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FYI

From: Peter Kastenholz [mailto:pkastenholz@co.wood.wi.us]
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Subject: RE: Government Attorneys Call to discuss comments on AGC MOU

Atty. Mikalian,

For what it is worth, the Wood County attendees at the telephonic meeting with the AGC on 9-19-18 were:
Nancy Eggleston, Wood County Environmental Health Supervisor
Shane Wucherpfennig, Wood County Land Conservationist
Ken Curry, Wood County Board Supervisor
Peter Kastenholz, Wood County Corporation Counsel

My two cents worth is that the telephonic meeting yesterday with all of the parties didn't go so well. We didn't look prepared or unified. My expectation going in was that the EPA was going to lead the way in the conversation and make clear what was expected of the AGC before the MOU counterproposal redraft was sent to them. That didn't happen. The politicians in power in Wisconsin have defanged and declawed the DNR, so although they are an excellent resource and have a big role to play in the groundwater study, they don't provide any leverage in motivating the agricultural industry in this state to get their act together when it comes to polluting the ground water. The EPA is the gorilla in the room but it seemed like you were walking on eggshells yesterday. I am ignorant as to what happened at the earlier telephonic meeting between the EPA and the AGC yesterday. It is reasonable to assume that the EPA informed the AGC that your test data gives you all the evidence you need to pursue the AGC members, but if that is what happened, then why leave the counties out of that part of the discussion? It is not like Atty Lasker from Juneau County has been overly aggressive in what is being sought from the AGC.

Wood County is the second fiddle here and we appreciate all that Juneau County and the EPA have done but I do look for the EPA to make clear that they are behind this if not in fact calling the shots.

I would be pleased to have you get back to me and tell me how wrong I am and how I am misperceiving what is going on, it certainly wouldn't be the first time for me.

Thanks. Peter

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From: Mikalian, Charles [mailto:mikalian.charles@epa.gov]
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Subject: Government Attorneys Call to discuss comments on AGC MOU

Counsel,

As discussed on today's call, I've been asked to convene a call with the governmental attorneys to discuss governmental positions for the next County revisions to the MOU. The hope at EPA is that we can have agreed-upon positions that the Counties can proposed to the Coalition by early next week.

I am free all day Thursday, but still need time to consult internally at EPA. So, I propose 1:00-3:00 tomorrow (Thursday) for our call. If that works for everyone, I will set up a conference line.

I hope to send to you, prior to the call, the positions that EPA hopes to see the Counties promote in the next MOU draft. Its up to the Counties as to how they respond to the Coalition, but I do not intend to propose MOU edits – I don't think that's a good us of our time. Rather, I propose that we agree on a set of concepts. Prior to our call tomorrow, I hope to be able to send to you EPA's proposed concepts by email.

Thanks, Chuck

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