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Sent: 7/11/2019 6:08:18 PM
To: Dieu, Martin [Dieu.Martin@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Info from OPP about Dunn Vietnam Glyphosate Mission
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Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

From: Dieu, Martin
Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2019 1:59 PM
To: Kovner, Karissa <Kovner.Karissa@epa.gov>
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Hi Karissa – sorry for the long delay! We had some crazy pop up, which required that I drop everything else.

Attached is the list of topics we have – largely the same as the list we discussed a month ago. The first tribal, and the first three int'l look most timely and appropriate for their level. Happy to put those on the list. Thoughts on streamlining?

Also, I'm forwarding the info we have on Alex' travel. Will share with Chad. Thanks! Martin

From: Lee, Daniel
Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2019 1:47 PM
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Martin,

I have copied the requested information from the ITP. Below is also a forwarded email with information from OPP regarding Alex's trip.

The purpose of this trip is to allow U.S. government officials an opportunity to meet with Vietnam government officials and senior scientists to discuss their ban of the herbicide glyphosate. USDA has requested EPA officials, Alex Dunn (OCSPP Assistant Administrator), Rick Keigwin (OPP Office Director) and Monique Perron (OPP scientist), to attend this meeting between the two countries.

Benefit to EPA: Increased understanding of another country's pesticide regulatory process, and of the international impact of EPA's work. Increased interagency coordination with USDA-FAS and the Federal Judiciary. Traveler's Role - presenting to and speaking with government officials from the Vietnam Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and other government agencies in Vietnam.

Thank you,
Daniel

From: Novikoff, Joshua
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I spoke with OPP's Zoe Emdur to gather more information about Alex Dunn's mission to Vietnam. She shared the information that she had.

- The visit is at the request of the Under Secretary of the Foreign Agricultural Service. FAS is funding the travel.
- Alex Dunn accepted the invitation and asked that Richard Keigwin and Monique Perron be part of the delegation.
- This is a three day meeting with Vietnam officials about glyphosate.
- Vietnam banned glyphosate use domestically. They have not changed or reduced tolerance levels, meaning that produce imports such as those from the United States are allowed to have glyphosate residue. And they say they are not planning on changing tolerance levels. But the Foreign Agricultural Service is being proactive in meeting with Vietnam about this issue. Other countries have banned glyphosate use and reducing tolerance levels/blocking imports have followed.
- The delegation will also contain approximately four people from USDA and a federal judge that will explain the U.S. legal system and the difference between court decisions and regulations. Staff from the Canadian and Australian embassies to Vietnam may also participate in meetings.
- EPA's focus will be on discussing reevaluation of glyphosate and other international studies that have been conducted.