Message

Sent: 5/10/2019 12:47:28 PM
To: Lyke, Jennifer [Lyke.Jennifer@epa.gov]
Subject: RE:

I should find you sometime today to talk.

The comments I saw from your HP were good. He questioned my math but that was really just how I had it written. I was citing the quarterly exposure rate and that wasn't clear. He was going to the annual. My goal was to explain it to Branch Chiefs and Division Directors in numbers they could relate to.

From: Lyke, Jennifer
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2019 7:37 AM
To: Fife, Greg <fife.greg@epa.gov>
Subject:

I didn't get details about the call or I would have participated. Our health physicist is working with LDH on their messages. George B. knows the ATSDR health physicist and had called and talked with him on Tuesday; so, EPA and ATSDR are on the same page. I'm sure I know who from LDH you are talking about. He is like that when we have calls with them and he participates. Never helpful. It's concerning that the city health dept will have such a large role if she doesn't seem to understand the basics. We need to make sure they practice and stick to messages. Janetta can push this, too. I will push it with LDH. If you want to meet, I am in the office today.
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From: Fife, Greg
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Subject: Lowerline call with NOLA and health and hospitals

That was a disaster. The New Orleans doctor lacks the knowledge to be able to participate. It wasn't a problem of confusing things like R vs Rad vs Rem, it was she couldn't understand milli- and micro-. She was lecturing me how we should be doing the work while not understanding the basics.

I have no idea who he was but somebody from Health and Hospitals just kept going on about how you can't trust the feds. He also spoke the complete lack of knowledge by his organization about radiation.

Its one thing to be able to anticipate the questions and prepare to answer them but that doctor was heading us down the path to create hysteria in the community and beyond.