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Subject: Re: Thanks

Hi Erica,

I just received notice that the manuscript was just cleared by EPA. Unless DEP has additional comments, I will submit as quickly as I can. I suspect I will submit in early January.

I plan to submit to the journal Science. If Science accepts it, I would guess roughly acceptance would be mid-February. I think rejection by Science is likely. If rejected, I would try to submit to ES&T by end of February (requires a rewrite for formatting). And then acceptance might be end of March.

If this presents a problem for your schedule, just let me know and I can discuss your situation with my management.

Thanks,
John

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Subject: RE: Thanks

John,
Thank you for getting back to us. We will share only internally until the manuscript is accepted by a journal as you have requested. That should be fine in the near term, since we would eventually like to share it's conclusions with Solvay. Do you have an approximate timeline for acceptance to a journal?

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: Thanks

Hi Erica and Sandra,

Almost all my presentation figures, or quite similar, were drawn from my draft internal deliberative manuscript and Supporting Information (SI) I think only my vegetation presentation figures are not included in the manuscript. As the lead author on the manuscript/SI, in consultation with my management chain, I can speak for the manuscript figures' distribution.

I consulted with our managerial EPA/ORD lead for PFAS, Dr. Andy Gillespie. According to Andy, you can share our draft internal deliberative manuscript figures with NJDEP staff. My preference is that you share it centrally with NJDEP staff whom it might help to perform their duties. If you can share the figures with DEP staff, without the draft manuscript, that would be preferable.

Andy does not think it advisable to share the draft internal deliberative manuscript or figures outside EPA or DEP until the manuscript is accepted by a journal.

Does this give you the latitude you need at this time? If I missed a critical detail for your purposes, just let me know and I can look into any details you might ask about.

Have a great weekend--
John

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Subject: RE: Thanks

John,
Thanks so much for all the work you did for this project thus far, I know if can be a heavy lift at times. We appreciate any efforts that you can make regarding the sediment samples. We don't really know if/how much of the replacement compound is being discharged to the river and we are starting to push Solvay to evaluate the surface water to groundwater migration pathway, so these sediment results will be helpful.

Regarding graphs and figures from you presentation, can you let me know what I can share and to whom and in what format? There may be internal discussions about Solvay where using some of the presentation figures will be

helpful. Eventually, I'd like to share some of the figures with Solvay, as evidence for what we now know about the distribution of the replacement in the environment. I assume that that should wait until it's published.

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Thanks

Hi Erica and Sandra,

Thanks for hosting us and organizing the talks this week. I enjoyed seeing you all again.

Erica, you asked me about showing some of the graphs from our talk. I have been told to expect our internal deliberative draft to be cleared this Friday. If clearance is completed on Friday and you still are interested in showing some graphs, I will be able to talk with you early next week about showing the graphs, preferably without physical distribution.

Also Erica, you and Steve Maybury asked about whether I can move some analyses along. There have been a confluence of complications for me on this NJ effort. I want to assure you, and please pass this on to Steve, that I will put a priority on completing the remaining analyses in the new year expeditiously.

It is difficult for me to report a date confidently because of all the moving parts: 1) until the last few weeks, all my production has been by me and one 1/2-time technician, so this was very hard; 2) we just brought on three people to help me, but they all are inexperienced in this area, so training is in progress; 3) in Athens, we just moved from a building in which I had three labs to a building where I have half a lab, so getting organized and clean remains a challenge; 4) since my instruments were moved to this new building, the mass spectrometers do not work properly, so the company or I have to repair them; and 5) somehow in this transit, my complex sets of standards have been contaminated, so I need to purchase and prepare these complex mixtures.

With some of these items having uncertain timing of remedy, a single date is difficult. But I plan to work hard on this and would pleased to communicate directly with you at any time if you have questions. Direct

communication between us would be best from my perspective. I am done this week, on use or lose annual leave. I plan to be in Monday of next week.

Thanks again,
John