Region 1

Hot Topics

Revolution Wind Offshore Wind Farm Air Permit
On May 27, R1 met with representatives from Revolution Wind to discuss the air permitting obligations of their proposed offshore wind farm on the outer continental shelf southeast of Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. The proposed project has a capacity of 880 MW and will interconnect in Rhode Island to fulfill that state's clean energy procurement requirements. This project is one of several offshore wind farms proposed for development and subject to Clean Air Act permitting by R1.

Town of Groton Water Filtration Plant (WFP) – Groton, Connecticut
On May 26, R1 responded to a request from the Town of Groton indicating that they could proceed with performance-based disposal of the paint (bulk product waste) without approval from EPA under the regulations found at 40 CFR § 761.62. The Town of Groton notified EPA that their contractor was threatening work delay charges and requested feedback from EPA on their ability to proceed with some work. This project was the subject of a recent letter from the Mayor of Groton to RA Dennis Deziel.

RCRA Corrective Action Site to be converted into COVID testing supply manufacturing facility
The Maine Department of Environmental Protection reported that a RCRA corrective action site in Pittsfield, Maine, was recently purchased for use by Puritan Medical Products to expand their operations; according to Bangor Daily News, Puritan will be producing foam nasal swabs to test for COVID-19 beginning in early July. EPA corrective action staff and regional counsel worked closely with ME DEP to assist them in determining a path forward that would create the conditions to foster redevelopment.

Cleanup Progresses at Elizabeth Mine in Vermont
R1 began mobilization and construction activities at the site for road repairs and to implement a corrective action to the recently constructed passive treatment systems. R1 will be submitting to EPA Headquarters the final Consultation Package regarding the on-going Remedial Design for the closure of adits (i.e., horizontal mine shafts), which contemplate planned intrusive activities (i.e., drilling above and through the adits).

Cleanup Continues at Reed and Barton Oil Discharge Site in Norton, Massachusetts
On May 19, R1 visited the Site to evaluate the overall site conditions, including COVID -19 precautions that are in place. Region 1 has completed the excavation in the open space area and the excavated soils are being solidified and transferred to the staging area. Dewatering operations continue and the shaker-screen operations are continuing and should be completed this week. Backfilling operations will begin this week as well.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Davisville NCBC Superfund Site – Rhode Island
Navy will be scheduling a virtual meeting/hearing on July 23, for the Proposed Plan for OU7/CED Solvent Disposal Area. This is a remedy decision that has been in the works for many years and was traditionally being held up by an off-site plume that was not part of the NPL site.

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Region 2

Hot Topics

USVI Financial Crisis
Last week Gov. Bryan advised USVI residents to prepare for a "financial tsunami" coming as a result of the COVID response and a budget shortfall of $150 million for this fiscal year. The USVI government has only about $7-10 M cash on hand – enough for only a few days of payroll expenses. With over 8,000 individuals unemployed, and tourism (which accounts for a large part of the USVI's GDP) all but halted, government revenues have fallen precipitously. All non-critical government hiring is frozen, and furloughs are possible. Last week FEMA declined to approve a loan the USVI government from two banks totaling $60 million because it opposed the loan terms. The USVI is requesting forgiveness of $300 million in federal disaster recovery loans.

Norlite, Cohoes NY
On May 28, R2 and ORD met with NYSDEC for a "deep dive" on stack testing and/or modeling for PFAS emissions from Norlite's incineration of PFAS firefighting foam (currently suspended). Sen. Schumer and several NGOs are concerned that emissions from such incineration may have contaminated soil and groundwater in the area near the facility, including at a HUD-financed housing complex. HUD's RA participated on the call.

Court Enters Consent Decree with TAPI Puerto Rico, Inc.
On May 26, the PR District Court entered EPA's settlement agreement with TAPI settling its violations of the CAA, RCRA, the CWA and EPCRA. No comments were submitted during the public comment period. The violations occurred at TAPI's pharmaceutical manufacturing plant in Guayama, PR. The settlement requires TAPI to pay the penalty of $539,784. (The decree does not contain any injunctive relief because the facility is no longer operating.)

Water Infrastructure Funds Transfer Act
NJDEP has requested the transfer of nearly $109.8 M from its Clean Water State Revolving Fund to its Drinking Water SRF based on the WIFTA (also known as the Booker Amendment). WIFTA authorized and NJ is using to the full amount a one-time transfer to its DWSRF of up to 5% of its cumulative CWSRF federal grant dollars (allotments, Stimulus, and Hurricane Sandy). In accordance with WIFTA, the transferred funds will be used by NJ to provide additional subsidies to address a public health threat from lead in drinking water.

COVID Issues Affecting R2 Indian Nations
The Seneca Nation of Indians recently submitted a letter from its President requesting a No Cost Time Extension for its current EPA grants including: (1) General Assistance Program; (2) Brownfields grant; and (3) UST grant. We are reviewing the request internally. We also postponed our 24th Annual Indian Nation Leaders Meeting from its original date in May to November 30-December 2, in Saratoga Springs, NY. The entire EPA R2 senior leadership team is expected to attend.

ORD Disinfectant Research with NYC MTA
Possibly as early as this week ORD expects to issue a news release about research efforts in coordination with the New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority, which operates the NYC subway system, to assess whether certain disinfectants are long-lasting and effective against COVID-

19 on the hard surfaces in such systems. This is expected to generate press interest, and potentially interest from elected officials.

Dewey Loeffel Site, Town of Nassau, NY
On May 20, RA Pete Lopez EPA provided the CAG and the Town an update on the status of the Little Thunder Brook removal action, including history, current status, and options/potential courses of action. In April EPA had notified the community that this removal was suspended for the 2020 season. Ten CAG members participated in the meeting, as well as the Town Supervisor, NYSDEC representatives, and a representative of NYSDOH. Barbara Reina, a documentary film producer, also joined the meeting.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Columbia Smelting/Red Hook, Brooklyn, NY
Next week RA Pete Lopez and staff will participate in a call with NYC Councilmember Carlos, NYC Parks Dep't., and community members focusing on community concerns about dust from ball fields on this site getting into the community, because construction on the CERCLA removal action has been suspended due to COVID. Soil on the ball fields has lead contamination from the former smelting operation. Also, on June 4, RA Lopez will participate in Rep. Nydia Velazquez's virtual town hall focused on the same issue, with specific focus on the impacts of the dust on residents of the Red Hook Houses of the NYC Housing Authority.

Superfund Site CAG Virtual Meetings
The Newtown Creek CAG will meet virtually on June 4, R2 staff will participate.

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Region 3

Hot Topics

Shamokin Develops Tool to Rank Brownfield Sites, Shamokin PA
PADEP is using a Brownfields small/disadvantaged community grant to provide support to the City of Shamokin to assist with brownfield sites in their community and raise brownfield awareness. This small grant funding is helping identify, and rank brownfield sites based on location, zoning, utility access, known/proposed development for the area, and risk posed by any known contamination. A two-prong approach where both environmental risk and economic factors will each be provided with a ranking to help guide the City in their redevelopment efforts. A draft tool to aid in assessing each of the sites based on economic factors is now available.

R3 enters NPDES Administrative Order on Consent with Balfour Beatty Construction (DC & VA)
On May 21, R3 entered into an Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) and a Final Agreement and Penalty Order (FAPO) with Balfour Beatty Construction, Inc. of Dallas, TX to settle NPDES violations discovered at several of their construction sites in DC and VA including: Capitol Crossing Garage, East Concourse and Platform (utility relocation and highway); National Museum of the Marine Corps; Portals V; and Wharf Development Phase 2. Balfour Beatty has agreed to pay a penalty of $100,000 to settle the matters and to institute a company-wide training and inspection criteria across all of their facilities pursuant to the Administrative Order.

R3 provides compliance assistance to 225 anhydrous ammonia refrigeration facilities
On May 18-21, R3 provided compliance assistance emails to 255 anhydrous ammonia refrigeration facilities in R3 to remind companies to maintain their Risk Management Plan (RMP) responsibilities during the COVID-19 pandemic. Reduction in resources and personnel at facilities during this time may increase the risk of an ammonia release. The compliance assistance effort intends to ensure that chemical safety processes at facilities are being followed. This effort may lead to a similar project nationally after positive feedback on the emails from industry representatives. EPA HQ is considering sharing the email language with the Refrigerating Engineers and Technical Association (RETA) and International Institute of Ammonia Refrigeration (IIAR) to be distributed to their constituents.

R3 and VADEQ conduct Toxic Chemical Release reporting training webinar
On May 19, R3 and VADEQ conducted a toxic release reporting training webinar to 33 industry representatives in preparation for the July 1, reporting deadline to report 2019 toxic chemical releases required by the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act. The webinar covered the basic regulatory requirements of reporting, the data elements of the toxic chemical release form, and the features of electronic reporting via the TRI-ME Web program. A prior such webinar was conducted on April 21.

CBF, Three Bay States, and Others Notify EPA of Notice of Their Intent to Sue Over EPA's Ongoing Implementation of the Chesapeake Bay Restoration Efforts.
On May 18, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, the States of Maryland and Virginia, the District of Columbia and others sent the Administrator notices of intent to sue (NOIs) over what they claim to be EPA's failure to ensure that the 2010 Chesapeake Bay TMDL is implemented. Specifically, these parties claim that EPA improperly approved the recent Phase III watershed implementation plans (WIPs) submitted by Pennsylvania and New York for the reduction of nitrogen, phosphorus and

sediment to the Chesapeake Bay. The NOIs allege that EPA violated mandatory duties required by CWA Sections 117(g) and 303(d) and/or acted arbitrarily and capriciously in taking final agency actions in violation of the Administrative Procedure Act. These WIPs are part of the TMDL's unique "Accountability Framework" and have been crafted by the Bay States and the District, with EPA's assistance, to achieve and maintain the nutrient reduction targets in the Chesapeake Bay TMDL, as well as the broader goals of Chesapeake Bay Agreement. At a joint press conference to announce nonpoint source grant funds for Bay farmers that same day, EPA Administrator Wheeler and Regional Administer Servidio responded that the claims in the NOIs lack merit. They emphasized that EPA remains committed to working with the States to achieve the TMDL's goal of ensuring that measures are in place across the Bay watershed by 2025 to restore the tidal Bay water quality.

D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals upholds most of EPA's denial of CAA section 126 Petitions filed by Maryland and Delaware. Maryland v. EPA, D.C Cir. No-18-1285

The Court's May 19, decision upheld most of EPA's October 5, 2018 denial of CAA section 126 petitions filed by Maryland and Delaware in 2016. Section 126(b) authorizes "[a]ny State" to petition the EPA for a finding that an upwind source "emits or would emit" any pollutant that will "contribute significantly" to nonattainment with a NAAQS in any other state, in violation of the "Good Neighbor" provision of section 110(a)(2)(D)(i)(I) of the CAA. Addressing statutory interpretation issues, the Court upheld EPA's interpretation that section 126(b) placed the burden of proof on the petitioners to show that the upwind sources were contributing significantly to nonattainment, but rejected EPA's interpretation that section 126(b) requires that the petitioning state have an emission receptor within its geographic boundary impacted by an upwind source. Finally, the Court agreed with EPA that sections 126(b) and 110(a)(2)(D)(i)(I) should be read as requiring that the upwind sources must currently be contributing to nonattainment, and will continue to contribute to future nonattainment. Current downwind nonattainment areas expected to become attainment areas in the proper future year need not be considered.

R3 Staff Participates in Quarterly Interagency Meeting Led by Federal Highway Administration-Virginia Division (FHWA-WV)

R3 staff participated in the FHWA-WV Quarterly Meeting on May 21. Meeting topics included an overview of WV's Department of Highways (WVDOH) Permitting Dashboard which is designed for transparency in the NEPA permitting process for their transportation projects. WVDOH also plans to use expedited review timeframes for their NEPA studies. The U.S Fish and Wildlife Service presented results of the Section 7.a.1. Program, Endangered Species Act requirements, for their past transportation projects. These actions included the creation of pollinator gardens at 20 rest stops along WV highways and several restoration projects to enhance the habitat for the Big Sandy Watershed Crayfish in WV streams. Updates where presented on four WV road projects including Van Voorhis and Greenbag Road in Morgantown, WV. Also discussed were habitat studies of bat species for the expansions of Corridor H and Coalfield Expressway. The meeting concluded with an interagency roundtable discussion of issues around WV transportation coordination efforts. The next meeting will occur in September 2020.

Virtual Meeting w/ Koppers Company Inc., Superfund Site

On Friday, May 22, EPA held a virtual NHPA 106 consultation meeting for the Koppers Company Inc. Superfund site (the Site). Discussions included the archeological investigations that have occurred at the Site, the components of the original Record of the Decision, the proposed modifications to the selected remedy, and the proposed mitigation efforts for areas of high archeological significance at the Site in order to protect these resources during Remedial Action activity. The participants in this

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meeting included EPA, the responsible party (Beazer), DNREC, New Castle County, DelDOT, Delaware Tribe of Indians (a Federally recognized tribe), Delaware State Historic Preservation Office, Advisory Council of Historic Preservation, Lenape Indian Tribe of Delaware (a State tribe), and Preservation Delaware Inc. During the call, participants had an engaging conversation on the proposed mitigations efforts and shared their thoughts and input on mitigation strategies for the archeological sites. This consultation process will ultimately lead to the signing of an agreement document that addresses the mitigation steps that will be in place as the remedy is implemented to avoid, minimize, or mitigate adverse effects of historic properties.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Regional Administrator Cosmo Servidio has the following event scheduled:

June 2 — Virtual Meeting: Coordinating NRCS and EPA Funding in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. A detailed discussion of the NRCS and EPA funding programs and opportunities for coordination.

June 2 — 2020 Annual Laboratory & Technical Information Group Virtual Conference
A forum for the laboratory and technical staff within regional laboratories and other EPA offices to discuss, share, and exchange technical information and ideas.

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Region 4

Hot Topics

COVID-19 activities
R4 Atlanta offices re-open for Phase I on May 28. The R4 Athens Labs will begin their 7-day closure on May 28. The GMD continues to operate under the COOP.

Administrator Wheeler Visit
R4 is hosting Administrator Wheeler May 27-28. Events included:

May 27:

Southern Bell Farm – McDonough, GA.
R4 held an agriculture event and Representatives from the GA Dept of Agriculture, GA Farm Bureau, and the GA legislature were in attendance, along with representatives from Representative Hice and Senator Purdue's offices.

May 28:

All Hands Meeting
On our first day back in the office, R4 will hold an All Hands meeting with Administrator Wheeler, both virtual (via conference call) and in-person (with social distancing).

CDC Call
R4 will hold a conference call with the CDC and the NC and SC Chambers of Commerce.

Proctor Creek Watershed Litter Gitter Project
R4 will hold an event highlighting the partnerships with Coca-Cola, City of Atlanta, and the West Atlanta Watershed Alliance for the work that has been done to remove litter from the Proctor Creek watershed.

Westside Lead Superfund Site Tour
R4 will give the Administrator a tour of the site highlighting the removal process of soil from properties and the viewing the clean and contaminated soil staging area.

Pullman Yard Film and Entertainment District Development
R4 will host a press event at the Pullman Yard Brownfields site, being redeveloped by Atomic Entertainment LLC, who is a recipient of Brownfields funding from RLF grants previously awarded to the City of Atlanta and DeKalb County. Representatives from Atomic Entertainment, GAEPD and Dekalb County will be in attendance. Open Press.

FL Brownfields MOA
R4 will have a conference call with HQs to discuss a Florida Brownfields Memorandum of Agreement that would allow Superfund sites on the National Priorities List to qualify for entry into the Florida Brownfields program after achieving the Sitewide Ready for Anticipated Use measure.

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Briefing for Congressman Bennie Thompson's Office
R4 has received a request to provide an update on our activities and any programs that might be beneficial to the Congressman's District. The virtual meeting with the District staff is scheduled for June 2.

Westside Lead Atlanta Site - R4 finalized the fact sheet to send to the community. The fact sheet provides an update on cleanup progress to date and requests the community return access agreement so their property can be sampled for lead. The fact sheet will be mailed by Friday, May 29.

Ethylene Oxide Activities
R4 held a call on May 26, with GAEPD to discuss recent air monitoring results near Sterilization Services of Georgia. R4 is also assisting GAEPD by reviewing a BD Study of EtO off-gassing from wooden pallets. OAQPs will also review. R4 is completing a monitoring plan review for Sterigenics Charlotte facility; additional information was provided by Sterigenics on May 21.

Bypass 601 Groundwater CERCLA Site, North Carolina
On May 21, R4 finalized the Sitewide Ready for Anticipated Use designation for the Bypass 601 Groundwater Contamination Site. All clean up goals at the Site have been achieved for media that may affect current and reasonably anticipated future land uses, so that there are no unacceptable risks. Further, all institutional controls have been implemented at the Site. This designation marks a key milestone in cleanup and re-use at the Site.

Red Panther Chemical Company, Clarksdale, MS: On May 26, OSRTI provided concurrence to finalize the Final Closeout Report, thus signifying that no further action under CERCLA is required. As a result, R4 will be able to attain NPL Deletion, SWRAU and Construction Completion.

Oak Ridge Reservation, TN (DOE)
EPA is working to address DOE Oak Ridge risk assessment calculations for surface water levels protective of humans potentially ingesting fish from Bear Creek on the Oak Ridge Reservation. Staff are working and compromise position related to DOE's reply to technical comments and corrected calculation of surface water discharge limits. The next emerging issue team meeting is planned for May 28, during which EMDF ROD issues will be discussed.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

June 1,	RA Walker will provide remarks during the Southern Association of State Depts of Agriculture (SASDA) annual meeting (virtual).
June 3	RA Walker and R4 Senior Leaders will participate in a virtual RTOC meeting with R4 Tribes. The meeting will include a Tribal Caucus, Executive Session, and a Q&A Session with R4 Tribal Grants staff.

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Region 5

Hot Topics

Midland, Mich., Flooding Update

EPA has not received a mission assignment or request for assistance at this time. If requested by FEMA or the State, EPA emergency response personnel will deploy to the Midland area. R5 has identified 101 EPA-regulated chemical and 5 large oil storage facilities that are located within ¼ mile of the flooding and is contacting these facilities to evaluate impacts. Only minor impacts have been identified to date. EPA is aware that EGLE Director Clark and EGLE's dam inspector will be in Midland on May 28, to evaluate the situation.

The dams that failed are located upstream of the Dow's Midland facility. Michigan EGLE is the lead environmental agency overseeing the facility. Assessment of potential impact is ongoing. At this time, Dow has reported no chemical releases to the river.

Downstream of the Dow facility is the Tittabawassee River, Saginaw River and Bay Superfund site. EPA's cleanup plan for this site requires Dow to conduct post-flood assessment to determine if there is recontamination or if the constructed cleanup remedies have been damaged. Starting May 27, Dow had teams removing newly deposited sediment from hard surfaces in public parks and boat launches. Work is expected to take three to six days.

General Iron Pollution Controls Damaged by Explosion

On May 18, two explosions occurred during metal shredding operations at the General Iron plant on the north side of Chicago. In the explosion, the shredder itself was apparently not substantially damaged and remains operational. However, the newly installed pollution controls were damaged and are not operational. Both Illinois EPA and Region 5 issued General Iron letters notifying them that resuming operation of the shredder without the required air pollution control equipment would be a violation of Clean Air Act requirements.

The facility is highly controversial in Chicago. It is located in a gentrifying neighborhood where residential development is replacing existing industry. Last year Region 5 took enforcement action and the company agreed to install additional pollution controls to reduce air emissions.

A new owner has announced plans to move operations to a new facility on Chicago's south side in 2021. The agreement for this move requires General Iron to ensure a safe and manageable relocation and to maintain its operating agreement with the city. Region 5 has received a letter from Illinois senators raising environmental justice concerns surrounding the relocation.

R5 Hosts Virtual Public Hearing for Michigan UIC Primacy

In light of social distancing, R5 held two virtual public hearings on May 27, to hear comments prior to deciding Michigan's UIC Primacy application. There were roughly 35 participants for both hearings and the Region received an estimated 20 comments on the application. Federal authorization would allow the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) to issue permits for Class II injection wells.

In September 2018, former Gov. Snyder applied for EPA approval of a Michigan program to protect drinking water from Class II fluid injection underground wells. Class II fluids include those generated

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during production of oil and gas or to enhance oil and gas recovery. Region 5 currently administers the full underground injection control program in the state. On April 15, Michigan's Class II UIC primacy application was announced in the *Federal Register*.

R5 Expects to Approve Ohio 2020 303B Impaired Water List
R5 has reviewed Ohio's 2020 submittal and concurs with Ohio EPA's listing decisions. EPA expects to finalize approval by June 10.

Ohio recently submitted its 2020 list of Water Quality Limited Segments still requiring Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) under Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act. Important updates to Ohio's 2020 list include the following:

- Ohio EPA assigned a high priority to Lake Erie's Western Basin Shoreline, Western Basin Open Water and Islands Shoreline assessment units for impairments of public drinking water supply (due to algae) and recreation (due to algae), and Ohio committed to develop a TMDL for nutrients for the Maumee Watershed over the next two to three years to address these impairments.

- Ohio EPA developed and applied new assessment methodologies to measure the attainment of recreational use potentially impacted by algae for Lake Erie's Sandusky Bay Shoreline, Sandusky Open Water and Central Basin Open Water assessment units.

R5 Prepares for Virtual Comment Period for Keystone Corridor Site Proposed Plan
The proposed plan was initially released in early March 2020 with a public meeting originally scheduled for March 25, but the public comment period and public meeting were postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. To address concerns related to COVID-19 and avoid a large gathering of people, R5 has posted a pre-recorded version of the presentation that would typically be made at a public meeting. Members of the public will have the option of making written comments or recording oral comments.

R5 is re-releasing the proposed cleanup plan for a portion of the Keystone Corridor Ground Water Contamination Site for a 30-day public comment period from June 1 to June 30.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

June 3 **EPA to announce reconstituted Great Lakes Advisory Board**
RA Thiede will join Administrator Wheeler in Muskegon, Mich., to announce the reconstituted Great Lakes Advisory Board. The GLAB will be composed of fifteen members and will provide advice and
recommendations to the EPA Administrator through the Great Lakes National Program Manager. The GLAB will advise on matters related to the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative and the implementation of the
Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement between the United States and Canada.

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June 3 **EPA and Environment and Climate Change Canada to release State of the Great Lakes Report**

The Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement commits the United States and Canada to issue a State of the Great Lakes report every three years. The report provides a summary of the health of the Great Lakes using nine overarching indicators of ecosystem health and 45 science-based sub-indicators.

Region 6

Hot Topics

COVID-19
R6 is coordinating closely with our state and tribal environmental and public health agencies as well as EPA HQ offices to elevate and address challenges quickly. R6 locations are open to mission-critical work only and operating under COOP. To date, no R6 employee has tested positive for Covid-19.

ASARCO Smelter Facility, Amarillo, Texas
The ASARCO Trust is seeking to sell trust-owned property in Amarillo and requires EPA and TCEQ approval. While the 2009 ASARCO Settlement Agreement and Texas Trust Agreement primarily address the cleanup of the El Paso site, they also address a former zinc smelter site in Amarillo. The Amarillo site was remediated under state oversight prior to the signing of the agreements. The Trust Agreement requires the Trust to get approval from EPA and TCEQ for all proposals of property sales prior to transfer of the property to a new owner. At this time, we have not identified any reason to object to the proposed sale.

Oklahoma Lead Paint Dust Standard, Oklahoma
Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality is having a June 17, public meeting to introduce upcoming changes to several rules, including the Lead Paint Abatement Regulation called the Dust Lead Hazard Standard (DLHS). The state DLHS is being lowered to come into alignment with the EPA DLHS that changed in June of 2019. Many states and tribes are currently reviewing information to identify necessary actions caused by EPA's changes to the DLHS. Oklahoma is the first in Region 6 to propose changes, but it is anticipated that Arkansas, Louisiana and Texas will also have to make changes.

Illinois River Watershed, Oklahoma
On May 21, R6 participated in a call with Oklahoma Secretary of Energy and Environment and other members of the Illinois River Watershed Steering Committee to continue discussions of the appropriate water quality model(s) to be used when developing watershed protection plans and implementation. R6 indicated a strong belief that the HSPF model which was jointly developed by EPA and all agencies included as signatories to the current MOA (AR/OK) is the preferred approach which EPA can support. Region 6 noted the substantial investment by all in the development of the model, as well as the previous agreement among partner agencies that the HSPF model is usable for decision-making. Some agencies on the Steering Committee expressed the preference to move forward in developing supplemental SWAT models, based on their relative ease of use. At the call conclusion, Steering Committee members agreed that discussion among MOA signatories should take place to develop consensus.

Oil and Gas Facilities, Permian Basin, West Texas
On May 26, R6 issued the third round of Notice of Violation/Opportunity to Confer letters to five of the 27 companies identified as having unauthorized emissions in Texas during the infrared flyovers of the Permian Basin in September and October of 2019. We also transmitted an Administrative Compliance Order on Consent for signature to one company on May 26, and in discussion with four other companies regarding settlement terms. R6 sent notification letters and videos of emissions to the companies in November, reviewed their responses, and discussed next steps with the Texas

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Commission on Environmental Quality. For the New Mexico facilities, we continue to provide support to the New Mexico Environment Department as it prepares follow up actions.

Denka Performance Elastomer, LaPlace, Louisiana
EPA continues to coordinate with DuPont to obtain access to DuPont-owned property for two of the SPod monitors (Levee and Acorn St/Hwy 44) and access has not been granted. Access is crucial to the deployment of the new continuous monitoring system at the same location of existing air monitors. EPA continues Phase I deployment of the continuous SPod air monitors around the Denka facility. Phase I includes calibration of the continuous air monitors and adjustments of VOC trigger levels for the SPod monitors. Analyses of air samples from Phase I are being reviewed and compared to sample data collected from the periodic air monitoring network. R6 continues to conduct community air sampling and post chloroprene data on its public website.

San Jacinto River Waste Pits, Harris County Texas
R6 anticipates the receipt of the 30% remedial design for the Northern Impoundment from the responsible parties' contractor. The design will be distributed to EPA Headquarters, TCEQ, Port of Houston, Harris County and the Corps of Engineers for review and comment. The Southern Impoundment 30% design was previously submitted on April 13, and currently under review. During the week of June 1, R6 anticipates sending comments on the Southern Impoundment 30% design to the responsible party's contractor.

Tar Creek Superfund Site, Ottawa County, Oklahoma
On June 2, EPA will discuss Operable Unit 4 ROD requirements and options to improve compliance for chat sales and off-site rule determinations. R6 continues to refine its implementation of EPA's Chat and Offsite Rules imposed by the Record of Decision (ROD). Most of the chat sold from the Tar Creek site is used within R7 as aggregate in asphalt manufacturing, though a small portion is used throughout the United States. R6 is taking steps to improve tracking chat sales from production facilities and self-certifications on uses allowed under the under the Chat Rule and ROD.

Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico
R6 has extended the public comment periods for two draft NPDES permits for the Los Alamos National Laboratory to July 31. This extension was necessary to accommodate rescheduling of a requested Public Hearing for the permit covering industrial storm water (cancelled due to snowstorm) and completion of Tribal Consultation on the permits. The Region intends to schedule a virtual Public Hearing in mid-July and conduct the Tribal Consultation remotely due to ongoing travel and meeting restrictions.

Chaco Canyon, Farmington, New Mexico
R6 provided written comments to BLM/BIA regarding the Chaco Canyon draft EIS. The Draft EIS assesses the potential environmental effects on the Chaco Canyon/BLM-BIA Farmington Resource Management Plan Amendment in accordance with NEPA. Chaco Canyon is an important traditional site to many Tribes in New Mexico.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Beaumont/Port Arthur 1997 8-hour Ozone NAAQS, Beaumont/Port Arthur, Texas
By May 29, EPA intends to approve a proposed action for a Texas SIP revision in addressing the second 10-year maintenance plan for the Beaumont/Port Arthur 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS maintenance area

Texas Regional Haze Final Action
On June 12, R6 anticipates concurrence on the federal register notice and signature on transmittal memo sending the final action on the Texas Regional Haze BART Rule to the EPA Administrator for signature before the end of June. This final action on a Federal Implementation Plan must be signed by the Administrator. On November 1, 2019, the Regional Administrator signed the Texas Regional Haze BART Supplemental Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. The public comment period ended on January 13.

Arkansas 2015 Ozone Infrastructure SIP, Arkansas
By June 16, EPA anticipates approving a proposed action for AR Infrastructure SIP revisions addressing the CAA Section 110(a)(2) requirements for the 2015 8-hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard.

May 30	US/Mexico Border Palmview Wastewater Announcement, Palmview, Texas - Congressman Cuellar
June 17	American Association of Professional Landmen's (AAPL) Annual Meeting (Virtual)
June 17	National Academies of Sciences Gulf Research Program "Enhancing Community Resilience" Session (Virtual)

Region 7

Hot Topics

Kansas Permit Program Review
R7 is working closely with the state of Kansas to perform a remote permit program review.

- The program review kick-off letter was sent to the Kansas Department of Health & Environment on March 4. Through discussions with the KDHE, ARD determined that it would be able to proceed with the Permit Program Review despite COVID-19.
- The KDHE is going to provide electronic access to files for review and the entrance and exit meetings will be conducted remotely.
- R7 hopes to complete the review and finalize the report before the end of the fiscal year.

Missouri State Implementation Plan Approval
On May 21, the regional administrator signed an action to propose approval of the Missouri State Implementation Plan titled "Restriction of Emissions of Lead from Specific Lead Smelter-Refinery Installations."

Press Release – BNSF Railway Company Agrees to Clean Up Hazardous Waste in Sioux City, Iowa, in Settlement with EPA
R7 has reached a settlement with BNSF Railway Company to resolve alleged violations of the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act at a facility owned by the company in Sioux City, Iowa.

- A press release announcing the settlement was picked up by 22 publications and received over 24 million impressions across the region.
- Placements included the Associated Press, E&E News PM, and numerous local newspapers and television and radio stations.

PCE Former Dry Cleaner Superfund Site Proposed Plan and Public Meeting
R7 released a Proposed Plan for the PCE Former Dry Cleaner Superfund Site on May 22; and is hosting a virtual Public Meeting on June 4.

- The PCE Former Dry Cleaner Superfund National Priorities List site in Atlantic, Iowa, contains a groundwater plume of PCE that has impacted municipal drinking water wells. Following a site investigation in 2016 to determine the potential source areas and define the extent of the PCE groundwater plume, EPA completed removal actions for in situ thermal remediation of the contaminated soil at the source area and the construction of a groundwater plume containment system.
- This year EPA completed a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study for the site. The Proposed Plan released for public comment on May 22, proposes the continued operation of the groundwater extraction and treatment system and institutional controls.
- R7 plans to sign the Record of Decision selecting the remedial action by September 30.

Two New Superfund Site Task Orders Awarded in May 2020
On May 13, R7 awarded Superfund task orders for the Quality Plating Site and the Old Highway 275 and 28th Street site.

- EPA awarded a new Superfund Remedial Action Framework task order to provide technical support on the Quality Plating site located in Scott County, Missouri.
    - From 2016-2018, the EPA and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources used contractor support to conduct groundwater sampling for hexavalent chromium

contamination which indicated the possibility of an expansion of the groundwater plume.
    - This new task order will install three fully developed monitoring wells to obtain representative groundwater samples to confirm the extent of total and hexavalent chromium, chlorinated solvents, and PFAS in the groundwater at the Site.
- EPA also awarded a new RAF task order to provide technical support for the Old Highway 275 and 28th Street NPL site located in Valley, Nebraska.
    - Previous investigations detected volatile organic compounds contamination in the groundwater and the site was placed on the NPL in July 2017.
    - Under the new task order, the contractor will conduct a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study at the site.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Nothing to Report.

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Region 8

Hot Topics

NPDES Enforcement Works to Resolve a Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) in Crow Agency
Citizens reported on May 20, that an overflow from a sanitary sewer manhole in Crow Agency was presenting public health risks to nearby residents. The citizen complaint estimated the overflow rate at approximately 5 gallons per minute. Residents reported a significant public health risk, with children riding bicycles through the sewage and drivers splashing it as they drive down the street. R8 has been working with several members of the Crow Tribe, the Indian Health Service (IHS) and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to find a solution. We were informed that Chairman Not Afraid would formally request assistance from the BIA Superintendent to address this SSO and that the Tribe has closed down the street where the SSO was occurring to prevent bicycle and car traffic. The nearest drinking water intake was more than 100 miles downstream and is not at risk by this SSO.

NPDES Enforcement Sends an Informational Letter to Northern Arapaho Tribe and Utilities for Clean Water Act
An informational letter was sent to encourage the Tribe and Utilities to submit a NPDES permit application for its discharges from the Ethete Water Treatment Plant. Repeated attempts have been made to bring the facility back into compliance. The facility is located on the Wind River Reservation in Fremont County, Wyoming, and treats drinking water for the community in and around Ethete. The facility generates filter backwash from its drinking water treatment process and regularly discharges treated backwash to the Little Wind River. The facility is owned and operated by the Northern Arapaho Tribe.

Final UIC Permit for Mann Oil's McKenzie Federal 35-1 Class II Well
EPA will be issuing a final permit for Mann Oil's existing Class II disposal well this week along with responses to all public comments on its draft permit. In November 2019, EPA issued its draft permit for public comment. The MHA Nation commented by expressing a number of concerns, most of which were outside the scope of the EPA's authority to address. The EPA did include a limit in the final permit on the volume of produced fluids for injection in response to MHA's concerns about the well's potential impact on tribal groundwater resources. We will be notifying MHA's Tribal Chairman of our decision to issue this permit and we expect MHA to appeal within 30 days of final permit issuance. Upon the final permit becoming effective, Mann will need to request, and EPA will need to approve, an aquifer exemption before this well can recommence injection.

Office of the Inspector General (OIG) discussed upcoming survey on COVID-19 response for On-Scene Coordinators in conference call
The OIG held a call on May 27, to discuss an upcoming survey of EPA's On-Scene Coordinators and Managers from all regions and OEM regarding COVID-19. R8 staff with the Superfund and Emergency Management Division (SEMD) participated in the conference call. The project duration is expected to last 60 days and will include interviews with SEMD Division Directors, HQ managers, and a survey of all OSCs.

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RCRA-UST Enforcement to Send an Informational Letter to the Arapaho Tribe of the Wind River Reservation Regarding Violations of the Underground Storage Tank Regulations at 789 Smoke Shop

EPA's letter informs the Tribe of outstanding non-compliance at a tribally-owned convenience store and gas station on the Wind River Reservation in Wyoming. Six violations, initially discovered during EPA's May 2019 inspection, have not been resolved by the facility despite EPA's compliance assistance efforts. The outstanding violations include failure to provide spill protection and conduct spill bucket testing, failure to conduct overfill prevention equipment inspections, failure to monitor tanks for leak detection, failure to conduct walkthrough inspections, and lack of operator training.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

June 3	RA Sopkin will host a follow up meeting with federal partners to discuss moving forward with a plan to leverage federal resources to address long standing drinking water, wastewater and solid waste issues with tribes in Montana and Wyoming
June 4	RA Sopkin will provide opening remarks for R8's webinar ***Healthy Homes and Buildings: Tips and tools to keep indoors safe and healthy***.
June 4	The RA will host a conference call on "EPA Grants and Technical Assistance available to Communities Recovering from COVID-19" for local city and county mayors, county commissioners, tribes, and economic development offices.

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Region 9

Hot Topics

SDWA Action--Oasis Mobile Home Park (Oasis) Alternative Water Discontinuance and Meeting with Congressman Ruiz
On May 29, we provided written notice to Oasis that it can cease providing its residents alternative water via bottled water and/or water tenders. Oasis is a privately-owned mobile home park, located on the Torres Martinez Tribe that serves drinking water to 1900 residents. In August 2019, we issued an Emergency Administrative Order to the owner for exceeding the arsenic standard of 10 ppb requiring alternative water until the system returned to compliance. R9 Regional Administrator, John Busterud, and ECAD's Director, Amy Miller, will brief Congressman Raul Ruiz on our action. We have also developed fact sheet and extensive communication strategy to notify the community and interested parties.

Clean Air Act Permits
On May 28, we issued a final Minor New Source Review permit in Indian Country to the White Mountain Apache Timber Company, an existing sawmill on the Fort Apache reservation in Arizona. This is the first time the sawmill will be issued a Clean Air Act permit for the facility, that was constructed in the 1960s.

CWA Consent Decree Stipulated Penalties
EPA and the San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board assessed EBMUD, the Stege Sanitary District and five East Bay communities (Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda, Emeryville, and Albany) $149,600 in penalties for violating the terms of a 2014 Consent Decree designed to prevent untreated sewage from entering San Francisco Bay and for failure to meet discharge effluent limits. The City of Oakland was assessed a stipulated penalty of $139,800 for failure to prevent sanitary sewer overflows from reaching waters. EBMUD was assessed a stipulated penalty of $3,000 for failure to meet discharge limits at the San Antonio Creek Wet Weather Facility. Stege SD ($3,000), Alameda ($1,800), Albany ($1,000), Berkeley ($800), and Emeryville ($200) were all assessed stipulated penalties for failure to prevent sewer overflows from reaching waters. This is the second time penalties have been assessed for violating the 2014 CWA settlement.

EPA Issues StarKist Samoa Co. an Ocean Dumping Research Permit
On May 22, EPA issued an 18-month research permit under the Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act to StarKist Samoa Co., authorizing the transportation and dumping into ocean waters of three fish processing liquid wastes from its tuna cannery located in Pago Pago, American Samoa. Historically, StarKist ocean disposed air flotation (DAF) sludge, presswater, and precooker water at the MPRSA ocean disposal site. Under the research permit, StarKist will assess the potential environmental effects of changes in its fish processing methodology and facility waste stream infrastructure since mid-2012, when StarKist discontinued ocean disposal operations from this cannery.

R9 Settles SPCC Violations with USS POSCO Industries, Inc.
On May 19, EPA entered into a Consent Agreement and Final Order with USS POSCO Industries, for violations of the Clean Water Act at its steel manufacturing facility in Pittsburg, California. The facility is near New York Slough, which flows into Suisun Bay, which flows to the Pacific Ocean. UPI violated EPA's oil pollution prevention regulations by failing to: (1) update and recertify its Spill

Prevention, Control and Countermeasure plan for its Pittsburg facility; (2) perform routine oil tank inspections; (3) have adequate sensors on tanks; and (4) remove accumulations of oil outside tanks and collection trenches. UPI has corrected the violations and agreed to pay a $31,770 penalty.

NPDES Permit Termination on Navajo Nation
Last week, we terminated the NPDES permit for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Ojo Encino Day School Wastewater Treatment Facility on Navajo Nation lands. The small treatment lagoon facility has become a total retention system due to minimal influent and its connection to the discharge outfall has been capped.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Two Tribal "Treatment as a State" (TAS) Decisions
This week, the RA will sign two tribal water quality standards authority packages. The Shoshone Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley (Eastern NV and ID) and the Karuk Tribe (No. CA-Klamath Basin) are seeking authority to develop surface water quality standards under Clean Water Act Section 303(c), and to certify that federal permits on reservation lands protect water quality (Section 401).

Iron King-Humboldt Smelter Superfund Site; Dewey-Humboldt, AZ
A mobilization is planned for June 1-4, to make security improvements to the main entrance gate and to install warning signage around the smelter and mine tailings areas of the Humboldt Smelter property. These improvements are designed to reduce potential human exposures by discouraging trespass/unauthorized access by individuals. Additionally, the R9 OSC will inspect the condition of the Posi-Shell® environmental coating applied last winter for soil stabilization.

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Region 10

Hot Topics

Nothing to Report.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Terminal 108 Superfund Agreement Signed – Lower Duwamish Waterway (WA)
On May 26, three Potentially Responsible Parties - the Port of Seattle, City of Seattle, and King County - and EPA signed an agreement requiring the PRPs to conduct an Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis for Terminal 108, an upland site on the Lower Duwamish Waterway.

Lake Lucile TMDL Approved (AK)
EPA approved Alaska's Lake Lucile TMDL on May 27. The TMDL covered zinc, lead, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons exceedances in the lakebed sediments of Lake Lucile. Approval of this TMDL has extra significance as it is the last TMDL that will be approved to fulfill a long-standing judicial order on CWA 303(d) actions for the State of Alaska. The state also found copper contamination in the lake sediments at concentrations below the water quality standards and produced an informational TMDL to address it. EPA does not act on informational TMDLs because there is no exceedance of a water quality standard.

Oregon 2014-2020 Integrated Report: Invitation for Tribal Consultation and Coordination
This week, R10 plans to send letters to all nine tribal governments in Oregon inviting them to consult on a pending Clean Water Act action on Oregon's 2014-2020 Integrated Report. We will hold an information conference call on June 16, for interested tribal governments to discuss the report and to answer any questions. It is hoped that the call will provide further background to the tribes as they decide whether to request consultation. We are asking for responses by July 1, if the tribes would like to initiate government-to-government consultation.

Midnite Mine - EPA and Newmont to Meet with Spokane Tribal Council (WA)
On June 1, EPA and Newmont Mining Co. will meet with the Spokane Tribal Business Council regarding the Tribe's concerns related to reduced field work planned for this season due to COVID-19. The scaled back effort will result in an extension of the overall schedule for the project by two additional years.

Regional Response Team 10, Northwest Area Committee Meeting
On June 2-3, EPA and our spill response partners will host a virtual Regional Response Team 10 and NW Area Committee meeting. The meeting is one of three annually and was originally scheduled to be held in person in Sandpoint, Idaho. These meetings bring together federal, state, tribal, and local response partners as well as industry, spill response contractors and non-governmental organizations to discuss oil and hazardous substance spill response planning and preparedness activities. During the meeting we will be focusing on spill response preparedness in north Idaho and lessons learned from a recent Burlington Northern train derailment into the Kootenai River.

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Office of Air and Radiation

Hot Topics

- **Packages for Signature:**
  - Anti-backsliding Determination for Renewable Fuels and Air Quality (Proposed Determination)
  - Miscellaneous Organic NESHAP Risk and Technology Review (Final Rule)
  - Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Listing of Substitutes under the Significant New Alternatives Policy Program (Proposed Rule)
  - Rubber Tire Residual Risk and Technology Review (Final Rule)
  - Lime Manufacturing Plants Risk and Technology Review (Final Rule)
  - Plywood and Composite Wood Products Risk and Technology Review (Final Rule)

- **Packages at OMB for Review:**
  - Boiler MACT (Proposed Rule: RECEIVED February 7)
  - Biogenic CO2 (Proposed Rule: RECEIVED February 24)
  - Cost Benefit Rule (Proposed Rule: RECEIVED April 10)
  - Control of Air Pollution from Aircraft and Aircraft Engines: Proposed GHG Emission Standards and Test Procedures (Proposed Rule: RECEIVED May 1)
  - 2021 RFS Rule (Proposed Rule: RECEIVED May 13)
  - Amendments Related to Marine Diesel Engine Emission Standards (Final Rule: RECEIVED May 15)

- **Packages Heading to OMB Soon**
  - Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) and Nonattainment New Source Review (NNSR): Reconsideration of Fugitive Emissions (Proposed Rule)
  - NSPS for GHG Emissions from New, Modified, and Reconstructed Stationary Sources: EGUs (Final Rule)
  - Oil and Gas Sector Reconsideration (Final Rule)
  - Oil and Gas Sector Review (Final Rule)

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Anti-backsliding Determination for Renewable Fuels and Air Quality
On Friday, May 29, in response to a consent decree deadline and as directed by the Clean Air Act's "anti-backsliding" provisions under Section 211(v), EPA will release the "anti-backsliding" proposed determination and underlying study. In accordance with these provisions, EPA has considered how required renewable fuel volumes under the Renewable Fuels Standard program impact air quality as a result of changes in vehicle and engine emissions. EPA is also required to determine whether additional measures should be implemented to address any adverse air quality impacts. EPA is proposing that no additional fuel control measures are necessary.

Release of Final Policy Assessment for the Ozone NAAQS
On Friday, May 29, EPA will publish the final draft of the *Policy Assessment for the Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards*. A draft version of this Policy Assessment (PA) was released for public

comment and review by the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) on October 31, 2019. The draft PA, in addition to the draft Integrated Science Assessment (ISA) were reviewed by the CASAC at a public meeting in early December 2019. The final PA serves to ''bridge the gap'' between the currently available scientific information, characterized in the final ISA, as well as quantitative analyses of air quality, exposure and risk, and the judgments required of the Administrator in determining whether to retain or revise the existing ozone NAAQS.

Web update with EtO background data

On Friday, May 29, OAR will post additional "background" ethylene oxide (EtO) data --collected from monitors in the National Air Toxics Trends Stations (NATTS) network and the Urban Air Toxics Monitoring Program (UATMP)-- to EPA's Air Quality System (AQS) database. AQS is the Agency's official repository of air quality monitoring data. Language will also be added to the ethylene oxide website indicating that the data are available and noting that the average concentration across sites from the nine months from October 2018 to June 2019 is similar to the six-month average from previously published data covering October 2018 to March 2019.

Air Trends Report

Next week, OAR will issue its annual report on air quality, tracking our nation's progress in improving air quality since the passage of the Clean Air Act. "Our Nation's Air: Status and Trends Through 2019" documents the considerable improvements in air quality across America since 1970. The report will show that between 1970-2019, the combined emission the six criteria pollutants declined 77%, while the U.S. economy grew 285%. National average concentrations for 5 of the 6 pollutants were at the lowest levels ever recorded, and PM2.5 was at the second lowest level (after 2016).

Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention

Hot Topics

COVID-19 Updates:

List N: Disinfectants for Use Against SARS-CoV-2
This past week, OCSPP added 3 new products to List N, bringing the total to 426.

Section 18 Emergency Exemption to Decontaminate Medical Waste
Soon, OCSPP will be completing a FIFRA §18 emergency exemption that will help enable a medical facility in New York State to readily decontaminate medical waste. The facility will use treatments of hydrogen peroxide and peroxyacetic acid in a treatment protocol to help mitigate the transportation costs and public exposure to medical waste that is potentially contaminated with SARS-CoV-2. The state has relied on a §18 crisis exemption to use this protocol since March 17. This week's action will permit the state to continue to use these chemicals for another year. OCSPP reviewed New York's request and confirmed the method is effective.

COVID-19 Related Worker Training Memo
By early June, OCSPP plans to issue a memo addressing pesticide safety training of farmworkers and pesticide handlers in agriculture as required by the Agricultural Worker Protection Standard (WPS) (40 CFR 170). OCSPP is clarifying that pesticide safety training may be presented remotely, provided that WPS training requirements are met. Generally, in-person training is encouraged, but the rule does not define "present" to be strictly "in-person." The memo will also provide suggestions for conducting effective remote training.

COVID-19 Related Applicator Certification Memo
By mid-June, OCSPP plans to issue a memo addressing reported impacts on the training and certification of pesticide applicators under the Certification of Pesticide Applicators (CPA) rule (40 CFR 171). OCSPP is allowing use of flexibilities so long as that use is not likely to significantly diminish the competency of applicators of restricted use pesticides, nor will use of a specific flexibility undermine the future of the certification program. Flexibilities include allowing states, tribes and federal agencies with EPA-approved certification plans to modify their plans under temporary circumstances and easing certain pre-approval and notification requirements under limited circumstances. Certifications issued under the EPA-administered Plan in Indian country will be extended to allow more recertification time.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

TSCA Inventory Update
The week of June 1, OCSPP will make a routine update to the public TSCA Inventory, the list of all existing chemical substances manufactured, processed, or imported in or into the U.S. This biannual update is part of EPA's regular posting of non-confidential TSCA Inventory data.

Worker Protection Standard (WPS) Application Exclusion Zone Final Rulemaking
By early June, OCSPP plans to submit to OMB a draft final rule revising the application exclusion zone (AEZ) requirements in the Agricultural WPS. The proposed rule was issued for public comment

in November 2019, and the comment period closed January 30. The final rule intends to revise the AEZ so it is applicable and enforceable only on a farm owner's property; exempts immediate family members of farm owners from the requirement to leave their home within an AEZ; adds clarifying language regarding when suspended applications may be resumed; and clarifies and simplifies the criteria for deciding whether pesticide applications are subject to a 25- or 100-foot AEZ.

TSCA SACC Peer Review Virtual Meeting on Asbestos Draft Risk Evaluation (RE)
OCSPP June 8-11, will hold a public, virtual meeting of the Toxic Substances Control Act Science Advisory Committee on Chemicals (TSCA SACC) to peer review the draft RE for Asbestos.

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Office of the Chief Financial Officer

Hot Topics

House Appropriations Committees Questions for the Record regarding EPA's FY 2021 Budget Request have been cleared by OMB. On May 22, the final package was transmitted to the Hill.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

- As follow up to May 27 briefing on agency 2020 strategic review and risk assessment results, OCFO is preparing summary of decisions reached by the Associate Deputy Administrator and Assistant Deputy Administrator for review by the Administrator. EPA strategic review summary of findings dashboards are due to OMB on June 26.
- Following the May Planning Meeting, regions and programs submitted potential Multi-Year Plan topics to develop for the July Budget Forum. In total, regions and programs submitted 16 new ideas and identified 17 of the existing 22 proposals to update. OCFO briefed the Associate Deputy Administrator on May 28 and has requested a meeting to brief the Administrator on the potential proposals. OCFO will then send out guidance to the Agency on which multi-year plans should be fully developed.
- The 2020 E-Enterprise and Exchange Network National Meeting will be held as a series of monthly webinars beginning June 4, 2020 (1-3 PM ET). The series will feature a selection of presentations, discussions, and networking opportunities from the originally planned program (*Envisioning the Future of Environmental Protection)*. Visit the website to find more details about featured topics and speakers or register here: https://www.eenationalmeeting.net/webinars.
- EPA is awaiting OMB comments on EPA's draft FY 2020 Q1/Q2 Agency Priority Goal Action Plan Updates. Final drafts addressing OMB comments are due June 5. Target date for issuance on Performance.gov is late June.

GAO and OIG Audits and Activities

The following tables summarize agency GAO and OIG activities since the last weekly report through May 22:

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GAO Audits – Week Ending 5/22/2020				
Audit Type	**Title**	**Office**	**Engagement/ Report No.**	**Next Steps/Comments**
Entrance Conference	Cost-Benefit Methodologies for Deregulatory Actions	OA	Engagement Code 104220	Entrance Conference is scheduled for 5/29/20.
Exit Conference	Lead in Child Care Facilities	OA	Engagement Code 103241	Exit Conference is scheduled for 6/4/2020.
Annual Report	2020 Annual Report: Additional Opportunities to Reduce Fragmentation, Overlap, and Duplication and Achieve Billions in Financial Benefits	OMS	GAO 20-440SP	This report summarizes opportunities to save federal funds. EPA has 2 actions related to Data Center Optimization. GAO is reviewing EPA's 3/31/2020 update.

OIG Audits – Week Ending 5/22/2020				
Audit #	**Title**	**Status**	**Office**	**Next Steps/Comments**
None.				

Other

May 27

The Controller, Jeanne Conklin, prepared the Midyear Report on Internal Controls for the Deputy CFO and distributed to the agency's senior leadership. The report provides progress in addressing the agency's current weaknesses and deficiencies. In August, Assistant and Regional Administrators will submit to the Administrator their end-of-year letters of assurance, attesting to the soundness of internal controls within their respective organizations. The AA and RA letters of assurance support the Administrator's overall statement of assurance on EPA's internal controls over program operations and financial reporting.

June 2

The Deputy CFO and Associate CFO will kick off a month-long training series consisting of about 30 training courses targeted to the agency's resources community. OGC and OMS are also offering related courses in the series.

From July 8, to the week of July 13

At the Administrator's request, OCFO submitted a revised request to move the Senior Leadership Council's Budget Forum meeting, currently held on senior leaders' calendars.

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Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations

Hot Topics

Upcoming Hot Issues and Important Deadlines

June 1 House Natural Resources Committee will hold a forum on "Reclaiming Orphaned Oil and Gas Wells—Creating Jobs and Protecting the Environment by Cleaning Up and Plugging Wells.

June 2 House Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, will hold a virtual hearing entitled, "On the Front Lines: How Governors Are Battling the COVID-19 Pandemic.

June 9 Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs will hold a hearing on "Evaluating the Federal Government's Procurement and Distribution Strategies in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic."

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Ongoing OCIR inquiry tracking of COVID-19 impacts on agency programs: this past week, managed inquiries re: disinfectant product approvals, Congressional briefing requests.

Ongoing COVID-19-tracking state and local inquiries of national significance re: grants, fuel waivers, enforcement.

June 1 House Committee on Energy and Commerce /House Committee on Science, Space and Technology staff briefing re: COVID-19 agency activities (OW, OLEM, OCSPP, OAR, ORD).

June 4 Municipal Ombudsman will join with Water Finance Center as they lead a call with the small community of Nezperce, ID (population less than 500) focused on water infrastructure funding options.

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Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

Hot Topics

Officials of Waste Recycling Company Charged with Conspiring to Violate Hazardous Waste and Tax Laws

On May 22, three plea agreements were filed in the Western District of Wisconsin charging 5R Processors Ltd. CEO Thomas Drake, President James Moss, and Executive Vice President Bonnie Dennee with conspiracy to store and transport hazardous waste without the required permits and manifests, in violation of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. Moss was also charged with conspiracy to evade the payment of employment taxes and income taxes to the IRS. 5R Processors Ltd. was a company involved in recycling electronic equipment, appliances, and other items. The defendants attempted to conceal their illegal storage and transport of hazardous waste (i.e., broken and crushed CRT glass that contained lead) by various means, including: changing the date labels on the containers; hiding the containers by putting them inside semi-trailers and locking the trailer doors; moving the containers to the back of the warehouse and stacking other pallets in front of them, making it impossible for regulators to see the boxes or inspect them; and providing the state regulators with inaccurate inventory and shipping records for the leaded glass. Additionally, Moss and others failed to truthfully account for and pay over to the IRS all of the federal income taxes withheld from employees and FICA taxes due to the United States totaling over $850,000.

Two Kansas Companies Fined $1 Million Each for Criminally Violating the Clean Air Act

On May 27, Harcros Chemicals, Inc. and MGP Ingredients, Inc. were fined $1 million each in the District of Kansas for violating the Clean Air Act when a cloud of toxic chlorine gas was released in 2016. Both companies pleaded guilty to negligently violating the Clean Air Act. On October 21, 2016, a greenish-yellow chlorine gas cloud formed at MGP Ingredients' facility in Atchison, KS when 4,000 gallons of sulfuric acid was mistakenly combined with 5,800 gallons of sodium hypochlorite. The Atchison County Department of Emergency Management ordered community members to shelter in place and to evacuate in some areas. Approximately 140 individuals including members of the public, first responders, employees of MGP Ingredients and Harcos Chemicals sought medical attention.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

On June 4, OECA's National Enforcement Investigation Center will participate in the Inter-American Development Bank's and the International Network for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement's *Regional Policy Dialogue on Environmental Licensing and Enforcement During Covid-19* to discuss alternatives to conducting environmental inspections and compliance monitoring while practicing social distancing.

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Office of General Counsel

Hot Topics

***Westmoreland Mining Holdings LLC v. EPA*, No. 20-1160 (D.C. Cir. filed May 22).**
Westmoreland Mining Holdings LLC filed a petition for review challenging EPA's recent final action related to the Mercury Air Toxics Standards (MATS), which reconsidered EPA's 2016 Supplemental Appropriate and Necessary Finding and which promulgated the Residual Risk and Technology Review for MATS ("2020 Reversal and RTR"). Westmoreland Mining Holdings also filed a petition for review of the 2012 MATS rule based solely on grounds arising from the 2020 Reversal and RTR.

***Colorado v. EPA*, No. 1:20-cv-01461 (D. Colo. filed May 22).**
The State of Colorado filed a complaint challenging the Navigable Waters Protection Rule (NWPR). Colorado claims that the NWPR defines "waters of the United States" in a way that is inconsistent with the objective and the text of the Clean Water Act, as established by the Supreme Court. In addition, Colorado alleges that the NWPR violates the Administrative Procedure Act because it improperly fails to consider scientific and implementation information, relies on a flawed economic analysis, and did not provide sufficient opportunity for comment on key elements of the rule. Finally, Colorado alleges that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' decision to forego preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement for the NWPR violates the National Environmental Policy Act.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Nothing to Report.

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Office of International and Tribal Affairs

Hot Topics

Indian Environmental General Assistance Program (GAP) Special Exception
On May 13, EPA approved a Class Exception to allow GAP recipients additional time to complete grant program activities, providing relief to tribal recipients affected by the loss of operational capacity and increased costs due to the COVID-19 crisis. Many tribal governments have either closed their offices or dramatically reduced operations due to the pandemic. EPA recognized that an exception was necessary to allow stand-alone GAP awards to extend beyond the regulatory four-year limitation when recipients need additional time to complete grant program activities, consistent with other administrative relief for recipients impacted by COVID-19. OITA worked closely with EPA's Office of Grants and Debarment and Office of General Council to process this approval.

North American Development Bank (NADB) Board Meeting
On May 21, OITA AA Chad McIntosh and R9 RA John Busterud participated in the NADB semi-annual Board of Directors virtual meeting. The Board approved a temporary financing program in response to the COVID-19 pandemic to support projects that have both environmental benefits and direct positive impacts on the economy of the U.S.-Mexico border region. The program will provide as much as US$200 million and includes up to US$15 million in technical assistance. The Board also discussed the USMCA implementing legislation, including supplemental appropriations for the capitalization of the NADB and for the planning, design, construction, operation and maintenance of high priority wastewater facilities along the US-Mexico Border.

Follow-up on Marine Litter Projects in Latin America
EPA (OITA and OW) held a call with the Brazilian Ministry of Environment (MMA) and US Embassy to plan the marine litter webinar discussed by the Administrator and Brazilian Minister of Environment earlier this year. The webinar will take place on June 10, and will include MMA, Brazilian Institute of the Environment and Renewable Natural Resources, Brazilian Navy and Brazilian National Association of Waste Management. EPA also had a call with Panama's Director of Environment Policy to discuss the national dialogue on marine litter which was originally scheduled to take place in April, but was postponed due to COVID-19. The Minister is slated to approve the national marine litter action plan by the end of May, but the formal launch will be postponed until a later time. EPA (OITA and R2) had a call with the Dominican Republic (DR) Ministry of Environment and USAID to discuss next steps on the marine litter work in the DR. The Ministry will hold a virtual workshop in June on their draft law on solid waste management and efforts to develop a national action plan for marine litter based on Panama's national action plan.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

June 2 Administrator Wheeler, OITA AA Chad McIntosh, OW AA David Ross and R9 RA John Busterud will participate in a Border Stakeholders Meeting via videoconference to share EPA's plans for implementing Section 821 of the USMCA, which tasks EPA to coordinate with eligible public entities on the planning and construction of water infrastructure projects to address transboundary pollution in the San Diego/Tijuana border region.

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Office of the Land and Emergency Management

Hot Topics

Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR)

a. CCR Phase 2 proposed rule (package 1) – On October 15, 2019, the public comment period ended; OLEM is reviewing the comments.
b. CCR permitting NPRM (package 3) – The public comment period ends July 19.
c. CCR litigation packages (package 2, parts A and B) – The OLEM IO is reviewing the Part A final rulemaking package, with a goal of getting it to OP for OMB review in early June. On March 3, the Part B NPRM was published in the FR; the public comment period ended on April 17.
d. CCR Legacy Units ANPRM - Package expected to be sent to OP for OMB review soon.

Modernizing Ignitable Liquids Determinations Final Rule
On May 20, OLEM sent the package to OP for signature by the Administrator.

PCB Extraction NPRM
OLEM is working on the package and we anticipate it going to OP in June for OMB review.

Subpart J Monitoring Rule
Option selection was held May 7. The workgroup will proceed with developing the rulemaking documents.

FY 2019 Superfund Five-Year Report to Congress
On May 12, the report was provided to OP for review; we anticipate it going to OCIR soon for submittal to OMB for review.

Ongoing major Superfund NPL sites
We are working with R2 on Woodbrook Road and Rolling Knolls; R4 on Oak Ridge, Birmingham 35th Ave., and Petroleum Products Corporation; R5 on Sandoval; R8 on Anaconda Smelter; and R10 on Portland Harbor, Quendall Terminal, Bradford Island, and East Waterway.

CERCLA 108(b) Financial Assurance (next three sectors)
The public comment period for the Industry 2 (Petroleum and Coal) rule ended on February 21. On May 6, an options selection meeting for 108(b) additional classes was held. The public comment period for the Industry 3 (Chemical Manufacturing) NPRM ended May 6.

PFAS. Designation of PFOA/PFOS as CERCLA Hazardous Substances NPRM. The rule package was submitted to the Office of Policy on September 20, 2019, for OMB review.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Grants
OLEM is working with OPA to prepare for the announcement of current Brownfields RLF grantees selected to receive supplemental funding.

Office of Mission Support

Hot Topics

Hiring Update

The focus on high priority hiring initiative has led to a continual increase in new hires to the agency. In May, **168** new, external hires joined the agency. (This is up from 41 in all of April.) OMS expects to onboard at least **34** Returning Peace Corps Volunteers (RPCVs) as a result of the virtual webinar for evacuated volunteers on April 8. **15** RPCVs have been hired since April 8, and an additional **19** have received tentative offers and are pending security clearance or onboarding. Currently, there is a total of **956** open recruits across the agency. **233** of those open recruits have received a tentative offer, and **146** of those with tentative offers are external candidates.

Teams Launches at EPA!

As mentioned in the May 28, Mass Mailer from Chief Information Officer Vaughn Noga, as of May 18, all employees should have the Teams application on their computer and the Mobile App is available in the EPA App catalog for all employees who have a government-issued iPhone or iPad. We've seen from the significant usage increase in the last month that many employees are using Teams to continue productive and collaborative work during this unexpected telework situation. EPA Teams pilot participants and early adopters reported that they found the meeting, chat, file sharing, and one-stop-shop features of Teams the most useful.

Suspension and Debarment Official's Decision regarding Duke Energy

On May 14, EPA terminated the Interim Administrative Agreement (IAA) with Duke Energy Corporation (DE), Duke Energy Business Services, LLC (DEBS), Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC), and Duke Energy Progress, Inc. (DEP) entered into to resolve suspension and debarment matters related to the 2015 criminal conviction of DEBS, DEC, and DEP for violations of the Clean Water Act. Based on information submitted by the Respondents, the Court Appointed Monitor in the case, and a recommendation by the Suspension and Debarment Division (SDD), the EPA Suspension and Debarment Official determined that continuation of the IAA is no longer necessary to ensure the present responsibility of Duke Energy, et al.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

New "Thriving Tuesdays" Webinar Series

OMS is hosting a new "Thriving Tuesdays" webinar series between June 2-16. Participants will learn about healthy habits and how stress can negatively impact overall health and wellness:

- ***Getting Healthy Sleep,*** Tuesday, June 2, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm EST. Click HERE to register.
- ***Fitting Fitness into Your Lifestyle,*** Tuesday, June 9, 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm EST. Click HERE to register.
- ***Stress and Emotional Eating,*** Tuesday, June 16, 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm EST. Click HERE to register.

Additionally, OMS will host a ***Financial Fitness*** workshop, on Thursday, June 18, 12:00pm-2:00pm EST. Registration is not required. To attend, log on using this link. Please visit the Benefits Corner SharePoint site for additional webinars.

Office of Policy

Hot Topics

Conference call to Assist EJ Grant Applicants
On Tuesday, June 2, the Office of Environmental Justice will host an assistance call for members of local governments, states, tribes and U.S territories that may be interested in applying for funding available under the State Environmental Justice Cooperative Agreement program.

WH Opportunity Zone Report
Next week, the White House Opportunity and Revitalization Council expects to release a report to the President that identifies best practices and case studies of actions being taken by EPA and other federal agencies, as well as states, localities, and businesses, to support Opportunity Zones.

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Active Interagency Reviews from OMB	
Subject	**OMB Due Date**
DOD/ACE NPRM (Pass-back): Proposal to Reissue and Modify Nationwide Permits	05/29/2020
DOI/FWS NPRM: Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Revision of the Regulations for Designating Critical Habitat	05/29/2020
DOC/BIS FRM: Wassenaar Arrangement 2018 Plenary Agreements Implementation; and other Revisions Related to National Security Controls	06/04/2020
HUD/OFHEO FRM: HUD's Implementation of the Fair Housing Act's Disparate Impact Standard	06/05/2020

Documents Sent to the OFR from May 21-27, 2020		
FRL #	**Title**	**Date Sent to FR**
10008-72-OCSPP	Bacillus thuringiensis Cry14Ab-1 Protein in Soybean; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance	05-27-2020
10009-52-Region 2	Approval of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New Jersey; Gasoline Vapor Recovery Requirements	05-27-2020
10009-87-Region 5	Air Plan Approval; Wisconsin; Second Maintenance Plans for 1997 Ozone NAAQS; Door County, Kewaunee County, Manitowoc County and Milwaukee-Racine Area	05-27-2020
10006-86-Region 2	Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New Jersey; Revisions to Emissions Reporting Requirements	05-26-2020
10007-57-OCSPP	Ea peptide 91398; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance	05-26-2020
10008-29-OCSPP	Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Revisions to Existing ICR (TSCA Section 4 Test Rules, Test Orders, Enforceable Consent Agreements (ECAs), Voluntary Data Submissions, and Exemptions from Testing Requirement)(EPA	05-26-2020

	ICR No. 1139.11 and OMB Control No. 2070-0033); Comment Request	
10009-54-Region 3	Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Infrastructure Requirements for the 2010 Sulfur Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standard	05-26-2020
10009-29-OCSPP	Receipt of a Pesticide Petition Filed for Residues of a Pesticide Chemical in or on Various Commodities	05-26-2020
10009-31-OCSPP	Pesticide Product Registrations; Receipt of Applications for New Uses	05-26-2020
10009-62-OAR	Notice of Requests for Approval of Alternative Means of Emission Limitation	05-26-2020
10009-88-OCSPP	Pesticide Product Registration; Receipt of Applications for New Uses	05-26-2020
10009-97-OCSPP	Certain New Chemicals; Receipt and Status Information for April 2020	05-26-2020
10009-84-OCSPP	Receipt of Several Pesticide Petitions Filed for Residues of Pesticide Chemicals in or on Various Commodities	05-26-2020
10010-37-OCSPP	Preliminary Lists Identifying Manufacturers Subject to Fee Obligations for EPA-Initiated Risk Evaluations under Section 6 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA); Notice of Availability and Request for Comment; Extension of the Comment Period	05-26-2020
10009-14-OCSPP	Fenpyroximate; Pesticide Tolerances	2020-05-22
10009-96-Region 7	Air Plan Approval; Missouri; Restriction of Emission of Lead From Specific Lead Smelter-Refinery Installations	05-22-2020
10010-28-ORD	Availability of the Systematic Review Protocol for the Methylmercury Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) Assessment.	05-22-2020
10005-94-OMS	RCRA Subtitle C Reporting Instruction and Forms (Renewal)/ICR 0976.19	05-21-2020
10008-43-OCSPP	Access to Confidential Business Information by [Access Interpreting, Inc.]	05-21-2020
10009-74-OMS	Creation of a new System of Record Notice (SORN) for Personnel Security (PSS) 2.0	05-21-2020
10009-94-ORD	Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) Sustainable and Healthy Communities Subcommittee Meeting – June 2020	05-21-2020
10010-23-OA	Notification of a Public Meeting of the Chartered Science Advisory Board and the Science Advisory Board Chemical Assessment Advisory Committee	05-21-2020
10010-14-Region 1	Air Plan Approval; Connecticut; Infrastructure State Implementation Plan Requirements for the 2015 Ozone Standard	05-21-2020

Office of Research and Development

Hot Topics

COVID-19 Research

ORD Researchers Provide Overview of SARS-CoV-2 Research
The lead senior researchers provided an overview of ORD's new CoV-2 projects for nearly 700 EPA staff and nearly 7,000 external participants during two webinars this week.

EPA working with LA Metro
EPA staff from CESER, R9, and OLEM participated in a call between LA Metro and the company TDG. TDG presented options to LA Metro on use of their UV systems in subway rail cars. ORD is currently investigating the efficacy of UV devices against SARS-CoV-2. ORD research is intended to inform stakeholders, such as LA Metro, on the use of such devices for to address their disinfection needs. LA Metro would like to provide input into ORD testing.

ORD Researchers Discuss Surveillance Study and Modeling Efforts
ORD researchers met with Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati on May 20, to discuss the collaborative experimental and modeling efforts for monitoring levels of coronavirus in sewage.

Salivary Antibody Assay to Assess Community Exposure
The research protocol was sent for external peer review and the research will be presented during the Covid-19 research webinars this week. ORD is continuing negotiations with vendors for serum and saliva samples.

PFAS Innovation Treatment Team Update
ORD's PFAS Innovative Treatment Team (PITT) finalized a draft scope of work and Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) last week with a U.S. waste management company to conduct field sampling at one of their municipal waste combustion facilities this summer. The Team hopes to sample at the facility in mid-July. The PITT is also in discussions with three biosolids/sludge treatment facilities regarding the potential for field sampling this summer. PITT discussions with an international environmental solutions company are also continuing as the Team explores the possibility of collecting environmental samples during AFFF incineration. The Team is also refining agreement requirements for a possible joint electrochemical research project with a global infrastructure firm. Additionally, efforts have been initiated to study Fourier Transform Infrared (FTIR) as an online tool to study carbon-fluorine presence in combustion gases.

Soil and Dust Ingestion Rates RFA Open
Estimating Children's Soil and Dust Ingestion Rates for Exposure Science Request for Applications opened on May 21, and will remain open through August 5. EPA, as part of its Science to Achieve Results program, is asking the scientific community to propose transdisciplinary research to develop or apply innovative approaches/methods to improve the estimates, better characterize the variability, and reduce the uncertainty concerning chemical exposures via soil and dust ingestion for children aged six months through six years.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

ORD Leadership Meeting
Next week ORD Executive and Management Councils will meet virtually to discuss the impact of the COVID pandemic and teleworking on ongoing research, among other topics. ORD leadership is looking forward to training provided by Vicki Simmons from the Office of Civil Rights.

House Science Energy and Commerce Briefing on Covid-19 Research
ORD will be part of an Agency briefing to staff from House Science and Energy and Commerce committees about EPA efforts to address the COVID 19 pandemic. ORD will discuss its research which will be used to reduce the risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID -19.

National Advisory Environmental Health Sciences Council
On June 2, ORD will participate in the 160th meeting of the National Advisory Environmental Health Sciences Council as an ex-officio member of the council. The National Advisory Environmental Health Sciences Council (NAEHSC) is a Congressionally mandated body that advises the secretary of HHS, the director of NIH, and the director of NIEHS on matters relating to the direction of research, research support, training, and career development supported by NIEHS. The meeting can be viewed at: http://www.niehs.nih.gov/news/webcasts/index.cfm.

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Office of Water

Hot Topics

Perchlorate
This week, the EPA transmitted the *Federal Register* notice titled: "Notice of Final Action on Perchlorate" to OMB for interagency review. The EPA is under a consent decree deadline for a final action on perchlorate by June 19.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

June 2	Administrator Wheeler, Assistant Administrator Dave Ross (Water), Assistant Administrator Chad McIntosh (OITA) and Regional Administrator John Busterud (R9) will address eligible public entities in the Tijuana River watershed on plans to implement transboundary flows in the watershed through the U.S., Mexico, Canada Agreement (USMCA). Closed press.

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