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Subject: RE: Action Needed: Responses to House Appropriations Committee Questions for the Record

I managed to cut about 30 words.

McCollum Q100: Is EPA proposing any changes to its plans for assessing the risk of pesticides for endangered species?

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Sure

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On Jun 28, 2017, at 2:37 PM, Sisco, Debby <Sisco.Debby@epa.gov> wrote:

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I have draft responses (see below) for three of the questions originally assigned – the ones not highlighted yellow, Q100, 101 and 173. Here they are:

McCollum Q100: Is EPA proposing any changes to its plans for assessing the risk of pesticides for endangered species?

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McCollum Q101: Does the FY 2018 budget provide the staff and resources needed to adequately assess the risk of pesticides for these species?

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McCollum Q173: The mission of the USDA is very different from the mission of the EPA. The USDA's mission is to provide leadership on food, agriculture, natural resources, rural development, nutrition, and related issues. The EPA's mission is to protect human health and the environment. Is the protection of human health and the environment still the mission that is guiding decisions on pesticide use under your leadership?

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I think we can work on getting a response to Q99:

McCollum Q99: How does EPA justify delaying the effective date for the companion rule for Pesticide Applicator Protection for an additional year to May 22, 2018?

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McCollum Q171: What scientific evidence and peer-reviewed studies were the basis of the USDA's conclusions? Do they have data that shows there is a safe level of exposure to chlorpyrifos, particularly for children and pregnant women? Who determined that the USDA's science is more reliable or valid than the EPA's,

and what process or standards did they use to come to that conclusion?

McCollum Q172: The EPA has historically consulted with the USDA on pesticide related issues, but your testimony indicated that the USDA now has the power to overturn the conclusions of the Agency's own scientists. Has the USDA been elevated to the role of overseeing any decisions on pesticides under the Trump Administration? If so, who issued and approved of this guidance.

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Some thoughts to get this going.

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Subject: FW: Action Needed: Responses to House Appropriations Committee Questions for the Record
Importance: High

Hi Rick,

Originally we were working on a response to the McCollum QFRs that were not highlighted (McCollum 100, 101 &173), now OCFO has asked us to provide responses to the highlighted questions. How would like us to handle (specifically McCollum 171 & 172)? Responses are due to the SBO this Thursday at 10.

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Good afternoon – I have two updates:

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Please note that we may have more questions assigned to us as OCFO progresses through the assignments.

Thanks,
Greg

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Importance: High

Good morning,

We have received the first round of FY 2018 Questions for the Record from the House Appropriations Committee. Unfortunately, the HAC needs our responses quickly in order to commence their markup and voting process on our appropriations bill. In the attached document "OCSPP_FY18_HAC_QFRs.docx" you will find the QFRs that have been assigned to OCSPP organized by program office (see list at end for summary). Please note that two questions highlighted in Yellow are presented for your reference only, the Policy Team will be developing responses to these questions separately and may reach out through their channels to get additional information from you as needed. I have also left the original list of questions attached for your reference.

In order to provide for IO review of the responses we are asking for your responses *no later than* 10 AM Thursday June 29th, please submit any responses on a rolling basis. I will follow up this email with any relevant QFR responses from FY 2016 & FY 2017 to aid in the development of your responses. Please let us know if you have any questions or if we can be of any assistance.

Thank you,

Greg

QFR Topics:

- OPPT

  - Ecolabels

    - Simpson 3 – Status of FY 2017 report

    - Simpson 4 – Steps to take the ensure ecolabels program avoids creating conflicting procurement policies

    - Kilmer 1 – Status of FY 2017 report

    - Kilmer 2 – Steps EPA will take to ensure guidelines for Ecolabels program will be developed in a transparent manner

  - P2

    - McCollum 133 – Is P2 part of EPA's core statutory work?

- OPP

  - Endangered Species

    - McCollum 100 – Plans for assessing risk of pesticides to endangered species

    - McCollum 101 – staff and resource levels for endangered species

  - Chlorpyrifos

    - McCollum 171 – *Policy team response*

    - McCollum 172 – *Policy team response*

  - McCollum 173 – Decisions on pesticide use guided by protect human health and the environment

- OSCP

  - No QFRs

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Hi Everyone

In consultation with the policy team we are adjusting qfr assignments.

The House is under a very tight deadline -as you know they must complete their 'record' before voting on the proposed appropriation and they have a goal of completing their process before August recess.

Our responses are due to them by July 12. To work around the holiday and provide OMB review time we ask that you please send your responses by noon this Friday. If you can finish any earlier that would be much appreciated.

The policy team will prepare responses for the questions highlighted in yellow. In some cases they may need some specific information such as costs and they will reach out.

The office of budget will prepare responses for some of the broad budget questions, highlighted in blue. For the workforce and facilities related questions we'll coordinate with OARM.

We've also inserted NPM assignments in bold italics - including some that are shared - to provide clarification/confirmation of assignments since members co-mingled some issues.

Please work with media analysts if any questions. We are working to enter these in the lotus notes database.

Many thanks!