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Subject: Re: Press questions from WSJ

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On Feb 12, 2019, at 5:33 PM, D'Amico, Louis <DAmico.Louis@epa.gov> wrote:

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Deliberative Process / Ex. 5. Jennifer did you want to comment on Lou's draft before we share w NCEA and David?

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On Feb 12, 2019, at 5:22 PM, Orme-Zavaleta, Jennifer <Orme-Zavaleta.Jennifer@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks. Agree to get others to provide responses too.

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On Feb 12, 2019, at 5:17 PM, D'Amico, Louis <DAmico.Louis@epa.gov> wrote:

Attached a first draft of some potential responses. Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

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Hi- see below. Lou can you help w a response? Deadline later today.

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Questions from Heidi Vogt. She has a deadline for later today, can you provide us some preliminary responses here?

Sure. There may be a few followups to these once I've got responses, but these are the main ones:

-Did EPA leadership go back to program offices (I believe in October) and tell them to reduce their list of chemicals they wanted IRIS to assess to a maximum of 4? If so, how does this square with Wheeler's statement that they were given complete latitude?
-Wheeler said OAR did not submit and chemicals for assessment. This seems surprising. Did OAR give any reason for this or does EPA have a comment on why that office would not want any research at this point?
-Did OAR career staff say the formaldehyde assessment was needed? If so, why did it not make it on the final list?
-How many program offices did submit a list of chemicals for assessments, and which ones?
-Obviously there have been allegations that Nancy Beck and David Dunlap have conflicts of interest because of there previous jobs. What is EPA's comment on this?
-Why have completed IRIS reports not been released, even for internal review? And in particular formaldehyde
-Given that formaldehyde is likely to be listed as a priority chemical for TSCA, how can it not be a priority for IRIS research?
-My understanding is that the EPA is required to consider IRIS reports when designing regulations and prioritize those results over outside research. Is this correct?

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