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Here's some quick responses -- some I'm more confident in than others. Do we want to try to respond to these at the meeting or go back and write responses? I'll be glad to try speaking to any of these at the meeting. Hopefully, we will run out of time and can respond in writing.

Number 4 is where they ask for an explanation for every assessment where we haven't hit a milestone in the last couple years. For a number of them, we just didn't provide the start dates, which are mostly 11/17/10. The others are the usual: dichlorobenzenes, MTBE, chloroform, platinum-- the ones with the tough issues.

Data Questions for EPA kah.DOC

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Had a conversation with GAO folks a little while ago and got a little more specific info.

It appears that they have heard that we may get request for House Science Hearing in July either 7 , 14 or 15.

They will not be discussing any particulars of the ongoing study unless the minority asks them to since the minority cmt leadership is who asked for their current effort.

It would be helpful to know how far are we away from pulling the trigger on Project Tracker?

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Stan,

Per our conversation today, I have attached a list of the data questions we have. Feel free to prepare answers ahead of tomorrow's meeting and then we can just quickly walk through them. We can discuss any questions that require further clarification tomorrow afternoon.

Thanks,
Michael Kniss
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-----Original Message-----
From: Kniss, Michael
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Stan,

In preparation for our meeting on Tuesday, we would like to spend the first part of the meeting (and perhaps the bulk of our time) discussing specific data questions, and the second part following up with questions stemming from our previous interviews. I have included some guiding information below, but I can talk with you before Tuesday if you need further clarification.

Part One:
Data Questions:
- I have attached the original tracking data (Document 1) that you sent to us and the most recent update--data as of May 6--(Document 2), as well as the data you recently sent on assessments' status and projected completion dates (Document 3). We have some very specific questions regarding individual assessment dates, the status of assessments, and chemical stories. Our questions will primarily be about, or stem from, information presented on these 3 source documents that you sent to us.

- I have attached a list of chemicals (Document 4) for which there are no dates post-May 2009. I have included the dates given in the source document. Per the current status data, some of these assessments restarted at Step 1, while others are further along (Step 2, 3, 4). We would like to discuss these at the meeting and need the new process dates.

- We also have some general data reliability questions that we need to ask to satisfy our own internal controls.

Part two:
Follow-up Questions:
- Data Quality Act situation
- Overarching Issues meetings
- Literature searches
- NAS review on formaldehyde (brief, general question)
- IRIS Update Project
- 2011 IRIS Agenda and nominations

Let me know if you need any clarification, or would like to speak before Tuesday and I and/or Summer will give you a call.

Thanks,
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