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Sent: 2/15/2019 3:33:25 PM
To: Mutter, Andrew [mutter.andrew@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Question from CO Region 8 PFAS briefing

Looks good

From: Mutter, Andrew
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2019 8:31 AM
To: Benevento, Douglas <benevento.douglas@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Question from CO Region 8 PFAS briefing

Question:

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Best regards,

Andrew

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From: Sauerhage, Maggie
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2019 7:52 AM
To: Mylott, Richard <Mylott.Richard@epa.gov>; McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa <Mcclain-Vanderpool.Lisa@epa.gov>; Mutter, Andrew <mutter.andrew@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Question from CO Region 8 PFAS briefing

Hi there - just checking to see if this answer has been approved?

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On Feb 14, 2019, at 4:02 PM, Sauerhage, Maggie <Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov> wrote:

> Thanks! Once Doug is okay with it, I'll share with folks here.
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> **From:** Mylott, Richard
> **Sent:** Thursday, February 14, 2019 2:54 PM
> **To:** McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa <Mcclain-Vanderpool.Lisa@epa.gov>; Mutter, Andrew <mutter.andrew@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Sauerhage, Maggie <Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** FW: Question from CO Region 8 PFAS briefing
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> Lisa, Andrew—can you share this proposed response with doug?
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> **From:** Sauerhage, Maggie
> **Sent:** Thursday, February 14, 2019 12:53 PM
> **To:** Mylott, Richard <Mylott.Richard@epa.gov>; McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa <Mcclain-Vanderpool.Lisa@epa.gov>; Mutter, Andrew <mutter.andrew@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Wadlington, Christina <Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: Question from CO Region 8 PFAS briefing
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> Thanks – will run through folks over here. Do you want to share with Doug first?
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Works for me.

From: Sauerhage, Maggie
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Thank you – can I change while to where?

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Thoughts on the follow up highlighted below?

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From: Erik Maulbetsch <emaulbetsch@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2019 2:19 PM
To: Sauerhage, Maggie <Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Question from CO Region 8 PFAS briefing

Does this mean there is no EPA enforcement action taking place in Colorado?

> On Feb 14, 2019, at 12:08 PM, Sauerhage, Maggie <Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov> wrote:
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> Hi Erik,
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> Please see our response below.
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> EPA uses enforcement tools, when appropriate, to address PFAS exposure in the environment and assist states in enforcement activities.
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> **Background**
> Site specific conditions determine whether EPA will take an enforcement action related to PFAS-related contamination. The PFOA and PFOS health advisories and the underlying science used in their development are important, but not the only, sources of information EPA uses to make enforcement decisions.
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> The SDWA grants EPA the authority to take enforcement actions when there is an imminent and substantial endangerment to public health. EPA uses the health advisory level for PFOA/PFOS as the threshold to begin the analysis of whether a known contaminant presents an imminent and substantial endangerment. While a HA is not a legally enforceable standard in the technical meaning of that term, we use it as a threshold to guide our enforcement actions
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> Thanks,
> Maggie
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> Maggie Sauerhage
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> U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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> **From:** Erik Maulbetsch <erik@coloradotimesrecorder.com>
> **Sent:** Thursday, February 14, 2019 1:11 PM

To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Question from CO Region 8 PFAS briefing

Hello,
Today's EPA Region 8 briefing ended before my second question was answered. The region 8 page said I could receive an answer here.
Thanks for your time,
-Erik Maulbetsch
Colorado Times Recorder

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