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Administrator,

On April 25 and 26th, ORD's Cincinnati facility will host Region 5 State Commissioners and the Regional Administrator. While at the facility, states will discuss their environmental challenges and opportunities, ORD will present our scientific and technical capabilities, OW will provide briefings on WOTUS and EPA's PFAS Action Plan, and Region 5 will discuss the Agency's Environmental Justice/Lead Action Plan. An open discussion on environmental challenges/opportunities will precede an ORD laboratory tour.

Hot Issues

Researchers Visiting Bridgeton Landfill, St. Louis, MO, April 16-17

This week ORD researchers are visiting and providing observations to Region 7 and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) staff regarding ongoing activities at the Bridgeton Sanitary Landfill. ORD has been providing ongoing technical assistance to the Region for the subsurface fires at the Bridgeton/West Lake Landfills.

Technical meetings at Cyprus Tohono Mine site, Arizona, April 17.

At the request of Region 9 ORD will meet with representatives of the Tohono O'odham Nation, Cyprus Tohono Corporation, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, and EPA Region 9 to discuss issues related to the Cyprus-Tohono Alternative Superfund site Feasibility Study. The primary issues of concern relate to the capture of sulfate and perchlorate at the distal end of the groundwater plume. ORD has been providing technical support for groundwater contamination and remediation issues at the Alternative Superfund site, which is the location of a century old copper mine and processing facility.

Technical support to the State of Arkansas on pipe pinhole leaks

The Arkansas Department of Public Health reached out to ORD for assistance regarding a community experiencing issues with copper pipe pinhole leaks in homes. On April 5, the State sent a copper pipe sample to ORD to provide chemical and physical analysis.

Public release of EPA Methods 1696 and 1697 for microbial source tracking

ORD collaborated with the Office of Water in a multi-laboratory validation study (14 laboratories) to assess the performance of EPA Methods 1696 and 1697 in fresh and marine recreational waters. [HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/cwa-methods/other-clean-water-act-test-methods-microbiological" \t "_blank"] and are available to communities to help them characterize human fecal contamination in fresh and marine recreational waters.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Regional Laboratory Meeting

On April 23, ORD's new role as National Program Manager (NPM) for the Regional Laboratories will be discussed at a face-to-face meeting in D.C. with the directors of the regions' Laboratory Services and Applied Sciences Divisions. ORD's designation as the NPM is intended to strengthen collaboration, promote consistency, and enhance efficiencies across the laboratory enterprise. The agenda for the meeting includes topics such as priorities and near-term goals for this new partnership, the status of various Laboratory Enterprise Forum activities, regional laboratory metrics, FY 2020 budget issues, and promoting laboratory science within and outside the Agency.

Safe and Sustainable Water Resources (SSWR) Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) Meeting

On April 23-24, the BOSC Safe and Sustainable Water Resources (SSWR) Subcommittee will hold a [HYPERLINK "https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/03/19/2019-05151/board-of-scientific-counselors-bosc-safe-and-sustainable-water-resources-subcommittee-meeting-april"] at EPA in Washington, DC, to deliberate and draft a report on the SSWR Strategic Research Action Plan (StRAP).

IRIS Public Science Meeting

On April 24th, the IRIS Program will host a public science meeting for Hexavalent Chromium from 1:00-3:00 PM (EST) by webinar.