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Cc: Carey, Curtis[Carey.Curtis@epa.gov]
From: Washburn, Ben
Sent: Wed 12/28/2016 5:20:55 PM
Subject: Fwd: Alleged Conflict of Interest Statement

Can you help with this is the RO?

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From: Dawn Chapman Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy
Date: December 28, 2016 at 11:18:51 AM CST
To: "Washburn, Ben" <washburn.ben@epa.gov>, "Bond, Patrick (McCaskill)" <Patrick_Bond@mccaskill.senate.gov>, "Hoskins, Jennifer (Blunt)" <jennifer_hoskins@blunt.senate.gov>, "Fears, Jordan" <Jordan.Fears@mail.house.gov>, "Rust, Erik" <Erik.Rust@mail.house.gov>, "Hague, Mark" <Hague.Mark@epa.gov>, "Carey, Curtis" <Carey.Curtis@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Alleged Conflict of Interest Statement

Dr. Carey,
Please send me EPA's protocol for conflict of interest.
Thank you,
Dawn Chapman
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On Dec 28, 2016 10:36 AM, "Washburn, Ben" <washburn.ben@epa.gov> wrote:

Good morning Dawn,

I know there has been some concern regarding alleged conflict of interest with TetraTech assisting EPA on the radiation screening in Spanish Village. I wanted to share our statement with you on the topic:

Regarding whether there is a potential conflict of interest, EPA followed its process and exercised due diligence in advance to make a determination that our contractor performing work for the Bridgeton Dust Site Pre-CERCLIS Screening does not have a conflict of interest that would impair its ability to support EPA's sampling effort in Spanish Village. Moreover, EPA experts are performing the work with support from the contractor.

EPA collaborated with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, and Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services in developing this focused sampling plan.

The agency is conducting an important investigation in the neighborhood and as a public health agency we take the concerns of the community seriously.

I hope this clears up any concerns you have. Thanks and hope you have a good day!

Benjamin M. Washburn

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