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Reuters is coming back with this. He's wondering what we based our original determination that there was no immediate threat to public health. What data were we looking at?

Shawn Garvin

----- Original Message -----
From: Shawn Garvin
Sent: 01/05/2012 06:07 PM EST
To: Betsaida Alcantara; Bob Sussman; Gerald Heston
Subject: Re: Dimock, fracking, and re-testing water

I don't know who the contractor was. I can find out tomorrow.

Betsaida Alcantara

----- Original Message -----
From: Betsaida Alcantara
Sent: 01/05/2012 06:03 PM EST
To: Shawn Garvin; Bob Sussman; Gerald Heston

Subject: Fw: Dimock, fracking, and re-testing water

see attached letter. Reuters wants to know whether it was the tests done by Test America that led us to do further investigation

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From: <timothy.gardner@thomsonreuters.com>
To: Betsaida Alcantara/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Cc: <Edward.McAllister@thomsonreuters.com>
Date: 01/05/2012 05:59 PM
Subject: FW: Dimock, fracking, and re-testing water

Hi Betsaida,

Thanks so much for your help today.

We're just trying to figure out a couple things to round out the story, and I've cc'ed my colleague Ed McAllister, who I am writing it with.

It's unclear to us what prompted EPA to declare the water was safe in November. Was it in response to the tests done by Test America of water samples provided by Cabot, listed in the above letter?

Or did EPA do its own samples?

Thanks, Tim

I can be reached on cell 202-380-8348 if needed.

-----Original Message-----
From: Gardner, Timothy T. (M Edit Ops)
Sent: Thursday, January 05, 2012 5:10 PM
To: Betsaida Alcantara
Subject: RE: Dimock, fracking, and re-testing water

Is it in response to the above letter?

-----Original Message-----
From: Betsaida Alcantara [mailto:Alcantara.Betsaida@epamail.epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, January 05, 2012 5:02 PM
To: Gardner, Timothy T. (M Edit Ops)
Subject: Re: Dimock, fracking, and re-testing water

its cabot data that was provided to us by the residents

----- Original Message -----
From: [timothy.gardner@thomsonreuters.com]
Sent: 01/05/2012 09:04 PM GMT
To: Betsaida Alcantara
Subject: RE: Dimock, fracking, and re-testing water

Many thanks Betsaida,

Can you tell me exactly who the hundreds of pages of data is from? Is it from the legal representatives of residents in Dimock? A lawyer for them is telling us that the original samples that Cabot handed over were filtered.

Or is this from another source in Dimock?

Thanks, Tim

-----Original Message-----
From: Betsaida Alcantara [mailto:Alcantara.Betsaida@epamail.epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, January 05, 2012 3:18 PM
To: Gardner, Timothy T. (M Edit Ops)
Cc: Brendan Gilfillan
Subject: Re: Dimock, fracking, and re-testing water

Hi Tim,
Happy 2012! Hope all is well.

This is the latest that we have on Dimock

"EPA has recently received and reviewed hundreds of pages of data supplied to the Agency by Dimock residents. While EPA is not in a position to make any conclusions about the data we have in hand because there are gaps, we believe that additional information is needed to better understand the situation in Dimock and respond appropriately.
Therefore, EPA is considering next steps including conducting some samples of well water in the area. We will evaluate the sampling results and share them with the residents, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Cabot.

Natural gas plays a key role in our nation's clean energy future and the Obama Administration is committed to ensuring that the development of this vital resource occurs safely and responsibly. At the direction of Congress, and separate from this limited sampling, EPA has begun a national study on the potential impacts of hydraulic fracturing on drinking water resources."

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To: Betsaida Alcantara/DC/USEPA/US@EPA, Brendan Gilfillan/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 01/05/2012 02:31 PM
Subject: Dimock, fracking, and re-testing water

Hi Betsaida, Brendan,

Happy New Year!
Working with a colleague who is hearing from residents in fracking country Dimock Pa that the EPA will retest the water there after approving it in November.

Wonder if someone could get back to me. We have names of the EPA workers in Dimmock who have been talking with residents there.

Best, Tim

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