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MEDIA

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Reuters: Reporter Alex Dobuzinskis was looking to get information on methane leaks in the United States in the past and how it compares to Porter Ranch. Referred reporter to DOT/PHMSA. SFUND. CLOSED. (v). Nahal Mogharabi.

CNN: Associate Producer Alexandra Meeks was looking to interview someone in the LA Studio or remotely regarding the Flint, MI water crisis. Referred reporter to HQ/R5. WATER. CLOSED. (v). Nahal Mogharabi.

Los Angeles Times: Reporter Tony Barboza is looking for confirmation regarding some information he saw on a state document regarding a task force EPA is launching to assess the safety of the proposed collection and incineration plan. Need to clarify the scope and title of group. SFUND. OPEN. (v). Nahal Mogharabi.

Associated Press: Reporter Scott Smith was looking to see if someone from EPA can walk him through the ECHO site. Working on trying to set up an informal call. ENF. OPEN. (v). Nahal Mogharabi.

Prescott Daily Courier: Reporter Sue Tone has questions about Mayor Nolan (or Dewey – Humboldt's) claims that Senator McCain will be working to have Iron King removed for the NPL and have a state park built on the smelter site, coordinated with Brent Maier , to our knowledge the Senator has not made any requests regarding the site and called reporter back, waiting to hear back from reporter for specific questions and determine whether or not she is doing a story: OPEN Contact: Margot Perez-Sullivan (v) $F

The Stockton Record: Reporter Mike Fitzgerald is asking about any studies that support that the use of Chloramines to disinfect drinking water is safe. Erin Brockovich is visiting Stockton and she is raising concerns about the City of Stockton's plan to add chloramines to its drinking water. Sent links to the Federal Register notices for the Stage 1 and Stage 2 Disinfection Byproduct Rules, which list of all the studies considered in rule development. In addition, referred him to EPA's Region 9 website on Chloramine, where he can find background information and other concerns with chloramines in drinking water. CLOSED. WTR. (v.) Soledad Calvino.

KPIX (CBS San Francisco): Producer Leslie Donaldson wanted to know what her team would see at Iron Mountain if they send a helicopter to the site. Sent her a response and offered a phone interview to explain the site, or show them aerial photos and point out the highlights of the site. OPEN. SFUND. (v.) Soledad Calvino.

Los Angeles News Group: Reporter Stephanie Baer is asking to speak on the record with Susan Keydel about some of the topics that were covered on last week's Region 9 lab tour. Trying to set up interview before noon on Thursday. WATER. OPEN. (v) Michele Huitric/Soledad Calvino.

Univision – Santa Rosa: Confirmed on-camera interview with reporter Maria Fincher and Fabiola Estrada for January 21st at 11:30am, to talk about the changes made to the WPS. CLOSED. LAND. (v.) Soledad Calvino.

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Social Media

Clean Watersheds Survey - At the request of our Water Division, posted to our Facebook and Twitter pages about the recently released Clean Watersheds Needs Survey.

Martin Luther King Day - Posted to our to our Facebook and Twitter pages, on January 15, encouraging people to consider doing something to care for the planet on Martin Luther King Day, and linked to the Corporation for National and Community Service - Martin Luther King Day site.

Web Updates:

San Joaquin Valley One Hour Ozone Proposal - Posted a link to the Federal Register notice on the California Air Actions page.

Public Notices - Posted updated links to Federal Register notices on our News and Events page

CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

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Sen. Dean Heller (R-NV): Brent Maier coordinated and participated in a call held today with the Senator's DC and District staff to brief them on the proposed listing of the Anaconda Copper Mine Site to the NPL and the work EPA is doing to address concerns at the Eureka Smelter Site. Participants from the Senators' office included Ashley Carrigan, State Director; Donna Bath, Elko Field Representative; and Jeremy Harrell, Legislative Assistant. EPA participants included Superfund's Nancy Lindsay, Angeles Herrera, Harold Ball, Brett Moxley, Tom Dunkelman, Rusty Harris-Bishop, Sarah Cafasso, David Seter, and Eugenia Chow.

Senate Environment and Public Works Committee Markup of Lake Tahoe Restoration Act: The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee will meet to vote on six bills in its jurisdiction. They include the Bipartisan Sportsmen's Act, the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Act and the **Lake Tahoe Restoration Act.** http://www.epw.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/2016/1/markup-of-six-bills-32-gsa-resolutions

OCIR Request for Asarco Copper Mine One-Pager: Brent Maier shared a one-pager and talking points with OCIR's Jonathan Asher for a briefing book being prepared for Administrator McCarthy's upcoming appearance before the House Agricultural Committee Hearing. Congresswoman Kirkpatrick is a Member of the Committee and OCIR hopes to include some information on the Asarco Copper Mine in the event the Congresswoman raises it at the hearing.

EPA HQ Meeting with Mayor Carvalho (Kauai, HI): EPA HQ met with Mayor Bernard Carvalho to discuss the city's plans to convert an

existing landfill, which is near closure, into a methane gas fuel conversion project. In addition to the conversion, the city plans to also construct a new landfill. Mayor Carvalho, who will be in Washington to attend the USCM Winter Meeting, is seeking funding to assist with the projects, and also any guidance EPA may have on components of the new landfill. Swarupa Ganguli, Team Lead, Municipal Solid Waste, Landfill Methane Outreach Program/Global Methane Initiative, Kirsten Cappel, Landfill Methane Outreach Program (LMOP) (OAR), and Asia Yeary, Hawaii Clean Energy and Transportation Lead (Region IX), will join DAA Rupp for the meeting. Ross Elliott and Craig Dufficy from OSWER's Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery will also participate in the meeting. EPA's Landfill Methane Outreach Program has engaged in considerable outreach with Hawaii. Brent Maier joined today's meeting via teleconference.

Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA-2): In follow up to an earlier request for any materials for the upcoming public meeting on Civil Rights on January 20th, Brent Maier shared materials provided by Deldi Reyes, with Kori Anderson in the Congressman's District Office who is not able to send anyone from their office to attend the public meeting. The materials include the agenda for the session, the text of the notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM), a set of FAQs about the rulemaking and the Powerpoint about the NPRM that will be presented at the meeting.

Congressional Correspondence:

Sen. Martin Heinrich (D-NM): A final response to the incoming letter from Sen. Martin Heinrich regarding uranium cleanup operations at Northeast Churchrock Mine, Quivira/Kerr-McGee Mine, and the UNC Church Rock Mill was finalized and signed by Superfund Division Director. Brent Maier shared PDF copy with the Senator's staffer, Maya Hermann, and has closed this letter out in our Congressional Correspondence Management System (CMS).

Sen. Harry Reid (D-NV): A final response to an incoming letter from Sen. Reid expressing his support of EPA's proposed listing of the Anaconda Copper Mine to the NPL was signed by the Regional Administrator. Brent Maier shared a PDF copy of the response with Sen. Reid's State Director, Mary Conelly and closed the letter out in our Congressional Correspondence Management System (CMS).

Rep. Brad Sherman (D-CA-30): A final draft EPA response to the incoming letter from Congressman Sherman on Aliso Canyon has been drafted by ORC and shared with PHMSA. This will be a joint response with PHMSA and FERC. A draft was shared with OCIR's Carolyn Levine for their assistance and coordination of working with PHMSA and FERC to finalize a draft that will be signed by EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy along with PHMSA, and FERC.

Upcoming Intergovernmental Meeting:

U.S. Conference of Mayors (USCM) to Host 84th Winter Meeting: The U.S. Conference of Mayors will convene its 84th Winter Meeting in Washington, DC January 20th – 22nd, 2016. Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake (Baltimore, MD) serves as USCM President. Mayor Mick Cornett (Oklahoma City, OK) is Vice President, and Mayor Mitch Landrieu (New Orleans, LA) is Second Vice President. **Environment Committee Chair Mayor Greg Stanton (Phoenix, AZ)** invited Administrator McCarthy to address the committee meeting when it convenes on Thursday, January 21st. Mayor Bryan K. Barnett serves as Vice Chair of the committee. Mayor David J. Berger is Vice Chair for Water. The Administrator will address the committee and engage in dialogue as well. Janet McCabe, Acting Assistant Administrator for Air, will accompany the administrator. The committee is interested in learning more about the Clean Power Plan and the role cities can and should play in the State Implementation Plans. Mayor Stanton's invitation letter emphasized that USCM formally endorsed the CPP, and that mayors can play an instrumental role in its successful implementation. As part of the Paris Climate Change Conference, USCM leaders released a report entitled "U.S. Mayors Report on a Decade of Global Climate Leadership" from its Mayors Climate Protection Center, calling attention to how U.S. mayors have been global climate leaders over the last decade. Region IX provided Hot Issue summaries to OCIR in preparation for this meeting.