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Subject: RE: Question Dutch newspaper about ClPFPECA's-paper

Hi Laura,

Thank you for confirming your receipt of a press copy. I look forward to trying to help you.

Sincerely,
John

From: Laura Wismans <l.wismans@nrc.nl>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 7:24 AM
To: Washington, John <Washington.John@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Question Dutch newspaper about ClPFPECA's-paper

Dear Mr Washington,

Thank you for your quick answer. Indeed, I got a press copy of the paper, under embargo untill it it is oficially published. I will send an email to Emily Smith so I go trough the official channels. I think she will be back with you with the same question that I emailed you earlier ☺

So see you later,
All the best,
Laura

Van: Washington, John <Washington.John@epa.gov>
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Onderwerp: RE: Question Dutch newspaper about ClPFPECA's-paper

Dear Ms. Wismans,

Thank you for your interest in our ClPFPECA paper that is scheduled to be published this Friday in the journal Science. I am guessing you received a press copy from the Science press office.

You ask a very good question that seems worthy of careful assessment. The policy at the US Environmental Protection Agency is for media inquiries to be handled through our Communications and Outreach Staff, Emily Smith and, if Emily is not available, Brad Autrey. Emily or Brad will be able to arrange an interview or have your questions addressed through official EPA channels.

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Thank you again for your interest and I wish you the best.

Sincerely,
John Washington

From: Laura Wismans <l.wismans@nrc.nl>
Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2020 4:40 AM
To: Washington, John <Washington.John@epa.gov>
Subject: Question Dutch newspaper about ClPFPECA's-paper

Dear John Washington,

I read your paper about the ClPFPECA's, Solvays product, this week in Science. It sounded quite interesting to me (there is a huge PFAS-discussion in the Netherlands), especially because of the way you had to research them: trough soil collection. I am writing a little piece about it in the Dutch newspaper NRC Handelsblad.

I am not very familiar with the world of new chemical products so I'm sorry if this question is a bit foolish, but what I didn't really understand is why you have to find out what's in Solvays product in such a complicated way. Why is there so much mystery around a product that is on the market? I suppose new chemical products have to be tested and checked by agencies like the European Food Safety Authority and US equivalents, or have to be patented and I assumed the composition of the chemicals would be out in the open by then. How does that work? Wouldn't it be easier to wait for that? Or does that take too long?

I understand it is not that easy, you would have done that if it were. So could you maybe explain to me how this works?

I hope to hear from you.

All the best,

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