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Subject: Re: PFAS Community Mtg Follow Up

Thanks!!!

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> On May 9, 2018, at 12:52 PM, Dunn, Alexandra <dunn.alexandra@epa.gov> wrote:
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> Subject: PFAS Community Mtg Follow Up
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> Dear Administrator Dunn,
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> We'd like to thank you and your entire team for our meeting yesterday and for the work that you are doing prioritizing PFAS drinking water contamination throughout the region.
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> In the absence of real public participation in the upcoming EPA PFAS National Leadership Summit, we must depend on you to represent the interests of Region 1 communities, specifically our calls for:
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> * Establishing a PFAS MCL;
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> * Particularly for states that do not have polluters eager to pay such as in Westfield and Merrimack.
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> * Improved and standardized analytical methods for all PFAS, their isomers, and their precursors, in water, soil, air, blood, and all food products;
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> * As Deputy Director Szaro indicated, and with which we so very strongly agree.
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> * Standardized not only in method, but scheduling, we call for annual testing for PFAS in municipal water systems, and inclusion of additional PFAS sampling in the next UMCR study.
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> * Safe remediation methods that permanently eliminate these toxic chemicals from our drinking water, waste water, and ecosystems;
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> * Crucial for waterways like the Merrimack and Connecticut Rivers which both receive wastewater containing PFAS and both serve as public water supply sources for other communities downstream.
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> * Improving public outreach and information about where and how PFAS are created, used, and discharged in the United States; and
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> * Your support in changing the military specification (MIL-F-24385F) and FAA regulation (14CFR139) to allow for PFAS-free firefighting foams.
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> * Particularly on Cape Cod, where the county fire-training site and municipal airport continue to hold training exercises using PFAS containing foam.
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> From our conversation yesterday, we understood that you would:
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> 1. Communicate our request to EPA Headquarters for impacted community members to have a seat at the table at the summit as well as our strong desire to have the summit live streamed in its entirety.
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> 2. Coordinate through Chief Cassidy to include our communities' stories and concerns when preparing your remarks at the summit.
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> 3. Approach the Department of Defence at the summit about opportunities to change the current military specification (MIL-F-24385F) requiring the use of PFAS.
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> 4. Call for EPA Headquarters to host a public webinar for community members about what took place at the summit shortly after the event.
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> 5. Work with Testing for Pease and other members of our coalition to host a PFAS workshop in Portsmouth after the summit.
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> 6. Approach the Federal Aviation Administration about opportunities to alter regulation 14CFR139 about its requirements for PFAS containing AFFF use.
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> We appreciate you taking these actions.
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> We feel it is unacceptable that the PFAS National Leadership Summit excludes the leadership and input of affected communities. And we are disappointed that the "details on how to submit your input" <https://www.epa.gov/pfas/pfas-national-leadership-summit-and-engagement> promised on the Summit's website are still absent, less than two weeks from the event. We hope that you and your team will do your best to represent the interests of impacted communities, and will work with us, in earnest, to create communication and collaboration in the best interests of our environmental and public health.
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> We look forward to working with you on the webinar follow up to the summit, and the Region 1 PFAS meeting afterwards. In the meantime, we will encourage New England members to immediately send any site specific commentary to Chief Cassidy for consideration when preparing your remarks.
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> Again, thank you so very much for your time and consideration yesterday. We look forward to hearing from Jim Murphy after the summit to determine how we can best work together moving forward.
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> Sincerely,
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> Andrea, Kristen, Mary, and Shaina
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> P.S. As promised, electronic copies of yesterday's materials are attached to this email as .pdf files.
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