From:	Amato, Paul
To:	Garcia-Bakarich, Luis; Macler, Bruce
Cc:	Li, Corine
Subject:	FW: Inquiry about Chloramine
Date:	Tuesday, January 19, 2016 1:23:00 PM

Interesting…

From: Calvino, Maria Soledad
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2016 1:11 PM
To: Amato, Paul <Amato.Paul@epa.gov>
Cc: Keener, Bill <Keener.Bill@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Inquiry about Chloramine

FYI

This was Erin Brockovich's initial Facebook comment:
"Congratulations to the City of Stockton, California... you're adding ammonia to your drinking water because you're too lazy and cheap to remove dirt (organics) from your water supplies...
You're on the fast track to creating the next Flint, Michigan...
So damn smart; the long-planned switch from chlorine to chloramines should happen by the end of this month, said Mel Lytle, head of Stockton's Municipal Utilities Department. For now, only city of Stockton customers on the north side will receive this water, though officials eventually intend to expand to the south side as well. California Water Service Co. customers are not affected."

Stockton Mayor Anthony Silva responded to Brockovich in a Facebook post of his own, writing in part:
"We will immediately host a Town Hall Meeting on Stockton Water by next week. We will invite the Public Utilities Director and his staff. We will also invite Water Quality specialists from the County and State. I will also reach out to Erin Brockovich and invite her."

The Mayor and Brockovich have confirmed a Stockton Town Hall, Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

From: Calvino, Maria Soledad
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2016 1:06 PM
To: Amato, Paul <Amato.Paul@epa.gov>
Cc: Keener, Bill <Keener.Bill@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Inquiry about Chloramine

Hi Paul,
So I just talked to the reporter and he wants to know if we have any studies that support that the use of Chloramines to disinfect drinking water is safe. He said that Erin Brockovich is visiting Stockton and she is raising concerns about the City of Stockton's plan to add chloramines to its drinking water: Activist's involvement makes chloramines plan suddenly controversial

He also has a specific question: Is Chloramine a combination of Ammonia and Chlorine? Does the combination of these two chemicals change the compounds on a molecular level? Or are they just adding ammonia to the drinking water?
His deadline is still 5pm. I let him know that our regional expert is out of the office and we are trying to get someone from HQ to help us.

Thank you!
Soledad

From: Amato, Paul
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2016 12:27 PM
To: Keener, Bill <Keener.Bill@epa.gov>
Cc: Calvino, Maria Soledad <Calvino.Maria@epa.gov>
Subject: Inquiry about Chloramine

Bill,

A call came in this morning (not to me) from a Mike Fitzgerald at the Stockton Record asking about EPA's apparent position that "chloramines are safe" in drinking water. I don't have much context on this and our resident expert Bruce Macler cannot be reached so we are trying to track someone down at HQ that can respond to this. We may need to contact the reporter directly to get him to be more specific. Regarding protocol, should we contact him directly of have Soledad make the call since Michele is out today? The reporter has a 5:00 deadline.

Paul