Message

From: Maraldo, Dean [Maraldo.Dean@epa.gov]
Sent: 9/1/2017 3:36:31 PM
To: Bahr, Ryan [bahr.ryan@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Notification in advance of USEPA inspection at Minntac - Confidential

Sensitivity: Company Confidential

I'll work on getting it out.

From: Bahr, Ryan
Sent: Friday, September 01, 2017 10:19 AM
To: Maraldo, Dean <Maraldo.Dean@epa.gov>; Kuefler, Patrick <kuefler.patrick@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Notification in advance of USEPA inspection at Minntac - Confidential
Sensitivity: Confidential

Did the announcement letter go out/get emailed?

From: Maraldo, Dean
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 4:01 PM
To: Kuefler, Patrick <kuefler.patrick@epa.gov>; Bahr, Ryan <bahr.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Notification in advance of USEPA inspection at Minntac - Confidential
Sensitivity: Confidential

yep, she was on Ryan's cc list.

From: Kuefler, Patrick
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 3:54 PM
To: Maraldo, Dean; Bahr, Ryan
Subject: RE: Notification in advance of USEPA inspection at Minntac - Confidential

I guess I should cc Deb Carlson too?

From: Maraldo, Dean
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 3:32 PM
To: Bahr, Ryan <bahr.ryan@epa.gov>; Kuefler, Patrick <kuefler.patrick@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Notification in advance of USEPA inspection at Minntac - Confidential
Sensitivity: Confidential

good.

From: Bahr, Ryan
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 3:31 PM
To: Kuefler, Patrick
Cc: Maraldo, Dean
Subject: FW: Notification in advance of USEPA inspection at Minntac - Confidential

CC:ing Dean in case he has anything to add to the draft.

From: Bahr, Ryan
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 3:30 PM
To: Kuefler, Patrick <kuefler.patrick@epa.gov>
Subject: Notification in advance of USEPA inspection at Minntac - Confidential
Sensitivity: Confidential

Below is a draft email.

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Hello all. As you know, we had at one point intended to issue a 308 to for US Steel Corporation to provide documents and conduct sampling at identified seep locations at the Minntac Mine in Mountain Iron, Minnesota. We ultimately decided to not issue the 308 at this time and plan instead to review documents and conduct sampling ourselves as part of an inspection at the facility. We plan to announce the inspection to US Steel but have not done so yet. Our inspection is planned for September 12 and 13. If your staff are interested in joining our inspectors on the inspection, they are welcome. We plan to send two inspectors.

Let us know if you are interested in being part of the inspection or if you have any questions.

Thank you,

To:
ann.foss@state.mn.us
jeff.stollenwerk@state.mn.us
john.thomas@state.mn.us
aaron.luckstein@state.mn.us
paul.scheirer@state.mn.us

CC:
Dean Maraldo
Ryan Bahr
Deb Carlson

From: Maraldo, Dean
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 8:58 AM
To: Vantil, Barbara; Beese, Jennifer
Subject: Re: FOLLOW UP - Minnesota notification in advance of inspection

Thanks. I'll wait or week or so before sending. Just in case by some miracle HQ releases the 308. Also need to work on scheduling with Moody. They will be confused because we've been talking about the 308. Maybe best to start with a call.

Ann Foss (Industrial Division, Metallic Mining Sector Lead)
John Thomas (MPCA's chief mining inspector)
Jeff Stollenwerk (Industrial Division, Water Section manager)
Aaron Luckstein (Industrial Division – Water Compliance unit manager)
Paul Scheirer (Region 5 main NPDES contact)

From: Vantil, Barbara
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 8:55 AM
To: Beese, Jennifer; Maraldo, Dean
Subject: RE: FOLLOW UP - Minnesota notification in advance of inspection

I think you are spot on...this requires more communication than usual.

From: Beese, Jennifer
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 8:54 AM
To: Maraldo, Dean <Maraldo.Dean@epa.gov>; Vantil, Barbara <vantil.barbara@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: FOLLOW UP - Minnesota notification in advance of inspection

Your contacts should be:

Ann Foss (Industrial Division, Metallic Mining Sector Lead)
John Thomas (MPCA's chief mining inspector)
Jeff Stollenwerk (Industrial Division, Water Section manager)
Aaron Luckstein (Industrial Division – Water Compliance unit manager)
Paul Scheirer (Region 5 main NPDES contact)

You should absolutely send an email to all these folks and I can supply those email names to you. Because it's mining and this facility has a particularly high profile, you should anticipate them wanting to have a call in advance of the inspection. **Barbara what do you think ???**

From: Maraldo, Dean
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 8:22 AM
To: Vantil, Barbara <vantil.barbara@epa.gov>; Beese, Jennifer <beese.jennifer@epa.gov>
Subject: Fw: Meeting

> Barbara/Jenny: Ryan asked me to check in with you regarding procedures for notifying MPCA of an upcoming inspection. We will likely conduct a recon inspection at Minntac this summer, and possibly followup with a sampling inspection. We would provide the facility with written notice, including a request for have some documents ready for the inspection.
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> What is the normal procedure for notifying MPCA? Can I send a email to the contacts providing notice of inspection, including Ann Foss, given its mining related?
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> Thanks,
> Dean

From: Bahr, Ryan
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 6:15 PM
To: Maraldo, Dean
Subject: FW: Meeting

In addition to Ann (sp?) Foss, the other contact would be Aaron Luckstein.

From: Luckstein, Aaron (MPCA) [mailto:aaron.luckstein@state.mn.us]
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 8:28 AM
To: Bahr, Ryan <bahr.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting

That should work Ryan. I am waiting to hear back from Ann to confirm that her other meeting will be done by 1pm. But let's grab that time and I will get back to you with a confirmation.

call-in number: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
code: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Thanks,

Aaron Luckstein
Supervisor, Industrial Water Quality Compliance Unit
Voice: 507.206.2606 | Cell: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) | Fax: 507.280.5513

From: Bahr, Ryan [mailto:bahr.ryan@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 8:05 AM
To: Luckstein, Aaron (MPCA) <aaron.luckstein@state.mn.us>
Subject: RE: Meeting

How about 1:00 to 1:30?

From: Luckstein, Aaron (MPCA) [mailto:aaron.luckstein@state.mn.us]
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 7:51 AM
To: Bahr, Ryan <bahr.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting

Good morning Ryan, unfortunately I didn't get a hold on Ann's calendar quick enough and someone else grab that time slot. Do any of the other dates and times work? If not, I will take another look at our calendars and send you some additional times. Sorry for the hassle.

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

-------- Original message --------
From: "Bahr, Ryan" <bahr.ryan@epa.gov>
Date: 06/19/2017 9:26 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Luckstein, Aaron (MPCA)" <aaron.luckstein@state.mn.us>

Cc: "Maraldo, Dean" <Maraldo.Dean@epa.gov>, "Carlson, Deborah" <carlson.deboraha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting
Aaron,
It looks like the time that will work best is tomorrow at 12:00. Can we still make that time work? We'll plan on calling in at 12:00. On our end it will be Dean, Deb and I.

From: Luckstein, Aaron (MPCA) [mailto:aaron.luckstein@state.mn.us]
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 4:12 PM
To: Bahr, Ryan <bahr.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: Meeting

Hi Ryan, I left you a voice message regarding this but thought I would follow up in email as well. MPCA is requesting one more meeting. We spoke with our Commissioner after he returned from Chicago and there appears to be some differing understandings on the content. Ann is requesting one more quick meeting to make sure we are all on the same page. I don't think it will take more than 10 minutes. We can use the following call in line:

Aaron Luckstein
Supervisor, Industrial Water Quality Compliance Unit
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
18 Woodlake Drive Southeast| Rochester, MN | 55904
Voice: 507.206.2606 | Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) | Fax: 507.280.5513

Other ways we communicate:
http://www.pca.state.mn.us/

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