Message

From: Hedman, Susan [hedman.susan@epa.gov]
Sent: 10/22/2014 4:16:01 PM
To: Cannon, Phillippa [Cannon.Phillippa@epa.gov]; Hyde, Tinka [hyde.tinka@epa.gov]; Mathur, Bharat [mathur.bharat@epa.gov]; Poy, Thomas [poy.thomas@epa.gov]
CC: Cassell, Peter [cassell.peter@epa.gov]; Kelley, Jeff [kelley.jeff@epa.gov]; Rowan, Anne [rowan.anne@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Milwaukee JS asking for a statement on the Wisconsin env. groups' petition

Yes -- thanks.

From: Cannon, Phillippa
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 11:11:39 AM
To: Hyde, Tinka; Hedman, Susan; Mathur, Bharat; Poy, Thomas
Cc: Cassell, Peter; Kelley, Jeff; Rowan, Anne
Subject: Re: Milwaukee JS asking for a statement on the Wisconsin env. groups' petition
Should we respond "EPA is reviewing the petition"?

From: Hyde, Tinka
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 10:59 AM
To: Hedman, Susan; Cannon, Phillippa; Mathur, Bharat; Poy, Thomas
Cc: Cassell, Peter; Kelley, Jeff; Rowan, Anne
Subject: RE: Milwaukee JS asking for a statement on the Wisconsin env. groups' petition
While there has been a lot of email traffic on this topic the actual petition was sent today apparently. At this point we are literally reviewing their petition so we don't have anything else to say at this point. Use of 1431 is typically done in the enforcement context so anything we may decide to do would limit our ability to discuss very broadly. We'll get back to you with an update once we've reviewed the petition.

From: Hedman, Susan
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 10:41 AM
To: Cannon, Phillippa; Mathur, Bharat; Hyde, Tinka; Poy, Thomas
Cc: Cassell, Peter; Kelley, Jeff; Rowan, Anne
Subject: Re: Milwaukee JS asking for a statement on the Wisconsin env. groups' petition
Tinka -- We have seen a lot of e-mail traffic on this over the past several months. Is there anything that we want to say beyond we are reviewing the petition?

From: Cannon, Phillippa
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 10:35:38 AM
To: Hedman, Susan; Mathur, Bharat; Hyde, Tinka; Poy, Thomas
Cc: Cassell, Peter; Kelley, Jeff; Rowan, Anne
Subject: Fw: Milwaukee JS asking for a statement on the Wisconsin env. groups' petition

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From: Lee Bergquist <lbergqui@jrn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 10:24 AM
To: Cannon, Phillippa
Subject: it's lee bergquist of the milwaukee journal sentinel
Hi Phillippa,

I am writing a story this morning where environmental groups are asking the EPA to intercede in Kewaunee County, where they complain dairy farmers are polluting the ground water.

I would like to get a comment from the EPA on whether it will look into the situation, or perhaps has already begun to investigate. Locals tells me EPA folks have been up there looking around.

Here is the top to the story:

Six environmental groups on Wednesday asked the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to exercise emergency powers under the Safe Drinking Water Act to investigate groundwater contamination in cattle-intensive Kewaunee County in northeastern Wisconsin.
In its petition to the federal agency, the groups say that the Department of Natural Resources has failed to protect drinking water for county residents on two fronts: Through its powers to regulate groundwater and the agency's oversight of large-scale cattle operations.
Here is the link to the groups' docs:

http://www.cleanwisconsin.org/kewaunee-safe-drinking-water
Thanks

Lee

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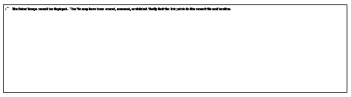

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