produce less than 75,000 barrels of oil per calendar day and prove to the EPA that complying with the RFS "would impose a disproportionate economic hardship" on them. The EPA has granted at least 24 waivers in recent months, a significant change from the 6-8 waivers granted annually in the past several years. CVR reported profits of over $230 million in 2017 and reportedly received an exemption this year after being denied in a previous year. The senators asked the EPA and Mr. Icahn to answer questions about the exemption and how it was granted by no later than May 22, 2018.

In February 2017, Senator Warren led a letter to White House Counsel Don McGahn about the role Mr. Icahn was playing in President Trump's White House, how he was involved in the selection of Scott Pruitt to be the nominee for EPA Administrator, and to what extent Icahn influenced RFS policy. They also asked the EPA for information about Mr. Icahn's role in determining the fate of the RFS. In May of 2017, they called on the heads of the Commodities Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), and the EPA to investigate the activities of Mr. Icahn for potential insider trading, market manipulation, and other securities and commodities law violations in the market for renewable fuel credits. Mr. Icahn's company disclosed in its November 2017 public SEC filings that DOJ had opened an investigation of Mr. Icahn's activities in the RFS market.

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September 12, 2019

BACKGROUND PRESS CALL
BY A SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL
ON THE ELIE WIESEL GENOCIDE AND ATROCITIES PREVENTION REPORT

Via Teleconference

2:08 P.M. EDT

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. I, first off, would like to apologize for the late start today. That's my fault. And so we're going to get started by saying thank you for all who have joined us.

This call is a background briefing with a senior administration official on the Elie Wiesel Genocide and Atrocities Prevention Report. The ground rules are this is provided on background; attribution is to a senior administration official. The embargo -- there is an embargo on the contents of this call until after the call is completed. We're going to cap this off at 30 minutes.

So here's the run of the show: I'm going to introduce our first -- our only speaker for today. And once she has concluded her remarks, we will take questions. And with that, our briefer for today is [senior administration official].

Okay, over to you.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Hi everyone. So we are very excited that President Trump signed today the Elie Wiesel Genocide and Atrocities Prevention Report. It officially unveils the Atrocity Early Warning Task Force. It announces new training requirements for foreign service officers on atrocity prevention and risk mitigation, as well as kind of identifying key measures to respond to atrocities.

And it ensures that we continually work with civil society, with Congress, and with key stakeholders as we produce an annual report to Congress about what the U.S. has done to date, what we plan to do, and the evolving scene of how we build on lessons learned.

So we're very excited about this. Just a little bit to flex and focus on the main element of this report, which we're excited about, is the Atrocity Early Warning Task Force.

So the Early Warning Task Force is stood up now. It will be run by the White House, and it will be comprised of members of the Department of State, Department of Treasury, Department of Defense, Department of Justice, Department of Homeland Security, the intelligence community, and the United States Agency for International Development -- USAID.

The task force essentially will utilize technical expertise and unique toolsets of the interagency to support our regional policy decisions and make sure that we are using the most

effective and appropriate tools for prevention and mitigation of mass atrocities.

With that, I think we can kick it off for questions.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Okay. All right, so thank you very much. So we have time for questions. So if you could -- I'll hand it over to you, sir, to facilitate question and answers.

Q Hi. This is Andrew Feinberg with Breakfast Media. Thanks for doing the call. I have two questions. The first is --

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: I'm terribly sorry, sir. I apologize for the interruption. We can barely make you out. Could you please speak a little louder? Thank you, sir.

Q Is that better?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: That's great. Thank you very much, sir.

Q Okay. This is Andrew Feinberg with Breakfast Media. I have two questions. The first: In February, the Trump administration declined to submit a report to Congress on whether Crown Prince Mohammad Bin Salman of Saudi Arabia was responsible for the death of Jamal Khashoggi, the Washington Post columnist. Will the administration be complying with the Magnitsky Act in future instances? Can you commit to that?

And also, the Trump administration's foreign policy has not prioritized human rights since the President has been in office. Can we expect that to change at all?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Hi. Thank you for your

question. To your first question, I would defer to my regional colleagues on that specific case.

Just to reference that the overall task force is looking at mass atrocities, so atrocities committed by government or non-government organizations on grand scale. And we have certain definitions for that. So just keeping that on topic.

But on your wider question about human rights, the Trump administration remains dedicated to protecting human rights and going after violators of human rights, and that's proven in some of the tools we use.

And you mentioned the Global Magnitsky Human Rights and Accountability Act. I believe, since 2017, Treasury has taken more than 600 actions 680 individuals and entities engaged in activities that involves human rights abuses or corruption. So it goes, again, on the strong stance we have against those who violate human rights.

Furthermore, our U.S. Immigrants and Custom Enforcement Agency has arrested more than 400 individuals for human rights violations, and facilitated the removal of more than 900 known or suspected violators from the United States. So it's kind of an active, comprehensive approach that we have to human rights, both externally and within our own country.

This task force will also continue to elevate gross violations of human rights, so on a main scale. Not that a small violation of human rights isn’t important, but we've really seen the need and importance for interagency response, where we can use all tools possible to go after persecutors of mass atrocities.

Q How do you distinguish a gross violation?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Yes, so, "gross violation" is not necessarily a legal terminology, but "mass atrocities" also is not. But we do define it in terms of -- you know, the civil society community, et cetera, has it. But typically it's more than a thousand attacks per year within a country, and over 500 deaths per year in a country.

Now, this is a loose definition and it's a proxy. What we're trying to look at right now is other early warning risk factors that we can fold into this overall, kind of, rough metric, if you will, for mass atrocity violations.

Q Hi, this is James Rosen from Sinclair Broadcast Group. Thanks for doing the call. Two quick questions about this. First, the press release that went out from the White House today stated, and I quote, "Today, President Donald J. Trump released a report detailing his administration's successful efforts to prevent, mitigate, and respond to mass atrocities."

I wonder if you could identify for us which mass atrocities the Trump administration successfully prevented or, failing that, mitigated.

The second question is: Whether by the standards that are operative here -- and I understand that you just tried to flesh out some of the definitional aspects -- whether the phenomenon of mass shootings in this country would qualify as a mass atrocity. Thank you.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Thank you very much. So, you know, to the second question, I just want to kind of move it to: This task force is externally-facing to kind of global, wide issues, so I can't comment on domestic issues.

However, going to your question -- which is a good one -- about how we've successfully stopped or mitigated atrocities, it

becomes hard in a prevention space to look at a counterfactual, to say, "We have stepped in, and therefore lives have been saved." But what we have on several occasions, including in Syria, with chemical weapon use -- some of our work in Burma with identifying it as "ethnic cleansing" -- you know, words matter, and high-level words matter.

However, on particular cases -- case-by-case studies -- it's very hard to kind of get into what we've done in the preventative space. Some of the things that we do is -- might not seem inherently like a strong action. For example, electoral reform and ensuring that civil society can participate in government and that laws, such as the laws against blasphemy or religious persecution, might not sound compelling for actually saving human lives, but, in fact, those upstream efforts where this administration has participated in have effects along the way.

So it's a difficult question and it's one that we continue to ask ourselves as we try to refine our metrics to see how we've been successful.

Q Hi, it's Steve Herman from the Voice of America. As noted, the report today specifically mentions Burma. I'm wondering if you could tell us how you characterize what's happened there in regards to the Rohingya.

And the National Security Strategy from 2017 states, "The United States will hold perpetrators of genocide and mass atrocities accountable." So your findings on Burma, do they rise to that level? And what are some ways that Burma would be held accountable if you proceed in that direction?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Yes. So, on Burma, the report does mention Burma. I can talk about some high-level things, but I really will defer to my regional colleagues who have better expertise within this area.

So, in terms of accountability, I'd like to go back to --

(Call drops.)

OPERATOR: You are back on the line.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Yeah. I don't know what happened. There was a bunch of static and then we fell off. I'm sorry.

OPERATOR: I see. We are reconnected and we are live with the audience. Please continue where you left off.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Okay, so Steve Herman. This is [senior administration official]. Can you hear me sir?

Q Yes, I'm here.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: You're here, Steve? Okay. Or do you remember the question? Okay. Go ahead [senior administration official].

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: So just turning it over to your question about accountability in Burma, I was saying that, you know, I really can't go into great detail. You know, I defer to my regional colleagues, obviously, who have that expertise.

But I can point to a couple of actions that the United States has taken recently on Burma. And I'd like to point to -- it's called the 7031 visas that State issued on Burma publicly going after key military members for the actions that they have taken in human rights violations. And those visas are one of the many kind of toolsets that this task force will utilize. And that's obviously -- these are restrictions for folks who have

done gross violations of human rights, as well their family. So that's one instance out of many where we are trying to hold Burma accountable.

Also, something I failed to mention before with this task force and within the wider space is, the U.S. certainly does not act alone within this space, and we look to our partners at the U.N. and other multilateral partners to help us hold the governments, like Burma, accountable.

Q Could I just ask if Burma is under active scrutiny by the task force?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Well, it's a good question but one that we don't have yet since the task force just got stood up. We will be working internally and with civil societies to prioritize and to come up with an action plan. So, stay tuned.

Q Hi, this is Hayes Brown with Buzzfeed News. Thanks for doing this call. Sorry, I joined a little bit late. So I'm a little curious about the Atrocity Prevention Task Force that this new report talks about. I was just wondering if you could go into a little bit more detail about how this differs from the Atrocity Prevention Board that was set up under the Obama administration. And what are some of the major -- how often does this body meet? And who exactly will be leading a charge on these issues?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Yes, happy to. So how this differs from the Atrocity Prevention Board is that this administration met with key members of civil society -- with the interagency -- and studied some lessons learned and tried to apply those lessons to this new task force.

I think one of the areas that that would differ quite a bit

is still trying to elevate this space, but it's that we would like the task force to operate within a regional setting a little bit more. So rather than running processes on our own and kind of setting up side processes, we're trying to move the technical expertise and decision-making into regional decisions so that they are in real time, so that analysis is used right away and so that they actually ultimately -- an action occurs due to the kind of information received and how it's disseminated. So really kind of pulling more into that regional space.

As it kind of mentions in the report, you know, we've talked about this -- about what's the magic number. At the kind of working level, the Atrocity Prevention Board will be meeting at least three times a year, with one time a year with leadership involvement. But we really kept that space flexible for context-specific events and how they are arise.

And I want to stress that these are, obviously, meetings over at the White House, but there will be other meetings that this group feeds into. So that's at the bare minimum, if you will.

Q And just really quickly, while I have you, is the vision though that this will be something that will be activated during times of emergency as well? Or is it more of a case of just sort of being a more passive sort of body that passing on information to the agencies to do with it what they will?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: So this will be an active group that doesn't just do analysis but kind of offers appropriate tools, really bringing, kind of, that technical expertise. It will be meeting regularly, and then it will flex dependent on what the emergency is at hand.

So, I would say it's a little bit of both. It is a, kind of, where the technical guidance lies. And to that point, you

know, looking at key toolkits that we can put out in the interagency, trying to work to improve effective interagency processes to make sure that we're all on the same page, but then, you know, to your point, also responding to things as they come up.

Q This is Sajinder (ph) from (inaudible). And the statement from the Press Secretary said, you know, like -- is defined as "early warning task force." So I was wondering what's going on in some parts of India, Pakistan, especially what's going on in Kashmir, which is, at this moment, an internal issue by India. But there are conflicting reports what's going on. So, according to this Early Warning Task Force, is Kashmir on your radar? Can we expect something, whichever way it is going? So how would you like to define your Early Warning Task Force and if Kashmir is on the radar or not?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Thank you for your question. So, as of now, since we've just started the task force, you know, I don't have any information as to how we would react, et cetera.

But I would like to point to a component on the task force that might be useful. It's that we really saw a need in terms of -- you mentioned that people didn't know what was going on. And we saw a need to have external assessments that the U.S. government makes where they can look at key information in real time.

I know State Department is working on something that we can work with civil society on. And again, that gets to the civil society consultations so that we're all, kind of, operating on the same sheet of music. So that was kind of a key issue of ours, kind of, moving forward and something that civil society has repeatedly said would be helpful to them.

So, please look out for that as we move forward.

Q Thank you.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Okay, great. Thank you very much. I appreciate your time, ladies and gentlemen. And thank you to (inaudible), and thank you very much to [senior administration official] as well.

Just to go over the ground rules, this is on background. Attribution to a senior administration official. The embargo is lifted. Thank you very much.

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Hi Elvina,

Our release can be found here. Also including text below:

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## EPA, U.S. Army Repeal 2015 Rule Defining "Waters of the United States" Ending Regulatory Patchwork

**WASHINGTON** (September 12, 2019) — At an event in Washington, D.C., U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Andrew Wheeler and Department of the Army Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works R.D. James announced that the agencies are repealing a 2015 rule that impermissibly expanded the definition of "waters of the United States" (WOTUS) under the Clean Water Act. The agencies are also recodifying the longstanding and familiar regulatory text that existed prior to the 2015 Rule—ending a regulatory patchwork that required implementing two competing Clean Water Act regulations, which has created regulatory uncertainty across the United States.

"Today, EPA and the Department of the Army finalized a rule to repeal the previous administration's overreach in the federal regulation of U.S. waters and recodify the longstanding and familiar regulatory text that previously existed," **said EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler**. "Today's Step 1 action fulfills a key promise of President Trump and sets the stage for Step 2 - a new WOTUS definition that will provide greater regulatory certainty for farmers, landowners, home builders, and developers nationwide."

"Today, Administrator Wheeler and I signed a final rule that repeals the 2015 Rule and restores the previous regulatory regime exactly how it existed prior to finalization of the 2015 Rule," **said R.D. James, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works**. "Before this final rule, a patchwork of regulations existed across the country as a result of various judicial decisions enjoining the 2015 Rule. This final rule reestablishes national consistency across the country by returning all jurisdictions to the longstanding regulatory framework that existed prior to the 2015 Rule, which is more familiar to the agencies, States, Tribes, local

governments, regulated entities, and the public while the agencies engage in a second rulemaking to revise the definition of 'waters of the United States.'"

Today's rule is the first step—Step 1—in a two-step rulemaking process to define the scope of "waters of the United States" that are regulated under the Clean Water Act. Step 1 provides regulatory certainty as to the definition of "waters of the United States" following years of litigation surrounding the 2015 Rule. The two federal district courts that have reviewed the merits of the 2015 Rule found that the rule suffered from certain errors and issued orders remanding the 2015 Rule back to the agencies. Multiple other federal district courts have preliminarily enjoined the 2015 Rule pending a decision on the merits of the rule. In this action, EPA and the Army jointly conclude that multiple substantive and procedural errors warrant a repeal of the 2015 Rule. For example, the 2015 Rule:

- Did not implement the legal limits on the scope of the agencies' authority under the Clean Water Act as intended by Congress and reflected in Supreme Court cases.
- Failed to adequately recognize, preserve, and protect the primary responsibilities and rights of states to manage their own land and water resources.
- Approached the limits of the agencies' constitutional and statutory authority absent a clear statement from Congress.
- Suffered from certain procedural errors and a lack of adequate record support as it relates to the 2015 Rule's distance-based limitations.

With this final repeal, the agencies will implement the pre-2015 regulations, which are currently in place in more than half of the states, informed by applicable agency guidance documents and consistent with Supreme Court decisions and longstanding agency practice. The final rule takes effect 60 days after publication in the Federal Register.

In December 2018, EPA and the Army proposed a new definition—Step 2—that would clearly define where federal jurisdiction begins and ends in accordance with the Clean Water Act and Supreme Court precedent. In the proposal, the agencies provide a clear definition of the difference between federally regulated waterways and those waters that rightfully remain solely under state authority.

Additional information is available at: http://www.epa.gov/wotus-rule.

**Background**

The final Step 1 rule follows President Trump's Executive Order 13778, "Restoring the Rule of Law, Federalism, and Economic Growth by Reviewing the 'Waters of the United States' Rule." Section 1 of the Executive Order states that "[i]t is in the national interest to ensure that the Nation's navigable waters are kept free from pollution, while at the same time promoting economic growth, minimizing regulatory uncertainty, and showing due regard for the roles of Congress and the States under the Constitution." The Executive Order also directs the EPA and the Department of the Army to review the 2015 Rule for consistency with the policy outlined

in Section 1 of the order and to issue a proposed rule rescinding or revising the 2015 Rule as appropriate and consistent with law.

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Hi folks,
Checking again on whether you're planning to release any info on embargo before the news conference. Grateful for any guidance on this.

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On Sep 12, 2019, at 9:07 AM, Elvina Nawaguna <elvina.nawaguna@fiscalnote.com> wrote:

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Best,
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Would like to be there for this event.
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## ***MEDIA ADVISORY***

## EPA Administrator Wheeler and Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Work James to Make Major Water Policy Announcement in Washington, D.C.

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**WASHINGTON** (Sept. 11, 2019)— U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Andrew Wheeler and Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works R.D. James will hold an event tomorrow in Washington, D.C. to make a major water policy announcement.

**WHO:** U.S. EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler
Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works R.D. James
National Association of Manufacturers CEO Jay Timmons

**WHAT:** Open press announcement

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Tweets from 2009! They are really digging deep here. Did wheeler clarify his stance on climate change/science in any of the interviews today that we could just point her to?

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Hello,

I'm a reporter for E&E News. I recently came across this old tweet from Andrew Wheeler, the new EPA acting administrator, and was hoping to speak with someone in EPA's press office about it: https://twitter.com/AndrewRWheeler/status/1464018689

The tweet shares a blog post from the American Thinker. In particular, I was hoping you could clarify whether Mr. Wheeler believes the claims made in the post about climate science. I would be happy to discuss this off the record or on background before discussing on the record for attribution from an EPA spokesperson. My deadline is Monday at noon EST. I can be reached on my office line on Monday morning at 202-737-4369 or on my cell this weekend at Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) Thanks for your consideration and looking forward to hearing back.

Sincerely,
Maxine
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Message

**From**: Schiermeyer, Corry [schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 9/12/2019 4:26:34 PM
**To**: Beach, Christopher [beach.christopher@epa.gov]; Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]; McFaul, Jessica [mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov]
**CC**: Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]; Woods, Andrea [Woods.Andrea@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: CASAC desk statement

I sent to ORD

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**From:** Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 12:05 PM
**To:** Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Woods, Andrea <Woods.Andrea@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: CASAC desk statement

Here's an updated version with the draft quote. Are we going to run this past Tom or Dave? I'd feel better if so, because I'm not an expert on the CASAC stuff so I want to make sure AW's quote is appropriate.

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**From:** Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 9:07 AM
**To:** Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>; Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Woods, Andrea <Woods.Andrea@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: CASAC desk statement

See attached.

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**From:** Block, Molly
**Sent:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 8:47 AM
**To:** Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>; Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Woods, Andrea <Woods.Andrea@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: CASAC desk statement

I can format the press release too. Will send around in a few

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**From:** Beach, Christopher
**Sent:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 8:45 AM
**To:** Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Woods, Andrea <Woods.Andrea@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: CASAC desk statement

Sure will do

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**From:** Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Thursday, September 12, 2019 8:19 AM
**To:** Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>

**Cc:** Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>; Woods, Andrea <Woods.Andrea@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: CASAC desk statement

Let's get the press release portion formatted…and Chris…could you add a quote?

Thank you!

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**From:** Fitzmorris, Amanda <fitzmorris.amanda@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 12:40 PM
**To:** Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: CASAC desk statement

Attached is drafted press materials for discussion.

Thanks,

Fitz

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**From:** Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 12:01 PM
**To:** Fitzmorris, Amanda <fitzmorris.amanda@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: CASAC desk statement

I'm tied up until about 1230

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 11, 2019, at 11:44 AM, Fitzmorris, Amanda <fitzmorris.amanda@epa.gov> wrote:

> Can we chat about the rollout for this real quick?
>
> **Amanda Fitzmorris**
> *Special Advisor*
> Office of Research and Development
> O: 202-564-5744
> Fitzmorris.Amanda@epa.gov
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> **From:** Brennan, Thomas <Brennan.Thomas@epa.gov>
> **Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 9:17 AM
> **To:** Fitzmorris, Amanda <fitzmorris.amanda@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: CASAC desk statement
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> **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**
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> **From:** Fitzmorris, Amanda <fitzmorris.amanda@epa.gov>
> **Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 8:58 AM
> **To:** Brennan, Thomas <Brennan.Thomas@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: CASAC desk statement

May have further edits on this. Where are we at with the letters?

Thanks,

Fitz

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**From:** Brennan, Thomas <Brennan.Thomas@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 11, 2019 8:34 AM
**To:** Fitzmorris, Amanda <fitzmorris.amanda@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: CASAC desk statement

Thanks Fitz,

Looks good. I forwarded to OPA for their consideration. I also asked them to release this week.

I deleted item #3 as Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) I can tell you yesterday I sent to you and David Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Also we are currently planing Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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So please keep this a close hold (no public) and this is the likely schedule. Also comments on the PM FRN are appreciated.

Tom

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**From:** Fitzmorris, Amanda <fitzmorris.amanda@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 4:30 PM
**To:** Brennan, Thomas <Brennan.Thomas@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: CASAC desk statement

Thanks for sending. I've attached some edits as well as fleshed out some bullets for different FAQ topics. Can you take a look? Would like your assistance with item #3 in particular.

Thanks,

Fitz

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**From:** Brennan, Thomas <Brennan.Thomas@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 3:07 PM
**To:** Fitzmorris, Amanda <fitzmorris.amanda@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: CASAC desk statement

This is the draft version I sent to OPA.

# Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Acting Director, Science Advisory Board Staff Office
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**From:** Fitzmorris, Amanda <fitzmorris.amanda@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 2:32 PM
**To:** Brennan, Thomas <Brennan.Thomas@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: CASAC desk statement

Can you fwd to David and I as well?

Thanks,

Fitz

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**From:** Brennan, Thomas <Brennan.Thomas@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 10, 2019 2:31 PM
**To:** Fitzmorris, Amanda <fitzmorris.amanda@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: CASAC desk statement

Sent a draft over to OPA yesterday. I know they were working on it today.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 10, 2019, at 2:05 PM, Fitzmorris, Amanda <fitzmorris.amanda@epa.gov> wrote:

> Where are we at with developing all the materials for this? Presser, desk statement, letters, etc.
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> Thanks!
>
> Fitz
>
> **Amanda Fitzmorris**
> Office of Research and Development
> O: 202-564-5744
> Fitzmorris.Amanda@epa.gov

Message

**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 7/23/2018 1:56:55 PM
**To**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: Media query -- methylene chloride

Checking with the program. BNV's Pat Rizzuto sent a similar questions last week.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Hopkins, Jamie [mailto:jhopkins@publicintegrity.org]
**Sent:** Monday, July 23, 2018 7:52 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Media query -- methylene chloride

Good morning. Can EPA give an update on where things stand with the methylene chloride rule? The agency said on May 10 that it would send a final version to OMB shortly, but it has yet to show up on that agency's dashboard of regulatory actions under review (https://www.reginfo.gov/public/jsp/EO/eoDashboard.jsp). What is the EPA's expected timeline?

Best,

Jamie

**From:** Hopkins, Jamie
**Sent:** Thursday, March 29, 2018 3:18 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert
**Cc:** Press
**Subject:** RE: Media query -- methylene chloride

OK, thanks for the speedy response!

**From:** Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, March 29, 2018 3:18 PM
**To:** Hopkins, Jamie <jhopkins@publicintegrity.org>

**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Media query -- methylene chloride

Hullo Jamie,

For attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

We will respond to the letter through appropriate channels.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Hopkins, Jamie [mailto:jhopkins@publicintegrity.org]
**Sent:** Thursday, March 29, 2018 3:00 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Media query -- methylene chloride

Hi, Robert, I'm working on a quick-turnaround piece about South Carolina's senators and one congressman calling on EPA to act on the proposed methylene chloride rule. (I've attached the letter in case you haven't seen it.)

Would the EPA like to comment? My deadline is **today at 4 p.m.**

Can't recall now if I sent you the link to the story we corresponded about earlier – here it is: https://www.publicintegrity.org/2018/03/26/21626/epa-planned-ban-deadly-paint-stripping-chemical-will-it-follow-through (and here's the version Slate co-published: https://slate.com/technology/2018/03/will-the-epa-ban-methylene-chloride.html)

Best,

Jamie

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**From:** Hopkins, Jamie
**Sent:** Thursday, March 22, 2018 9:04 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Media query -- methylene chloride

Good morning, just wanted to make sure you saw these questions from Tuesday:

**From:** Hopkins, Jamie
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 20, 2018 1:26 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Media query -- methylene chloride

Thanks! Could you clarify two things:

1) Does the EPA still intend to finalize the current NMP/methylene chloride rule at some point?

2) How long does the EPA currently expect the NMP/methylene chloride rule will take to finalize?

Many thanks.

Jamie

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 20, 2018 1:21:12 PM
**To:** Hopkins, Jamie
**Cc:** Press
**Subject:** RE: Media query -- methylene chloride

Jamie, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

1. I see that the NMP/methylene chloride rule, which was a "proposed rule" in the spring 2017 regulatory agenda, was changed to a "Long-term Action" in the most recent regulatory agenda. Does this mean the proposal has been shelved?
**Response:** The Regulatory Plan of the Unified Agenda contains the regulatory priority actions that agencies expect to take in the coming year. The status changed because the Agency felt that more time was needed to consider how best to analyze and address any risks from these chemicals. Given that these actions were not anticipated to finalize within 12 months, they were removed from the Unified Agenda. The agency is currently considering the comments received in response to the proposal.
2. Methylene chloride is one of the 10 chemicals on the list for the first risk evaluations under the revised TSCA law. I'm not sure if I quite understand the timeline requirements – could you explain when the risk evaluation for methylene chloride must be completed, when the EPA expects to be done (if that timing is different than the deadline) and what happens after the risk evaluation is complete"

**Response:** We plan to finalize the risk evaluations by late 2019. If at the end of the risk evaluation process, EPA determines that a chemical presents an unreasonable risk to health or the environment, the chemical must immediately move to risk management action under TSCA. Read more.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Hopkins, Jamie [mailto:jhopkins@publicintegrity.org]
**Sent:** Friday, March 16, 2018 10:46 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Media query -- methylene chloride

Couple things I should add to the question pile:

1. I see that the NMP/methylene chloride rule, which was a "proposed rule" in the spring 2017 regulatory agenda, was changed to a "Long-term Action" in the most recent regulatory agenda. Does this mean the proposal has been shelved?

2. Methylene chloride is one of the 10 chemicals on the list for the first risk evaluations under the revised TSCA law. I'm not sure if I quite understand the timeline requirements – could you explain when the risk evaluation for methylene chloride must be completed, when the EPA expects to be done (if that timing is different than the deadline) and what happens after the risk evaluation is complete?

Thank you!

Jamie

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Friday, March 16, 2018 10:36 AM
**To:** Hopkins, Jamie <jhopkins@publicintegrity.org>
**Subject:** Re: Media query -- methylene chloride

Kewl. Thanks.

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On Mar 16, 2018, at 10:31 AM, Hopkins, Jamie <jhopkins@publicintegrity.org> wrote:

> Yup, my deadline is Monday at 3 p.m.

Thanks!

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Friday, March 16, 2018 10:30 AM
**To:** Hopkins, Jamie <jhopkins@publicintegrity.org>
**Subject:** Re: Media query -- methylene chloride

Hey Jamie, I'm afraid you're right. My bad.

Deadline? Are you writing for publication soon?

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Washington D.C.
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On Mar 16, 2018, at 10:24 AM, Hopkins, Jamie <jhopkins@publicintegrity.org> wrote:

> Hi, I'm re-upping this request because it probably got lost in the shuffle earlier this week:
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> **From:** Hopkins, Jamie
> **Sent:** Wednesday, March 14, 2018 10:53 AM
> **To:** 'daguillard.robert@epa.gov' <daguillard.robert@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** Media query -- methylene chloride
>
> Hi, hope you're well. Could you update me on the status and expected timeline of the proposed TSCA rulemaking for methylene chloride and NMP? Also, has there been action on this proposal since the extension of the comment deadline last April?
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> Many thanks.
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> Best,
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> Jamie
>
> ---
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> Reporter
> The Center for Public Integrity

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Message

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**Sent**: 5/23/2018 12:53:47 PM
**To**: Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]
**CC**: schafer, joan [schafer.joan@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Press Inquiry
**Attachments**: ATT00001.txt

Thank you.

mhs

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**From:** Block, Molly [mailto:block.molly@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 23, 2018 8:46 AM
**To:** Schirmer, Mark (CAI - Troy) <Mark.Schirmer@coxautoinc.com>
**Cc:** schafer, joan <schafer.joan@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Press Inquiry

On background (not for attribution): I can confirm the meeting.

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**From:** Schirmer, Mark (CAI - Troy) [mailto:Mark.Schirmer@coxautoinc.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 23, 2018 8:20 AM
**To:** schafer, joan <schafer.joan@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Press Inquiry

Bloomberg is reporting that CARB's Mary Nichols will be meeting in Washington DC today (May 23) with EPA and NHTSA officials to discuss vehicle emissions and fuel economy standards. Can you confirm if that meeting is scheduled.

Thank you.

**Mark Schirmer**
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Message

**From**: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 5/23/2018 10:49:43 AM
**CC**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]; Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: Small refinery waivers

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On May 23, 2018, at 6:33 AM, Gordon, Meghan <meghan.gordon@spglobal.com> wrote:

Checking back on the question of how many of the 33 have been approved.

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**From:** Gordon, Meghan
**Sent:** Monday, May 21, 2018 3:11:45 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert
**Cc:** Block, Molly; Press
**Subject:** Re: Small refinery waivers

Thanks! Still 25 granted?

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Monday, May 21, 2018 2:19:38 PM
**To:** Gordon, Meghan
**Cc:** Block, Molly; Press
**Subject:** RE: Small refinery waivers

Hullo Meghan,

On background, please: EPA has received 33 requests for small refinery waivers for the year 2017

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Gordon, Meghan [mailto:meghan.gordon@spglobal.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 15, 2018 11:16 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Small refinery waivers

Hi Robert and Molly,

Are there any updates to the small refinery waivers for 2017?

Last I had was 25 approved out of 30 petitions received.

Thanks,
Meghan

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Monday, April 30, 2018 5:14 PM
**To:** Gordon, Meghan
**Cc:** Block, Molly
**Subject:** RE: Small refinery waivers

Thanks, Meghan. Are you on immediate deadline? Or can we circle back tomorrow in the AM?

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Gordon, Meghan [mailto:meghan.gordon@spglobal.com]
**Sent:** Monday, April 30, 2018 5:13 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Small refinery waivers

Thanks again for your help on this issue.

Are the numbers below still current? Is CVR one of the 25 plants that received a waiver?

Thanks,
Meghan

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 24, 2018 1:31 PM
**To:** Block, Molly; Gordon, Meghan; Press
**Subject:** RE: Small refinery waivers

Also, Meghan, and on background, please:

A slight update. For 2017 we have now received 30 petitions, but have not approved any more beyond the 25 already noted.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Block, Molly
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 24, 2018 1:11 PM
**To:** Gordon, Meghan <meghan.gordon@spglobal.com>; Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Small refinery waivers

Meghan –

Still checking on the numbers, but in the meantime:

"There is not consensus on the regulatory path forward on the E15 RVP waiver and related issues."

On the waivers:

"The criteria used to grant waivers has not changed since previous administrations. EPA follows a long-standing, objectively determined process where the Agency uses a Department of Energy analysis to inform decisions about refiner exemptions/waivers, for refineries that are below the statutory threshold. EPA decisions on waivers are based on refinery-specific information that is subject to confidential business information protections. We continue to work through petitions received for 2017 and will provide updated information, as soon as complete." **Liz Bowman, EPA spokesperson**

Additional background (not for attribution):

- As requests for waivers are based on CBI, EPA cannot share company-specific information.
- Any refinery that produces 75,000 barrels or less per day on an annualized basis can apply for the Small Refinery Hardship exemption.
- When first established, the program automatically exempted refineries based solely on their output, which resulted in 59 small refineries being exempted from 2007 to 2010. Post-2010, qualifying refineries seeking a small refinery hardship exemption submit financial information to EPA. EPA then shares this information with DOE and DOE uses a scoring matrix to quantify structural, economic and refinery-specific factors that may contribute to "disproportionate economic hardship."
- During the Obama Administration, there was often disagreement by EPA with DOE's recommendation. Since the start of this administration, EPA has worked to better coordinate with DOE to ensure cross-administration consistency.
- On August 15, 2017, EPA received an adverse decision from the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals, which found the agency's viability analysis employed by the previous administration to be inconsistent with congress's intent of the hardship exemption and outside its statutory authority (Sinclair Wyoming Refining Company v. EPA). Specifically, the court found EPA's requirement that refineries demonstrate an "existential threat" to their long-term viability as the standard for demonstrating "disproportionate economic hardship" inconsistent with EPA's statutory authority and vacated a previously denied hardship exemption and remanded Sinclair's hardship petitions back to EPA for further consideration.
- In 2016, EPA received 20 petitions and granted 19 based on DOE's recommendation.

**From:** Gordon, Meghan [mailto:meghan.gordon@spglobal.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 24, 2018 11:45 AM

**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Small refinery waivers

Hi Robert and press team,

How many 2017 small refinery waivers has EPA granted? Checking for any updates to the previous figures of 25 granted out of 29 petitions received.

Ahead of Administrator Pruitt's testimony later this week, can you share why the agency considers these waivers as important and justified under the RFS? Just looking for some more color for a curtain raiser.

Many thanks,
Meghan

Meghan Gordon
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Message

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**To**: Daniell, Kelsi [daniell.kelsi@epa.gov]; Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]; Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]; Beach, Christopher [beach.christopher@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: FOR OPA REVIEW AND APPROVAL: American Cyanamid Superfund Site News Release

All .. sorry .. just saw that molly had edited .. will get to the region now

Thanks ng

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 22, 2018 3:49 PM
**To:** Daniell, Kelsi <daniell.kelsi@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>
**Subject:** FW: FOR OPA REVIEW AND APPROVAL: American Cyanamid Superfund Site News Release

All – please see attached – as event is tomorrow and region needs to leave first thing, they are looking to get this approved by cob today.

Wanting to make sure Administrator's quote is approved.
Thanks ng

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**From:** Mears, Mary
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**To:** Daniell, Kelsi <daniell.kelsi@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Rodriguez, Elias <Rodriguez.Elias@epa.gov>; Dimas, Melissa <Dimas.Melissa@epa.gov>; May, Jennifer <May.Jennifer@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: FOR OPA REVIEW AND APPROVAL: American Cyanamid Superfund Site News Release

I was not sure to whom to send this, so sending to all just in case. This is the release with a Pete-approved Pete Lopez quote. We are still waiting on NJDEP and Mayor quotes.

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**From:** Daniell, Kelsi
**Sent:** Monday, May 21, 2018 3:59 PM

**To:** Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: FOR OPA REVIEW AND APPROVAL: American Cyanamid Superfund Site News Release

Mary – Can you work on adding a quote from RA Lopez? We'll edit release and get back to you!

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**From:** Block, Molly
**Sent:** Monday, May 21, 2018 3:43 PM
**To:** regionalpress <regionalpress@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>; Daniell, Kelsi <daniell.kelsi@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: FOR OPA REVIEW AND APPROVAL: American Cyanamid Superfund Site News Release

Adding Chris Beach too look at the quote.

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**Subject:** FW: FOR OPA REVIEW AND APPROVAL: American Cyanamid Superfund Site News Release
**Importance:** High

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**From:** Kluesner, Dave
**Sent:** Monday, May 21, 2018 7:41:51 PM (UTC+00:00) Monrovia, Reykjavik
**To:** regionalpress
**Cc:** Mears, Mary; Rodriguez, Elias
**Subject:** FOR OPA REVIEW AND APPROVAL: American Cyanamid Superfund Site News Release

[PETE APPROVED]

Attached news release for May 23 issue, is scheduled to coincide with the Proposed Plan announcement / media event in Bridgewater, NJ.

NOTE: Proposed Administrator quote.

Also attached is the Comms Strategy.

Please let me know if you have any questions. thanks

David W. Kluesner

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**Subject**: FW: Region 4 Administrator Trey Glenn

I'm working with Leopold and R4 on this FYI…

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**From:** Konkus, John
**Sent:** Monday, July 2, 2018 11:12 AM
**To:** Sean Reilly <sreilly@eenews.net>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Region 4 Administrator Trey Glenn

Sean: We're working on this for you right now. We may slip past 11:30am.

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**From:** Sean Reilly [mailto:sreilly@eenews.net]
**Sent:** Sunday, July 1, 2018 7:49 PM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Region 4 Administrator Trey Glenn

Hi folks:

I'm working on a story for tomorrow on newly released court records which indicate that Mr. Glenn, then in the private sector, provided extensive services to a 2014-2015 advocacy campaign run by a partner in the Balch & Bingham law firm who, along with two other participants, is now on trial in Birmingham, Ala. on federal criminal charges related to that campaign. I have no indication that Mr. Glenn has been charged, but am attempting to determine whether he has been notified that he could be called as a witness in the trial and/or has been notified that he is the target of an investigation.

In the meantime, two questions:

1) Has Mr. Glenn informed the relevant EPA officials of his work for Balch & Bingham in a matter that is now the subject of federal criminal proceedings? If so, who are those officials?
2) Given Mr. Pruitt's emphasis on the rule of law, does he retain full confidence in Mr. Glenn's capacity to fully and faithfully discharge his duties as Region 4 administrator? If so, why? If not, why not, and (apart from the recusals that Mr. Glenn has already agreed to), have Mr. Pruitt or other EPA officials taken any steps to provide additional oversight of Mr. Glenn and/or restrict in some way his activities as Region 4 administrator?

My deadline is 11:30 tomorrow morning. I need on-the-record, for-attribution responses if we're going to use them.

Thanks very much,
Sean

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Many thanks,
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**Subject**: Re: Subject: methylene Chloride

Can you draft up a statement?

Sent from my iPhone

On May 8, 2018, at 10:53 AM, Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov> wrote:

Do we want to provide a statement **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

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**To:** Anne Emerson <atemerson@sbgtv.com>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Subject: methylene Chloride

Thanks, Anne. Someone will get back to you.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Anne Emerson [mailto:atemerson@sbgtv.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 08, 2018 10:39 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Subject: methylene Chloride
**Importance:** High

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Thank you,

Best,
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Third Floor, I assume you'll be handling?

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**Sent**: 5/1/2018 1:25:07 PM
**To**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: Social Media Project

Flagging as the inquiry, and the response from the web team, are pretty self-explanatory. I'll respond to the requestor unless I hear otherwise from you.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Orquina, Jessica
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 01, 2018 9:22 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>; Ryan, Jini <Ryan.Jini@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Social Media Project

Minus the requestor. Robert, it looks like Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Jess

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**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>; Ryan, Jini <Ryan.Jini@epa.gov>; Orquina, Jessica <Orquina.Jessica@epa.gov>
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Hi,

My name is Nels Bergeron. For the past four months I have been working on a project regarding the EPA's social media campaign/platforms. Would you be willing to answer a few questions for me regarding the project, or reccomend someone who would be willing to talk to me? Thank you.

Best,

Nels Bergeron

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Tomorrow morning is fine.

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**From**: Corbin Hiar [chiar@eenews.net]
**Sent**: 5/7/2018 6:28:11 PM
**To**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Request for comment on science proposal and pesticides

The article has been updated. Thanks for the response.

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 1:55 PM
**To:** Corbin Hiar <chiar@eenews.net>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Request for comment on science proposal and pesticides

Corbin, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

**EPA is currently evaluating the specific impacts on the program and welcomes public comment**

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On May 7, 2018, at 12:26 PM, Corbin Hiar <chiar@eenews.net> wrote:

> My editor wants to run it in Greenwire, which comes out a bit after 1 so we can't hold it. But I can certainly update the story after publication with an EPA comment, if need be.
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> **From:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
> **Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 11:41 AM
> **To:** Corbin Hiar <chiar@eenews.net>
> **Subject:** RE: Request for comment on science proposal and pesticides
>
> Corbin, one more thing: How much wiggle room have you got on that deadline? Can you push it back at least a few hours?
>
> Cheers, R.
>
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> **From:** Daguillard, Robert
> **Sent:** Monday, May 07, 2018 11:25 AM

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Hey Corbin,

Lemme check.

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Environmental groups are claiming that the proposal would exempt pesticide reviews from the transparency requirements. Does EPA have any comment? If so, please get back to me before 1 pm.

Thanks, C

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Message

**From**: Grandoni, Dino [Dino.Grandoni@washpost.com]
**Sent**: 4/30/2018 7:28:27 PM
**To**: Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
**CC**: Dennis, Brady [Brady.Dennis@washpost.com]
**Subject**: Re: Question from Washington Post about RFS waivers

Thanks so much for this...

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**From:** Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Monday, April 30, 2018 2:55:30 PM
**To:** Grandoni, Dino; Press
**Cc:** Dennis, Brady
**Subject:** RE: Question from Washington Post about RFS waivers

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]
"The criteria used to grant waivers has not changed since previous administrations. EPA follows a long-standing, objectively determined process where the Agency uses a Department of Energy analysis to inform decisions about refiner exemptions/waivers, for refineries that are below the statutory threshold. EPA decisions on waivers are based on refinery-specific information that is subject to confidential business information protections. We continue to work through petitions received for 2017 and will provide updated information, as soon as complete." **Jahan Wilcox, EPA spokesperson**

Additional background (not for attribution):

- As requests for waivers are based on CBI, EPA cannot share company-specific information.
- Any refinery that produces 75,000 barrels or less per day on an annualized basis can apply for the Small Refinery Hardship exemption. As of 4/24/18: 24 approvals, 1 denial and 4 pending – total applicants are 29. There are 38 plants who could qualify for exemptions in the U.S.
- In 2016, EPA received 20 petitions and granted 19 based on DOE's recommendation.
- When first established, the program automatically exempted refineries based solely on their output, which resulted in 59 small refineries being exempted from 2007 to 2010. Post-2010, qualifying refineries seeking a small refinery hardship exemption submit financial information to EPA. EPA then shares this information with DOE and DOE uses a scoring matrix to quantify structural, economic and refinery-specific factors that may contribute to "disproportionate economic hardship."
- During the Obama Administration, there was often disagreement by EPA with DOE's recommendation. Since the start of this administration, EPA has worked to better coordinate with DOE to ensure cross-administration consistency.
- On August 15, 2017, EPA received an adverse decision from the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals, which found the agency's viability analysis employed by the previous administration to be inconsistent with congress's intent of the hardship exemption and outside its statutory authority (Sinclair Wyoming Refining Company v. EPA). Specifically, the court found EPA's requirement that refineries demonstrate an "existential threat" to their long-term viability as the standard for demonstrating "disproportionate economic hardship" inconsistent with EPA's statutory authority and vacated a previously denied hardship exemption and remanded Sinclair's hardship petitions back to EPA for further consideration.

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**From:** Grandoni, Dino [mailto:Dino.Grandoni@washpost.com]
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**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Dennis, Brady <Brady.Dennis@washpost.com>
**Subject:** Question from Washington Post about RFS waivers

Hi there,

Hope your Monday is starting off well. I'm writing in with a few questions about Renewable Fuel Standard financial hardship waivers granted by the EPA to oil refiners recently.

Would you be able to confirm for me that the agency has granted CVR Energy a hardship waiver from the Renewable Fuel Standard, as has been reported by Reuters? In total, who many hardship waivers has the EPA granted this year? How many requests are pending and how many requests have been denied? How, if at all, has the EPA changed the way it grants the waivers since President Trump has taken office?

Let me know what you are able to tell me, both on the record and on background. Thanks for fielding my request.

All the best,
Dino

Message

**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 5/25/2018 8:22:34 PM
**To:** Megan Michelson [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Re: Story for Outside about Deet's impact on clothing - deadline

Megan, on background, i.e. for attribution to the Agency, please:

EPA's assessments are focused on the safety and effectiveness of pesticides. EPA has registered products that consumers can spray on clothing to repel mosquitoes and ticks. Users should always read and follow label directions when using any pesticide product. As a federal regulatory agency, EPA does not recommend any particular pesticide product or active ingredient, since doing so could result in an unfair business advantage.

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Washington D.C.
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On May 22, 2018, at 4:47 PM, Megan Michelson <[Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]> wrote:

> OK, great! Thank you again. I'll await a response and will check with my editor about an extension.
>
> Much appreciated,
> Megan
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> Megan Michelson
> writer, editor
> www.meganmichelson.com
> 530-320-7587
>
> On Tue, May 22, 2018 at 1:45 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:
> We'll almost certainly respond in writing. But an extension would hugely help.
>
> Robert Daguillard
> U.S. EPA
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> 202-564-6618 (O)
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> On May 22, 2018, at 4:44 PM, Megan Michelson <[Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]> wrote:
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>> Thanks for the speedy response. I can try to push it if that's the only window. Is there someone there who can speak to be about this before Friday? I can ask for an extension if necessary.

Thanks!
Megan

Megan Michelson
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On Tue, May 22, 2018 at 1:38 PM, Daguillard, Robert
<Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Hey Megan,

Thanks for reaching out. That's a pretty tight deadline, to be honest. How late can you push it back? Friday would be optimal.

Happy to discuss. Thx.

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On May 22, 2018, at 4:30 PM, Megan Michelson
<Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)> wrote:

Hi Robert,

Hoping you might be able to help. I'm a journalist working on a story for Outside Magazine's website about the impacts of Deet on outdoor clothing. I'm looking for an expert at the EPA who might be able to talk to me about what happens when Deet-based products are sprayed onto say, a Gore-Tex jacket, and why folks should use permethrin on clothing instead.

My deadline is tomorrow! Here are questions via email. Please let me know if you can help. Many thanks.

Have any studies or research been conducted on the impact of Deet repellent on clothing/gear, and if so, what were those findings? What, if any, are the main concerns with applying Deet-based products to outerwear?

How much Deet needs to come into contact with gear to really have that impact? Do you have to dump a gallon of Deet on a jacket to see it break down or can a couple of sprays have a strong impact?

Instead of using Deet on clothing, folks should look for products with permethrin instead, is that right?

Thank you!
Megan

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Message

**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 4/27/2018 12:50:05 PM
**To**: Suzanne Yohannan [suzanne.yohannan@iwpnews.com]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Superfund Reforms webinars

Suzanne, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

All webinars related to the Superfund Task Force will be posted to the "Public Participation Activities" page on the Superfund Task Force website once registration opens.

https://www.epa.gov/superfund/superfund-task-force-public-participation-opportunities

Cheers, R.

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Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) (M)

-----Original Message-----
From: Suzanne Yohannan [mailto:suzanne.yohannan@iwpnews.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 4:59 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Superfund Reforms webinars

Dear Press Officer,

I'm a reporter for Inside EPA. I'd heard that the agency was going to have some public webinars on Superfund reforms. If so, could I obtain information on when and how to access them?

Thanks.

Suzanne Yohannan

Inside EPA

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Message

**From**: Justin Goodman [justin@whitecoatwaste.org]
**Sent**: 9/6/2019 8:42:21 PM
**To**: Bennett, Tate [Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]; McFaul, Jessica [mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov]
**CC**: Kolb, John (JohnMark) [kolb.john@epa.gov]; Mills, William T. [mills.williamt@epa.gov]; Struhar, Kirby [struhar.kirby@epa.gov]; Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: EPA Contact - Animal Testing

Excellent! Looking forward to it.

Justin

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**From:** "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
**Date:** Friday, September 6, 2019 at 4:40 PM
**To:** Justin Goodman <justin@whitecoatwaste.org>, "McFaul, Jessica" <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>
**Cc:** "Kolb, John (JohnMark)" <kolb.john@epa.gov>, "Mills, William T." <mills.williamt@epa.gov>, "Struhar, Kirby" <struhar.kirby@epa.gov>, "Block, Molly" <block.molly@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: EPA Contact - Animal Testing

Hey Justin- Great to e-meet you! Thomas will set up a call with the group on Monday? He can also get you information re building instructions.

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**From:** Justin Goodman <justin@whitecoatwaste.org>
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So great to connect with everyone! Please let me know if there's anything we can do between now and Monday.

Happy to connect on phone or email if anything is needed in the meantime.

Justin

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On Sep 6, 2019, at 4:25 PM, McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov> wrote:

Looping our public engagement folks, Tate Bennett and Thomas Mills, and Kirby Struhar from OCIR.

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Sounds good!

Have a great weekend,

Justin

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Let's circle back up on Monday. Would love to hear your thoughts on what press to invite. Jess

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Message

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**Sent:** 4/13/2018 1:17:46 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Re: On deadline: questions about GHG/fuel economy decision

Thank you Robert

On Fri, Apr 13, 2018 at 8:07 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Mr. O'Kane, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

As noted in the FR Notice announcing the final determination, the Administrator believes the MY 2022-2025 GHG emission standards are not appropriate and, should be revised. EPA, in partnership with NHTSA, will further explore the appropriate degree and form of changes to the program through a notice and comment rulemaking process. This Determination is not a final agency action. As EPA explained in the 2012 final rule that established the mid-term evaluation process, a determination to maintain the current standards would be a final agency action, but a determination that the standards are not appropriate would lead to the initiation of a rulemaking to adopt new standards.

Cheers, R.

Robert Daguillard

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**From:** Block, Molly
**Sent:** Thursday, April 12, 2018 4:12 PM
**To:** Sean O'Kane <sean.okane@theverge.com>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: On deadline: questions about GHG/fuel economy decision

Adding the press office.

**From:** Sean O'Kane [mailto:sean.okane@theverge.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 12, 2018 4:09 PM
**To:** Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: On deadline: questions about GHG/fuel economy decision

Hi Molly, wanted to make sure you saw this before the close of business. Thanks!

On Thu, Apr 12, 2018 at 11:48 AM, Sean O'Kane <sean.okane@theverge.com> wrote:

Hi Molly,

I'm nearing publish on a story about last week's decision about the GHG/Fuel economy standards, and I wanted to ask a few questions/give the EPA a chance to comment.

One of the things the piece focuses on is that a main argument made in the EPA's new final determination document is that sales of electrified light vehicles are trending downward, and since automakers believe they need a significant mix of EVs to meet the standards, that this could make the ones in place hard to reach. But the final determination document supports this argument with a chart that shows data from 2016. More recent data compiled by the same groups (Wards, Hybridcars.com, CAR) shows that this trend has reversed.

- Can the EPA explain why it relied on a chart that shows data from more than a year ago to support this argument, when more recent data is available?
- The previous administration's final determination document came to the conclusion that automakers would only need a mix of around 2% of EVs in their fleet, and 5% hybrids. The new final determination document says some automakers disagree, but why doesn't it show any work to back up those claims?

Another argument made in the new final determination is that the upfront costs could go up with the current standards. But the previous administration found in its final determination document that any upfront costs would be offset by fuel savings over the lifetime of the vehicle, even with low oil prices. And additionally, this would negatively impacting low-income consumers. But some people I've spoken to say low-income consumers buy largely on the used, not new market.

- Was the data about low-income consumers buying more on the used market considered by the current EPA?
- How does the current EPA weigh the upfront cost versus the cost over the lifetime of the vehicle?

Lastly, the new final determination document heavily quotes the public comments from manufacturers and the auto industry's big lobbying groups.

- Were the claims that were made in these public comments vetted in any way before they were included in the EPA's final determination document?

Thanks, and happy to chat on the phone if that works, too. I'm available at the number below.

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**Sent**: 4/12/2018 8:50:51 PM
**To**: deldredge@hannah.com
**Subject**: RE: Press Inquiry on Judge's Order on Lake Erie Impairment

Danny—

For attribution to "an EPA spokesperson:"

EPA appreciates the efforts announced last month by the state of Ohio to assess the quality of water in western Lake Erie. EPA will review the order and will continue to work closely with the states and other stakeholders to ensure that local residents continue to have access to safe drinking water and to promote recreation on Lake Erie.

Best,

Tricia

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Tricia Lynn
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**From:** Danny Eldredge <deldredge@hannah.com>
**Date:** April 12, 2018 at 10:46:16 AM CDT
**To:** "Rowan.Anne@epa.gov" <Rowan.Anne@epa.gov>
**Subject: Press Inquiry on Judge's Order on Lake Erie Impairment**

Hello,

Hello,

Does the USEPA have a comment on this order (attached) from U.S. District Court Judge James Carr?
Please email a statement or give me a call at Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Thanks,

Danny Eldredge, Hannah News Service

Message

**From**: Annie Snider [asnider@politico.com]
**Sent**: 4/19/2018 6:32:38 PM
**To**: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Comment for story on scientific transparency policy? - 3pm deadline

Got it, thanks. Do you have any updates on when the new policy will be made public?

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**From:** Bowman, Liz [mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 19, 2018 2:23 PM
**To:** Annie Snider <asnider@politico.com>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Comment for story on scientific transparency policy? - 3pm deadline

Hi Annie – These discussions are part of the deliberative process; the policy is still being developed. It's important to understand; however, that any standards for protecting CBI would be the same for all stakeholders. Thanks – Liz

**On background (not for attribution):**
The policy is that EPA wants the underlying data. The Agency always sees the CBI, to consider in their analysis. this is more about what would be shared with the public (for the sake of possible reproducibility) – it is not a double standard with regard to what we will evaluate.

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**From:** Annie Snider [mailto:asnider@politico.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 19, 2018 12:32 PM
**To:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Comment for story on scientific transparency policy? - 3pm deadline

Hi all, I am working on a story about the new scientific transparency policy in the works and some of the back and forth about it that is in the FOIAed documents released to the Union of Concerned Scientists earlier this week. The emails show that Nancy Beck raised a number of concerns about a draft version of the policy having the effect of excluding industry data that is currently used for pesticide and TSCA reviews because it's not peer reviewed and/or considered confidential business information, and that efforts were made to revise the policy to avoid that issue. Here are a few questions I'd like comment on:

-Will industry studies and data be exempt from the new transparency requirements?
-Many scientists have raised concerns that laws around personal medical records would prevent them from making some epidemiological data public. Will there be an exemption for such circumstances?
-If not, how do you justify one set of standards for industry and another set of standards for academic and other researchers?
-The emails suggest the original goal was to roll out the policy at the end of February, but it still hasn't been made public. Has it been more difficult to develop than anticipated?

I'm working on a 3pm deadline. Feel free to give me a ring if you want to discuss – am at my desk today: 703-672-2819.

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Message

**From**: Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 4/19/2018 6:11:38 PM
**To**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: For Review: E&E News (Ben Hulac) re follow-up on 2017 sustainability report (Deadline: 4/19)

**Internal background only:** Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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## Suggested Response:

## On background: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

**From:** Benjamin Hulac <bhulac@eenews.net>
**Date:** April 19, 2018 at 1:51:10 PM EDT
**To:** "Jones, Enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
**Subject: RE: Questions about your agency, sustainability report**

Hello Enesta,

Thank you for writing back.

Has EPA completed an SSPP for the year 2017? If so, has it submitted that report to the Office of Management and Budget?

Thank you,
Ben

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**From:** Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 3:59 PM
**To:** Benjamin Hulac <bhulac@eenews.net>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Questions about your agency, sustainability report

Ben,

## On background (not for attribution):

The Chief Sustainability Officer position is currently vacant.

On Apr 10, 2018, at 12:30 PM, Benjamin Hulac <bhulac@eenews.net> wrote:

To whom it may concern at EPA,

My name is Ben Hulac, I'm a reporter with E&E News, and I cover climate change and money.

President Obama, through and executive order (No. 13693), required federal agencies to annually submit what is known as a Strategic Sustainability Performance Plan, or SSPP. It's described in Section 14 of that EO.

He signed it in March of 2015, and through the end of his presidency, agencies submitted their SSPP's – which are sprawling and often rather detailed documents describing a slew of climate, energy and waste goals. Here is EPA's for 2016, for example: https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-09/documents/epa_2016_strategic_sustainability_performance_plan.pdf

The Trump administration, by my count, has only submitted one SSPP so far. It was from DHS and it came out last summer. That means the federal government is in violation of an executive order issued by the previous administration.

Questions:

1. Has the Environmental Protection Agency issued an SSPP report during the Trump administration?
2. Does the agency have a chief sustainability officer in place?

My deadline is 7 a.m. Eastern time tomorrow morning.

Thank you, sincerely,
Ben

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**From**: Lynn, Tricia [lynn.tricia@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 4/12/2018 8:49:01 PM
**To**: Eric Heisig [eheisig@cleveland.com]
**Subject**: RE: judge's ruling re: impaired Lake Erie waters near Toledo

Eric—

For attribution to "an EPA spokesperson:"

EPA appreciates the efforts announced last month by the state of Ohio to assess the quality of water in western Lake Erie. EPA will review the order and will continue to work closely with the states and other stakeholders to ensure that local residents continue to have access to safe drinking water and to promote recreation on Lake Erie.

Best,

Tricia

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**From:** Eric Heisig [mailto:eheisig@cleveland.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 12, 2018 12:22 PM
**To:** Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
**Subject:** judge's ruling re: impaired Lake Erie waters near Toledo

Hi Heidi-

I am doing a story about a federal judge's ruling in a lawsuit filed by the Environmental Law & Policy Center against the Ohio and U.S. EPAs regarding designating portions of Lake Erie as being "impaired." While he ruled against the ELPC, he had some strong words for both EPAs and how the process of designating the waters has unfolded.

The suit's case number is 3:17-cv-01514-JGC, filed in the Northern District of Ohio. I didn't know if your office wanted to comment. Can you please let me know?

Thanks,

Eric

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Message

**From**: Lynn, Tricia [lynn.tricia@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 4/12/2018 8:47:49 PM
**To**: aebert@bloomberglaw.com
**Subject**: RE: FW: Document Available: Environmental Law and Policy Center et al v. Environmental Protection Agency et al

Alex—

For attribution to "an EPA spokesperson:"

EPA appreciates the efforts announced last month by the state of Ohio to assess the quality of water in western Lake Erie. EPA will review the order and will continue to work closely with the states and other stakeholders to ensure that local residents continue to have access to safe drinking water and to promote recreation on Lake Erie.

Best,

Tricia

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**From:** "Ebert, Alexander" <aebert@bloomberglaw.com>
**Date:** April 12, 2018 at 10:25:50 AM EDT
**To:** "jones.enesta@epa.gov" <jones.enesta@epa.gov>, "Rowan.Anne@epa.gov" <Rowan.Anne@epa.gov>
**Subject: FW: Document Available: Environmental Law and Policy Center et al v. Environmental Protection Agency et al**

Good morning Enesta and Anne:

We're doing a quick story today on the attached order in the case: N.D. Ohio No. 3:17-cv-1514. We're filing by 1 p.m. eastern.

Would the U.S. EPA like to provide comment about the attached order, ordering the U.S. EPA to make a decision about Ohio's 2016 3030(d) list within the next 30 days, and saying that Ohio failed to follow the CWA in ignoring data showing the open waters of Lake Erie's western basin was impaired?

Thanks!

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**Alex Ebert**

Correspondent for Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, and Ohio

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**From:** bloomberglaw@bna.com [mailto:bloomberglaw@bna.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 12, 2018 9:54 AM
**To:** Ebert, Alexander <aebert@bloomberglaw.com>
**Subject:** Document Available: Environmental Law and Policy Center et al v. Environmental Protection Agency et al

## Document Available

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Environmental Law and Policy Center et al v. Environmental Protection Agency et al

Your request for Entry #29 has been obtained and is attached to this message.

It may take several minutes for this document to be available for viewing on the docket sheet.

Your pleading can also be found by logging into www.bloomberglaw.com and navigating to the Docket Requests page.

For further assistance you may call our Help Desk at 888.560.2529

Message

**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 4/12/2018 4:54:51 PM
**To:** Georgina Gustin [georgina.gustin@insideclimatenews.org]
**Subject:** Re: CAFO Air Emissions Story/Media Request

Thanks, Georgina. Checking. What's the latest we can get back to you?

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On Apr 12, 2018, at 12:47 PM, Georgina Gustin <georgina.gustin@insideclimatenews.org> wrote:

> Hi Robert.
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> I hope you're well.
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> Just checking in on this before our story runs. Am I running this search correctly? Not for attribution, but there have been no violations under the CAA, per this database. Is that right?
>
> Thank you so much for your help!
>
> -GG
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> On Fri, Mar 30, 2018 at 3:55 PM, Georgina Gustin <georgina.gustin@insideclimatenews.org> wrote:
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> > .... So, I just did a search. Double checking to make sure I'm doing it right. There have been no violations under the CAA, right?
> >
> > Thanks!
> >
> > -G
> >
> > On Fri, Mar 30, 2018 at 3:55 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:
> >
> > > Likewise, Georgina.
> > >
> > > Cheers, R.
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**From:** Georgina Gustin [mailto:georgina.gustin@insideclimatenews.org]
**Sent:** Friday, March 30, 2018 3:52 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>

**Subject:** Re: CAFO Air Emissions Story/Media Request

Thank you, Robert. Hope you have a great weekend.

-GG

On Fri, Mar 30, 2018 at 2:27 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Georgina, on background, please:

**On background:** Development of emissions estimation methodologies for animal feeding operations was delayed both due to technical concerns raised by the EPA Science Advisory Board's (SAB) review of the initial draft methodologies in 2013 and due to shifting agency priorities and funding. Overall, the SAB recommended that the agency discontinue statistical model methodologies and instead develop process-based models. EPA has hired staff with experience both in developing statistical model methodologies and working with the animal agriculture industry for this project. We plan to focus on completing the statistical model methodologies as initially planned. EPA has completed a quality assurance project plan, which will guide our analysis of data collected during the National Air Emissions Monitoring Study as we develop these methodologies. We anticipate publishing a schedule for the development of these methodologies by July 2018.

More information about National Air Emissions Monitoring Study

https://www.epa.gov/afos-air/national-air-emissions-monitoring-study

It's important to note, that EPA believes Congress did not intend to impose EPCRA reporting requirements on farms engaged in routine agricultural operations. The statute does not define "routine agricultural operations," and EPA has previously identified examples of routine

agricultural operations. Those examples were not intended to be exhaustive. EPA clarifies in the guidance that it interprets the term "routine agricultural operations" to encompass regular and routine operations at farms, animal feeding operations, nurseries, other horticultural operations and aquaculture.

You may be interested in searching EPA's Enforcement and Compliance History Online database for Clean Air Act enforcement cases for livestock agricultural production facilities:

1: Select the "02-Agricultural Production-Livestock" option from the SIC Code 2-digit selection dropdown menu in the "Industry" section of the "Case Identifiers" section

2: Enter "112" in the NAICS code box just below the SIC Code fields (that 112 code corresponds to animal production facilities in the North American Industry Classification System")

3: Select "Clean Air Act" in the "Law Cited" dropdown menu in the "Case Attributes" section

4: Hit "Search" in the yellow box on the right side of the page once all of the above selections have been made

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Cheers, R.

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**From:** Georgina Gustin [mailto:georgina.gustin@insideclimatenews.org]
**Sent:** Monday, March 26, 2018 12:36 PM
**To:** Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>

**Subject:** Re: CAFO Air Emissions Story/Media Request

Hi Tricia and Robert.

Thanks for your note. I hope this helps!

I know the agency has been working on the developing and approving emissions factors for a long time. Can someone explain for why it's taken so long? What the specific difficulties have been?

Also, has the agency ever pursued/fined an AFO for a Clean Air Act violation? When and where?

Finally, under guidance issued last fall, the agency exempted AFO's from reporting air emissions under EPCRA. Why did the agency issued that guidance? Does it encompass all AFOs?

Thanks!

-GG

On Mon, Mar 26, 2018 at 12:23 PM, Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov> wrote:

> Georgina—

Can you please share specific questions? The program is having trouble addressing this because it's too broad.

Thanks so much. Please be sure to include Robert in your response as I'm about to go out on leave for the next week or so.

Thank you!

-Tricia

**From:** Georgina Gustin [mailto:georgina.gustin@insideclimatenews.org]
**Sent:** Thursday, March 22, 2018 1:11 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: CAFO Air Emissions Story/Media Request

Hi. Thanks so much for your speedy reply. I'll be working on this over the next few days and it won't run until next week at the earliest.

Best,

Georgina

On Thu, Mar 22, 2018 at 1:07 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Georgina. What's the latest we can get back to you?

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Georgina Gustin [mailto:georgina.gustin@insideclimatenews.org]
**Sent:** Thursday, March 22, 2018 12:57 PM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Fwd: CAFO Air Emissions Story/Media Request

Hello,

I'm forwarding this on to the main press address, because I just got a bounce-back from Enesta. We'd like to run the story next week.

Best,

Georgina

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: **Georgina Gustin** <georgina.gustin@insideclimatenews.org>
Date: Thu, Mar 22, 2018 at 12:55 PM
Subject: CAFO Air Emissions Story/Media Request
To: "Jones, Enesta" <jones.enesta@epa.gov>

Hi Enesta,

I hope you're well.

I'm working on a story about CAFO air emissions and am hoping the agency can comment.

I'm looking at:

- The agency's efforts to develop emissions factors.

- The OIG report from last year, stating that EPA has taken too long to develop its methodologies

- New legislation that would exempt AFOs from reporting air emissions under CERCLA

- The agency's 2008 reporting exemption for CAFOs and its guidance from last fall, saying that facilities with "routine agricultural operations" don't have to report.

I'm hoping the agency can explain why it has been unable to develop its emission factors and where it stands on the reporting exemptions under CERCLA, EPCRA and the Clean Air Act.

Please let me know if you need more information.

Thanks,

Georgina

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Message

**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 4/9/2018 12:52:50 PM
**To**: Elliott Blackburn [elliott.blackburn@argusmedia.com]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Small refiner waivers

Good morning Elliott,

On background (not for attribution): We do not have specifics on overall refining capacity.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Elliott Blackburn [mailto:elliott.blackburn@argusmedia.com]
**Sent:** Friday, April 06, 2018 12:12 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** FW: Small refiner waivers

Good afternoon, Robert,

Following up on this end of the inquiry, seeking to double check the number of small refinery waiver recipients for the 2016 compliance year and the associated volume of RINs. Can EPA also provide the volume of RINs so far associated with the hardship waivers for the 2017 compliance year, and whether there have been any additional applications or recipients since Tuesday?

Thank you,

Elliott

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**From:** Elliott Blackburn
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 4, 2018 8:31 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Small refiner waivers

You're correct, sorry for the time skip. I am double checking the waivers for 2016.

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 4, 2018 8:29 AM
**To:** Elliott Blackburn <elliott.blackburn@argusmedia.com>
**Subject:** RE: Small refiner waivers

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Elliott, sorry: By "last year," you mean 2016, correct?

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Elliott Blackburn [mailto:elliott.blackburn@argusmedia.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 04, 2018 9:23 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Small refiner waivers

Robert, one last thing to double check – I have that 12 exemptions were given last year (for 515mn RINs, per the NPRM and final rule). Can you confirm at least the number of exemptions?

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 4, 2018 8:07 AM
**To:** Elliott Blackburn <elliott.blackburn@argusmedia.com>
**Subject:** RE: Small refiner waivers

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Correct.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Elliott Blackburn [mailto:elliott.blackburn@argusmedia.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 04, 2018 9:06 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Small refiner waivers

Thanks very much. To clarify, when you say on background, you mean attributable to the agency but not to you?

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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 4, 2018 7:58 AM
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**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** FW: Small refiner waivers

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Good morning Elliott. On background, please:

"For the 2017 compliance year, we have received 29 petitions from small refineries. To date, we have granted exemptions for 25 of those."

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Elliott Blackburn [mailto:elliott.blackburn@argusmedia.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 03, 2018 2:24 PM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Small refiner waivers

Good afternoon,

- How many RINs associated with small refinery exemptions to the RFS has the EPA awarded so far for the 2017 compliance year? The agency last year said it had granted waivers representing 390mn overall RINs for 2016.
- How many applications for small refinery exemptions to the RFS has the EPA received for the 2017 compliance year?
- How many applications for small refinery exemptions to the RFS for 2017 has the EPA rejected so far?
- When will EPA complete its process for determining small refinery exemptions under the RFS for the 2017 compliance year?

Thank you,

Elliott

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Message

**From**: regionalpress [regionalpress@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 4/11/2018 9:47:54 PM
**To**: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]; Hewitt, James [hewitt.james@epa.gov]; Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]; Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]; Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: Author: Book on Waukegan Superfund sites - writing another book and articles. DDL 2/26

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**From:** Bassler, Rachel
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 11, 2018 9:47:52 PM (UTC+00:00) Monrovia, Reykjavik
**To:** regionalpress
**Cc:** Kelley, Jeff; Rowan, Anne
**Subject:** RE: Author: Book on Waukegan Superfund sites - writing another book and articles. DDL 2/26

Hi Nancy,

Cathy has been very busy these last few weeks and every time we try to schedule a briefing to inform her about the Waukegan Superfund sites, we've had to reschedule. Since she won't be available to meet with our folks until April 30, we would like to Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
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Thanks,
Rachel

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**From:** regionalpress
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 14, 2018 12:02 PM
**To:** Bassler, Rachel <Bassler.Rachel@epa.gov>; regionalpress <regionalpress@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Kelley, Jeff <kelley.jeff@epa.gov>; Rowan, Anne <rowan.anne@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Author: Book on Waukegan Superfund sites - writing another book and articles. DDL 2/26

Hi .. connected with Kell – he thinks Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Thanks ng

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**Subject:** Author: Book on Waukegan Superfund sites - writing another book and articles. DDL 2/26

The author Nancy Nichols will be in town at the end of February/early March and would like to sit down with EPA to get a general update on three Superfund sites in Waukegan, IL, the topic of her previous book. The author is writing another book and some articles about the sites and would like to know how the sites are progressing and whether they will be delisted in the near future. Our thought is to Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) If the author would like anything for attribution, Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Here's a link to her first book, *Lake Effect*, published in 2008 https://www.amazon.com/Lake-Effect-Sisters-Towns-Legacy/dp/1597260843/ref=sr_1_fkmr0_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1518551959&sr=1-1-fkmr0&keywords=nancy+nicholson+waukegan

Ok to move forward?

Thanks,
Rachel

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Message

**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 4/11/2018 9:43:54 PM
**To:** Kierra Chinn [kierra@capitallydc.com]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Re: EPA and Fashion

Kierra, on background (not for attribution), please:

1. **Is the textile recycling process like recycling cardboard? Or does textile recycling mean donating and reusing clothing? If the first, can you explain that process?**

   Recycling textiles does not mean donation or reusing items. Textiles that are donated enter the reuse market to be worn again in their current form, so they are not included in the recycling estimate. On the other hand, textiles that are recycled are recovered materials that are made into another product, such as wiping and polishing cloths.

   **2. Why is textile reduction and recycling (tier one on hierarchy chart) the best for environmental reasons?**

   The most effective way to reduce waste is to not create it in the first place. Making a new product requires a lot of materials and energy—raw materials must be extracted from the earth, and the product must be fabricated and then transported to wherever it will be sold. As a result, source reduction and reuse are the most effective ways you can save natural resources, conserve energy, reduce pollution, reduce the toxicity of waste, and save money for consumers and businesses alike. Please see our Reducing and Reusing Basics page (https://www.epa.gov/recycle/reducing-and-reusing-basics) for additional information.

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On Apr 9, 2018, at 2:34 PM, Kierra Chinn <kierra@capitallydc.com> wrote:

Hi Robert,

That will work, thanks for setting up that communication. Questions below, deadline is April 12.

1. Is the textile recycling process like recycling cardboard? Or does textile recycling mean donating and reusing clothing? If the first, can you explain that process?

2. Why is textile reduction and recycling (tier one on hierarchy chart) the best for environmental reasons?

On Mon, Apr 9, 2018 at 2:26 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Kierra, thanks. I don't think it'll be possible to schedule recycling program staff for an interview, but we'll send you written responses if you send us specific questions. Also, can you share your firm deadline?

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Kierra Chinn [mailto:kierra@capitallydc.com]
**Sent:** Friday, April 06, 2018 5:32 PM

**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: EPA and Fashion

Hi Robert,

Thanks for the information. Do you know someone who would be willing to go on the record for a quote about why reduction and recycling is the best option for the environment?

When it states textile recycling in the document that means donating, not recycling like we would cardboard?

Thanks!

On Thu, Mar 29, 2018 at 6:14 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Kierra, on background, please:

EPA developed the non-hazardous materials and waste management hierarchy (https://www.epa.gov/smm/sustainable-materials-management-non-hazardous-materials-and-waste-management-hierarchy) in recognition that no single waste management approach is suitable for managing all materials and waste streams in all circumstances. The hierarchy ranks the various management strategies from most to least environmentally preferred. The hierarchy places emphasis on reducing, reusing and recycling as key to sustainable materials management. Source Reduction and Reuse, which donation and shopping used clothes falls under, is the most environmentally preferred strategy. Visit our web page on donation (https://www.epa.gov/recycle/reducing-and-reusing-basics#donate) for more information on the benefits of donation and where to donate.

We continue to develop more integrated tools for assessing the environmental impacts of various products. Information on clothing and footwear management can be found in our annual Advancing Sustainable Materials Management: Facts and Figures 2014 Data Tables (https://www.epa.gov/smm/advancing-sustainable-materials-management-facts-and-figures-report). Our most recent information is from 2014. In the 2014 Data Tables pdf, Table 18 shows that 12.15 million tons of clothing and footwear were generated. Of this amount, 1.9 million tons were recycled, for a 15.6 percent recycling rate (Table 19). Table 20 shows that 2.01 million tons were combusted with energy recovery and Table 21 shows that 8.24 million tons were landfilled.

Please note that most of the information we report pertains to the management of products and materials at the end of their lifespan.

You can find additional information here: https://www.epa.gov/p2/learn-about-pollution-prevention#epa

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Kierra Chinn [mailto:kierra@capitallydc.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 20, 2018 10:42 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: EPA and Fashion

Hi Robert,

Our deadline is April 20 and right now we are collecting research to figure out where we should focus our articles. The main question I have now is what are the goals of the environmental community (specially the EPA) to alleviate the strain that fashion puts on the environment? What is the future of fashion?

Based on my research it seems like major areas are:

- Cotton and water intake
- Limiting waste by donating and shopping used clothes
- Dyes and chemicals

Again, we are trying to target the scope of the articles based on actual concerns from people working within environmental regulatory and protection agencies. Are you able to point to 3-8 main goals/ concerns?

On Tue, Mar 20, 2018 at 10:14 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

> Good morning and thanks, Kierra,
>
> Can you tell me more about your focus? Are you interested in things like pesticides in clothing, toxic chemicals, dyes, impact of same on water? Can you send specific questions?
>
> Also, are you at the research stage or are you actually writing a story on deadline at the moment?

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Kierra Chinn [mailto:kierra@capitallydc.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 20, 2018 9:45 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** EPA and Fashion

Good morning Robert,

My name is Kierra Chinn—a writer with Capitally Magazine. We are currently working on a series of articles regarding fashion and its impact on the environment.

We are starting to have conversations with various environmental groups to better understand the goals of the environmental community as it relates to toxic/wasteful practices of the fashion industry.

Please let me know if you have time this week to discuss further.

Best,

Kierra

Message

**From**: Lynn, Tricia [lynn.tricia@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 4/11/2018 2:02:23 PM
**To**: dlaross@iwpnews.com
**Subject**: RE: Coal ash permitting

David—

My apologies for the delay. For attribution to "an EPA spokesperson:"

EPA is still evaluating all options and working closely with our state partners.

Best,

Tricia

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Tricia Lynn
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-----Original Message-----
From: David LaRoss [mailto:dlaross@iwpnews.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 1:19 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Coal ash permitting

I'm writing a story based on the appropriation in the new omnibus spending bill for EPA to establish a federal RCRA permit program for coal ash disposal, pursuant to the WIIN act. Does EPA have a comment on the schedule for designing that permit program, its possible scope, or what public steps it will go through before enactment?

Deadline is close of business today.

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David LaRoss
Inside EPA
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Message

**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 4/11/2018 12:15:29 PM
**To**: WNYW FOX5NEWS [WNYW.FOX5NEWS@FOXTV.COM]
**CC**: Kluesner, Dave [kluesner.dave@epa.gov]; Mears, Mary [Mears.Mary@epa.gov]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Fox 5 Inquiry

Hullo again Sarah,

If still needed, and for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

The EPA is familiar with the Environmental Working Group's Dirty Dozen List on pesticide residues in food, and has concluded that the rate of violations of pesticide maximum legal residue limits is very small, which confirms our analysis that the food supply is safe.

The EPA evaluates all pesticides marketed in the United States to make sure that they meet the strict safety standard of the Food Quality Protection Act and can be used with "a reasonable certainty of no harm." In making these decisions, we consider the public's overall exposure to pesticides through food, water and in home environments. Protecting human health, especially that of sensitive populations like children, is a priority for the EPA. Moreover, the EPA agrees with the experts who recommend consuming a varied diet including many fruits and vegetables, and washing them first (with plain water) to remove dirt, bacteria and pesticide residues.

**Background**:

The EPA requires substantial amounts of data about human health and environmental effects before approving a pesticide for use. We carefully evaluate the studies and conduct risk assessments to ensure that we understand and can mitigate any risks of concern. We have policies and procedures in place to conservatively assess exposures to pesticide residues in the diet. The agency believes that the pesticide risk assessments are health protective for children and adults.

EPA sets limits on how much pesticide residue can legally remain in foods marketed in the U.S. – fruits, vegetables, grains and other raw agricultural commodities, as well as in meat, poultry, eggs, and milk. These pesticide maximum residue limits are known as tolerances, and are set to protect the public from harmful levels of pesticides in food. USDA is responsible for enforcing tolerances established for pesticides in meat, poultry and certain egg products, while FDA enforces tolerances established for all other foods including certain other egg products. Working together, EPA, USDA and FDA ensure that the U.S. food supply is maintained safely at all times.

For more information on pesticides and food, visit:
http://www.epa.gov/safepestcontrol/food.html or
watch http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MdpZSSxKp68&feature=plcp

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 11, 2018 7:59 AM
**To:** 'WNYW FOX5NEWS' <WNYW.FOX5NEWS@FOXTV.COM>
**Cc:** Kluesner, Dave <kluesner.dave@epa.gov>; Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Fox 5 Inquiry

Good morning Sarah,

Do you still need a response? If not, and your story has already aired, can you send us a link – as I haven't found it on your web site? Thanks in advance.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Sarah Yoon -- TEMP [mailto:Sarah.Yoon@FOXTV.COM] **On Behalf Of** WNYW FOX5NEWS
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 5:46 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Fox 5 Inquiry

Hi Robert,

Thank you for getting back to us! This would be for our 10pm news tonight so we would need a statement by 8:30pm latest. Thank you!

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 5:41 PM
**To:** WNYW FOX5NEWS <WNYW.FOX5NEWS@FOXTV.COM>
**Subject:** Re: Fox 5 Inquiry

Good afternoon Sarah,

Thanks for reaching out. I don't know to what extent a response is possible today. What's your deadline?

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On Apr 10, 2018, at 5:18 PM, WNYW FOX5NEWS <WNYW.FOX5NEWS@FOXTV.COM> wrote:

Hello,

This is Sarah with Fox 5 News in NYC. We're looking for a statement from the US EPA in response to the Environmental Working Group's release of the list of 12 produce most likely to have pesticide residues and 15 with the least likely to contain pesticide residues. Please email: fox5news@foxtv.com. Thank you.

Here is a link to the article we're referencing:
https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation-now/2018/04/10/dirty-dozen-list-fruits-vegetables-most-pesticides/502096002/

Best,
Sarah
212-452-3808

Message

**From**: Ed Tibbetts [ETibbetts@qctimes.com]
**Sent**: 4/6/2018 4:38:20 PM
**To**: Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]; Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Hey, Jahan

Thanks

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**From:** Block, Molly [mailto:block.molly@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Friday, April 06, 2018 11:11 AM
**To:** Wilcox, Jahan; Ed Tibbetts
**Cc:** Press
**Subject:** RE: Hey, Jahan

Ed –

"The criteria used to grant waivers has not changed since previous administrations. EPA follows a long-standing, established process where the Agency uses a DOE analysis to inform decisions about refiner exemptions/waivers. These waivers are only considered for refineries that submit applications and that are below the blending threshold," **EPA spokesperson, Liz Bowman**

**On background** (not for attribution): DOE's analysis is developed based on information submitted to EPA, and DOE provides a recommendation with regard to the waiver. While the applications continue to come in, EPA has granted roughly 25 so far. We do not have specifics on overall refining capacity.

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**From:** Wilcox, Jahan
**Sent:** Friday, April 6, 2018 12:08 PM
**To:** Ed Tibbetts <ETibbetts@qctimes.com>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Hey, Jahan

Hey Ed –

Let me add the press inbox (press team) to this.

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**From:** Ed Tibbetts [mailto:ETibbetts@qctimes.com]
**Sent:** Friday, April 6, 2018 12:07 PM
**To:** Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Hey, Jahan

Working on a story today about biofuels groups complaining about reports of RFS waivers given to small refineries.

The Iowa Renewable Fuels Association says these waivers are making a liar out of President Trump and his promises to support the RFS. Do you want to respond?

Also, what is the number of waivers that were granted, and is it out of the ordinary?

Thanks,

Ed

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Message

**From**: Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 4/10/2018 7:50:35 PM
**To**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: For Review: E&E (Ben Hulac) re sustainability report (Deadline: 4/11)

**Background**: E&E News reporter is asking about the sustainability report and officer. ( Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
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**Suggested Response:**

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**From:** Benjamin Hulac <bhulac@eenews.net>
**Date:** April 10, 2018 at 12:30:00 PM EDT
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject: Questions about your agency, sustainability report**

To whom it may concern at EPA,

My name is Ben Hulac, I'm a reporter with E&E News, and I cover climate change and money.

President Obama, through and executive order (No. 13693), required federal agencies to annually submit what is known as a Strategic Sustainability Performance Plan, or SSPP. It's described in Section 14 of that EO.

He signed it in March of 2015, and through the end of his presidency, agencies submitted their SSPP's – which are sprawling and often rather detailed documents describing a slew of climate, energy and waste goals. Here is EPA's for 2016, for example: https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-09/documents/epa_2016_strategic_sustainability_performance_plan.pdf

The Trump administration, by my count, has only submitted one SSPP so far. It was from DHS and it came out last summer. That means the federal government is in violation of an executive order issued by the previous administration.

Questions:

1. Has the Environmental Protection Agency issued an SSPP report during the Trump administration?
2. Does the agency have a chief sustainability officer in place?

My deadline is 7 a.m. Eastern time tomorrow morning.

Thank you, sincerely,
Ben

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**Sent:** 4/6/2018 4:23:04 PM
**To:** Press [Press@epa.gov]; Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]
**CC:** jdlouhy1@bloomberg.net
**Subject:** RE: Iowa Ethanol Industry Letter on Pruitt

Thanks Molly. Really appreciate the speedy response.

Best,
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From: block.molly@epa.gov At: 04/06/18 11:15:06
To: Mario Parker (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM: ) , Press@epa.gov
Cc: Jennifer A. Dlouhy (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM: )
Subject: RE: Iowa Ethanol Industry Letter on Pruitt

Mario –

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**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Cc:** jdlouhy1@bloomberg.net
**Subject:** Iowa Ethanol Industry Letter on Pruitt

Hello,

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They also argue that Administrator Pruitt is advocating for a Senator Ted Cruz-led plan to cap RINs. We plan to write something on this letter and wanted to give EPA and/or Administrator Pruitt the opportunity to comment. Would the agency care to weigh in?

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**Subject**: RE: FOR REVIEW: Iowa Ethanol Industry Letter on Pruitt

Yes, agree

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**From:** Block, Molly
**Sent:** Friday, April 6, 2018 12:06 PM
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**Subject:** FOR REVIEW: Iowa Ethanol Industry Letter on Pruitt

I believe Jennifer may already have this response, but I think it's important to stress the fact that Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Let me know what you guys think. Thanks!

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Suggested response:

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Hey Ed –

Let me add the press inbox (press team) to this.

**From:** Ed Tibbetts [mailto:ETibbetts@qctimes.com]
**Sent:** Friday, April 6, 2018 12:07 PM
**To:** Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Hey, Jahan

Working on a story today about biofuels groups complaining about reports of RFS waivers given to small refineries.

The Iowa Renewable Fuels Association says these waivers are making a liar out of President Trump and his promises to support the RFS. Do you want to respond?

Also, what is the number of waivers that were granted, and is it out of the ordinary?

Thanks,

Ed

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Message

**From**: Gordon, Meghan [meghan.gordon@spglobal.com]
**Sent**: 4/5/2018 5:49:52 PM
**To**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: RFS Inquiry

Great, thank you.

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 05, 2018 1:30 PM
**To:** Gordon, Meghan
**Cc:** Press
**Subject:** RE: RFS Inquiry

Meghan, still on background, please:

"For the 2017 compliance year, we have received 29 petitions from small refineries.

Cheers, R.

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**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: RFS Inquiry

Thanks. A source is saying 30 additional petitions are being considered. Is that for 2017 compliance then?

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 05, 2018 12:05 PM
**To:** Gordon, Meghan
**Cc:** Press
**Subject:** RE: RFS Inquiry

Meghan, on background, not for attribution, please:

**"We have not received 2018 petitions."**

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Gordon, Meghan [mailto:meghan.gordon@spglobal.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 05, 2018 11:48 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: RFS Inquiry

Thanks, Robert. We publish to a real-time newswire, so the deadline is always asap.

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 05, 2018 11:47 AM
**To:** Gordon, Meghan
**Subject:** RE: RFS Inquiry

Good morning Meghan,

I imagine you're writing a story today? What's your deadline, please?

Cheers, R.

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**Sent:** Thursday, April 05, 2018 11:43 AM
**To:** Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>; Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: RFS Inquiry

Can you say how many small refinery waiver applications you've received for 2018 compliance?

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**From:** Block, Molly [mailto:block.molly@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 04, 2018 7:29 PM
**To:** Gordon, Meghan
**Cc:** Press; Daguillard, Robert
**Subject:** Re: RFS Inquiry

For the 2017 compliance year

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 4, 2018, at 7:20 PM, Gordon, Meghan <meghan.gordon@spglobal.com> wrote:

> Thanks again, Molly. I asked this to Liz but didn't hear back: Are the 25 waivers all for 2017?

**From:** Block, Molly [mailto:block.molly@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 04, 2018 12:09 PM
**To:** Gordon, Meghan
**Cc:** Press; Daguillard, Robert
**Subject:** RE: RFS Inquiry

You can attribute it to the Agency.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 4, 2018 12:05 PM
**To:** Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>; Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: RFS Inquiry

Thanks, Molly. When you say "on background," can I attribute this to EPA? I don't need to use your name, but I do need to say that the information came from an official source.

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**From:** Block, Molly [mailto:block.molly@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 04, 2018 12:04 PM
**To:** Gordon, Meghan
**Cc:** Press; Daguillard, Robert
**Subject:** RFS Inquiry

Meghan –

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Best,
Molly

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**Subject**: RE: FOR REVIEW: Question re hardship exemptions under RFS

Yes, this is good. Thank you

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**Sent:** Thursday, April 5, 2018 1:09 PM
**To:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
**Subject:** FOR REVIEW: Question re hardship exemptions under RFS

I think we can stick with Liz's statement about Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) See suggested response below (same as yesterday). FYI we've already sent this statement to two people at this company/org.

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

**On background** (not for attribution): Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert
**Sent:** Thursday, April 5, 2018 1:01 PM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** FW: Question re hardship exemptions under RFS

Cheers, R.

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**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Question re hardship exemptions under RFS

Hi Robert,

I am writing about recent exemptions granted by EPA to refineries. This morning the Renewable Fuels Association announced that it filed a FOIA request with EPA (and DOE) seeking information about the criteria EPA is using to evaluate petitions for economic hardship exemptions for their 2017 volume obligations under the RFS.

In its press release, the RFA said:

*<<"EPA's unbelievable issuance of secret compliance bailouts to refining giants like Andeavor goes far beyond the pale and stomps all over President Trump's commitment to protect the RFS…" and that "combined with the free pass EPA handed out this week to [PES] and the Agency's refusal to enforce the 2016 RFS requirements as remanded by the courts, these subversive actions are literally destroying demand for both ethanol and corn.">>*

*(See below for full text of release)*

Can you comment on the above statement in general? Specifically, is it true that the exemptions were "secret"? Did Andeavor provide evidence that its volume meets the criteria for the exemption, that is, it comes in under the 75,000 b/d threshold?

I am working on a 3:00 deadline today. Please feel free to call me at 202-420-1193 with any questions.

Best regards,
Dan Macy

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RFA RENEWABLE FUELS ASSOCIATION

Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 5, 2018

# RFA FOIA Request Demands Answers on EPA Small Refiner Bailout

WASHINGTON — The Renewable Fuels Association (RFA) today submitted Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests to both the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Department of Energy in pursuit of more information and transparency regarding the recent issuance of Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) compliance exemptions to dozens of oil refineries.

The FOIA request follows a January letter to EPA in which RFA asked for data and documents regarding small refiner exemptions and called for more openness and transparency in the Agency's process to consider exemption requests. EPA never responded to the January letter.

"Several media reports over the past week have confirmed the fears we voiced in January about EPA's expansive and abusive administration of the small refiner exemption provision," said RFA President and CEO Bob Dinneen. "One article even quoted a refining executive as saying EPA is '…handing out those exemptions is like trick or treat candy.' EPA's unbelievable issuance of secret compliance bailouts to refining giants like Andeavor goes far beyond the pale and stomps all over President Trump's commitment to protect the RFS and support America's family farmers, whom he called 'the backbone of our nation.' Combined with the free pass EPA handed out this week to Philadelphia Energy Solutions and the Agency's refusal to enforce the 2016 RFS requirements as remanded by the courts, these subversive actions are literally destroying demand for both ethanol and corn."

"EPA's secretive actions are having real impacts on the marketplace. Every new revelation about EPA's latest handout or kickback to refiners serves as yet another gut punch to markets that are already reeling from the impacts of new Chinese tariffs. Make no mistake, EPA's underhanded refinery waivers are negatively affecting the welfare of our nation's ethanol producers and the very livelihood of America's family farms. At the very least, they deserve some answers about EPA's cloak-and-dagger decision-making process on small refiner exemption petitions."

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**About the Renewable Fuels Association**
The Renewable Fuels Association is the leading trade association for America's ethanol industry. Its mission is to advance the development, production, and use of ethanol fuel by strengthening America's ethanol industry and raising awareness about the benefits of renewable fuels. RFA's members are working to help America become cleaner, safer, more energy independent and economically secure. For more information, visit EthanolRFA.org.

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**To**: Daniell, Kelsi [daniell.kelsi@epa.gov]; Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: FOR OPA REVIEW AND APPROVAL: American Cyanamid Superfund Site News Release
**Attachments**: Am Cy Superfund Site Proposed Plan Release KD edits_CB.docx

Here are my edits to the quote. Do you think this improves it? Lol

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**From:** Daniell, Kelsi
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 22, 2018 11:15 AM
**To:** Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: FOR OPA REVIEW AND APPROVAL: American Cyanamid Superfund Site News Release

Updated with RA quote. Use this.

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**Importance:** High

With the attachements

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**From:** regionalpress
**Sent:** Monday, May 21, 2018 3:42 PM
**To:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Subject:** FW: FOR OPA REVIEW AND APPROVAL: American Cyanamid Superfund Site News Release
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**From:** Kluesner, Dave
**Sent:** Monday, May 21, 2018 7:41:51 PM (UTC+00:00) Monrovia, Reykjavik
**To:** regionalpress
**Cc:** Mears, Mary; Rodriguez, Elias
**Subject:** FOR OPA REVIEW AND APPROVAL: American Cyanamid Superfund Site News Release

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Attached news release for May 23 issue, is scheduled to coincide with the Proposed Plan announcement / media event in Bridgewater, NJ.

NOTE: Proposed Administrator quote.

Also attached is the Comms Strategy.

Please let me know if you have any questions. thanks

David W. Kluesner

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**CC**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Press Inquiry about Fuel: ethanol, RFS, fuel efficiency
**Attachments**: EIA refinery capacity 5Apr18.xls

Many thanks for the prompt response!

I understand you may not have the specifics on refining capacity, but is that something you could provide? The EIA maintains a list of refineries in the U.S. by capacity in spreadsheet form, so since the EIA knows the names of the refineries, it would be a relatively simple task to add up the capacity. Understandably, it would be an estimate and not definitive, but it would be most helpful. I have attached the spreadsheet that I've sorted by crude oil capacity by refinery, and put just the sorted capacity data on a separate tab. Here is the link if you want to download the spreadsheet yourself. https://www.eia.gov/petroleum/refinerycapacity/

Thanks again.

Regards,
Logan

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**Subject:** RE: Press Inquiry about Fuel: ethanol, RFS, fuel efficiency

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**On background** (not for attribution): DOE's analysis is developed based on information submitted to EPA, and DOE provides a recommendation with regard to the waiver. While the applications continue to come in, EPA has granted roughly 25 so far. We do not have specifics on overall refining capacity.

**From:** Daguillard, Robert
**Sent:** Thursday, April 5, 2018 11:41 AM

**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** FW: Press Inquiry about Fuel: ethanol, RFS, fuel efficiency

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**Subject:** Press Inquiry about Fuel: ethanol, RFS, fuel efficiency

Robert:
I would like to talk with you about small refinery exemptions that have been approved by the EPA for the 2017 compliance year. I have seen press reports that the EPA has approved these for 25 refineries and that EPA spokespersons have confirmed. I have looked online at the EPA's newsroom, but do not find any press releases. If there is one can you point me in the right direction to locate it.

The question I have is: What is the total crude oil refining capacity of the 25 refineries approved for SRE in 2017? I appreciate the EPA is not disclosing the names of refineries that have been given SRE, but it seems to me the aggregate refining capacity would not divulge any business confidential information, and would be most helpful in understanding the impact of the SRE on the market.

Please call my cell phone, shown below.

Thank you!

Regards,
Logan

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**Subject**: RE: Good day Enesta,

great, thanks mucho

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**From:** Block, Molly [mailto:block.molly@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 5, 2018 10:27 AM
**To:** Ang, Edgar
**Cc:** Jones, Enesta; Press
**Subject:** RE: Good day Enesta,

That is correct. See highlighted below.

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**From:** Ang, Edgar [mailto:EAng@opisnet.com]
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**To:** Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Good day Enesta,

Hi Molly

am i right to say the small refinery exemption rules have not changed? despite a higher number of exemptions given out.

thanks

edgar

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**From:** Block, Molly [mailto:block.molly@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 5, 2018 9:56 AM
**To:** Ang, Edgar
**Cc:** Jones, Enesta; Press
**Subject:** RE: Good day Enesta,

On background (not for attribution): For calendar year 2016, EPA granted an annual exemption for 14 small refineries.

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**To:** Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Good day Enesta,

Thank you very much for your prompt reply, Molly and Enesta.

very helpful.

Could you help with some background, not for attribution?

so far, 25 for 2017 RVO obligation. How many exemptions for 2016, 2015,2014?

I was told previously by Christine that 2015 and 2014 was less than five each.

Thanks
Edgar

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**From:** Block, Molly [mailto:block.molly@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 5, 2018 9:49 AM
**To:** Ang, Edgar
**Cc:** Jones, Enesta; Press
**Subject:** RE: Good day Enesta,

Here's the same information I sent to your colleague Jeffrey Barber yesterday afternoon:

"The criteria used to grant waivers has not changed since previous administrations. EPA follows a long-standing, established process where the Agency uses a DOE analysis to inform decisions about refiner exemptions/waivers. These waivers are only considered for refineries that submit applications and that are below the blending threshold," **EPA spokesperson, Liz Bowman**

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**Subject: Good day Enesta,**

Howdy

Could you please help with the EPA confirmation on small refinery exemptions for RFS?

Could you please send me the statement?

Thank you very much

Best
Edgar

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Thanks multiples for getting back so fast...

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**Subject:** Press Inquiry about Fuel: ethanol, RFS, fuel efficiency

Hey Robert… a quick question, if I may, as I'm on deadline and trying to cover the bases…

On these small refinery waivers from the RFS, I understand about not revealing which small refineries get them, but is there a policy about disclosing aggregate numbers of refineries so granted?

Does EPA not do that, or yes do that, or isn't there a hard policy one way or the other?

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**Subject**: RE: Good day Enesta,

thank you very helpful, i can see clearly now that ,....

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**To:** Ang, Edgar
**Cc:** Jones, Enesta; Press
**Subject:** RE: Good day Enesta,

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**Cc:** Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Good day Enesta,

Thank you very much for your prompt reply, Molly and Enesta.

very helpful.

Could you help with some background, not for attribution?

so far, 25 for 2017 RVO obligation. How many exemptions for 2016, 2015,2014?

I was told previously by Christine that 2015 and 2014 was less than five each.

Thanks
Edgar

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Here's the same information I sent to your colleague Jeffrey Barber yesterday afternoon:

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**From:** "Ang, Edgar" <EAng@opisnet.com>
**Date:** April 5, 2018 at 10:31:24 AM EDT
**To:** "jones.enesta@epa.gov" <jones.enesta@epa.gov>
**Subject: Good day Enesta,**

Howdy

Could you please help with the EPA confirmation on small refinery exemptions for RFS?

Could you please send me the statement?

Thank you very much

Best
Edgar

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Message

**From**: Gordon, Meghan [meghan.gordon@spglobal.com]
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**To**: Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]; Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: RFS Inquiry

Thanks

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For the 2017 compliance year

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 4, 2018, at 7:20 PM, Gordon, Meghan <meghan.gordon@spglobal.com> wrote:

> Thanks again, Molly. I asked this to Liz but didn't hear back: Are the 25 waivers all for 2017?
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> **From:** Block, Molly [mailto:block.molly@epa.gov]
> **Sent:** Wednesday, April 04, 2018 12:09 PM
> **To:** Gordon, Meghan
> **Cc:** Press; Daguillard, Robert
> **Subject:** RE: RFS Inquiry
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> You can attribute it to the Agency.
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> **From:** Gordon, Meghan [mailto:meghan.gordon@spglobal.com]
> **Sent:** Wednesday, April 4, 2018 12:05 PM
> **To:** Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>; Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: RFS Inquiry
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> Thanks, Molly. When you say "on background," can I attribute this to EPA? I don't need to use your name, but I do need to say that the information came from an official source.
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> Meghan –
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Best,
Molly

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**Subject**: RE: Small refinery waivers

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**To:** Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Small refinery waivers

Molly, do you have a number for 2016 yet?

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Thank you..

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**To**: Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: RFS Waivers

Hello Molly—

Thank you very much!

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**From:** Block, Molly [mailto:block.molly@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 04, 2018 2:36 PM
**To:** Dawn Gallagher <dawn.gallagher@dtn.com>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: RFS Waivers

Here's the info I sent your colleague Todd Neeley earlier this afternoon:

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**From:** Dawn Gallagher [mailto:dawn.gallagher@dtn.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 4, 2018 2:31 PM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RFS Waivers

Good afternoon,

I just read that the agency has confirmed that "roughly 25" refiners have been exempted from the RFS RVO mandate. Is this for 2017?

Any information you could provide would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
Dawn Gallagher

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Message

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**Sent**: 4/10/2018 2:50:05 PM
**To**: Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Signing of final rule for Primary NOx standard

Looks like it's up, so no need to follow up.

**From:** Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 10, 2018 10:02 AM
**To:** Sean Reilly <sreilly@eenews.net>
**Subject:** Re: Signing of final rule for Primary NOx standard

Sean, I'll let you know when it's live.

On Apr 10, 2018, at 9:41 AM, Sean Reilly <sreilly@eenews.net> wrote:

Hi Enesta:

It still doesn't appear to be posted. Is there an approximate ETA for when it will be?

Sean

**From:** Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Monday, April 09, 2018 11:44 AM
**To:** Sean Reilly <sreilly@eenews.net>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Signing of final rule for Primary NOx standard

Sean,

**On background (not for attribution):** Yes, the rule has been signed. We are in the process of posting it.

On Apr 9, 2018, at 11:19 AM, Sean Reilly <sreilly@eenews.net> wrote:

Hi folks:

According to this FR notice (https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-07-26/pdf/2017-15591.pdf), the final rule was supposed to be signed by Friday, April 6. I'm not seeing it, however, on the NOx NAAQS web page (https://www.epa.gov/no2-pollution/primary-national-ambient-air-quality-standards-naaqs-nitrogen-dioxide.) Can you let me know ASAP whether the final rule was signed, and if so, forward a copy? If it hasn't been signed, what's the reason for that and is there an ETA for doing so?

Thanks,
Sean

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Message

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**Sent:** 4/9/2018 6:57:56 PM
**To:** Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**CC:** Jenkins, Jesse [jesse.r.jenkins@njit.edu]; Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Re: NJIT Communications Request

Hello Enesta,

I understand, can the agency provide a statement that provides an EPA finding in this context?

Best,
Jesse

On Mon, Apr 9, 2018 at 2:34 PM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:
That response is a statement from the agency.

On Apr 9, 2018, at 2:34 PM, Jenkins, Jesse <jesse.r.jenkins@njit.edu> wrote:

Hello Enesta,

Thank you, is there anyone that can provide a statement from the EPA?

Best,
Jesse

On Mon, Apr 9, 2018 at 2:29 PM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:
Jesse,

**On background (not for attribution):** We cannot confirm this statement.

On Apr 9, 2018, at 12:04 PM, Jenkins, Jesse <jesse.r.jenkins@njit.edu> wrote:

Hello Enesta,

I wanted to see if someone from the EPA could provide clarification to this statement for accuracy:

"Studies have reported 7 million people in 27 states are served by public water systems with higher than average levels of 1,4-dioxane — or 0.35 parts per billion (PPB) — a level the EPA considers can "marginally increase cancer risk"."

I do not want to overstate this figure in my article and would like to know who I might be directed to in order to get an official EPA estimate.

Thank you again,
Jesse Jenkins

On Wed, Apr 4, 2018 at 5:21 PM, Jenkins, Jesse <jesse.r.jenkins@njit.edu> wrote:
Hello Enesta and Robert,

I wanted to follow up to see if there would be someone I could talk to for this data to make it a little more concise.

At this point, I would most like someone to clarify what the EPA's data says compared to EWG.org report that 7 million people in 27 states are served by public water systems with higher than average or EPA guideline levels of 1,4-dioxane (0.35 parts per billion).

If I can get the EPA's account of this data explained simply in a similar way that I can cite for readers, that would be all I'd need. Essentially, I would like to briefly mention a similar statistic by citing a more official and recognized source like the EPA (rather than EWG).

Of course, I would be open to a short discussion with an expert, as it would be great in exploring the topic further.

Let me know if this is at all possible, and thank you once again.

Best,
Jesse

On Mon, Apr 2, 2018 at 9:26 AM, Jenkins, Jesse <jesse.r.jenkins@njit.edu> wrote:

Hello Robert,

The zip code data is confusing to me, but I am looking for someone to clarify what I have interpreted: if this data saying that there are 1,081 instances nationally where the EPA found concentration levels of 1,4-dioxane in drinking water above the .35 parts per billion (the concentration level of what is acceptable by the EPA)?

I would really like EPA's more official version of the EWG.org finding, but if that is not possible then I'd at least like to have an expert help me quantify this in some type of clear and concise way.

Thank you for all your responses and help. Please let me know if there is someone I can reach out to or be connected with that can provide better explanation.

Best,
Jesse

On Mon, Apr 2, 2018 at 9:06 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Good morning Jesse,

On background, and on Enesta's behalf, as she's out today, but: Please find associated zip codes with the UCMR data.

Cheers, R.

Robert Daguillard

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**Sent:** Saturday, March 31, 2018 11:46 AM
**To:** Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Jenkins, Jesse <jesse.r.jenkins@njit.edu>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: NJIT Communications Request

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**Sent:** 4/9/2018 6:26:46 PM
**To:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Fwd: NJIT Communications Request

**Suggested Response: On background (not for attribution):** Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

**From:** "Jenkins, Jesse" <jesse.r.jenkins@njit.edu>
**Date:** April 9, 2018 at 12:04:15 PM EDT
**To:** "Jones, Enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
**Cc:** "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>, Press <Press@epa.gov>, "Jenkins, Jesse" <jesse.r.jenkins@njit.edu>
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Hello Enesta,

I wanted to see if someone from the EPA could provide clarification to this statement for accuracy:

"Studies have reported 7 million people in 27 states are served by public water systems with higher than average levels of 1,4-dioxane — or 0.35 parts per billion (PPB) — a level the EPA considers can "marginally increase cancer risk"."

I do not want to overstate this figure in my article and would like to know who I might be directed to in order to get an official EPA estimate.

Thank you again,
Jesse Jenkins

On Wed, Apr 4, 2018 at 5:21 PM, Jenkins, Jesse <jesse.r.jenkins@njit.edu> wrote:

Hello Enesta and Robert,

I wanted to follow up to see if there would be someone I could talk to for this data to make it a little more concise.

At this point, I would most like someone to clarify what the EPA's data says compared to EWG.org report that 7 million people in 27 states are served by public water systems with higher than average or EPA guideline levels of 1,4-dioxane (0.35 parts per billion).

If I can get the EPA's account of this data explained simply in a similar way that I can cite for readers, that would be all I'd need. Essentially, I would like to briefly mention a similar statistic by citing a more official and recognized source like the EPA (rather than EWG).

Of course, I would be open to a short discussion with an expert, as it would be great in exploring the topic further.

Let me know if this is at all possible, and thank you once again.

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Thank you for all your responses and help. Please let me know if there is someone I can reach out to or be connected with that can provide better explanation.

Best,
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On Mon, Apr 2, 2018 at 9:06 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Good morning Jesse,

On background, and on Enesta's behalf, as she's out today, but: Please find associated zip codes with the UCMR data.

Cheers, R.

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**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: Connecticut's Sec. 126 petition

Ok

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 9, 2018, at 1:15 PM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:

Sean,

**On background (not for attribution):** It was signed on Friday and we're in the process of posting.

On Apr 9, 2018, at 12:56 PM, Sean Reilly <sreilly@eenews.net> wrote:

Hi folks:

According to this fact sheet (https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-02/documents/ct_126_petition_proposal_fact_sheet.pdf), EPA was required to take final action on the petition by yesterday. In this case as well, I don't see anything posted on the relevant website (https://www.epa.gov/ozone-pollution/connecticut-126-petition). Has final action been taken and, if so, can we get a copy ASAP?

Thanks,
Sean

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**Sent:** 5/25/2018 5:45:54 PM
**To:** John Bray [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** RE: John:,Your questions for EPA

John, thanks again. Still on background: We'll be referring you to the District of Columbia government for comment, as they'll best be able to explain their reasons for seeking the exemption.

Have a great holiday week-end.

Cheers, R.


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**Sent:** Friday, May 25, 2018 1:10 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: John:,Your questions for EPA

R,
Was there anything in your file where DC explained its reason for seeking the exception? Wouldn't the application need to explain in some detail the motivation? Or can they just say, we think ginkgo smells bad. Thanks. John

On Fri, May 25, 2018 at 11:51 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

> Hullo John,
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> I just heard your voicemail just now. Let me know what you need. Email is probably easiest.
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**Sent:** Friday, May 25, 2018 10:50 AM
**To:** 'John Bray' < Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: John:,Your questions for EPA

John, again on background – meaning for attribution to U.S. EPA, please:

For EPA to provide a copy of DC's 24(c) registration application, the requestor would need to submit a request under the Freedom of Information Act. An alternative approach would be to ask DC's Department of Energy & Environment for a copy of their 24 (c) registration. Using the following link, the requestor can obtain a copy of the label for chlorpropham's use on ginkgo in DC.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 22, 2018 7:03 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: John:,Your questions for EPA

Hi Robert,

Thanks for the information. What do you mean by "background." Do have a link to the original application from D.C.? Thanks. John

On Mon, May 21, 2018 at 1:48 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

John, on background, please:

1. **What prompted the exception?**

Chlorpropham is a pesticide registered with EPA under FIFRA section 3 as plant growth regulator to inhibit sprouting in stored potatoes. In addition, chlorpropham is registered under section 24(c) of FIFRA for use in Washington, DC, on ginkgo trees, to prevent fruiting that produces an unpleasant odor, and in California for use on field-grown Easter lilies to remove floral buds that are susceptible to *Botrytis*fungal infection. Section 24(c) of FIFRA provides that states (or the District of Columbia) can register a new pesticide product, or add a new use to an already-registered product (as is the case here), as long as there is a demonstrated "special local need." Washington, DC, demonstrated a special local need to use chlorpropham on ginkgo trees, and EPA concluded that the use did not pose a risk concern.

2.**Who initiated the request for the use?**

DC's Department of Energy & Environment submitted the 24 (c) registration.

3.**How unusual are such exceptions?**

24 (c) registrations are not unusual. More information on this type of registration is available atwww.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/guidance-fifra-24c-registrations.

4.**Why is it only Washington, D.C.?**

As stated above, Washington, DC, demonstrated a special local need to use chlorpropham on ginkgo trees. According to FIFRA, "special local need" means an existing or imminent pest problem within a state for which the state lead agency has determined that an appropriate federally registered pesticide product is not sufficiently available.

5.**Has any other city or region sought the exception?**

No other state has submitted a 24 (c) registration for chlorpropham's use on ginkgo trees. However, as stated above, California has a 24(c) registration for the use of chlorpropham on field grown Easter lilies. Oregon also has an active 24(c) label for the same use. In addition, Idaho has an active 24(c) label for chlorpropham use in stored potatoes to inhibit sprouting.

6.**Who has been monitoring the use of the agent in D.C. and its impact on the environment and effectiveness for the purpose intended, and what have been the results?**

DC's Department of Energy & Environment and Department of Transportation are the best sources for this information. See https://ddot.dc.gov/page/female-ginkgo-tree-removal-policy. EPA conducted an ecological risk assessment for chlorpropham's registration review.

7. **Is there any concern about impact on other trees from the spraying, such as impact on fruit trees in nearby gardens?**

When used according to the label (see https://ddot.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/ddot/publication/attachments/shield_ginkgo_fruit_spray_information.pdf), there are no risks of concern to other fruiting trees.

8. **Can you send the link to the September 2017 risk assessment and the most recent documents about the status of review of the use?**

All documents related to the chlorpropham registration review case can be found atwww.regulations.gov/docket?D=EPA-HQ-OPP-2010-0923

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**Sent**: 4/18/2018 12:39:26 PM
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**Subject**: FW: For Review - Environmental Health News -- Inadvertent PCBs - 4/17
**Attachments**: Inadvertent_PCB_in_Resid_revised (2).docx

OK for OEI to do?

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**Subject:** For Review - Environmental Health News -- Inadvertent PCBs - 4/17

SUMMARY

Indoor Air and Toxics programs declined to add anything to ORD's language below. Draft response, and proposed attribution, follow – Brian Bienkowski – Environmental Health News – bbienkowski@ehsciences.org

RESPONSE

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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**Sent:** Sunday, April 15, 2018 9:42 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Comment request -- Inadvertent PCBs

Hi Robert,

Brian from Environmental Health News again.

I'm writing about a story I'm working on based on a study to be released this week. (Embargo lifts Weds, 4/18.) The study found finished kitchen cabinets are a significant source of PCBs to the indoor air of homes. The researchers hypothesize polymer products are the source. They have some concerns that these compounds have been linked in the past to neurotoxic impacts and endocrine disruption.

I've attached proof, advanced copy.

I was wondering if the EPA could:

1) Comment on the study, and its implications.
2) Comment on whether these indoor emissions are on the radar of the agency at all;
3) If the agency is not regulating these, why not?

Thanks, Robert. My deadline is Tuesday at 5 pm ET.

Brian

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Message

**From**: Daniell, Kelsi [daniell.kelsi@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 5/21/2018 7:55:14 PM
**To**: Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]; Beach, Christopher [beach.christopher@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: FOR OPA REVIEW AND APPROVAL: American Cyanamid Superfund Site News Release
**Attachments**: Am Cy Superfund Site Proposed Plan Release KD edits.docx

Updated. Use this one to edit, Chris.

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**From:** Block, Molly
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With the attachements

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**Cc:** Mears, Mary; Rodriguez, Elias
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[PETE APPROVED]

Attached news release for May 23 issue, is scheduled to coincide with the Proposed Plan announcement / media event in Bridgewater, NJ.

NOTE: Proposed Administrator quote.

Also attached is the Comms Strategy.

Please let me know if you have any questions. thanks

David W. Kluesner

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Please confirm- Is that 25 in 2017?

Thanks,

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"The criteria used to grant waivers has not changed since previous administrations. EPA follows a long-standing, established process where the Agency uses a DOE analysis to inform decisions about refiner exemptions/waivers. These waivers are only considered for refineries that submit applications and that are below the blending threshold," **EPA spokesperson, Liz Bowman**

**On background** (not for attribution): DOE's analysis is developed based on information submitted to EPA, and DOE provides a recommendation with regard to the waiver. While the applications continue to come in, EPA has granted roughly 25 so far.

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Robert,
You had told us this on March 22 regarding RFS exemptions to small refineries- "To date, we have granted an annual exemption for 14 small refineries for calendar year 2016, and we are still evaluating 2017 petitions. We have not received 2018 petitions."

Today Reuters reports this: https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-biofuels-epa-refineries/u-s-epa-grants-25-small-refineries-relief-from-biofuels-law-source-idUSKCN1HB2AH

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**From:** Barber, Jeffrey [mailto:JBarber@opisnet.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 04, 2018 1:48 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** small refiner exemptions

Hi Robert,

I wanted to check with you to see whether EPA has confirmed or is otherwise commenting on Reuters report that it has granted 25 requests for small refiner exemptions under the RFS program?
Thanks
Jeff

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Erin, Ed and James –

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You/Lee Newspapers are welcome to report on anything in this release **tonight Monday, June 25 at 9:05 PM ET/8:05 PM CT.**

We ask that you do not tweet a picture of the release, but obviously your story can include any content below. We will be sharing this with you and three other outlets first and then everyone tomorrow morning, but again ask that nothing in this release is shared until your embargo.

If you have questions or want to talk to a policy person on background, **Mandy is on this email and available to talk now (cell -** Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) **).**

Have a great evening!

Jahan

**From:** EPA Press Office [mailto:press=epa.gov@cmail19.com] **On Behalf Of** EPA Press Office
**Sent:** Monday, June 25, 2018 8:15 PM
**Subject:** EPA Proposes Biofuel Requirements for 2019; On Track to Meet Congressional Deadline - Preview

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NEWS RELEASE
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**WASHINGTON (June 26, 2018)** - Today, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt issued a proposed rule under the Renewable Fuel Standards (RFS) program that would set the minimum amount of renewable fuels that must be supplied to the market in calendar year 2019, as well as the biomass based diesel volume standard for calendar year 2020.

**"I've traveled to numerous states and heard firsthand about the importance of the RFS to farmers and local communities across the country,"** said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. **"Issuing the proposed rule on time meets Congress's statutory deadlines, which the previous administration failed to do, and provides regulatory certainty to all impacted stakeholders."**

Some key elements of today's action:

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- The cellulosic biofuel standard for 2019 would be increased by almost 100 million gallons over the 2018 standard.
- The biomass-based diesel standard for 2020 would be increased by 330 million gallons as compared to over the standard for 2019.

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For more information on today's announcement, go to: https://www.epa.gov/renewable-fuel-standard-program/regulations-and-volume-standards-renewable-fuel-standards

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**Subject**: FW: FOR OPA REVIEW AND APPROVAL: American Cyanamid Superfund Site News Release
**Attachments**: Am Cy Superfund Site Proposed Plan News Release May 21 230 FOR OPA REVIEW.docx; Comms Strategy Am Cy PRAP .docx

**Importance**: High

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**From:** Kluesner, Dave
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**To:** regionalpress
**Cc:** Mears, Mary; Rodriguez, Elias
**Subject:** FOR OPA REVIEW AND APPROVAL: American Cyanamid Superfund Site News Release

[PETE APPROVED]

Attached news release for May 23 issue, is scheduled to coincide with the Proposed Plan announcement / media event in Bridgewater, NJ.

NOTE: Proposed Administrator quote.

Also attached is the Comms Strategy.

Please let me know if you have any questions. thanks

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> **Sent:** Wednesday, April 4, 2018 12:05 PM
> **To:** Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>; Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: RFS Inquiry
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> Thanks, Molly. When you say "on background," can I attribute this to EPA? I don't need to use your name, but I do need to say that the information came from an official source.
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> **From:** Block, Molly [mailto:block.molly@epa.gov]
> **Sent:** Wednesday, April 04, 2018 12:04 PM
> **To:** Gordon, Meghan
> **Cc:** Press; Daguillard, Robert
> **Subject:** RFS Inquiry
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> Meghan –
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> **On background** (not for attribution): DOE's analysis is developed based on information submitted to EPA, and DOE provides a recommendation with regard to the waiver. While the applications continue to come in, EPA has granted roughly 25 so far.
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> Best,
> Molly

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**Sent**: 5/21/2018 7:24:45 PM
**To**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FOR REVIEW: The Chemical Daily (Yoshi Sato) - TSCA - ASAP
**Attachments**: 2018-05-03 The Chemical Daily interview questions for EPA.docx; 05.11.18 - Chemical Daily Amended TSCA Response.docx

**SUMMARY**: The reporter writes for The Chemical Daily, a Japanese newspaper. He's asking general questions about TSCA reform.. OK to send for attribution to the agency or to "a senior EPA official?"– The Chemical Daily – yoshi@rsijapan.com

RESPONSE:

Questions and answers attached.

Cheers, R.

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**Sent:** Thursday, May 03, 2018 11:20 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
**Subject:** 2018-05-03 The Chemical Daily interview questions for EPA

Dear Mr. Daguillard,

I am in communication as a contributor to The Chemical Daily (TCD) in order to request a written interview with EPA staff involved with the TSCA program. We intend to publish this interview in our daily newspaper to coincide with our Chemical Management Meeting in Yokohama on May 17-18. We would wish to attribute the interview response to a specific staff person (e.g., Jeff Morris, Lynn Vendinello) and TCD would like a photograph to print with the article.

Please find attached a document containing our interview questions. We kindly request responses to these interview questions by the end of May 7. We realise this is very limited time, and appreciate responses to as many of these questions as is feasible within the timeframe remaining.

We look forward to hearing back from you on this.

With kindest regards,

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S&P Global is checking in on the numbers again. I understand Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP). How would you like to proceed?

**This is the most up-to-date info I have:** Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
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Thank you both.

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**To:** Block, Molly; Gordon, Meghan; Press
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Also, Meghan, and on background, please:

A slight update. For 2017 we have now received 30 petitions, but have not approved any more beyond the 25 already noted.

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Meghan –

Still checking on the numbers, but in the meantime:

"There is not consensus on the regulatory path forward on the E15 RVP waiver and related issues."

On the waivers:

"The criteria used to grant waivers has not changed since previous administrations. EPA follows a long-standing, objectively determined process where the Agency uses a Department of Energy analysis to inform decisions about refiner exemptions/waivers, for refineries that are below the statutory threshold. EPA decisions on waivers are based on refinery-specific information that is subject to confidential business information protections. We continue to work through petitions received for 2017 and will provide updated information, as soon as complete." **Liz Bowman, EPA spokesperson**

Additional background (not for attribution):

- As requests for waivers are based on CBI, EPA cannot share company-specific information.

- Any refinery that produces 75,000 barrels or less per day on an annualized basis can apply for the Small Refinery Hardship exemption.
- When first established, the program automatically exempted refineries based solely on their output, which resulted in 59 small refineries being exempted from 2007 to 2010. Post-2010, qualifying refineries seeking a small refinery hardship exemption submit financial information to EPA. EPA then shares this information with DOE and DOE uses a scoring matrix to quantify structural, economic and refinery-specific factors that may contribute to "disproportionate economic hardship."
- During the Obama Administration, there was often disagreement by EPA with DOE's recommendation. Since the start of this administration, EPA has worked to better coordinate with DOE to ensure cross-administration consistency.
- On August 15, 2017, EPA received an adverse decision from the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals, which found the agency's viability analysis employed by the previous administration to be inconsistent with congress's intent of the hardship exemption and outside its statutory authority (Sinclair Wyoming Refining Company v. EPA). Specifically, the court found EPA's requirement that refineries demonstrate an "existential threat" to their long-term viability as the standard for demonstrating "disproportionate economic hardship" inconsistent with EPA's statutory authority and vacated a previously denied hardship exemption and remanded Sinclair's hardship petitions back to EPA for further consideration.
- In 2016, EPA received 20 petitions and granted 19 based on DOE's recommendation.

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I got this from Mandy; it's the same

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Two suggested changes below. Otherwise this is good and consistent with this morning's discussion.

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**To:** Grantham, Nancy
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Great - thanks!

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> **Cc:** Zito, Kelly <ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV>; Glenn, William <Glenn.William@epa.gov>; Huitric, Michele <Huitric.Michele@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** R9 media advisory - brownfields media event in Sacramento CA
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Thank you,
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**From:** regionalpress
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**From**: Lynn, Tricia [lynn.tricia@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 4/23/2018 7:51:40 PM
**To**: sreilly@eenews.net
**Subject**: RE: Number of pre-registered speakers for tomorrow's public hearing on proposed changes to 2015 CCR rule

Hi Sean—

Yes.

Best,

Tricia

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**From:** Sean Reilly [mailto:sreilly@eenews.net]
**Sent:** Monday, April 23, 2018 2:57 PM
**To:** Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Number of pre-registered speakers for tomorrow's public hearing on proposed changes to 2015 CCR rule

Thanks. So it's fair to say that the hearing could take up all of the allotted time from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m?

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**From:** Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
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**To:** Sean Reilly <sreilly@eenews.net>
**Subject:** RE: Number of pre-registered speakers for tomorrow's public hearing on proposed changes to 2015 CCR rule

Sean—

If attributing, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson:"

While we are still finalizing the number, we can say that nearly all the 4 minute time slots have been filled by speakers pre-registering.

Best,

Tricia

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**From:** Sean Reilly [mailto:sreilly@eenews.net]
**Sent:** Monday, April 23, 2018 1:56 PM
**To:** Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Number of pre-registered speakers for tomorrow's public hearing on proposed changes to 2015 CCR rule

Hi Tricia:

I'm doing a story on a teleconference this afternoon by environmental groups in connection with the hearing and just wanted to check on approximately how many people are pre-registered to speak. My deadline is 3:15.

Thanks,
Sean

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BACKGROUND PRESS BRIEFING

BY A SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL

ON THE UPCOMING STATE VISIT WITH

PRESIDENT EMMANUEL MACRON OF FRANCE

James S. Brady Press Briefing Room

3:34 P.M. EDT

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Thank you all for coming on a Friday. Today's background briefing is on the subject of

the state visit of President of France Macron. We're excited to be welcoming him and the First Lady to the United States.

And today's background briefing, for your situational awareness and not for reporting, your briefer is [senior administration official]. For attribution purposes, you may refer to him as senior administration official.

Today's call is embargoed until the conclusion of this briefing. And my colleague will run you through the schedule and lay out some broad themes that you may wish to consider as you cover this visit. Thank you.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Okay. Thank you again. Good afternoon again, ladies and gentlemen.

Next week, President Trump and the First Lady will host the President of France, Emmanuel Macron, and Mrs. Macron for the first state visit of the Trump administration.

The state visit will include, on Monday, April 23rd, a tour of Mt. Vernon and a private couples dinner. President Trump is eager to host the Macrons for this special event as he remembers, fondly, the dinner the couples shared together in the Eiffel Tower on the eve of Bastille Day that was last July in 2017.

On Tuesday, April 24th, President Macron will meet with President Trump in the White House, midmorning, for a one-on-one session in the Oval Office. That will be followed by an expanded working bilateral meeting with the French and U.S. delegations. The bilateral meeting will include the Vice President, the Acting Secretary of State, the Secretary of Treasury, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of Commerce, the White House Chief of Staff, the National Security Advisor, the Assistant to the President for Economic Policy, and Ambassador Jamie McCourt, who is our ambassador in Paris.

The members of the French delegation include France's Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Minister of Economics and Finance, the Minister of Defense, and National Security Advisor, among others. Please contact the government of France for the latest details on the composition of its delegation.

There will also be a joint press conference on that day. There will be a State Department luncheon, which will also include the Vice President, followed by a wreath-laying ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery, and that evening, a state dinner here in the White House.

On Wednesday, April 25th, President Macron will address a Joint Session of Congress. The address will mark the anniversary of the day that French General Charles de Gaulle addressed the Joint Session of Congress, specifically April 25th, 1960.

I would like to stress three themes for this visit. First, the United States and France enjoy a long and enduring friendship. This visit will celebrate the close and continuing ties between France and the United States in this, the 100th anniversary year of the end of World War I. President Trump is continuing the legacy of French-American cooperation that stretches back to America's independence, and is working with President Macron to build upon the already strong ties between the United States and France.

Second, France is a valued trade and investment partner. France was the United States' first trade partner. And France remains a major destination for U.S. exports and a source of foreign investment in the United States.

Today, France is the United States' third largest trading partner in Europe, and averages over $1 billion in commercial transactions every day. The United States is the top destination for French foreign investment. And in 2016, France invested $19.3 billion in the United States. The U.S. is the largest foreign investor in France, and in 2016, we invested

some $78 billion there. In 2016, French investment supported a bit over 26,000 jobs in the United States.

Three, France is a strong and reliable ally. The United States works closely with France to combat terror around the world. And President Trump and President Macron will discuss recent joint operations in Syria in response to the Syrian regime's use of chemical weapons on April 7th; broader issues relating to Syria and the Middle East -- these would include Iran's malign influence in the region; and also France's leading role in NATO and in global counterterrorism operations more generally, including in the Sahel, where France takes the leading role.

So with that, I'll be happy, at this time, to field questions of a general nature about the visit. Thank you.

I was hoping I'd get to say, "If there are no questions, thank you very much." (Laughter.) Yes, sir.

Q Are you expecting negotiations on some of these tariffs that the administration is proffering to Europe?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Yeah, yeah. Without going into details about economic trade policy, which is a little bit outside my portfolio, I'm sure that discussion will be on the agenda for the one-on-one and the bilateral discussion that will follow.

Q How specific do you think the talks will be on the Iran nuclear deal? And what are some of the things that the President needs to hear from Macron in order to be persuaded to remain in the deal?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Right. I'm sure the topic will be a major topic of discussion. It's difficult to say what degree of detail the two Presidents will go into, because based on the President's statement back in January, there's a deadline

of around mid-May before he has to make a decision. The Europeans, the E3 in particular, have been working hard on trying to address some of our most important or prominent concerns having to do with Iran's ballistic missile program, for example; the sunset clause; and the JCPOA, and so on. That work is not quite done yet. So I think the time to really have the final discussions and for the President to be ready to make the decision will be mid-May.

Q How much is this visit about substance on some of the issues these guys asked about versus on style or underscoring the importance of the relationship?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Well, I think it's fair to say that it will be about both. I mean, it's no secret that President Trump and President Macron enjoy a good working relationship -- I may say, a close personal relationship. And there are aspects of the visit, I think, that both sides will want to celebrate -- the 100th anniversary, that I mentioned, of the end of World War I -- and even more than that, a very deep and a very old relationship that goes all the way back to the founding.

But obviously, there are some things which are best discussed face to face. Under the best of circumstances, they don't get to meet in person all the time, and so I'm sure they're going to get into some personal interaction on some of the pressing issues that are important to both of them.

Q And just to follow up on China -- the French and EU officials have a lot of the same concerns that President Trump talks a lot about on Chinese economic practices. Is this an opportunity to start forging more of a unified front against Beijing?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Yeah, I'm sure they're going to want to talk about how to collaborate towards that end. No doubt about that.

Yes, sir.

Q Just on the style points, do you know the itinerary for Mt. Vernon? Do you think the Presidents will visit George Washington's grave, for example? And any details on the menu for the dinner that night?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: I don’t think I can help you with either one of those.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: They will put out the menu on Monday evening, so you'll get those details.

Q Guest list, too?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Guest list will be put out once they receive the final visitor on Tuesday evening. For the state dinner we're talking now? That's when we'll be transmitting that.

Q Is that outside or inside, the state dinner? Is it on the South Lawn or is it -- do you know?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: I don’t have the details, but lower press definitely will have a more fleshed-out schedule with time, acts, and things like that, if you need more details like that.

Q President Macron has said publicly that he believes that he convinced or helped convince President Trump to not pull U.S. troops out of Syria or to be more assertive in the response on Syria. Can you tell us how specific you expect the two of them to get, in terms of trying to hammer out some sort of a forward path on how to respond post-airstrikes to the chemical weapons attack and to the ongoing conflict there? And how much

should we expect to see out of this meeting in terms of a map forward for what we should look for next?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Yeah, I'm sure that the two Presidents will discuss, probably in some detail, the way ahead in Syria. They'll exchange their perspectives, which are broadly aligned. But I'm sure there are some national differences in the two of those.

How far they will go in terms of detail is difficult to say right now. The one-on-one will have a number of agenda items. I expect they'll get into this topic a bit more in a bilateral discussion that follows when they have both their teams there. But I'm sure we'll be reading about it afterwards.

Q Is there something specific that the President would like to hear or see out of France or President Macron on this topic? I mean, are there commitments that he would like to see made in terms of what France is willing to do in support of the U.S. action there?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Yeah, I think primarily what he's interested in is hearing President Macron's perspectives on the way ahead towards achieving joint goals and joint objectives in person, face to face.

Yes, please.

Q Thanks. I'm wondering if you can talk about what -- this is going to sound stupid -- what the President wants to -- hopes to get out of this visit, both in terms of any deliverables on trade or Syria or what have you, but also in terms of how the world sees the visit.

I mean, I think in shorthand, we all recognize that Macron as probably, if not the person the President is closest to in the world of counterparts, at least certainly one of them. And since the President took office to now, it certainly seems like

he is more outfacing about the importance of alliances and that kind of thing.

So both from a deliverables perspective and just kind of narrative-wise, what would be a few examples of what the President would be really happy with that would happen during this visit?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Well, I think, number one, clearly, it's a state visit; it's the first state visit for this administration. So in that sense, it's something of a celebration of the relationship, and I think it's indicative of a desire to continue to forge a close relationship, a stronger relationship, a relationship that's already very strong, I think -- among the strongest that we have of any allies and partners in the world.

I think there's going to be a full and free airing of points of view, as I said earlier, many of which we feel are pretty closely aligned France, and then a few which may not be as tightly aligned. But more than anything, I think what the President would like to hear from President Macron is his counsel and his point of view and his perspective.

Whether we will actually solve, or come to closure, or a full detailed agreement on some of the issues that we've touched on is difficult to say at this remove.

Q Do you expect some trade announcements? I mean, you don't have to say what they are but --

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Hard to say. Don't know if there will be a trade announcement following the state visit or not. Just don't know.

Q You didn't mention -- Lighthizer is not going to be at the bilat, that you know of?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Not that I know of. Don't know.

Q There was some speculation earlier this week about additional economic sanctions on Russia. Do you expect any sanctions to be announced as part of the visit by Macron? Or do you have any updated guidance on when we may see additional sanctions on Russia?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Yeah, unknown if an additional round of sanctions would be announced in conjunction with this visit. The President has already said publicly that those, sort of, remain an option for consideration based on Russian behavior and Russian actions downstream, but unknown if that's going to be relevant to this visit or not.

Q On Syria, the President has said he would prefer to get all U.S. troops out of Syria. What would he need to hear from President Macron? Does he want, maybe, France to do more on the ground to maybe keep some forces there in kind of a share of responsibilities? Anything like that?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Yeah, I think you'll appreciate that the answer to that complicated question is not completely dependent upon what President Macron says in this meeting. I'm confident they will discuss potential French contributions in the campaign, and then we'll see where it goes from there.

Anybody calling in with questions? No?

Q One more. We expect, obviously, after Macron, Germany will also be coming through -- Angela Merkel. Do we expect Theresa May to visit the U.S. before the Iran nuclear deal deadline of the 12th?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Don't know right now that that kind of a visit is on the schedule. I know the President, later in the summer, right now is looking at a visit to the UK where they would meet, but I don't have any information one way or the other on whether the Prime Minister will be here before the deadline.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: For the visit to Mt. Vernon, there was a question about where they might go, but they will visit Washington's tomb.

Q Washington's tomb?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Correct.

Q I wanted to ask you one about the Iran deal. You mentioned that the discussions with the E3 have focused on dealing with concerns about ballistic missile programs and the sunset provision. Are any of the discussions focused on us reassembling a multilateral sanctions group in the event that the decision is to withdraw from the deal?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: A little bit outside of my lane. I think the President's three priorities with respect to the JCPOA are the sunset clause, the ballistic missile program, and more broadly, Iran's malign activities throughout the region and throughout the world. That's what he's asked the E3 allies and partners to look most closely at. This is where we're hoping for real contributions, and we'll see if we get across the finish line right there.

Q Is there anything President Macron could say to make President Trump reconsider the Paris climate deal? Do you think that will be discussed?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Yeah, I don't have an insight on that for you to share. I'm sorry.

Q It's not on the agenda at this time?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Not as far as I know, unless it's brought up by President Macron.

Q There's been some reporting, just in the last hour or so, that President Macron plans to bring a seedling to be planted here in Washington to President Trump. Is there anything in particular -- any gifts or gestures the President is planning to make that you can preview for us for his visiting counterpart?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: I'm very confident there is. My office and (inaudible) probably wouldn't know about it, though. Other people get paid to worry about those things. But I'm sure there is. Yes.

Any other questions?

Q Can you speak to the guest list and the criteria for this first state dinner and what you're looking for?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: I'm sorry, I don't have any information on how protocol (inaudible) that, to be honest.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Okay. If there's no other questions, thanks very much for your time. Appreciate it.

END 3:52 P.M. EDT

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**Sent:** 4/19/2018 8:00:33 PM
**To:** colleen.howe@argusmedia.com
**Subject:** Fw: FOR REVIEW: Argus (Colleen Howe) RE: Effluent Limitation Lawsuit (4/19, 4 PM)

Colleen--

For attribution to "an EPA spokesperson:"

EPA is currently reviewing the ruling.

Best,

Tricia

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**From:** Colleen Howe <colleen.howe@argusmedia.com>
**Date:** April 19, 2018 at 11:14:36 AM EDT
**To:** "'jones.enesta@epa.gov'" <jones.enesta@epa.gov>
**Subject: Press inquiry - effluent limitation lawsuit**

Good morning Enesta,

I'm reaching out because I had a question on the DC district court decision yesterday to dismiss an environmental group lawsuit over EPA's decision to postpone the compliance date for the effluent rule. Does EPA have any comment on this matter?

My deadline is 4pm ET, and my direct line is (202) 349-2866.

Thanks,

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**Subject**: RE: Press Inquiry about Fuel: ethanol, RFS, fuel efficiency

Thanks for the quick reply... always appreciated.

marc

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**From:** Block, Molly [mailto:block.molly@epa.gov]
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**Subject:** Press Inquiry about Fuel: ethanol, RFS, fuel efficiency

Marc –

"There is not consensus on the regulatory path forward on the E15 RVP waiver and related issues."

On the waivers:

"The criteria used to grant waivers has not changed since previous administrations. EPA follows a long-standing, established process where the Agency uses a Department of Energy analysis to inform decisions about refiner exemptions/waivers, for refineries that are below the blending threshold. EPA decisions on waivers are based on refinery-specific information that is subject to confidential business information protections. We continue to work through petitions received for 2017 and will provide updated information, as soon as complete." **Liz Bowman, EPA spokesperson**

Additional background (not for attribution):

- As requests for waivers are based on CBI, EPA cannot share company-specific information.
- Any refinery that produces 75,000 barrels or less per day on an annualized basis can apply for the Small Refinery Hardship exemption.
- When first established, the program automatically exempted refineries based solely on their output, which resulted in 59 small refineries being exempted from 2007 to 2010. Post-2010, qualifying refineries seeking a small refinery hardship exemption submit financial information to EPA. EPA then shares this information with DOE and DOE uses a scoring matrix to quantify structural, economic and refinery-specific factors that may contribute to "disproportionate economic hardship."
- During the Obama Administration, there was often disagreement by EPA with DOE's recommendation. Since the start of this administration, EPA has worked to better coordinate with DOE to ensure cross-administration consistency.
- On August 15, 2017, EPA received an adverse decision from the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals, which found the agency's viability analysis employed by the previous administration to be inconsistent with congress's intent of the hardship exemption and outside its statutory authority (Sinclair Wyoming Refining Company v. EPA). Specifically, the court found EPA's requirement that refineries demonstrate an "existential threat" to their long-

term viability as the standard for demonstrating "disproportionate economic hardship" inconsistent with EPA's statutory authority and vacated a previously denied hardship exemption and remanded Sinclair's hardship petitions back to EPA for further consideration.

- In 2016, EPA received 20 petitions and granted 19 based on DOE's recommendation.

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**Subject:** Press Inquiry about Fuel: ethanol, RFS, fuel efficiency

Hi, Robert. I have a quick question on the RFS and E15 fuel.

Is the agency doing anything yet to craft a proposal on the RVP waiver for E15?

I wonder if you could walk me through the process a little for this. How is it supposed to work, and how long could the process take, in terms of public comment periods and things of that nature?

Historically, did E10 show up year round as a result of a similar process?

For deadline purposes, I'm trying to put something together by noon tomorrow (Friday).

Thanks,
marc

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**Sent**: 9/6/2019 3:04:56 PM
**To**: Labbe, Ken [Labbe.Ken@epa.gov]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Sewer system consent decrees and NCI

Sure.

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**From:** Labbe, Ken <Labbe.Ken@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Friday, September 6, 2019 10:45 AM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** FW: Sewer system consent decrees and NCI

Can I use someone's name on 3F for attribution?

**From:** Brett Walton <brett@circleofblue.org>
**Sent:** Friday, September 6, 2019 10:42 AM
**To:** Labbe, Ken <Labbe.Ken@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Sewer system consent decrees and NCI

Thanks, Ken. We only use anonymous sourcing when there is a compelling interest to do so. In this case there is not. I'll attribute this to you, unless there is someone else I should attribute it to.

On Fri, Sep 6, 2019 at 6:30 AM Labbe, Ken <Labbe.Ken@epa.gov> wrote:

> Hi Brett, Please see our response below, attributable to an EPA spokesperson please
>
> The EPA will return municipal CSO, SSO and stormwater compliance assurance work to the core program in FY2020. The core program ensures consistent collaboration and partnership between EPA and authorized states, tribes, territories, and localities with regards to compliance assurance activities, and collaborative work to determine which enforcement matters will be pursued.
>
> EPA and states will continue to monitor implementation of the existing CSO, SSO and stormwater long-term consent decrees and orders, and to adapt them to changing circumstances and new information, such as the increasing commitment of cities to implement green infrastructure, changes in financial capability, or technological advances.
>
> "Taken actions" means that the system has been assessed and, where appropriate, is subject to a civil judicial complaint, an enforceable federal or state enforcement order, or permit requirements that address the noncompliance.
>
> Kenneth T. Labbe

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**From**: Woods, Andrea [Woods.Andrea@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 9/5/2019 7:27:38 PM
**To**: Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]; Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]; McFaul, Jessica [mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov]
**CC**: Beach, Christopher [beach.christopher@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: ORD research grants

I already added to the hot topics doc, if that's what you're asking!

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**From:** Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Thursday, September 5, 2019 3:25 PM
**To:** Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Woods, Andrea <Woods.Andrea@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>
**Subject:** FW: ORD research grants

Just diving into this. Don't want to duplicate any efforts you all are already making?

Do we have any of this info? Otherwise I'll get started on compiling this.

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**From:** Schiermeyer, Corry
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 4, 2019 5:12 PM
**To:** Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
**Subject:** FW: ORD research grants

Here is the draft/close hold Animal Testing memo and the q/a that should be updated by OCSPP.

If you could reach out to ORD for more info on the grants, and any talking points we need on them, that would be great. Then once we have OCSPP's info, combine into a release, factsheet, talking points, etc.

You might see if Andrea Woods can find a reporter that has written on the topic that we might want to pitch, as well.

Thank you!!!

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 4, 2019 4:31 PM
**To:** Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: ORD research grants

Below is the release and the amounts for each grant are just below that thanks ng

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

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**From:** Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 4, 2019 4:19 PM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
**Subject:** ORD research grants

Do you have the full draft press release for the ORD grants for research to reduce animal testing?
I need it…

Thank you!

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Message

**From**: Labbe, Ken [Labbe.Ken@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 9/5/2019 7:22:39 PM
**To**: msoraghan@eenews.net
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Pesticide Dispute from 2017

Hi Mile- For attribution to an EPA spokesperson please

After EPA Region 10 issued the stop sale order to Chemsico, the company supplied information regarding the manufacturing process and ingredients. Upon evaluating this information, EPA determined the product is exempt from registration by virtue of the "food exemption" at 40 CFR 152.25(d).

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**From**: Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 9/4/2019 8:34:25 PM
**To**: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
**CC**: Schiermeyer, Corry [schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov]; McFaul, Jessica [mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov]; Woods, Andrea [Woods.Andrea@epa.gov]; Drinkard, Andrea [Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov]; Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]; Beach, Christopher [beach.christopher@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: any update on timing for streamlining permit appeals to the eab? thanks ng

Nancy can we ask them to Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 4, 2019, at 4:27 PM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

As discussed in this morning's meeting thanks ng

Hi Nancy,

The current schedule is for Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Aditi

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**From:** Stachowiak, Robert <Stachowiak.Robert@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 3, 2019 8:43 AM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Prabhu, Aditi <Prabhu.Aditi@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: any update on timing for streamlining permit appeals to the eab? thanks ng

Hi Nancy –

Thanks for following up. Yes, we are scheduled for Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) If this timing doesn't work, please let us know.

Also - as part of the roll-out, we would like to Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) But, we think Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Should we work with Christine Dibble on this, or should I reach out to John Martin directly? Either way, we'd reach out closer to 9/18 b/c this is close hold.

Thanks,
R

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 03, 2019 8:15 AM
**To:** Stachowiak, Robert <Stachowiak.Robert@epa.gov>; Prabhu, Aditi <Prabhu.Aditi@epa.gov>
**Subject:** any update on timing for streamlining permit appeals to the eab? thanks ng

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Message

**From**: Lynn, Tricia [lynn.tricia@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 4/24/2018 8:17:46 PM
**To**: vbalderas@voanews.com
**Subject**: RE: VOA Skype interview request on deadline or statement/EPA/Food waste

Vero--

**For attribution to "an EPA spokesperson,"**

While food waste may seem like a problem that is too large to handle, taking simple steps in your everyday life can make a difference in reducing this issue. Reducing wasted food is a triple win; it's good for the environment, for communities, and for the economy. The last place for excess food is in the trash can. Increasing awareness about the value of food as a resource and sharing the benefits of recovery are key steps to reducing waste. For more information on EPA's work in the Sustainable Management of Food, visit: https://www.epa.gov/sustainable-management-food

**And on background:**
In 2014 alone, more than 38 million tons of food waste was generated, with only 5.1 percent diverted from landfills and incinerators for composting. EPA estimates that more food reaches landfills and incinerators than any other single material in our everyday trash, constituting 21.6 percent of discarded municipal solid waste. Additionally, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) reports that Americans wasted over one third of the vegetables and fruit bought in 2010.

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**From:** Vero Balderas <vbalderas@voanews.com>
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 24, 2018 12:39 PM
**To:** Lynn, Tricia; jones.anesta@epa.gov
**Cc:** Vero Balderas
**Subject:** VOA Skype interview request on deadline or statement/EPA/Food waste

Good morning,

I hope this email finds you well.

Peter Casell from FDA suggested I get in touch with you.

I am reporter for the Spanish TV service of Voice of America based in Washington D.C.

We are hoping to interview one of your officials (in Spanish-preferably or English)

**Subject:** Food waste in the USA (We don't send questions in advance but the talking points would be the challenges and solutions)

**Date:** Today Tuesday April 24, 2018 (at anytime before 3:30 pm (ET)
Tomorrow Wednesday April 25, 2018 9:30 am (ET)

**Format:** 10 minute pre-recorded on-camera via Skype. If an interview isn't possible, a written statement from FDA about your efforts or what needs to happen to stop food waste in the USA, would be greatly appreciated.

**SKYPE Technical notes:**
Our Skype ID is: voanoticiasskype
a) Please try to connect at least 5 minutes before the interview time, so we can make a test.
b) Kindly make sure to use computer, and not a cell phone, when granting us the interview.
c) Make sure you are positioned away from windows, and that your background looks professional.
d) Please use ear phones with a microphone when possible.
e) Your computer's camera lens, should be positioned at the level of your eyes. I kindly ask you to look at the camera, when replying to questions.
f) Since the internet connection is not always ideal, try to remain as still as possible when answering our questions.

If the interview is granted, kindly email me the full name and job title of the interviewee, his/her mobile number and email address.
You might receive requests from other services at Voice of America, but we'd appreciate if you could handle ours separately, to the extent that this is possible.

**FYI Broadcast:** The story will air on our daily news show "El Mundo Al Día" http://www.voanoticias.com/section/el-mundo-al-dia/4006.html , and will be available for our radio and web teams to use as well. We have over 600 TV and radio affiliates across Latin America. More than 60 million people tune in to our Spanish language broadcasts, follow us on Twitter (@VOANoticias) and Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/LaVozdeAmerica/ ) and read our website. Though VOA is a government-funded agency, it is editorially and determinedly independent.

Thank you in advance and awaiting your prompt reply.

Respectfully,

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Message

**From**: Hope, Brian [Hope.Brian@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 4/16/2018 2:45:22 PM
**To**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: checking

**From:** dawn reeves [mailto:dawn.reeves@iwpnews.com]
**Sent:** Friday, April 13, 2018 5:01 PM
**To:** Pruitt, Scott <Pruitt.Scott@epa.gov>; sooners7, adm <sooners7@epa.gov>; esp7, <esp7@epa.gov>; admin14pruitt@epa.gov
**Subject:** checking

Hello Mr. Administrator,
I understand that these are alternate emails you use at EPA and I am just looking for confirmation that is the case.
A colleague has filed a FOIA request on this but I thought I would reach out directly and also to note that Inside EPA has requested to interview you many times and our requests have never been acknowledged.
If you would like to chat with us, please let me know. It is a great way to get a message to all EPA employees since they all read us.
Also you could share information with us not for attribution if that is of interest.
Thanks and in the meantime have a nice weekend.
Dawn Reeves
InsideEPA
703-562-8766

Message

**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 4/4/2018 3:02:17 PM
**To**: McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa [Mcclain-Vanderpool.Lisa@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Andeavor Waiver

Good morning Lisa,

Deferring to Nancy.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 04, 2018 9:59 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Andeavor Waiver

I assume we refer to OPA if we get any additional calls?

**From:** Daguillard, Robert
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 4, 2018 7:22 AM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov>; Region8Media <Region8Media@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Andeavor Waiver

All, our response to the reporter, although the story ran last night. Sending to R6, as the company is based in San Antonio; and to R8 as refineries are located in Utah and North Dakota:

# Three Andeavor refineries get EPA waiver on biofuels regulations

https://www.bizjournals.com/sanantonio/news/2018/04/03/three-andeavor-refineries-get-epa-waiver-on.html

**The Environmental Protection Agency has issued hardship waivers on biofuels regulations to three refineries owned by San Antonio-based Andeavor, according to media reports.**

**News agency Reuters reported that the EPA quietly issued the waivers to the San Antonio-based refining company a month ago. Officials from Andeavor (NYSE: ANDV) declined to comment.**
**The decision applies to Andeavor's refineries in Utah and North Dakota, Reuters reported.**

**Under the EPA's Renewable Fuel Standard Program, refining companies must blend gasoline with ethanol and diesel must be blended with other approved biofuels but refineries that use less than 75,000 barrels of crude oil per day may be granted a temporary exemption if complying with the regulations cause them to "suffer disproportionate economic hardship."**

**Four of Andeavor's refineries meet the 75,000 barrels of crude oil per day requirement. The company's Salt Lake City refinery uses 63,000 barrels per day while its Mandan, North Dakota facility uses 74,000 and its Dickinson, North Dakota facility uses 20,000 per day.**

**Andeavor also owns a 25,000 barrel per day refinery in Gallup, New Mexico, it was not included on list of facilities that Reuters reported received a waiver.**

**Copies of the waivers and their applications were not immediately available from the EPA. The North Dakota refineries are sourced by crude oil from the Bakken Shale while the Salt Lake City refinery is sourced by crude oil from shale basins in Utah and Colorado. Crude oil from those shale basins is more expensive than the Permian Basin and Eagle Ford Shale in Texas.**

**Renewable Fuels Association President and CEO Bob Dinneen decried the EPA's decision.**

**"EPA has struck again," Dinneen said in a statement. "It appears the agency has initiated a fire sale on RFS demand. Providing a small refiner waiver to a company like Andeavor is laughable and abandons the commitment of President Trump to protect the RFS. This is an outrageous abuse of the statute."**

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 04, 2018 9:11 AM
**To:** 'Sergio Chapa' <schapa@bizjournals.com>
**Subject:** RE: Andeavor Waiver

Sergio, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

This type of waiver contains confidential business information, and the Agency has no comment at this time.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Sergio Chapa [mailto:schapa@bizjournals.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 03, 2018 5:11 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Andeavor Waiver

Any updates?

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**From:** "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Date:** Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 2:28 PM
**To:** Sergio Chapa <schapa@bizjournals.com>
**Subject:** RE: Andeavor Waiver

Sure thing: BTW, you're referencing the Andeavor refineries in Utah and North Dakota, correct? Any other locations?

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Sergio Chapa [mailto:schapa@bizjournals.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 03, 2018 3:24 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Andeavor Waiver

Thanks!

///s///

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**From:** "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Date:** Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 2:23 PM
**To:** Sergio Chapa <schapa@bizjournals.com>
**Subject:** RE: Andeavor Waiver

I'm working on a 3 pm CST deadline. How can I get a copy of the EPA hardship waiver for the Andeavor refineries?

Message

**From**: Gordon, Meghan [meghan.gordon@spglobal.com]
**Sent**: 4/4/2018 2:11:53 PM
**To**: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Small refiner exemptions

Hi, I have seen statements in other media detailing how many of the waivers were for 2016 vs 2017, etc. Can you share those bare-bones details?

Thanks,
Meghan

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**From:** Gordon, Meghan
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 03, 2018 6:43 PM
**To:** Bowman, Liz; Press
**Subject:** Re: Small refiner exemptions

Thank you. Can you say what compliance years the 25 waivers cover?

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**From:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 3, 2018 5:56:02 PM
**To:** Gordon, Meghan; Press
**Subject:** RE: Small refiner exemptions

Hi Megan, EPA follows a long-standing, established process where the Agency uses a DOE analysis to inform decisions about refiner exemptions/waivers. Thank you – Liz

**On background** (not for attribution): DOE's analysis is developed based on information submitted to EPA, and DOE provides a recommendation with regard to the waiver. While the applications continue to come in, EPA has granted roughly 25 so far. We do not have specifics on overall refining capacity.

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**From:** Gordon, Meghan [mailto:meghan.gordon@spglobal.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 3, 2018 12:51 PM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Small refiner exemptions

Hi press team,

Can you confirm that Andeavor's Mandan, Dickinson and Salt Lake City refineries are all exempt from 2016 RFS obligations, as Reuters is reporting?

This is important information for our readers, and I want to make sure it is accurate.

Other standing questions on the small refiner exemptions:

- How many refiners have applied?
- How many waivers have been granted?
- How much refining capacity is represented by those waivers?

Thanks,

Meghan

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**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 4/4/2018 1:10:56 PM
**To**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: RFS refinery waivers

FYI

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Chris Clayton [mailto:chris.clayton@dtn.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 04, 2018 9:10 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: RFS refinery waivers

Robert,

Thanks for getting back to me. I believe we will have to see about appealing our denied FOIA request.

Chris Clayton
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Sent by iPhone.

On Apr 4, 2018, at 8:05 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

> Chris, re-sending:
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> This type of waiver contains confidential business information, and the Agency has no comment at this time.
>
> Cheers, R.
>
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> **From:** Daguillard, Robert
> **Sent:** Wednesday, April 04, 2018 9:01 AM
> **To:** Chris Clayton <chris.clayton@dtn.com>

**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: RFS refinery waivers

Chris, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

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Cheers, R.

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**From:** Chris Clayton [mailto:chris.clayton@dtn.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 03, 2018 5:12 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: RFS refinery waivers

Robert,

I'm getting a great deal of commentary from organizations pointing out how these waivers, particularly the one highlighted by Reuters, "have no transparency" and undermine the RFS.
There's also a question raised about the need for regulatory relief, or relief from a court order for EPA because of the court ruling highlighting a 500 million gallon RINs shortfall for 2016 after a court ruled EPA had erred in its RVO obligations from 2014-16.

So are these refiners getting waivers, then being allowed to sell 2016 RINs back into the marketplace?

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**From:** Chris Clayton
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 03, 2018 3:26 PM
**To:** 'Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov' <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RFS refinery waivers

Robert,

You sent me a number of the refineries granted 2016 waivers on March 22 as 14 refineries for 2016. I read a Reuters piece about the waivers and I do not understand why EPA is declining to release information on the waivers when the agency is waiving an environmental regulatory obligation to a company. What is the basis for declining to share information on the waivers and of those 14 refineries, can you tell me how many RINs that entails?

Thanks,

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 4/4/2018 10:19:24 AM
**To:** Laura Peterson [lpeterson@pogo.org]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Re: Request for info on WPS/CPA

Good morning Laura,

For attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

We are still reviewing this decision.

Cheers, R.

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On Apr 3, 2018, at 4:04 PM, Laura Peterson <lpeterson@pogo.org> wrote:

> Hello again,
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> We are publishing tomorrow our in-depth article examining the EPA's pesticide rulemaking actions over the last year. I realized that I should give EPA a chance to respond to the recent ruling in the CPA case, which came down after our last exchange. My deadline is COB today, but I can update my piece if you respond after my piece is published, which will likely be tomorrow.
>
> My question: Does EPA have a comment on U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California's March 21 decision that EPA violated the Administrative Procedure Act through several delays of pesticide rules? Link to decision: https://earthjustice.org/sites/default/files/files/cparRuling.pdf
>
> Thank you,
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> Laura
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> On Thu, Mar 8, 2018 at 5:18 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> > Laura, a response today is looking decidedly unlikely.
> >
> > Should we shoot for some time tomorrow? I'm out tomorrow, but you can follow up with my colleague Enesta Jones (cc'ed here)
> >
> > Cheers, R.
> >
> > Robert Daguillard

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert
**Sent:** Thursday, March 08, 2018 1:54 PM
**To:** 'Laura Peterson' <lpeterson@pogo.org>
**Subject:** RE: Request for info on WPS/CPA

Thanks, Laura. I'll ask the program and circle back.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Laura Peterson [mailto:lpeterson@pogo.org]
**Sent:** Thursday, March 08, 2018 1:53 PM

**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Request for info on WPS/CPA

Hi Robert, just checking in...when do you think your colleague will be able to respond? Again, today is best but tomorrow is doable.

Thanks,

Laura

On Wed, Mar 7, 2018 at 3:41 PM, Laura Peterson <lpeterson@pogo.org> wrote:

That would be great. I'll ping you around noon if I don't hear from you earlier. Thanks.

On Wed, Mar 7, 2018 at 3:25 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks. I've just sent your questions to the program. I hope the rest of the work day – and tomorrow – will give them enough time to respond. Why don't we touch base tomorrow morning, in any event? I should have a much better idea, by then, of what's feasible.

Cheers, R.

Robert Daguillard

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**From:** Laura Peterson [mailto:lpeterson@pogo.org]
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 07, 2018 3:16 PM

**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Request for info on WPS/CPA

Hi Robert, I said at the bottom of the message that I'm working on a deadline of COB tomorrow (Thursday), but it would be great if I could get them earlier in the day because this is

heading to my editor at COB and I'd like to make sure I don't have any follow-up clarifications. It will then go through another editor and on to publication next week.

On Wed, Mar 7, 2018 at 3:09 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Hey Laura, thanks for circling back. What's your deadline, please, and when are you hoping to publish?

Cheers, R.

Robert Daguillard

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**From:** Laura Peterson [mailto:lpeterson@pogo.org]
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 07, 2018 2:46 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Request for info on WPS/CPA

Hi Robert, I'm closing in on my deadline so wanted to retry getting a quote from you. Again, I'm writing a piece on the EPA's delay of certain Worker Protection Standards and Certification of Pesticide Applicators revisions.

Here are my specific questions:

1) The December notice published in the Federal Register by the agency says that "by the end of FY 2018, EPA expects to publish a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to solicit public input on proposed revisions to the WPS requirements for minimum ages, designated representatives, and application exclusion zones." However, the WPS home page says the three requirements that went into effect in January 2018 regarded pesticide safety training, new posters and suspension of application if people are in the "application exclusion zone."

What is the difference between the AEZ provision in effect now and the one that will be considered in the new proposed rulemaking?

2) The EPA web page on the CPA states that:

"EPA has been engaging stakeholders both formally and informally on ideas for the revisions since the 1990s. EPA has received extensive feedback, including in-depth comments on the proposed revisions. The revisions were developed with input from individuals, state and tribal regulatory partners and other organizations through numerous stakeholder meetings and other outreach."

Given this substantial investment in the rule revisions, can you tell me who or what parties influenced Administrator Pruitt's decision to revisit elements of the changes?

3) Farmworker advocates point to EPA's own findings of up to 3,000 preventable incidents of pesticide exposure per year as evidence of the harm to workers these delays will pose. Does EPA dispute these findings, or does it believe the delays will not result in unnecessary exposure incidents?

Thanks for your prompt response. I'm working on a deadline of COB tomorrow (Thursday), but would like to get your comments sooner if possible.

Laura

On Thu, Feb 15, 2018 at 12:18 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

**Good morning Laura,**

**My colleagues from the pesticides office have forwarded me your inquiry. Do you have specific questions you could send? Also, are you on deadline?**

**Happy to discuss.**

**Thanks, R.**

**From:** Laura Peterson [mailto:lpeterson@pogo.org]
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 14, 2018 5:22 PM
**To:** Keaney, Kevin <Keaney.Kevin@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Request for info on WPS/CPA

Hi Kevin,

I'm contacting you at the recommendation of Bill Jordan, who has helped me with an article I'm writing on the proposed WPS/CPA rule updates. I'd like to fact-check some points with you and talk a bit about state implementation issues. Our conversation would be on background, but if you'd like to add a quote you of course can.

I'd like to speak with you tomorrow if you have time, though Friday morning could also work. Just let me know what's best for you.

Thanks for your time,

Laura

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Message

**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 4/3/2018 8:24:33 PM
**To**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: Press Inquiry about Toxics / TSCA

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 03, 2018 4:24 PM
**To:** 'Cynthia Gould' <cagould@sbgtv.com>
**Subject:** RE: Press Inquiry about Toxics / TSCA

Cynthia, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

The Agency is currently considering the comments received in response to the 2016 proposals, including comments suggesting that EPA quickly finalize these actions and comments suggesting that these actions be evaluated as part of the group of the first ten chemicals undergoing initial risk evaluations under the Lautenberg amendments to TSCA.

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 03, 2018 3:44 PM
**To:** 'Cynthia Gould' <cagould@sbgtv.com>
**Subject:** RE: Press Inquiry about Toxics / TSCA

Good afternoon Cynthia,

Thanks for reaching out. Are you on deadline?

Also, and based on your area code, are you preparing a report just for Alabama stations or for nationwide distribution? I take it specific health and/or environmental concerns have prompted your inquiry.

Happy to discuss. Thanks again.

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**From:** Cynthia Gould [mailto:cagould@sbgtv.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 03, 2018 3:23 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Press Inquiry about Toxics / TSCA

Hello,

I am inquiring about the proposed ban on Methylene Chloride. Please send me an update on the status and whether the EPA plans to move forward.

Regards,

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Message

**From**: Hopkins, Jamie [jhopkins@publicintegrity.org]
**Sent**: 3/29/2018 7:00:22 PM
**To**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Media query -- methylene chloride
**Attachments**: congressional_letter_to_epa_methylene_chloride-3_22_18.pdf

Hi, Robert, I'm working on a quick-turnaround piece about South Carolina's senators and one congressman calling on EPA to act on the proposed methylene chloride rule. (I've attached the letter in case you haven't seen it.)

Would the EPA like to comment? My deadline is **today at 4 p.m.**

Can't recall now if I sent you the link to the story we corresponded about earlier – here it is: https://www.publicintegrity.org/2018/03/26/21626/epa-planned-ban-deadly-paint-stripping-chemical-will-it-follow-through (and here's the version Slate co-published: https://slate.com/technology/2018/03/will-the-epa-ban-methylene-chloride.html)

Best,

Jamie

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**From:** Hopkins, Jamie
**Sent:** Thursday, March 22, 2018 9:04 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Media query -- methylene chloride

Good morning, just wanted to make sure you saw these questions from Tuesday:

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**From:** Hopkins, Jamie
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 20, 2018 1:26 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Media query -- methylene chloride

Thanks! Could you clarify two things:

1) Does the EPA still intend to finalize the current NMP/methylene chloride rule at some point?

2) How long does the EPA currently expect the NMP/methylene chloride rule will take to finalize?

Many thanks.

Jamie

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 20, 2018 1:21:12 PM
**To:** Hopkins, Jamie
**Cc:** Press
**Subject:** RE: Media query -- methylene chloride

Jamie, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

1. I see that the NMP/methylene chloride rule, which was a "proposed rule" in the spring 2017 regulatory agenda, was changed to a "Long-term Action" in the most recent regulatory agenda. Does this mean the proposal has been shelved?
**Response:** The Regulatory Plan of the Unified Agenda contains the regulatory priority actions that agencies expect to take in the coming year. The status changed because the Agency felt that more time was needed to consider how best to analyze and address any risks from these chemicals. Given that these actions were not anticipated to finalize within 12 months, they were removed from the Unified Agenda. The agency is currently considering the comments received in response to the proposal.
2. Methylene chloride is one of the 10 chemicals on the list for the first risk evaluations under the revised TSCA law. I'm not sure if I quite understand the timeline requirements – could you explain when the risk evaluation for methylene chloride must be completed, when the EPA expects to be done (if that timing is different than the deadline) and what happens after the risk evaluation is complete"

**Response:** We plan to finalize the risk evaluations by late 2019. If at the end of the risk evaluation process, EPA determines that a chemical presents an unreasonable risk to health or the environment, the chemical must immediately move to risk management action under TSCA. Read more.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Hopkins, Jamie [mailto:jhopkins@publicintegrity.org]
**Sent:** Friday, March 16, 2018 10:46 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Media query -- methylene chloride

Couple things I should add to the question pile:

1. I see that the NMP/methylene chloride rule, which was a "proposed rule" in the spring 2017 regulatory agenda, was changed to a "Long-term Action" in the most recent regulatory agenda. Does this mean the proposal has been shelved?

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Thank you!

Jamie

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Friday, March 16, 2018 10:36 AM
**To:** Hopkins, Jamie <jhopkins@publicintegrity.org>
**Subject:** Re: Media query -- methylene chloride

Kewl. Thanks.

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On Mar 16, 2018, at 10:31 AM, Hopkins, Jamie <jhopkins@publicintegrity.org> wrote:

> Yup, my deadline is Monday at 3 p.m.
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> Thanks!
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> **From:** Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
> **Sent:** Friday, March 16, 2018 10:30 AM
> **To:** Hopkins, Jamie <jhopkins@publicintegrity.org>
> **Subject:** Re: Media query -- methylene chloride
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> Hey Jamie, I'm afraid you're right. My bad.
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> Deadline? Are you writing for publication soon?
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> Robert Daguillard
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> On Mar 16, 2018, at 10:24 AM, Hopkins, Jamie <jhopkins@publicintegrity.org> wrote:
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>> Hi, I'm re-upping this request because it probably got lost in the shuffle earlier this week:

**From:** Hopkins, Jamie
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 14, 2018 10:53 AM
**To:** 'daguillard.robert@epa.gov' <daguillard.robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Media query -- methylene chloride

Hi, hope you're well. Could you update me on the status and expected timeline of the proposed TSCA rulemaking for methylene chloride and NMP? Also, has there been action on this proposal since the extension of the comment deadline last April?

Many thanks.

Best,

Jamie

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Message

**From**: Werner, Anna [WernerA@cbsnews.com]
**Sent**: 3/29/2018 5:34:20 PM
**To**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**CC**: Herbert, Sean [HerbertS@cbsnews.com]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Press Inquiry about Toxics / TSCA - CBS National News On Deadline

Thank you Robert, we appreciate your quick turnaround.

Best,
Anna

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, March 29, 2018 1:34 PM
**To:** Werner, Anna <WernerA@cbsnews.com>
**Cc:** Herbert, Sean <HerbertS@cbsnews.com>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Press Inquiry about Toxics / TSCA - CBS National News On Deadline

Anna, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

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**From:** Werner, Anna [mailto:WernerA@cbsnews.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, March 29, 2018 11:49 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Herbert, Sean <HerbertS@cbsnews.com>
**Subject:** Press Inquiry about Toxics / TSCA - CBS National News On Deadline

Hi Robert,

Thanks for your time. I just want to see if there's any update today on the status of the proposed ban on methylene chloride.

We know it has been in a postponed/hold status as of December, when it was moved into "long term actions" - just want to know if there's an update or an anticipated next action date.

**Our deadline for tonight's story is 5 pm Eastern.**

Here's the piece I referenced featuring recent and past deaths from methylene chloride:

https://www.cbsnews.com/news/dangerous-paint-stripper-chemical-methylene-chloride-ban-on-hold/

Thanks very much for your help.

Best,
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**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 3/29/2018 5:15:57 PM
**To**: Corbin Hiar [chiar@eenews.net]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Methylene chloride

Corbin, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

We will respond to the letter through appropriate channels.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Corbin Hiar [mailto:chiar@eenews.net]
**Sent:** Thursday, March 29, 2018 10:46 AM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Methylene chloride

I plan to write about this letter from South Carloina lawmakers calling for EPA to finalize the paint stripping rule. Please let me know by noon if EPA has any comment.

Thanks, C

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**From**: Armstrong, Annalee [Annalee.Armstrong@spglobal.com]
**Sent**: 3/29/2018 3:18:23 PM
**To**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: Vehicle emissions

Thanks Robert, appreciate the quick response. Have a great day.

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Thursday, March 29, 2018 11:15:59 AM
**To:** Armstrong, Annalee; Press
**Subject:** RE: Vehicle emissions

Annalee, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

"Throughout the review process, EPA has been in contact with a variety of parties concerning this decision, including CARB."

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Armstrong, Annalee [mailto:Annalee.Armstrong@spglobal.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, March 29, 2018 10:46 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Vehicle emissions

Thanks Robert. Can you tell me if EPA has been in touch with CARB?

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Thursday, March 29, 2018 10:45:17 AM
**To:** Armstrong, Annalee; Press
**Subject:** RE: Vehicle emissions

Good morning Annalee:

**"The draft determination has been sent to OMB and is undergoing interagency review. A final determination will be signed by April 1, 2018, consistent with the original timeline,"** Liz Bowman, EPA spokesperson

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Armstrong, Annalee [mailto:Annalee.Armstrong@spglobal.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, March 29, 2018 10:33 AM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Vehicle emissions

Good morning, this is Annalee from S&P Global. Do you have any update you can provide on when the EPA will be announcing the review of the 2022-2025 fuel economy standards? I also understand that Administrator Pruitt was in California the past few days. Did he, or any other EPA staff such as Air Chief Bill Wehrum meet with any officials from California's Air Resource Board to discuss the fuel economy standards while there?

My deadline for this will be 4 p.m. ET. Thank you.

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**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 3/29/2018 12:51:39 PM
**To**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: seeking EPA comment, chlorpyrifos story

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**From:** Tong, Scott [mailto:Stong@marketplace.org]
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 28, 2018 2:33 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: seeking EPA comment, chlorpyrifos story

Robert,

Hi and thanks again for this. Your email did not include a response to the two questions at the bottom. Just so I know, is the agency preparing to respond to these?

Scott

**On the agency's decision not to revoke tolerances for chlorpyrifos in the spring of 2017:**

Did this decision have anything to do with the Dow Chemical Company's donation to the President's inauguration fund?

Betsy Southerland, former director of science and technology in the EPA Office of Water, states she has first-hand knowledge of the process underlying this decision: "The scientists had no role. They were considered irrelevant to the decision. Their role in the end was just to justify the decision not to go forward with the ban." Does the agency have a response?

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Monday, March 26, 2018 10:42 AM
**To:** Tong, Scott <Stong@marketplace.org>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: seeking EPA comment, chlorpyrifos story

Scott, with apologies for the late reply, and for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

**On EPA's response to the NOAA NMFS biological opinion on organophosphates and endangered species:**

Does the EPA have a statutory deadline to act on NMFS suggested "reasonable and prudent measures" to reduce exposure to endangered species?

**It is important to understand that what NMFS provided to EPA was an opinion that included suggested reasonable and prudent alternatives to protect listed species; the ESA does not mandate that federal agencies such as EPA adopt NMFS' suggested measures. The law makes clear that following receipt of a BiOp, the federal agency must determine how it will comply with the ESA and whether it will adopt NMFS' recommended measures or take another course of action. EPA is currently engaged in that process.**

Has the agency sent the biological opinion back to NMFS? If so, for what purpose?

**It is not clear what precisely the question is asking, but EPA has not "sent the BiOp back to NMFS."**

Does the new inter-agency process laid out in the Memorandum of Agreement directly affect the NMFS biological opinion?

**The MOA represents an interagency commitment to work more closely together to meet our shared obligations under the ESA. It does not alter EPA or Service obligations under the statute and the regulations.**

Administrator Pruitt reportedly stated before the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture that "we have usage data, frankly, that wasn't considered." To what specific data sets was he referring?

**The agencies are in agreement that reliable data that demonstrate how pesticides are used in practice should be more widely considered in developing opinions under the ESA.**

Patti Goldman of Earth Justice alleges the EPA sought a delay in the EPA-NOAA-FWS consultation process at the behest of chlorpyrifos manufacturer Dow. Goldman states Dow asked the agency to request a process of "start over, and go to the court and ask them to give you more time. And then the Fisheries Service went and asked for more time, and did just what Dow suggested they do." Does the agency have any comment?

**NMFS' reasons for seeking an extension to their deadline were set forth in extensive court filings. We can refer you to the recent filings.**

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Tong, Scott [mailto:Stong@marketplace.org]
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 20, 2018 10:08 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: seeking EPA comment, chlorpyrifos story

Thank you Robert. Much appreciated.

**From:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 20, 2018 9:30 AM
**To:** Tong, Scott <Stong@marketplace.org>
**Subject:** RE: seeking EPA comment, chlorpyrifos story

Good morning and thanks for your questions, Scott. Let's work on End-of-Day for now. I'll try to let you know soonest if we can meet that deadline.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Tong, Scott [mailto:Stong@marketplace.org]
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 20, 2018 9:27 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: seeking EPA comment, chlorpyrifos story

Robert – apologies for the delay. Here are details below. If I know of any changes in the timing, I'll let you know. For now I'm requesting a response by the end of today.

The piece – versions of which will appear on the air for Marketplace and online – will focus on the organophosphate chlorpyrifos and regulatory actions in the current administration. It is informed by the views of farmers and agricultural/pesticide industry groups, fishermen, marine scientists, environmental groups, toxicologists, government relations officials and former agency officials. It will cite past statements by the President, the EPA administrator, Dow's Chairman and CEO, and documents submitted on behalf of Dow in the regulatory process.

Questions below:

**On a recorded interview:**

Is an EPA official available for a recorded interview on this topic?

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Thanks for your consideration.

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Monday, March 19, 2018 2:05 PM
**To:** Tong, Scott <Stong@marketplace.org>
**Subject:** RE: seeking EPA comment, chlorpyrifos story

Certainly helps. Thanks in advance, Scott.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Tong, Scott [mailto:Stong@marketplace.org]
**Sent:** Monday, March 19, 2018 1:58 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: seeking EPA comment, chlorpyrifos story

Robert,

Thanks for the reply. I'll send you questions and context over the next hour. As far as coming, I've just been told this story will air on Wednesday earliest (we now have a lot of competing stories for this week), so for internal editing purposes I have until close of business tomorrow? Hope that provides enough time.

More soon.

Scott

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Monday, March 19, 2018 1:43 PM
**To:** Tong, Scott <Stong@marketplace.org>
**Subject:** RE: seeking EPA comment, chlorpyrifos story

Hey Scott,

Good to hear from you again. Please send us the questions – and as much context info as you can on your story, please.

Also, your voicemail said your story on chlorpyrifos may air "as early as" tomorrow (Tuesday): sounds as though you've got some wiggle room? What's your hard deadline, if it comes to that?

Cheers, R.

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Robert,

Hello again from Marketplace public radio. I'm reporting a story on EPA's regulatory process and decisions re: organophosphates and chlorpyrifos and am seeking EPA comment on a couple questions.

Who can I send those questions to? This is a piece due to air in the next day or two. Thanks.

Scott Tong, correspondent
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*author, A Village with My Name: A Family History of China's Opening to the World (Dec. 2017)*

Message

**From**: Annie Snider [asnider@politico.com]
**Sent**: 3/28/2018 1:27:58 PM
**To**: Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: PFAS/drinking water questions

Got it, thanks

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 28, 2018, at 9:17 AM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:

**Annie,**

**For attribution to an EPA spokesperson:** EPA is focused on protecting public health, and we will continue to work to use the most appropriate tools available to us under the law to achieve that goal.

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**Sent**: 3/28/2018 1:12:09 PM
**To**: Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: For Review: POLITICO (Annie Snider) re advisories for contaminants (Deadline: 3/28)

Fine to send.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 28, 2018 8:17 AM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** For Review: POLITICO (Annie Snider) re advisories for contaminants (Deadline: 3/28)

**Background**: POLITICO reporter has a follow-up question re advisories for contaminants (not just PFAS). The short answer is "no." Response approved by Dave Ross. Annie Snider, asnider@politico.com

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**Sent**: 3/28/2018 3:47:53 AM
**To**: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Water Gen grant

My apologies for the late email, but I wanted to update you immediately. The WSJ ran a story on this tonight, so my editors have moved the timetable and we plan to run a story in the early morning, including in Morning Energy, noting everything you shared already. I wanted to update you since the timing of my story changed because of the Journal's story. I would love to update the story with answers to my below questions once they are available, of course.

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**From:** Alex Guillen
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 27, 2018 10:01 PM
**To:** 'Bowman, Liz' <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Water Gen grant

Hi Liz, I have some follow-up questions (I'm writing a story tomorrow morning but wanted to get these to you as soon as possible, so I understand if there's no response tonight).

Can I please get a copy of the CRADA?

Could you please share a copy of the announcement of the availability last fall? There was a mention on this page but the page where the details were is now empty.

If the CRADA was signed in January, why did EPA announce it two months later?

Can you name the other companies EPA discussed this technology with?

What does a GEN-350 typically cost? It looks like the device EPA is testing is a loaner, but I'm interested to know what it costs so I can better describe it.

Administrator Pruitt's schedule indicates he met on March 29, 2017, with executives from Water-Gen. Was the possibility of a research agreement discussed at that time? Was the idea to research this technology inspired by or connected to that meeting? His schedule also indicates the meeting was arranged by Sheldon Adelson. What is his involvement with the company? Has the administrator taken other meeting's at Adelson's request? Has he met with or communicated with Adelson directly as administrator?

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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 27, 2018 9:05 PM
**To:** Alex Guillen <aguillen@politico.com>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Water Gen grant

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**From:** Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 3/28/2018 1:23:24 AM
**To:** John Siciliano [jsiciliano@washingtonexaminer.com]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Re: Administrator Pruitt Announces Cooperative Research and Development Agreement

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On Mar 27, 2018, at 5:34 PM, John Siciliano <jsiciliano@washingtonexaminer.com> wrote:

Hey guys. Is this the same Israeli-based Water-Gen that sells to Russia?

On Tue, Mar 27, 2018 at 5:00 PM, EPA Press Office <press@epa.gov> wrote:

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This CRADA is an example of EPA's commitment to partnering with companies to find new and innovative approaches to modern environmental challenges, such as providing clean drinking water to communities affected by natural disasters or Superfund sites. EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD) is working to develop relationships that allow us to test and evaluate new technologies, like the atmospheric water generators, to ensure the U.S. can employ this type of technology and provide its citizens with the highest quality air and water.

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**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
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Thanks. This answers a couple of my more minor questions.

But mostly I'm writing about the Sheldon Adelson connection. I assume you know about that, yes? I'm still at my desk and if you ring me there I'll explain.

On Tue, Mar 27, 2018 at 7:45 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:
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**From:** Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 3/27/2018 11:45:27 PM
**To:** Puko, Tim [tim.puko@wsj.com]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Re: Administrator Pruitt Announces Cooperative Research and Development Agreement

Hi Tim, please consider this additional background (not for attribution):

In general, the Federal Technology Transfer Act authorizes the use of a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA), which is a collaborative research partnership between an EPA lab or office and one or more external parties, such as universities, companies, governmental organizations, or trade associations.

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· EPA engaged in discussions with a number of companies developing AWGs about participation in this CRADA. [**NOTE**: we discussed this with at least four companies, including Water-Gen].

· In January 2018, EPA signed a CRADA with Water-Gen, a corporation developing AWG technology, to evaluate their GEN-350 system.

· EPA remains open to working with other entities that are interested in participating in this research effort.

· Water-Gen agreed to transfer on a temporary basis one AWG unit to EPA for a period of at least three months for testing. Testing of the AWG technology will take place at EPA's Cincinnati facility.

· The CRADA and Material Transfer Agreement between EPA and Water-Gen did not involve the transfer of any funds to or from EPA.

· The CRADA spells out the rights of the Company and EPA for any technology advancements developed during this cooperative testing process, and the agreement states explicitly that it does not constitute regulatory or scientific approval of the use of any particular product or technology by EPA.

On Mar 27, 2018, at 6:10 PM, Puko, Tim <tim.puko@wsj.com> wrote:

Hi, I have a lot of questions about the nature of this deal. Could someone give me a call in 15 minutes or so?

On Tue, Mar 27, 2018 at 5:00 PM, EPA Press Office <press@epa.gov> wrote:

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**Sent**: 3/27/2018 5:07:19 PM
**To**: Kate Murphy [kate@growlermag.com]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: The Growler // ASAP questions on GLRI

Thanks, Kate. We'll direct you to the response to your first question:

A short description of the budget process can be found in the green box on our FY 2019 Budget Proposal webpage.

Cheers, R.

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**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: The Growler // ASAP questions on GLRI

Hello, Robert!

Great! This is awesome information.

Could you explain to me a bit what you mean by *Congress will determine the timeline for voting on FY 2019 appropriations bills. The 2019 fiscal year begins on October 1, 2018.*

Does that mean Congress hasn't determined the timeline for voting yet? It could be anytime from now until September 30th, basically? Just a bit more explanation would be appreciated.

Thanks!

**Kate Murphy**
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On Tue, Mar 27, 2018 at 10:57 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

> Kate, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:
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> **--I understand that President Trump's 2019 proposed budget includes massive cuts in funding the**

**GLRI, from $298 million all the way down to $30 million. When will the voting of this proposal take place?**

Congress will determine the timeline for voting on FY 2019 appropriations bills. The 2019 fiscal year begins on October 1, 2018.

Also, a short description of the budget process can be found in the green box on our FY 2019 Budget Proposal webpage.

**-- And too, could you give a timeframe for the proposal (I believe it was released in February?), as well as the voting(s), *if* it goes through and defunded (please no!), etc.**

The president's FY 2019 budget proposal was released on February 12, 2018. This proposal was sent to Congress for consideration. Congress will determine the timeline for voting on FY 2019 appropriations bills.

**-- Any other insight or information you could give me about this proposal, GLRI, etc.**

Please see page 199 of the FY 2019 Justification of Appropriation Estimates for the Committee on Appropriations for more information on the GLRI proposal.

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**Sent:** Monday, March 26, 2018 3:56 PM

**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: The Growler // ASAP questions on GLRI

Of course. That works for me. I will be out of the office on Friday, so if we could say by Thursday, that would be most helpful.

Thanks, Robert!

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On Mon, Mar 26, 2018 at 2:54 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

It absolutely does. Is it OK if we get back to you, say, by the end of the week?

Cheers, R.

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**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: The Growler // ASAP questions on GLRI

Well, I should clarify. I just want to gather the timeline so that the writer is aware of the circumstances, as well as all of the editors here. We want it to be a part of the upcoming article, which will be in the May issue. The deadline for the piece itself won't be until mid-April, but I just want to gather some info ahead of time so we are aware of what's going on regarding GLRI. Does that make sense?

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On Mon, Mar 26, 2018 at 2:49 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

I see. How late can we get back to you? Are you looking to publish, say, by the end of the week?

Cheers, R.

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**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: The Growler // ASAP questions on GLRI

Hello, Robert!

Thanks for getting back to me. Yes. We are in the process of assigning this to a writer, and we would like to give them a heads up on the timeline of things/voting.

Thanks!

**Kate Murphy**
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On Mon, Mar 26, 2018 at 2:45 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Kate, thanks for this. Are you on deadline, please?

Cheers, R.

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**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** The Growler // ASAP questions on GLRI

Hello!

Kate Murphy here with The Growler, a food, beverage, and culture magazine based in St. Paul, Minnesota. I have some quick, general questions regarding the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. In our upcoming June "Great Lakes" issue, we want to discuss a bit about the GLRI, and I want to gather some initial information for the editors, just so we have an understanding of the topic at hand:

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Thank you so much! I really appreciate the information! Hope you have a wonderful day.

Cheers,

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Message

**From:** Shoshana Wodinsky [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]
**Sent:** 3/27/2018 3:05:32 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Re: Subject: MEDIA INQUIRY: Filtering pharmaceuticals out of wastewater

Thank you, Robert.

On Tue, Mar 27, 2018 at 11:04 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Shoshana, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

On Background:

We can offer theses webinars for background information:

- Pharmaceutical Residues in Municipal Wastewater
  - Concentrations of Prioritized Pharmaceuticals in Effluents from 50 Large Wastewater Treatment Plants in the US and Implications for Risk Estimation

**From:** Lynn, Tricia
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 20, 2018 3:54 PM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** FW: MEDIA INQUIRY: Filtering pharmaceuticals out of wastewater

I'll work with OW.

**From:** Shoshana Wodinsky [mailto:Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 20, 2018 3:11 PM
**To:** Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>

Hello Tricia,

My name is Shoshana -- I'm a reporter for *Scienceline* currently working on a story about water filtration -- specifically, why it's so difficult to remove pharmaceuticals from water.

Please let me know if you could possibly schedule a phone call this week or next, or if you'd prefer to keep the questions email-only. If there are any other colleagues that you believe could speak to this issue, feel free to forward this email their way.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

All the best,

SW

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**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 3/27/2018 3:05:48 PM
**To**: ssweeney@sbgtv.com
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: Media inquiry

Sam, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

EPA is one of several federal, state and local agencies asked to provide input to the proposed Environmental Assessment. EPA will offer to review the Environmental Assessment as it is being developed.

Can you do me a favor and send a link to your web story if/when you're able to update? Thanks.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Sam Sweeney [mailto:ssweeney@sbgtv.com]
**Sent:** Monday, March 26, 2018 12:49 PM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Media inquiry

Good afternoon,
I'm a reporter at ABC 7 in D.C. I'm working on a story regarding hyperloop and it's D.C. -Baltimore project. The EPA is listed as a partner in the project. I'm wondering if you can tell me what the EPA's roll is and where the project stands in terms of the EPA's roll. This story is for tonight.

Thank you

Sam Sweeney

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**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 3/27/2018 3:04:25 PM
**To**: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Subject: MEDIA INQUIRY: Filtering pharmaceuticals out of wastewater

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SW

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**Sent:** 3/27/2018 12:45:35 PM
**To:** Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** RE: media inqiry

Hullo Jim

For attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

Title II of the bill funds the EPA at $8.058 billion which equals the FY 2017 Enacted budget. Additionally, the Congress provided $766 million to the Agency separately designated for Infrastructure investments to the States. Combined together, the total Agency funding is $8.824 billion. In Division G – Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018 – the bill includes a detailed break out of EPA's budget on pages 89hh through 89kkk.

Cheers, R.

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**Sent:** Monday, March 26, 2018 10:54 AM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** media inqiry

I'm a DC Based writer for a national ag industry newspaper, Farm World.

Can you send me a break out of the EPA BUDGET in the omnibus spending bill signed by the President last Friday..

Thank you,

Jim Rutledge
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**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 3/27/2018 12:44:37 PM
**To**: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]; Huitric, Michele [Huitric.Michele@epa.gov]; Zito, Kelly [ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV]; Glenn, William [Glenn.William@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Subject: Re: EPA contact info

Good morning Mathilde,

For attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

We are reviewing the decision and have no comment at this time.

**From:** Mathilde Sourd [mailto: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) ]
**Sent:** Monday, March 26, 2018 4:41 PM
**To:** Huitric, Michele <Huitric.Michele@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: EPA contact info

Thank you Michele,

About the US District Court for Northern California which ruled late Wednesday the EPA illegally delayed implementation of key pesticides rules, my question is :
What the EPA has to say about the accusation that it has been made to illegitimately delay the implementation of the pesticides rules ?

But I need a comment before 5PM, tomorrow will be too late.

Thank you for your time however,

Regards,

Mathilde Sourd
News Reporter, KPFA Radio

Cheers, R.

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**Sent**: 3/26/2018 8:50:57 PM
**To**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: seeking EPA comment, chlorpyrifos story

Please advise.

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**From:** Tong, Scott [mailto:Stong@marketplace.org]
**Sent:** Monday, March 26, 2018 4:49 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: seeking EPA comment, chlorpyrifos story

Thank you Robert for this.

I have a separate question for a piece running even sooner – tomorrow evening on Marketplace. It's about EPA policy re: regulatory science, scientific studies – the Secret Science changes that the administrator has been talking about. I'm seeking a confirmation of a statement attributed to administrator Pruitt. Who can I direct that inquiry to? Details below:

EPA administrator Pruitt, speaking to Lars Larson on KXL radio 3/22/18:
"I'm issuing a memo here pretty soon that says look, as we do rulemaking, if we use science outside the agency with a third party, the methodology and data needs to be transparent and objective for the American people to consume."

1. Can the agency confirm this memo is pending?
2. Is there any timing as to when?

My deadline is 4 pm eastern tomorrow/Tuesday, just before the piece will air in the first cast.

Much appreciated.

Scott

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Monday, March 26, 2018 10:42 AM
**To:** Tong, Scott <Stong@marketplace.org>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: seeking EPA comment, chlorpyrifos story

Scott, with apologies for the late reply, and for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

**On EPA's response to the NOAA NMFS biological opinion on organophosphates and endangered species:**

Does the EPA have a statutory deadline to act on NMFS suggested "reasonable and prudent measures" to reduce exposure to endangered species?

**It is important to understand that what NMFS provided to EPA was an opinion that included suggested reasonable and prudent alternatives to protect listed species; the ESA does not mandate that federal agencies such as EPA adopt NMFS' suggested measures. The law makes clear that following receipt of a BiOp, the federal agency must determine how it will comply with the ESA and whether it will adopt NMFS' recommended measures or take another course of action. EPA is currently engaged in that process.**

Has the agency sent the biological opinion back to NMFS? If so, for what purpose?

**It is not clear what precisely the question is asking, but EPA has not "sent the BiOp back to NMFS."**

Does the new inter-agency process laid out in the Memorandum of Agreement directly affect the NMFS biological opinion?

**The MOA represents an interagency commitment to work more closely together to meet our shared obligations under the ESA. It does not alter EPA or Service obligations under the statute and the regulations.**

Administrator Pruitt reportedly stated before the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture that "we have usage data, frankly, that wasn't considered." To what specific data sets was he referring?

**The agencies are in agreement that reliable data that demonstrate how pesticides are used in practice should be more widely considered in developing opinions under the ESA.**

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**NMFS' reasons for seeking an extension to their deadline were set forth in extensive court filings. We can refer you to the recent filings.**

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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 20, 2018 10:08 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: seeking EPA comment, chlorpyrifos story

Thank you Robert. Much appreciated.

**From:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 20, 2018 9:30 AM
**To:** Tong, Scott <Stong@marketplace.org>
**Subject:** RE: seeking EPA comment, chlorpyrifos story

Good morning and thanks for your questions, Scott. Let's work on End-of-Day for now. I'll try to let you know soonest if we can meet that deadline.

Cheers, R.

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**Subject:** RE: seeking EPA comment, chlorpyrifos story

Robert – apologies for the delay. Here are details below. If I know of any changes in the timing, I'll let you know. For now I'm requesting a response by the end of today.

The piece – versions of which will appear on the air for Marketplace and online – will focus on the organophosphate chlorpyrifos and regulatory actions in the current administration. It is informed by the views of farmers and agricultural/pesticide industry groups, fishermen, marine scientists, environmental groups, toxicologists, government relations officials and former agency officials. It will cite past statements by the President, the EPA administrator, Dow's Chairman and CEO, and documents submitted on behalf of Dow in the regulatory process.

Questions below:

**On a recorded interview:**

Is an EPA official available for a recorded interview on this topic?

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**On the agency's decision not to revoke tolerances for chlorpyrifos in the spring of 2017:**

Did this decision have anything to do with the Dow Chemical Company's donation to the President's inauguration fund?

Betsy Southerland, former director of science and technology in the EPA Office of Water, states she has first-hand knowledge of the process underlying this decision: "The scientists had no role. They were considered irrelevant to the decision. Their role in the end was just to justify the decision not to go forward with the ban." Does the agency have a response?

Thanks for your consideration.

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**To:** Tong, Scott <Stong@marketplace.org>
**Subject:** RE: seeking EPA comment, chlorpyrifos story

Certainly helps. Thanks in advance, Scott.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Tong, Scott [mailto:Stong@marketplace.org]
**Sent:** Monday, March 19, 2018 1:58 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: seeking EPA comment, chlorpyrifos story

Robert,

Thanks for the reply. I'll send you questions and context over the next hour. As far as coming, I've just been told this story will air on Wednesday earliest (we now have a lot of competing stories for this week), so for internal editing purposes I have until close of business tomorrow? Hope that provides enough time.

More soon.

Scott

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Monday, March 19, 2018 1:43 PM
**To:** Tong, Scott <Stong@marketplace.org>
**Subject:** RE: seeking EPA comment, chlorpyrifos story

Hey Scott,

Good to hear from you again. Please send us the questions – and as much context info as you can on your story, please.

Also, your voicemail said your story on chlorpyrifos may air "as early as" tomorrow (Tuesday): sounds as though you've got some wiggle room? What's your hard deadline, if it comes to that?

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Tong, Scott [mailto:Stong@marketplace.org]
**Sent:** Monday, March 19, 2018 12:50 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** seeking EPA comment, chlorpyrifos story

Robert,

Hello again from Marketplace public radio. I'm reporting a story on EPA's regulatory process and decisions re: organophosphates and chlorpyrifos and am seeking EPA comment on a couple questions.

Who can I send those questions to? This is a piece due to air in the next day or two. Thanks.

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Marketplace public radio
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*author, A Village with My Name: A Family History of China's Opening to the World (Dec. 2017)*

Message

**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 3/26/2018 8:29:32 PM
**To**: Chuck Abbott [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: What says EPA in re court decision on pesticide applicators rule?

Good afternoon Chuck and thanks for reaching out.

For attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

We are reviewing the opinion and have no comment at this time.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Chuck Abbott [mailto: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
**Sent:** Monday, March 26, 2018 4:10 PM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** What says EPA in re court decision on pesticide applicators rule?

Greetings,
Last week, the U.S. district court in California ruled the EPA improperly delayed the 2017 regulation that, among a number of steps, would bar minors from handling restricted use pesticides. The court said the rule would take effect immediately. The case is 17-cv-03434-JSW, Pineros y Campesinos Unidoes del Noroeste et al v EPA. What is EPA's response to the ruling?
As introduction, I am Chuck Abbott, editor of the daily Ag Insider newsletter, published by the Food and Environment Reporting Network, a nonprofit, independent news organization. You can reach me at chuck@thefern.org, Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) or Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Thank you

Message

**From**: Lu, Jennifer [jlu1@bloombergenvironment.com]
**Sent**: 3/26/2018 7:31:15 PM
**To**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: once in, always in lawsuit

Yes, I figured but was just about to email you back to check. Thanks.

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Monday, March 26, 2018 3:30 PM
**To:** Lu, Jennifer
**Cc:** Press
**Subject:** RE: once in, always in lawsuit

Jennifer, you very likely realized we meant:

EPA doesn't ***comment*** on pending litigation.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert
**Sent:** Monday, March 26, 2018 3:18 PM
**To:** 'Lu, Jennifer' <jlu1@bloombergenvironment.com>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: once in, always in lawsuit

Jennifer, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

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**From:** Lu, Jennifer [mailto:jlu1@bloombergenvironment.com]
**Sent:** Monday, March 26, 2018 1:25 PM
**To:** Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** once in, always in lawsuit

Hi Enesta,

I'm looking for a comment from the EPA regarding environmental groups' lawsuit against the EPA for withdrawing once in, always in. If you could get back to me as soon as possible, that would be great.

Thanks,
Jennifer

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**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 3/26/2018 6:56:08 PM
**To**: Christine Powell [christine.powell@law360.com]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
**CC**: press@usdoj.gov
**Subject**: RE: Comment for Law360 article

Christine, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

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Cheers, R.

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**From:** Christine Powell [mailto:christine.powell@law360.com]
**Sent:** Monday, March 26, 2018 2:48 PM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Cc:** press@usdoj.gov
**Subject:** Comment for Law360 article

Hello,

My name is Christine Powell and I'm a reporter at Law360. I'm currently working on a quick story about the order filed on Friday in Air Alliance Houston et al. v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency et al., case number 17-1155, in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

I wanted to reach out to see if the EPA or its representatives would like to include a comment in the article. My deadline is tight, but I can update throughout the rest of the day to add a comment.

Thank you,
Christine Powell

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**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 3/26/2018 6:34:33 PM
**To**: Keith Goldberg [keith.goldberg@law360.com]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: Seeking comment on "once-in, always-in" revocation lawsuit

Hey Keith,

For attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

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**From:** Keith Goldberg [mailto:keith.goldberg@law360.com]
**Sent:** Monday, March 26, 2018 11:46 AM
**To:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Seeking comment on "once-in, always-in" revocation lawsuit

Hi Liz, Jahan,

Hope all is well. Just wanted to see if the agency wanted to comment on the lawsuit filed today challenging the EPA's January revocation of the 1995 "once-in, always-in" policy for facilities.

If you could get back to me ASAP, I'd appreciate it.

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Best,

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**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 3/26/2018 6:33:22 PM
**To**: Pearson, Sam [spearson@bloombergenvironment.com]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: Comment re Air Alliance Houston case

Sam, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

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**Sent:** Monday, March 26, 2018 12:35 PM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Comment re Air Alliance Houston case

Hi,
I know you don't typically comment on litigation.

We are reporting on the Air Alliance Houston v. EPA case.

http://www.bloomberglaw.com/public/document/Air_Alliance_Houston_et_al_v_EPA_et_al_Docket_No_1701155_DC_Cir_J?doc_id=X1Q6NSFT3282

On March 23 the judges requested that EPA provide: "a comprehensive list of pre-2017 examples where any federal agencies have issued final notice-and-comment regulations (i) that change the effective or compliance dates for an earlier final regulation and (ii) that explicitly justify the change to the effective or compliance dates on the ground that the agency is reconsidering its earlier final regulation. If a comprehensive list would be excessively burdensome to produce, EPA shall explain why that is so and shall produce as many examples as practicable. Petitioners may supplement or correct EPAs submission no later than April 11, 2018. The parties shall not submit additional briefing in response to the courts order. Before Judges: Rogers, Kavanaugh and Wilkins. [17-1155, 17-1181]"

Do you have any comment on this? Even if it's no comment?

Thanks,

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 3/19/2018 8:42:52 PM
**To:** Muller, David [dmuller@hearstautos.com]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** RE: Media query: Stop-start engines and EPA ratings

David, on background, please:

Under the GHG emissions standards manufacturers must generally meet the emissions targets, measured in grams of CO2 per mile or g/mi, for the type and size of vehicles they sell in a given year. The emissions levels for each vehicle sold are assessed in the laboratory based on the 2-cycle testing that congress mandated for NHTSA and that EPA has adopted to ensure ease of compliance across the NHTSA and EPA standards.

Credits towards compliance are given to a manufacturer for the vehicles that they sell that emit less CO2 than the target for that size of vehicle. Deficits against compliance are tallied when manufacturers sell a vehicle that emits CO2 at levels higher than the target. Taken together, as long as manufacturers meet the targets across all their vehicles when all the credits and deficits are combined, then the manufacturer is in compliance. Manufacturers can also carry forward deficits for up to 3 years which is another flexibility of the program. This approach provides manufacturers with more flexibility in meeting the standards and as long at the average emissions of the fleet as a whole meeting the standards.

"Off cycle" credits are given for things that reduce CO2 emissions but where these emissions are not captured in the 2-cycle testing. Non-latching start/stop technologies was selected to receive credits because we know that the idle times in 2-cycle testing are less than we see in real world testing or on the 5-cycle test.

For model year 2016, the average industry performance had emissions at 272 g/mi. A credit of 0.3 g/mi for off cycle stop/start technologies was rolled into this emissions value.
For more detailed background on how EPA tracks compliance and applies off cycle credits in general a great resource is the GHG performance report which can be found here. Page ii in the Executive Summary provides an overview of how compliance works in this program, and Section 3.E. is all about Credits Based on "Off Cycle" Technology.

Cheers, R.

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**Sent:** Monday, March 19, 2018 10:44 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Media query: Stop-start engines and EPA ratings

Hi Robert,

Thanks for sending this very helpful information. I have a follow-up question: What does it mean that additional "off-cycle" emissions credits are available for the non-latching systems? What are those credits and how are they applied?

Thanks again,
David

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**From:** "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Date:** Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 1:51 PM
**To:** "Muller, David" <dmuller@hearstautos.com>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Media query: Stop-start engines and EPA ratings

David, on background, please:

A: For fuel economy label testing purposes, cars or light trucks that have non-latching start/stop systems are tested in the laboratory with the system engaged. So during the drive cycles start/stop engages when the car is at a stop in the drive cycle. The fuel economy results are calculated from the results of the laboratory emissions testing program. There is no 4-5% improvement factor applied, the emissions benefits are directly measured from the car's performance on the test.

For cars or trucks with latching start/stop systems, vehicles are tested in the laboratory first with the start/stop system engaged and then again with the system disengaged. The average of the resulting fuel economy values is what is reflected on car's FE sticker label.

For purposes of manufacturer compliance with CAFÉ and the GHG emissions standards, additional "off-cycle" emissions credits for compliance are available for non-latching start/stop systems but are not available for latching systems.

Definition of "off cycle credits" that can be found on page 41.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Muller, David [mailto:dmuller@hearstautos.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 14, 2018 10:54 AM

**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Media query: Stop-start engines and EPA ratings

Ok, thanks. Also, what are GHG off-cycle credits?

Best,
David

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**From:** "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Date:** Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at 8:47 AM
**To:** "Muller, David" <dmuller@hearstautos.com>
**Subject:** RE: Media query: Stop-start engines and EPA ratings

David, I apologize profusely, but hold for just a minute, please. I may have sent you our response before our program fully vetted it. I'll circle back soonest.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 14, 2018 8:45 AM
**To:** 'Muller, David' <dmuller@hearstautos.com>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Media query: Stop-start engines and EPA ratings

David, for attribution, if required, to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

You are correct: Latching start/stop systems are not eligible for GHG off-cycle credits.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Muller, David [mailto:dmuller@hearstautos.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 13, 2018 2:02 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Media query: Stop-start engines and EPA ratings

Hi Robert,

Just checking in to see where we're at with this and if there's anything else you need from me.

Thanks,
David

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**From:** "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Date:** Monday, March 12, 2018 at 5:30 PM
**To:** "Muller, David" <dmuller@hearstautos.com>
**Subject:** Re: Media query: Stop-start engines and EPA ratings

That's super helpful. Thanks.

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On Mar 12, 2018, at 5:30 PM, Muller, David <dmuller@hearstautos.com> wrote:

> I'd like to at the very least confirm that the EPA requires automakers' stop-start systems to be non-latching if they're deactivated, in exchange for more favorable fuel economy ratings. For background, there is a portion of the EPA site that says:
>
> - **Start-Stop Systems:** Start-stop systems (sometimes called idle-stop, smart start, or other manufacturer-specific names) save fuel by turning off the engine when the vehicle comes to a stop and automatically starting it back up when you step on the accelerator. Start-stop can improve fuel economy by 4%–5% and provides the biggest benefit in conditions where the engine would otherwise be idling, such as stop-and-go city driving.
>
> Does the EPA wave this 4-5% improvement in its fuel economy ratings if there is a latching deactivation switch for the stop-start? That's what I've been led to believe - that if automakers want to be able to have a deactivation switch for stop-start engines in their cars, it must be non-latching, otherwise the EPA will not consider the fuel economy benefit of a stop-start system in its ratings.
>
> Happy to answer any questions if I'm not making sense.
>
> Thanks again,
> David

**From:** "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Date:** Monday, March 12, 2018 at 5:14 PM
**To:** "Muller, David" <dmuller@hearstautos.com>
**Subject:** Re: Media query: Stop-start engines and EPA ratings

Mid-morning? But I have to tell you, I'm likely to refer your questions to the program office, as I'm not a subject matter expert. The more you can tell me on an email, the more easily I can route your inquiry.

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On Mar 12, 2018, at 4:43 PM, Muller, David <dmuller@hearstautos.com> wrote:

> Hi Robert
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> I don't necessarily have specific questions yet; I'm just trying to make sure I understand the agreement the EPA apparently has with automakers as it relates to non-latching start-stop deactivation. I'm not in a huge rush and can give you a call tomorrow morning. Is there a good time for you?
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> Thanks,
> David
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> **From:** "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
> **Date:** Monday, March 12, 2018 at 4:35 PM
> **To:** "Muller, David" <dmuller@hearstautos.com>
> **Subject:** Re: Media query: Stop-start engines and EPA ratings
>
> Hullo David,
>
> I'm out of the office at the moment. Can we talk first thing tomorrow AM? Better yet, do you have specific questions you can send?
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On Mar 12, 2018, at 4:32 PM, Muller, David <dmuller@hearstautos.com> wrote:

Hi Robert,

I'm working on a story about stop-start engines for Car and Driver. Specifically, I'm telling readers why some automakers have a non-latching switch that deactivates stop-start technology. I understand that by making the switch non-latching - meaning that stop-start is reengaged each time the car cycles back on – it allows the automakers to claim a boost in EPA fuel economy ratings. Could you please get in touch with me about this when you have a moment?

Thanks and best,
David

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**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 3/30/2018 6:12:23 PM
**To**: Maria Hegstad [mhegstad@iwpnews.com]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: why was lead dust rule withdrawn from OMB?

Maria, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has provided an extension to EPA to issue a proposed rule regarding the Agency's dust-lead hazard standards for floors and window sills, and the definition of lead-based paint. The court directed EPA to issue a proposed rule within 90 days of its 3/26/18 order.

Cheers, R.

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**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** why was lead dust rule withdrawn from OMB?

Hello,
I see from OMB's website that EPA's draft rule on residential dust-lead hazard standards and definition of lead-based paint were withdrawn from OMB review yesterday. Why was this rule withdrawn from review?
Many thanks, Maria

**AGENCY:** EPA-OCSPP **RIN:** 2070-AJ82 **Status:** Concluded
**TITLE:** Residential Dust-Lead Hazard Standards, and the Definition of Lead-Based Paint
**STAGE:** Proposed Rule **ECONOMICALLY SIGNIFICANT:** No
**RECEIVED DATE:** 03/26/2018 **LEGAL DEADLINE:** Judicial
** **COMPLETED:** 03/29/2018 **COMPLETED ACTION:** Withdrawn

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Message

**From:** Brian Bienkowski [bbienkowski@ehsciences.org]
**Sent:** 3/30/2018 11:57:53 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**CC:** BBienkowski@ehn.org; Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Re: FW: Interview/comment request

Thanks for getting back to me, Robert.

Have a great Friday,

Brian

On Fri, Mar 30, 2018 at 7:53 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Good morning Brian,

**Incoming: I am the editor of Environmental Health News. I am writing a story on a study recently released that found, while all legacy PCBs are declining at Great Lakes atmospheric testing sites, once PCB congener, PCB-11, has remained at the same levels for 12 years. This finding, the researcher said, suggests continued input of the chemical to the environment. This study builds on previous studies that hypothesize that PCB-11 is a byproduct of yellow pigment manufacturing. I've attached a copy of the study to this email. Is this issue on the radar of the EPA at all?**

**For attribution to, "an EPA spokesperson," please:** EPA is aware of the ongoing research on inadvertently generated PCBs, such as PCB-11, and continues to monitor new information; however, at this time the Agency does not have comment on the Ronald A. Hites PCB-11 study.

**Incoming: With other PCBs banned, is there any federal regulation (currently or planned) to tackle the release of PCB-11 into the environment?**

**On background, please:** Under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), EPA promulgated PCB regulations that allow the manufacture of PCBs as unintentional impurities by an "excluded manufacturing process," which is defined to include certain restrictions (40 CFR § 761.3). This provision imposes limits on the concentration of inadvertently generated PCBs that can be present in the manufactured or imported products, specifically an annual average of no more than 25 ppm and a 50-ppm maximum in any such product manufactured or imported into the United States. In addition, our regulations impose various recordkeeping and reporting provisions on manufacturers using an excluded manufacturing process and importers of products containing such inadvertently generated PCBs, as well as limits on releases of PCBs to air and water from manufacturing sites.

Cheers, R.

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**To:** Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>; Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Interview/comment request

Good afternoon,

I am the editor of Environmental Health News. I am writing about a government to government consultation request made by the Menominee Tribe to the EPA (and Army Corps) to make a jurisdictional determination for the Menominee River over a wetland permit for a proposed mine. I've attached a copy of the press release on the request.

I was wondering if the EPA could comment on the request, how long it generally takes to respond to such requests, and define the agencies' role in determining when wetlands fall under state permitting control for such projects.

My deadline is 5 PM. Feel free to call or email.

Thanks in advance,

Brian

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**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** FW: Interview/comment request
**Attachments:** 2017MITWPREPARMYC82217 (1).pdf

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**For attribution to, "an EPA spokesperson," please:** EPA is aware of the ongoing research on inadvertently generated PCBs, such as PCB-11, and continues to monitor new information; however, at this time the Agency does not have comment on the Ronald A. Hites PCB-11 study.

**Incoming: With other PCBs banned, is there any federal regulation (currently or planned) to tackle the release of PCB-11 into the environment?**

**On background, please:** Under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), EPA promulgated PCB regulations that allow the manufacture of PCBs as unintentional impurities by an "excluded manufacturing process," which is defined to include certain restrictions (40 CFR § 761.3). This provision imposes limits on the concentration of inadvertently generated PCBs that can be present in the manufactured or imported products, specifically an annual average of no more than 25 ppm and a 50-ppm maximum in any such product manufactured or imported into the United States. In addition, our regulations impose various recordkeeping and reporting provisions on manufacturers using an excluded manufacturing process and importers of products containing such inadvertently generated PCBs, as well as limits on releases of PCBs to air and water from manufacturing sites.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** BBienkowski@ehn.org [mailto:BBienkowski@ehn.org]
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 23, 2017 1:02 PM
**To:** Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>; Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Interview/comment request

Good afternoon,

I am the editor of Environmental Health News. I am writing about a government to government consultation request made by the Menominee Tribe to the EPA (and Army Corps) to make a jurisdictional

determination for the Menominee River over a wetland permit for a proposed mine. I've attached a copy of the press release on the request.

I was wondering if the EPA could comment on the request, how long it generally takes to respond to such requests, and define the agencies' role in determining when wetlands fall under state permitting control for such projects.

My deadline is 5 PM. Feel free to call or email.

Thanks in advance,
Brian
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Message

**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 3/30/2018 11:33:34 AM
**To**: Kate Prengaman [kate@goodfruit.com]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Press Inquiry about Pesticides

Kate, for attribution, if needed, to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

As mentioned in this listserv notice: https://www.epa.gov/pesticides/epa-initiates-rulemaking-revise-certain-aspects-agricultural-worker-protection-standard EPA will be proposing changes to the AEZ. Details will be forthcoming in the proposal.

For more information on the AEZ visit: https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-worker-safety/worker-protection-standard-and-application-exclusion-zone-frequently-asked and https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-02/documents/aez-qa-fact-sheet-final.pdf

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**From:** Kate Prengaman [mailto:kate@goodfruit.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, March 22, 2018 3:12 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Press Inquiry about Pesticides

Hi Robert,

Thanks for the prompt reply. If you can get back to me by next Thursday morning/midday, that would be good.

Here are my questions:

1. I understand from an December announcement that the AEZ is part of the WPS that is expected to undergo revisions through further rulemaking after a public comment process later this year. Is the rule as written in 2015 in effect while this is reviewed?
2. What can you say about what parts of the AEZ is up for review/re-consideration in this process or why? When will public input be solicited?
3. Under the AEZ rule as written in 2015, how should workers in housing be considered? Do they need to evacuate the area for an application to continue?
4. Does the EPA see shelter-in-place, as proposed by some states, as a viable option for workers and their families in housing when that housing is within an AEZ as an application occurs?
5. Has the EPA looked at the costs associated with this issue, as farmers face moving worker housing, creating buffer zones around housing, or regularly evacuating workers and their families?

Thanks so much for your help,

Kate

— Kate

**From:** "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Date:** Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 11:43 AM
**To:** Kate Prengaman <kate@goodfruit.com>
**Subject:** RE: Press Inquiry about Pesticides

Good afternoon (morning to you) Kate,

Thanks for reaching out. Yes, we'd welcome e-mailed questions. When's the latest we could get back to you?

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Kate Prengaman [mailto:kate@goodfruit.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, March 22, 2018 2:37 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Press Inquiry about Pesticides

Hi Robert,

I'm a writer with the Good Fruit Grower magazine, a publication for tree fruit and wine grape growers across the country. I'm working on a story about a proposed rule in Oregon about how the AEZ in the latest WPS should apply to farm worker housing and I have a few questions about the federal level approach.

What I'm hearing from folks in Oregon is that the EPA's rule is not clear on how workers in housing close to actively farmed lands should be managed in respect to the AEZ and so the state is seeking to provide more clarity to its growers with a more detailed rule. But for growers elsewhere in the country, I'd like to learn more about what the new federal rule applies to workers in housing within the AEZ so we can answer that question for our readers.

My deadline is in about a week. I'm happy to submit questions via email if that's easier for you or we can set up a brief phone interview. I'm on Pacific time but my schedule is pretty open the first few days of next week

Thanks for your help with this,

Kate

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Message

**From**: Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 3/29/2018 9:07:45 PM
**To**: David Montgomery [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Reporter requesting information and interview from EPA on potential water shortges

David,

Robert Daguillard sent this response to you on Tuesday, but to a different email. Hope this helps!

Dave, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

While state drinking water programs have the primary responsibility for overseeing water systems and monitoring their ability to provide potable water in the case of drought, EPA actively monitors the U.S. Drought Monitor (http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/) and provides resources to help water utilities become more resilient to drought including developing the *Drought Response and Recovery Guide for Water Utilities* and offering multiple drought and water loss workshops on a yearly basis.

See https://www.epa.gov/waterutilityresponse/drought-response-and-recovery-water-utilities

**From:** David Montgomery [mailto: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]
**Sent:** Thursday, March 29, 2018 5:05 PM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Reporter requesting information and interview from EPA on potential water shortges

Attention communications staff.

I'm Dave Montgomery, an Austin reporter doing a story on potential water scarcity in the United States. I've been working with Tricia Lynn but she appears to be out so I'm circling back with you all. I've been trying to obtain reports or talk to EPA experts who could address that subject. I'm doing the story for Stateline, a national online news publication affiliated with Pew research, to try to determine if the same kind of crisis that confronted Cape Town, South Africa, can occur in this country. I've been told nothing of that magnitude appears imminent in the U.S. but that there are some worrisome trends, and I'm hoping that the EPA, as an important monitor of our water resources, can help me on that subject. I know this is short notice but I'm nearing the end of my reporting and am trying to get an interview and any research by Friday, March 29. I've been bouncing in and out of the story - I've been part of the New York Times team covering the Austin serial bomber - so Tricia and I have sort of lost contact. I feel your agency can be immeasurably helpful so I wanted to regroup. Thanks again for your help. Dave 512-739-4471

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Message

**From**: Kelly Franklin [kelly.franklin@chemicalwatch.com]
**Sent**: 3/29/2018 8:10:18 PM
**To**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: Media inquiry: Methylene chloride paint strippers

Thanks Robert, much appreciated.

Best,
Kelly

On Mar 29, 2018, at 3:52 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

> Kelly, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:
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> The Agency is currently considering the comments received in response to the 2016 proposals, including comments suggesting that EPA quickly finalize these actions and comments suggesting that these actions be evaluated as part of the group of the first ten chemicals undergoing initial risk evaluations under the Lautenberg amendments to TSCA.
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> **From:** Kelly Franklin [mailto:kelly.franklin@chemicalwatch.com]
> **Sent:** Thursday, March 29, 2018 3:36 PM
> **To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** Media inquiry: Methylene chloride paint strippers
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> Good afternoon,
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> I'm covering the NGO campaign which is calling on EPA to finalize its proposed TSCA Section 6 rule to ban methylene chloride and restrict or ban NMP paint strippers. I was wondering if EPA would like to provide a comment in response? I'd welcome any updates as to the current status of the proposed rule.
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> My deadline is noon Monday (April 2).
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> Thanks,
> Kelly
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**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 3/29/2018 7:52:09 PM
**To:** Kelly Franklin [kelly.franklin@chemicalwatch.com]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** FW: Media inquiry: Methylene chloride paint strippers

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Message

**From**: Sean Reilly [sreilly@eenews.net]
**Sent**: 3/26/2018 3:37:54 PM
**To**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Report on potential impact of ""Once in always in" policy

Got it, Robert.

Regards,
Seam

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Monday, March 26, 2018 11:27 AM
**To:** Sean Reilly <sreilly@eenews.net>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Report on potential impact of ""Once in always in" policy

Sean, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

**Answer:**
EPA has not yet reviewed this report.

**Background:**
On January 25, 2018, EPA issued a guidance memorandum withdrawing the 1995 "once in always in" policy for the classification of major sources of hazardous air pollutants. The Agency has now determined that a major source that limits its potential to emit (PTE) so as to bring its hazardous air pollutant emissions below the applicable threshold becomes an area source, no matter when the source may choose to take measures to limit its PTE. That source, now having area source status, will not be subject to major source requirements, in particular, major source maximum achievable control technology (MACT) standards – so long as the source's PTE remains below the applicable hazardous air pollutant emission thresholds.

EPA determined that it had no statutory authority under the Clean Air Act to place a time limit on when a facility may be determined to be an area source, and that a plain language reading of the Act must allow facilities to be reclassified as area sources once their potential to emit hazardous air pollutants falls below the levels that define major sources.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Sean Reilly [mailto:sreilly@eenews.net]
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**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Report on potential impact of ""Once in always in" policy

Hi folks:

The Environmental Integrity Project released this report today: http://www.environmentalintegrity.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Toxic-Shell-Game.pdf/. Please let me know if you have any on-the-record comment on its conclusions that the policy's repeal could lead to significant increases in toxic air pollution. My deadline is 11:45 this morning.

Thanks,
Sean

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 3/14/2018 1:44:03 PM
**To:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** FW: media query on lead dust hazard standard deadline

The program says: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

**From:** Suzanne Yohannan [mailto:suzanney@iwpnews.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 14, 2018 9:18 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: media query on lead dust hazard standard deadline

Ok, so I'm correct in assuming the 90-day deadline began to run when court issued its order? (In other words, the deadline is March 27.)

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**From:** "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**To:** Suzanne Yohannan <suzanne.yohannan@iwpnews.com>, Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Sent:** 3/14/2018 8:18 AM
**Subject:** RE: media query on lead dust hazard standard deadline

Suzanne, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

EPA will comply with the court's order.

Cheers, R.

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From: Suzanne Yohannan [mailto:suzanne.yohannan@iwpnews.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 1:02 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: media query on lead dust hazard standard deadline

Dear Press Officer,

I'm a reporter for Inside EPA. I have a question regarding a lead dust hazard standard and lead-based paint

definition. In the court case A Community Voice v. EPA, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled on Dec. 28 that EPA is required to update the two forementioned lead standards under TSCA, and gave EPA a 90-day deadline to do so.

Could you tell me if EPA assumes this 90-day deadline has started? If so, when is the deadline, exactly, and does EPA expect to meet it?

I'm working under a deadline of Thursday (March 15).

Thanks.

Suzanne Yohannan

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Message

**From**: Thompson, Anne (NBCUniversal) [Anne.Thompson@nbcuni.com]
**Sent**: 3/14/2018 12:23:48 PM
**To**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: [EXTERNAL] FW: Pesticides inquiry

Robert,
Thank you for this.
All the best,
Anne

Sent from my iPad

On Mar 14, 2018, at 8:18 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

> Anne, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:
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> As required by the law, EPA published notices of receipt of Syngenta's applications to expand several uses and add a sugarcane application; it is currently open for public comment in docket# EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0234. The comment period ends on April 5, and the application is currently on track for a decision by the PRIA due date in June.
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> Cheers, R.
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> **From:** Thompson, Anne (NBCUniversal) [mailto:Anne.Thompson@nbcuni.com]
> **Sent:** Tuesday, March 13, 2018 3:46 PM
> **To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] FW: Pesticides inquiry
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> I do, Robert. Thank you.
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> Sent from my iPhone
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> On Mar 13, 2018, at 3:45 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:
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>> Good afternoon Anne,
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>> Do you still need this information?
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>> Cheers, R.
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Thanks in advance, R.

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**From:** Thompson, Anne (NBCUniversal) [mailto:Anne.Thompson@nbcuni.com]
**Sent:** Friday, March 9, 2018 11:13 AM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Pesticides inquiry

Hi,
I sent the following email to Robert Daguillard earlier today. He is out of the office.

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Hi Robert,
Where in the process is Syngenta's application to expand the use of thiamethoxam on wheat, corn, etc? What is the timeline for a decision?
Thank you,
Anne Thompson

Message

**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 3/13/2018 8:00:21 PM
**To**: Corbin Hiar [chiar@eenews.net]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: 28 Senators to EPA: Don't Weaken Rules Protecting Workers & Children from Toxic Pesticides

Corbin, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

"We will respond to the Senators through appropriate channels."

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**From:** Corbin Hiar [mailto:chiar@eenews.net]
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 13, 2018 2:53 PM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** FW: 28 Senators to EPA: Don't Weaken Rules Protecting Workers & Children from Toxic Pesticides

I plan to write about this for tomorrow's Daily. I don't expect a response from EPA. But if the agency would like me to consider a statement, please send it by 5 p.m.

**From:** Tom Udall Press Office <NEWS_PressOffice@tomudall.senate.gov>
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 13, 2018 12:38 PM
**To:** Tom Udall Press Office <NEWS_PressOffice@tomudall.senate.gov>
**Subject:** 28 Senators to EPA: Don't Weaken Rules Protecting Workers & Children from Toxic Pesticides

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# 28 Senators to EPA: Don't Weaken Rules Protecting Workers & Children from Toxic Pesticides

## *Udall, Harris, Booker, Blumenthal, Feinstein lead Senate letter expressing alarm at EPA decision to "reconsider" basic protections against dangerous pesticides*

**WASHINGTON** — Today, **U.S. Senators Tom Udall (D-N.M.), Kamala Harris (D-Calif.), Cory Booker (D-N.J.), Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.), and Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.)** led a group of 28 Senate Democrats in expressing alarm at Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt's decision to reconsider two federal safeguards that are vital to the protection of agricultural workers and children against dangerous pesticides, including children working on farms. "With the lives of children and family across the country

at stake," the senators urged Pruitt to preserve the existing protections provided by the Agricultural Worker Protection Standard rule (WPS) and the Certification of Pesticide Applicators rule (CPA).

On December 21, 2017, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt announced that he wants to "reconsider" the following basic protections within the WPS and CPA:

**MINIMUM AGE:** The revised WPS and CPA prohibits employers from requiring youth under the age of 18 from applying pesticides or performing "early-entry" work in areas where pesticides were recently applied.

**DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE:** Farmworkers deserve the right to know about the chemicals they are exposed to at work, directly or by designating a representative who can request pesticide information (non-confidential, non-proprietary information) and Safety Data Sheets (SDS) on their behalf. Workers in other industries have had this right for decades and farmworkers deserve nothing less.

**APPLICATION EXCLUSION ZONE:** The application exclusion zone, or AEZ, merely requires the precaution that if someone is applying pesticides and sees workers or other people around the equipment, they should try to avoid spraying them by suspending the application and resuming after a non-trained and unprotected person leaves the area.

"These rules were revised to prevent farmworker poisonings and in the aftermath of pesticide misuse that led to serious harm for hundreds of homeowners and their families, and resulted in the tragic deaths of children," the senators wrote. "These tragic incidents – all of which could have been prevented with stronger safeguards in place – highlight the significance of ensuring that workers who handle pesticides are adequately trained and understand the hazards posed by the chemicals that they are applying so that they can effectively protect themselves and others from occupational and take-home exposures."

The senators added that they want to set the record straight: the rules have been in place for over a year without any justifiable complaints to weaken them. For instance, they noted that the new rules prohibit employers from requiring children under the age of 18 from applying pesticides or performing "early-entry" work in areas where pesticides were recently applied – an extremely important standard given that pesticides can affect developing brains and bodies. Similarly, the worker protection rule simply gives farmworkers the ability to get non-proprietary information that producers already must provide on-site.

"The minimum age requirement in both rules accounts for the needs of family-owned businesses and operators by exempting immediate family of the owner-operator of agricultural establishments, and private or commercial pesticide applicator businesses," they wrote. "The safety information that would be accessible by a designated representative would be non-confidential, non-proprietary information about the pesticide a worker has been exposed to."

In addition to Udall, Harris, Booker, Blumenthal, and Feinstein, the letter was signed by U.S. Senators Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.), Richard Durbin (D-Ill.), Chris Van Hollen (D-Md.), Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii), Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.), Robert Menendez (D-N.J.), Kirsten Gillibrand (D-N.Y.), Patty Murray (D-Wash.), Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.), Mazie Hirono (D-Hawaii), Edward Markey (D-Mass.), Tammy Baldwin (D-Wis.), Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), Michael Bennet (D-Colo.), Jack Reed (D-R.I.), Ron Wyden (D-Ore.), Jeanne Shaheen (D-N.H.), Maggie Hassan (D-N.H.), Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.), Tammy Duckworth (D-Ill.), Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.), Ben Cardin (D-Md.), and Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.).

**The full text of the letter is available below and here.**

*Dear Mr. Administrator:*

*We write to express our alarm with the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) announcement that it seeks to open up for reconsideration two federal safeguards vital to the protection of the children, women and men that labor in agriculture and apply chemicals in agricultural, commercial and residential settings. With the lives of children and families across the country at stake, we urge you to preserve the protections provided by the final Agricultural Worker Protection Standard rule (WPS) and Certification of Pesticide Applicators rule (CPA) (as published in the Federal Register on November 2, 2015 and January 4, 2017, respectively), and to resolve any clarifications needed by the regulated community via additional guidance on the rules.*

*We recognize the important role that pesticides play in the United States, particularly in the agricultural sector. However, precautions must be taken to safeguard the public and the most exposed and vulnerable populations from pesticide related illness, injury and death caused by these potentially toxic chemicals. To this end, the EPA finalized revisions to the WPS in the fall of 2015, and the CPA rule in January 2017.*

*To understand the relevance of these two rules, we must first acknowledge the people whose lives they protect and how their training and wellbeing is inextricably linked to our health and safety. The WPS applies to workers and pesticide handlers that labor in farms, fields, nurseries, greenhouses and forests. The CPA rule governs the training and certification requirements of workers who apply Restricted Use Pesticides (RUPs) in, on, or around settings such as homes, schools, hospitals and industrial establishments. These rules protect not only the workers that handle and are exposed to pesticides, but also areas around agricultural land and the children who may incidentally come in contact with the pesticides. From our homes to children's schools and agricultural operations across the nation, these federal protections safeguard our families and weakening them undermines the health and safety of all.*

*We are concerned that the EPA is unjustifiably reconsidering the minimum age protections that prohibit children from applying pesticides, the right of farmworkers to access pesticide-application information and Safety Data Sheets (SDS) through a designated representative, and protections for bystanders through "application exclusion zones," which requires that an applicator suspend pesticide application if "an unprotected/non-trained person" enters the area around the application equipment. We strongly feel that undermining these important protections cannot be justified, especially considering that the CPA rule governs the training and certification requirements for using RUPs in, on, or in residential settings, schools, hospitals, and industrial establishments.*

*RUPs are the most toxic pesticides on the market, and their misuse has resulted in serious harm and death. These pesticides are not available for purchase by the general public because they have "the potential to cause unreasonable adverse effects to the environment and injury to applicators or bystanders without added restrictions." RUPs can only be used by an individual that is a certified pesticide applicator or is under the direct supervision of a certified applicator. These rules were revised to prevent farmworker poisonings and in the aftermath of pesticide misuse that led to serious harm for hundreds of homeowners and their families, and resulted in the tragic deaths of children. These tragic incidents – all of which could have been prevented with stronger safeguards in place – highlight the significance of ensuring that workers who handle pesticides are adequately trained and understand the hazards posed by the chemicals that they are applying so that they can effectively protect themselves and others from occupational and take-home exposures.*

*Congress specifically intended for the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) to protect workers and other persons from occupational exposure directly to pesticides or to their residues. Honoring this mandate is crucial to protecting the health and safety of rural communities and the broader public since it is up to the EPA and not the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to set minimum protections from pesticide exposure. Furthermore, without the life-saving requirements provided by the WPS and CPA rules, there is little to deter the unlawful use of hazardous pesticides since FIFRA only authorizes a misdemeanor charge even when pesticide misuse results in death.*

*Additionally, the agency is ignoring the advice of the Pesticide Program Dialogue Committee—a broadly representative federal advisory committee—that met to discuss these rules, raised the importance of education for the regulated community while echoing consensus about the preservation of the minimum age requirements, the designated representative provision, and the application exclusion zone to protect workers and bystanders from pesticides.*

*To set the record straight on misleading concerns about these fundamental requirements:*

*- The new rules prohibit employers from requiring youth under the age of 18 from applying pesticides or performing "early-entry" work in areas where pesticides were recently applied. This is extremely important because pesticides can impact developing brains and bodies. There are currently half a million children under the age of 18 working in agriculture, including some as young as elementary school age. The minimum age requirement in both rules accounts for the needs of family-owned businesses and operators by exempting immediate family of the owner-operator of agricultural establishments, and private or commercial pesticide applicator businesses. Specifically, "immediate family" is broadly defined to include the "owner's spouse, parents, step parents, foster parents, father-in-law, mother-in-law, children, stepchildren, foster children, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandparents, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and first cousins."*

*- The designated representative provision is critically important because there are many reasons why a worker may be unable to access information about the chemicals that they are exposed to, including but not limited to educational and language barriers as well as immigration status, illness or injury. This commonsense safeguard has been denied to farmworkers while workers in other industries have had these protections for decades. The safety information that would be accessible by a designated representative would be non-confidential, non-proprietary information about the pesticide a worker has been exposed to. There are several examples of injured farmworkers who have been denied access to safety information after injury. These farmworkers should be able to access this information on their own or through a representative that they trust, such as a co-worker, spouse, healthcare provider, union representative, social worker, or attorney.*

*- The application exclusion zone merely requires the common-sense precaution that if someone is applying pesticides and sees workers or other people around the equipment, they should try to avoid spraying them by suspending the application and resuming after a non-trained and unprotected person leaves the area. EPA does not account for workers or bystanders being sprayed with pesticides when it conducts risk assessments or registration decisions because it "assumes" that these exposures do not happen. Yet it is taking steps to undo one of the most meaningful safeguards against such exposures.*

*We ask that you protect the health and safety of children, workers, and consumers by preserving the final Agricultural Worker Protection Standard and the Certification of Pesticide Applicators rule. We look forward to receiving your response.*

*Respectfully,*

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Message

**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 2/20/2018 6:49:29 PM
**To**: Kristian Wilson [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: Bed Bugs in Libraries?

Kristian, with apologies for the late response, and for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

1. Bed bugs can live without a blood meal (as in a shelved library book) for a significant period of time. Researchers report times ranging from 20 days to over a year. The lifespan will vary depending on temperature, humidity, and age of bed bug (older ones will live longer without a blood meal).
2. It is very unlikely, though not impossible, that a bed bug infestation will develop in an office, classroom, or other non-residential environment, such as a library. However, these sites can serve as transfer hubs for bed bugs to hitchhike a ride into a home.
3. If someone has a severe bed bug infestation, it is possible that a bed bug could hitchhike a ride to the library in a book. To minimize the risk of hitchhiking bed bug adults or nymphs, patrons can check books before returning, but bed bugs can also be carried on their person or in their personal belongings. For tips on preventing infestations, please see https://www.epa.gov/bedbugs/protecting-yourself-bed-bugs-public-places.
4. See #2. Everyone should be vigilant, both in the library and in other public spaces.

Regards, R.

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**From:** Kristian Wilson [mailto: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]
**Sent:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 2:38 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Bed Bugs in Libraries?

Hi Robert,

Thank you for your prompt response. We want to go live no later than EOB tomorrow.

Best,

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On Thu, Feb 15, 2018 at 2:22 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Kristian,

Let me see what we can find out for you. Are you on deadline, and when are you hoping to publish your story?

Regards, R.

**From:** Kristian Wilson [mailto: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) ]
**Sent:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 2:19 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Bed Bugs in Libraries?

Hi Robert,

I'm a writer for Bustle.com, covering a story on bed bugs in library books. I'm looking for some answers to the following questions:

1) How long, theoretically, could bed bugs live in shelved library books?

2) How common is it for someone to pick up a bed bug infestation from library books?

3) What should a person with a bed bug problem do to avoid spreading the bugs through returned library books?

4) Bottom line: Is this something that library users should be worried about?

Thank you for your time. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

All best,

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**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 2/16/2018 10:04:33 PM
**To**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Shell Chemical case question

Mark, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

Thanks, R.

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**From:** Mark Schleifstein [mailto:Mark_Schleifstein@nola.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 2:44 PM
**To:** Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Shell Chemical case question

How much money did EPA spend to investigate the Shell case between 1997 and this decision?

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On Feb 15, 2018, at 1:22 PM, Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov> wrote:

> Mark—
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> We defer to DOJ.
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> Best,
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> Tricia
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> _____
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> Tricia Lynn
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> U.S. EPA
> Office: 202.564.2615

**From:** Mark Schleifstein [mailto:Mark_Schleifstein@nola.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 14, 2018 11:42 PM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Wyn Hornbuckle <wyn.hornbuckle@usdoj.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Shell Chemical case question

Folks,
I note that on Wednesday, the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a federal judge's decision to fine CITGO $81 million for spilling 53,000 gallons of slop waste into a Lake Charles area waterway, based largely on the amount of money the company saved by not installing the equipment necessary to avoid dumping the waste.
The lower court's decision was actually appealed by both CITGO and the Justice Department, with Justice attorneys saying the judge should have increased the fine to take into account all the money the company saved. And while the judge's reduction was to give the company credit for cleaning up the waste, the company's actual cost was $65 million, and the court did not give credit for the cost of installing the missing two holding tanks and associated equipment.

In Monday's decision to reach a settlement with Shell Chemical, EPA and Justice have apparently determined that Shell should only be fined $350,000 for 20 years of illegal air pollution releases, while your own complaint against the company indicates it could have been fined as much as $550 million for daily violations during that period.
Why did EPA decide to not require greater fines of Shell Chemical, or to request that the company repay as fines the savings it made from 20 years of not installing the equipment that it is now installing?

Mark

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**From:** Mark Schleifstein <Mark_Schleifstein@nola.com>
**Date:** Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 5:32 PM
**To:** "press@epa.gov" <press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Am I no longer on your mailing list?

I discovered this consent decree today through a PACER search, then found it as a press release on your national web site.
Am I no longer on your distribution list? If so, please restore me.
https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/shell-chemical-lp-install-10-million-pollution-monitoring-and-control-equipment-norco

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 2/16/2018 8:45:33 PM
**To:** Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** RE: media request from CBS News.com

Jonathan, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

EPA continuously reviews the latest scientific developments to inform its approaches to calculating air pollution amounts and sources. As new methods and information become available and proved reliable, EPA updates its approaches. The agency will review the study and methods.

As a result of EPA clean air protections, monitoring data and emissions inventories show that VOC emissions fell by 42 percent across the country between 1990 and 2016. And ground-level ozone (which is formed in the atmosphere by the reaction of VOCs and NOx in the presence of sunlight) has decreased by 31 percent nationally from 1980 to 2016. The dominant source of VOC emissions in the U.S. is from natural and non-human sources as well as fires.

**Background**
The Clean Air Act requires EPA to regulate emissions of toxic air pollutants from a published list of industrial sources referred to as "source categories." Toxic air pollutants include mercury, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), benzene and other organic compounds, some of which are volatile organic compounds (VOCs). The EPA has established air toxics standards for 174 industry sectors which produce many of the products analyzed in the NOAA study, including oil and natural gas production, coatings, adhesives and cleaning agents. In addition, EPA has established VOC limits on fuels, vehicles and consumer and aerosol products.

**From:** Jonathan Berr [mailto: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
**Sent:** Friday, February 16, 2018 3:02 PM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Fwd: media request from CBS News.com

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: **Jonathan Berr** < Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) >
Date: Fri, Feb 16, 2018 at 2:59 PM
Subject: media request from CBS News.com
To: "Jones, Enesta" <jones.enesta@epa.gov>

Enesta:

A study published yesterday in Science found that volatile organic compound pollution from some consumer products was far worse than scientists had expected. Is the EPA aware of this study (I have linked to it below)? Given Administrator Scott Pruitt's desire to cut regulations and skepticism about climate change, is it likely that any policy changes will be made?

Thanks,

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https://cires.colorado.edu/news/consumer-industrial-products-now-dominant-urban-air-pollution-source

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Message

**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 2/16/2018 5:30:56 PM
**To**: Elvina Nawaguna [elvinanawaguna@cqrollcall.com]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Question on HFCs

Make that "an EP**A** spokesperson," of course….

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert
**Sent:** Friday, February 16, 2018 12:30 PM
**To:** Elvina Nawaguna <elvinanawaguna@cqrollcall.com>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Question on HFCs

Elvina, for attribution to "an EPS spokesperson," please:

We don't comment on pending legislation.

Thanks, R.

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert
**Sent:** Friday, February 16, 2018 12:27 PM
**To:** 'Elvina Nawaguna' <elvinanawaguna@cqrollcall.com>
**Cc:** Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Question on HFCs

Thanks, Elvina. We'll try to make it.

**From:** Elvina Nawaguna [mailto:elvinanawaguna@cqrollcall.com]
**Sent:** Friday, February 16, 2018 12:00 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Question on HFCs

Hi Robert,
Thanks for getting back to me today?
Would 2:30 work? If we have to update, we would do that. Just give me a headsup on timing when you have an idea.

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On 16 February 2018 at 11:58, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Elwina, thanks for reaching out. How far can you push your deadline back? Can you update your story with a later EPA comment if we don't make it by 1:30 PM?

**From:** Elvina Nawaguna [mailto:elvinanawaguna@cqrollcall.com]
**Sent:** Friday, February 16, 2018 11:53 AM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Question on HFCs

Hi there,

I'm working on a story about a bill introduced to make sure the EPA phases out the use of HFCs and wanted to get some comment on whether that is priority for the agency even before the U.S. ratifies the Kigali Amendment. Is the EPA already considering any rule on HFCs?

Grateful for a response by my deadline of 1:30 p.m. eastern.

Thanks!

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**Sent**: 2/16/2018 5:26:05 PM
**To**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Subject: Superfund question

Thanks Robert, this is just what I needed.

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Friday, February 16, 2018 11:17 AM
**To:** Alex Guillen <aguillen@politico.com>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Subject: Superfund question

Alex, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

There are 314 non-federal facility National Priorities List sites that currently have no funding source other than appropriated resources. See the attached list.

Thanks, R.

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**From:** Alex Guillen [mailto:aguillen@politico.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 11:57 AM
**To:** Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Superfund question

Hi Tricia,

Does EPA have a list somewhere of past and/or current "orphaned" Superfund sites where there's no PRP and thus EPA paid for clean-ups? And could I please get a copy or list or something? I've looked through the online database but wasn't able to narrow my search in that fashion.

Thank you,

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Message

**From**: Sean Reilly [sreilly@eenews.net]
**Sent**: 2/16/2018 4:45:40 PM
**To**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: D.C. Circuit opinion on implementation rule for 2008 ozone NAAQS

Got it, Robert. Thanks.

Sean

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Friday, February 16, 2018 11:45 AM
**To:** Sean Reilly <sreilly@eenews.net>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: D.C. Circuit opinion on implementation rule for 2008 ozone NAAQS

Sean, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

We are reviewing the decision.

Regards, R.

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**From:** Sean Reilly [mailto:sreilly@eenews.net]
**Sent:** Friday, February 16, 2018 11:23 AM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** D.C. Circuit opinion on implementation rule for 2008 ozone NAAQS

Hi folks:

The D.C. Circuit today issued this opinion (https://www.cadc.uscourts.gov/internet/opinions.nsf/217B6778AE3EC89C8525823600532AE0/$file/15-1115-1718293.pdf), which seems to have gone largely in favor of the challengers. Given that the proposed implementation rule for the 2015 ozone NAAQS is heavily based on the 2008 NAAQS rule, does EPA foresee this opinion having any impact on implementation of the 2015 NAAQS?

My deadline is 12:30 today.

Thanks,
Sean

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**Sent**: 2/16/2018 4:45:37 PM
**To**: Jennifer A. Dlouhy [jdlouhy1@bloomberg.net]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Reaction to DC Circuit ruling in ozone case?

Jen, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

We are reviewing the decision.

Regards, R.

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**From:** Jennifer A. Dlouhy (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:) [mailto:jdlouhy1@bloomberg.net]
**Sent:** Friday, February 16, 2018 10:45 AM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Reaction to DC Circuit ruling in ozone case?

The ruling, just issued, is attached. We're still going through it, and I can swing back with more specific questions as we do, but as I anticipate we'll be writing, I wanted to reach out ASAP for comment/reaction.

Thanks for your consideration,
Jen.

Message

**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 2/16/2018 4:21:58 PM
**To**: Chris Knight [chris.knight@argusmedia.com]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: CFTC comment today on RIN markets

Chris, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

The agency will decline comment at this time, as we have not yet had time to review the testimony.

Regards, R.

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert
**Sent:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 11:59 AM
**To:** 'Chris Knight' <chris.knight@argusmedia.com>
**Subject:** RE: CFTC comment today on RIN markets

Chris, thanks for reaching out. What's your deadline, please?

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**From:** Chris Knight [mailto:chris.knight@argusmedia.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 11:50 AM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** CFTC comment today on RIN markets

EPA press,
The CFTC's chairman this morning called for improved data on RIN markets in testimony before the US Senate. He said the CFTC, under its MOU with the EPA signed in 2016, "did review data [on RIN markets] and we gave them results. Based on the data we were not able to find any misbehavior in the market, but the data was both limited and not of sufficient quality." Asked later if "more and better data" would help detect misconduct in RIN markets, Giancarlo said "absolutely."

I wanted to see if EPA agreed with Giancarlo's perspective. And I wanted to see if EPA was taking any steps to gather better data on RIN market activity.

Thanks,
Chris

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**Sent**: 3/22/2018 11:46:50 AM
**To**: Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]; Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
**CC**: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: Embargoed Energy Star announcements
**Attachments**: OAR requested Comm Plan for ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year v5.docx; ATT00001.htm; ATT00002.htm; 2018 draft ENERGY STAR POY press release for EPA review v15.docx; ATT00003.htm; 2017 ES Certified Plants Press Release for internal EPA review v2.docx

Molly and Liz,

Attached are two draft energy star press releases for review. One is for the Estar certified plants (for 3/27) and the other is for the Estar partners of the year (for 4/2 – in advance on the 4/20 event).

They both have been approved by Bill Wehrum and have quotes from him – don't know if Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Please send me your comments/edits.

Thanks ng

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Message

**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 3/20/2018 10:33:39 PM
**To:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Fwd: media query on lead dust hazard standard deadline
**Attachments:** DOJ Lead dust letter.pdf; ATT00001.htm

OGC and the program say Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Suzanne Yohannan <suzanne.yohannan@iwpnews.com>
**Date:** March 20, 2018 at 2:54:13 PM EDT
**To:** "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject: Re: media query on lead dust hazard standard deadline**

Robert,
I'm obligated to ask again, given DOJ filed the attached document on Friday (3/16) asking the court about the lead dust hazard standard timeline, what date has EPA been relying on for meeting the court requirement that it revise its lead hazard standard and definition of lead-based paint under TSCA? By what date does EPA plan to have those completed?

Thanks.
Suzanne Yohannan
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On 3/14/2018 11:02 AM, Daguillard, Robert wrote:

Suzanne, same attribution as earlier, please:

We have nothing to add to our response.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Suzanne Yohannan [mailto:suzanney@iwpnews.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 14, 2018 9:18 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: media query on lead dust hazard standard deadline

Ok, so I'm correct in assuming the 90-day deadline began to run when court issued its order? (In other words, the deadline is March 27.)

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**From:** "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**To:** Suzanne Yohannan <suzanne.yohannan@iwpnews.com>, Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Sent:** 3/14/2018 8:18 AM
**Subject:** RE: media query on lead dust hazard standard deadline

Suzanne, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

EPA will comply with the court's order.

Cheers, R.

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From: Suzanne Yohannan [mailto:suzanne.yohannan@iwpnews.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 1:02 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: media query on lead dust hazard standard deadline

Dear Press Officer,

I'm a reporter for Inside EPA. I have a question regarding a lead dust hazard standard and lead-based paint definition. In the court case A Community Voice v. EPA, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled on Dec.
28 that EPA is required to update the two forementioned lead standards under TSCA, and gave EPA a 90-day deadline to do so.

Could you tell me if EPA assumes this 90-day deadline has started? If so, when is the deadline, exactly, and does EPA expect to meet it?

I'm working under a deadline of Thursday (March 15).

Thanks.

Suzanne Yohannan

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Message

**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 3/20/2018 7:29:03 PM
**To:** Bobby Elliott [bobby@resource-recycling.com]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** RE: U.S. export law

Bobby, on background, please:

**1.) What specific hazardous waste exclusions and/or exemptions potentially related to e-scrap under RCRA should I be aware of? (As of right now, I have identified four: CRTs, metals, circuit boards and batteries.)**

There is no general hazardous waste exclusion under RCRA for e-scrap. However, when certain conditions are met, many types of e-scrap are not regulated either because they are not considered hazardous under U.S. law, or because they fall under specific recycling exemptions. See more at 40 CFR 261.

General information on identifying whether a given waste is RCRA hazardous is available at https://www.epa.gov/hw/criteria-definition-solid-waste-and-solid-and-hazardous-waste-exclusions and https://www.epa.gov/hw/defining-hazardous-waste-listed-characteristic-and-mixed-radiological-wastes.

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See 40 CFR 261.4(a)(22)).

See 40 CFR Part 266 Subpart G.

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For other e-scrap, the status of the waste as hazardous under RCRA can vary widely. One of the main challenges in determining whether used electronics are RCRA hazardous waste is the heterogeneity of the electronics waste stream. There is wide variability among manufacturers, models, and designs of electronics products in terms of the amounts of potentially hazardous constituents used in these products that might contribute to their being defined as hazardous waste when discarded.

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See 40 CFR section 262.81

If the recycler that originally handles the waste meets this definition, then they are considered exporters.

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Learn more about OECD here, specifically re green and amber wastes.

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EPA focuses on hazardous wastes being shipped for recycling or disposal, and requires prior notice and consent procedures for such wastes. Many used electronics are exported for reuse, refurbishment or repair which extends the life of electronics and reduces use of scarce resources to manufacture new electronics.

Cheers, R.

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**Cc:** Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: U.S. export law

Hey Robert,

I'll look forward to hearing from the agency tomorrow and thanks again for your hard work on this - it's been very valuable.

B

On Mon, Mar 19, 2018 at 9:07 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

> Good morning and thanks, Bobby,
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> Attribution: We'll almost certainly be sending you the information on background, per current agency practice. I mean, it'll be good information, that you can use, but there very likely won't be a name attached to it.
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> I thought it courteous to let you know. We're working on a Tuesday end-of-day response.
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> Let me know if you want to chat with me and/or Tricia.

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**Subject:** Re: U.S. export law

Hey Robert,

Thanks for reaching out. I can push the deadline to Tuesday, but with the understanding that we'd be getting an on the record response to question 5.

Let me know if that's doable and we can make things work on our end.

Thanks again for all your work and support on this!

B

On Mar 16, 2018 2:42 PM, "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

> Bobby, I just heard from my colleagues in the e-waste program. They say they need until Tuesday end of day to get your response. Sorry for the delay. Will that work for your purposes?

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Hey Robert,

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All my best,

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On Mar 15, 2018 10:16 AM, "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

OK. No promises, as you've sent us a set of fairly technical questions, but let's talk tomorrow so we can get a clearer idea of where things stand.

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Tomorrow end of day would be fantastic!

On Mar 15, 2018 10:02 AM, "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

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SUMMARY

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**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Subject: Question on mid-term review

Okay, thanks for letting me know -- and for getting back to me so quickly. I appreciate your help with this.

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**To:** Smith, Abby
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Hi Robert,

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Just wanted to double check: Do you have any response or comment on the other two questions included in my email? Here are those questions again:

- Will EPA be including new data with its final determination? If so, what will that data focus on?
- Will EPA be considering changes to the off-cycle credit program as part of its review of the standards?

Please let me know when you get a chance. Thanks again for your help!

Best,

Abby

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Abby, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

We intend to meet the April 1 deadline to issue the final mid-term evaluation.

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**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Subject: Question on mid-term review

Thanks for getting back to me. Yes, I know it's a quick turnaround, and I apologize for that – but I'm certainly able to update my story later in the day. My editor wants to get a first version of my story out by 3 p.m., but I can update and add any statement from EPA for a second version up until 4:15/4:30 p.m.

I'm able to update after that, too, but any update after 4:30 p.m. wouldn't make it into our email to subscribers.

Let me know if that answers your question. Please don't hesitate to call, too, if you need further clarification on anything. I'm at 703-341-3778. Thanks again for your help with this!

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 20, 2018 1:17 PM
**To:** Smith, Abby
**Subject:** Subject: Question on mid-term review

Good afternoon Abby,

Molly forwarded me your inquiry. How late can you update your story, please, as we're looking at a pretty short turnaround?

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**From:** Smith, Abby [mailto:asmith@bloombergenvironment.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 20, 2018 12:26 PM
**To:** Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Question on mid-term review

Hey Molly,

Hope you're doing well! I'm reaching out because I'm hoping you can help me out with a story I'm working on today.

I was at an event this morning focused on the EPA's mid-term review of light-duty vehicle greenhouse gas standards, and auto supplier and automaker trade groups said publicly that they see an avenue where California could be open to slight adjustments to the standards, so long as EPA provides enough data to convince California regulators to reach an agreement.

I had a few questions related to their comments that I wanted to check with you all:

- Is EPA on track to release its final determination on model year 2022-2025 standards by the end of this month?
- Will EPA be including new data with the determination, and if so, what will that data focus on?
- Will EPA be considering changes to the off-cycle credit program as part of its review of the standards?

I'm working on deadline, so if you could get back to me by 2 p.m., that would be greatly appreciated. Please don't hesitate to call me if you have any questions or need any clarification about what I'm asking. I'm at 703-341-3778.

Thanks in advance for your help with this.

Best,

Abby

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Cheers, R.

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**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 2/14/2018 1:56:00 PM
**To**: Elliott Blackburn [elliott.blackburn@argusmedia.com]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Small refiners and state RFS waivers

Good morning Elliott,

For attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

Waiver responses can be viewed at the following URL:

https://www.epa.gov/renewable-fuel-standard-program/requests-volume-requirement-waiver-under-renewable-fuel-standard

Citing the economic impacts of the Renewable Fuels Standards (RFS) program upon refineries in their states, the governors of DE, NM, PA and TX have petitioned EPA to waive the standards. In response, the EPA administrator is asking the petitioning states to provide further data and information. EPA will then be able to fully and fairly evaluate the issue and determine if further relief is warranted.

**Background**
The Clean Air Act allows the Administrator of EPA, in consultation with the Secretaries of Agriculture and Energy, to waive the requirements of the RFS under certain criteria. For example, a waiver can be issued if the Administrator determines -- after a notice and comment period -- that implementation of the RFS requirements would severely harm the economy of a State, a region, or the United States.

Refineries play a key role in providing energy and employment to their communities, states, and regions. The EPA understands that the RFS program can have impacts on those refineries, and believes that the program should be implemented with the welfare of communities and regions in mind.

At the same time, EPA must implement the laws as Congress passed them. As the agency has previously indicated, we believe it is critical to have sufficient information and analysis to make informed decisions on such requests. We recognize that identifying severe economic harm caused by the implementation of RFS requirements is a complex issue and of intense interest to a number of stakeholders.

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**From:** Elliott Blackburn [mailto:elliott.blackburn@argusmedia.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 4:41 PM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Small refiners and state RFS waivers

Good afternoon,

When will EPA provide a decision on whether to grant state RFS waivers requested by Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Mexico and Texas? How many small refiner exemptions under RFS has the agency received so far for 2017? For 2018? And when will the agency provide guidance on how it will handle any obligations it waives?

My deadline is as soon as possible, and I am interested in the answer to these questions whenever they are available.

Thank you,

Elliott

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**Sent**: 2/13/2018 8:59:28 PM
**To**: Clark.Mindock@independent.co.uk
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]; schafer, joan [schafer.joan@epa.gov]; Gray, David [gray.david@epa.gov]; D'Andrea, Michael [DANDREA.MICHAEL@EPA.GOV]
**Subject**: RE: Media request: Recent lawsuit

Good evening Clark,

For attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

We don't normally comment on pending litigation.

Very best, R.

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**From:** Clark Mindock [mailto:Clark.Mindock@independent.co.uk]
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018 3:30 PM
**To:** schafer, joan <schafer.joan@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Media request: Recent lawsuit

Hi Joan,

I'm a reporter with The Independent, and I am hoping to get a comment or statement from the EPA regarding the lawsuit filed Tuesday against the EPA for a rule allowing oil companies to dump leftover waste from fracking and drilling into the Gulf of Mexico. The lawsuit was filed by the Center for Biological Diversity, the Gulf Restoration Network, and the Louisiana Bucket Brigade.

Any chance you could help me get my hands on such a statement or comment?

Thanks in advance,

Clark

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**Sent**: 2/13/2018 7:35:07 PM
**To**: Sebastian Blanco [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Auto News reporter inquiry

Sebastian, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

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A1. When EPA developed the fuel economy label we did extensive outreach to consumers and stakeholders. Through this process we heard loud and clear that consumers wanted one label that would allow them to compare vehicles across vehicle types, powertrains, and type of fuel. The current label does just that. EPA is always interested in data and information about how consumers utilize the label and if there is an unmet need. That said, currently, we do not have plans to initiate a rulemaking that would change or update the label.

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A2. EPA is always interested in hearing from stakeholders about our label, particularly if they have relevant data to share that sheds light on whether and how the label achieves the goal of informing consumers about fuel econom

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Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 2:37 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Auto News reporter inquiry

It was today, but I asked for it to be pushed back to tomorrow because a lot of people I had reached out to said they'd get back to me soon but haven't yet. So, Tuesday at noon is my new deadline. Thanks.

On Mon, Feb 12, 2018 at 2:18 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:
> Last but not least: What's your deadline, please?
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Daguillard, Robert
> Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 2:02 PM
> To: 'Sebastian Blanco' <Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
> Subject: RE: Auto News reporter inquiry
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> Also, Sebastian, some good background info about the federal rulemaking process.
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> https://fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/RL32240.pdf
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> https://www.federalregister.gov/uploads/2011/01/the_rulemaking_process
> .pdf
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Daguillard, Robert
> Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 1:14 PM
> To: 'Sebastian Blanco' <Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
> Subject: RE: Auto News reporter inquiry
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> Sebastian:
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> Docket number EPA-HQ-OAR-2009-0865
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> Zip-code specific calculator:
> Links:

> •	https://www.fueleconomy.gov/feg/Find.do?action=bt1
> •	https://www.fueleconomy.gov/feg/Find.do?action=bt2
> Navigation:
> 1.	www.fueleconomy.gov
> 2.	About EPA ratings
> 3.	New Window Sticker
> 4.	Scroll down to "Beyond Tailpipe Emissions"
> OR
> 1.	www.fueleconomy.gov
> 2.	Find a Car
> 3.	Choose an EV or PHEV
> 4.	Energy and Environment
> 5.	Greenhouse Gas Emissions: toggle to "Tailpipe and Upstream CO2"
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> 2.	Advanced Cars and Fuels
> 3.	Alternative fuels/Electricity
> 4.	Scroll down to Emissions
> 5.	Beyond Tailpipe Emissions Calculator
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> Exact dates of rulemaking:
> •	2007: Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA) imposed several new requirements for the vehicle window label (on top of those previously imposed by EPCA); this required a formal rulemaking action
> •	2009: Opened public docket, initiated consumer research and stakeholder engagement
> •	2010:
> o	September 23: Published Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
> o	October 14 and 21: held public hearings
> o	September 23-November 22: accepted written comments
> •	2011:
> o	July 6: Published Final Rulemaking to take effect Model Year 2013 (optional for MY 2012)
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Sebastian Blanco [mailto: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
> Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 12:39 PM
> To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
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> Thank you again,
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> Sebastian
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> On Mon, Feb 12, 2018 at 9:58 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:
>> Fantastic. Looking forward.
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>> -----Original Message-----
>> From: Sebastian Blanco [mailto: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
>> Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 9:58 AM
>> To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>

>> Subject: Re: Auto News reporter inquiry
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>> Thanks. I'm at Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
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>> On Mon, Feb 12, 2018 at 9:56 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:
>>> Sebastian, that should work.
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>>> At what number should we try reaching out at 11 AM?
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>>> We'll have you on the phone with Lisa for about 20 minutes, as she has meetings this morning.
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>>> -----Original Message-----
>>> From: Sebastian Blanco [mailto: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
>>> Sent: Thursday, February 08, 2018 6:42 PM
>>> To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
>>> Subject: Re: Auto News reporter inquiry
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>>> Background will be very helpful, but if there can be at least one or two statements for attribution (even if emailed in after our discussion), that would be most helpful. Thank you.
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>>>> On Feb 8, 2018, at 18:35, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:
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>>>> Super. Also - and I apologize for not discussing earlier - but we are planning on a background conversation, not for attribution, but rather for your information. Please confirm that works for you.
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>>>> Regards, R.
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>>>> -----Original Message-----
>>>> From: Sebastian Blanco [mailto: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
>>>> Sent: Thursday, February 08, 2018 3:12 PM
>>>> To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
>>>> Subject: Re: Auto News reporter inquiry
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>>>> 11 AM will be perfect. Thank you.
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>>>>> On Thu, Feb 8, 2018 at 3:05 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:
>>>>> Sebastian, Lisa has time at either 11 AM or 2 PM on Monday. What would work best for you?
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>>>>> -----Original Message-----
>>>>> From: Sebastian Blanco [mailto: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
>>>>> Sent: Thursday, February 08, 2018 2:09 PM
>>>>> To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
>>>>> Subject: Re: Auto News reporter inquiry
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>>>>> Hello Robert,
>>>>>
>>>>> Thank you, that's excellent news. My deadline is EOD Monday, so hopefully Lisa and I can connect tomorrow or Monday. The piece is scheduled to run on the 19th, so if she really can't talk to me before Monday, we may have some wiggle room.
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>>>>> Thanks,
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>>>>> Sebastian
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>>>>>> On Thu, Feb 8, 2018 at 1:59 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:
>>>>>> Good afternoon Sebastian,
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>>>>>> My colleague Lisa Snapp forwarded your inquiry. She’s optimistic
>>>>>> she’ll have time to talk to you, but she’ll have to look at her
>>>>>> schedule. What’s your deadline and when would you like to publish your piece?
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>>>>>> Thanks, R.
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>>>>>> Date: February 7, 2018 at 6:58:54 PM EST
>>>>>> To: snapp.lisa@epa.gov
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**To**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FOR REVIEW: Auto News (Sebastian Blanco) - Fuel Economy Sticker - 2/13

SUMMARY

The reporter's follow-up questions to yesterday's backgrounder. OPS has approved sending the reporter one or two quotes for attribution, while the phone conversation with the reporter was off the record. The program's response emphasizes Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
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The agency doesn't comment on pending litigation.

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**From:** Elliott Blackburn [mailto:elliott.blackburn@argusmedia.com]
**Sent:** Monday, February 12, 2018 11:08 AM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Lawsuit on RVOs and endangered species, hypoxic zone

Good morning,

Does EPA have any comment on Sierra Club and the Gulf Restoration Network's complaint that EPA jeopardized federally-protected species when it set minimum blending mandates for this year under the Renewable Fuel Standard? What is the latest status of the overdue reviews on the environmental benefits and risks associated this program?

My deadline is as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Elliott

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**Sent**: 2/12/2018 8:08:35 PM
**To**: Rebecca Spear [rspear@toptenreviews.com]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Questions Regarding Pesticides and Pest Control

1. Rebecca, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

   What are some preventative things people can do to keep bugs and critters out of their living areas that don't involve pesticides?
   You can find tips at:
   - https://www.epa.gov/safepestcontrol/do-you-really-need-use-pesticide
   - https://www.epa.gov/safepestcontrol/got-pests-control-them-safely
   - https://www.epa.gov/children/complete-lesson-2-pesky-pests-and-household-hazards for kids who want to get involved.

   **Integrated pest management incorporates other pest control methods in order to reduce the number of** pesticide applications. More information on IPM is available at www.epa.gov/managing-pests-schools/introduction-integrated-pest-management.

2. When hiring the services of a pest control agency what are some things a person can do to make sure this assistance will not negatively impact the environment?
   - Be sure the pesticides being used are registered with EPA, as necessary, and that the applicator reads and follows the instructions on the label https://www.epa.gov/safepestcontrol/pesticides-must-be-registered-epa.

3. What sets an exterminator company above the rest when it comes to protecting the environment?
   - The most important thing for all pesticide users, including exterminators, is to read and closely follow the label directions. Other important factors to consider when hiring a pest control company can be found at www.epa.gov/safepestcontrol/choosing-pest-control-company.

4. Are there specific pesticides or chemicals that are better to use? Are there any that should especially be avoided?
   - Every EPA-registered pesticide specifies the use or uses it is approved for and how it should be used. The label is your guide.

5. How can you know if a pest control company uses pesticides competently and properly?
   - The label is your guide. You can look up the master label for any EPA-registered pesticide product using the Pesticide Product Label System https://iaspub.epa.gov/apex/pesticides/f?p=PPLS:1 and read the Directions for Use to see what EPA requires.

6. Do you have any other insights regarding eco-conscious uses of pesticides and pest control companies that you would like to share?

https://www.epa.gov/safepestcontrol/integrated-pest-management-ipm-principles

Regards, R.

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**From:** Rebecca Spear [mailto:rspear@toptenreviews.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 06, 2018 10:24 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Questions Regarding Pesticides and Pest Control

Please have the information to me by February 16th. Thanks for taking the time to do this.

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Monday, February 5, 2018 1:16 PM
**To:** Rebecca Spear <rspear@toptenreviews.com>
**Subject:** RE: Questions Regarding Pesticides and Pest Control

Good afternoon Rebecca,

What's your deadline, please?

Thanks, R.

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**From:** Rebecca Spear [mailto:rspear@toptenreviews.com]
**Sent:** Monday, February 5, 2018 2:27 PM
**To:** Harris-Young, Dawn <Harris-Young.Dawn@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Questions Regarding Pesticides and Pest Control

Hello Dawn,

My name is Rebecca Spear and I am a writer and reviewer for Top Ten Reviews, an online review site with more than 15 million monthly page views. I'm in the process of updating our Pest Control Services site http://www.toptenreviews.com/services/home/best-pest-control-services/ and I'd like to be able to site some helpful sources and information. I was wondering if you could answer some questions I have about pesticides, pest control companies and the environment.

- What are some preventative things people can do to keep bugs and critters out of their living areas that don't involve pesticides?
- When hiring the services of a pest control agency what are some things a person can do to make sure this assistance will not negatively impact the environment?
- What sets an exterminator company above the rest when it comes to protecting the environment?

- Are there specific pesticides or chemicals that are better to use? Are there any that should especially be avoided?
- How can you know if a pest control company uses pesticides competently and properly?
- Do you have any other insights regarding eco-conscious uses of pesticides and pest control companies that you would like to share?

Thank you for your time,

Message

**From**: regionalpress [regionalpress@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 2/12/2018 5:14:34 PM
**To**: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]; Hewitt, James [hewitt.james@epa.gov]; Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]; Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]; Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: Region 10 MEDIA INQUIRY: Alaska mining projects, NEPA -- R10 draft response

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**From:** Skadowski, Suzanne
**Sent:** Monday, February 12, 2018 5:14:34 PM (UTC+00:00) Monrovia, Reykjavik
**To:** Grantham, Nancy; regionalpress
**Cc:** Holsman, Marianne
**Subject:** RE: Region 10 MEDIA INQUIRY: Alaska mining projects, NEPA -- R10 draft response

Hi Nancy,

Do we have approval to provide this background info to this Alaska reporter? Her deadline is this Fri.

Thanks!

**Suzanne Skadowski**
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**From:** Skadowski, Suzanne
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 6, 2018 8:04 AM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; regionalpress <regionalpress@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Holsman, Marianne <Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov>; Allnutt, David <Allnutt.David@epa.gov>; Nogi, Jill <nogi.jill@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Region 10 MEDIA INQUIRY: Alaska mining projects, NEPA -- R10 draft response

**Region 10 MEDIA INQUIRY**

**Received:** 2/1/2018

**Press Officer:** Suzanne Skadowski, 206-553-2160

**Media Outlet/Reporter:** Alaska Business Monthly / Dimitra Lavrakas, Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

**Topic:** Mining projects in Alaska, NEPA process

**Deadline:** 2/16/2018

Draft Response -- Info provided by R10 OERA mining and R10 NEPA teams:
*Note: all information provided is for background only, not for attribution to EPA or staff.*

**Q: In Alaska, what mining projects are currently in the EIS phase, have recently been approved to move forward, or are planning for an EIS this year?**

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

**Q: How can I find out who is planning to mine for what where and when at what cost?**

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

**Q: What causes delays due to extended EIS application processes, for examples being asked for additional information, and if they are, what information is needed?**

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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**Q: Why does the EIS process exist, who manages it, what happens if a mine is or is not approved?**

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Message

**From**: Kevin Bogardus [kbogardus@eenews.net]
**Sent**: 3/20/2018 4:03:13 PM
**To**: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]; Ferguson, Lincoln [ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]; Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]; Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]; Hewitt, James [hewitt.james@epa.gov]; Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]; Daniell, Kelsi [daniell.kelsi@epa.gov]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: EPA ethics documents

Hey everyone, Just checking in one last time since I'm at my deadline. Please let me know if you have any thoughts on the below. Thanks for your help.

-Kevin

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**From:** Kevin Bogardus
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 20, 2018 9:18 AM
**To:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Daniell, Kelsi <daniell.kelsi@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: EPA ethics documents

Hey guys, any progress on the below? Please let me know. My deadline is noon EST today. Thanks for your help.

-Kevin

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 19, 2018, at 5:23 PM, Kevin Bogardus <kbogardus@eenews.net> wrote:

> Hey everyone, upon closer examination, I realized one of my questions is answered by the documents, which is Henry Darwin identifies Veronica Darwin as his spouse in his recusal statement. So that question is answered.
>
> That said, my other two questions still stand, which are:
>
> - Does Byron Brown plan to sign President Trump's ethics pledge? If so, when? As stated in his recusal, Brown is in an "administratively determined" position so he is not technically a political appointee and thus does not have to sign the pledge. That said, other "administratively determined" employees at EPA have been converted into political appointees and have signed the pledge.
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> - Why did Dave Ross recuse himself from Pebble Mine permitting but not the Chesapeake Bay Program? Ross co-authored comments on the Bristol Bay Assessment but he also represented the American Farm Bureau Federation in their lawsuit against the Chesapeake Bay TMDL during the same time as an attorney at Crowell & Moring.
>
> Please get back to me before my final deadline of noon EST Tuesday, March 20. Thank you for your help.
>
> -Kevin

**From:** Kevin Bogardus
**Sent:** Monday, March 19, 2018 10:28 AM
**To:** 'Bowman, Liz' <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; 'Konkus, John' <konkus.john@epa.gov>; 'Ferguson, Lincoln' <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; 'Wilcox, Jahan' <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; 'Abboud, Michael' <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; 'Hewitt, James' <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; 'Block, Molly' <block.molly@epa.gov>; 'Daniell, Kelsi' <daniell.kelsi@epa.gov>; 'Press' <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: EPA ethics documents

Hey guys, just an update on this: I asked for and received a deadline extension for this piece. My new final deadline is noon EST Tuesday, March 20. Please get back to me before then. Thank you for your help.

-Kevin

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**From:** Kevin Bogardus
**Sent:** Friday, March 16, 2018 5:38 PM
**To:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; 'Abboud, Michael' <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Daniell, Kelsi <daniell.kelsi@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** EPA ethics documents

Hey everyone,

It's Kevin Bogardus with E&E News.

I'm working on a piece about the latest batch of EPA ethics documents that I obtained under the Freedom of Information Act, including some of that are attached to this email. I plan to mention in my story the EPA political appointees by name and their various ethics actions as detailed in the attached records. I did have a few questions for you about this, which are:

- Does Byron Brown plan to sign President Trump's ethics pledge? If so, when? As stated in his recusal, Brown is in an "administratively determined" position so he is not technically a political appointee and thus does not have to sign the pledge. That said, other "administratively determined" employees at EPA have been converted into political appointees and have signed the pledge.

- Why did Dave Ross recuse himself from Pebble Mine permitting but not the Chesapeake Bay Program? Ross co-authored comments on the Bristol Bay Assessment but he also represented the American Farm Bureau Federation in their lawsuit against the Chesapeake Bay TMDL during the same time as an attorney at Crowell & Moring.

- Just to check for accuracy and not for attribution, I understand that Veronica Darwin and Henry Darwin are married. Is that accurate?

Also, I also plan to mention ethics documents for the following EPA officials as well in my story, although I have no questions about them. I would attach their records to this email but it would bounce back for being too large. Please let me know if you want to share any thoughts about their records.

Matt Leopold
Erik Baptist
David Fotouhi
Justin Schwab

Sarah Greenwalt
Richard Yamada
Tate Bennett
Troy Lyons

Please get back to me as soon as possible. My deadline is noon EST Monday, March 19, but the sooner you get back to me, the more it helps my reporting. Thank you for your help.

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Message

**From:** Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 2/7/2018 7:46:01 PM
**To:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Fwd: Reporting on repurposing former Superfund sites

**From:** Lynne Peeples < Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
**Date:** February 7, 2018 at 2:44:28 PM EST
**To:** "Jones, Enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
**Cc:** "Lynn, Tricia" <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
**Subject: Re: Reporting on repurposing former Superfund sites**

Hello again, Enesta and Tricia. A follow-up on this Superfund story: I understand that Scott Pruitt announced 31 Superfund sites he wants prioritized for redevelopment -- part of a push to accelerate cleanups and make land available for community use. Related questions below. Possible to get answers by EOD on Friday?

1. Correct that Pruitt has increased the budget for remediation of at least some of these 31 sites beyond what was previously allocated? Where will funds come from for these projects?
2. Correct that President Donald Trump's proposed 2018 budget still seeks to cut the program by 30 percent? If passed, will this cut impact Pruitt's plans?

Thanks again,

Lynne

On Fri, Feb 2, 2018 at 12:05 PM, Lynne Peeples < Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) > wrote:
Great. Thanks again, Enesta.

On Fri, Feb 2, 2018 at 12:02 PM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:

Lynne,

"EPA places a high priority on land revitalization as an integral part of its Superfund cleanup mission. This land would otherwise be unused. Instead, Superfund cleanups have allowed hundreds of communities to reclaim formerly contaminated Superfund sites for protective and productive uses. Communities have successfully reused Superfund sites for many industrial, commercial, ecological and recreational purposes. Many Superfund sites have been redeveloped in innovative ways, including alternative energy and mixed-use developments that bring together jobs and amenities. EPA has not noticed that any one type of reuse has proven problematic." **– Enesta Jones, EPA spokesperson**

**From:** Lynne Peeples [mailto: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
**Sent:** Friday, February 02, 2018 2:49 PM

**To:** Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Reporting on repurposing former Superfund sites

Yes, that would be the chunk that I'd pull a quote from. Thank you. Possible to also attribute the point that EPA has not noticed any one type of reuse has proven problematic?

On Fri, Feb 2, 2018 at 11:27 AM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:

Lynne, here's what I suggest for attributable language. I can move these forward for approval. OK?

EPA places a high priority on land revitalization as an integral part of its Superfund cleanup mission. This land would otherwise be unused. Instead, Superfund cleanups have allowed hundreds of communities to reclaim formerly contaminated Superfund sites for protective and productive uses. Communities have successfully reused Superfund sites for many industrial, commercial, ecological and recreational purposes. Many Superfund sites have been redeveloped in innovative ways, including alternative energy and mixed-use developments that bring together jobs and amenities.

**From:** Lynne Peeples [mailto: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
**Sent:** Friday, February 02, 2018 2:13 PM
**To:** Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>

**Subject:** Re: Reporting on repurposing former Superfund sites

Thank you, Enesta. Yes, I do still need attribution. I'll be filing the story next week, but anytime before next Friday should still be fine. I'm not sure when Ensia will run the story, but probably within a week or two after that. I can let you know! Appreciate it, and have a great weekend.

Lynne

On Fri, Feb 2, 2018 at 3:12 AM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Lynne, Tricia is out today and tomorrow. Do you still need attribution? What's the latest you can wait? When is the story slated to run?

Thanks,

Enesta

**From:** Lynne Peeples [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 31, 2018 5:28 PM
**To:** Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Reporting on repurposing former Superfund sites

Hi Tricia. Just checking back in. Have a name I could attribute this to yet? Thank you!

Lynne

On Thu, Jan 25, 2018 at 2:47 PM, Lynne Peeples Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) wrote:

That'd be great. Thanks again, Tricia!

On Thu, Jan 25, 2018 at 2:47 PM, Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks for checking, Lynne. I'm not a spokesperson for EPA, so please don't use my name. I'll be back in the morning and do what I can to find you a name.

Thanks!

**From:** Lynne Peeples [mailto: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
**Sent:** Thursday, January 25, 2018 5:33 PM

**To:** Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Reporting on repurposing former Superfund sites

Very helpful. Thank you, Tricia. My editor would like us to be able to attribute to a person. Ok to use your name, as an EPA spokesperson?

Lynne

On Thu, Jan 25, 2018 at 12:15 PM, Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov> wrote:

Lynne—

For attribution to "an EPA spokesperson:"

**1. I understand that, to date (12/21/17), 395 sites have now been remediated and removed from the Superfund list. Is this correct? Any ballpark for how many more sites might be remediated and removed from the list going forward -- in say, one year or 10 years?**

That is correct. As of Jan. 18, 395 sites have been deleted from the Superfund National Priorities List. We display the up-to-date number of NPL sites, including deleted sites, at https://www.epa.gov/superfund/superfund-national-priorities-list-npl.

The number of sites to be deleted in the coming years will be the number of sites where no further response is appropriate and EPA determines that criteria has been met to warrant a delisting decision.

**2. Why is reuse of the sites important? What kind of follow-up, if any, does the EPA do after a site is removed from the Superfund list? Does the agency -- or others -- monitor the reuse?**

EPA places a high priority on land revitalization as an integral part of its Superfund cleanup mission. This land would otherwise be unused. Instead, Superfund cleanups have allowed hundreds of communities to reclaim formerly contaminated Superfund sites for protective and productive uses.

This redevelopment brings major economic benefits. Information EPA has collected at 487 of the 888 sites in reuse indicate these sites supported approximately 6,600 businesses in 2017. These businesses' ongoing operations generate annual sales of $43.6 billion and employ more than 156,000 people who earned a combined income of $11.2 billion.

Regarding what EPA does after a site is deleted from the NPL, EPA conducts follow-up reviews — even after NPL deletion — every five years when hazardous substances remain on site above levels that permit unrestricted use and unlimited exposure.

**3. Of the repurposing uses so far, could you share examples of what has worked the best? Any particularly innovative approaches that future projects could consider?**

Communities have successfully reused Superfund sites for many industrial, commercial, ecological and recreational purposes. Many Superfund sites have been redeveloped in innovative ways, including alternative energy facilities (https://www.epa.gov/superfund-redevelopment-initiative/alternative-energy-superfund-sites) and mixed-use developments that bring together jobs and amenities.

The Superfund Redevelopment Initiative (SRI) provides success stories resulting from fruitful partnerships. These can be accessed on the SRI website: https://www.epa.gov/superfund-redevelopment-initiative/depth-case-studies-superfund-reuse. There are 30 in-depth case studies available. Two projects are highlighted below to give a sense of the redevelopment stories unfolding nationwide:

- The Sullivan's Ledge Solar Project is one of numerous renewable energy facilities located on current and former contaminated lands. Built on an old landfill affected by soil and groundwater contamination, the facility generates pollution-free energy and has restored a vacant area to beneficial use. The 1.75-megawatt facility includes over 5,000 block-mounted fixed-tilt solar panels. Project financier SunEdison, Inc., leases the site from the city and then sells the solar net metering credits back to the city at a reduced rate under a 20-year power purchase agreement.
- In the early 1980s, decades of disinvestment had left the Tacoma, Washington, waterfront abandoned and blighted. Industrial activities contaminated soil, groundwater and sediments across more than 10 square miles of Commencement Bay and Tacoma. The City of Tacoma, the Washington State Department of Ecology, EPA and other stakeholders collaborated to engage the public, clean up the area, address liability issues, establish public-private partnerships, secure funding, and revitalize the waterway. Today, the cleanup of the Thea Foss Waterway is complete. A public esplanade extends along the shore, punctuated by public parks, apartment buildings, restaurants and diverse businesses. The Museum of Glass is home to a contemporary collection of artists from around the world, with the Chihuly Bridge of Glass connecting the museum to downtown Tacoma. New, state-of-the-art marinas and water-based businesses have established the Thea Foss Waterway as a major boating destination in the Puget Sound region.

**4. What uses so far have proved problematic? Any lessons we can take away to inform future repurposing projects?**

EPA has not noticed that any one type of reuse has proven problematic.

Best,

Tricia

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Tricia Lynn

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**From** Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) **On Behalf Of** Lynne Peeples
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 17, 2018 8:20 PM
**To:** Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Reporting on repurposing former Superfund sites

Thanks again, Tricia. Questions below. Yes, I would need answers by 1/26. A call would still be ideal, if at all possible. Appreciate it!

1. I understand that, to date (12/21/17), 395 sites have now been remediated and removed from the Superfund list. Is this correct? Any ballpark for how many more sites might be remediated and removed from the list going forward -- in say, one year or 10 years?

2. Why is reuse of the sites important? What kind of follow-up, if any, does the EPA do after a site is removed from the Superfund list? Does the agency -- or others -- monitor the reuse?

3. Of the repurposing uses so far, could you share examples of what has worked the best? Any particularly innovative approaches that future projects could consider?

4. What uses so far have proved problematic? Any lessons we can take away to inform future repurposing projects?

On Wed, Jan 17, 2018 at 10:29 AM, Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Lynne—

Thanks for your email. In order to proceed, I'll need a complete list of your questions (though we can go back with follow-up if necessary). I also want to confirm that 1/26 is your deadline.

I'm happy to ask about a call, but please be aware that they're not always available. If not, we can generally respond in writing.

Thanks again. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

--Tricia

**From:** Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) **On Behalf Of** Lynne Peeples
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 17, 2018 12:41 PM
**To:** Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Reporting on repurposing former Superfund sites

Good afternoon,

Just wanted to follow up on my request. Thanks so much again.

Lynne

On Fri, Jan 12, 2018 at 1:29 PM, Lynne Peeples <lpeeples@post.harvard.edu> wrote:

Hi Tricia,

I'm reporting a story for Ensia on the repurposing of former Superfund sites -- examples of what lands are being used for now, lessons learned so far as to what works well and what doesn't, etc. Would it be possible to connect me with someone at the EPA who could speak to this? The sooner the better, of course, but anytime in the next two weeks would be fine.

Thanks so much, in advance, for your time and help.

Best,

Lynne

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Message

**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 2/7/2018 12:59:11 PM
**To:** Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** RE: RFS waiver requests - EPA response?

Done.

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**From:** Block, Molly
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 06, 2018 8:11 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: RFS waiver requests - EPA response?

Fine with me.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 6, 2018, at 8:10 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

> Third Floor, any objection?
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> > **Subject: RE: RFS waiver requests - EPA response?**
> > **Reply-To:** "Jennifer A. Dlouhy" <jdlouhy1@bloomberg.net>
> >
> > Candidly, we have to get source approval to use "EPA spokesperson."
> > Can I attribute to "an EPA statement" or "emailed statement?"
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To: Jennifer A. Dlouhy (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM: ) , Press@epa.gov
Subject: RE: RFS waiver requests - EPA response?

Jen, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

**Statement**

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**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RFS waiver requests - EPA response?

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Thank you!

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**Sent:** Tuesday, February 6, 2018 4:03:34 PM (UTC+00:00) Monrovia, Reykjavik
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**Received:** 2/1/2018

**Press Officer:** Suzanne Skadowski, 206-553-2160

**Media Outlet/Reporter:** Alaska Business Monthly / Dimitra Lavrakas, Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

**Topic:** Mining projects in Alaska, NEPA process

**Deadline:** 2/16/2018

Draft Response -- Info provided by R10 OERA mining and R10 NEPA teams:
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**Q: In Alaska, what mining projects are currently in the EIS phase, have recently been approved to move forward, or are planning for an EIS this year?**

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**Sent:** 2/6/2018 3:20:36 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Re: New York Times inquiry: Toxic Release Inventory

Thanks, Robert.

On Tue, Feb 6, 2018 at 9:26 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Sorry, Nadja, we meant for this to be on background. Sorry for any confusion.

**From:** Daguillard, Robert
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 06, 2018 8:59 AM
**To:** Nadja Popovich <nadja.popovich@nytimes.com>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>

**Subject:** Re: New York Times inquiry: Toxic Release Inventory

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The TRI program's preferred latitude and longitude coordinates indicate the center of a facility's activity, referred to as the centroid, but otherwise may point to alternative coordinates such as street address, storage tank, or settling pond, among others.

**But what does an "accuracy value" of 1 meter indicate compared to 50 compared to 11000 (or, in some cases, no value)?** This element indicates the confidence of the coordinates. The lower the number, the higher the accuracy. A value of "null" or "no_value" indicates that the address did not correlate with the processes used to geocode a point. These specific values do not indicate that the coordinates are inaccurate, but rather that higher scrutiny should be employed when using the coordinates.

The accuracy score is a unitless ranking value ranking created via an algorithm that considers the accuracy value, method used to compute the coordinates, and type of coordinates provided (e.g., stack, centroid, etc.). The smaller the score the more confidence you can likely place in the accuracy value.

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On Feb 5, 2018, at 11:20 AM, Nadja Popovich <nadja.popovich@nytimes.com> wrote:

Hey Robert,

Sorry to push on this again, but we're publishing tomorrow according to my editor. I would love to hear back about that methodology question, specifically, before then. Possible?

Thanks again,

Nadja

On Fri, Feb 2, 2018 at 2:43 PM Popovich, Nadja <nadja.popovich@nytimes.com> wrote:

Robert, I have two more quick questions for today. Apologies for so many requests, but better to make sure we're getting this right.

First, I'm writing up a methodology section for our project, nothing how TRI determines lat/long coordinates. Could you confirm that this is OK?

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If you're able to get this back to me today, I would really appreciate it. If not, Monday would be the latest.

Thanks,

Nadja

On Thu, Feb 1, 2018 at 12:05 PM, Popovich, Nadja <nadja.popovich@nytimes.com> wrote:

Ok thank you! Just to make sure: you mean a new .csv has been uploaded for 2016?

On Thu, Feb 1, 2018 at 11:31 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

From TRI staff:

It's fixed now. If the reporter downloads the Basic Data Files again and runs a new facility information EZ Query, all of the lat/long values will match.

**From:** Popovich, Nadja [mailto:nadja.popovich@nytimes.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, February 01, 2018 10:49 AM

**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: New York Times inquiry: Toxic Release Inventory

I would also be glad to give you any more information by phone and can be reached at Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) today, as I'm away from my desk today.

On Thu, Feb 1, 2018 at 9:59 AM, Popovich, Nadja <nadja.popovich@nytimes.com> wrote:

Thanks for that answer Robert. However, this doesn't look like an Excel truncation problem. If you look at the example I sent from Enterprise Products in Texas, you'll see the decimals are fully different, rather than just truncated - i.e. Latitude 29.8247 versus 29.857573.

Repasted here:

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**At this time, I'm going with the EZ-search results over the data download results, as they appear to be more accurate in a small spot-check. Is that OK to do? Is there any reason for concern that the EZ-search results are less accurate than the data download file?**

Thanks again!

On Thu, Feb 1, 2018 at 9:47 AM Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Nadja, I got a note from the program: Apparently, you have to make sure you expand the Excel cell to enter the entire long/lat values. That's because Excel truncates the numbers to the first six decimal places, and therefore results in a slightly erroneous placement – if you don't know to expand the cell.

Can you let me know how that works for you?

**From:** Popovich, Nadja [mailto:nadja.popovich@nytimes.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 31, 2018 3:38 PM

**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: New York Times inquiry: Toxic Release Inventory

Robert, to add to my previous email: We're done a more thorough analysis and find more than 1,500 unique sites where the lat/long values in the TRI-2016 downloadable file do not match the ones from the EZ-search.

I'm wondering whether we should trust the EZ-Search values over the downloadable csv values? I've only done a small spot-check, and the EZ-Search values seem correct more often when eyeballing, but that might not mean much per yoru methodology. So let me know.

Many thanks again.

On Wed, Jan 31, 2018 at 2:00 PM, Popovich, Nadja <nadja.popovich@nytimes.com> wrote:

That last example, from ENTERPRISE PRODUCTS in CHAMBERS TX was one I pulled today, and I just checked again – it's still different from the 2016 data file. That said, the 2016 data file lat/long does seem to be mistaken. As I mentioned, it points to Chevron Phillips down the road. Thoughts on this?

As for the other two examples I sent earlier, you're right that they are now updated and are the same as in the 2016 file. HOWEVER, the 2016 file lat/longs were ones that appeared iffy. For ERP Coke, please see below:

The address derived from TRI gives the point that is at 35000 35th Ave (where the facility is above), and the red marker for 3368 33rd place North is the lat/long ID.

Any insight on why the red marker has been place there would be useful.

Thanks again!

On Wed, Jan 31, 2018 at 1:28 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Nadja, please check again – EZ Query and the Basic Data Files rely on two different tables for their lat/long data and those tables got updated at different times. Last night they were synced and the searches should now return the same lat/long values.

Let me know.

Thanks, R.

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Hi Robert, wanted to check in: Do you have an estimated time it may take to get a response? Just need to plan some things out. Thanks again for all your help.

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Do you know what the issue is with the downloadable file lat/longs? And is there any way to get the EZ-search lat/longs in one file, if they are better to use?

-Nadja

On Tue, Jan 30, 2018 at 6:52 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

OK, thanks.

Robert Daguillard

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On Jan 30, 2018, at 6:17 PM, Popovich, Nadja <nadja.popovich@nytimes.com> wrote:

The reason I am asking these questions is because in select cases it appears as if the lat/long coordinate from the 2016 file points to a riverbank or tailings pond instead of the facility itself. Could you tell me what the definition of "center of activity" is please? Along with my previous lat/longs question.

Please see this example from Georgia Pacific Consumer (OK), mentioned in the previous email:

The red marker is the 2016 file lat/long. The 4901 address is the main address from the 2016 file.

[Inline image 1]

Meanwhile, the lat/long from the EZ-search is here (red marker):
[Inline image 2]

We are undertaking a project for which it is important that the lat/long coordinates are fair stand-ins for the TRI facilities themselves, so I just wonder how confident you and the TRI experts are that the 2016 file coordinates really do represent the facilities.

Many thanks again,
Nadja

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**Sent**: 2/5/2018 9:48:19 PM
**To**: Pearson, Sam [spearson@bloombergenvironment.com]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
**CC**: Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Story on next step for EPA PBT chemicals

Thanks, Sam.

Why don't you go ahead and attribute what we've sent you this time to Jahan Wilcox, EPA spokesman.

Cheers, R.

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Hi Robert,
My editors tell me that you guys had a conversation with Enesta Jones about how it was important to have names on these statements in the future. Unfortunately I am still trying to get this story out and they are not going to allow me to use an EPA statement that does not have anyone's name on it. If there is anything you can do to make this possible it would be great to be able to get this in.

Thanks so much,

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Sam, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

EPA established public dockets for each of the five PBT chemicals to facilitate receipt of information on exposure and use which may be useful to the Agency's rulemaking efforts. The dockets closed on January 12, 2018. EPA is currently reviewing information provided to the dockets. If EPA determines additional information is needed, the Agency will consider additional approaches for obtaining the information, including using its authority under amended TSCA.

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Thanks so much – I am trying to get this story finished as soon as possible if anyone has a moment

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Hey Johnathan,

Same attribution as before, please, but the answer is "yes."

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**Sent**: 2/5/2018 8:06:50 PM
**To**: michaelcrowley@myfairpoint.net
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Subject: Re: Vessel General Permit

Michael, on Tricia's behalf, and for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

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Failure to comply with the VGP, including failure to comply with the EAL requirements, subjects a vessel operator to potential civil and criminal enforcement, as well as citizen suits, pursuant to the authority of Clean Water Act.

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**Sent:** Thursday, February 01, 2018 7:45 AM
**To:** Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
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Michael

On Jan 31, 2018, at 4:52 PM, Lynn, Tricia wrote:

> Hi Michael—
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> I've received your inquiry, below. While I'm happy to look into the possibility of a call, please be aware that they're not always available.
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> In either case, to begin I'll need a list of your specific questions as well as your hard deadline. Can you please supply those at your earliest convenience?
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> To: Goodin, John <Goodin.John@epa.gov>
> Subject: Vessel General Permit

Hi John,

I'm with WorkBoat magazine and for a story we are doing on fuels and lubricants I would like to talk with someone familiar with the Vessel General Permit, which is concerned with overboard discharges by commercial vessels.

Regards,
Michael Crowley

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**To**: Hans Nauta [H.Nauta@trouw.nl]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: press request from Amsterdam

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This rule, if finalized, would allow producers of distillers sorghum oil and producers of fuels manufactured using distillers sorghum oil as feedstock to participate in the RFS program. Thereby, this rule would provide the biofuels industry with additional flexibility and feedstock production options

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See response above.

**Why is this protocol necessary, what does it mean?**
Assessment of lifecycle GHG emissions is necessary to determine which fuel pathways meet the GHG reduction thresholds specified in Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 211 (o), as amended by the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA). Public comment is part of that assessment process.

Thanks, R.

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert
**Sent:** Monday, February 05, 2018 12:01 PM
**To:** 'Hans Nauta' <H.Nauta@trouw.nl>
**Subject:** RE: press request from Amsterdam

Thanks again,

We'll try to get back to you by the end of the day (our time). Sorry we can't send you a response earlier, but one hour is a very tight window, as I'm sure you realize.

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Dear Mr. Danguillard,

Thank you for your reply.
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And I was looking into possible alternatives for American farmers.
I just found out that 20 percent of the sorghum is turned into ethanol already.

If it's used as biofuel already, than what could change because of this new proces?

Hopefully this is clearer now,

My deadline is in about an hour, due to the time difference.
I'm not looking for a long detailed explanation, just a few basics, if that's possible in this short time.

with kind regards,

Hans Nauta

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Good morning (afternoon to you) Mr. Nauta,

Thank you for reaching out. I just missed your call.

Let me look into this for you. A couple of questions:

1) When you ask "why is this protocol necessary," are you asking how the EPA rulemaking process works, in general? The reasons for it? Or does your question specifically relate to sorghum?

2) Are you writing a piece about the international use of sorghum as a biofuel? Presumably, there's a major interest to your Dutch audience?

3) Last but not least, what's your deadline and when are you hoping to publish your story?

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Last December 27th a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for Grain Sorghum Oil Pathways was published on Epa.gov.

This related to using sorghum oil as biofuel.

https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-12-27/pdf/2017-27946.pdf

I'm a journalist from the Netherlands, writing for the Dutch daily newspaper Trouw about sorghum producers.

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**To**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FOR REVIEW: Argus - Delaware request for RVO waiver - 2/2 COB

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**Statement**

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The reporter and I just emailed back and forth. He tells me he mis-typed – his words – and meant to ask not about Philadephia Energy Solutions, the refiner that declared bankruptcy, but about the states of Pennsylvania and Texas.

In that case, I'm pretty sure our response would be the same as for Delaware, but I'm checking with the program.

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**Sent:** Friday, February 02, 2018 1:20 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Delaware request for RVO waiver

OK. So EPA is reviewing Delaware's request and in the process of responding, and declines to comment on the status of the Philadelphia and Texas petitions.

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On Feb 2, 2018, at 9:55 AM, Elliott Blackburn <elliott.blackburn@argusmedia.com> wrote:

> Response today. Lets me cleanly say that EPA continues to review these requests, if what I assume is true. The requests I remember are Pennsylvania, Texas and now Delaware.
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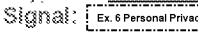
> 
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**To:** Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Re: Reporting on repurposing former Superfund sites

Great. Thanks again, Enesta.

On Fri, Feb 2, 2018 at 12:02 PM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:

Lynne,

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Yes, that would be the chunk that I'd pull a quote from. Thank you. Possible to also attribute the point that EPA has not noticed any one type of reuse has proven problematic?

On Fri, Feb 2, 2018 at 11:27 AM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:

Lynne, here's what I suggest for attributable language. I can move these forward for approval. OK?

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Thank you, Enesta. Yes, I do still need attribution. I'll be filing the story next week, but anytime before next Friday should still be fine. I'm not sure when Ensia will run the story, but probably within a week or two after that. I can let you know! Appreciate it, and have a great weekend.

Lynne

On Fri, Feb 2, 2018 at 3:12 AM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Lynne, Tricia is out today and tomorrow. Do you still need attribution? What's the latest you can wait? When is the story slated to run?

Thanks,

Enesta

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**Sent:** Wednesday, January 31, 2018 5:28 PM
**To:** Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Reporting on repurposing former Superfund sites

Hi Tricia. Just checking back in. Have a name I could attribute this to yet? Thank you!

Lynne

On Thu, Jan 25, 2018 at 2:47 PM, Lynne Peeples [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)] wrote:

That'd be great. Thanks again, Tricia!

On Thu, Jan 25, 2018 at 2:47 PM, Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks for checking, Lynne. I'm not a spokesperson for EPA, so please don't use my name. I'll be back in the morning and do what I can to find you a name.

Thanks!

**From:** Lynne Peeples [mailto:[Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]
**Sent:** Thursday, January 25, 2018 5:33 PM

**To:** Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Reporting on repurposing former Superfund sites

Very helpful. Thank you, Tricia. My editor would like us to be able to attribute to a person. Ok to use your name, as an EPA spokesperson?

Lynne

On Thu, Jan 25, 2018 at 12:15 PM, Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov> wrote:

Lynne—

For attribution to "an EPA spokesperson:"

**1. I understand that, to date (12/21/17), 395 sites have now been remediated and removed from the Superfund list. Is this correct? Any ballpark for how many more sites might be remediated and removed from the list going forward -- in say, one year or 10 years?**

That is correct. As of Jan. 18, 395 sites have been deleted from the Superfund National Priorities List. We display the up-to-date number of NPL sites, including deleted sites, at https://www.epa.gov/superfund/superfund-national-priorities-list-npl.

The number of sites to be deleted in the coming years will be the number of sites where no further response is appropriate and EPA determines that criteria has been met to warrant a delisting decision.

**2. Why is reuse of the sites important? What kind of follow-up, if any, does the EPA do after a site is removed from the Superfund list? Does the agency -- or others -- monitor the reuse?**

EPA places a high priority on land revitalization as an integral part of its Superfund cleanup mission. This land would otherwise be unused. Instead, Superfund cleanups have allowed hundreds of communities to reclaim formerly contaminated Superfund sites for protective and productive uses.

This redevelopment brings major economic benefits. Information EPA has collected at 487 of the 888 sites in reuse indicate these sites supported approximately 6,600 businesses in 2017. These businesses' ongoing operations generate annual sales of $43.6 billion and employ more than 156,000 people who earned a combined income of $11.2 billion.

Regarding what EPA does after a site is deleted from the NPL, EPA conducts follow-up reviews — even after NPL deletion — every five years when hazardous substances remain on site above levels that permit unrestricted use and unlimited exposure.

**3. Of the repurposing uses so far, could you share examples of what has worked the best? Any particularly innovative approaches that future projects could consider?**

Communities have successfully reused Superfund sites for many industrial, commercial, ecological and recreational purposes. Many Superfund sites have been redeveloped in innovative ways, including alternative energy facilities (https://www.epa.gov/superfund-redevelopment-initiative/alternative-energy-superfund-sites) and mixed-use developments that bring together jobs and amenities.

The Superfund Redevelopment Initiative (SRI) provides success stories resulting from fruitful partnerships. These can be accessed on the SRI website: https://www.epa.gov/superfund-redevelopment-initiative/depth-case-studies-superfund-reuse. There are 30 in-depth case studies available. Two projects are highlighted below to give a sense of the redevelopment stories unfolding nationwide:

- The Sullivan's Ledge Solar Project is one of numerous renewable energy facilities located on current and former contaminated lands. Built on an old landfill affected by soil and groundwater contamination, the facility generates pollution-free energy and has restored a vacant area to beneficial use. The 1.75-megawatt facility includes over 5,000 block-mounted fixed-tilt solar panels. Project financier SunEdison, Inc., leases the site from the city and then sells the solar net metering credits back to the city at a reduced rate under a 20-year power purchase agreement.
- In the early 1980s, decades of disinvestment had left the Tacoma, Washington, waterfront abandoned and blighted. Industrial activities contaminated soil, groundwater and sediments across more than 10 square miles of Commencement Bay and Tacoma. The City of Tacoma, the Washington State Department of Ecology, EPA and other stakeholders collaborated to engage the public, clean up the area, address liability issues, establish public-private partnerships, secure funding, and revitalize the waterway. Today, the cleanup of the Thea Foss Waterway is complete. A public esplanade extends along the shore, punctuated by public parks, apartment buildings, restaurants and diverse businesses. The Museum of Glass is home to a contemporary collection of artists from around the world, with the Chihuly Bridge of Glass connecting the museum to downtown Tacoma. New, state-of-the-art marinas and water-based businesses have established the Thea Foss Waterway as a major boating destination in the Puget Sound region.

**4. What uses so far have proved problematic? Any lessons we can take away to inform future repurposing projects?**

EPA has not noticed that any one type of reuse has proven problematic.

Best,

Tricia

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**Sent:** Wednesday, January 17, 2018 8:20 PM
**To:** Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
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Thanks again, Tricia. Questions below. Yes, I would need answers by 1/26. A call would still be ideal, if at all possible. Appreciate it!

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On Wed, Jan 17, 2018 at 10:29 AM, Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Lynne—

Thanks for your email. In order to proceed, I'll need a complete list of your questions (though we can go back with follow-up if necessary). I also want to confirm that 1/26 is your deadline.

I'm happy to ask about a call, but please be aware that they're not always available. If not, we can generally respond in writing.

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--Tricia

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Just wanted to follow up on my request. Thanks so much again.

Lynne

On Fri, Jan 12, 2018 at 1:29 PM, Lynne Peeples <lpeeples@post.harvard.edu> wrote:

Hi Tricia,

I'm reporting a story for Ensia on the repurposing of former Superfund sites -- examples of what lands are being used for now, lessons learned so far as to what works well and what doesn't, etc. Would it be possible to connect me with someone at the EPA who could speak to this? The sooner the better, of course, but anytime in the next two weeks would be fine.

Thanks so much, in advance, for your time and help.

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Jahan, Molly, I don't know if you want to address this with the reporter?

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**From:** "Pearson, Sam" <spearson@bloombergenvironment.com>
**Date:** February 2, 2018 at 12:41:45 PM EST
**To:** "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>, Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Cc:** "Jones, Enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>, "Wilcox.Jahan@EPA.gov" <Wilcox.Jahan@EPA.gov>
**Subject: RE: Story on next step for EPA PBT chemicals**

We are hoping to have it filed for editing around 1:30-2:30 PM

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**From:** Pearson, Sam
**Sent:** Friday, February 02, 2018 10:15 AM
**To:** 'Daguillard, Robert' <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>; 'Press' <Press@epa.gov>
**Cc:** 'Jones, Enesta' <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>; 'Wilcox.Jahan@EPA.gov' <Wilcox.Jahan@EPA.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Story on next step for EPA PBT chemicals

Hi Robert, I am hoping to get this story filed later today if there is anything you are able to do about this.

Thank you,

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**Sam Pearson**
Reporter

**Bloomberg Environment**

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**From:** Pearson, Sam
**Sent:** Thursday, February 01, 2018 2:56 PM
**To:** 'Daguillard, Robert' <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Story on next step for EPA PBT chemicals

Hi Robert,
Thanks so much for your response to this. Unfortunately I'm told that we have a policy now of not being able to use statements that are attributed to an agency or an unnamed person at an agency. Is there anyone in your office whose name we would be able to affix to this?

Thank you,
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**From:** Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 31, 2018 4:17 PM
**To:** Pearson, Sam <spearson@bloombergenvironment.com>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Story on next step for EPA PBT chemicals

Sam, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

EPA established public dockets for each of the five PBT chemicals to facilitate receipt of information on exposure and use which may be useful to the Agency's rulemaking efforts. The dockets closed on January 12, 2018. EPA is currently reviewing information provided to the dockets. If EPA determines additional information is needed, the Agency will consider additional approaches for obtaining the information, including using its authority under amended TSCA.

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**From:** Pearson, Sam [mailto:spearson@bloombergenvironment.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 30, 2018 3:20 PM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Story on next step for EPA PBT chemicals

Hi,
I'm working on a story about EPA's evaluation of the five PBT chemicals and what's next here. I understand EPA has to propose risk reduction by June 2019. Does EPA believe it has enough information from the public commenters, and your existing information, to be able to do risk reduction? Do you think it will be necessary for EPA to request any more information from companies using your authority under the amended TSCA?

Thanks so much – I am trying to get this story finished as soon as possible if anyone has a moment

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Message

**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 2/2/2018 2:06:31 PM
**To**: Grandoni, Dino [Dino.Grandoni@washpost.com]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Request for comment from WashPost about new lawsuit

Dino, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

EPA doesn't comment on pending litigation.

Thanks, R.

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**From:** Grandoni, Dino [mailto:Dino.Grandoni@washpost.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, February 01, 2018 7:40 PM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Request for comment from WashPost about new lawsuit

Hi all,

Hope you're well. I'm writing in to ask if the EPA has comment on a lawsuit filed this evening in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California by the Sierra Club regarding its FOIA requests to the agency.

In the lawsuit, the group claims the EPA failed to make public any changes to "policies or guidance" how the agency will comply with FOIA under President Trump. Is that the case, or is there a EPA FOIA policy change you can point me to?

Thanks for fielding my question.

Best,
Dino
716-818-0825

Message

**From**: Lynn, Tricia [lynn.tricia@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 2/1/2018 11:06:02 PM
**To**: suzanney@iwpnews.com
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: natural disaster debris guidance follow-up

Suzanne—

**For attribution to "an EPA spokesperson:"**
EPA is currently updating its 2008 Planning for Natural Disaster Debris guidance and it is undergoing interagency review.

**On background:** Once the review is completed, the document is made available for public comment.

Best,

Tricia

**From:** Suzanne Yohannan [mailto:suzanney@iwpnews.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 31, 2018 4:27 PM
**To:** Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: natural disaster debris guidance follow-up

Sure; Ok, thanks.

Suzanne Yohannan
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**From:** Suzanne Yohannan [mailto:suzanney@iwpnews.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 31, 2018 2:32 PM
**To:** Harris-Young, Dawn <Harris-Young.Dawn@epa.gov>
**Subject:** natural disaster debris guidance follow-up

Dawn,
Per our conversation, here is the link to the OMB page that includes the Region 4 handout on PCB disaster waste guidance for Hurricane Irma:
https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/viewEO12866Meeting?viewRule=false&rin=2050-ZA11&meetingId=3030&acronym=2050-EPA/OLEM

As we discussed, I'm interested in finding out more about what natural disaster debris guidance EPA is working on (nationally) and whether the Region 4 PCB guidance (can be found in the above link) plays a part in that.

Thanks.

Suzanne Yohannan

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**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 2/1/2018 6:46:50 PM
**To**: Jon Hurdle [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: radium in drinking water

Jon,

**On the record and for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:** "EPA sets limits for radionuclides, including radium, in public drinking water through the Safe Drinking Water Act. Local water suppliers must follow these limits and are required to inform citizens about the level of radionuclides in their water." – EPA spokesperson

**On background:** More than 300 million people depend on 50,000 community water systems across the country for safe, reliable water every day. Over 91 percent of the population receives drinking water from community water systems that meet all health-based standards.

**Off-the-record:** The rule has not been updated since 2000, for more information please visit: https://www.epa.gov/dwreginfo/radionuclides-rule.

Thanks, R.

**From:** Jon Hurdle [mailto: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]
**Sent:** Thursday, February 01, 2018 12:51 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: radium in drinking water

hi Robert,

yes please, by close of business today; sooner if possible.

Jon

On Thu, Feb 1, 2018 at 12:49 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

> Good afternoon Jon,
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> Thanks for reaching out. Are you looking for a response by, say, COB?
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> Best, R.
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> Robert Daguillard
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**From:** Jon Hurdle [mailto Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
**Sent:** Thursday, February 01, 2018 12:48 PM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** radium in drinking water

To whom it may concern,

Can you respond to report below which says millions of Americans are exposed to hazardous levels of radium in drinking water? Does EPA support its conclusions? If so, does that argue for tighter rules on radium levels? If not, is the EPA health level (which is much lower than the California advisory level cited in the report) adequately protective of public health?

I'm writing today on the New Jersey portion of the report, which says that 369 water utilities in that state carry water that exceeds the California level.

thanks

Jon Hurdle

for NJ Spotlight

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https://www.ewg.org/research/170-million-us-drink-radioactive-tap-water-trump-nominee-faked-data-hide-cancer-risk#.WnNPaK6nHX4

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 2/1/2018 3:27:07 PM
**To:** kianac [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]; Harris-Young, Dawn [Harris-Young.Dawn@epa.gov]; Lincoln, Larry [Lincoln.Larry@epa.gov]
**Subject:** RE: Interview Request - Child Farmworkers & EPA pesticide evaluation

Kiana, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

EPA has started a process to consider the minimum age requirements in the Certification and Training (C&T) and the Agricultural Worker Protection Standard (WPS). Read more about this in our listserv as well as Federal Register notices for C&T and WPS.

Regards, R.

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**From:** kianac [mailto:[Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]]
**Sent:** Monday, January 22, 2018 1:16 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Interview Request - Child Farmworkers & EPA pesticide evaluation

Hi Robert — deadline for this story is the first of the month in February, so an interview as soon as possible would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks again,

Kiana Cole

On Jan 22, 2018, at 1:14 PM, kianac <[Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]> wrote:

Hi Robert,

Thanks for getting back to me. I am currently a senior at UNC. The piece I'm working on now is for an independent study class in the School of Media and Journalism, and traditionally these pieces have been picked up by local news outlets (The N&O, the Charlotte Observer, etc.) So while I can't say where this will run for certain, it will reach local audiences.

The focus of the piece is an exploration into children working in North Carolina's agriculture industry. We've primarily spoken with blueberry and tobacco farmers, and kids who grew up working in those industries. We're gathering personal narratives — people's experience working

in the industry — while also presenting the facts around how/why kids get involved in agriculture so young.

Pesticides, and their potential health risks, are one of the major fears that child workers have discussed in our interviews. This is an especially pertinent topic as the EPA initiates a process to revise the minimum age requirements in the Certification of Pesticide Applicators rule. I'm specifically concerned with RUPs, as they are the most toxic pesticides, as far as I understand. In terms of questions, I'm wanting to know more about the conversation around revising the minimum age requirements and the potential benefits/dangers of that — I've read a good amount on the subject, and I think perspective from the EPA is crucial to understanding the age requirements fully.

Please let me know the best person to talk to, and any availability they might have. Thank you, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Kiana Cole

On Jan 19, 2018, at 4:03 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

**Good afternoon Kiana,**

**Thanks for reaching out. I see you are – or were – enrolled at UNC. Are you planning to write a piece for the Daily Tar Heel, or for some of the other outlets you've listed on your profile? Also, would you tell me more about the focus of your piece and send some specific questions so we know who to send them to? Are you, for instance, going to focus on pesticides like glyphosate, or others?**

**Last but not least, what's your deadline and when are you hoping to publish?**

**Cheers, R.**

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**From:** Kiana Cole [mailto: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
**Sent:** Friday, January 19, 2018 3:51 PM
**To:** Harris-Young, Dawn <Harris-Young.Dawn@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Anne Marie Hagerty < Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) >
**Subject:** Interview Request - Child Farmworkers & EPA pesticide evaluation

Hi Dawn,

My name is Kiana Cole, and I am a journalist out of North Carolina. I am working on a reporting project with a video partner about child labor in agriculture the US, specifically looking at our agriculture industry in NC.

I'm looking to interview a spokesperson for the EPA about the agency's recent announcement that it will be re-evaluating how old a person has to be to handle pesticides, as this is an incredibly pertinent piece of news to our project.

If someone from your office could give me a call – or let me know scheduling availabilities for an interview – I'd appreciate it. I can be reached at Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
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Thank you, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best,

Kiana Cole

Message

**From:** Rizzuto, Denise Pat [prizzuto@bloombergenvironment.com]
**Sent:** 1/31/2018 10:55:53 PM
**To:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Why didn't you all just tell me you were going to release this today

Why did I get this from EPA at 5 p.m.

"Pat, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

The statute does not specify a deadline for the release of the annual plan. The problem formulations are still being developed and will be issued as soon as review is complete."

**From:** U.S. EPA Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics [mailto:oppt.epa@public.govdelivery.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 31, 2018 5:52 PM
**To:** Rizzuto, Denise Pat <prizzuto@bloombergenvironment.com>
**Subject:** EPA Releases the 2018 Plan for Chemical Risk Evaluations under TSCA

As required under the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act, EPA has released the annual plan for chemical risk evaluations. The annual plan identifies the next steps for the first 10 chemical reviews currently underway and describes EPA's work in 2018 to prepare for future risk evaluations.

EPA continues to make steady progress in meeting our statutory requirements under amended TSCA. EPA will initiate prioritization for 40 chemicals - at least 20 Low-Priority and 20 High-Priority candidates – by the end of calendar year 2018. By December 22, 2019, EPA will have designated 20 substances as Low-Priority and initiated risk evaluations on 20 High-Priority substances. In order to support these risk evaluations and other key aspects of TSCA implementation, EPA will be proposing a draft TSCA Fees Rule in early 2018 which will provide estimates of the resources required to undertake risk evaluations.

First 10 chemical reviews currently underway:

1, 4-Dioxane
1-Bromopropane
Asbestos
Carbon Tetrachloride
Cyclic Aliphatic Bromide Cluster (HBCD)
Methylene Chloride
N-Methylpyrrolidone
Pigment Violet 29
Trichloroethylene
Tetrachloroethylene

To learn more about all these actions, read the full plan: https://www.epa.gov/assessing-and-managing-chemicals-under-tsca/2018-annual-report-risk-evaluations

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**From**: Valentine, Julia [Valentine.Julia@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 1/31/2018 3:25:13 PM
**To**: Krisher, Tom [tkrisher@ap.org]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: fuel economy numbers

Hi again, Tom,

For attribution to an EPA spokesperson: We do not comment on litigation.

On background: Some information is being shared publicly in the periodic status conferences before Judge Chen in the Multi-District litigation.

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**From:** Krisher, Tom [mailto:tkrisher@ap.org]
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 31, 2018 8:36 AM
**To:** Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: fuel economy numbers

Thank you very much.

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**From:** Valentine, Julia [mailto:Valentine.Julia@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 31, 2018 8:35 AM
**To:** Krisher, Tom <tkrisher@ap.org>; Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>; Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** McHugh, David <DMcHugh@ap.org>
**Subject:** RE: fuel economy numbers

Hi Tom – I'll check

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**From:** Krisher, Tom [mailto:tkrisher@ap.org]
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 31, 2018 8:31 AM
**To:** Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>; Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>; McHugh, David <DMcHugh@ap.org>
**Subject:** RE: fuel economy numbers

Enesta, Robert and Julia,
We have a story on the wire out of Germany that prosecutors in Stuttgart are investigating Bosch for a possible role in Fiat Chrysler diesel emissions cheating. Do you have any update on the status of the EPA's investigation in the U.S. It's been under way for quite a while.
Thank you,
Tom

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**From:** Jones, Enesta [mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 09, 2018 3:54 PM
**To:** Krisher, Tom <tkrisher@ap.org>

**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: fuel economy numbers

Tom, for attribution to an EPA spokesperson:

We having nothing more to share at this time.

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**From:** Krisher, Tom [mailto:tkrisher@ap.org]
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 09, 2018 3:50 PM
**To:** Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: fuel economy numbers

Can you say how we'll find out about it from EPA? And can you define soon so I can plan out the next few days.

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**From:** Jones, Enesta [mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 09, 2018 3:49 PM
**To:** Krisher, Tom <tkrisher@ap.org>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: fuel economy numbers

**Hi Tom:** Off the record, it's happening soon.

> **From:** "Krisher, Tom" <tkrisher@ap.org>
> **Date:** January 9, 2018 at 3:21:19 PM EST
> **To:** "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
> **Subject: RE: fuel economy numbers**
>
> Robert,
> I'm being told by industry contacts that this will come out on Thursday. Can you tell me how it will be delivered? There used to be a conference call.
> Thanks,
> Tom
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> **From:** Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
> **Sent:** Friday, January 05, 2018 7:50 AM
> **To:** Krisher, Tom <tkrisher@ap.org>
> **Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** FW: fuel economy numbers
>
> Good morning Tom,
>
> Still off the record, we have nothing new for you.
>
> Thanks, R.
>
> Robert Daguillard
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**From:** Krisher, Tom [mailto:tkrisher@ap.org]
**Sent:** Friday, January 05, 2018 7:45 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: fuel economy numbers

Hi Robert. Any date for this yet?
Thanks,
Tom

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 14, 2017, at 3:45 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

> Tom, sorry for the late reply,
>
> Off the record, please, we expect the report to come out soon. We'll let you know when it does.
>
> Cheers, R.
>
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> **From:** Krisher, Tom [mailto:tkrisher@ap.org]
> **Sent:** Wednesday, December 13, 2017 1:41 PM
> **To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: fuel economy numbers
>
> Robert,
> Any luck with this?
> Thanks,
> Tom
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> **From:** Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
> **Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 10:30 AM
> **To:** Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>; Krisher, Tom <tkrisher@ap.org>
> **Subject:** RE: fuel economy numbers
>
> Hey Tom, let me check.

**From:** Valentine, Julia
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 10:07 AM
**To:** Krisher, Tom <tkrisher@ap.org>; Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: fuel economy numbers

Hi Tom, connecting you with my colleague Robert Daguillard who is covering that issue. Thanks and hop you are staying warm out there!

Julia P. Valentine
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**From:** Krisher, Tom [mailto:tkrisher@ap.org]
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 9:52 AM
**To:** Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>
**Subject:** fuel economy numbers

Hey Julia,
I'm hearing that Tuesday or Wednesday you folks will release this year's fuel economy numbers for the fleet of new vehicles. Is there any truth to this?
Thank you, and hope all is well.
Tom
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**Sent**: 1/31/2018 3:23:56 PM
**To**: Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: For Review: Fiat Chrysler diesel emissions cheating investigation and litigation

Thanks, Molly

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**From:** Block, Molly
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 31, 2018 10:22 AM
**To:** Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: For Review: Fiat Chrysler diesel emissions cheating investigation and litigation

Updated below otherwise good to go

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**From**: Valentine, Julia [Valentine.Julia@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 1/31/2018 1:34:35 PM
**To**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: fuel economy numbers

I'll check in with the team but this is both and ongoing investigation and litigation so there won't be any further info to share.

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**From:** Krisher, Tom [mailto:tkrisher@ap.org]
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 31, 2018 8:31 AM
**To:** Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>; Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>; McHugh, David <DMcHugh@ap.org>
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Enesta, Robert and Julia,
We have a story on the wire out of Germany that prosecutors in Stuttgart are investigating Bosch for a possible role in Fiat Chrysler diesel emissions cheating. Do you have any update on the status of the EPA's investigation in the U.S. It's been under way for quite a while.
Thank you,
Tom

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**From:** Jones, Enesta [mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 09, 2018 3:54 PM
**To:** Krisher, Tom <tkrisher@ap.org>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: fuel economy numbers

Tom, for attribution to an EPA spokesperson:

We having nothing more to share at this time.

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**From:** Krisher, Tom [mailto:tkrisher@ap.org]
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 09, 2018 3:50 PM
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**Subject:** RE: fuel economy numbers

Can you say how we'll find out about it from EPA? And can you define soon so I can plan out the next few days.

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**Hi Tom:** Off the record, it's happening soon.

**From:** "Krisher, Tom" <tkrisher@ap.org>
**Date:** January 9, 2018 at 3:21:19 PM EST
**To:** "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
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Robert,
I'm being told by industry contacts that this will come out on Thursday. Can you tell me how it will be delivered? There used to be a conference call.
Thanks,
Tom

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Friday, January 05, 2018 7:50 AM
**To:** Krisher, Tom <tkrisher@ap.org>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
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Good morning Tom,

Still off the record, we have nothing new for you.

Thanks, R.

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Hi Robert. Any date for this yet?
Thanks,
Tom

Sent from my iPhone

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> Off the record, please, we expect the report to come out soon. We'll let you know when it does.
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> Cheers, R.

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Robert,
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Thanks,
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**From:** Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 10:30 AM
**To:** Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>; Krisher, Tom <tkrisher@ap.org>
**Subject:** RE: fuel economy numbers

Hey Tom, let me check.

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Hi Tom, connecting you with my colleague Robert Daguillard who is covering that issue. Thanks and hop you are staying warm out there!

Julia P. Valentine
US EPA Office of Public Affairs
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**To:** Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>
**Subject:** fuel economy numbers

Hey Julia,
I'm hearing that Tuesday or Wednesday you folks will release this year's fuel economy numbers for the fleet of new vehicles. Is there any truth to this?
Thank you, and hope all is well.
Tom

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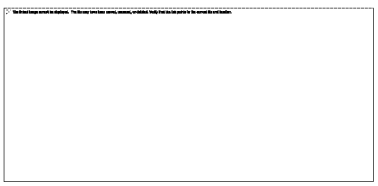

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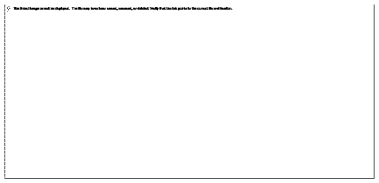

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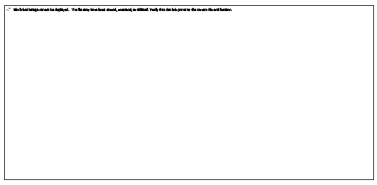

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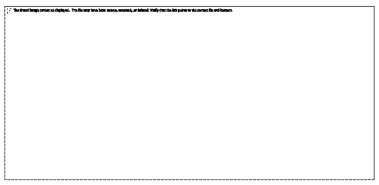

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On Tue, Jan 30, 2018 at 2:07 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Sydney,

Let me check. Thanks, R.

**From:** Sydney Pereira [mailto:s.pereira@newsweekgroup.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 30, 2018 1:53 PM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Urgent news request -- proposal to change age requirement for pesticide use in agricultural workers

Hello,

I'm a reporter for Newsweek. I have a few questions about the recent proposal to revise the age requirement of agricultural workers using pesticides. I'm writing about this issue as well as some of the questions that New Jersey Senator Cory Booker asked Mr. Pruitt about this topic in today's Senate oversight hearing.

I also want to clarify what that age requirement set by the WPS currently is. The links that provide information on the law are unclear. In some places, it says all agricultural jobs have a minimum age of 18. That differs from the DOL, so I'm trying to clarify this.

- What is the minimum age requirement for agricultural workers using pesticides?

- It seems the DOL's rules are that children 16 and 17 can work in any farm job. Does that differ than the WPS age limit?

- How do DOL laws and EPA laws in regards to age limits and agricultural works operate together in terms of enforcement?

- Does the proposal intend to raise or lower the minimum age requirement for agricultural workers using pesticides?

- How long is the comment period open for this proposal?

Thanks for your assistance.

Best,

Sydney Pereira

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**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 1/29/2018 8:18:25 PM
**To**: Andrew Warmington [andrew.warmington@chemicalwatch.com]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Chemical Watch's Global Business Briefing - invitation to write 'outlook' article
**Attachments**: Chem Watch Outlook Revised Draft 1 26 18.docx

Andrew, attached and for attribution, please, to Nancy Beck, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, US EPA.

Thanks, R.

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**Subject:** Re: Chemical Watch's Global Business Briefing - invitation to write 'outlook' article

Hello Robert

This is mainly an online publication, but we do print copies to take to our own events. We encourage hyperlinks to other papers, publications and relevant matters.

Best regards

Andrew

On 9 January 2018 at 13:37, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Good morning (afternoon to you) Andrew and thanks for following up.

I do, in fact, need some clarification for you: Are you planning on publishing the piece online, in print, or both? We're trying to determine whether, say, hyperlinks to definitions of certain technical terms, to be found on EPA's web pages, would make sense.

Thanks in advance, R.

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**Sent:** Monday, January 08, 2018 11:46 AM

**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Chemical Watch's Global Business Briefing - invitation to write 'outlook' article

Dear Robert

Happy New Year. I just wanted to check that you are still on course to submit this article as agreed, as deadline is now just three weeks away. Please let me know.

Many thanks and best regards,

Andrew

On 13 December 2017 at 18:13, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Hullo Andrew,

Yes, we are still on. Sorry for the short response, as I'm working from a remote location and the day's rather busy, but the toxic chemicals office is still planning to draft a piece for Chemical Watch, as previously discussed.

Regards, R.

**From:** Andrew Warmington [mailto:andrew.warmington@chemicalwatch.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 13, 2017 11:52 AM

**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Chemical Watch's Global Business Briefing - invitation to write 'outlook' article

Dear Robert

Just checking in that this is all still on. As the issue in question is quite full a short, one-page piece (about 800 words) will be fine, though if you want to go on for longer, that is fine too. Looking forward to seeing it in due course.

Best regards

Andrew

On 21 November 2017 at 18:53, Andrew Warmington <andrew.warmington@chemicalwatch.com> wrote:

Sounds good

On 21 November 2017 at 18:48, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Andrew. I expect it'll be something on TSCA reform implementation, how things have gone since TSCA reform went into effect in June, 2016, that sort of thing. I'll keep you posted if anything changes.

Regards, R.

**From:** Andrew Warmington [mailto:andrew.warmington@chemicalwatch.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 21, 2017 1:46 PM

**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Chemical Watch's Global Business Briefing - invitation to write 'outlook' article

Hello Robert

Many thanks. That's great to know, please let me know the planned contents ASAP. I do appreciate it is a short week - happy Thanksgiving.

Andrew

On 21 November 2017 at 18:44, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Andrew,

Thanks for checking in. It looks as though our chemicals office – probably Nancy Beck, one of our senior program officials – will be able to draft an op-ed.

I imagine we'll have little trouble meeting the January 26 deadline.

This is a short week, as Thanksgiving, this Thursday, is a national holiday and our offices will be closed. Still, feel free to follow up with any additional questions or requests.

Cheers, R.

**From:** Andrew Warmington [mailto:andrew.warmington@chemicalwatch.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 21, 2017 1:39 PM

**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Chemical Watch's Global Business Briefing - invitation to write 'outlook' article

Dear Robert

Just following up on our exchange from a couple of weeks back. Please let me know if your colleagues have come up with anything.

Many thanks and best regards,

Andrew

On 7 November 2017 at 16:51, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

> Thanks again Andrew,
>
> Yes, my colleague and I are very familiar with Chemical Watch, as we frequently work with your colleagues. I just wanted to know a bit more about the Briefing.
>
> I will forward your request to our toxic chemicals program and let you know what they decide.
>
> Warm regards, R.
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**Sent:** Tuesday, November 07, 2017 11:03 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Chemical Watch's Global Business Briefing - invitation to write 'outlook' article

Dear Robert

Thanks for the swift reply. I will be around if you want to call later - I work from home, so you will probably be able to catch me up to 2 pm your time.

Chemical Watch, in case you are not familiar, is a UK-based company specialising in reporting on chemical regulation worldwide. Unusually these days, it is a subscription service but has grown from nothing to employing over 50 people ten years on. The readers are indeed in the chemicals and related industries and are typically senior managers who need to keep abreast of regulatory and environmental news.

The Briefing (latest issue attached) is a monthly, features-led magazine, typically with 8-10 feature articles on regulation and environmental issues related to the chemical industry worldwide. These are written by our in-house team, specialised freelancers and third parties from industry, NGOs, law firms, government and government agencies. The coverage is global, though inevitably mostly in Europe and North America.

The first edition last year carried articles by ECHA, EPA, OECD, ICCA and UNEP, all in their different ways looking back to the previous year and ahead to the next one in terms of key milestones behind and ahead, the main challenges going forward. Obviously in EPA's case, that would be a new administration and the revision of TSCA, to pick the obvious ones, but the content would be substantially down to the author.

Looking forward to hearing from you again,

I look forward

On 7 November 2017 at 15:35, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon and thank you, Andrew (if I may and please, call me Robret), for reaching out.

Let me discuss with our chemicals program. Just for my own edification, could you tell me about your Global Business Brief? Target audience (the chemicals industry, presumably?), reach, contributors, etc.

Happy to discuss later today if/when you have time.

Regards, R.

**From:** Andrew Warmington [mailto:andrew.warmington@chemicalwatch.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 07, 2017 10:32 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Chemical Watch's Global Business Briefing - invitation to write 'outlook' article

Dear Mr Daguillard

I am the new Commissioning Editor at Chemical Watch, with responsibility for sourcing articles for our monthly Global Business Briefing.

As the first of the year, the February 2018 edition will be made up mainly of 'outlook' articles written by senior officials in major international bodies, giving them a chance to give their perspective on the year ahead and key milestones passed this year.

We would like to source an article from the EPA for this. Last year, Jim Jones wrote this article for us, but I understand that he has now left so am approaching you to see if his replacement or any other person active in the toxics/TSCA/chemical regulation field would be able to write one instead

This would ideally be looking back at the developments in chemical regulation since a year ago, most obviously in the implementation of the LCSA, and ahead to the challenges of the coming year. Our readers are paid subscribers, all senior professionals in the global chemicals and downstream industries.

This article would normally be in the range of 800 to 1,700 words and would be by-lined. Deadline is 26 January.

Many thanks in advance for any help you can given and I look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,
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**To**: Shoko Ando [shoko@duocc.com]
**CC**: Milbourn, Cathy [Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Urgent question about the status report release date

Shoko, for attribution to U.S. EPA or to "an agency spokesperson," please:

On February 12, 2016, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), and the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) launched a multi-agency Federal Research Action Plan on Recycled Tire Crumb Used on Playing Fields and Playgrounds to study key environmental and human health questions.

On December 30, 2016, the agencies released a status report describing the progress of the research to date. The status report includes the final peer-reviewed Literature Review/Gaps Analysis report and describes the progress to date on other research activities that are part of the effort including: Characterization of the chemicals found in tire crumb; Characterization of the exposure scenarios for those who use turf fields containing tire crumb; Study to better understand how children use playgrounds containing tire crumb and; Outreach to key stakeholders.

The study has four parts. For the tire crumb characterization part of the study, tire crumb samples were gathered from tire crumb manufacturing/recycling plants and from indoor and outdoor fields across the country. Samples were gathered from nine tire crumb manufacturing/recycling plants and 40 fields. Researchers are currently evaluating the samples to characterize the chemical make-up of tire crumbs.

Our researchers finished collecting samples at the end of October and are currently conducting analysis. EPA expects to release a peer-reviewed report summarizing study results report in 2018.

More info is available here: www.epa.gov/tirecrumb. If you would like to be notified when the report is released, you may sign up on our website:https://www.epa.gov/chemical-research/federal-research-recycled-tire-crumb-used-playing-fields. The sign-up is towards the bottom of the page on the right side, under the box marked "Related Links."

Regards, R.

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**From:** Shoko Ando [mailto:shoko@duocc.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 24, 2018 1:40 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Urgent question about the status report release date

Robert,

Hi how are you?
We are wondering if there are any update on the research about artificial turf.
Any new report released or any result/conclusion came up since last year (May)?

Thank you.

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2017/05/01 12:25、Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> のメール：

Shoko, a quick follow-up. I assume you're referring to the following report?

https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-12/documents/federal_research_action_plan_on_recycled_tire_crumb_used_on_playing_fields_and_playgrounds_status_report.pdf

Please confirm. Thanks, R.

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert
**Sent:** Monday, May 01, 2017 3:02 PM
**To:** 'Shoko Ando' <shoko@duocc.com>; Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Urgent question about the status report release date

Shoko, we have you question.

Thanks, R.

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**From:** Shoko Ando [mailto:shoko@duocc.com]
**Sent:** Monday, May 01, 2017 2:49 PM
**To:** Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Urgent question about the status report release date

Cathy,

Hi how are you? This is Shoko from Japanese TV production company.
I wanted to follow up about the status report on the "crumb field".

Could you tell me if there is any estimate on when the report will be released this year?

Thank you.

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2017/01/09 14:50、Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov> のメール：

Hi Shoko,

Here is the link to the report and the website.

Cathy

https://www.epa.gov/chemical-research/federal-research-recycled-tire-crumb-used-playing-fields

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**To:** Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Urgent question about the status report release date

Catherine,

Thank you!
Looking forward for the link.

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> 2017/01/09 14:14、Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov> のメール：
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**To:** Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Urgent question about the status report release date

Hi how are you?
I wanted to follow up with you about the status report of the crumb field.
I saw on your website that status report has been released on December 30th, but
did not see any summary or finding of the research at this moment.
Has any of these documents are released recently?

Thank you!

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2016/12/01 12:15、Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov> のメール：

Hi Shoko,

I work in the office of media relations and can confirm that it will be late 2016.

**Best,**

**Cathy**

**From:** Shoko Ando [mailto:shoko@duocc.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, December 01, 2016 12:59 PM
**To:** Maloney, Kelsey <Maloney.Kelsey@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Urgent question about the status report release date

Hi my name is Shoko from Japanese TV production.

We would like to know how is the progress about the Chemical Safety Research.

**It says "By late 2016, the agencies will release a draft status report that describes the findings and conclusions of the research through that point in time. ". Is it going to be released anytime soon?**
**If so, when?**

Thank you so much.

Best,

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**To:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Re: EPA Press Inquiry

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 7, 2018, at 4:44 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Emma, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

EPA cannot confirm the statistic. However, EPA recognizes that in-home exposures are frequently the largest source of exposure to environmental chemicals. That general pattern is supported by the attached 2014 paper.

Regards, R.

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**From:** Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 07, 2018 4:30 PM
**To:** Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: EPA Press Inquiry

Thank you

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On Feb 7, 2018, at 4:22 PM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Emma, you'll be hearing from Robert Daguillard, copied here, re the chemical exposure statistic.

Feb 5, 2018, at 9:04 PM, Emma Steven < Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) > wrote:

Thank you.

On Feb 5, 2018, at 7:47 PM, Jones, Enesta
<Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:

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**Hi Emma, we have your inquiry below. Tricia Lynn, copied here, will be in touch with the agency's response.**

**Thanks,**
**Enesta**

<Wambaugh-2014-ExposureHeuristics.pdf>

Message

**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 1/29/2018 5:00:43 PM
**To:** Jackie Toth [jackietoth@cqrollcall.com]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** RE: Inquiry re: RFA's letter on small refiners exemption

1. Jackie, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

   Can the EPA comment on whether it will have a dialogue with the Renewable Fuels Association as RFA requested in a recent letter on the EPA's process and criteria for deciding whether to grant small refiners' petitions for exemption from RFS blending requirements?

   A: EPA is currently reviewing RFA's letter and we will respond as appropriate.

2. Does the EPA have guidance or criteria for how it decides on the petitions?

   A: This website provides an overview of EPA's process for handling exemption petitions from small refineries under the RFS program: https://www.epa.gov/renewable-fuel-standard-program/renewable-fuel-standard-exemptions-small-refineries

Regards, R.

**From:** Jackie Toth [mailto:jackietoth@cqrollcall.com]
**Sent:** Friday, January 26, 2018 11:09 AM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Inquiry re: RFA's letter on small refiners exemption

Hi all,

TGIF!

Can the EPA comment on whether it will have a dialogue with the Renewable Fuels Association as RFA requested in a recent letter on the EPA's process and criteria for deciding whether to grant small refiners' petitions for exemption from RFS blending requirements?

Does the EPA have guidance or criteria for how it decides on the petitions?

Deadline is no later than 3pm today.

Thanks much,
Jackie
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**Sent**: 1/26/2018 3:57:26 PM
**To**: matthew.rocheleau@globe.com
**Subject**: RE: Re: Boston Globe query re: use of dry ice to kill rats

Matt—

On background/not for attribution:

So can anyone there say where the City of Boston's application to use their own dry ice stands? And why is it taking so long?

> In June 2017, EPA registered Bell Laboratories' dry ice product ("Rat Ice") at the national level. No other dry ice rodenticide has been registered, and the City of Boston has not submitted an application to EPA to register its own dry ice rodenticide product. To inquire about the status of dry ice registration in Massachusetts, you should consult the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources.

Have other cities / states gotten approval to use dry ice (other than the Bell Laboratories product) for rodent control and if so why have they gotten approval but not Boston?

> The Bell Laboratories product is currently the only registered dry ice rodenticide product.

If Bell Laboratories product is still the only one approved, why is that and does the EPA have any concerns about one company basically having a monopoly?

> No other company has applied to EPA to register a dry ice product.

Have any dry ice for rodent control applications been denied by the EPA?

> At this time, no other company has applied to EPA to register a dry ice product.

Best,

Tricia

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**From:** Rocheleau, Matthew [mailto:matthew.rocheleau@globe.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 24, 2018 7:11 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Boston Globe query re: use of dry ice to kill rats

Hi Robert,

Hope all is well.

Wondering if the EPA can provide any update on the status of what's been approved by the EPA in terms of using dry ice for rat/rodent control.

The City of Boston tells me they've sought both EPA and state approval (I'm checking with state officials about this too) to use their own dry ice product, but have grown frustrated with how long the process has taken and aren't sure what's holding it up, particularly since they've heard other cities/states appear to have gotten approval to use dry ice for rat/rodent control. Also they say they believe the Bell Laboratories product that was approved is nothing more than regular dry ice and they don't want to use that product because of concerns that if Bell is the only one with an approved product they can mark up the price.

-So can anyone there say where the City of Boston's application to use their own dry ice stands? And why is it taking so long?
-Have other cities / states gotten approval to use dry ice (other than the Bell Laboratories product) for rodent control and if so why have they gotten approval but not Boston?
-If Bell Laboratories product is still the only one approved, why is that and does the EPA have any concerns about one company basically having a monopoly?
-Have any dry ice for rodent control applications been denied by the EPA?

Let me know what you think when you have a chance. Any info by end of the day Friday would be great, but let me know if you think it will take longer than that and I can probably get more time.

Thanks!

Best,
-Matt

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ON VICE PRESIDENT PENCE'S TRIP TO POLAND

Via Teleconference

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SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. Thank you for being here today. This call is a background briefing with senior administration officials on Vice President Mike Pence's trip to Poland.

Okay, so the ground rules: This is provided on background. Attribution is to a senior administration official. And there is an embargo on the contents of this call until after the call is complete. So please adhere to that. Additionally, we're going to cap this background interview at 20 minutes.

So here's the run of show: I'm going to introduce our first speaker. And once he has concluded, he will then take questions.

Okay, and with that, our briefer for today is [senior administration official]. Over to you.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: All right. Thank you very much. So we are here in sunny, warm Warsaw, perhaps slightly less humid than Washington, to join our Polish friends for the commemoration of the 80th anniversary of, essentially, the beginning of World War II.

As many of you know, because of Hurricane Dorian -- a potentially life-threatening and extremely dangerous storm -- President Trump has made the decision to postpone his trip to Poland so that he can monitor the hurricane and our efforts to respond to it from the White House. He sends his warmest regards, and he'll be rescheduling his trip in the near future.

I think most of you know, but let me recap why Poland is attracting so much attention. They're a strategic partner and a close ally of the United States. We have a shared commitment to democratic governance, free markets, protection of individual liberties, and collective defense.

Back in June, when President Trump hosted President Duda at the White House, the two Presidents signed a joint declaration on defense cooperation, which will see the U.S. military presence in Poland grow by an additional 1,000 rotational U.S. personnel, as well as provide greater defense and deterrence capabilities.

Poland's leadership and commitment to meeting the 2 percent commitment to NATO on its GDP is an example to the rest of the Alliance. Twenty percent of that funding is invested in equipment. Poland is on path to make 2.5 percent of GDP by 2030. This is a significant commitment for a country. Poland has undertaken an ambitious multi-year, multi-billion-dollar defense modernization program, including plans to purchase 32 F-

35 aircraft.

Poland and the United States work together closely on a range of bilateral and multilateral global challenges, including supporting global energy security initiatives, countering transnational terrorism, ensuring telecommunications security, and promoting general economic prosperity. Important steps are being taken, some of which we may be able to announce in the next day or two, to develop a common approach to 5G network security between our two countries to ensure a secure and vibrant 5G ecosystem.

What we're after here is to protect -- from unauthorized access or interference by telecommunications suppliers, some of whom you know well, controlled by adversary nations -- the security of our networks, now and into the future.

Together, the United States and Poland are showing leadership at NATO. And this is reflected in Poland's commitment to enhance collective defense using the best military equipment in the world. Our strong military cooperation assures peace and stability on NATO's northeast plank and throughout Central Europe.

Poland is a remarkable friend, a strong friend, an ally, and a partner. And we look forward to the Vice President's arrival, and we look forward to the President rescheduling his visit to Warsaw as soon as his schedule allows, while he remains in the White House monitoring this extremely dangerous storm.

That's the end of my opening remarks, so I'm happy to take any questions that you all may have.

Q Hello. This is Toby Capion calling from EWTN. Will Vice President Pence now be going straight from Poland to his other European destinations?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: So I'll defer to the Vice President's press office on his travel schedule.

Q This is Sebastian Smith from AFP. I was wondering, is the Vice President going to meet with the Ukrainians? Or, I guess, will you discuss the Ukrainians' U.S. military aid to Ukraine? Is that going to be something he's going to be talking about? Thanks.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: So, again, with respect to the Vice President's meetings here in Poland, I'll defer you to -- I'll refer you to the Vice President's press office.

Q Hi, there. This is Jill Colvin from the AP. Thank you for doing this call. I was hoping that you just might be able to talk a little bit more about the Vice President's role here -- you know, stepping up, doing this trip on behalf of the President. Will he participate in other discussions with the fellow world leaders? Sort of, how do you see him playing this role during this trip?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Yeah, I mean, I think what you're seeing here is the President's confidence in the Vice President. The President felt that his place was at the White House monitoring an extremely dangerous storm, Hurricane Dorian.

And so, he was completely comfortable sending the Vice President to represent the United States and to represent -- and to represent him at this important event commemorating the 80th anniversary of the invasion of Poland and, really, the commencement of World War II.

Q Hi, this is Dmitry Kirsanov with TASS. I just wanted to ask if you expect any deliverables out of the talks -- out of the upcoming talks? Any agreements signed between the two

sides? Could you speak about this a bit? Thanks.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: So, like I said, I think we are hopeful that schedules will align and we'll be able to see a U.S.-Poland Declaration on 5G be signed. This is at the top of our list. This is an incredibly important signal of the strength of our cooperation between the United States and Poland against what may be one of the preeminent -- I guess I'll just call it a threat -- in the coming years.

The importance of the 5G telecommunications network, the importance of the United States and Poland having a common approach to 5G supply chain security, network security, and really, the economic growth that will be made possible in a secure and vibrant 5G ecosystem, I don't think can be overstated. And that's why we're very grateful for the incredible support that we've had from this important ally in getting to what looks a very strong agreement between the two countries.

Q Hi. This is Bob Costa with the Washington Post. Is the Vice President scheduled to say anything in particular on NATO?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: So I think we expect the Vice President to have the opportunity to provide remarks. I think he'll be stepping into the speaking engagement that the President was planning to have. And so I think you'll see the Vice President's remarks speak to the importance of the enduring relationship between the United States and a key NATO ally, Poland.

Q Hi. This is Fred Lucas, Daily Signal. I wanted to see -- when President Duda was here in the United States, both Presidents talked about the Visa Waiver Program, and also more of a U.S. military presence there -- about 2,000 troops, plus a new fort or a new base. Are we going to see those issues advanced

during this trip?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: So, as you mentioned, around two and a half months ago, President Duda and President Trump made progress on a joint declaration. Since that time, the United States and Poland have completed site surveys and have finalized basing locations.

We've got division headquarters forward in -- and you'll have to forgive me on my Polish pronunciation -- Poznan. We've got a division headquarters forward, provide command and control and planning for next year's Defender 2020 exercise, which will feature more than a division on troops coming to Poland. And (inaudible) continue to move forward in the negotiation of a new defense cooperation agreement to facilitate this enduring presence. And this is, again, a testament to the strength of the U.S.-Poland relationship.

Q This is Maureen Groppe with USA Today. I was asking about -- interested in how this changed the Vice President's schedule, but I understand you're not answering that question right now, whether he's still going to be going to Ireland, specifically?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: I think the Vice President's press office will be happy to field that question.

Q Hi, this is Eliza (ph) with Bloomberg News. I'm wondering if you can give us a sense of the outlines of what the 5G agreement would look like and whether it will fit with the Prague proposal put forward in Prague earlier this year.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: So I don't want to get ahead of the actual signing of the declaration other than to just point a couple of the key facets that I tried to allude to earlier.

So, following up, as you referenced the Prague proposals which were developed at the Prague 5G Security Conference, the United States and some of its strongest allies, including Poland, are working to lay out what a common approach to 5G network security would look like, how do we ensure a secure and vibrant 5G ecosystem, how do we have what we would call a careful and complete evaluation of 5G components.

So we're really talking about supply chain security, as (inaudible) there are a number of suppliers that have links to hostile governments that are quite concerning, as we look at how this technology -- the 5G technology -- is evolving from the 4G technology in a 5G network.

It's really not possible to contemplate a core network that can be protected, that's contrary to the nature of the 5G network. And so having the kind of framework for 5G cooperation -- like we're very close to with Poland -- is going to allow us to address all of those issues.

What we want to do is we want to -- the United States and Poland, and other allies who participated in the Prague 5G Conference -- we want to be able to protect our networks from unauthorized access. And I don't want to overlook the importance of unauthorized interference by technology suppliers, some of whom have a relationship with adversarial governments that look an awful lot like, frankly, like controlled by those governments.

Q Is the Vice President going to be in any audiences with former President Lech Wałęsa, who has expressed admiration for President Trump?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: So I don't think I can -- I don't think I have, frankly, knowledge as to who might be at every single meeting. Some of these gatherings are, frankly,

rather large. It's a very impressive event. We were talking to the Poles earlier today. You have 40 foreign delegations in town. And I understand you're talking about -- you're talking about a former Polish leader, but these are rather large venues and so I don't think I could speak authoritatively to every person who will be at one of these venues.

Q Hello, this Alex Alper from Reuters. I just wanted to touch again on the issue of the potential 5G security agreement that could be signed. Would this touch on Huawei specifically?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: So we don't typically talk about any specific company because, frankly, there's more than one company, nor do we talk about any one country. This about a common approach to network security.

And so, you know, you can speculate as to which companies we're most concerned about, but I think if you go back and you look at -- just look at things, for example, that happened in this country earlier this year about a certain company's employees and some of the conduct they were engaged in. I mean, obviously, there are certain countries -- certain countries and certain companies that are of concern.

But these agreements are about the security and cooperation between two countries; less about a particular company linked to a potential adversary country.

Q Hi, Catherine Lucey from the Wall Street Journal. This was mentioned before but I didn't -- I don't know if I heard an answer. Will there be discussions about allowing Poland into the Visa Waiver Program? Is that something that's on the agenda?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: So, we have been making significant progress. Poland has been taking tremendous steps to bring themselves in alignment with our statutory

requirements. And so, as soon as Poland meets the statutory requirements, the United Sates looks forward to bringing Poland into the Visa Waiver Program. And that's all I have to leave it.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Okay. Thank you very much. Thank you very much [senior administration official]. So just to go back over the ground rules, this is on background; attribution is to a senior administration official. And now the embargo is lifted.

That's all I have. Thank you very much.

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SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Hey. Good afternoon everybody, and thanks for joining the call. We have a number of senior administration officials here to brief you today.

I just want to go over the ground rules. First, this is provided on background, so attribution would be to "senior administration officials." The contents are embargoed until the end of the call so please observe that. And as each speaker comes on the line, they'll identify themselves and their title just for simplicity.

Okay. So, with that, we'll turn to our first speaker. [Senior administration official], please take it away.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Sure. Thank you so much, [senior administration official]. And I guess it's morning or good afternoon there, everyone. I am now in Biarritz, France. I'm the [redacted].

So what I wanted to do is start by outlining the schedule of events and various sessions that are taking place over the next few days. And then I will go through and highlight some of the key themes that the President is going to be talking about and pushing out while he is here over the weekend.

So I will start with the first event, which is Saturday night. France has organized an informal dinner of G7 leaders, and it's just the leaders. They'll have a chance to talk about important issues related to foreign policy and security affairs.

The next event will be a session on Sunday morning where they will be talking about global economy and following up on any foreign policy and security affairs issues. And this is a session that was added at the last minute at the request of the United States to talk about issues related to the global economy.

After that, there will be a session called, "Fighting Against Inequalities," which covers issues related to gender inequality and other -- with respect to access to opportunities in the marketplace. It will be a working lunch with the G7 economies, plus a number of international organizations.

In the afternoon, there will be another session on G7 and the Africa partnership where France has invited a number of countries -- Senegal, Egypt, Burkina Faso, South Africa, and Rwanda -- to participate and join the G7 countries to talk about issues that are of importance to the continent.

After that, there will be a family photo and an informal

dinner among all of the invited economies, as well as the international organizations.

Monday, August 26th, will be the last day. The first session there is on climate biodiversity and oceans, followed by another session -- a working lunch -- on digital transformation. And then a closing session of just the G7 economies, followed by a press conference.

So that's the run of show. And in terms of what you can expect from us -- I highlighted it right at the beginning of my remarks on the schedule -- the G7 is a forum that was really created to address the international shock to the economy that happened during the oil crisis. And then, from there, it served as an effective forum to address various financial crises and to look at issues related to global growth, the currency stability, and the like. And it's really begun to grow over the past few decades to address issues related to foreign policy and a host of other issues.

But really, the core of the G7 is about global growth and how the world's most advanced and industrialized nations can get together and tackle common challenges and problems -- really deliver a message about where they see the state of the economy going.

So in this first session, you will really hear the President hit home the message of the pro-jobs, pro-growth economic agenda and what he's done by way of the historic tax reform, deregulation, investment policies, a focus on energy, and free, fair, and reciprocal trade. These are critical agenda items that the President has done domestically. We've seen the results. We've seen hundreds of thousands of jobs coming back to the U.S. economy. And we've seen growth rates that we didn't think were possible just a few years ago.

And you can contrast this to what's happening in Europe, where

growth is effectively flat. And you'll have the President really engaging in honest conversations with European allies and colleagues about what we can do, not only to grow growth at home, but also to open up European and Japanese and Canadian markets as well to ensure that U.S. workers and businesses have markets in which they can sell their goods and services, and that, as we grow, we are taking our allies with us.

So in addition to growth and trade, he will also be talking about things like multilateral reform. The President has really been the key driver of highlighting the need for the WTO to come into the 21st century, both in terms of members living up to their commitments -- in terms of really taking on the full commitment of the agreements, as developed countries -- as well as tackling new rules and really taking a hard look at whether the institution is equipped to address the challenges of non-market economies and the new digital economy.

There will also be significant emphasis on what these economies -- the G7 economies can do to really write the rules for this century, in contrast to the unfair trade practices that we see coming out of China, the industrial subsidies, state-directed economic activity, forced tech transfer, IP theft, and all of the things that President Trump has really been a (inaudible) leader in trying to address, not just for America, but for the rest of the modern world.

In addition to the economy broadly, the President will also be driving home a message of promoting economic opportunities for women all over the world. I mean, this is a huge priority for this administration. You've seen it in the launch of W-GDP, our commitment as a founding member to We-Fi, through 2X Africa -- a number of initiatives. And that's because we're leaving $12 trillion on the table, in terms of global economic growth, by not allowing women, in equal opportunity, to participate in the global marketplace.

As the President has said many times, societies that empower women to participate fully in civic and economic life are more prosperous and more peaceful. And that's a method that we really want to drive home this weekend in France.

So in addition to women's economic empowerment, there is a huge emphasis on what we can do in Africa. And that is in part highlighted by President Macron's decision to invite five African economies to join with the G7 countries and have an honest conversation about issues related to anti-corruption; to peace, stability, and security in the Sahel region; as well as development, finance, and infrastructure.

We've got a lot of positive messages there. We recently passed the BUILD Act. We are continuing to pour in significant aid to the region, as well as $5 billion in capacity to the Sahel countries to provide security and essential services.

We are proud of everything that we're doing there, from our joint forces, to providing for education, and really helping the people of the region to coordinate amongst themselves and to help facilitate their own prosperity and economic growth.

So in addition to those issues, certainly challenges related to the digital economy and innovation will be on the table. We have one of the most innovative economies in the world. President Trump's pro-jobs, pro-growth agenda has unleashed entrepreneurship. We provide opportunities for our tech companies -- not overregulation, over-taxation.

I know for a fact that the President will also be raising the digital services tax here in France, which has become quite a point of the interest in conversation between himself and President Macron.

The United States -- we're fully committed to the OECD process, and it is very disappointing that countries like France are seeking to undermine the ability of those negotiations to succeed by adopting their unilateral taxation measures really at the expense of U.S. companies, insofar as some of the rhetoric surrounding them has specifically been targeted at our companies.

President Trump certainly wants to see a global solution to that issue, which he'll keep pushing, but he is also not going to back down in the face of countries like France going after our industry.

Another issue that I think you'll hear him talk a lot about is the environment. It is one where we have one of the best records on Earth when it comes to biodiversity, clean air, water, and even on climate and carbon emission. You know, our carbon emissions have dropped 14 percent since 2005. At the same time, our economy has grown nearly 20 percent. We have a winning record on the environment, but we don't think that environmental protection needs to necessarily cost economic growth or energy security and dominance. And we have a proven track record across all of those.

So we have a lot of great messages to put out there. There will be a lot of very interesting conversations to be had among the leaders, both in the sessions themselves and at the margin.

And with that, I'll turn it back over to my colleague to talk about some of the bilateral meetings that are planned.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Thanks. So, while the President is attending the G7 Summit, we anticipate that he will conduct a number of meetings with world leaders. And that list, which is not completely fleshed out, will include meetings with Prime Minister Johnson of the United Kingdom, Prime Minister Macron of France, Prime Minister Abe of Japan, Prime Minister

Modi of India, Chancellor Merkel of Germany, and Prime Minister Trudeau of Canada.

And, with that, I'll pass the baton over to my colleague to talk about the European bilats.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Good afternoon, everyone. Just a few words on the European bilats. In each of these meetings, the President is going to be emphasizing the overall messages that my colleague has described, and his agenda of improving world trade and prosperity. Those will be particular points of emphasis.

With Prime Minister Johnson, I would note that this will be the first face-to-face meeting that he has had with the President since becoming Prime Minister. And the priority will be on discussing the ongoing, very close partnership that the U.S. and United Kingdom enjoy, and on ways that we are going to take that forward and enhance it in the future.

In particular, as might be guessed, there will be discussion of the upcoming exit of the UK from the European Union -- what that will mean, how we will work together to manage that process as effectively as possible while enhancing our bilateral relationship. And in particular, we will be talking about the possibility of a free trade agreement or free trade agreements to be negotiated between our two countries. We -- we're very enthusiastic about that prospect; the President is. And we would like to be able to make some progress.

In the meeting with the President of France, Emmanuel Macron, they will be following on previous discussions that they've had with great frequency, covering a wide-range of issues. In particular, they are going to be talking about trade and the importance of removing European barriers through trade in the agriculture and other sectors.

The President will raise, as my colleague mentioned, the highly discriminatory digital services tax that France has decided upon. This is a barrier to achieving progress in a global regime on digital services and it's highly counterproductive at this time.

They will also be discussing regional security issues, particularly in the Middle East and in North Africa and the possibilities for a partnership to make the situations in those places better.

With German Chancellor Merkel, again, trade will be a very important element of that discussion. They will also be covering energy security and the importance of diminishing European reliance on Russian gas sources. And they will be discussing European security and the importance of all countries who meet NATO's 2 percent of GDP defense spending goal.

So, that's it for the Europeans.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Okay. Now I'd like to turn to my colleague to discuss the Indian -- meeting with Prime Minister Modi.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Hi, this is [senior administration official]. President Trump is very much looking forward to his meeting with Indian Prime Minister Modi, where they will discuss the strategic partnership and how they can cooperate more closely on issues like defense cooperation, counterterrorism, and trade.

We expect the two leaders to build on the very productive discussions they had in Osaka at the G20, as well as the phone call that they held earlier this week. They will look for solutions on the trade front. The U.S. is looking to India to

reduce tariffs and open its markets.

We do expect the issue of India-Pakistan relations to come up. The President will likely want to hear from Prime Minister Modi on how he plans to reduce regional tensions and uphold respect for human rights for Kashmir, as part of India's role as the world's largest democracy.

India's decision to rescind Article 370 in Kashmir is an internal decision, but certainly with regional implications. And President Trump will likely want to hear how Prime Minister Modi intends to calm regional tensions in light of this significant move.

The President is likely to stress the need for dialogue among all sides of the conflict and his hope that India would lift the communications and movement restrictions in Kashmir and exercise the utmost restraint in dealing with potential protests. And certainly, President Trump is also calling on Pakistan to prevent the infiltration of militants across the line of control that divides Kashmir and to crack down on groups on its territory that have attacked India in the past.

That's all I have to say and I look forward to any potential questions.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: I'll be talking about the President's meeting with Prime Minister Trudeau of Canada. This will be the President's meeting with the Prime Minister shortly before Trudeau's campaign -- the Canadian campaign -- formally begins that will be set formally to begin at some point no later than September 15th, with an election in Canada on October 21st.

It goes without saying the United States and Canada are very close friends and partners. In fact, today, Secretary Pompeo is in Ottawa meeting with Prime Minister Trudeau and Foreign

Minister Freeland. The President hosted the Prime Minister at the White House on June 20th and the two leaders spoke by phone just last week.

During their bilateral meeting on the margins of the G7, they'll discuss a wide range of issues, to include trade -- in particular, their shared support for the historic United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement. They will discuss ways to increase pressure on Maduro in Venezuela. And they will also discuss the political situation in Hong Kong, where 300,000 Canadian citizens reside.

So, any questions, I'm happy to answer. Thank you.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: And back to [senior administration official] to discuss the bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Abe and to wrap up.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Sure. Well, I think my colleagues did a great job covering the rest of the President's schedule. And he certainly will be meeting with Prime Minister Abe, who he has a great relationship with. The two have met frequently over the past few years and discussed a number of important issues related to China and North Korea.

I think trade is certainly on both of their minds right now and ways that we can work together to open up markets for U.S. workers and farmers. And we'll see where they get to, but I know they have a lot in common, a lot of shared priorities, and it will be a really terrific meeting.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Okay, thanks. So we'd -- we're open to questions on the G7 now, moderator, if you could queue everyone up.

Q Hi. This is Andrew Feinberg with Breakfast

Media. Thanks for doing this. On the G7 itself, the sessions, I had two questions. First, regarding the Monday session on climate: Does the President still believe that the concept of global warming is created by and for the Chinese to make U.S. manufacturing noncompetitive?

And my second question is, will any of the President's family members be participating in any of the G7 sessions this year?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Sure. I guess that's for me. You know, the President is very proud to talk about our strong record on the environment. And as I highlighted at the top, we have one of the best records in the world, including on the issues related to climate. And I think the G7 provides another opportunity for all of our economies to come together and talk about that shared priority and ways that we can continue to move forward.

But again, environmental protection -- we have a clear record -- doesn't need to come at the expense of global growth and energy stability. And I think that we have a balanced approach that works and the President is going to be really engaged with his colleagues in talking about all of that.

With respect to questions about the delegation, I don't have information on that at this time.

Thank you.

Q Hi, this is Shirish Date at the HuffPost. I was curious about a couple of things that have happened in the past few weeks. The President claimed that he'd spoken with Prime Minister Modi and the Prime Minister had asked him to get involved in the Kashmir dispute. It came almost immediately afterwards, the Indian foreign minister put out a statement: Well, no, that had actually never happened.

The other day we had a report that the President had spoken with French President Macron. And that Macron had said, "Yeah, we should invite the Russians back into the G8." And then, the French said, no, that actually never happened either. What is going on? And how damaging is this to the President and the country's credibility? Thank you.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Yes. I can take the question -- the first part of the question on Prime Minister Modi.

So the United States is watching the situation in Kashmir very closely. We're continuing to call for calm and restraint, including on rhetoric. But we note the broader implications of the developments in Jammu and Kashmir, and the potential for increased stability in the region. So the President is very focused on this situation, these issues. And what he has indicated -- that he is ready to assist if both sides are interested in helping to reduce their tensions.

But we just note that India has not requested any formal mediation. But the President has said, you know, he's friends with both leaders -- both Prime Minister Khan of Pakistan and Prime Minister Modi of India. And he stands ready to assist if they both would like him to do so.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: With regard to Russia, Russia was suspended from what was then the G8 for reasons that are well known. There has been discussion, I believe, coming from the French to about when it would be time for Russia to rejoin, if ever.

So that may very well come up, but the key factor here is that the Russians themselves have not asked to rejoin. So I would expect that should happen first.

Q Thanks a lot for doing the call. This is Dmitry Kirsanov with TASS. As a follow-up to that, I just wanted to ask what exactly President Trump is going to convey to his G7 counterparts when it comes to Russia? Is he suggesting that Russia should be brought back into G7 fold, so to say? And what kind of discussion do you expect in France when it comes to the relations with Russia? Thanks.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: I think the President did speak to this issue this week already. I mean, he said that, you know, it would be a good thing if the Russians were there, given the fact that the G7 spends a significant amount of time talking about security and economic issues. But he's not necessarily opining one way or the other, and we don't really have anything further to add at this time. Thank you.

Q Hi, this is Scott Waldman with E&E News. Will President Trump sign on to the climate agreement with other G7 leaders, since that's been an issue in the past? And, if not, what science is he relying upon to reject the notion that climate change poses an existential threat to humans and requires international intervention to address?

Also, it's worth noting that greenhouse gas emissions have risen under the Trump administration last year, so I'm wondering if there's any plans in place to reduce those.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Sure. This is [senior administration official] again. I guess I'm not sure what climate agreement you're referring to. I mean, President Macron has made clear that he is not issuing a joint communiqué for leaders for this G7 summit.

I did identify a number of topics that we anticipate leaders will be discussing, and certainly, the environment, oceans, and climate are one of them. And again, our carbon emissions have

dropped. We have a really strong record in this space and President Trump is looking forward to discussing this message, along with economic growth and energy dominance and stability and security, with his colleagues. Thank you.

Q Hi. This is Anne Gearan with the Washington Post. I guess this will probably go to [senior administration official], but I'm interested in that first session you mentioned for Saturday morning -- the one that came at the request at the United States. Can you give us a little bit more on the agenda and say whether this is related to any U.S. concerns about weakness in its own economy? Thank you.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Sure. Thanks for the question. Yeah, the reason this came at the request of the United States is because we think that the global economy really is one of the core features of the G7 and really should stay the focus.

So I would imagine issues related to global growth -- pro-job, pro-growth policies; tax reform; deregulation; investment policies; currency stability; certainly trade and many of the barriers and their practices that we're seeing coming out of China and we're collectively facing -- will be on the agenda as well. And certainly WTO reform and the need to have to have institutions that can keep up with a modern economy.

But I would anticipate President Trump will be speaking quite frankly about the policies he's seen work in his own economy and really wanting to work with other countries in the G7 to figure out how we can jumpstart growth in economies all around to ensure that there are markets and opportunities for all of our workers and people.

Q Yes. Hi. This is Francesca Chambers with DailyMail.com. Just had a couple follow-up questions. I haven't

heard anything yet about the President and his wanting to, I guess, make a deal with Europe to send the ISIS fighters that the United States has in custody back. He's brought that up several times this week, so I wanted to know whether that will be at the forefront of his agenda.

And as it pertains to Russia -- I'm sorry, there were multiple people who brought this up at this point -- someone just said that he wasn't necessarily opining one way or the other to bring Russia back into the fold, however he's also brought that up a couple times. So when he said somebody should bring it up and there should potentially be a vote, is he going to call for that vote?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: My understanding is the G7 works by consensus, so there would be no question of a vote.

I think what we did say is that we expect the issue of Russia's participation or nonparticipation to be discussed among the leaders.

Q Hi this is Shannon Pettypiece with NBC. I wanted to see if I could get some -- a bit more specifics from you on trade, as far as what the President is hoping for outcomes.

On Germany and France, what specifically is he going to be asking those countries to do? I know you mentioned the tax in France. But in Germany, what is he -- what is his ask of Merkel? And will he be reiterating his threat of tariffs if those countries don't take the actions that he's seeking?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: So, I can speak to it in terms of the sessions themselves and the opportunities for leaders to speak collectively about the challenges they're facing. I mean, that's the great advantage of the G7 is that there are challenges that are collectively shared by the world's most advanced and

industrialized economies, and they can really dig in and come up with creative solutions as to how they're going to address these challenges.

So, of course the big ones that you see right now are those related to the unfair trading practices like (inaudible), forced technology transfer, as well as an increasingly digitalized economy that, while it provides significant opportunities, also provides some significant challenges that really need to be addressed collectively.

And then, of course, the challenges related to the multilateral system -- it's inability to cope with actors like China coming onto the scene, as well as new types of economic behavior and the fact that our economy is (inaudible) moving at rapid speed.

So those are the types of conversations that I would expect the President to be having with his colleagues in those sessions -- is how do we collectively tackle the challenges.

Q Yes, hi, this Adam Behsudi with Politico. I had a question about the bilateral with Prime Minister Abe. Are they expected, at that point, to be close to possibly agreeing to this trade deal they've been negotiating? Or is there still too much negotiating still to do on that issue? Is there going to be some sort of turning point in those talks when he meets with the Prime Minister?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Sure, well, I certainly don't want to get out ahead of the President or of Ambassador Lighthizer, who is engaging with his counterpart, Motegi, on the trade issues.

You know, we've had a strong interest in a trade deal with Japan for quite some time. We notified our intent to negotiate with Congress many, many months ago. We're looking at a number of

issues and sectors, and there have been a series of meetings that have happened with Ambassador Lighthizer and his counterpart and the various teams.

So we're working our way through. We certainly have a lot of shared priorities and a lot of similar goals and ambitions. So it certainly (inaudible) partner and ally that Ambassador Lighthizer is prioritizing (inaudible) our farmers and -- but also looking at a series of other issues.

So we'll see. The devil is in the details and you don't have a deal until you have a deal (inaudible) rather than later. But I can't speak necessarily to the time.

Q Hello, this is Kylie Sertic with Kyodo News. I also have a question on the bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Abe. Will they be discussing South Korea's decision not to renew the General Security of Military Information Agreements, or GSOMIA, at their meeting?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: I think they'll be discussing a range of issues between the two leaders, from economic issues to security issues and regional issues. And I don't want to, again, get out ahead of the President and Prime Minister Abe as to what they may or may not be discussing, but I would imagine it would cover a host of concerns.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Okay, thanks everybody for joining today. We appreciate you dialing in. Again, as a reminder, this information is provided on background and attribution is to a "senior administration official." And now that the call is ended, the embargo on the contents are lifted.

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Hey everyone,

It's Kevin Bogardus with E&E News.

I'm working on a piece about the latest batch of EPA ethics documents that I obtained under the Freedom of Information Act, including some of that are attached to this email. I plan to mention in my story the EPA political appointees by name and their various ethics actions as detailed in the attached records. I did have a few questions for you about this, which are:

- Does Byron Brown plan to sign President Trump's ethics pledge? If so, when? As stated in his recusal, Brown is in an "administratively determined" position so he is not technically a political appointee and thus does not have to sign the pledge. That said, other "administratively determined" employees at EPA have been converted into political appointees and have signed the pledge.

- Why did Dave Ross recuse himself from Pebble Mine permitting but not the Chesapeake Bay Program? Ross co-authored comments on the Bristol Bay Assessment but he also represented the American Farm Bureau Federation in their lawsuit against the Chesapeake Bay TMDL during the same time as an attorney at Crowell & Moring.

- Just to check for accuracy and not for attribution, I understand that Veronica Darwin and Henry Darwin are married. Is that accurate?

Also, I also plan to mention ethics documents for the following EPA officials as well in my story, although I have no questions about them. I would attach their records to this email but it would bounce back for being too large. Please let me know if you want to share any thoughts about their records.

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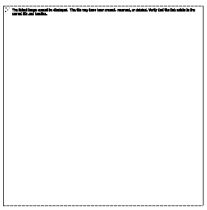

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BACKGROUND PRESS CALL
BY SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS
ON PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP'S MEETING WITH
PRESIDENT KLAUS IOHANNIS OF ROMANIA

Via Telephone

2:01 P.M. EDT

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. Let me start by saying thanks to all those who have joined. We'll go right to the ground rules. This is provided on background. Attribution is to a "senior administration official." And this call -- there is an embargo on the contents of this call until the end of the call, so please adhere to that.

Okay, so without further ado, I'm going to go and hand off to our first briefer.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Good afternoon, everyone. My name

is [senior administration official]; I'm the [redacted] to talk to you a little bit about, on background, this visit that we have planned with President Iohannis of Romania and President Trump tomorrow.

We're excited to have the Romanians here. We're going to be recognizing our great and longstanding partnership, and celebrate the 30th anniversary of the end of communism in that country, and also the 15th anniversary of their NATO membership -- both very important anniversaries. We'll be also discussing tomorrow, at the meeting, issues surrounding defense and energy, and law enforcement cooperation, in particular.

With that, I would like to turn it over to my other colleague here and let him introduce himself.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Good afternoon everyone. I just want to say that this meeting is taking place in context of a series of meetings with the heads of state and government in Central Europe. President Trump has, this year, covered almost every country in that region, and he wants to show the importance of Central Europe to the United States, both as allies and security partners, and as business and commercial partners for the future.

This is an area that's very exciting; there's a lot going on there. Economies are growing. Trade between these countries and the U.S. is increasing all the time. Romania is a particularly important ally, occupying a key geostrategic position in Central Europe. It's a crossroads for the region and a dynamic country, which we have excellent relations of friendship, commerce, and security.

So, with that, I think that covers our opening statements.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Thank you. At this point, ma'am, I'll hand it over to you now to moderate questions, and we're ready to receive.

Q Yes, this is Tejinder Singh from IAT. I have a question that, if there a decision for -- you know, a deadline for a decision to accept Romania in the Visa Waiver Program, as a country in the European Union, and there is a -- you know, the general population will benefit by what they call a "fair treatment" of this issue, if you can highlight anything or update on this.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Romania is a candidate for the Visa Waiver Program. The requirements for entry into the program are statutory and depend on Romania meeting certain legal qualifications. When they meet those qualifications, then they will be invited to join. So while we expect that the issue will be discussed, the question is not for the President, but it is when Romania meets the requirements of the VWP.

Q Hi, this is Andrew Feinberg with Breakfast Media. Thank you for doing this call. A few years ago, President Iohannis criticized Hungary and other countries that have gotten away from democracy. He said, "What is happening in Hungary now, that is not democracy going in the right direction." Will President Trump be discussing the retreat from democracy in countries like Poland and Hungary with President Iohannis?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: We expect that the conversation between the Presidents will focus on bilateral issues and some on regional security. We don't expect that they will be discussing the internal doings in third parties.

Q Hi, this is Maren from the German press agency, DPA. Thanks for doing this call. You mentioned that this meeting, and others, underscores the relationship or the commitment from the U.S. to Central Europe. And the President is going to Poland and Denmark in a couple of days. One country he hasn't visited is Germany, and I was wondering if you can give a reason for that. Does this represent a shift in the alliance?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Today we're discussing the meeting of the President with the President of Romania. I can say with regard to Germany that President Trump has frequent contacts with Chancellor Merkel, and this should not be read into any meaning for the U.S.-German relationship.

Q Sorry. This is Dmitry Kirsanov from TASS. Thanks a lot for doing the call. I wanted to ask if you expect any deliverables from the talks between the two Presidents. Point one.

And, point two, could you give us any more details about defense cooperation aspect of the talks -- Aegis Ashore and things of that nature? Should we expect any news out of that? Thanks.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: I'm not going to preempt the President by discussing what the deliverables are. You're going to have to stay tuned after the meeting to see what comes out of it. Defense cooperation is, of course, a normal subject for these sorts of discussions. Romania is a member of NATO, and the defense issues are very important with all NATO members.

Q Hi, this is Mona Austin of the Slice Report. Recently, I've encountered several Romanian immigrants who came into the U.S. through Mexico. I found that curious. They explained that they actually sold their properties, and came from Romania to, I believe, Brazil, and then up through the caravan. I spoke to three separate families, on three separate occasions, that this happened to.

Will the President address any sort of proper or improper immigration? I understand the context of why we're having this call, but will he be talking about, sort of, what it seems like to me is an influx of Romanian immigrants entering the country in perhaps an improper way?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: I don’t expect that there is going to be any discussion on these topics.

Q Can you hear me?

OPERATOR: Yes, caller, we can hear you. Please go ahead.

Q Yes, this is another question that has popped up, and it's about the dependence of Romania on the Russian gas. Is there anything that the U.S. is helping Romania to reduce that, with that Exxon having -- abandoning the drilling from Black Sea coast? And the rumor is that the U.S. will send more troops to Romania in NATO's context. So these two, if you have any updates.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Sir, this is [senior administration official] from NSC Press. Could you please state your name again?

Sorry, your line is muted. Please state your name and --

Q Yeah. That the foreign investors are annoyed by the one-month order of (inaudible) that was brought out. And, you know, that Exxon is continuing investment in the gas sector, in the Black Sea area. But in the process, the Romanian dependence on Russian gas is getting higher and higher. So is there any steps that the U.S. is taking to convince Romania so that it can reduce its dependence on Russian gas?

And other one is about: Is the U.S. planning to send more troops, in the NATO context, to Romania?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: It's a priority for the President to promote energy independence for all of the countries that he talks to, and such discussions are a normal part of his interaction with leaders from the European region.

And in answer to the second question, we don't discuss plans for U.S. troop deployments. I would refer you to the Pentagon for that.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Okay, thank you very much. We appreciate everyone's participation today, to include our two briefers. Thank you very much.

Again, I just want to go again on the rules. This was provided on background. Attribution is to a "senior administration official." And now that it's the end of the call, the embargo is lifted.

Is there any questions or comments?

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BACKGROUND PRESS CALL
BY SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS
ON THE VISIT OF MONGOLIA'S HEAD OF STATE

Via Teleconference

2:38 P.M. EDT

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Thanks, moderator. And thanks to everyone for joining today. I just wanted to quickly go over the ground rules. Again, this is provided on background. Attribution is to a senior administration official. And we'll embargo the comments here only until the end of the call. All right?

Thanks again. And I will introduce our briefer today, [senior administration official].

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Great. Thanks for joining, everybody. I'm pleased to announce that the Mongolian President,

Battulga, is going to be visiting the White House tomorrow to meet with President Trump. This is a meeting we've been looking forward to for a very long time.

You know, Mongolia is a country that borders two authoritarian states, and, despite that, has managed to establish a free and open democratic society after it renounced communism back in 1990.

And, of course, many of you will remember that the U.S. and United States organizations played an important role in helping nurture Mongolia's democracy right at the outset. And that created a foundation of goodwill that persists to today. And we're looking to really build on that goodwill and expand our ties in terms of security cooperation and as well as in terms of economics.

So, the current situation for them economically is that about 90 percent of their trade has to go through China. We've -- want to start talking about and exploring ways that we can help diversify their trade flows. The United States already does have sizable trade for such -- a country with such a small population. Although it's a huge geographic area, the United States exports about 121 million dollars' worth of goods to Mongolia in 2018.

We have a huge trade surplus with Mongolia. We sell them automobiles and heavy machinery. And imports from Mongolia include minerals like tungsten, as well as cashmere. And they've got incredible cashmere that they produce there.

So, with that, I thought what I would do is field some questions from the group.

Q Hi. This is Steve Herman from the Voice of America. Thanks for doing this call. And I'd like to ask

whether the administration supports this bipartisan bill on Mongolia. It was, I think, introduced and died last year. And it's been introduced again by Ted Yoho and Dina Titus from Nevada, the Mongolia Third Neighbor Trade Act. And if you do support it, how active is the President going to be in pushing it? Thank you.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Yeah, Steve, thanks for the question. We've -- I'm certainly familiar with the bill that you mentioned. That bill was actually reintroduced in April by Representative Ted Yoho and Senator Ben Cardin. And as you mentioned, it would enable duty-free treatment for Mongolian cashmere products to be imported, like sweaters and shawls and so forth.

So I don't want to speak for colleagues in the U.S. Trade Rep's office, but it's certainly an interesting bill. And I'm sure that it'll be something that comes up in the course of our discussions.

Q Hey, it's Jeremy Diamond here with CNN. Thanks for doing the call. You know, we've seen U.S. officials travel to Mongolia recently, including the National Security Advisor. And Mongolia has previously been rumored as a potential site for a future summit between the President and Kim Jong Un. To what extent is it possible that Mongolia could be the site in the future? And in what way do you hope the President and the Mongolian President tomorrow will advance discussions as it relates to North Korea? Thanks.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Yeah. Thanks, Jeremy. The North Koreans -- it's kind of interesting; they've got a relationship that dates back to its Cold War past with North Korea. And so there's interesting, you know, old ties there and -- which are intriguing.

Mongolia has been a very strong supporter of the United Nations and the United States economic pressure campaign on North Korea, and -- which, of course, we've been very appreciative of.

I can't speak to, you know, venues or things like that. There's nothing currently being planned, in any case, to really make news right now. But, you know, the Mongolians have a very strong relationship, as well, with South Korea. I think there are around 40,000 Mongolian citizens in South Korea and a lot of South Koreans who live and work in Mongolia. Mongolia has an excellent relationship, as well, with Japan.

And so, you know, we sometimes say that Mongolia has only got two physicals neighbors -- that it's like a pearl between two oyster shells. And so, democracies around the region and beyond have been proud to serve as third neighbors to Mongolia. Mongolia has pushed this so-called "third neighbor policy," and the United States is particularly honored to be a longstanding and reliable third neighbor to Mongolia.

Q Hi, my name is Lalit Jha. I am from PTI-Press Trust of India. I wanted to ask you about Huawei. Will you be asking Mongolia again to not to go by that route in 5G technologies? And what are the other countries -- can you give us an update on what other countries -- Asian countries -- (inaudible) what countries (inaudible) doing on Huawei?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Thanks for the question. I think, if I heard right, you were asking about 5G technology. You know, irrespective of the country, the United States believes that having safe and reliable infrastructure for 5G systems is critical for all nations' ability to preserve their sovereignty in the 5G era.

Remember, with 5G, you're talking about a paradigm shift in technology, not an incremental one. One in which all of our

daily lives are going to be saturated with sensors that are going to be communicating with one another, not just the old paradigm of a couple, you know, cell phones talking to a core network through cell phone towers and routers and then coming back down to another cell user.

5G will permit devices to communicate very rapidly with one another, and that creates enormous opportunities for predatory and authoritarian states to steal our most intimate data, whether it's our personal and private data as citizens or whether it's corporate secrets or very sensitive government and security-related secrets.

So we think that it's absolutely critical for countries to be considering all of the long-term consequences and ramifications of going with suppliers from countries that have pursued a totalitarian vision for the role of the state in peoples' lives and in the economy and in the culture and the like.

And so, that's really something that all countries need to take heed of.

Q Hello, this is Mark Magnier with the South China Morning Post. Thank you very much for the opportunity. You mentioned tungsten, and I was wondering, given -- I guess Marco Rubio just released a bill on rare earths. Does Mongolia have any role in that? Or is the administration talking to them and trying to kind of bolster that effort to counter China on that front? Thanks.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Yeah, Mark, good to hear your voice. It's been a very long time. Glad to hear that you're in DC now. And sorry to punt on your good question.

I think to answer specifics on like 5 -- or the rare earths and things related to specific deals or minerals, I'd refer you to

our Commerce Department and the USTR on that. I don't have a lot for you on that front.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Great. Well, thanks again everyone. So this is, again, the first visit by a Mongolian President to the White House since 2011.

It builds on some of the other engagements that this administration has had, including the visit by the Mongolian Prime Minister last year who came to the White House to visit Vice President Pence. He also had a handshake and a brief encounter with President Trump up at the U.N. General Assembly last September.

Ambassador Bolton made a trip out to Mongolia just a few weeks ago. And we're very excited to host the President here tomorrow.

So thanks again for dialing in.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: And just as reminder: This was provided on background. Attribution to a senior administration official. And now that the call is over, embargo is lifted. Thanks so much for dialing in today.

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ON THE VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER KHAN OF PAKISTAN

Via Telephone

July 19, 2019

4:31 P.M. EDT

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Yes, this is [senior administration official]. The ground rules for this call are that this a background call attributed to a senior administration official.

As mentioned, we'll have brief remarks by [senior administration official] and then a moderated Q&A at the end on this upcoming visit. We do ask that you embargo your reporting until the end of the call.

So now I will turn it over to [senior administration official]. Thank you.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: So, as many of you know, on Monday, July 22, President Trump will welcome Prime Minister Imran Khan of Pakistan to the White House. The visit will focus on strengthening cooperation between the United States and Pakistan to bring peace, stability, and economic prosperity to the region.

President Trump and Prime Minister Khan will discuss a range of issues, including counterterrorism, defense, energy, and trade, with the overall goal of creating the conditions for a peaceful South Asia and an enduring partnership between our two countries.

This is an official working visit which will involve the President greeting Prime Minister Khan upon his arrival. There'll be a pool spray in the Oval followed by a bilateral meeting between the two leaders, and then there'll be an expended -- expanded, excuse me -- bilateral luncheon meeting that will include a number of Cabinet and other senior officials, including Secretary Mnuchin, Secretary Ross, Secretary Perry, Acting Secretary of Defense Spencer, Deputy National Security Advisor Kupperman, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs General Dunford, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs David Hale, Acting Chief of Staff Mick Mulvaney, Senior Advisor to the President Jared Kushner, and Press Secretary Stephanie Grisham.

The purpose of the visit is to press for concrete cooperation from Pakistan to advance the Afghanistan peace process and to encourage Pakistan to deepen and sustain its recent effort to crackdown on militants and terrorists within its territory.

We also want to message to Pakistan that the door is open to repairing relations and building an enduring partnership if

Pakistan changes its policies with regard to terrorists and militants.

Extending a visit to Prime Minister Khan is an opportunity to incentivize Pakistan to use its full leverage and influence with the Taliban to advance the peace process in Afghanistan. So we are calling on Pakistan for assistance in moving the peace process forward.

We do appreciate the initial steps that Pakistan has taken to facilitate peace efforts, but we are reaching a critical juncture in the peace process and we are asking Pakistan to pressure the Taliban into a permanent ceasefire and participation in inter-Afghan negotiations that would include the Afghan government.

Discussions with Pakistan will also include potential cooperation on trade, energy, and women's issues that will provide mutual benefits to our two countries. We want to send that message that the door is open, as I mentioned before.

There are promising developments on -- with regard to U.S.-Pakistan agricultural and energy cooperation. For instance, U.S. soy bean exports to Pakistan surged from zero in 2011 to nearly 620 million in 2018. And U.S. companies like General Electric are incorporating their technologies, such as on wind, hydro, gas, and steam projects into energy projects that are throughout the country.

We are looking at opportunities, such as the possibility of a reverse trade mission for Pakistan on LNG supply and natural gas infrastructure. We would also look at opportunities for an energy dialogue to advance U.S. energy-related commercial interests in Pakistan and increase private sector investment in Pakistan's energy sector.

Lastly, we would encourage Pakistan to create opportunities for

enhancing regional economic development and connectivity. For example, we would encourage Pakistan to ease restrictions on trade, transiting Pakistan between India and Afghanistan. And we think this would be a very positive step and would demonstrate Pakistan's commitment to a peaceful, prosperous South Asia.

I'm going to end my remarks there, and I look forward to taking your questions.

Q Yes, hello, my name is Alexei Alexey Bogdanovskiy. I'm a reporter with RIA Novosti, Russian News Agency. My question is, will the leaders discuss the case of Shakil Afridi, Pakistani physician who reportedly helped the United States to identify Osama bin Laden and who's serving a lengthy prison term in Pakistan? Thank you.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Yes, thank you. Yes, this is an extremely important issue to the President and to the American people. And I think Pakistan could demonstrate its leadership role in the region and among the international community by freeing Dr. Afridi, who remains unjustly imprisoned in Pakistan.

The United States requests that he be freed at once. We have clearly and regularly communicated this to Pakistan at the highest levels, both in public and in private, and will continue to do so until he is released.

Pakistan's leadership will be judged by its treatment of Dr. Afridi while he remains in prison. But again, we are calling on Pakistan to release him at once.

Q Hi, this is James Rosen with the Sinclair Broadcast Group. Thanks for doing this call. Historically, senior American officials, dating back decades, have complained that the Pakistani intelligence service, ISI, has been effectively

infiltrated by the very terrorist elements which Pakistan is supposed to be our ally in combating. How would you assess that particular problem presently, and in terms of infiltration of ISI?

And what else would you tell us -- are there any new details you can provide about the apprehension of the LeT leader by Pakistani authorities? Thank you.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Okay, thank you. Well, I think that, you know, it's clear that we do have some cooperation between our intelligence services, particularly on groups like ISIS-K and al Qaeda. But we do remain concerned about other terrorist groups that continue to operate within Pakistan, such as the Jaish-e-Mohammed, Lashkar-e-Taiba, the Haqqani Network -- which, of course, is fighting in Pakistan. And we do -- we are concerned about the links between these groups and Pakistan's intelligence services and military. That's no secret.

What I would say as we look forward, we welcome Prime Minister Khan's pledge that Pakistan will not allow its soil to be used by militant groups, and his vocal leadership in pressing for a new direction in this regard.

But we -- let me reassure you, we are clear eyed about the history here. We're under no illusions about the support that we have seen from Pakistan's military and intelligence services to these groups. And so we will look for concrete action.

I noted that Pakistan has taken some initial steps, such as pledging to seize assets of some of these terrorists groups. And, of course, they put under arrest, yesterday, Hafiz Muhammad Saeed, a leader of Lashkar-e-Taiba, which is responsible for the 2008 Mumbai terrorist attacks.

But I would note that this is, I thinl, the seventh time that

Hafiz Muhammad Saeed has been arrested since 2001. In 2001, there was major attack on the Indian Parliament -- in December of 2001 -- and so he was put under arrest, first right after that attack, but, of course, subsequently released.

That is why we, again, are very clear-eyed and (inaudible) when we see him arrested -- as he was yesterday -- that he has been released -- arrested and released in the past. So we would look to see that Pakistan is taking sustained action and actually prosecuting these people; that these arrests are actually contributing to reducing groups like LeT to be able to operate in Pakistan, because quite frankly, the previous arrests of Hafiz Muhammad Saeed haven't made a difference. The LeT has been able to operate.

So, you know, we're monitoring the situation and -- but we wouldn't want to praise Pakistan for this step too early, because, you know, we've seen this movie before. We've seen this happen in the past. And we're looking for sustained and concrete steps, not just window dressing.

Q Yeah. Hi. This is Yashwant, from -- Yashwant Raj from Hindustan Times. Thanks for doing this call.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Hi, Yashwant.

Q Hi. So, could the discussions include the resumption of security-related aid that President Trump suspended from Pakistan, I think, in January 2018?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: As you know, we suspended security assistance to Pakistan in January of 2018. And as of now, there's been no change to that policy. That security assistance continues to be suspended. So there's no change in that regard -- so, you know, with only very minor exceptions for assistance that is directly beneficial to United States security.

But, you know, by and large, that security is still suspended and we will consider changing that suspension on certain items if Pakistan meets our security concerns both in Afghanistan and with regard to some of the externally focused groups like Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammed.

But, as of now, there is no change to that suspension in security assistance.

Q Hi. Thank you for doing this call. My name is Lalit Jha from PTI -- Press Trust of India. What makes you so encouraged that, this time, that Pakistan is going to change its policy which has been there with them for the last several decades?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Well, again, I think we're very clear-eyed on the history of Pakistan's cooperation with these unhelpful groups. And so we're not under any illusion that the initial steps that we have seen taken thus far -- you know, we're not taking them at face value. We will wait. We're monitoring the situation. We will wait and see if these steps are made irreversible and sustainable.

So, you know, we have not made a final evaluation on whether that's the case. But, you know, we also see that this visit could incentivize Pakistan to continue down the path that they have started. They have facilitated contacts with the Taliban and, you know, met some of our requests with regards to the Afghanistan peace process.

But, as I said, we're at a critical juncture and we need to see more cooperation from Pakistan. They need to use their full leverage with the Taliban in this endeavor. And so we see this visit as an opportunity to encourage them to do more.

Q (Inaudible.) My question is, do you expect any announcements or a deal between the two countries?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Well, I think that, you know, this should be seen as a -- you know, this is the first time they'll be meeting, getting to know each other. I would look at it more, you know, as a rapport-building meeting. They will have an opportunity -- as I mentioned, the broader bilateral luncheon that will include other members of the Cabinet, they'll have an opportunity to discuss how they might move forward in the energy relationship, some of the trade activities that are happening. So in terms of moving forward on those kinds of initiatives, I think there may be an opportunity.

And again, you know, from the U.S. perspective, the President will be most interested in encouraging Pakistan to assist in the Afghanistan peace process, use its leverage with the Taliban to help bring about a ceasefire and genuine inter-Afghan negotiation that include the Afghan government. So, in that respect, you know, we're hoping that the discussions are productive.

Q Hi. This is Hunter Walker from Yahoo! News. Thanks for doing the call. I know you're saying you want to see greater progress from Pakistan when it comes to fighting terrorism. Overall, would you say that, since Prime Minister Khan has arrived, there has been an improvement on that front?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Well, again, we have seen some initial steps with Pakistan pledging to seize the assets of some of these terrorist leaders and with pledging to reform the madrassas -- some of the madrassas -- taking an administrative control of some of the facilities owned by these groups.

And you know, the stated commitment by Prime Minister Khan -- you know, Prime Minister Khan himself said that Pakistan cannot reach

its full potential unless it has peace and stability in the region. And, of course, peace and stability in the region would require it to crack down on the terrorist and militant groups that are creating the instability.

So, I think Khan is saying the right things. But what we really need to see to prove that this is something different are, you know, actual arrests and convictions, as well as evictions of those Taliban and Haqqani leaders who don't support peace.

So, I think only until we see those kinds of steps will we really have more reassurance that what Pakistan is doing now is different than what it's done in the past.

Q Hi, this is Seema Sirohi from Economic Times. Thank you for doing this. I wanted to ask, what is your assessment, so far, of the peace process? Taliban attacks have continued. In fact, they are even targeting children now. So, how -- or what do you think, how far has the process come? And what kind of guarantees are there, so far, about Afghanistan not becoming a staging ground again? Because, for India, that would be an extremely important thing.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Well, as you know, Ambassador Khalilzad is involved in intensive negotiations with the Taliban and with other actors in the region and with the Afghan government and other Afghans, as well, to try to bring about a peaceful settlement that would not only, you know, preserve the gains that have been made over the last 18 years with regard to democratic rights, women's rights -- you know, all those things that we have been building in the country over the last 18 years -- but also that would ensure Pakistan -- or I'm sorry, Afghanistan never again serves as a safe haven for terrorist intent on attacking the U.S. and its partners. So, there has been a great deal of effort put into this process.

I would say that the July 7-8 talks in Doha, which included the Taliban and about 60 Afghans -- including some members of the Afghan government who were participating in their private capacity -- but the fact that we did have the Taliban sitting down with Afghans, which included members of the government, I would say that's a step forward. A small step, but I think it was a step forward in the process.

But completely agree with you that these continued Taliban attacks are absolutely unacceptable and they make it much more difficult to move this process forward. And, you know, we have called on the Taliban to immediately halt such attacks. And we -- in the negotiations, they have been told that the continuation of these attacks will disrupt the peace process, and they'll make it harder for anything to be accomplished that the Taliban is looking for out of the peace process.

So, yeah, the current attacks are not compatible with a productive peace process.

Q Hello again. This is, again, Alexey of RIA Novosti. Russia wants to build pipelines to export natural gas from Iran to India, through Pakistan. And Russia has signed a memorandum with Iran and Pakistan and hopefully will sign -- hopefully, for them, to sign a memorandum with India. So I wondered if the administration has a position on this issue. Thank you.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: So, you know, we're looking for opportunities for economic trade and connectivity throughout the region. We think that will foster a more peaceful, prosperous region.

You know, we're looking to Pakistan to allow transit trade through Pakistan, between India and Afghanistan. We're looking at ways for Pakistan and Afghanistan to increase their trade with

each other. And you know, as I said in the discussions, we'll be looking at some of those opportunities in how the U.S. can support those activities.

So, you know, those are the kinds of things that we're looking at. We welcome regional support to the peace process and efforts by other countries to promote regional trade and connectivity. So I think, you know, to the extent that these projects are fostering peace and prosperity in the region, and as long they're transparent, they're being done in a transparent way that is benefitting those involved, the U.S. would be supportive.

But, you know, we point out that we oppose any kind of unsustainable development projects that would impose unreasonable costs that are not transparent. We would look to any projects to apply the highest international standards of transparency and governance, making maximum use of local workers and materials.

And we would just note that we do remain concerned about countries getting over indebted when the lending process is not transparent. And so we would just caution against any projects that don’t follow the highest standards of international standards.

Q Hi guys, it’s Margaret Talev with Bloomberg. Can you hear me, okay?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Yes.

Q Oh, great. Huawei has just announced that it is going to invest like $100 million in Pakistan. Is Huawei going to come up in the discussions? And what is the U.S. ask? And would U.S. consider resuming aid if Pakistan agreed to not do that? Or, basically, has that ship sailed?

And on the Afridi question: What is the issue? Like, he is one doctor in a jail. Why doesn't the U.S. just make some arrangement and get him out of there? Is there any movement on that?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Okay, so, first -- I'll take your first question, which was about Huawei and China. And, you know, I would just note that, again, that the U.S. would probably just encourage Pakistan to protect its own sovereignty and independence, and just ensure that, you know -- we know that China has already invested quite a bit in the China-Pakistan economic corridor.

And, you know, we just would ensure that Pakistan understands that this lending should be transparent and that they should make sure they're not getting over-indebted to China, which would, of course, have implications for their sovereignty and independence. So we remain concerned on that front.

And, you know, with regard to Huawei: I think we made clear that, you know, countries should keep in mind all of the implications of their economic transactions, and particularly when it comes to the 5G network, and think about, you know, the implications for the future and what is that for them, and preserving their own economic independence and protecting their communications and information accordingly.

Okay, and --

OPERATOR: Moving to the final -- moving to --

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: -- yes, okay. I'm sorry. I'm just going to address the Afridi question.

So, as you know, Dr. Afridi is a hero in our country. He helped us capture the mastermind of the 9/11 attacks -- the worst

terrorist leader in history, Osama bin Laden. So, you know, this is something that is of the utmost importance to us. And as I said, you know, it is likely to come up. It's an issue that remains very (inaudible). And we, you know, think that he's been unjustly imprisoned.

And I'm not sure what you quite meant about -- you know, he's in a Pakistani prison. We can't really, you know, get him out of there without, you know -- we have to respect their judiciary and their institutions. But it's something that we will continue to raise. And as I said, they will be judged by how he is treated. And we'll continue to raise his release until he is given his freedom.

Q Thanks. This is Eli Lake from Bloomberg Opinion. I just wanted to ask if anything about the recent crackdowns on press freedoms and opposition leaders in Pakistan are going to be brought up in the meeting with the President and in the bilateral lunch.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Yes, it's very important to us that Pakistan respects its democratic institutions. And the recent curtailment on press freedoms is of great concern to us.

You know, we are continuing to raise these issues. Pakistan, obviously, has a diverse media landscape, but we continue to see pressure and intimidation against journalists, which is not acceptable. And it's actually increased over the past year.

So we're very concerned about these trends, and we believe a free press is fundamental to any democratic system. So we'll continue to press on this issue with the Pakistan government and ensuring that journalists are protected from violence and intimidation.

And, you know, this also relates to the deregistering of the

INGOs -- the 18 INGOs that Pakistan deregistered last year. And, you know, many of these INGOs, international NGOs, were providing valuable aid and assistance. And we think that the impacts of deregistering them will have a deleterious impact on their democratic institutions and civil society. So we're monitoring that situation closely as well.

And we will continue to engage with Pakistani officials on these concerns.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Thank you everybody for joining us. This concludes the call.

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As you saw, President Trump didn't take questions.

Afterward, those attending the social media event - who sat in the audience for the census announcement - commingled with the press corps.

Sebastian Gorka and Playboy's Brian Karem got into a brief shout-out. Gorka called Karem a "punk."

Event attendee Mark Dice was also shouting at CNN's Jim Acosta, heckling him and suggesting his new book only lasted two weeks on the best-seller's list.

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Thank you very much for this information - it's incredibly helpful and helps provide some excellent background on RCRA and how it actually works. It's an incredibly complex law, so to have this insight is invaluable.

All my best,

Bobby

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Cheers, R.

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Hey Tricia,

I am working on a multi-part story on U.S. exports of e-scrap and I wanted to reach out to you on background just to make sure I'm looking into every possible avenue for our coverage.

The first story we're working on is an effort to understand current U.S. law when it comes to exporting e-scrap. My questions below are pretty straightforward and just aimed at clarity above all - let me know if you can get back to me by end of day tomorrow. This is not for attribution, only for background.

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Thanks as always for your help on this, Tricia -

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ON NORTH KOREA ANNOUNCEMENT

Via Teleconference

***Note from a senior administration official in addition to the below - the Vice President was in the Oval Office meeting discussed in the transcript***

8:03 P.M. EST

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Hello. Good evening, everyone. I'm just going to set the ground rules and introduce our speaker. You may quote him, and attribution is to a senior administration official. This briefing is embargoed until the end of the call, at which point the embargo lifts and you're free to publish. And I have nothing further, so with that I will introduce our speaker.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Hi, good evening everyone. You, I think, by now have probably heard the statement that was given by the South Korean envoy who visited the White House today. He made a statement about an hour ago. And I'd refer you to that statement and, of course, we can provide you with an English-language transcript of that if you need one.

Our Press Secretary also put out a statement as follows: The President "greatly appreciates the nice words of the South Korean delegation and President Moon. He will accept the invitation to meet with Kim Jong-un at a place and time to be determined. We look forward to the denuclearization of North Korea. In the meantime, all sanctions and maximum pressure must remain."

So what I thought I would do is just take a couple of minutes to provide a little bit of context of how we arrived at this juncture. When President Trump came into office in January of last year, he determined on day one that the urgent matter of denuclearizing North Korea was something that would require a new approach. It would require us avoiding the mistakes that have been made over the past 27 years of dialogue and failed approaches to denuclearizing North Korea.

So, in short, within a matter of weeks, the administration had developed a policy that the President signed to maximize pressure on North Korea. That meant maximizing economic pressure. It meant isolating North Korea diplomatically, and marshaling not only our resources, not only the resources of our allies and friends, but really of the entire world to resolve something that is destabilizing to the region and really to the world at large.

And so in the year that he's pursued that policy, he has always left the door open to dialogue of some kind. He's left the door open to dialogue at the right time. And today, he was briefed by President Moon's -- a couple of national security officials -- his National Security Advisor Chung Eui-Yong and his Intelligence Director Suh Hoon -- who came into the Oval, gave a briefing to the President, as well as several Cabinet officials -- General McMaster, Secretary Mattis, Deputy Secretary of State Sullivan, Chief of Staff General Kelly, Director Dan Coats, and CIA Deputy Director Gina Haskell -- and explained the -- and conveyed a message from Kim Jong-un to the President.

Part of that message was a commitment to denuclearize. It also was a commitment to refrain from testing nuclear weapons or missiles. And it was also an indication -- oh, and I would also add that Kim Jong-un had made clear that he understands that routine defensive exercises between the Republic of Korea and the United States must continue -- or something that will continue. And he conveyed that he wants to meet with President Trump as quickly as possible.

And so President Trump has agreed to accept an invitation to meet with Kim Jong-un in a matter of a couple of months. And the exact timing and place is still to be determined.

And I would also highlight that the President's point that he made tonight, in the statement through Sarah, that sanctions and maximum pressure must remain, is really what differentiates the President's policy from the policies of the past. If we look at the history of these negotiations that took place under prior administrations, they have often led to the relinquishing

of pressure. They have often led to concessions being made to North Korea in return for talks.

President Trump has been very clear from the beginning that he is not prepared to reward North Korea in exchange for talks. But he is willing to accept an invitation at this time to meet and to allow -- and, really, he expects North Korea to start putting action to these words that were conveyed via the South Koreans.

So, with that, I'll open it for a few minutes of questions.

Q Hi, this is (inaudible). Just to clarify whether this offer that was conveyed was a letter by Kim Jong-un. And is there any timeline in terms of how long you've committed to those things in that letter? And also, what sort of place would be suitable for a meeting? Would that be a neutral country? Could that be in South Korea? If you could elaborate on those. Thanks.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Sure. Thanks for the question. Just to clarify, there was not a letter. This was a message conveyed orally by Kim Jong-un to the National Security Advisor of South Korea during the several hours of meetings that they held just a couple days ago in Pyongyang. And Ambassador Chung, who is the National Security Advisor, then conveyed it orally to the President today in the Oval Office.

And the question about an appropriate place to meet, those are things yet to be worked out.

Q This is Brian Karem with the Sentinel Newspapers. My question is, any part of the negotiations, would it include inspections of nuclear facilities in North Korea? Thank you.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Yeah, thanks for the question. Look, at this point we're not even talking about negotiations, right? What we're talking about is an invitation by the leader of North Korea to meet face to face with the President of the United States. The President has accepted that invitation.

Obviously, verification goes hand in hand with any kind of acceptable deal for the permanent denuclearization of North Korea, and we will settle for nothing less than that outcome. It's the outcome that the entire world expects, as exemplified under all those U.N. Security Council resolutions -- the four of them that have passed in the time that President Trump has been in office and under his leadership.

The President has been coordinating very closely, obviously with South Korea, through this whole process, as well as with

Japan. President Trump spoke tonight on the phone with Prime Minister Abe about all of these events, as he's been doing the entire time he's been in office. Thanks.

Q Hi, I'm Dave Nakamura with the Washington Post. A couple quick things. There's never been a face-to-face meeting or even phone call, I believe, between sitting leaders of the two countries. Why not start with meetings at a lower level? And what gives you the confidence that this is not -- you even, I think, mentioned in a call the other day -- something that could be less than advertised? And you're already, sort of, agreeing without maybe -- as you said, there's not even a written letter. Isn't that somewhat risky?

And then the other thing I'm wondering is also -- have you gotten any sense that there would be any talk about the North Koreans showing some goodwill by releasing the other Americans who are being held there, given the President's clear interest in detainees, including Otto Warmbier?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Great. Thanks, Dave, for the question. You know, President Trump was elected in part because he is willing to do -- take approaches very, very different from past approaches and past Presidents. That couldn't be better exemplified than it is in his North Korea policy. Literally, going back to 1992, the United States has engaged in direct talks at low levels with the North Koreans, and I think that history speaks for itself.

In the case we have right now is -- what we have now is an invitation from the leader of North Korea. As President Moon expressed, he believes that we're at this juncture precisely because of the approach that President Trump has taken with maximum pressure.

President Trump made his reputation on making deals. Kim Jong-un is the one person who is able to make decisions under their authoritarian -- uniquely authoritarian -- or totalitarian system. And so it made sense to accept an invitation to meet with the one person who can actually make decisions instead of repeating the, sort of, long slog of the past.

Okay, we've got to cut there.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Okay, I want to reiterate for everyone. This call is on background. You may attribute any quotes to him to a senior administration official, and the embargo -- the call being concluded, the embargo is now lifted.

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**From:** Bobby Elliott [mailto:bobby@resource-recycling.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 07, 2018 4:38 PM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>; Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Fwd: U.S. export law

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From: **Bobby Elliott** <bobby@resource-recycling.com>
Date: Wed, Mar 7, 2018 at 4:36 PM
Subject: U.S. export law
To: "Lynn, Tricia" <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>

Hey Tricia,

I am working on a multi-part story on U.S. exports of e-scrap and I wanted to reach out to you on background just to make sure I'm looking into every possible avenue for our coverage.

The first story we're working on is an effort to understand current U.S. law when it comes to exporting e-scrap. My questions below are pretty straightforward and just aimed at clarity above all - let me know if you can get back to me by end of day tomorrow. This is not for attribution, only for background.

1.) Is RCRA the lone U.S. law that currently governs the export of e-scrap?

2.) As I understand it, RCRA exempts e-scrap from being classified as a hazardous waste as long as the waste is being sent for domestic or international recycling. Is this accurate?

3.) Is the CRT rule the only device-specific regulation concerning the downstream movement of end-of-life electronics?

4.) It's my understanding that firms specifically exporting CRT material must provide U.S. EPA with written approval from an importing country before shipping the material overseas. Are companies required to do this for any other devices bound for export?

Thanks as always for your help on this, Tricia -

Bobby

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Message

**From:** Lynn, Tricia [lynn.tricia@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 1/17/2018 7:36:45 PM
**To:** thenry@theblade.com
**Subject:** RE: Fwd: Telcall Tom Henry - Madeline Fleisher - Howard Learner 1030 ET - 930 CT

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**From:** Block, Molly
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 17, 2018 2:31 PM
**To:** Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: FOR REVIEW: Toledo Blade (Tom Henry). David Ross Letter to Ohio EPA (1/17)

Tom—

For attribution to "an EPA spokesperson:"

"We don't comment on pending litigation."

Best,

Tricia

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Office: 202.564.2615

**From:** Tom Henry [mailto:thenry@theblade.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 17, 2018 10:21 AM
**To:** Rowan, Anne <rowan.anne@epa.gov>; Rowan, Anne <rowan.anne@epa.gov>; Singer, Joshua <Singer.Joshua@epa.gov>; Singer, Joshua <Singer.Joshua@epa.gov>; Lippert, Allison <lippert.allison@epa.gov>; Arcaute, Francisco <Arcaute.Francisco@epa.gov>; Bassler, Rachel <Bassler.Rachel@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Fwd: Telcall Tom Henry - Madeline Fleisher - Howard Learner 1030 ET - 930 CT

Need comment on this asap.

The Chicago-based Environmental Law & Policy Center is asserting this letter is an admission of error by the U.S. EPA that it (the U.S. EPA) should not have approved the Ohio EPA plan which called for no impairment designation of the open water of western Lake Erie. As you may know, the ELPC filed a 188-page motion for summary judgment with Judge Carr in U.S. District Court here last night, calling for an immediate remedy. It is the group's position that nothing short of an impairment designation is legally binding. It claims the U.S. EPA, through these letters, is now admitting its past action in this matter was "arbitrary, capricious and against the law."

Please address this asap. I had a long talk with the ELPC and am putting together a story now.

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<Lake Erie.USEPA - Ohio 303(d) Withdrawal Letter.Jan 12.2018.pdf>

Message

**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 1/17/2018 7:36:13 PM
**To**: Anna Casey [annacasey@investigatemidwest.org]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Question re: chlorpyrifos label

Anna, still for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

The buffers remain the same. These currently appear on labels and were the result of the 2012 Spray Drift Mitigation Decision for Chlorpyrifos referenced in the previous response. Since that time, the EPA has not made any additional mitigation decisions.

The agency concluded in March 2017 that the science addressing neurodevelopmental effects remains unresolved and further evaluation of the science during the remaining time for completion of registration review is warranted. As a part of the ongoing registration review, we will continue to review the science addressing neurodevelopmental effects of chlorpyrifos.

Cheers, R.

**From:** Anna Casey [mailto:annacasey@investigatemidwest.org]
**Sent:** Thursday, January 11, 2018 5:00 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Question re: chlorpyrifos label

We're hoping to publish early next week. I realize I'm contacting you late in the day, but if you could get a response by Tuesday afternoon that would be great.

Have a good weekend,

Anna

On Thu, Jan 11, 2018 at 3:41 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

> Thanks, Anna. How late can we get back to you? I imagine you're looking to publish soon, right?
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> I'm out of the office tomorrow and we're closed Monday for the federal holiday. Should you and I reconnect next week?
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> **From:** Anna Casey [mailto:annacasey@investigatemidwest.org]
> **Sent:** Thursday, January 11, 2018 4:39 PM
> **To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
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Background: The minimum buffer is 10 feet, but there are larger buffers for some aerial and airblast applications.

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Regards, R.

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**From:** Anna Casey [mailto:annacasey@investigatemidwest.org]
**Sent:** Thursday, January 04, 2018 1:12 PM
**To:** Friedman, Dana <Friedman.Dana@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Question re: chlorpyrifos label

Hi Ms. Friedman,

I saw that you were listed as the contact for the page on chlorpyrifos: https://iaspub.epa.gov/apex/pesticides/f?p=CHEMICALSEARCH:3::NO:1,3,31,7,12,25:P3_XCHEMICAL_ID:1822

Do you know where I can find the most recent EPA-approved label? I was also wondering about the buffer zone restriction. One of the product labels said that the buffer zone around "sensitive areas" was 10 feet. Is that correct?

Thank you,

Anna

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Message

**From:** Alex Howard [ahoward@sunlightfoundation.com]
**Sent:** 3/8/2018 4:24:49 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Re: Why has the Regulations.gov API been shutdown?

Thank you.

On Thu, Mar 8, 2018 at 8:57 AM Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Alex, for attribution, if needed, to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

The eRulemaking program had temporarily instituted some restrictions on API access to prevent service degradation to all users of the eRulemaking system while it evaluated options for balancing data download requests with other uses of the system.

In the next few days, the program will institute a new process for managing API keys.

The program will continue evaluating how to best support multiple uses of the system

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Alex Howard [mailto:ahoward@sunlightfoundation.com]
**Sent:** Friday, March 02, 2018 4:08 PM
**To:** media@epa.gov; Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Why has the Regulations.gov API been shutdown?

We found a notice here: https://regulationsgov.github.io/developers/

We see it's been an issue for over a month: https://github.com/regulationsgov/developers/issues/77

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Message

**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 3/8/2018 3:56:04 PM
**To**: Carignan, Sylvia [scarignan@bloombergenvironment.com]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Guidance documents

Sylvia, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

In a recent memo from Associate Attorney General Rachel Brand, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) made clear that guidance documents cannot be used to create any binding requirements that do not already exist by statute or regulation. Further, guidance documents may not be used to coerce regulated parties to either take action or refrain from action beyond what is required by applicable statute or regulation. EPA agrees that violations must be pled and proved based on applicable statutes and regulations, as set forth in the memo. EPA requires its guidance documents to explicitly state that they do not create any rights, duties, or obligations, implied or otherwise, in any third parties. EPA does not treat guidance as creating binding requirements that do not exist in statutes or rules and does not support efforts to regulate by guidance in the administrative or judicial enforcement context.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Carignan, Sylvia [mailto:scarignan@bloombergenvironment.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, March 08, 2018 9:24 AM
**To:** Carignan, Sylvia <scarignan@bloombergenvironment.com>; Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Guidance documents

Ok, would a deadline of today at 3 pm give you sufficient time?

Sent via mobile device

From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Wednesday, March 7, 4:48 PM
Subject: RE: Guidance documents
To: Carignan, Sylvia
Cc: Lynn, Tricia

Hey Sylvia,

Yes, we're looking into it, but we may not get back to you before tomorrow (as two, or more, offices may end up working on the response).

Tomorrow would be optimal for us. Let me know, please.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Carignan, Sylvia [mailto:scarignan@bloombergenvironment.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 07, 2018 4:20 PM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Guidance documents

Hi all – Is anyone handling this? Are there any responses today?

**From:** Carignan, Sylvia
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 07, 2018 10:08 AM
**To:** 'Press' <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Guidance documents

Hi all,

Hope you're having a good week. I'm looking at DOJ's policy prohibiting its litigators from using agency guidance documents to establish violations in civil enforcement actions.

I'd like to know if that Jan. 25 policy has had any effect on the multiple guidance documents the Superfund task force is developing or revising, including those on the use of special accounts, best management practices for RI/FS, reduced-oversight incentives for PRPs, financial assurance, prospective purchaser agreements, settlements with third parties, reuse of contaminated sites and working with federal facilities.

My deadline is 3 p.m. today. Please let me know when this is received.

Best,
Sylvia

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Message

**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 3/7/2018 7:07:25 PM
**To**: Carignan, Sylvia [scarignan@bloombergenvironment.com]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: TSCA petition

It has indeed. For attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

The agency doesn't comment on pending litigation.

Cheers, R.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 07, 2018 1:30 PM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: TSCA petition

Hi all -- Has this been received?

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**From:** Carignan, Sylvia
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 07, 2018 12:30 PM
**To:** 'Press' <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** TSCA petition

Hi all,

I'm writing a story on this petition from the Environmental Defense Fund regarding EPA's TSCA inventory rule:

http://src.bna.com/wR9

Would the agency like to comment? My deadline is 2 p.m.

Thanks,
Sylvia

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 3/7/2018 4:27:44 PM
**To:** sparker@iwpnews.com
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** RE: proposal on Superfund 'reportable quantities'

Stuart, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

The proposed rule is undergoing interagency review.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Stuart Parker <stuart.parker@iwpnews.com>
**Date:** March 7, 2018 at 11:17:20 AM EST
**To:** <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>, Enesta Jones <Jones.Enesta@epamail.epa.gov>
**Subject: proposal on Superfund 'reportable quantities'**

Tricia, Enesta, Hi.

A proposal on Superfund reporting 'reportable quantities' just went over to White House OMB - there is no entry for it in the Unified Agenda - see below.

**AGENCY:** EPA-OLEM

**RIN:** 2050-AG97 **Status:** Pending Review

**TITLE:** Reportable Quantity Modifications
**STAGE:** Proposed Rule **ECONOMICALLY SIGNIFICANT:** No
** **RECEIVED DATE:** 03/06/2018 **LEGAL DEADLINE:** None

Does this relate in any way to reporting by farms, due in May, of their ammonia and hydrogen sulfide emissions?

What would this proposal do?

Thanks,

Stuart Parker

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**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 1/17/2018 7:10:40 PM
**To**: Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FOR REVIEW - MCIR (Anna Casey) Follow-up: Question re: chlorpyrifos label - DDL ASAP

Suggested answers to the reporter's follow-up questions. Anna Casey – Midwest Center for Investigative Reporting – annacasey@investigatemidwest.org

RESPONSE

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

**From:** Block, Molly
**Sent:** Thursday, January 11, 2018 4:44 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Question re: chlorpyrifos label

Thanks! Let's defer to the program on this one.

**From:** Daguillard, Robert
**Sent:** Thursday, January 11, 2018 4:43 PM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** FW: Question re: chlorpyrifos label

Working with the program unless 3rd floor wants to reuse its earlier statement?

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 3/7/2018 4:26:19 PM
**To:** Jackie Toth [jackietoth@cqrollcall.com]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** RE: Inquiry re: Reportable Quantity Modifications at OMB

Jackie, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

The proposed rule is undergoing interagency review.

Cheers, R.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, March 07, 2018 8:20 AM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Inquiry re: Reportable Quantity Modifications at OMB

Hi all,

Happy Wednesday.

Any insight you can provide into what the "Reportable Quality Modifications" proposed rule from OLEM is, which just went over to OIRA? What is being modified? Any rationale you can share at this point?

Deadline to hear is 12:30pm today.

Thanks as always,
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**From:** White House Press Office [info@mail.whitehouse.gov]
**Sent:** 7/11/2019 9:23:24 PM
**To:** Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Pool Report No. 11 - into the Rose Garden

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**From:** Nikki Schwab <nschwab@nypost.com>

**Date:** July 11, 2019 at 5:19:20 PM EDT

**Subject: Pool Report No. 11 - into the Rose Garden**

Reporters were led into the Rose Garden at 5:16 p.m. for the president's census remarks.

This event is open press.

Also, a couple odds and ends -

Here's a link to a couple pictures I took at the social media event in case reporters want to ID more audience members:
>https://www.dropbox.com/sh/qrzs4ez7nkrhnbm/AAAQ-DNtP_53E6ouocaJCSnAa?dl=0<

Russ Vought, the acting director of OMB, was also at the social media event, I'm told.

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**Sent:** 7/11/2019 8:48:15 PM
**To:** Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Pool Report No. 10 - end of social media event

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**From:** Nikki Schwab <nschwab@nypost.com>

**Date:** July 11, 2019 at 4:44:47 PM EDT

**Subject: Pool Report No. 10 - end of social media event**

On a Federal Reserve chair change:

"I think he's maybe going to change, we'll find out," Trump said.

The lawyer the president brought onstage is Harmeet Dhillon.

"You notice Antifa is never there when we have a bikers rally," Trump also said, mocking members of the group for having skinny arms.

Lila Rose, of Live Action, an anti-abortion group, was also asked to speak.

The president talked about meeting with Google execs, and they acted like his best friend. An audience member called out "liars."

"You must come from Queens," Trump joked.

Discussing "fake news" he said, "I don't think the mainstream media is free speech either."

"To me that's dangerous speech."

He talked about how some prominent conservatives have been banned from top social media sites.

"Some of you I could almost understand. Some of you are out there," he joked.

Trump also announced he would be inviting the heads of social media companies to the White House

over the next month - and would look at what the government can do on “free speech.”

At 4:42 p.m. pool was ushered out.

Trump was answering questions as we left. The first person he picked for one was Sebastian Gorka.

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BACKGROUND PRESS CALL
BY SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS
ON THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO THE G20 SUMMIT
AND TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Via Teleconference

June 24, 2019

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MR. BROWN: Hey, this is Cale Brown from the NSC. I just want to go over the ground rules real quick. First, this briefing is provided on background to senior administration officials. We'd like to embargo the contents until the end of the call, after which you're free to use the material.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Good morning, everyone, from Osaka. I just wanted to highlight what we'll be talking about in the next couple of days. The Sherpa team and I are here to negotiate the final details of the communiqué and obviously the deliverables for the upcoming summit.

The President, so far, has viewed Japan's presidency as a tremendous success. He's very much looking forward to joining Prime Minister Abe and other world leaders in Osaka at the end of the week.

Ultimately, the G20 Summit is an opportunity for leaders of the world to speak frankly with one another about the state of the economy and other issues, including trade, energy,

innovation, workforce development, quality infrastructure, and women's economic empowerment.

In terms of the summit itself, Japan has organized it over a series of two days. They will open the summit with an official welcome and family photo session. They will then host four working group sessions. The first is on growth, trade, and investment. The second is on the digital economy and AI. The third will be on women's workforce participation, the future of work, and the aging crisis. And then, fourth is going to be on environment, energy, and climate.

So, in addition to these two sessions, Japan will host two side events. The first is on the digital economy, and the second is on women's empowerment. All of this will be followed by a closing session, plus a G20 presidency press conference.

So, in terms of what you can anticipate, the G20 is primarily an economic forum. It was created at the leaders' level in 2008, by President Bush, in response to the global financial crisis. So, leaders will be spending a significant amount of time talking about modern challenges to the economy, and there certainly are a significant number that need to be addressed in this forum.

Ultimately, President Trump has been coming into office in pursuit of a pro-jobs, pro-growth agenda, and his policies are working. We've added thousands of new jobs to our economy, every month. Industries are coming back to life, and Americans are excited about the economy. This is in contrast to a lot of other advanced economies who are really struggling with their growth models, unemployment, and consumer confidence in investment.

The United States wants everyone to grow, and we believe that our economic model is one that nations around the world should follow. So we'll be spending a significant amount of time talking about policies that work, including deregulation, tax reform, investment agendas, currency stability, innovation, and economic opportunities for all, including for women.

In addition to growth and prosperity, the President will focus a lot on trade, which is a key component of the pro-jobs, pro-growth strategy. We believe Americans are the most industrious in the world, and we are fully committed to opening up new markets abroad. But in order to do that, it also requires a level playing field. And the modern economic challenges that we're facing today are state-directed economic activity, IP theft, forced technology transfer. Tariffs and

non-tariff barriers are really stifling our ability to take full advantage of the economy and to really grow together. So there will be a tremendous focus on that.

With respect to the digital economy and AI, the President also believes that emerging technologies will have a positive and meaningful impact on all Americans. We're committed to innovation-friendly policies that promote growth for the digital economy. We believe the G20 economies need to work together to advance open, fair, and market-based digital policies, including the free flow of data.

Women's economic empowerment is also a key focus of the Trump administration. We are proud of our record. In February of this year, President Trump launched the W-GDP, which speaks to economically empower 50 million women across the developing world by 2025.

Additionally, we see women's economic empowerment fundamentally as one of trade, economic growth, national security, and global stability. By not allowing women to fully participate in the global economy it is costing the world $12 trillion in global GDP growth. And it is critical that G20 leaders address this issue.

And, finally, on issues related to environment, energy, and climate, we have an environmental record that we are proud of. We are one of the best and most industrious and innovative in the world. And we see the key to growth being a balance between economic growth, energy security, and the protection of the environment. So we very much look forward to discussing that with other world leaders at the summit.

AP Ivanka Trump will also be attending and be giving a keynote address at the Women's Empowerment side event, and as well as participating in one of the sessions specifically related to women's workforce participation.

So that's the rundown that I have of the G20 and the key themes that we hope to hit and push out. I'm happy to answer any questions.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: What I wanted to cover real quick is that while the President is attending the G20 Summit, we anticipate that he will conduct a number of meetings with world leaders. That list includes Prime Minister Morrison of Australia, Prime Minister Abe of Japan, Prime Minister Modi of India, Chancellor Merkel of Germany, President Putin of Russia, Crown Prince Mohammad Bin Salman of Saudi Arabia, President Xi Jinping, China, and President Erdogan, Turkey.

I just wanted to run down that list and then pass it on to the next briefer.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Great, thanks very much. And I'll be happy to take questions as well, together with my colleagues after this.

But I wanted to add that, at the end of the G20, the President will travel onward to Seoul, South Korea. That's going to be late on the afternoon of Saturday, June 29th. He'll have a full schedule the evening of the 29th, and then the following day, Sunday, June 30th. And he'll start that day, the 30th, with a business leaders event, and then he'll have a number of bilateral engagements with President Moon before he departs late Sunday afternoon to return home to Washington, D.C.

And, really, this is President Trump's second visit to Seoul since he took office -- the first trip being in 2017, where he gave a speech at the National Assembly. And he's very much looking forward to being in Korea again and to seeing his ally, President Moon. President Moon was just in Washington in April. And this is just another sign that the alliance between South Korea and the United States is as strong as ever.

I'll pause there for any other briefers and then questions. Thanks.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: I just wanted to say very briefly that the President is anticipating meeting with President Putin at the G20. This is a normal event that happens at these. It's not a formal summit, but it is expected to be a conversation that will focus primarily on regional security issues, including Iran, Ukraine, Syria, the Middle East. They should also touch on arms control issues and on improving the bilateral relationship. There's no formal agenda, but these are the expected topics for discussion.

Q Hello, this is Kylie Sertic with Kyodo News. I have a question about the proposed meetings with other leaders, specifically President Putin and President Xi. Do we have a timeline for when those meetings are expected? And then a second question, if I may: When the President travels to Seoul, is he going to visit the DMZ? And what will be the agenda there?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: So, let me start just with the second question, first, and then I'll ask my

colleagues to see whether they're able to say anything specifically about the timings of the Putin and Xi meeting.

But we're not going into details of the President's schedule yet. There are some things that they're still coming together. And so -- unfortunately, I don't have any confirmation of -- for your question. Thanks.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: It's the same answer on Russia. We're still working on the final details of the President's schedule, so we're not releasing any times.

Q Hi, thank you. This is Dave Nakamura with the Washington Post. The President is going to this large gathering of world leaders and meeting, as you said, bilaterally with many of them on such -- with a number of his key foreign policy projects really, kind of, in the balance here. You have the trade negotiations with China. You have North Korea talks stalled right now. You have what's happening with Iran, Venezuela, Middle East peace.

I wonder if one or more of you could just talk a little bit whether the President is expected to make major progress or some sort of breakthrough in any of these issues, or whether you're concerned at all that he has, sort of, too many balls in the air right now, and sort of whether the President is feeling pressured to sort of break through on any of these at this time and how you expect maybe he can do so at this particular summit.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Yeah. Thanks, David. I mean, speaking on North Korea and China, you know, in terms of trade talks, I think you've heard the President say publicly on a number of occasions that he's quite comfortable with where we are, and he's quite comfortable with any outcome of those talks. So it's really just, you know, an opportunity for the President to maintain his engagement, as he has, very closely with his Chinese counterpart. Even as trade frictions persist, he's got the opportunity to see where the Chinese side is since the talks last left off. But again, the President is quite comfortable with any outcome.

With North Korea, you saw the President even speaking today about the fact that he'd received a birthday (inaudible) from Kim. He feels that he has a relationship that will allow the door to remain open. He's keeping the door open for diplomacy with Kim, but he also has made clear that the nukes have got to go; that he's looking for the final and fully verified denuclearization of North Korea.

So I don't think the President is feeling any pressure on

either of those accounts. But I'll let my colleagues speak on the other areas.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: On the Iran issue in particular, I think this is a chance for the President to engage with a number of different international leaders, among our closest partners and allies, to obtain their support and to have discussions about how we can encourage Iran to enter into negotiations and to respond to the President's diplomacy with diplomacy, instead of terrorism and nuclear blackmail.

Q Hi, this is Jordyn Phelps with ABC. Two quick questions. When the President is in South Korea, is there any possibility that he might meet with Kim Jong Un? And does the President have a specific message for Putin as it relates to election interference when the two sit down?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Yeah, Jordyn, there are no plans for the meeting that you just mentioned. The President is there to see President Moon. Of course, they're going to talk about North Korea and they're going to talk about the U.S.-South Korea alliance. But, you know, they've got a lot of ground to cover in two days. And then he's coming back to D.C.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: With regard to the message for Putin, I think the President's message on election interference is well known and he will be repeating it.

Q It's Roberta Rampton with Reuters. You had mentioned that you're there working on the communiqué, and I'm wondering whether you think it's likely that the leaders will come to an agreement, to a joint agreement, on all of these various thorny issues.

And secondly, if I might ask about the meeting with the Crown Prince. What is the goal for that meeting? Thanks.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Roberta, thanks so much for the question. You know, this communiqué is no different than any other in that ultimately it will depend on the final outcome as to whether or not it truly reflects consensus among the G20 economies. I mean, we're certainly here and working towards that. The President is reviewing it. And we'll see where we get to at the end of the week.

And I'll defer to my colleague on the question about Saudi Arabia.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: On the President's meeting with Mohammad Bin Salman, the intent is to discuss the

escalation in the region as a result of Iran's recent provocative acts. And I think they're exchanging views on how to address (inaudible) regional stability.

Q Hi. This is Owen Churchill with the South China Morning Post. Thanks for doing this. Perhaps a question for [senior administration official], if I may. A couple of questions. One, the first being anything you can tell us about the format of the meeting with President Xi Jinping. Will it be similar to the meeting in Buenos Aires with a formal sit-down dinner with members of the delegation?

And then the second question: Going into that meeting, what, if any, flexibility does the U.S. side have going into those discussions in order to secure the commitments from Beijing that were lost during the breakdowns in the talks in May? For example, will that be a relaxation of tariffs? Will that be on the table? Or easing of the U.S. government's restrictions on Huawei, as the President has alluded to a couple of times over the past few months? Thanks a lot.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Yeah, thanks very much for the question. You know, in terms of format, I don't think we have any details yet that we're prepared to share given that things are -- you know, there are a lot of things that need to be shuffled to give every leader that President Trump meets with ample time to cover the things they need to cover. So I don't have any details for you on that.

You know, I'll leave it to our trade negotiators, the questions related to what they are and are not discussing ahead of the leaders getting together.

But again, you know, the goal here, as the President has said many, many times, and I'm sure he'll make clear again, is that the purpose of these discussions is to rebalance the economic relationship in a way that protects U.S. economic prosperity and workers. And of course, that also means the kinds of structural changes that would need to take place to protect intellectual property.

It means also that there needs to be credible enforcement of any deal for their (inaudible).

Q Hi. This is Tom Howell from the Washington Times. You mentioned that Trump doesn't have any plans to meet with Kim Jong Un, but in meeting with President Moon, what do you expect to hear from Moon? Do you expect him to offer or push for any flexibility on (inaudible) talks, or present any kind of compromise? What's his role in this?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Yeah, thanks for the question. You know, I think that, in terms of what President Moon and President Trump will cover: You know, on North Korea, they'll certainly compare notes of the situation in North Korea. There's certainly -- I would imagine, that trade would be a topic of conversation as well. They'll just be coming from Osaka. But, of course, the South Korea-U.S. trade relationship has improved quite a bit since the beginning of the year when the updated Korea-U.S. Free Trade Agreement was signed. So they'll take stock of that as well.

But I don't want to speak for President Moon and -- or guess as to his talking points. Thanks.

Q Hi. (Inaudible) with the Wall Street Journal. I know you've been asked a couple times about the China trade talk discussion, but do you anticipate it will be on the front-end of this visit, on the back-end? And again, if you can share any more insights into the planning on what format it will be.

And also, what essentially does the President want to get? You kind of outlined in really broad terms. I mean, is the expectation here to get restarted talks and then to move on, you know, in the coming weeks? Or do you anticipate having some sort of a more formal agreement with, essentially, a deal?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Yeah, thanks. Again, I can't give you specific timing, although it's more likely to be the second day. In other words, the final day of the G20 is when the U.S. and Chinese leaders will be sitting down.

And I just don't want to get ahead of our negotiators or the President. I think that the U.S. position is well known at this point. It's pretty well known publicly; it's certainly well known by the Chinese. You've seen some of the Chinese statements that have been put out in that whitepaper a couple weeks ago, and so forth.

So, you know, I think those are important reference points of where we are, going into the G20 week. Thank you.

Q Hi. This is Lucia Leal with EFE. I was wondering if the President is planning to have any interaction or pull-asides with any of his Latin American counterparts -- the Brazilian, the Argentinian, or even the Mexican foreign minister? And secondly, will he talk about Venezuela in his meeting with President Putin?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: As I said, there's no formal

agenda for the meeting with President Putin, but Venezuela may very well be one of the subjects of discussion. I'm not aware of any other scheduled meetings with the representatives from Latin American countries, but at a meeting like this, it is normal that there is interaction with all of the participants.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Yeah. I wouldn't say the list I provided earlier is exhausted. There could be additions. Thanks. Next question.

Q Yes. Hi, this is Haik Gugarats with Argus Media. I'm curious if you expect the President and the delegation to raise a new initiative on enhancing maritime security for oil shipping in the Middle East, and what sort of commitments do you expect to get if so.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Thanks. I suspect that regional stability is going to be a topic of conversation with regional and international partners over the course of several engagements, including the G20.

I know Secretary Pompeo has been in the region, as you know, traveling in order to ascertain both the nature of the threat and the willingness of regional partners and those with an economic stake in the free and sustained access to the region's resources.

And I think that it's preliminary. I don't think we've gotten to the point yet where we've got a concrete request or demand from the parties in question, including those that were recently attacked by Iran, in the case of the six vessels over the last four weeks.

But I do think that there will be a focus in the conversation, as Secretary Pompeo has laid the foundations to obtain broader consensus on securing freedom of navigation in the Middle East that Iran has recently threatened. Thanks.

Q Yes, hi. Following up on that question, will there be any specific asks at all of any country in terms of the number of ships or the amount of security they may provide?

And secondly, will there be any discussion of release from sanctions waivers on Iran -- Iranian crude oil?

Q So, to the second part of the question first, I'm not aware of any requests for additional waivers. Our intent on specifically petroleum is to go to zero, as you know, and we're well on our way to doing it.

I'd point out that, at the inauguration, Iran was exporting, on average, 2.5 million barrels a day per month, and they're now, according to June -- commercial available data -- under 400,000 barrels per day over the course of the month. So a significant impact, but we're not done yet. And as the actions the President took today on the Supreme Leader and his Office indicate, we will continue (inaudible) on economic pressure.

To your second point in terms of specific requests, I'd defer you to the countries themselves. So, we have yet to receive a request formally from a nation asking for escort accompaniment or reflagging for the purpose of securing their transit through the Strait.

But we have been in discussions with our partners, our allies, and those affected by the threat that Iran constitutes to freedom of navigation. And so, the discussions will continue. But I'm, as yet, unaware of a specific request, but we are familiar with what we have been required to do in the past, unfortunately, in order to protect international shipping from the Iranian threat, and it is certainly something that is under active consideration. But as yet, no specifics have been released. Thanks.

Q Hi. It's Don Lee from the LA Times. You said that the President would be quite comfortable with any outcome from his talks with President Xi. And so I just want to understand -- so he'd be quite comfortable if there's no progress and no redemption of negotiations and tariffs if $300 billion more of goods take effect?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Yeah, I'd refer you to the President's comments. He's comfortable that we're in a strong position. The tariffs that he's put in place -- and remember, the original purpose of those tariffs were to address theft of American intellectual property. It was designed to address the forced technology transfers by American companies. They're basically coercing American companies to give up their intellectual properties as the price of gaining access to the Chinese market.

That was some of the original intent. And China, unwisely, decided to retaliate against that. And so President imposed other tariffs. We're collecting a lot of money for that. We've seen a lot of companies leaving China. And the U.S. economy is stronger than it's been in many, many decades, so he's quite comfortable with his vision going into this meeting.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: This is [senior

administration official] on the trade side, just to, you know, agree with everything that my colleague has said. And ultimately, the President has been quite clear that he needs to see structural, real reform in China across a number of issues and a number of sectors. And nothing about that has changed. The fact that the talks broke down in May hasn't changed that as the ultimate goal of where this would need to go.

So the two leaders will get together, assess where they're at, and then go from there.

MR. BROWN: Thanks. Appreciate everybody joining today. Just to reiterate the ground rules: It was on background, and attribution is to a senior administration official. And, as the call is concluding, the embargo is lifted. Thanks so much for being here. Appreciate it.

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SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Thank you so much everyone for joining today's call with an update on the whole-of-government effort to support state, local, territorial, and tribal partners -- the owners of election security -- to ensure the security and resilience of the U.S. electoral process.

My name is Lauren Ehrsam, and I'm the White House National Security Council Office for Strategic Communications, Director for Strategic Communications.

This call will be on background to senior administration officials. I will note their specific attributions as we go. We will also mention their names on this call for your knowledge, but that is not for reporting purposes.

While we do not expect to make much news on this call today, all information is embargoed until the end of the call. By staying on this call, you are agreeing to these terms. We will take a few questions at the end of the call; however, we will not have follow-up today.

Joining us for the call, we will have the following names. And I'll get you attributions before each of their names, as well as attribution before they speak.

[Names omitted.]

The agencies and departments on this call are the ones carrying the water for these efforts. At the end of this call, we will list contact information for each agency and department on the call so that you can contact them with specific questions to the roles that they play and the efforts that they have as it relates to election security.

You can also always email the NSC press office for these contacts at DL.Press@nsc.eop.gov. I am, of course, reachable at Lauren@nsc.eop.gov.

With that, I'm going to turn it over to [senior administration official] to give an overview of the coordinating efforts led by the National Security Council. This will be on background to a senior administration official.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Good afternoon, and thank you for your time today. As we pull together the unprecedented coordination across the federal government to combat the potential influence and interference in the 2018 midterm elections, we also recognize that the 2020 elections would continue to have an evolving risk environment that would require us to double down on our effort and be even stronger than we had been for our 2018

efforts.

With that in mind, we work across the federal government to pull together all of the expertise -- from law enforcement to intelligence, domestic security and defense -- to look at those two key problems of potential interference and potential influence on the 2020 election, and wanted to make sure that we got a very good head start on those and that we coordinated these efforts as best we could.

So what you will hear today from our law enforcement, intelligence, domestic security, and defense officials will be a comprehensive set of actions that represent the start of what we are doing to combat threats to the 2020 campaigns and the 2020 election cycle.

It also represents how the administration is committed to combatting these threats from all sources and to supporting states and localities, and their elected administrators, as they recapitalize and buy new equipment; as they implement new security protocols for their election systems not just for casting votes, but for the entire landscape and system of systems necessary to execute elections; from registering voters all the way through to certifying and communicating results after the vote has occurred, and even risk limiting audits after that.

As we have done before, we continue to look for potential lessons learned, not just after an election happens, but at every step along the way, with every single engagement we do, with states and localities, with the private sector, and with our federal partners here.

And I think (inaudible) today that we've actually learned a lot as we've pulled this together in the last couple of years. We continue to learn, we continue to identify ways to do better, and, most of all, we continue to be responsive to the needs of those election administrators and really provide them good, solid

guidance but not go any further than we would need to in respecting our system of federalism.

So with that, we've capitalized on some longstanding relationships and longstanding efforts of the federal government to work with states and localities in support of elections. We've pulled in some innovative use of existing authorities across the federal government and pulled into a comprehensive effort that you'll hear more about today.

So with that, let me go ahead and turn it over to the Department of Justice and they can tell you about their effort.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Thank you. And good afternoon, everyone. Thank you for joining us today.

Election security has been for a long time, and remains today, a priority for the Department of Justice. We have long been working with state and local officials for decades to respond to investigate and prosecute ballot fraud, which is a term we use to describe fraud in the process by which voters are registered, where votes are cast or tabulated.

Every U.S. Attorney's Office across the country has a designated District Election Officer who is an AUSA trained to work with state and local officials, as appropriate, to investigate potential ballot fraud and related crime.

And every office also has a national security cyber specialist, who is a prosecutor with a security clearance who is also trained to investigate and prosecute computer crime. And the FBI field offices around the country have (inaudible) counterparts, and their representatives will discuss them with you in a moment.

These nationwide networks of officials are connected to us at main Justice and FBI headquarters for resources, training, guidance, and

support in responding to incidents.

Our principal role at the Department, when it comes to election security, is the investigation and prosecution of federal crimes, like computer hacking. But, of course, to the best of our ability, we're going to try to prevent crimes from occurring in the first place or disrupt them in progress by sharing information that enables people and local officials to protect themselves.

Reflecting the priority of these issues, chapter one of the Attorney General's Cyber-Digital Task Force Report last summer analyzed the types of foreign influence operations that we've identified and laid out a framework to guide our responses.

I recommend reviewing that chapter for more information on our perspective because it lays out the different categories of malign foreign influence activity that could target elections, ranging from computer hacking of election infrastructure, which is our highest priority at the Department, and covert efforts to assist or undermine a campaign, all the way over to covert, socially divisive messaging campaigns and state-sponsored media.

It also -- the report, that is -- sets out a policy guiding how we'll use the information gathered during our investigation of malign foreign influence, including the factors that will guide any decision we make to publicize a foreign influence operation.

Those factors bear emphasis here because the decision about whether to publicly disclose a foreign influence operation may not be a straightforward one. The ultimate question is going to be whether the federal or national interests in doing so -- publicly disclosing it -- outweigh any counter veiling consideration. And disclosing a foreign influence operation might do more harm than good because it might draw more attention to an operation that would otherwise go unnoticed.

We also need to protect sensitive sources and methods, we need to encourage cooperation by the (inaudible) victim, and we need to avoid even the appearance of partisanship.

Since 2016, the Department has taken a number of steps to combat malign foreign influence and support (inaudible) elections. And they include establishing the Foreign Influence Taskforce at FBI, increasing information-sharing with social media companies; improving enforcement of the Foreign Agents Registration Act; and charging a number of cases that have exposed foreign influence efforts, supported financial sanctions on individuals and entities, and held responsible parties accountable.

And so we enter the 2020 election cycle attentive to the threat, organized in our approach, and prepared to do our part in the whole-of-society efforts to uphold the integrity of our democratic process.

I'll turn it over to Lauren.

MS. EHRSAM: Thank you so much. And with that, I'm going to turn it over to [senior intelligence official]. This is on background to a senior intelligence official.

SENIOR INTELLIGENCE OFFICIAL: Thank you, Lauren. And thank you to everyone on the call this afternoon. Today, I just want to cover a bit about the intelligence community's posture, and then share with you the wavetops of the threats that we're tracking, as it relates to 2020.

As both my colleagues from the Department of Justice as well as the NSC have covered, we're focused on both infrastructure security as well as foreign influence operations. And it's the responsibility of the intelligence community to bring the strengths and expertise and scope of the sources that we use in the intelligence community to bear against this critical problem.

We use that information, one, as my colleague mentioned, to provide potential warnings across the interagency as to where threats are coming from; to downgrade information to share most appropriately with our state and local election officials so they can best utilize that to defend both their networks and their broader responsibilities on elections; and then also to enable policy discussions as it relates to, for example, the executive order and whether or not we will execute additional sanctions against foreign parties that do interfere with elections.

From our perspective, covering infrastructure, we do believe that the 2020 elections are a potential target for state and non-state cyber actors, and we continue to observe unknown actors' attempts at suspicious and malicious activities against Internet-connected infrastructure periodically. And my colleagues from DHS and the FBI can cover that in greater detail.

We currently, however, from intelligence sources, have no indication that any foreign adversary has disrupted or corrupted elements of the election infrastructure, such as voting machines and/or vote tally systems that are preparing for the 2020 general election.

As my colleague covered, foreign influence operations remain a considerable area of concern for us as well, and we are tracking efforts from several countries to influence the U.S. elections -- or influence the U.S. political environment in a way that could affect results.

As an example, I think you're well familiar with Russia's continuous use of social media and Russian-controlled or influenced English-language media, false flag operations, or sympathetic spokespersons, or other tools to inflame positions on both ends of issues. Russia's goal is to pit Americans against each other because they believe, at this juncture, a divided America is

consistent with their strategic interests.

China, on the other hand, funds several English-language media outlets to influence perceptions of Beijing and influence of Chinese-language print and broadcast media in the U.S. to influence the U.S. political environment to promote their interests and policy preferences on various issues, including trade relations.

And, lastly, of course, no surprise to you: Iran is increasing their use of social media to promote strategic goals and perspectives to the American public. Its influence campaigns have included denigrating U.S. decisions to leave JCPOA, downplaying the effectiveness of sanctions, and promoting pro-Iranian interests.

In addition, the IC supports and brings this information to bear against all of the programs that you'll hear discussed by DHS NSCI this afternoon.

And that concludes our comments, and I will turn it over to my colleague from DHS CISA.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Thank you, Lauren. And thank you to all of you for being on the phone. And thank you to my colleagues for their prior comments. At DHS and CISA, our focus has been and remains working to protect our 2020 elections through three primary channels.

The first is our continued and ongoing work to protect the election infrastructure by partnering with our state and local officials who own and operate those systems. Currently, we are working with all 50 states and more than 1,700 jurisdictions to share information and to help manage risks and threats to the election infrastructure.

In addition, we have extended our support and engagement to campaign and party infrastructure. Throughout 2018, we worked with

both major political parties to help provide information and support and services, and we're expanding that reach now through outreach to the presidential campaigns.

Recently, DHS, ODNI, the FBI, and DOJ held a meeting with all presidential campaigns to provide a background on the threat and risk, as well as the support and service available to them from DHS. All of these services, as with state and local officials, are free and widely available to the political parties.

In addition, we're focused on increasing our information-sharing and support across the board through our intelligence-sharing partners. As my colleague from ODNI just mentioned, we're engaged and continue to engage in understanding -- broadening our understanding to the threats targeting election infrastructure, as well as campaigns and disinformation.

We're also engaged with the private sector, including all major social media companies, and sharing information and working to understand the scope and nature of disinformation attempts across the board, as well as academia and other private sector or government-based entities, to share information.

Finally, I want to speak to the priorities that we have moving forward for Protect 2020, specific to election infrastructure. As I mentioned, we're working with all 50 states and over 1,700 jurisdictions, and our priority this year is to broaden that reach to the county election officials working with the state election officials.

So there are over 8,800 jurisdictions in the United States that run elections, and working with the states, we'd like to find a way to reach as many of those as possible with not just our support and services, but signing up for things like the Election Infrastructure Information-Sharing and Analysis Center so that they can have, at the tip of their fingers, information regarding

threats and risks to their systems that they own and operate.

Also, we're prioritizing a better understanding of risk to these systems by working directly with the private sector and the states and counties to understand how they view risk, how their systems are configured and set up, and to help them better manage the risk to those systems.

And, finally, our last priority is the increase of information-sharing of these state and local officials, as well as the political parties. Working with both the intelligence community as well as the private sector security firms, we're looking at ways to ensure that state and local officials, the private sector, and political parties have access to timely and actionable information to help them manage risk to their systems as well as understand the threat as we head into 2020.

We do this in a variety of ways, including using the Information-Sharing and Analysis Center I previously mentioned, providing classified briefings, as well as pushing out private sector analysis through our partners in the security firms.

So, with that, I'll hand it back to Lauren, and I look forward to your questions. Thank you.

MS. EHRSAM: Thanks so much. Next up, we'll have [senior law enforcement officials] from FBI, on background to senior law enforcement officials.

SENIOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL: Thank you, Lauren. And thank you for everyone being on the phone call today.

So the FBI is laser-focused on the issue of foreign influence and election security, so I really appreciate you giving us the time so we can explain how we frame this issue and how we're tackling it from an FBI perspective.

The FBI and our partners around the table mounted an extensive effort to protect the midterm election. And, safe to say, we haven't relaxed our efforts. We are certainly focused on the job ahead, which obviously is protecting the 2020 presidential election.

The FBI's effort in this space is led by our Foreign Influence Task Force, or the FITF, which is focused on identifying and countering malign foreign influence operations targeting the United States.

The Task Force, which was first established by Director Wray in the fall of 2017, was originally primarily focused on Russia. We've since expanded our scope to look at any nation-state actors involved in foreign influence, including China, Iran, and North Korea, among others.

The FITF is comprised of special agents, intelligence analysts, and professional support staff from across all of our major operational divisions, and is housed within the FBI's counterintelligence division.

Our focus here today is on protecting the 2020 elections, but it's important to note that foreign influence operations are continuous and not only conducted around election time. Therefore, the FITF's effort in this space is continuous as well.

So when you look at our efforts to fight foreign influence, it primarily falls into three areas:

First and foremost, it's certainly our investigations and operations. In concert with our colleagues over at DOJ, we work with our FBI field offices around the country to investigate foreign influence operations and prioritize those operations for this election.

We also look at information and intelligence-sharing. We work closely with other intelligence agencies, state and local law enforcement partners, and election officials to detect, disrupt, and deter our adversaries. We're also working closely with our international partners who are facing the threat of foreign influence as well. And with these partners, we share intelligence and strategies so that we can each better protect our country.

And lastly, it's the private sector engagement, which you've heard several of our colleagues mention as well. It includes a great deal of importance on sharing information, especially threat indicators with U.S. companies, especially social media companies, tech companies, and election service providers to know their platform (inaudible) and can take actions to protect them.

As we move forward, we'll continue to work with our colleagues across the communities to ensure we are messaging the threat in a unified and thoughtful manner. Just last month, the FBI, DHS, and ODNI provided threat briefings for the 2020 presidential campaign on the threat of foreign influence and how to guard against it.

We talked about the FBI's Protected Voices initiative, which provides information on how political campaigns can fend off efforts by foreign agents, criminals, or anyone else who tries to (inaudible) technology infrastructure.

We've also produced a series of short videos on good cyber practices. The videos can be found on our public website, and the information should be helpful to the general public as well.

I know it sounds simple, but it's really crucial for campaigns to have good cyber habits to reduce their vulnerability to intrusions.

As the lead investigative agency when it comes to malicious

cyber activity against election infrastructure and foreign influence operations, we know we have a lot of important work to do regarding the foreign influence threat.

And naturally, we'll continue to do the traditional work we've been doing for a long time as it relates to elections. This work includes investigating voter and ballot fraud, civil rights violations, voter suppression issues, and campaign finance violations.

Again, I just want to thank you for your time as we discuss our efforts against the serious and pervasive threats.

MS. EHRSAM: Thank you so much. Next up, from DOD, we will have [senior administration official]. This is on background to a senior administration official.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Hey. Thank you for being on the call on really such an important topic. Appreciate the time.

So, from the Department of Defense perspective, we have several roles and responsibilities that primarily, when needed, the DOD -- the Department of Defense -- provides really specialized critical support to our other U.S. government partners. Primarily, that's with DHS, FBI, and the intelligence community that you've just heard described. And we do that, really, through information-sharing, (inaudible) compromise and as needed.

Specifically, DOD supports DHS and its responsibility to coordinate the overall federal effort to promote security and the resiliency of the nation's critical infrastructure, which includes elections infrastructure in this particular case. Likewise, DOD supports FBI in countering adversary efforts to influence our election.

What's unique from a Department of Defense perspective is,

when you look at our strategy and some of the new roles and responsibilities that we've adopted to really focus on external threats, the Department seeks the preempt the (inaudible) of (inaudible) malicious cyber activity targeting national critical infrastructure, which includes the elections in particular, (inaudible) by defending (inaudible) to stop threats really before they reach the homeland.

And we see election security really as an enduring mission. I think if you had asked the Department a couple years ago, that would not have been on the list of things that we would have (inaudible). Based on our experience in the midterm elections and really going forward for the foreseeable future, we see that as an enduring mission for the Department.

And so, alongside our U.S. government partners, we're ready to support and look forward to your comments and questions.

MS. EHRSAM: Thank you so much. With that, we will go ahead and take a few questions. As a reminder, this will be attributable, on background, to each of their respective attributions.

With that, we'll go ahead -- and there will not be follow-up questions today. With that, I'll go ahead and turn it back to the operator who can give you directions on how to join the queue for questions.

Q As you know, the previous administration decided not to give specific warnings to specific counties that were the victims of cyberattacks. What’s the policy on that now? And who’s responsible for giving that notice?

MS. EHRSAM: Really quickly, would you mind stating your name and which outlet you’re from?

Q I’m sorry. The operator was talking to me when you said

that. It's Pete Williams from NBC News. Pardon me.

MS. EHRSAM: Thanks so much, Pete.

SENIOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL: So there are two issues at play when we make determinations at the U.S. government and as law enforcement on identifying victims of malicious cyber activity. One consideration is whether the information is classified. And, as you may be aware, the intelligence community has a rigorous process for determining whether and when information can be taken out of the classified channels.

The reason that may be the case is that, for the Department of Justice and the FBI, we receive information about cyber intrusions from a variety of means, including ongoing contact with victims, investigations of threat actors from other members of the intelligence community, and from foreign partners. So depending on the source of that information, it may carry special handling and sharing restrictions.

The other aspect to consider is that victims who work with the FBI do so because they trust that we'll protect and handle their information appropriately. For example, the majority of technical information that we were able to give election officials during the 2016 timeframe was initiated from this type of trusted outreach.

The overall goal to keep in mind as we identify and work with victims is that the victim notification and identification process is intended to mitigate ongoing and future intrusions at the targeted entities. So the victim that receives the notification is whom we have (inaudible) individual organization or corporation that is best positioned, as the owner or operator of the computer that was intruded upon, to mitigate the compromise.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Just to make sure it's clear, I think your question was who will notify counties or states and when

that will happen. And that's a slightly different question from when he might say something publicly identifying a state or a county.

And so I think my colleague began her answer with the complexities of why we might not say something publicly. We're obviously going to work as hard as we can and as fast as we can, as I suggested in my remarks, to let any hacking victim know what they can -- at least the most we can let them know to help them protect themselves, consistent with countervailing considerations, like (inaudible).

So I think there was a little bit of a premise buried in your question about us not telling someone something, and I want to push back gently on that, but we might have to follow up at another time.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Thank you, Lauren. And, Pete, thank you for your question. As part of our work that we've done with what's called our "Government Coordinating Council," which is an advisory council made up of state and local election officials, we've actually established communications protocols for exactly this purpose: so that it's understood how and when DHS will share information with state and local officials, how they will do incident response -- so how DHS will respond to an incident, work with the victim. We have the same process in place as the FBI -- that we work with the victim and protect the anonymity of the victim.

But what we do, as part of this, is collect information from the incident response that we then share in an anonymized fashion broadly with the entire community. And so our commitment is always to take whatever information we can, anonymize it as part of incident response, and then share it broadly across the election community so they can have the benefit of understanding what steps they can take to prevent a similar type of incident and manage

risks to their systems.

Q Michael Wilner, with McClatchy. And thanks again for doing this call. One of you mentioned that you're tracking several countries' efforts to influence 2020, quote, "in a way that could affect results." And I'm wondering how you -- what kind of analysis goes into that statement. How do you measure efforts to influence that could affect results?

SENIOR INTELLIGENCE OFFICIAL: So to clarify my comments is that -- as you understand, of course, elections are an exercise of a political activity or political process. And so we see our adversaries capitalizing, in many ways, on existing political factors within the United States that either, A, will just sow discord to the point where we are not as effective as a country or a decision-making government, as much as we would like. Or, two, actually might drive one particular political outcome over another. And so, to your point, it's not necessarily affecting a tally, a vote, but might influence the voting population towards one outcome or another.

I do think your question is a good one in terms of how do we best assess that issue, and it gets back to my colleagues comments for the FBI on the cyber side as well the foreign influence side in terms of how can you actually measure the impact and effect of something that is so broadly distributed through social media. I think that's something that's not entirely the intelligence community's responsibility. And we have actually seen some progress in the private sector, particularly in academia, that examines in a much broader sense how these social issues are (inaudible) or exacerbated by foreign intelligence services.

Q Hi, this is Eric Geller from Politico. One of the things that the President has said, actually repeatedly, on this topic is that everybody should be using paper ballots and that that's the most secure way to run an election. And this is backed up by pretty

much every independent expert.

Why hasn't the administration then come out and put some force behind the President's words and say, "We support a requirement to use paper," even if some counties may feel like it's less convenient, because it is, in fact, as pretty much every expert says, undoubtedly more secure?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Yeah, Eric. Thanks for the question. As you know, starting with Secretary Nielsen and throughout, auditability and the need to have auditable systems -- that auditable record, by which, if need be, we can go back and verify or validate the results of the election -- is something that we've been stressing. Secretary Nielsen referred to it as a matter of national security. And we've continued with Director Krebs to stress and push the importance of auditability in that regard.

So I think that's been consistent across the board with DHS as we've gone out and talked with state and local officials about the importance of that auditable record and that need to have good, consistent audits after the election.

Q Yes, its David Sanger from the New York Times. I'd like to ask -- go back to, I believe, it was the Justice Department briefer who was discussing the question of whether or not you would make public evidence of influence operations, and say that, at some moments -- because you didn't want to draw attention to it, or because it was classified, or you didn't want to expose sources and methods -- you may choose not to.

I realize this is a vexing problem because you're sort of in a tough spot either way. But if you withhold evidence of this, and then of course it becomes an issue -- later on, somebody discovers it; it's made public by a private group, as happened in the 2016 election -- the government looks like it's behind.

So can you talk a little more about the factors that would go into this and whether there would be a presumption of making it public?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Hi, David. The most full treatment of this is in the appendix to chapter one of the Cyber-Digital Task Force Report, which lays out the different factors. I think it speaks to exactly what you're describing.

We are, you know, cognizant of the benefits of visibility, and that's why we've charged -- part of the reason why we've charged some of the cases we have charged, is that there's a benefit to illuminating the efforts of a foreign adversary. But it doesn't necessarily make sense to say everything we know, when we know it, because it could compromise our ability to collect and thereby protect our systems, or you might end up putting more wind in the sails of a foreign influence operation that might not otherwise be noted.

So you are right that there are hard choices to be made, and that's why the Justice Department's policy ultimately comes down to a fairly broad question, which is: Is there a federal or national interest in being public? And that requires us to look at all these different factors, probably as an interagency in many cases, and make the best decision we can make. I don't think there is a simple hard and fast rule.

SENIOR INTELLIGENCE OFFICIAL: I think, as my colleague mentioned, we have practices in place that handle the cyber aspect of this, from the foreign influence side of the house, which you've heard us talk about as well. (Inaudible) recognize and I appreciate your empathy how vexing of a problem this is.

I think two aspects that my colleague and I have worked on together is, one, we recognize that much of the foreign influence issues are wading into a space that Americans are already participating -- into constitutionally protected speech. And so,

from an intelligence perspective -- and you heard my colleagues from DOD and FBI already mention this -- our goal is to actually stop that foreign (inaudible) before it happens or as it's happening.

So it's less about highlighting for the public that there might a problem. We actually want to stop it from happening, whether we do that through cyber channels or diplomatic channels or other operations, to actually remove the foreign intelligence influence from the (inaudible) political landscape.

So you have both a cyber aspect of this, where we notify cyber victims. And then, from an influence perspective, we're trying to best manage -- and whether that's working with the social media companies or, as I said, engaging in cyber operations, we're trying to remove the (inaudible) from the playing field, so to speak.

Q This is Karen Rubin from News & Photo Features. I'm just curious how the FBI officials would act when this President has attacked and demeaned the FBI officials who looked into Russian interference during the 2016 campaign. He's put people on notice that that is not appropriate.

I also question how you are counting -- or what would be the remedy if you do require audits, or a losing candidate requires an audit, and it shows that enough votes were switched in order to turn the election? What would be the remedy?

SENIOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIAL: So I won't get into hypotheticals in (inaudible) whatsoever. And I will say that we are not looking backwards; we are focused on the 2020 presidential election. That is where our effort is, and we will continue to move forward in that space, in concert with our partners around the table.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Just to follow up on that, our Attorney General has made clear, publicly and privately, how

important this issue is to him and what our marching orders are in order to address these threats.

And to clarify something that the IC said earlier, we don't presume or attempt to measure the impact of social media content on what people think. It's not something I think we know how to do, and I don't think we'd be very good at it if we tried.

With that, we aren't looking at whether people's minds are changed in a way that affects how they vote. We are focused on whether, when they vote, that vote is accurately recorded and tabulated, which is principally the responsibility of the state officials. And we are there to help them, but it is the states that will certify the validity of a counted ballot. And we are there to support them in doing that.

Q Yes, hello. This is Chris Bing with Reuters. Given some of the recent news around deterrence with Russia and the planting of implants in Russian infrastructure, I was just hoping you could talk a little bit more about the Defend Forward strategy, as well as how the DOD assesses the risk of escalation during these types of operations -- whether something is ultimately going to lead to deterrence, or it can have the reverse effect and escalate a situation and ultimately cause greater threat to the United States. Thank you.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Our Defend Forward strategy was really built to accomplish two things: One was to emphasize the unique role that the department played -- focus on external threats. And so anytime we begin to consider an action against an external threat, we roll through a lot of assessments alongside all of our interagency partners to understand risks in a lot of different varieties to include any escalatory dynamics that might be at play.

We do that in a very transparent manner. Again, we've put in place

-- Congress has cooperated with statutes (inaudible), and the legality of activities are clear in terms of what is in the field of operations for the Department of Defense. And we've worked on the process so that we can make decisions in a timely fashion. And so that's a well-established process. And we've worked very hard and alongside all of our partners here at the table.

The other purpose for the Defend Forward construct is really in support of the DHS and FBI and intelligence community, domestically. If you were to look back in the rearview mirror, there really was very limited interactions from the Department of Defense alongside DHS and FBI in particular for elections support.

When you look at other critical infrastructure segments -- like the energy sector, DOE; financial sector, the Department of Treasury; et cetera -- what we've outlined is how the department can provide support, whether that's information-sharing, as been described with the election, or in a dynamic where we have an incident of significance and the Department of Defense can provide support principally to the Department of Homeland Security and bringing alongside additional capacity, just like we would in any other type of significant event for the nation, manmade or natural.

So that's really the Defend Forward construct. It's really to look at threats, understand that threat, and be able to preempt, disrupt, and deter that threat before it reaches the homeland. In this case, it's before it influences or impacts an election.

MS. EHRSAM: Thank you so much. Thank you so much to our briefers for taking time today to discuss updates on the whole-of-government efforts to support the state, local, territorial, and tribal partners -- the owners of election security -- to ensure the security of our nation's resilient -- excuse me, our nation's elections.

Very quickly, I want to make sure that you all have contact

information for all of the different departments and agencies that were on the call today in case you have follow-up questions and as you have questions in the next following week.

For the Department of Justice, you can reach them at justice.gov/opa/webform/media-inquiries.

For DNI, they can be reached at DNI-media@DNI.gov.

For CISA, CISAmedia@hq.dhs.gov

For FBI, npo@fbi.gov.

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As a reminder, this was on background to different types of senior administration officials that was mentioned throughout the call. If you have any questions about attributions, feel free to shoot me a note at Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) With that, the embargo is lifted. And, again, thank you so much for your time today.

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**Subject:** Re: URGENT: Clarification on NCER consolidation

Thanks, so this new office will be handling this research, too? Or will that research also potentially move into a different office. Thanks for these clarifications!

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Good morning,

My name is Yessenia Funes. I'm a reporter with Earther, a national environmental news site with the Gizmodo Media Group.

I'm seeking some clarification on this story The Hill reported that the NCER program will be consolidated. It's not clear to me if the research will continue, and, if so, how? This program has led to some amazing research, and I'm just curious if the EPA will still support said research.

I am hoping to get a story out about this by 2 pm. Thanks.

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Thank you, Molly, for the background, underscoring this a proposal and that no one is losing their job.

One point of clarification: When Liz, in her statement, says that management of research grants will continue, does this mean that NCER research will continue as it has before, or might there be cuts to this research?

Best,

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Good morning,

I'm a reporter at Mashable interested in the EPA's plans to merge NCER into a new Office of Resource Management.

I'm writing to:

1. Confirm this is the case

2. Ask if this is ending NCER's research, or if NCER's research will continue but is being folded into the Office of Resource Management?

Thanks much,

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Lynne—

For attribution to "an EPA spokesperson:"

**1. I understand that, to date (12/21/17), 395 sites have now been remediated and removed from the Superfund list. Is this correct? Any ballpark for how many more sites might be remediated and removed from the list going forward -- in say, one year or 10 years?**

That is correct. As of Jan. 18, 395 sites have been deleted from the Superfund National Priorities List. We display the up-to-date number of NPL sites, including deleted sites, at https://www.epa.gov/superfund/superfund-national-priorities-list-npl.

The number of sites to be deleted in the coming years will be the number of sites where no further response is appropriate and EPA determines that criteria has been met to warrant a delisting decision.

**2. Why is reuse of the sites important? What kind of follow-up, if any, does the EPA do after a site is removed from the Superfund list? Does the agency -- or others -- monitor the reuse?**

EPA places a high priority on land revitalization as an integral part of its Superfund cleanup mission. This land would otherwise be unused. Instead, Superfund cleanups have allowed hundreds of communities to reclaim formerly contaminated Superfund sites for protective and productive uses.

This redevelopment brings major economic benefits. Information EPA has collected at 487 of the 888 sites in reuse indicate these sites supported approximately 6,600 businesses in 2017. These businesses' ongoing operations generate annual sales of $43.6 billion and employ more than 156,000 people who earned a combined income of $11.2 billion.

Regarding what EPA does after a site is deleted from the NPL, EPA conducts follow-up reviews — even after NPL deletion — every five years when hazardous substances remain on site above levels that permit unrestricted use and unlimited exposure.

**3. Of the repurposing uses so far, could you share examples of what has worked the best? Any particularly innovative approaches that future projects could consider?**

Communities have successfully reused Superfund sites for many industrial, commercial, ecological and recreational purposes. Many Superfund sites have been redeveloped in innovative ways, including alternative energy facilities (https://www.epa.gov/superfund-redevelopment-initiative/alternative-energy-superfund-sites) and mixed-use developments that bring together jobs and amenities.

The Superfund Redevelopment Initiative (SRI) provides success stories resulting from fruitful partnerships. These can be accessed on the SRI website: https://www.epa.gov/superfund-redevelopment-initiative/depth-case-studies-superfund-reuse. There are 30 in-depth case studies available. Two projects are highlighted below to give a sense of the redevelopment stories unfolding nationwide:

- The Sullivan's Ledge Solar Project is one of numerous renewable energy facilities located on current and former contaminated lands. Built on an old landfill affected by soil and groundwater contamination, the facility generates pollution-free energy and has restored a vacant area to beneficial use. The 1.75-megawatt facility includes over 5,000 block-mounted fixed-tilt solar panels. Project financier SunEdison, Inc., leases the site from the city and then sells the solar net metering credits back to the city at a reduced rate under a 20-year power purchase agreement.
- In the early 1980s, decades of disinvestment had left the Tacoma, Washington, waterfront abandoned and blighted. Industrial activities contaminated soil, groundwater and sediments across more than 10 square miles of Commencement Bay and Tacoma. The City of Tacoma, the Washington State Department of Ecology, EPA and other stakeholders collaborated to engage the public, clean up the area, address liability issues, establish public-

private partnerships, secure funding, and revitalize the waterway. Today, the cleanup of the Thea Foss Waterway is complete. A public esplanade extends along the shore, punctuated by public parks, apartment buildings, restaurants and diverse businesses. The Museum of Glass is home to a contemporary collection of artists from around the world, with the Chihuly Bridge of Glass connecting the museum to downtown Tacoma. New, state-of-the-art marinas and water-based businesses have established the Thea Foss Waterway as a major boating destination in the Puget Sound region.

**4. What uses so far have proved problematic? Any lessons we can take away to inform future repurposing projects?**

EPA has not noticed that any one type of reuse has proven problematic.

Best,

Tricia

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**From:** Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) **On Behalf Of** Lynne Peeples
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 17, 2018 8:20 PM
**To:** Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Reporting on repurposing former Superfund sites

Thanks again, Tricia. Questions below. Yes, I would need answers by 1/26. A call would still be ideal, if at all possible. Appreciate it!

1. I understand that, to date (12/21/17), 395 sites have now been remediated and removed from the Superfund list. Is this correct? Any ballpark for how many more sites might be remediated and removed from the list going forward -- in say, one year or 10 years?

2. Why is reuse of the sites important? What kind of follow-up, if any, does the EPA do after a site is removed from the Superfund list? Does the agency -- or others -- monitor the reuse?

3. Of the repurposing uses so far, could you share examples of what has worked the best? Any particularly innovative approaches that future projects could consider?

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On Wed, Jan 17, 2018 at 10:29 AM, Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov> wrote:

> Hi Lynne—

Thanks for your email. In order to proceed, I'll need a complete list of your questions (though we can go back with follow-up if necessary). I also want to confirm that 1/26 is your deadline.

I'm happy to ask about a call, but please be aware that they're not always available. If not, we can generally respond in writing.

Thanks again. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

--Tricia

**From:** Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) **On Behalf Of** Lynne Peeples
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 17, 2018 12:41 PM
**To:** Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Reporting on repurposing former Superfund sites

Good afternoon,

Just wanted to follow up on my request. Thanks so much again.

Lynne

On Fri, Jan 12, 2018 at 1:29 PM, Lynne Peeples <lpeeples@post.harvard.edu> wrote:

> Hi Tricia,
>
> I'm reporting a story for Ensia on the repurposing of former Superfund sites -- examples of what lands are being used for now, lessons learned so far as to what works well and what doesn't, etc. Would it be possible to connect me with someone at the EPA who could speak to this? The sooner the better, of course, but anytime in the next two weeks would be fine.

Thanks so much, in advance, for your time and help.

Best,

Lynne

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**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 1/25/2018 8:03:57 PM
**To**: Elliott Blackburn [elliott.blackburn@argusmedia.com]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: Small Refiner exemption

Elliott, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

We are reviewing the RFS request and will respond appropriately.

Regards, R.,

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On Jan 25, 2018, at 10:24 AM, Elliott Blackburn <elliott.blackburn@argusmedia.com> wrote:

Hey Robert, good morning,

As soon as possible.

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, January 25, 2018 9:21 AM
**To:** Elliott Blackburn
**Subject:** Re: Small Refiner exemption

Good morning Elliott,

What's your deadline, please?

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On Jan 25, 2018, at 10:18 AM, Elliott Blackburn <elliott.blackburn@argusmedia.com> wrote:

Good morning,

Does EPA have any response to the Renewable Fuel Association's request for clarity on the current criteria for small refinery exemptions under the Renewable Fuel Standard?

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->How many small refiners received exemptions in 2016 and 2017?
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->How many RINs does that represent, and how will EPA balance those RINs?
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->How many applications for small refinery exemptions has EPA received for the 2018 compliance year?

Thank you,

Elliott

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**Sent**: 1/25/2018 6:49:52 PM
**To**: craig@tampabay.com
**Subject**: RE: a question about 404 program assumption by a state

Craig—

For attribution to "an EPA spokesperson:"

Yes, the state of Florida has sent a draft Memorandum of Agreement with EPA to the Agency. As part of our commitment to cooperative federalism, EPA is ready to assist Florida with their effort to assume the program.

EPA is always ready and willing to assist a state or tribe interested in assuming the Clean Water Act (CWA) dredged or fill permitting program as provided for in section 404(g).

Best,

Tricia

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**From:** Craig Pittman [mailto:craig@tampabay.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 23, 2018 10:58 PM
**To:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
**Subject:** a question about 404 program assumption by a state

Hi John,

I'm writing a story about Florida officials wanting to assume the 404 permitting program from the Corps. My understanding is that they have even sent a draft Memorandum of Agreement to the Corps and the EPA. I'd like to confirm that if I can, and also ask if the EPA has taken a position on this. I think this would be the third state to assume the 404 program permitting, and certainly the one with the most wetlands.

Cordially,

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 1/25/2018 3:43:06 PM
**To:** Jackie Toth [jackietoth@cqrollcall.com]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Re: Inquiry re: PMNs

Jackie, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson, please:"

EPA is committed to providing the public timely and accurate information on the status of its safety reviews of pre-manufacture notices (PMNs) for new chemicals. We are continuing to publish final PMNs on the web.

The Agency also posts weekly statistics on the EPA web site to reflect the numbers and types of new chemicals cases under review, the number of completed reviews, and the determinations made to date. (See https://www.epa.gov/reviewing-new-chemicals-under-toxic-substances-control-act-tsca/statistics-new-chemicals-review ).

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On Jan 24, 2018, at 2:08 PM, Jackie Toth <jackietoth@cqrollcall.com> wrote:

> Thanks much, Robert. I can swing Friday mid-morning, if that gives you guys enough time.
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> @JackieTothDC
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> On 24 January 2018 at 14:03, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> > Jackie, as you have likely guessed, we're still working on a response. How late can you move your deadline, or update your piece?
> >
> > Thanks, R.
> >
> > **From:** Jackie Toth [mailto:jackietoth@cqrollcall.com]
> > **Sent:** Wednesday, January 24, 2018 9:56 AM

**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Inquiry re: PMNs

Thanks much

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On 24 January 2018 at 09:55, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Hey Jackie. Quick word to acknowledge receipt.

Thanks, R.

**From:** Jackie Toth [mailto:jackietoth@cqrollcall.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 24, 2018 9:52 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Inquiry re: PMNs

Hi Robert,

Hope your week's going well.

Why hasn't the agency been publicly posting premanufacture notices under TSCA? When did that stop? Were there policy directives that changed the PMN-sharing process? Can you clarify how the public can now access these documents?

Deadline is 2pm today, if possible. Feel free to call.

Best always,

Jackie

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**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 1/24/2018 7:09:25 PM
**To**: Maya Kukes [mmkukes@yahoo.com]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: URGENT MEDIA INQUIRY: Reporter on DEADLINE: Real Simple magazine
**Attachments**: Flame Retardant Fact Sheet 3-22-16.pdf

Now that you mention it....

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**From:** Maya Kukes [mailto:mmkukes@yahoo.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 24, 2018 2:05 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: URGENT MEDIA INQUIRY: Reporter on DEADLINE: Real Simple magazine

Thanks so much for the response. I didn't get an attachment...did I miss it?

> On Jan 24, 2018, at 12:49 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> Maya, for attribution, if needed, to U.S. EPA, please:
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> Hope this helps.
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> Thanks, R.
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> **From:** Maya Kukes [mailto: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) ]
> **Sent:** Wednesday, January 24, 2018 9:52 AM
> **To:** Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: URGENT MEDIA INQUIRY: Reporter on DEADLINE: Real Simple magazine
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Maya, if we have a response later today, you'll hear from me. If we need until tomorrow, you'll hear from Robert Daguillard, copied here.

Thanks,
Enesta

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Fantastic! Thanks for the quick response! My deadline is tomorrow at noon.

I am working on updating a story (for a Real Simple (book) that we ran in 2014 about pollution in the home. This is what we said in 2014 but upon some digging, I wonder if we should just cut this whole section? Does new furniture even contain flame retardants? Please note—none of this info is being credited to the EPA, I just want to find out if this info is even relevant any more and what the current regulations are regarding flame retardants and home furnishings.

CURRENT TEXT (from 2014): Many sofas, drapes, rugs, and pressed-wood items are coated with flame retardants to prevent fires. But besides irritating the respiratory tract and causing headaches and fatigue, chronic exposure to these chemicals has been shown to affect liver, kidney, and brain function over time. Even when the "new couch" smell from chemicals emitted from the upholstery disappears, the fumes are still there. You just don't notice them.
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> From: Maya Kukes [mailto: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2018 12:12 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: URGENT MEDIA INQUIRY: Reporter on DEADLINE: Real Simple magazine
Importance: High

Hello EPA Media Team:

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Many thanks!!

Maya Kukes
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Message

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**Sent:** 1/24/2018 12:10:30 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Re: Boston Globe query re: use of dry ice to kill rats

Hi Robert,

Hope all is well.

Wondering if the EPA can provide any update on the status of what's been approved by the EPA in terms of using dry ice for rat/rodent control.

The City of Boston tells me they've sought both EPA and state approval (I'm checking with state officials about this too) to use their own dry ice product, but have grown frustrated with how long the process has taken and aren't sure what's holding it up, particularly since they've heard other cities/states appear to have gotten approval to use dry ice for rat/rodent control. Also they say they believe the Bell Laboratories product that was approved is nothing more than regular dry ice and they don't want to use that product because of concerns that if Bell is the only one with an approved product they can mark up the price.

-So can anyone there say where the City of Boston's application to use their own dry ice stands? And why is it taking so long?
-Have other cities / states gotten approval to use dry ice (other than the Bell Laboratories product) for rodent control and if so why have they gotten approval but not Boston?
-If Bell Laboratories product is still the only one approved, why is that and does the EPA have any concerns about one company basically having a monopoly?
-Have any dry ice for rodent control applications been denied by the EPA?

Let me know what you think when you have a chance. Any info by end of the day Friday would be great, but let me know if you think it will take longer than that and I can probably get more time.

Thanks!

Best,
-Matt

On Wed, Jul 19, 2017 at 1:07 PM, Matthew Rocheleau <matthew.rocheleau@globe.com> wrote:
Great thank you so much!

On Wed, Jul 19, 2017 at 10:43 AM Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:
Matt, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

The Bell Laboratories' dry ice product called "Rat Ice," is currently the only EPA-registered dry-ice product for use to control rats. After EPA registers a pesticide product, it must also satisfy the state's registration requirements to market it in that state. Once a state has approved registration of the product within the state, consumers or municipalities must purchase the registered product and use the registered product according to the product label.

Rat Ice is a formulated pesticide product. Under the pesticide law, the formulation details are confidential business information and protected from disclosure, but, at the very least, the registered product would have detailed use instructions and precautions.

Cities may only use the registered product.

EPA has had informal discussions with representatives of the city of Boston about the possibility of Boston registering its own dry ice product for rodent control. However, thus far EPA has not received any application from the city of Boston or the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The registrant of Rat Ice has submitted their application for state registration to Massachusetts. It has not been approved yet.

Background: FIFRA requires that before a product can be marketed for the control of a pest, it must be registered by EPA. EPA registers pesticides based on scientific data and other information sufficient for the agency to conclude that it can perform its intended function without posing unreasonable risks to people or the environment. Each registered pesticide product must have EPA-approved labeling, which includes detailed instructions and precautions. Use of a pesticide product in a manner contrary to the approved labeling is against the law.

Thanks, R.

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From: Rocheleau, Matthew [mailto:matthew.rocheleau@globe.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 11:22 AM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Boston Globe query re: use of dry ice to kill rats

Great Thank you!

On Tue, Jul 18, 2017 at 11:07 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:
> OK. thanks. I'll keep you posted.
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>> On Jul 18, 2017, at 10:51 AM, Rocheleau, Matthew <matthew.rocheleau@globe.com> wrote:
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>> Hoping to get into by the end of the day today, if possible 5pm.
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>> But if that's no do-able the deadline can be extended. Just let me
>> know
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>> Thanks!
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>> Best,
>> -Matt
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>> On Tue, Jul 18, 2017 at 10:20 AM, Daguillard, Robert
>> <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:
>>> Good morning Matthew - and thanks to Dave for forwarding.
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>>> What's your firm deadline and when are you hoping to publish, please?
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>>> Thanks, R.
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>>> Robert Daguillard
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>>> -----Original Message-----
>>> From: Rocheleau, Matthew [mailto:matthew.rocheleau@globe.com]
>>> Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 10:10 AM
>>> To: Deegan, Dave <Deegan.Dave@epa.gov>
>>> Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>; Valentine, Julia
>>> <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>; Strauss, Linda <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov>;
>>> regionalpress <regionalpress@epa.gov>; Gutro, Doug
>>> <Gutro.Doug@epa.gov>; Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov>; Bender,
>>> Emily <Bender.Emily@epa.gov>
>>> Subject: Re: Boston Globe query re: use of dry ice to kill rats
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>>> Great. thank you!
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>>>> On Tue, Jul 18, 2017 at 10:09 AM, Deegan, Dave <Deegan.Dave@epa.gov> wrote:
>>>> Hi Matt,
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>>>> I'm forwarding your inquiry to my colleagues in EPA HQ who work closely with EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs. They are the best place to answer your questions.
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>>>> Thanks!
>>>> Dave
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>>>> ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~
>>>> Dave Deegan
>>>> U.S. EPA, New England Regional Office Media Relations | Social
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>>>> -----Original Message-----
>>>> From: Rocheleau, Matthew [mailto:matthew.rocheleau@globe.com]
>>>> Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 9:25 AM
>>>> To: Bender, Emily <Bender.Emily@epa.gov>
>>>> Cc: Gutro, Doug <Gutro.Doug@epa.gov>; Deegan, Dave
>>>> <Deegan.Dave@epa.gov>; Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov>
>>>> Subject: Boston Globe query re: use of dry ice to kill rats
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>>>> Hi everyone,
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>>>> Hope all is well.
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>>>> This topic is back on my radar as I saw this NYT piece the other
>>>> day that mentions the EPA recently approved use of dry ice to kill
>>>> rats --
>>>> https://mobile.nytimes.com/2017/07/12/nyregion/new-york-city-rat-pr
>>>> obl
>>>> em.html?referer=
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>>>> --I take the Times story to mean that cities are now free to use dry ice to kill rats as long as they use this EPA-approved "Rat Ice"
>>>> product from Bell Laboratories. Is that right? (Or are there other steps cities must take with the EPA before they can use it?) --Is there anything special about "Rat Ice" that makes it different from standard/other types of dry ice?
>>>> --Are cities now also allowed to use dry ice from other companies/suppliers besides Bell Laboratories? Or would that require any additional steps/approval process?
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>>>> City officials in Boston told me they plan to apply in the next few days to be able to use dry ice to kill rats and they expect to try to apply to be able to use dry ice from any company, not just the "Rat Ice" product from Bell Laboratories.
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>>>> If anyone is available to speak about this more, please let me know.
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>>>> Thanks!
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>>>> Best,
>>>> -Matt
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>>>>> On Tue, Jan 3, 2017 at 12:14 PM, Bender, Emily <Bender.Emily@epa.gov> wrote:
>>>>> Hi Matt,
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>>>>> As a follow to your story on the use of dry ice for rodent control
>>>>> in the City of Boston, please accept the following statement of clarification.
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>>>>> "EPA has not ordered the City of Boston to stop using dry ice to
>>>>> control rodents. We have informed the city that registration of
>>>>> dry ice is appropriate if the intent is to kill rodents. We are
>>>>> working with the city to ensure that further use of dry ice is not only properly registered but
>>>>> safe and effective." Jim Jones, Assistant Administrator, EPA's Office of
>>>>> Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention.
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>>>>> Thanks so much
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>>>>> Emily
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Message

**From**: regionalpress [regionalpress@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 1/12/2018 8:02:07 PM
**To**: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]; Hewitt, James [hewitt.james@epa.gov]; Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]; Block, Molly [block.molly@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: Maria: Media/Social Media Plan for January 15 HHW Collection in Loiza, PR
**Attachments**: 180111 - Loiza Curbside Pickup Event ADV DRAFT.DOCX; Draft Run Down for Loiza HHW Curbside Collection Event 1.11.18 v2.docx

**Importance**: High

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**From:** Kluesner, Dave
**Sent:** Friday, January 12, 2018 8:02:05 PM (UTC+00:00) Monrovia, Reykjavik
**To:** regionalpress
**Cc:** Mears, Mary; Rodriguez, Elias
**Subject:** Maria: Media/Social Media Plan for January 15 HHW Collection in Loiza, PR

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL ON MEDIA AVAILABILITY

The PIOs in the San Juan JFO put together the attached outreach plan for promoting HHW collection and a media availability on Monday, January 15. Attached is the news advisory for the event.

David W. Kluesner

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Message

**From**: Lynn, Tricia [lynn.tricia@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 1/12/2018 5:43:57 PM
**To**: Sean Reilly [sreilly@eenews.net]
**Subject**: RE: Proposed EPA approval of Oklahoma CCR permitting program

Sean—

For attribution to "an EPA spokesperson:"

1) Is this the first state CCR permitting program to win preliminary EPA approval under the WIIN Act?
**Yes**

2) How many other state CCR permitting applications are currently pending?
**EPA has received an initial application from Georgia and we are working with them to complete certain actions before we can determine whether Georgia's CCR program meets the necessary requirements.**

Best,

Tricia

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**From:** Sean Reilly [mailto:sreilly@eenews.net]
**Sent:** Friday, January 12, 2018 9:55 AM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Proposed EPA approval of Oklahoma CCR permitting program

Hi folks:

Two questions about this: https://s3.amazonaws.com/public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2018-00474.pdf.

1) Is this the first state CCR permitting program to win preliminary EPA approval under the WIIN Act?
2) How many other state CCR permitting applications are currently pending?

My deadline is 11:45 this morning .

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Message

**From**: Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 1/11/2018 7:46:21 PM
**To**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Fwd: extending comment deadline for CPP repeal?

Getting ready to send the pr.

Begin forwarded message:

**Resent-From:** <Press@epa.gov>
**From:** "Hewitt, James" <hewitt.james@epa.gov>
**Date:** January 11, 2018 at 2:44:38 PM EST
**To:** Niina Heikkinen <nheikkinen@eenews.net>, "Jones, Enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject: RE: extending comment deadline for CPP repeal?**

Hi Niina,

On background: I can confirm

James

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**From:** Niina Heikkinen [mailto:nheikkinen@eenews.net]
**Sent:** Thursday, January 11, 2018 2:40 PM
**To:** Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: extending comment deadline for CPP repeal?

Thanks again for your reply earlier.

To follow up, it looks like I missed this yesterday. Are these dates and locations accurate for the additional public listening sessions?

Feb. 21, Kansas City, MO
Feb. 28, San Francisco, CA
March 27, Gillette, WY

https://twitter.com/AmyAHarder/status/951242252612874240

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**From:** Jones, Enesta [mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, January 11, 2018 12:50 PM
**To:** Niina Heikkinen
**Cc:** Press
**Subject:** RE: extending comment deadline for CPP repeal?

Hi Niina, please see the attached court filing, which was filed yesterday.

**From:** Niina Heikkinen [mailto:nheikkinen@eenews.net]
**Sent:** Thursday, January 11, 2018 12:28 PM
**To:** Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: extending comment deadline for CPP repeal?

Hi Enesta,

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Best,
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**From:** Jones, Enesta [mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 10, 2018 11:56 AM
**To:** Niina Heikkinen
**Cc:** Press
**Subject:** Re: extending comment deadline for CPP repeal?

Niina, for attribution to an EPA spokesperson:

We have no new information at this time.

On Jan 10, 2018, at 11:11 AM, Niina Heikkinen <nheikkinen@eenews.net> wrote:

Hello folks,

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Best,

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**Sent**: 1/11/2018 7:43:12 PM
**To**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Fwd: extending comment deadline for CPP repeal?

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)** correct?

**Resent-From:** <Press@epa.gov>
**From:** Niina Heikkinen <nheikkinen@eenews.net>
**Date:** January 11, 2018 at 2:40:26 PM EST
**To:** "Jones, Enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject: RE: extending comment deadline for CPP repeal?**

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**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: extending comment deadline for CPP repeal?
**Attachments**: FILED January 10 2018 Status Report.pdf

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Message

**From**: Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 1/11/2018 4:06:18 PM
**To**: Peter Chawaga [pchawaga@vertmarkets.com]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: Water Online Interview Request: Cross-Agency Efforts To Address PFAS

Peter, all your questions are answered in our statement and on the website.

On Jan 11, 2018, at 10:55 AM, Peter Chawaga <pchawaga@vertmarkets.com> wrote:

Nobody can give me a statement as to why now is an important time to address PFAS or to announce this initiative? How the agency views its health advisories for PFOA and PFOS and their potential to change? What outcomes it is hoping for from this initiative?

Is there a specific researcher or member of the EPA I can reach out to directly who can elaborate on any of this?

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**From:** Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Thursday, January 11, 2018 10:47:38 AM
**To:** Peter Chawaga
**Cc:** Press
**Subject:** RE: Water Online Interview Request: Cross-Agency Efforts To Address PFAS

Peter –

We have no additional informational to provide at this time. You can always check the PFAS page for updates: https://www.epa.gov/pfas

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**Subject:** Re: Water Online Interview Request: Cross-Agency Efforts To Address PFAS

Hi Enesta,

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Thanks,
Peter

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**Cc:** Press
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Hi Peter, for attribution to an EPA spokesperson:
"Protecting public health and ensuring all Americans have safe and clean drinking water is one of EPA's top priorities. In December 2017, EPA reaffirmed its commitment to supporting states and tribes to address PFAS and is continuing its cross-agency effort to ensure that communities across the country have the tools they need address these chemicals."

**Background**
EPA is supporting MDEQ's response to PFAS contamination of residential wells from Wolverine World Wide, Inc.'s, various operations in the Rockford, Mich. area. The agency is also providing technical support to the State of North Carolina and helping them determine the appropriate steps to address the presence of chemical substances in drinking water.

**From:** Peter Chawaga [mailto:pchawaga@vertmarkets.com]
**Sent:** Friday, January 05, 2018 12:41 PM
**To:** Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Water Online Interview Request: Cross-Agency Efforts To Address PFAS

Hi Enesta,

I am working on a story about the EPA efforts to promote cross-agency efforts to address PFAS.

I am hoping that you or a party you recommend can provide written answers to the below questions for potential quoted use in the story. I am hoping for responses by Friday, 1/12. Would that be possible?

Thanks,
Peter

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**To:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Fwd: Water Online Interview Request: Cross-Agency Efforts To Address PFAS

Our statement and the website answer his questions. How would you like to proceed?

**From:** Peter Chawaga <pchawaga@vertmarkets.com>
**Date:** January 11, 2018 at 10:54:39 AM EST
**To:** "Jones, Enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
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Message

**From:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 1/10/2018 10:45:53 PM
**To:** Anna Casey [annacasey@investigatemidwest.org]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Re: Question re: chlorpyrifos label

Anna, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

"EPA is confident that pesticide application buffer zones are protective of human health and the environment, especially with regard to sensitive areas." – EPA spokesperson.

Background: The minimum buffer is 10 feet, but there are larger buffers for some aerial and airblast applications.

Chlorpyrifos has been used as a pesticide since 1965, and is proven to be an effective control of foliage- and soil-borne insect pests for a variety of crops including corn, soybeans, fruit and nut trees, and non-agricultural uses including golf courses, and roach and ant bait stations. Congress has mandated that registration review be completed by the statutory deadline of October 1, 2022. The public record lays out serious scientific concerns and substantive process gaps in the proposal submitted in the petition to ban the pesticide. Reliable data, overwhelming in both quantity and quality, contradicts the reliance on – and misapplication of – studies to establish the end points and conclusions used to rationalize the proposal

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On Jan 4, 2018, at 2:40 PM, Anna Casey <annacasey@investigatemidwest.org> wrote:

> Hi Mr. Daguillard,
>
> Thank you for the prompt response. We're hoping to publish the story early next week.
>
> As I mentioned, I'm seeking more information on the chlorpyrifos label.
>
> The story that I'm working on is related to buffer zone regulations around schools. In Illinois, where we're based, we do not have any additional restrictions beyond what is on the EPA-approved label. It's my understanding that the buffer on the chlorpyrifos label is 10 feet. Some are concerned that the label does not go far enough to protect sensitive areas (like schools) that are near agricultural fields. I would like to include a statement from the EPA regarding the chemical's safety, and the efficacy of the label.
>
> Feel free to give me a call at your earliest convenience, or respond by email. I'm happy to answer additional questions by phone (my cell is the best way to reach me).
>
> Thanks again,
>
> Anna

On Thu, Jan 4, 2018 at 12:49 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Dear Ms. Casey,

Thanks for reaching out. Also, are you on deadline? Happy to discuss.

Regards, R.

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**From:** Anna Casey [mailto:annacasey@investigatemidwest.org]
**Sent:** Thursday, January 04, 2018 1:12 PM
**To:** Friedman, Dana <Friedman.Dana@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Question re: chlorpyrifos label

Hi Ms. Friedman,

I saw that you were listed as the contact for the page on chlorpyrifos: https://iaspub.epa.gov/apex/pesticides/f?p=CHEMICALSEARCH:3:::NO:1,3,31,7,12,25:P3_XCHEMICAL_ID:1822

Do you know where I can find the most recent EPA-approved label? I was also wondering about the buffer zone restriction. One of the product labels said that the buffer zone around "sensitive areas" was 10 feet. Is that correct?

Thank you,

Anna

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Message

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**Sent**: 1/10/2018 10:35:13 PM
**To**: llogan@iwpnews.com
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: CPP public record

**Lee, for attribution to an EPA spokesperson:**

EPA expects to issue in the near future a Federal Register notice providing information on three additional public listening sessions and keeping the record open for 30 days after the last listening session.

**From:** Lee Logan <llogan@iwpnews.com>
**Date:** January 10, 2018 at 2:35:57 PM EST
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject: CPP public record**

Hello,

Lee Logan with Inside EPA newsletter here. I am reading the status report that EPA just submitted in the West Virginia litigation over the Clean Power Plan.

That report notes that EPA is planning to soon publish details of three listening sessions on the agency's proposal to repeal the CPP, and that it will be "keeping the record open for 30 days after the last listening session."

Do I have it correct that the public comment period on the proposal still ends Jan. 16, but that the agency would still consider any submissions received up until 30 days after the last listening session?

Thanks for your help in clarifying,

Lee

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Message

**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 1/10/2018 8:52:55 PM
**To**: Dylan Brown [dbrown@eenews.net]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: DYLAN: Your questions for EPA

Hey Dylan,

Still for attribution to an agency spokesperson, we have no new information for you at this time.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Dylan Brown [mailto:dbrown@eenews.net]
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 10, 2018 1:32 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: DYLAN: Your questions for EPA

Any chance for an update on this?

Thanks,
Dylan

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**From:** Dylan Brown
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 09, 2018 11:40 AM
**To:** 'Daguillard, Robert' <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: DYLAN: Your questions for EPA

Thanks for this Robert.

Beyond the legislation, has EPA made any progress on processing Gold King tort claims?

Best,
Dylan

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Monday, January 08, 2018 11:12 AM
**To:** Dylan Brown <dbrown@eenews.net>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: DYLAN: Your questions for EPA

Good morning Dylan,

For attribution to “an EPA spokesperson,” please:

The agency doesn’t comment on pending legislation.

Thanks, R.

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**From:** Dylan Brown [mailto:dbrown@eenews.net]
**Sent:** Friday, January 05, 2018 5:35 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: DYLAN: Your questions for EPA

Hey Robert, sorry for the delay. I'm just going to write a little story about the bill mentioning that Admin. Pruitt has committed to reconsidering. Then whenever you get the information, I'll write a short little follow-up giving an update on where we are at in that process.

Sorry again it took so long to respond!
Dylan

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Friday, January 05, 2018 3:46 PM
**To:** Dylan Brown <dbrown@eenews.net>
**Subject:** DYLAN: Your questions for EPA

Hullo Dylan,

We're working on your questions, but we may well need until early next week to get back to you, as we needed to reach out to a couple of program offices for answers. Does that work for you?

Cheers, R.

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Hi Nancy,

I wanted to check in with EPA as I'm working on a story about new legislation (HR 4735) from Rep. Steve Pearce (R-N.M.). It provides compensation for Gold King victims under the Federal Tort Claims Act and creates an "Office of Gold King Mine Spill Claims" at EPA.

My questions:

1. Administrator Pruitt said in August EPA would reconsider tort claims. Has EPA made any progress in that process?
2. Does EPA support the legislation as it gives the agency a congressional mandate to take action?
3. The bill would use the agency's unobligated funds for each fiscal year to pay out the tort claims. What was the total of unobligated funds this past fiscal year?

My deadline is COB today, but let me know if you need more time.

Many thanks,
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**From**: Colangelo, Lisa [Lisa.Colangelo@amny.com]
**Sent**: 3/5/2018 9:27:09 PM
**To**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: amNewYork question about using dry ice as a pesticide in NYC

Thank you!

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Monday, March 05, 2018 4:26 PM
**To:** Colangelo, Lisa <Lisa.Colangelo@amny.com>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** FW: amNewYork question about using dry ice as a pesticide in NYC

Lisa, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

**EPA Response:**

On June 29, 2017, EPA registered Bell Laboratories' dry ice product called, "Rat Ice," for control of burrowing rats. New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has registered this particular dry ice pesticide for use in New York. (NY and some other states have a pesticide registration requirement for their state).

Background on EPA registration:

Under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), which requires that before a product can be marketed for the control of a pest, it must be registered by EPA. EPA registers pesticides based on scientific data and other information sufficient for the agency to conclude that it can perform its intended function without posing unreasonable risks to people or the environment. Each registered pesticide product must have EPA-approved labeling including detailed instructions and precautions. Use of a pesticide product in a manner contrary to the approved labeling is against the law.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Colangelo, Lisa [mailto:Lisa.Colangelo@amny.com]
**Sent:** Monday, March 05, 2018 3:49 PM

**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>; Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: amNewYork question about using dry ice as a pesticide in NYC

Hi Robert,

Thanks so much. Sorry for the delay -- the city just did a dry ice demonstration at a park in Lower Manhattan.
We are writing a story for tomorrow so my deadline is probably 6 p.m.
Thanks!
Lisa

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Monday, March 05, 2018 2:57 PM
**To:** Colangelo, Lisa <Lisa.Colangelo@amny.com>; Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: amNewYork question about using dry ice as a pesticide in NYC

Hullo Lisa,

We've been working on a response to your inquiry. What's your deadline and when are you hoping to move your story?

Thanks, R.

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**From:** Colangelo, Lisa [mailto:Lisa.Colangelo@amny.com]
**Sent:** Monday, March 05, 2018 12:40 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>; Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov>
**Subject:** amNewYork question about using dry ice as a pesticide in NYC

Hi Robert and Mary,

My name is Lisa Colangelo and I'm a staff writer at amNewYork, a newspaper in New York City. I am writing a story about the New York City Health Department expanding its efforts to use dry ice as a pesticide in city parks and in other sites.

My understanding is the EPA recently approved the use of dry ice as a pesticide. When was this decision made and do you have any information about how widely this has been used over the years?

Thanks for your help!

Lisa

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**Sent**: 2/16/2018 4:17:04 PM
**To**: Alex Guillen [aguillen@politico.com]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Subject: Superfund question
**Attachments**: NPL sites gov-performed work special accounts not open.xlsx

Alex, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

There are 314 non-federal facility National Priorities List sites that currently have no funding source other than appropriated resources. See the attached list.

Thanks, R.

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**From:** Alex Guillen [mailto:aguillen@politico.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 11:57 AM
**To:** Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Superfund question

Hi Tricia,

Does EPA have a list somewhere of past and/or current "orphaned" Superfund sites where there's no PRP and thus EPA paid for clean-ups? And could I please get a copy or list or something? I've looked through the online database but wasn't able to narrow my search in that fashion.

Thank you,

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Message

**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 2/16/2018 2:02:26 PM
**To**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: `RE: Subject: Wall Street Journal Request

Now closed.

**From:** Daguillard, Robert
**Sent:** Friday, February 16, 2018 9:00 AM
**To:** 'Nunn, Sharon' <sharon.nunn@wsj.com>
**Subject:** RE: `RE: Subject: Wall Street Journal Request

Sharon, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

**Q1. I'm interested in confirming how the nat'l EPA works with state EPAs in granting Section 18.**

A state or federal agency can request Section 18 emergency exemptions when a serious pest problem jeopardizes production of agricultural goods or public health, but no pesticide is currently registered for that situation. EPA typically makes decisions on the requests for emergency exemptions within our targeted decision time of 50 days. We will grant an emergency exemption request if the criteria for an emergency are met and the pesticide use meets our safety standard. Find more basic information on the Section 18 process.

**Q2. I'd also like to confirm details in the timing of the insecticide Section 18 for treating sugarcane aphids at the end of 2013 and beginning of 2014. Transform was the product!**

The active ingredient in Transform™ is sulfoxaflor. EPA received the first Section 18 request for the use of sulfoxaflor to treat sugarcane Aphids from Texas in January 2014. EPA granted this request in April of the same year. Since that time EPA has received a number of similar requests from a variety of Southern states.

**Q3. In the meantime, can you send me the Section 18 approval documents for the sugarcane aphid treatments in this screenshot (attached) of the database search? *It showed the status as issued, but not the documents themselves.** Most active Section 18 authorization letters can be found on the state lead agency websites, for example see the Texas Department of Agriculture Section 18 Exemptions Notices and Labels.

Regards, R.

**From:** Nunn, Sharon [mailto:sharon.nunn@wsj.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, February 08, 2018 1:41 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: `RE: Subject: Wall Street Journal Request

Hi Robert,

Just wanted to check in on the status of receiving the documents and a potential interview!

--Sharon

On Wed, Feb 7, 2018 at 10:59 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

> Thank you, Sharon. Checking.

**From:** Nunn, Sharon [mailto:sharon.nunn@wsj.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 07, 2018 10:22 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: `RE: Subject: Wall Street Journal Request

In the meantime, can you send me the Section 18 approval documents for the sugarcane aphid treatments in this screenshot (below) of the database search? *It showed the status as issued, but not the documents themselves.

**Search By Response Dates**

**Search Results: Response Dates Between 09/01/2013 and 09/01/2014**

On Tue, Feb 6, 2018 at 4:02 PM, Nunn, Sharon <sharon.nunn@wsj.com> wrote:

> Great! I'm interested in confirming how the nat'l EPA works with state EPAs in granting Section 18.
>
> I'd also like to confirm details in the timing of the insecticide Section 18 for treating sugarcane aphids at the end of 2013 and beginning of 2014. Transform was the product!
>
> --Sharon
>
> On Tue, Feb 6, 2018 at 3:54 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> > Hey Sharon,

Let me see who'd have time for an interview. Why don't you send some questions in case we can't make it happen – and so we can send you good info anyway, regardless of the format?

**From:** Nunn, Sharon [mailto:sharon.nunn@wsj.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 06, 2018 3:52 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Subject: Wall Street Journal Request

Hi Robert,

Thank you for sending this link. It's actually how I found Tawanda's contact information! Yes, I have read the page, but our editorial standards require us to confirm details as well. Would someone have time to chat on the phone tomorrow?

Thanks!--Sharon

On Tue, Feb 6, 2018 at 3:49 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Sharon, this web site ought to answer many of your questions. Do circle back if it doesn't, or if you have follow-up questions.

https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/pesticide-emergency-exemptions

Regards, R.

**From:** Nunn, Sharon [mailto:sharon.nunn@wsj.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 06, 2018 11:38 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Subject: Wall Street Journal Request

Hi Robert,

My deadline is flexible, as is the publishing date.

Thanks! --Sharon

On Tue, Feb 6, 2018 at 11:37 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Good morning Sharon,

My colleagues in the pesticides program forwarded me your inquiry. What's your deadline, please, and when are you planning to publish your story?

Thanks in advance, R.

Robert Daguillard
EPA Media Relations

**From:** Nunn, Sharon [mailto:sharon.nunn@wsj.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 06, 2018 8:11 AM
**To:** Maignan, Tawanda <Maignan.Tawanda@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Wall Street Journal Request

Hi Tawanda,

My name is Sharon Nunn - I'm a reporter for The Wall Street Journal.

I'm working on a story about Robert Bowling, Mo Way and the team that discovered sugarcane aphids on grain sorghum plants in the South and quickly found a treatment in 2013 and 2014.

I wanted a little background on Section 18, which, in my understanding, is how they were able to disseminate the treatment to farmers so rapidly and successfully.

Do you have 10 to 20 minutes to chat today about how the process works?

Thanks! --Sharon

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**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Subject: URGENT: Question regarding energy savings from Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine

Dear Pat,

For attribution to U.S. EPA or to "an agency spokesperson," please:

Clothes washers
- On average, it will cost you $80 per year to do laundry with your new ENERGY STAR certified clothes washer.
- If you have a standard clothes washer that is over 10 years old, it's costing you, on average, $210.
- If every clothes washer purchased in the U.S. was ENERGY STAR certified, we could save more than $4 billion each year and prevent the emissions equivalent to those from more than 1.7 million vehicles.
- There are an estimated 76 million top-loading washers in the U.S., 25 million of which are at least 10 years old, still in use.
- Washers built before 2003 are significantly less efficient than newer models. Together, these inefficient washers cost consumers $2.9 billion each year in energy and water.

Dryers
- Replacing your old clothes dryer with an ENERGY STAR certified model can save you $245 over the lifetime of the product.
- If all clothes dryers 10 years or older in the United States were replaced with ENERGY STAR certified clothes dryers, we would save more than $570 million and prevent emissions equivalent to those from 670,000 vehicles or the annual electricity use of 439,000 homes.

For more information, please see:

https://www.energystar.gov/products/appliances/clothes_washers
https://www.energystar.gov/products/appliances/clothes_dryers

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Subject: URGENT: Question regarding energy savings from Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine

Hi, Can you tell me what an average household would save annually (in $) by replacing a 10-year-old, standard (non EnergyStar certified) washer and dryer with new EnergyStar-certified models? Let's use the national average cost per kWh of electricity to calculate (Is that 12 cents/kWh?)

Please advise ASAP.

Thanks!

Pat

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**From:** White House Press Office [info@mail.whitehouse.gov]
**Sent:** 6/11/2019 8:35:17 PM
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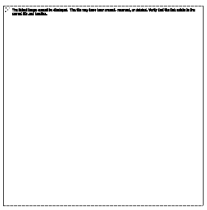

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BY SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS
ON THE VISIT OF PRESIDENT DUDA OF THE REPUBLIC OF POLAND

Via Teleconference

1:07 P.M. EDT

PRESS OFFICER: Good afternoon. Thank you very much for joining us this afternoon for this background call previewing the visit of President Duda of Poland. To reiterate, the outline for today's call: It will be on background, attributable to senior administration officials. I will note that there's a change to the embargo. This call is embargoed until 3:00 p.m. today.

I will introduce our speakers, and then I'll turn to each one of them to provide a few remarks at the top, and then we'll move to Q&A. Our speakers today are [senior administration officials]. With that, I'll turn to my colleague to kick us off.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Good afternoon. As you know, we have a visit tomorrow from Polish President Duda. He will be meeting with President Trump in the White House and with a high-level delegation, primarily on matters of security. We're looking to deepen the U.S.-Polish security partnership, consistent with NATO goals and NATO planning. You will note that this is part of a pattern of high-level engagement that the President has undertaken this year with leaders from Central Europe.

This is an important area, and we want to underscore our commitment to the defense of the region and to our shared relationship in NATO and shared values. Poland is a particularly important part of this, as they have indicated their willingness to shoulder a greater share of the burden for their own security and for the security of the region. Their defense spending is over the 2 percent NATO goal, and they have been a key partner in encouraging other allies to do so.

This is a historic meeting, coming as it does 80 years since the beginning of the Second World War, in which Poland was the first country to undergo aggression from Germany. It's 30 years after the end of the communist rule in Poland, and 20 years since Poland has been a member of NATO. So we're celebrating many different anniversaries.

So with that, I will end my preparatory remarks and turn it over to [senior administration official].

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: No, I think that that's about right. Again, we're just here to reaffirm our commitment to the region and the region's security, but we also are talking about a broader strategic relationship across many fronts. Defense is obviously the most important and the most prolific one, but we also want to highlight our expanded trade relationships; also affirm our commitment to the region's energy security and

expanding our energy partnerships, as well; as well as people-to-people contacts and cultural relations, and things on that front, as well.

So, really, a comprehensive look at our relationship will be discussed at this meeting tomorrow.

PRESS OFFICER: With that, we'll turn to [senior administration official].

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Okay, thank you. So, yes, I'm happy to be here to talk about the defense relationship with Poland. Obviously, Poland, as a country, is a very strong ally with us at NATO, and they have stood with us around the globe, including in Iraq and Afghanistan, over the years. And our relationship with Poland has helped to ensure peace and security not only in Europe, but around the world.

This meeting between the Presidents is a great opportunity for us to highlight our deepening military-to-military relationship and our mutual commitment to NATO and its priorities. And as everybody, I think, is aware, the Secretary of Defense -- Acting Secretary of Defense Shanahan will host his Polish counterpart today, in about 45 minutes, for a bilateral meeting here in the Pentagon. So we're looking forward to that as well.

PRESS OFFICER: Thank you. With that, moderator, we're ready to move to Q&A.

Q Patrick Tucker from Defense One. Thank you everybody. A sort of defense question. Polish officials, beginning last week, have said that they've reached a deal with the White House on the size of a potential troop commitment, in terms of U.S. troops to Poland. I know that they were looking for something on par to like a brigade. Can you tell us what is the change that's going to be in the U.S. military troop presence in Poland? Has an

agreement been formally reached on that? How big is it? And what are some of the other aspects of additional equipment or training, or things that are going to Poland that have been agreed to?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: So I think what you'll see tomorrow -- there will be a significant announcement made on this front tomorrow at the White House. And we're really looking forward to announcing this new military -- new facet of our military-to-military relationship. We believe it's going to significantly enhance our military-to-military relationship but also enhance the defense and deterrence posture in Europe as it relates -- and our commitment to NATO.

So I'm not going to go into the details, but you'll have to wait for the significant announcement tomorrow.

Q Hi. This is Jeff Schogol with Task & Purpose. Is there any legal agreement that prohibits the United States from permanently stationing troops in Poland, as opposed to having troops rotate in? I think it's referred to as the "founding agreement" with Russia. Thank you.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Okay. Thank you for your question. So the NATO-Russia Founding Act is not a treaty, first of all; it's a political agreement. And tomorrow's announcement will be completely consistent with the commitments we've made at NATO. And so I think I'll just leave it at that.

But as far as treaty agreements, we think that this announcement tomorrow will actually enhance our posture, our commitment to NATO and to the North Atlantic Treaty.

Q Hi there. It's Paul Sonne from the Washington Post. I was just wondering: Is it accurate to say that there will not be a Fort Trump, as was floated by the Polish leader last time he was

here in town? And is it also accurate to say that there will not be any permanent Polish -- sorry, permanent American military bases or anything like that set up in Poland?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: From the NSC, I would once again say you're going to have to wait until tomorrow for the full details that will be announced at that time, and they will pertain to the future of the U.S.-Polish defense relationship. But we don't want to steal the President's thunder for that, and I think you should look forward to hearing what he has to say.

Q Yeah, thanks. Hey. Aaron Mehta with Defense News. I was wondering if you're expecting a formal request from Poland to buy the F-35 during this trip and whether you expect that request would be cleared from this administration. Thanks.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Okay, thank you. So, yeah, I was actually honored to be able to accompany Minister Błaszczak yesterday down to Eglin Air Force Base to look at the F-35 training command down there. As -- I think it's public by now that they have already submitted a letter of request for the F-35, and we're working through our formal military sales process right now to get them an offer, essentially.

So that's sort of where we are. And I think that's basically the facts of where we are on the F-35 in Poland right now.

Q Hi, yes, this is Carla Babb with Voice of America. I just want to go back to the troop commitment here. You said that there's a significant announcement but then no other details to that. So I'm trying to see why exactly we're on this call. Is there going to be an increase in troops? Or what -- can you give us any more details other than "there's going to be a significant announcement"?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Details will be available tomorrow. At this time, we're not going to give anything else out on this particular issue. What we want to do is discuss the fact that there is a very important presidential visit that is happening tomorrow, and it's going to be dealing with a number of issues beyond the significant announcement on the defense relationship.

Q Yes. Hi, this (inaudible) with (inaudible) Media. On the energy security front, I was wondering if we should expect anything new on U.S. LNG exports to Poland and the transit of Russian gas through Ukraine to Europe? Thank you.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: This will be a subject for discussion. We are working hard with the government of Poland and with other governments in the Central European region on energy security and on diversification of energy supplies. So we do expect to be making progress on this front as well.

Q Hi, this is Jeff Schogol with Task & Purpose again. I know you can't give details of what the President is going to announce tomorrow, but will it be accurate to characterize that more troops are going to Poland, or something that we can describe the type of announcement that will be announced tomorrow?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: I'm not going to go into details on the announcement tomorrow. It will be a significant announcement on the future of the security partnership.

Q Yeah, thanks. Aaron Mehta with Defense News again. Just more broadly speaking, aside from the F-35, are you expecting any arms sales announcements or any sort of package agreement similar to the big Saudi package that was announced a couple years ago?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: This is [senior administration official] at DOD. I don't -- I'm not tracking anything like that at this time, so -- but I would defer to the White House.

Q This is Tom Squitieri with Talk Media News. I'd like to follow up on Jeff Schogol's first question to get some clarity. I want to make sure I understood you all saying that there's no treaty or no legislative blocking -- blockage -- to have its permanent, expanded U.S. presence in Poland. I'm not asking you to confirm if that's what's going to happen, I'm just trying to understand that the agreement that Jeff refered to between the United States and Russia does not forbid a permanent U.S. facility in Poland.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Hi. So, yeah, I'll try to make sure that my answer is clear. So the first part of it is that the NATO-Russia Founding Act is not a treaty, it's a political commitment. And the second part is that tomorrow's announcement will be completely consistent with the commitments we've made at NATO, and that includes the NATO-Russia Founding Act. Over.

Q Hi, yes. This is Carla Babb with Voice of America again. I just want to go back to what we were talking about with this significant announcement. So in response to a question on the troop commitment, [senior administration official], I believe it was you that said that it would be made on this tomorrow. And then on a question with Fort Trump, you said you're going to have to wait until tomorrow. So can we at least say that the announcement will be in concern with troop commitments and Fort Trump?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: What I said is that the announcements tomorrow will be about the future state of our security cooperation and our defense relationships. I did not

mention any of the other things. For specifics, I'm going to have to ask you to be patient and wait until then.

Q Thanks. Patrick Tucker, again, with Defense One. Is there a discussion at all about basing of missiles or potentially nuclear arms? Is that something that had been spoken a little bit about? Is that something that we can expect tomorrow, or is that a topic of discussion between the two leaders?

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Hi, this is [senior administration official] from DOD again. No, there are no discussions on those. Thank you.

Q Hi, this is Jeff Schogol with Task & Purpose again. I'm just wondering if you can talk about the strategic importance of Kaliningrad and whether the Russians have moved S-400 missiles there. Thank you.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: Hi, this is [senior administration official] again. I'm sorry, I think that's probably a little bit beyond the scope of this call so I'm going to have to -- I'm going to have to demur on that one.

Q Hey, sorry. It's Carla Babb with VOA. And I'm sorry about this. The way of doing this is really hard because we don't have any follow-up. But again -- unless they want to leave my mic open.

Again, I have five minutes into the call, someone -- and I didn't write down names because this is a background briefing -- I have, in quotations, "a significant announcement made on this" in response to a Washington Post question about White House troop commitment. So my story is going to focus on there's going to be a significant announcement on White House -- on the troop commitment to Poland.

And so -- but your response was what you had said later now, which was on the security issue -- which was more broad and more vague. But, again, so could somebody just tell me, in what was said five minutes into the briefing, was that a misspeak -- "a significant announcement made on this"? "This" being referring to a troop commitment to Poland. Or if misspoke, just let me know. But if not, that's what I think the four left on this call are going to focus on.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: As we have said previously, we're not going to go into details as to what will be in the announcement tomorrow because we don't want to preempt our bosses on that. So you can write about that there will be a significant announcement tomorrow. It will involve our security relationship and force posture, but we're not going to provide any details today.

Q Hi, it's Margaret Talev at Bloomberg. I won't beat a dead horse, but I also want to know what's going to happen tomorrow. But can you tell us, is the President going to make any commitment or announcement about plans to travel to Poland himself later this year, tomorrow? Or could you do that for us now?

And also, will he seek to tie any of those commitments that are going to be announced tomorrow to any agreement by Duda and the Polish government on rule of law, human rights issues, free press -- any of those kinds of concerns about governance or democratic governance? Thanks.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: To answer your second question first, what is being announced tomorrow is self-contained. Certainly the discussions on the rule of law, human rights issues that you mention are part of the dialogue between the Presidents but not captured in what they have agreed, but will be continuing subjects for discussion.

And the first part of the question, I'm sorry? Oh, was the possibility of travel. I'm not in a position to make any announcement about that at this point.

Q Hi. It's Demetri Sevastopulo at Financial Times. Two questions. First is: What is the state of negotiations between the U.S. and Poland for what Poland does with Huawei in its future 5G networks?

And secondly, I missed the start of the call. Is there going to be a kind of a joint statement from the President tomorrow? Or what's the format? Thank you.

SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL: The issue of communications security is something that the Presidents will discuss tomorrow and there will be some kind of joint statement issued.

Q Hi, this is Elizabeth McLaughlin at ABC News. I was wondering if you guys could possibly do this call again tomorrow after the announcement is made so that we can actually ask some questions and get into the details about what the announcement will entail tomorrow.

PRESS OFFICER: I will say that you should have received a media advisory about a press conference that will take place with the Presidents tomorrow, and I expect it will addressed at that time.

Okay. With that, we're ready to conclude.

END 1:29 P.M. EDT

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**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** RE: Media Request: EPA Comment on Embargoed Report

You can attribute to Liz. Thanks.

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**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Media Request: EPA Comment on Embargoed Report

Please clarify. Bloomberg has a statement on the record from EPA spokeswoman Liz Bowman.

On Thu, Feb 15, 2018 at 5:24 PM, Zahra Hirji <zahra.hirji@buzzfeed.com> wrote:

Or rather, who can I attribute this to?

On Thu, Feb 15, 2018 at 5:24 PM, Zahra Hirji <zahra.hirji@buzzfeed.com> wrote:

Can this be attributed?

On Thu, Feb 15, 2018 at 5:22 PM, Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov> wrote:

Updated statement: "EPA works with state partners on enforcement oversight; and, results of the Agency's enforcement work are reliant upon work that takes place over multiple years. We appreciate enforcement staff's continuous and consistent hard work to ensure compliance of environmental laws and hold people accountable if the violate the law." **EPA spokesperson**

**From:** Zahra Hirji [mailto:zahra.hirji@buzzfeed.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 4:49 PM
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Any update on this?

On Thu, Feb 15, 2018 at 8:25 AM, Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks for passing along.

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Thanks for your help last night, James. Here's my story.

Also, here's a copy of the report. Now that you have a copy, and I'm asking again for comment about its key findings that EPA closed 48 civil enforcement cases with penalties totaling $30 million in Trump's first year. That's a steep drop compared to past administrations, according to the report.

Also, the report notes that EPA's press release about an October 2017 consent decree with Exxon Mobil concluding the company would pay $300 million to install pollution controls for emissions. But baked into this are emission reductions dating back to 2011 and the fact that EPA already paid for the flare gas pollution recovery system before the October announcement. The report says this is a case of EPA inflating its enforcement deal. Can EPA respond?

And, similarly, the report notes that a consent decree reached with Lima Refinery last year to include penalties of $150 million includes investments made in response to a different -- and earlier -- settlement. Can EPA respond?

Thanks,

Zahra

On Wed, Feb 14, 2018 at 8:35 PM, Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov> wrote:

> Information is off the record. Thank you.
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> Sent from my iPhone
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> On Feb 14, 2018, at 8:32 PM, Zahra Hirji <zahra.hirji@buzzfeed.com> wrote:
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>> You keep saying the same thing. To clarify, a quote or information on background is info attributable to the agency -- but not to an individual. off the record means not attributable at all. So is the information off the record, or on background?
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>> Thanks,

Zahra

On Wed, Feb 14, 2018 at 8:29 PM, Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov> wrote:

Not for direct attribution but additional information.

On Feb 14, 2018, at 7:23 PM, Zahra Hirji <zahra.hirji@buzzfeed.com> wrote:

So background does mean I can attribute to the EPA, yes? Just not to someone in particular. Similar to the quote?

On Wed, Feb 14, 2018 at 7:18 PM, Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov> wrote:

"EPA works with state partners on enforcement oversight; we can't comment on a study we haven't seen," **EPA spokesperson.**

**Background:**

FY 2017 numbers are attributable to both the Obama and Trump administration. Comparing the first year of Obama to the first year of Trump misses the declines in numbers of cases that happened over the course of the Obama administration. Enforcement results are reliant upon work that took place earlier and cases take years to develop. There has been a consistent decline in civil enforcement cases since the Bush administration, continuing through the Obama administration.

As noted by David Schultz, civil cases opened/closed have been on the downward trend since the Bush administration. EPA is working with our state partners to ensure their rights to local enforcement oversight . https://twitter.com/davidbschultz/status/961673191637835776

Please see the link: https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/enforcement-annual-results-analysis-and-trends-fiscal-year-2017

- Case conclusions – If you look at the link, you can see the steep reduction in case initiations that took place from 2009 to 2016, under the Obama administration
- Penalties – Penalties go up and down dramatically depending on when a big case is concluded.

· Injunctive relief - Injunctive relief also goes up and down depending on when big cases settle.

· Backlog -- For all of the time period that Bloomberg is looking at, there was no confirmed AA in OECA pushing to get cases through the pipeline. One of our new OECA measures is reduce the time from referring a case to DOJ to when either a settlement is reached or a complaint is filed. Right now that average is 3.2 years.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 14, 2018, at 7:15 PM, Zahra Hirji <zahra.hirji@buzzfeed.com> wrote:

> I wanted to follow up on this. If there's no new quote -- can I get a name to attribute the other quote? Can I attribute this to James?
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> Thanks,
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> On Wed, Feb 14, 2018 at 6:45 PM, Zahra Hirji <zahra.hirji@buzzfeed.com> wrote:
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> > I wanted to follow up on this. I've heard EPA is actually putting out a more substantial comment on the report more than what was originally provided to me -- and I wanted to be able to include it in my story.
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> > Thanks,
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> > Zahra
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> > On Tue, Feb 13, 2018 at 6:34 PM, Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov> wrote:
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> > > Hi Zahra,

You can attribute to an epa spokesperson:

**On-the-record**: "We can't comment on a report we haven't seen."

**Off-the-record**: Please see our release from last week for details on our FY17 numbers https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-announces-2017-annual-environmental-enforcement-results

Also, as noted by Bloomberg Environment's David Schultz, civil cases opened/closed have been on the downward trend since the Bush Administration. EPA is working with our state partners to ensure their rights to local enforcement oversight
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Best,

James

On Feb 13, 2018, at 4:08 PM, Zahra Hirji <zahra.hirji@buzzfeed.com> wrote:

> Dear EPA Press Team,
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> I'm a reporter for BuzzFeed News writing about a report embargoed until Thursday morning (12:01 am EST) about EPA enforcement by the Environmental Integrity Project. I'm reaching out to give EPA an opportunity to respond.

According to the report, between inauguration day and January 23, 2018 (aka Trump's first year in office), the EPA closed 48 civil enforcement cases with penalties totaling $30 million. That's a steep drop compared to past administrations, according to the report. (Although I can't share this current embargoed report -- I'll note that it is a follow up to EIP's mid-year report on the same topic -- and with overlapping data -- out in August.)

For example, Obama's EPA closed 71 civil cases with penalties totaling $71 million in its first year; and Bush's EPA closed 112 civil cases with penalties totaling $50 million in its first year.

Can the EPA respond to this?

Also, the report notes that EPA's press release about an October 2017 consent decree with Exxon Mobil concluding the company would pay $300 million to install pollution controls for emissions. But baked into this are emission reductions dating back to 2011 and the fact that EPA already paid for the flare gas pollution recovery system before the October announcement. The report says this is a case of EPA inflating its enforcement deal. Can EPA respond?

And, similarly, the report notes that a consent decree reached with Lima Refinery last year to include penalties of $150 million includes investments made in response to a different -- and earlier -- settlement. Can EPA respond?

My deadline is end of day tomorrow, Wednesday, February 14. My story will publish after the report's embargo lifts.

Best,

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**Subject**: Re: Media Inquiry: CBS - The Doctors Talk Show

Checking, Olivia.

On Jan 10, 2018, at 1:38 PM, Hass, Olivia <olivia.hass@cbs.com> wrote:

Hi Enesta,
Thank you for all of these answers. We have written the following statement to be said during our show tomorrow. Is this okay with the EPA?

The Environment Protection Agency says that American tap water is safe, of the highest quality and always reliable. Filtering your tap water would be a matter of personal preference.

Please let me know if this statement is okay for us to use, credited to the EPA.

Thank you!

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**From:** Jones, Enesta [mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 09, 2018 1:31 PM
**To:** Hass, Olivia
**Cc:** Press
**Subject:** Media Inquiry: CBS - The Doctors Talk Show

Hi Olivia, for attribution to an EPA spokesperson:

**1. Is tap water safe to drink?**

The United States has one of the safest water supplies in the world. Congress passed the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) in 1974 to protect public health by regulating public drinking water systems. SDWA requires EPA to establish and enforce standards that public drinking water systems must follow. EPA delegates primary enforcement responsibility (also called primacy) for public water systems to states and Indian Tribes if they meet certain requirements. Link: https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/basic-information-about-your-drinking-water. Congress passed the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) in 1974 to protect public health, including by regulating public water systems.

Over 151,000 public water systems provide drinking water to most Americans. Customers that are served by a public water system can contact their local water supplier and ask for information on contaminants in their drinking water, and are encouraged to request a copy of their Consumer Confidence Report. This report lists the levels of contaminants that have been detected in the water, including those by EPA, and whether the system meets state and EPA drinking water standards.

About 10 percent of people in the United States rely on water from private wells. Private wells are not regulated under the SDWA. People who use private wells need to take precautions to ensure their drinking water is safe. Learn more about private wells

**2. Are there chemicals in tap water? How do they get there? Are they added purposefully? If so what chemicals? Are they safe to drink?**

A change in your water's taste, color, or smell is not necessarily a health concern. However, sometimes changes can be a sign of problems. If you notice a change in your water or you want to learn more about where your tap water comes from, call your public water system. The name of your public water system can be found on your water bill. When water quality standards have not been met, your public water system must notify you through the media (television or radio), mail, or other means. Your annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) is another way to find out about the water quality in your area. It provides information regarding contaminants, possible health effects, and the water's source. There are three levels of public notification. A Tier 1 notification pertains to the most serious and acute contamination events. Notification must be broadcast by local media within 24 hours. Tier 2 allows for a 30-day notification. Tier 3 provides notification through the annual consumer confidence report. Many public water systems now post their report online. Public water systems are required to provide a copy upon receiving a request. More information for consumers: https://www.epa.gov/ccr

If you are not served by a public water system and have your own well, and you want to test your water, your local health department should be able to assist in explaining any tests that you need for various contaminants. If your local health department is not able to help you can contact a state certified laboratory to perform the test. To find a state certified laboratory in your area call the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

**3. What is the best way to filter tap water?**

Filters that have been certified against an ANSI/NSF standard have met the performance requirements in the standard. Third-party certifiers would maintain the data that shows the product meets the standard, not EPA. If people are looking to remove a particular contaminant, EPA does recommend that they look for products that have been independently certified to remove that contaminant.

**4. Are purchasable filters, such as BRITA filters, effective in filtering tap water? (link to Q3)**

Water delivered to the tap that meets regulatory limits is typically considered protective of public health. However, there are still residual contaminants when the water leaves the drinking water plant, or in some cases, contaminants that enter or are formed in drinking water when water is flowing from the treatment plant to the consumer's tap. Some consumers elect to remove these contaminants with additional filters. Many different types of filters are available to consumers. Determining which type is most effective and appropriate depends on what contaminants the consumer wishes to remove. No filter eliminates all contaminants, so understanding what filters remove and do not remove is important. It is also extremely important to maintain filters consistent with the manufacturer's recommendations to ensure the filter maintains its effectiveness and does not cause more potential contamination of water.

For more information, please see the CDC website: https://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/drinking/home-water-treatment/water-filters/step3.html

You also might find this link useful to evaluate manufacturer claims about effectiveness:
https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/device/watertreatmentdevices.shtml
http://www.nsf.org/

**5. Is "raw water" safe to drink?**

Drinking raw water may pose risks for consumers. While untreated spring water and mountain stream water may look pure, it can be contaminated with bacteria, viruses, parasites, and other contaminants. These microbial contaminants can come from "natural" sources such as animals living in the watersheds or erosion from streambanks, among other sources. These organisms, including *Cryptosporidium*, *Giardia*, *Shigella*, and norovirus, among others, can cause consumers to become sick. When water is untreated, there's risk that it will contain these harmful organisms.

You can learn more about the quality of drinking water in your area by reading your Consumer Confidence Report
Link: https://www.epa.gov/ccr

**6. Would the EPA be willing to provide an official statement regarding the safety of drinking tap water and raw water?**

Water delivered to the tap that meets regulatory limits is typically considered protective of public health. EPA cannot ensure that untreated raw water is also protective of public health, as any possible sources of contamination would not be removed by treatment, observed by monitoring, or reported to consumers.

**From:** "Hass, Olivia" <olivia.hass@cbs.com>
**Date:** January 8, 2018 at 5:47:37 PM EST
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject: Media Inquiry: CBS - The Doctors Talk Show**

Hello,

My name is Olivia Hass and I am a Production Assistant at The Doctors (thedoctorstv.com) a daytime, medical talk show. For our show this week are a having a discussion surrounding the safety of drinking tap water and the safety of drinking what is called "raw water".
We have some questions surrounding this topic and are hoping the EPA can provide insight. Here are our following questions:

1. Is tap water safe to drink?

2. Are there chemicals in tap water? How do they get there? Are they added purposefully? If so what chemicals? Are they safe to drink?

3. What is the best way to filter tap water?

4. Are purchasable filters (such as, BRITA filters) effective in cleaning tap water?

5. Is "raw water" safe to drink?

6. Would the EPA be willing to provide an official statement regarding the safety of drinking tap water and raw water?

Please let me know if you have any questions. It would be preferable to have these answers by end of day today (5pm PST) Thank you!

Best,

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**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Press Inquiry about Fuel: ethanol, RFS, fuel efficiency

Jeff, for attribution, if needed, to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

The Agency is currently working on the Second Triennial Report to Congress and expects to deliver that report in the spring of 2018.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Barber, Jeffrey [mailto:JBarber@opisnet.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 02, 2018 1:26 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Press Inquiry about Fuel: ethanol, RFS, fuel efficiency

Not an imminent deadline, but if you could get back to me by later today or sometime tomorrow, that would be much appreciated.
Thanks

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**To:** Barber, Jeffrey <JBarber@opisnet.com>
**Subject:** RE: Press Inquiry about Fuel: ethanol, RFS, fuel efficiency

Hullo Jeff and pleased to make your acquaintance. Let me check.

I take it you're not on deadline, but just asking for planning purposes, correct?

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**Sent:** Tuesday, January 02, 2018 1:20 PM

**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Press Inquiry about Fuel: ethanol, RFS, fuel efficiency

Hi Robert,

I cover the Renewable Fuel Standard for the Oil Price Information Service and have in the past dealt with Christie St. Clair. I see you're handling the issue for EPA now. I wanted to check on the status of the required triennial report examining the environmental impacts of biofuels production. As you know, the EPA IG's Office in August issued a report saying the agency had failed to meet congressional requirements that it complete such a report every three years. The last was completed in 2011. In response, EPA said it would finalize the study by Dec. 31, 2017. Was that deadline met and if so, where can I get a copy of the report? If not, can you tell me when the agency believes it will be finished?

Thanks for your help,
Jeff

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**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Re: Inquiry re: Once In, Always In policy

Jackie —

For attribution to an EPA spokesperson:

We will respond through the proper channels.

On Jan 10, 2018, at 10:57 AM, Jackie Toth <jackietoth@cqrollcall.com> wrote:

Hi Enesta,

Happy New Year! Hope you're doing well.

Has the EPA received yesterday's letter from Barrasso and Capito requesting the EPA to withdraw the Once In, Always In policy for MACT standards compliance? What is the administration's plan with regard to this 1995 guidance?

Deadline to hear is 2:30pm today.

https://www.epw.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/f/b/fbcca7e4-1227-4a87-83cf-07f3a2a9ee9a/A55A9EC1AC5F56D5F9A30212C606D34E.1.9.18-barrasso-capito-letter-once-in-always-in-policy.pdf

Thanks much,

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**Sent:** 1/3/2018 2:33:53 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Re: lead paint standards

Got it, thanks.

On Tue, Jan 2, 2018 at 7:54 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:
Juan Carlos, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

While EPA disagrees with the Ninth Circuit's decision to grant the petition for a writ of mandamus, the decision simply means that EPA must either work in accordance with the timeframes set by the court or seek modification of the court-ordered deadlines.

Lead exposure remains a significant health threat to children, and EPA will continue to work diligently on a number of fronts to address issues surrounding childhood lead exposure from multiple sources.

Best, R.

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On Jan 2, 2018, at 4:41 PM, Juan Carlos Rodriguez <jc.rodriguez@law360.com> wrote:

Hi,

I was just wondering if the EPA has a schedule for updating lead standards following the Ninth Circuit ruling (attached) last week?

My deadline is 6 p.m. EST today.

Thanks.

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**Subject**: RE: Newsweek Statement Request

Hey Linley,

Thanks for reaching out. For attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

The agency doesn't comment on pending litigation.

Regards, R.

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**From:** Linley Sanders [mailto:l.sanders@newsweekgroup.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 02, 2018 3:25 PM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Newsweek Statement Request

Hey EPA Press Office,

I tried to reach out to Mary Mears a few times this afternoon and must have missed her. The general press line recommended an inquiry be submitted here. I'm reaching out to see if the EPA has a formal statement regarding the intent to sue letters sent by Delaware Governor John Carney [linked here: https://news.delaware.gov/2018/01/02/outofstate-air-pollution/] and I was additionally curious why petitions from Delaware and Maryland were given a six-month extension [linked here: https://www.epa.gov/ozone-pollution/delaware-126-petition-august-2016].

Any help would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Linley

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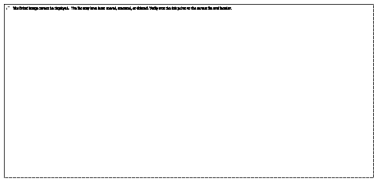

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**Subject**: RE: Inquiry re: NAAQS suit

Happy New Year Jackie,

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Cheers, R.

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Hi all,

Happy New Year! I emailed Enesta but got an away message.

Any comment from the EPA on downwind states' suit against the agency for rejecting its petition to add nine states to the Ozone Transport Region?

Deadline's 3:30pm today.

Thanks much,
Jackie
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**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: A.G. SCHNEIDERMAN SUES TRUMP EPA TO PROTECT NEW YORKERS FROM OUT-OF-STATE AIR POLLUTION

Got it, Robert.

Regards,
Sean

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Good morning Sean,

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Hi folks:

We're playing catchup after being off last week. Let me know if you have any comment on the attached suit and/or the statements in the news release below. My deadline is noon today.

Thanks,
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# A.G. SCHNEIDERMAN SUES TRUMP EPA TO PROTECT NEW YORKERS FROM OUT-OF-STATE AIR POLLUTION

*AG Schneiderman Leads 8 AGs in Suit Challenging EPA's Refusal to Require Upwind States to Control Smog Pollution that Blows into New York and Northeast States*

*At Least One in Three New Yorkers Breathe Unhealthy Levels of Smog – Leading to Dire Health Issues*

NEW YORK – Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman, leading a coalition of eight Attorneys General, filed a lawsuit today against the Trump Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to force action under the Clean Air Act to ensure upwind states adequately control the pollution that blows into New York and other downwind states.

At least one in three New Yorkers breathe air with unhealthy levels of smog pollution, with some analyses placing it as high as two in three New Yorkers (approximately 12.7 million people). The EPA's own studies demonstrate that pollution from states upwind of New York contributes substantially to the state's harmful levels of smog.

"Millions of New Yorkers are breathing unhealthy air as smog pollution continues to pour in from other states," **Attorney General Schneiderman** said. "The federal government has a fundamental responsibility to act. Yet the Trump EPA has abandoned its responsibilities – repeatedly failing to act to control smog pollution that jeopardizes New Yorkers' health. Attorneys General will continue to act to protect those we serve."

Specifically, the suit challenges the EPA's denial of a petition that New York and several other states filed in late 2013 for the Agency to add nine additional states to the "Ozone Transport Region," a group of states established under the federal Clean Air Act that must act in concert to reduce smog pollution within the region.

Joining Attorney General Schneiderman in the suit are the Attorneys General of Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont.

Reducing smog levels is vital to protecting the health of New Yorkers. Elevated levels of smog can cause a host of significant health effects, including coughing, throat irritation, lung tissue damage, and the aggravation of existing medical conditions, such as asthma, bronchitis, heart disease, and emphysema. According to the American Lung Association's "2017 State of the Air Report," the New York City metropolitan area ranks as the 9th most smog-polluted city in the nation.

Congress created the Ozone Transport Region to help states address pervasive smog problems in the northeastern United States. By statute, the Region consists of 11 states – Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont – and the District of Columbia metropolitan area.

In December 2013, New York and other northeastern states submitted a petition under the Clean Air Act asking EPA to add nine additional states shown or projected through modelling and analysis to contribute to violations of federal smog standards in the Ozone Transport Region. These nine states are Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, North Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia. When EPA took no action on that petition, a coalition of states led by Attorney General Schneiderman filed suit against the EPA to compel it to act. Attorney General Schneiderman and the coalition of states subsequently negotiated a consent decree that required EPA to approve or disapprove the petition no later than October 27, 2017. On that date, Trump EPA Administrator Pruitt denied the states' Ozone Transport Region petition.

Today's suit, which was filed in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, asks the court to review Administrator Pruitt's denial of the petition. The coalition will ask the court to determine that the denial is unlawful and to vacate it.

Ozone Transport Region

Each state within the Ozone Transport Region must develop and implement plans that achieve controls on pollutants that contribute to the formation of smog. However, despite enacting stringent in-state controls on sources of these pollutants, many states within the Region – including New York – are not able to meet federal health-based air quality standards for smog, significantly due to upwind smog pollution.

Modeling and analysis performed by EPA, as well as by states, has shown that interstate transport of air pollution from upwind states outside of the Ozone Transport Region –including Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia – contributes significantly to violations of the 2008 federal smog standard within the Ozone Transport Region. In addition, preliminary modeling demonstrates that emissions in these states, as well as North Carolina, are projected to contribute to violations of the recently updated 2015 federal smog standard in the Region.

States outside and upwind of the Region are not required to – and generally do not – impose controls as stringent as those required of those within the Region. However, the federal Clean Air Act provides for states to petition EPA to add states to the Ozone Transport Region, and for EPA to add states when the Agency has reason to believe that the interstate transport of air pollution from them significantly contributes to exceedances of the federal standards for smog in the Region.

This matter is being handled for the Attorney General's Environmental Protection Bureau by Assistant Attorney General Claiborne Walthall, Affirmative Section Chief Morgan A. Costello, and

Senior Counsel Michael J. Myers. The Bureau is led by Bureau Chief Lemuel M. Srolovic and is part of the Division of Social Justice, which is led by Executive Deputy Attorney General for Social Justice Alvin Bragg.

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**Subject:** RE: Superfund letter response

Cody—

For attribution to "an EPA spokesperson:"

We will respond through proper channels.

Best,

Tricia

**From:** Cody Boteler [mailto:cboteler@industrydive.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 09, 2018 4:25 PM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Superfund letter response

Hello,

I hope you're doing well, and aren't too cold this week...weather's been rough.

I was hoping that I might be able to get a copy of any response/documents that EPA has sent or is sending to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce regarding the committee's letter concerning Superfund sites, dated Dec. 21, 2017, which asked for a response by Jan. 8.

Is this something EPA can share? We'd love to be able to share some more insight into the Superfund project with our readers.

Thanks much for your time,

Cody Boteler

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**Sent**: 12/29/2017 3:57:38 PM
**To**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Subject: Press Inquiry about Food Waste

Got it

**From:** Haddon, Heather [mailto:heather.haddon@wsj.com]
**Sent:** Friday, December 29, 2017 10:46 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Subject: Press Inquiry about Food Waste

Hello Robert,
I'm interested in potentially exploring a story about the EPA's food waste efforts, including anything to potentially back FoodMaven or other startups addressing the issue. Could I arrange for an interview with a subject expert in this area? Let me know what's possible when you can.
Thanks in advance.
Heather

On Thu, Oct 26, 2017 at 3:11 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Heather, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

Food Maven participated in the Midwest Food Recovery Summit in Des Moines, IA in early September (https://iwrc.uni.edu/foodrecoverysummit/speakers/bultema) in the Thursday, 9/7 panel session, Tools and Resources to Promote Recovery and Donation Efforts.

EPA supports a variety of efforts and strategies that reduce the amount of wholesome, nutritious food going to landfills. See our Food Recovery Hierarchy (https://www.epa.gov/sustainable-management-food/food-recovery-hierarchy).

Regards, R.

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**To:** StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Press Inquiry about Food Waste

Hello,

I'm the food retail reporter for the Journal, and am working on a story about a Colorado company that has built a marketplace to sell food waste to restaurants and food service companies. It's called Food Maven. My understanding is that the EPA had the CEO of the company, Patrick Bultema, speak at a recent conference. Looking to confirm and get some detail if so, or if the agency supports this effort more generally. Any response by tomorrow would be most appreciated. I'm at my desk if it would help to discuss.

Thanks,

Heather

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**CC**: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: For Review: Bloomberg Environment (Sylvia Carignan) re: PFAS at Superfund sites (Deadline: 1/9)

Thank you! I'll loop with Nancy before sending to ensure the regions are aware.

On Jan 10, 2018, at 8:14 AM, Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov> wrote:

Pared it down a bit and no need for attribution because this is all background info.

On background:

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**From:** Jones, Enesta
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 9, 2018 5:27 PM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** For Review: Bloomberg Environment (Sylvia Carignan) re: PFAS at Superfund sites (Deadline: 1/9)

**Background:** Bloomberg Environment reporter is asking for the names and number of Superfund sites on the National Priorities List that are contaminated with the chemical, Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). **Note: This response to the reporter would be** Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
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**Suggested Response:** Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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# Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

**From:** "Carignan, Sylvia" <scarignan@bloombergenvironment.com>
**Date:** January 3, 2018 at 1:16:54 PM EST
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject: PFAS at Superfund sites**

Hi all,

Happy new year! Hope you all got some time off. I'd like to follow up on something I heard about before the holidays:

It's my understanding that EPA has identified 32 federal and 15 non-federal NPL sites contaminated by PFAS. Could you provide the names of those sites?

And if there's an estimate of how many other NPL sites could be affected by PFAS, let me know about that as well. Dr. Tom Sinks had mentioned in a November presentation that there were likely "hundreds," but I'd like to know if EPA has a narrower estimate.

My deadline for this is Friday at 3 p.m.; let me know if that won't be enough time.

Best,
Sylvia

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**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Re: Pollinators/pesticide labeling

Steve, for attribution, as usual, to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

> The EPA has not yet sent out the letters to registrants described in the Implementation section of the Agency's Policy Mitigating Acute Risk to Bees from Pesticide Products, which was announced on January 12, 2017. "The EPA is coordinating with stakeholders, including beekeepers and state pesticide regulatory agencies, to ensure the final steps for implementing the policy would result in effective mitigation to protect bees and be workable for pesticide regulatory agencies in the various states. The EPA plans to finalize and send the letters to registrants in early 2018."

HNY

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On Dec 28, 2017, at 11:27 AM, Steve Davies <steve@agri-pulse.com> wrote:

> EPA has said it plans to send letters to registrants with instructions on mitigation needed to prevent acute risks to bees. The instructions are to be included in labeling. To my knowledge, these letters haven't been sent out. Can you tell me whether that's the case?
>
> If letters have been sent, can I get copies? This seems to me a matter of public interest.
>
> If not, can you tell me why there has been a delay and when you expect letters to go out? Essentially, what is the status of the effort to reduce acute risk to bees from pesticides/
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> https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0818-0477
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Thank you, Robert!

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**Subject:** RE: EPA Lead Court order

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**Subject:** [SPAM-Sender] EPA Lead Court order
**Importance:** High

Hi, Robert—I hope you are well! We are planning to air an interview with someone about the court order for the EPA to propose new rules on lead exposure for children within 90 days.

Can you please let me know if the EPA wants to respond to this for our show? We'll need a response by 2:30pm Eastern.

Thank you very much!

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**Sent**: 12/28/2017 4:00:32 PM
**To**: Alan Yu [ayu@whyy.org]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: URGENT: Request interview for WHYY story about states suing EPA over air pollution from other states

Good morning Alan,

For attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

The agency doesn't comment on pending litigation.

Regards, R.

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**From:** Alan Yu [mailto:ayu@whyy.org]
**Sent:** Thursday, December 28, 2017 10:58 AM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Fw: URGENT: Request interview for WHYY story about states suing EPA over air pollution from other states

Alan Yu

Reporter, *The Pulse*, WHYY
Office phone: 215-351-5890
Cell phone: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Twitter: @Alan_Yu039

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**From:** Alan Yu
**Sent:** Thursday, December 28, 2017 10:56 AM
**To:** jones.enesta@epa.gov
**Subject:** URGENT: Request interview for WHYY story about states suing EPA over air pollution from other states

Dear Ms. Enesta Jones,

My name is Alan and I am a reporter for WHYY, the NPR station in Philadelphia. I'm working on a story for our newscast on Friday about Pennsylvania joining other states in suing the EPA over smog pollution from other states.

I would like to speak to the EPA for this story, as the agency is the party being sued. I am on deadline for tomorrow, so please write back as soon as you can. I apologize for the rush. Thank you, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely,

Alan

Alan Yu

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Message

**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 12/28/2017 3:59:44 PM
**To**: Burns, Alison (CMG-WNB) [Alison.Burns@CoxInc.com]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: EPA response to lead paint ruling?

Good morning Alison,

For attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

**EPA is reviewing the Ninth Circuit's decision to grant the petition for a writ of mandamus.**

**Lead exposure remains a significant health threat to children, and EPA will continue to work diligently on a number of fronts to address issues surrounding childhood lead exposure from multiple sources.**

Regards, R.

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**From:** Burns, Alison (CMG-WNB) [mailto:Alison.Burns@CoxInc.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, December 28, 2017 10:56 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** EPA response to lead paint ruling?

Good morning Robert,
I'm a producer at Cox Media Group's DC bureau. We are following up on yesterday's 9th circuit ruling relating to to lead paint restrictions. What is the EPA's response to the ruling and why has there been a delay in issuing the new standards?
My deadline is 2pm today - would you be able to get a statement to me by then?
Thanks!
Alison

Message

**From**: Chen, Elizabeth [chenel@umsl.edu]
**Sent**: 12/28/2017 3:45:46 PM
**To**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]; Carey, Curtis [Carey.Curtis@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Subject: KWMU inquiry - EPA employee departures

Thanks for these responses.

Best,
Eli

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, December 28, 2017 8:58 AM
**To:** Chen, Elizabeth
**Cc:** Press; Carey, Curtis
**Subject:** Subject: KWMU inquiry - EPA employee departures

Eli, on behalf of Curtis and my Region 7 colleagues, and for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

**Q 1. What is the total number of employees that Region 7 employs?**

A 1. EPA Region 7 has just over 450 full time, permanent employees on staff.

**Q 2. Why did a significant portion of the 43 employees that left the agency depart at the end of August and the beginning of September?**

A 2. This summer, the EPA provided opportunities for its program and regional offices to offer VERA/VSIPs (early outs/buyouts) to their employees. Region 7 sought approval from the Office of Personnel Management and the Office of Management and Budget to offer a total of 45 VERA/VSIP opportunities. The region's goal was to reduce the overall workforce from 497 permanent employees to 452 for Fiscal Year 2017.

Employees who took advantage of the VERA/VSIP were required to depart the agency by September 2, 2017, thus accounting for the large number of employees who left the agency in late August or early September.

In Region 7, of the 43 employees who departed the agency, 29 were as a result of the VERA/VSIP, 12 were temporary students and 2 were resignations unrelated to the VERA/VSIP.

**Q3: Will you replace the other scientists, environmental protection specialists, and engineers who left?**

A3: In keeping with Region 7's goals for the VERA/VSIP program, the region will restructure some of the positions to reduce redundancies and promote greater efficiencies; consolidate or realign administrative support functions; and assign necessary duties that were previously performed by employees who left the agency, to other qualified staff.

Regards, R.

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Message

**From:** Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 1/9/2018 10:10:19 PM
**To:** Nidhi Subbaraman [nidhi.s@buzzfeed.com]
**Subject:** Re: BuzzFeed News query: EPA lead water rule

Hi Nidhi, I'm checking.

On Jan 9, 2018, at 5:05 PM, Nidhi Subbaraman <nidhi.s@buzzfeed.com> wrote:

Hi again,

Has the presentation been posted yet? Looks like Bloomberg BNA has published what appears to be the presentation: https://bnanews.bna.com/environment-and-energy/epa-in-closed-door-meeting-foresees-billions-in-lead-rule-costs

Can you confirm that this was the one that was used at the Jan 8 meeting?

Thanks, Nidhi

On Mon, Jan 8, 2018 at 8:35 PM, Nidhi Subbaraman <nidhi.subbaraman@buzzfeed.com> wrote:
Got it. Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 8, 2018, at 6:57 PM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Nidhi, for attribution to an EPA spokesperson:

We will be posting the presentation online. We will let you know when it is available.

On Jan 8, 2018, at 9:24 AM, Nidhi Subbaraman <nidhi.s@buzzfeed.com> wrote:

Thanks. If you have any announcements or releases following the meeting, please send them my way.

On Thu, Jan 4, 2018 at 9:29 AM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:
Hi Nidhi, attributable to an EPA spokesperson:

We have nothing more to provide at this time.

On Jan 4, 2018, at 7:52 AM, Nidhi Subbaraman <nidhi.s@buzzfeed.com> wrote:

Hello again Enesta, Checking if the attendee list is confirmed/shareable just yet.

Thanks, Nidhi

On Thu, Dec 14, 2017 at 7:13 PM, Nidhi Subbaraman <nidhi.s@buzzfeed.com> wrote:
Got it, thanks.

On Thu, Dec 14, 2017 at 2:12 PM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:

Not at this time.

On Dec 14, 2017, at 2:10 PM, Nidhi Subbaraman <nidhi.s@buzzfeed.com> wrote:

Thank you. Are there any details about the individuals who are invited that you can provide?

On Thu, Dec 14, 2017 at 2:03 PM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:
Here you go, Nidhi.

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**From:** Nidhi Subbaraman <nidhi.s@buzzfeed.com>

**Date:** December 14, 2017 at 1:58:38 PM EST
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject: BuzzFeed News query: EPA lead water rule**

Hello,

This query is regarding the Jan 8. meeting about the Lead and Copper Rule, proposed by the EPA in the following letter.

https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-12/documents/lcr_federalism_consultation_letter.signed.12_14_17.pdf

Can you send a list of the parties that are invited to this meeting?

Thank you, Nidhi

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**Sent**: 12/28/2017 1:11:38 PM
**To**: jburgeson@ctpost.com
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]; Bender, Emily [Bender.Emily@epa.gov]
**Subject**: John Burgeson (Connecticut Post): Your questions for U.S. EPA

Good morning John,

About your questions on the northeastern AGs' lawsuit, and for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

The agency doesn't comment on pending litigation.

Regards, R.

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**Sent:** 1/9/2018 10:04:29 PM
**To:** Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
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Message

**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 12/28/2017 12:31:50 PM
**To**: Julie Cheever [jcheever@igc.org]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]; Glenn, William [Glenn.William@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Press Inquiry about Lead Paint, Lead Renovation and Repair Rule

Good morning,

For attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

EPA is reviewing the Ninth Circuit's decision to grant the petition for a writ of mandamus.

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Regards, R.

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-----Original Message-----
From: Julie Cheever [mailto:jcheever@igc.org]
Sent: Wednesday, December 27, 2017 9:16 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Press Inquiry about Lead Paint, Lead Renovation and Repair Rule

Hello -- can you please send me the EPA's comment on today's 9th Circuit ruling about lead paint standards rulemaking?
Thank you,
Julie Cheever
Bay City News Service
San Francisco

Message

**From**: Lynn, Tricia [lynn.tricia@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 1/9/2018 9:58:22 PM
**To**: rcross@wsvn.com
**Subject**: RE: Unacceptable Toxin Levels / WSVN-7

Robin—

For attribution, if attributing, to "an EPA spokesperson:"

Please contact the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, as each state has its own water quality standards and criteria under state law and the federal Clean Water Act.

Best,

Tricia

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Tricia Lynn
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Office: 202.564.2615

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**From:** Cross, Robin [mailto:rcross@wsvn.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 09, 2018 1:03 PM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Unacceptable Toxin Levels / WSVN-7

Good Afternoon EPA,

Would you please supply me with a chart or list indicating the number in which toxins are considered unacceptable in canals in Florida.
I am specifically looking for the toxins below, but if you have an over-all list I'd be fine with that. I can look for the specific toxins in the chart/list.

- Fecal Coliform
- Enterococci
- E Coli
- Nitrite
- OPO4
- TKN
- TPO4
- Chlorophyll-a
- Ammonia
- NO2 + NO3

Thank you.
Robin Cross

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Message

**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 12/27/2017 10:23:09 PM
**To**: Allington, Adam [aallington@bloombergenvironment.com]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: Press Inquiry about Lead Paint, Lead Renovation and Repair Rule

Adam, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

**EPA is reviewing the Ninth Circuit's decision to grant the petition for a writ of mandamus.**

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On Dec 27, 2017, at 4:57 PM, Allington, Adam <aallington@bloombergenvironment.com> wrote:

> Hi Robert,
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> My name is Adam Allington, I am a reporter with Bloomberg Environment, based here in DC.
>
> Apologies for the short notice. I'm publishing a story shortly on the California Ninth Circuit ruling asking EPA to update its standard within 15 months.
>
> Might you be able to provide me with a statement from EPA on the ruling?
>
> Does EPA see this timetable as doable?
>
> Best,
> Adam
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> **Bloomberg Environment**

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Message

**From**: Lynn, Tricia [lynn.tricia@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 12/27/2017 10:07:55 PM
**To**: Allington, Adam [aallington@bloombergenvironment.com]
**Subject**: RE: URGENT: Media request from Bloomberg

Adam—

For attribution to "an EPA spokesperson:"

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**From:** Allington, Adam [mailto:aallington@bloombergenvironment.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 27, 2017 4:55 PM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** URGENT: Media request from Bloomberg

Hello all,

My name is Adam Allington, I am a reporter with Bloomberg Environment, based here in DC.

I'm publishing a story shortly on the California Ninth Circuit ruling asking EPA to update its standard within 15 months.

Can you provide me with a statement from EPA on the ruling?

Does EPA see this timetable as doable?

Best,
Adam

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Message

**From**: Friedman, Lisa [lisa.friedman@nytimes.com]
**Sent**: 12/27/2017 9:45:17 PM
**To**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: lead paint ruling

gotcha ty

On Wed, Dec 27, 2017 at 4:38 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

> Lisa, at the moment, we have nothing to add to our earlier response.
>
> Stay tuned for an answer to your attribution-related question, please.
>
> **From:** Friedman, Lisa [mailto:lisa.friedman@nytimes.com]
> **Sent:** Wednesday, December 27, 2017 3:42 PM
> **To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: lead paint ruling
>
> Sorry one other question - can you tell me if EPA is appealing this?
>
> On Wed, Dec 27, 2017 at 3:23 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:
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>> Lisa, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:
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>> EPA is reviewing the Ninth Circuit's decision to grant the petition for a writ of mandamus.
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>> Cheers, R.
>>
>> Robert Daguillard

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**From:** Friedman, Lisa [mailto:lisa.friedman@nytimes.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 27, 2017 2:59 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: lead paint ruling

tx!

On Wed, Dec 27, 2017 at 2:57 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Hey Lisa,

Quick word to acknowledge receipt.

Thanks, R.

Robert Daguillard

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**From:** Friedman, Lisa [mailto:lisa.friedman@nytimes.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 27, 2017 2:35 PM
**To:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** lead paint ruling

Hi folks. Can I get a comment on this 9th Circuit ruling on EPA's lead paint rules in the next hour or two? Tx much,

Lisa

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Lisa Friedman

Reporter, New York Times

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Message

**From**: Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 1/9/2018 8:53:54 PM
**To**: Krisher, Tom [tkrisher@ap.org]
**CC**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: fuel economy numbers

Tom, for attribution to an EPA spokesperson:

We having nothing more to share at this time.

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**From:** Krisher, Tom [mailto:tkrisher@ap.org]
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 09, 2018 3:50 PM
**To:** Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: fuel economy numbers

Can you say how we'll find out about it from EPA? And can you define soon so I can plan out the next few days.

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**From:** Jones, Enesta [mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 09, 2018 3:49 PM
**To:** Krisher, Tom <tkrisher@ap.org>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: fuel economy numbers

**Hi Tom:** Off the record, it's happening soon.

> **From:** "Krisher, Tom" <tkrisher@ap.org>
> **Date:** January 9, 2018 at 3:21:19 PM EST
> **To:** "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
> **Subject: RE: fuel economy numbers**
>
> Robert,
> I'm being told by industry contacts that this will come out on Thursday. Can you tell me how it will be delivered? There used to be a conference call.
> Thanks,
> Tom
>
> ---
>
> **From:** Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
> **Sent:** Friday, January 05, 2018 7:50 AM
> **To:** Krisher, Tom <tkrisher@ap.org>
> **Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** FW: fuel economy numbers
>
> Good morning Tom,
>
> Still off the record, we have nothing new for you.
>
> Thanks, R.

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**Sent:** Friday, January 05, 2018 7:45 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: fuel economy numbers

Hi Robert. Any date for this yet?
Thanks,
Tom

Sent from my iPhone

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> Tom, sorry for the late reply,
>
> Off the record, please, we expect the report to come out soon. We'll let you know when it does.
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> Cheers, R.
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> **Subject:** RE: fuel economy numbers
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> Any luck with this?
> Thanks,
> Tom
>
> **From:** Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
> **Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 10:30 AM

**To:** Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>; Krisher, Tom <tkrisher@ap.org>
**Subject:** RE: fuel economy numbers

Hey Tom, let me check.

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**From:** Valentine, Julia
**Sent:** Monday, December 11, 2017 10:07 AM
**To:** Krisher, Tom <tkrisher@ap.org>; Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: fuel economy numbers

Hi Tom, connecting you with my colleague Robert Daguillard who is covering that issue. Thanks and hop you are staying warm out there!

Julia P. Valentine
US EPA Office of Public Affairs
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**To:** Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>
**Subject:** fuel economy numbers

Hey Julia,
I'm hearing that Tuesday or Wednesday you folks will release this year's fuel economy numbers for the fleet of new vehicles. Is there any truth to this?
Thank you, and hope all is well.
Tom
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Message

**From**: Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 1/9/2018 3:49:21 AM
**To**: Tabuchi, Hiroko [hiroko.tabuchi@nytimes.com]
**CC**: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: Query from The New York Times

If it's not a "must," please use an "EPA spokesperson."

On Jan 8, 2018, at 10:46 PM, Tabuchi, Hiroko <hiroko.tabuchi@nytimes.com> wrote:

Got this -- many thanks. Is there a name I can use for attribution?

> On Mon, Jan 8, 2018 at 10:39 PM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:
> Hi Hiroko, for attribution to an EPA spokesperson:
>
> The comment period on this rulemaking recently closed on October 16, 2017.
> The Agency is currently reviewing options for next steps. EPA will respond
> to the Senator through the proper channels.
>
> On Jan 8, 2018, at 7:17 AM, Tabuchi, Hiroko <hiroko.tabuchi@nytimes.com>
> wrote:
>
> Liz,
>
> I'm writing a story that mentions proposed E.P.A. rules that strengthen
> groundwater protections at uranium mines -- and the requests from industry
> and from Washington lawmakers that EPA withdraw the rule:
>
> https://www.epw.senate.gov/public/_cache/files/7/b/7b0204a4-681d-4f61-ace0-
c76a791467ba/70422F424D1DF2650D3BFD02D7571E04.12.14.17-barrasso-pruitt-letter-isr.pdf
>
> I just wanted to make sure EPA had the opportunity to comment on where it
> stands now on this rule -- is a withdrawal likely at this point?
>
> Please do let me know if there's any update at all the EPA has on this rule
> -- I'm at my direct line 212-556-2642 and working toward a Monday EOB
> deadline.
>
> Many thanks, Hiroko
>
> Hiroko Tabuchi | Reporter | The New York Times | Phone 212-556-2642 |
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Message

**From:** Nidhi Subbaraman [nidhi.subbaraman@buzzfeed.com]
**Sent:** 1/9/2018 1:35:14 AM
**To:** Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**CC:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Re: BuzzFeed News query: EPA lead water rule

Got it. Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 8, 2018, at 6:57 PM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:

> Hi Nidhi, for attribution to an EPA spokesperson:
>
> We will be posting the presentation online. We will let you know when it is available.
>
> On Jan 8, 2018, at 9:24 AM, Nidhi Subbaraman <nidhi.s@buzzfeed.com> wrote:
>
> Thanks. If you have any announcements or releases following the meeting, please send them my way.
>
> On Thu, Jan 4, 2018 at 9:29 AM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:
>> Hi Nidhi, attributable to an EPA spokesperson:
>>
>> We have nothing more to provide at this time.
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>> On Jan 4, 2018, at 7:52 AM, Nidhi Subbaraman <nidhi.s@buzzfeed.com> wrote:
>>
>> Hello again Enesta, Checking if the attendee list is confirmed/shareable just yet.
>>
>> Thanks, Nidhi
>>
>> On Thu, Dec 14, 2017 at 7:13 PM, Nidhi Subbaraman <nidhi.s@buzzfeed.com> wrote:
>>> Got it, thanks.
>>>
>>> On Thu, Dec 14, 2017 at 2:12 PM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:
>>>> Not at this time.
>>>>
>>>> On Dec 14, 2017, at 2:10 PM, Nidhi Subbaraman <nidhi.s@buzzfeed.com> wrote:
>>>>
>>>> Thank you. Are there any details about the individuals who are invited that you can provide?
>>>>
>>>> On Thu, Dec 14, 2017 at 2:03 PM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:
>>>>> Here you go, Nidhi.
>>>>>
>>>>> <image001.png>
>>>>>
>>>>> **From:** Nidhi Subbaraman <nidhi.s@buzzfeed.com>

**Date:** December 14, 2017 at 1:58:38 PM EST
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject: BuzzFeed News query: EPA lead water rule**

Hello,

This query is regarding the Jan 8. meeting about the Lead and Copper Rule, proposed by the EPA in the following letter.

https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-12/documents/lcr_federalism_consultation_letter.signed.12_14_17.pdf

Can you send a list of the parties that are invited to this meeting?

Thank you, Nidhi

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Message

**From**: Schroedter, Andrew G [agschroedter@cbs.com]
**Sent**: 1/8/2018 9:11:43 PM
**To**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**CC**: Edwards, Brad A [baedwards@cbs.com]; Press [Press@epa.gov]; Kelley, Jeff [kelley.jeff@epa.gov]; Rowan, Anne [rowan.anne@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: CBS/Channel 2

Thank you

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Monday, January 08, 2018 3:07 PM
**To:** Schroedter, Andrew G <agschroedter@cbs.com>
**Cc:** Edwards, Brad A <baedwards@cbs.com>; Press <Press@epa.gov>; Kelley, Jeff <kelley.jeff@epa.gov>; Rowan, Anne <rowan.anne@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: CBS/Channel 2

Andrew, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

On February 12, 2016, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), and the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) launched a multi-agency Federal Research Action Plan on Recycled Tire Crumb Used on Playing Fields and Playgrounds to study key environmental and human health questions. It represents the first time that such a large study is being conducted across the U.S.

The study has four parts:

- Literature Review/Gap Analysis (EPA and CDC/ATSDR)
- Tire Crumb Characterization (EPA and CDC/ATSDR)
- Exposure Characterization Study (EPA and CDC/ATSDR)
- Playground Study (Consumer Product Safety Commission

For the tire crumb characterization part of the study, tire crumb samples were gathered from tire crumb manufacturing/recycling plants and from indoor and outdoor fields across the country. On December 30, 2016, the agencies released a status report describing the progress of the research to date.

Communities, parents, state and local officials are encouraged to explore the federal agencies' websites (CPSC and EPA) to review the research results available to-date on the use of recycled tire rubber in playgrounds and synthetic turf fields. In addition, concerned individuals can check their state's public health agency websites to determine if there are state-specific recommendations. EPA compiled a list of information from state government websites, which can be found here.

On August 2, 2017, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved the Information Collection Request for the continuation of the Tire Crumb Exposure Characterization Study. Our researchers finished collecting samples at the end of October and are currently conducting analysis. EPA expects to release a peer-reviewed report summarizing study results report in 2018.
More info is available here: www.epa.gov/tirecrumb. If you would like to be notified when the report is released, you may sign up on our website: https://www.epa.gov/chemical-research/federal-research-recycled-tire-crumb-used-playing-fields. The sign-up is towards the bottom of the page on the right side, under the box marked "Related Links."

Regards, R.

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**From:** Schroedter, Andrew G [mailto:agschroedter@cbs.com]
**Sent:** Monday, January 08, 2018 1:54 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Edwards, Brad A <baedwards@cbs.com>
**Subject:** RE: CBS/Channel 2

Yes .... We're looking into it because some parents have raised concerns about the crumb rubber field. Officials had said they wouldn't install but when municipal owned facility debuted there it was

If you could get us an answer in next day or so that would be great.

**From:** Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Monday, January 08, 2018 12:17 PM
**To:** Schroedter, Andrew G <agschroedter@cbs.com>
**Cc:** Edwards, Brad A <baedwards@cbs.com>
**Subject:** RE: CBS/Channel 2

Good afternoon Andrew,

Thanks for reaching out. Let me see what I can find out for you.

Also – and for my own edification as much as anything else - can you tell me more about your story? Have people raised concerns about the specific facility you're rerefencing?

Last but not least, are you on deadline?

Thanks, R.

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**Sent:** Monday, January 08, 2018 12:39 PM

**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Edwards, Brad A <baedwards@cbs.com>
**Subject:** CBS/Channel 2

Hi Robert,

I am a producer at CBS Channel 2 in Chicago. We are working on a possible news story about controversy surrounding a synthetic turf field that was recently installed in a new indoor athletic facility here.

We are told that the EPA is currently studying the safety of crumb rubber fields, at the request of four US lawmakers – please see attached letter. Could you please tell us:

Is that review still ongoing? If not, do you know when it's scheduled to wrap up?

Also, have their been any preliminary results?

Regards,

Andrew

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Message

**From**: Lynn, Tricia [lynn.tricia@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 12/27/2017 9:22:01 PM
**To**: Saiyid, Amena [asaiyid@bloombergenvironment.com]
**Subject**: RE: Question regarding the expiration of the small vessel general permit exemption

**Importance**: High

Amena—

For attribution to "an EPA spokesperson:"

The Small Vessel General Permit doesn't require small vessels to apply for permit coverage or submit a Notice of Intent to EPA (They simply must adhere to the terms of the general permit.) So EPA wouldn't receive applications in any case.

From the permit language:
*Vessel owners/operators must complete the Permit Authorization and Record of Inspection (PARI) Form available in Appendix A and retain it onboard their vessel.*
*Completion of this form provides written certification that the vessel owner/operator has read and understood the terms of the permit.*

We are unaware of any enforcement actions being taken that week.

Best,

Tricia

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**From:** Saiyid, Amena [mailto:asaiyid@bloombergenvironment.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 26, 2017 11:17 AM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Question regarding the expiration of the small vessel general permit exemption
**Importance:** High

Good Morning All,
I hope and trust you all had a good holiday. On Friday, Dec. 22, Congress passed legislation (S. 2273) that extended the small vessel general permit exemption for another three years. I understand the small vessel general permit exemption was to expire Dec. 18.
I am writing to find out whether you all received any applications for this small vessel general permit as Congress took action after the expiration? If so, how many. Also, had the EPa started to enforce the small vessel general permit in the week that it lapsed.
Appreciate any clarity you can provide, as I am going to be filling a follow up story today.
Thanks,
Amena

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