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**Subject**: Re: Democrats seek investigation on EPA formaldehyde assessment

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On Mar 5, 2019, at 7:04 AM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:

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On Mar 5, 2019, at 6:27 AM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

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On Mar 4, 2019, at 6:25 PM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

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By Annie Snider

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Democratic lawmakers are seeking an investigation into the Trump EPA's handling of a health assessment linking the chemical formaldehyde with cancer.

Senate Environment Committee ranking member Tom Carper, House Science Committee Chairwoman Eddie Bernice Johnson, and Sens. Sheldon Whitehouse (R.I) and Ed Markey (Mass.) outlined the requests in letters today to EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler and EPA's scientific integrity officer, Francesca Grifo.

The lawmakers say David Dunlap, a former Koch Industries expert who now serves as the top political official overseeing EPA's Office of Research and Development, may have violated his recusal agreement by participating in discussions related to the program responsible for the formaldehyde study.

Dunlap "may have directed or participated in" decisions to reduce the number of chemicals studied by EPA's Integrated Risk Information System, and to "cease work on the formaldehyde health assessment," the Democrats wrote to Wheeler, citing documents they obtained. Carper posted

several new documents on IRIS, including internal memos and emails.

Koch subsidiary Georgia-Pacific is a major producer of formaldehyde, and Dunlap has voluntarily recused himself from "any matters related to the formaldehyde IRIS assessment for the duration of my EPA tenure."

Their letter follows a Government Accountability Office report released today that found that political leaders reduced the number of chemicals being reviewed by the IRIS program. And POLITICO reported last year that political officials at EPA were blocking the release of the assessment, which links formaldehyde with leukemia and other ailments.

An EPA spokeswoman says the agency "will respond through the proper channels."

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