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Administrator,

Next week the EPA Chartered Science Advisory Board will hold a public meeting. ORD is on the agenda to discuss the Risk Assessment Forum Guidelines on Cancer Assessment and the development of guidelines on noncancer assessment, the Science Transparency Rule, and PFAS research.

Hot issues

Voice of America Interview

On May 30, ORD's Gayle Hagler will visit the Voice of America Studios in Washington, D.C. where she will be interviewed about EPA's air quality monitoring efforts in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. Voice of America is interested in the work and is looking for more information from a scientist familiar with the work. In April, Hagler presented on the topic at the U.S. Embassy in Sarajevo at a meeting the embassy organized to raise public awareness about local air pollution. In June 2018, U.S. Department of State, in collaboration with EPA, installed a fine particulate matter ($PM_{2.5}$) monitor at the Sarajevo embassy. The $PM_{2.5}$ and associated Air Quality Index (AQI) data are reported hourly on a dedicated Twitter feed and are among the embassy data from around the world reported at the AirNow Department of State website.

PFAS discussion with U.S. Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT), May 30
ORD will participate in a call with AFIT to discuss PFAS treatment data sets being supplied by the Air Force Civil Engineer Center. AFIT will take the data sets and put them into a format that can be used within EPA Cost Models for predicting costs of treating PFAS at drinking water utilities and remediating contaminated sites. ORD and OW's Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water are focused on treating PFAS at drinking water utilities, and ORD and the U.S. Department of Defense are focused on remediating contaminated sites.

Technical support to State of Michigan for subsurface heating events at solid waste landfill
The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) has requested technical assistance from Thabet Tolaymat and Max Krause to help investigate the causes of and potential remedies for subsurface heating events at a solid waste landfill owned by Advanced Disposal Services Arbor Hills Landfill, Inc. and located in Northville, MI. Requested technical assistance may include reviewing landfill data provided by EGLE, participating in field visits to the landfill, participating in technical meetings and calls, and advising EGLE and landfill personnel about potential remedies.

Upcoming Major Decisions and events (look out two weeks)

Participation on call with Senator Markey's office related to PFAS and biosolids
Next week ORD will participate in a call with OCIR and Congressional staff from Senator Markey's (D-MA) office seeking an overview of the state-of-the-science for measuring PFAS contamination in biosolids.

Scientific Integrity Annual Employee Conversation
On June 6, the Scientific Integrity Program will host its Agency-wide Annual Employee Conversation with the Scientific Integrity Official from 1:00 to 3:00 eastern time.