Message

From: Sullivan, Drew [sullivan.drew@epa.gov]
Sent: 4/6/2017 8:22:41 PM
To: Kohler, Amanda [Kohler.Amanda@epa.gov]; ORCR Press [ORCR_Press@epa.gov]
CC: Sasseville, Sonya [Sasseville.Sonya@epa.gov]; Guernica, Mimi [Guernica.Mimi@epa.gov]; Shuster, Kenneth [Shuster.Kenneth@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: PIID Response to press inquiry on Open burning/open detonation munitions

Thanks for the responses, Amanda, and everyone else.

We'll let you know if we receive the DoD document/any follow-up questions before the deadline.

Thanks again.

-Drew

From: Kohler, Amanda
Sent: Thursday, April 06, 2017 4:15 PM
To: ORCR Press <ORCR_Press@epa.gov>
Cc: Sasseville, Sonya <Sasseville.Sonya@epa.gov>; Guernica, Mimi <Guernica.Mimi@epa.gov>; Shuster, Kenneth <Shuster.Kenneth@epa.gov>
Subject: PIID Response to press inquiry on Open burning/open detonation munitions

Hi all,

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Amanda

From: Ames, Jeremy
Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2017 5:29 PM
To: Johnston, Jon <Johnston.Jon@epa.gov>; Sasseville, Sonya <Sasseville.Sonya@epa.gov>
Cc: Bertrand, Charlotte <Bertrand.Charlotte@epa.gov>; Roepe, Wayne <Roepe.Wayne@epa.gov>; ORCR Press <ORCR_Press@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Open burning/open detonation munitions

Checked with OPA, below are all the reporter's questions. He's been reaching out to multiple people trying to get a response, so we're working with OPA to make sure we're coordinating our answers. Deadline is noon on Friday. Thanks. -Jeremy

1. What is the EPA's response to suggestions that alternative disposal methods (such as Super Critical Water Oxidation) should have been employed years ago to dispose of the nation's stockpile of munitions?

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2. What is the EPA's response to suggestions that not enough is being done at and around OB/OD sites to protect the surrounding environment, as well as the health of workers and local residents? (See above.)

3. Sent 3/29: I reached out to the DoD for a list of sites where Open Burning/Open Detonation takes place, and the following (italicized) is what they replied with. The problem is, this list is slightly different to the one on the EPA website: https://www.epa.gov/hwpermitting/list-example-hazardous-waste-permits-open-burning-and-open-detonation. Is there a reason to explain the discrepancy between the DoD and the EPA's lists?

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From: Johnston, Jon
Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2017 4:10 PM
To: Sasseville, Sonya <Sasseville.Sonya@epa.gov>
Cc: Ames, Jeremy <Ames.Jeremy@epa.gov>; Bertrand, Charlotte <Bertrand.Charlotte@epa.gov>; Roepe, Wayne <Roepe.Wayne@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Open burning/open detonation munitions

Our press office confirmed with Nancy Grantham that "HQ" is responding. Not sure who.

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From: Sasseville, Sonya
Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2017 3:54 PM
To: Johnston, Jon <Johnston.Jon@epa.gov>
Cc: Ames, Jeremy <Ames.Jeremy@epa.gov>; Bertrand, Charlotte <Bertrand.Charlotte@epa.gov>; Roepe, Wayne <Roepe.Wayne@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Open burning/open detonation munitions

I'm going into a meeting and will look at this afterward, but in meantime am looping in our communications group in ORCR. Reporter should have gone through Press Office. Wayne, is Ken in this week?

From: Daniel Ross [mailto:dross1@gm.slc.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2017 1:24 PM
To: Johnston, Jon <Johnston.Jon@epa.gov>
Cc: Sasseville, Sonya <Sasseville.Sonya@epa.gov>; Bertrand, Charlotte <Bertrand.Charlotte@epa.gov>; Shuster, Kenneth

<Shuster.Kenneth@epa.gov>; Wilson, Michaelle <Wilson.Michaelle@epa.gov>; Monell, Carol <Monell.Carol@epa.gov>; Crosby-Vega, Terri <Crosby-Vega.Terri@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Open burning/open detonation munitions

Thanks so much, Jon. Greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Dan Ross
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On Tue, Apr 4, 2017 at 10:14 AM, Johnston, Jon <Johnston.Jon@epa.gov> wrote:

I'm copying the HQ contacts on this response to encourage a call back. I've included Charlotte Bertrand with the Federal Facilities office as well.

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From: Daniel Ross [mailto:dross1@gm.slc.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2017 12:50 PM
To: Johnston, Jon <Johnston.Jon@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Open burning/open detonation munitions

Thanks for getting back to me, Jon, appreciated. And thank you for the contact numbers.

I'd tried Ken Shuster multiple times already, but he failed to get back to me. I will try the other two contacts you've provided. But just in case they, too, don't respond, I just want to elaborate upon what I'm eager to speak with someone about:

- The original exemption for open burning of waste explosives:

https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/40/265.382

https://www.epa.gov/hwpermitting/requirements-miscellaneous-hazardous-waste-units

- The Military Munitions Rule, and how that ties into the open burning of explosives.

Sincerely,

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On Tue, Apr 4, 2017 at 7:10 AM, Johnston, Jon <Johnston.Jon@epa.gov> wrote:

Good morning Mr. Ross:

Terri mentioned that you might be in contact this week while she is out of the office. I'm unsure what help I could provide, as I am not familiar with the upcoming NAS study in any detail. Terri serves as a member of the national team with our headquarters counterparts, and any commentary regarding the regulatory side of the OB/OD issue should best be addressed by them. I have copied Sonya Sasseville, Michelle Wilson and Ken Shuster on this response as they are the most knowledgeable program leaders who can assist you. Their phone numbers are:

Sonya: 703-308-8648

Michelle: (703) 308-8790

Ken: 703-308-8759

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From: Daniel Ross [mailto:dross1@gm.slc.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2017 9:41 AM
To: Johnston, Jon <Johnston.Jon@epa.gov>
Subject: Open burning/open detonation munitions

Dear Jon --

My name is Dan Ross, I'm a reporter with FairWarning, and I'm working on a story looking at the open burning and open detonation of munitions, and the possible impact the upcoming National Academy of Sciences (NAS) study might have on this practice. This is an issue I know quite well, having written on it twice before. I'm working on an update on the topic for FairWarning.

I'm eager to speak with someone about the regulatory side of the issue within the EPA, and Terri Crosby-Vega recommended that I reach out to you.

If you are able and willing to speak with me, my tentative deadline is this Thursday.

Sincerely,

Dan Ross

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