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Subject: Re: ORD + OCSPP ACTION: ABC Darwin re: PFAS

I'm ok with it.

Sent from my iPad

On Jun 22, 2017, at 12:51 PM, Strauss, Linda <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov> wrote:

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Reporter: Nadia Daly
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DDL: 6/22, 3 p.m.

Request:
I am looking to build a complete, nuanced picture of how PFAS is understood in the international scientific community. Here are my questions

1. How would you describe the link (if any) between PFAS and human health risks/disease?
2. What are EPA recommendations around the continued use of PFAS chemicals in firefighting foam (for example at airports)
3. How are the Australian guidelines different to those of the US EPA and are the Australian guidelines comprehensive enough and considered sufficient by the international scientific community? (http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/2200FE086D480353CA2580C900817CDC/$File/fs-Health-Based-Guidance-Values.pdf and http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/2200FE086D480353CA2580C900817CDC/$File/Consoldiated-report-perflourianted-chemicals-food.pdf
4. The Australian Department of Health states "There is currently no consistent evidence that exposure to PFOS and PFOA causes adverse human health effects." (http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/content/A12B57E41EC9F326CA257BF0001F9E7D/$File/PFAS-guidance-statement-15June2016.pdf) However this appears to be a slightly different to what the EPA has found in its research. What is your view on that?