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From: Blackburn, Elizabeth [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=A080EB90549A453AAA6A357F5257C0B7-BLACKBURN, ELIZABETH]
on behalf of Orme-Zavaleta, Jennifer [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=3C5A111DC377411595E5B24B5D96146B-ORME-ZAVALETA, JENNIFER]
Sent: 3/9/2019 12:19:32 AM
To: Orme-Zavaleta, Jennifer [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=3c5a111dc377411595e5b24b5d96146b-Orme-Zavaleta, Jennifer]
Subject: FW: FOR REVIEW: Interview request from PBS NewsHour

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From: Orme-Zavaleta, Jennifer
Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 4:04 PM
To: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Yamada, Richard (Yujiro) <yamada.richard@epa.gov>; Hubbard, Carolyn <Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov>
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Thanks!

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From: Block, Molly
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All good! I will use the version below.

From: Orme-Zavaleta, Jennifer
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Ok, sorry for the back and forth – Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

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On Jul 10, 2018, at 3:45 PM, Hubbard, Carolyn <Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov> wrote:

You could go with this-

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From: Yamada, Richard (Yujiro)
Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 3:43 PM
To: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>

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On Jul 10, 2018, at 2:52 PM, Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov> wrote:

> I'm happy to do whatever you guys think the best approach is.
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> **From:** Orme-Zavaleta, Jennifer
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> **From:** Block, Molly
> **Sent:** Tuesday, July 10, 2018 2:46 PM
> **To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Hubbard, Carolyn <Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov>; Yamada, Richard (Yujiro) <yamada.richard@epa.gov>
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> **From:** Grantham, Nancy
> **Sent:** Tuesday, July 10, 2018 2:44 PM
> **To:** Hubbard, Carolyn <Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Orme-Zavaleta, Jennifer <Orme-Zavaleta.Jennifer@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
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Looping Molly

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On Jul 10, 2018, at 2:42 PM, Hubbard, Carolyn <Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov> wrote:

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Where things stand

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Sent: Tuesday, July 10, 2018 2:39 PM
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> **Date:** July 10, 2018 at 2:32:44 PM EDT
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After some follow up with the reporter. She's filing her story for the science section tomorrow COB.

Hi Molly,

Thank you for the call. Here are my questions. I understand if Dr. Thayer cannot answer them all.

- In 2011, the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) evaluated a 2010 IRIS report on formaldehyde, citing several problems. How have those problems been addressed in the new formaldehyde report?

- There is evidence the new report has been ready since before January 2018, yet no draft has been released. What is the delay?

- Are the findings in the new report different from the 2010 report?

- Is there a scientific consensus on a causal link between formaldehyde exposure and leukemia? What about other cancers?

- Is the average person exposed to harmful levels of formaldehyde? What about those who work with formaldehyde for chemical synthesis, embalming, etc…?

- Has IRIS or the EPA reached out to the NAS for a review of the new report?

- NAS recently reported improvements in the IRIS program. Which NAS recommendations have been most successful, and which recommendations are still being worked on?

- The American Chemistry Council is critical of the 2010 formaldehyde report. What does IRIS think about these criticisms?

Best,
Amanda

Amanda Grennell, PhD

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From: Thayer, Kris
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Cc: Champlin, Anna <Champlin.Anna@epa.gov>; Bahadori, Tina <Bahadori.Tina@epa.gov>
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Carolyn,

How do we want to handle this?

From: Amanda Grennell [mailto:agrennell@newshour.org]
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To: Thayer, Kris <thayer.kris@epa.gov>
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Dear Dr. Thayer,

I am a science journalist at PBS NewsHour pursuing a story about the upcoming EPA IRIS report on formaldehyde.

I spoke with Dr. Jonathan Samet, chair of the NAS committee that evaluated the 2011 IRIS report on formaldehyde as well as NAS reports on improvements within IRIS. He recommended that I speak with you.

Do you have time for a ~15 minute interview today or tomorrow?

Thank you in advance.

Best regards,
Amanda

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