HOT ISSUES:

- Sterigenics update – I think we had something about Sterigenics in the last week or so. Otherwise, I can draft this one.
- East Chicago / USS Lead -- ATSDR to brief Mayor on blood lead study. August 18 is the ATSDR public meeting. I might need to draft this one, too, unless Rachel is back tomorrow

EPA and WDNR Respond to Armenia Growers Coalition on Nitrate Exceedances in Armenia and Port Edwards, Wisc.

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

City of Kalamazoo to Provide Water to the City of Parchment, Mich.
Key Message: Under MDEQ permitting, the city of Parchment's water lines are currently being switched to the city of Kalamazoo's lines in dealing with a PFAS contaminated municipal water supply in Parchment, Kalamazoo County, Michigan. Careful monitoring is underway to ensure the proper water chemistry is achieved with no degradation of the supply lines in the Parchment system.

Currently, the State has declared a local emergency and is providing bottled water to approximately 3,100 users of the system. MDEQ continues to sample private wells within a 1-mile radius of the contaminated Parchment supply wells. EPA continues to coordinate with the State of Michigan and offers technical and organizational support as needed. The cities of Parchment and Kalamazoo are discussing permanent solutions for managing the supply lines and infrastructure moving forward.

Preliminary Air Monitoring Results for Elevated VOCs in Franklin, IN. Under Review
Key Message: Air monitoring was conducted by Amphenol Corp. to determine if air emission contaminants from the company's corrective action site are affecting the nearby community. The preliminary results are under review by EPA and IDEM.

An activated carbon filter was installed at the Amphenol facility to capture volatile chemical emissions. EPA attended a public meeting on August 3 to inform the community on testing progress.

EPA and Local Agencies Respond to Train Derailment and Fuel Release in St. Paul, Minn. on August 8
Key Message: A Union Pacific freight train derailed on the Hoffman bridge and released 2500 gallons of diesel fuel into the Mississippi River below. U.S. EPA is working with the state of Minnesota to provide oversight of the cleanup by Union Pacific to ensure protection of public health and the environment.

UPCOMING EVENTS/MAJOR DECISIONS:

RA Stepp to Speak at Federal Executive Board Congressional Briefing in Chicago on August 14
Key Message: RA Stepp will be a keynote speaker at the FEB annual meeting to brief congressional staff on key agency issues in Region 5.