Message

From: Wong, Diana [Wong.Diana-M@epa.gov]
Sent: 4/21/2020 8:21:44 PM
To: Knott, Steven [Knott.Steven@epa.gov]; Dennis, Allison [Dennis.Allison@epa.gov]
CC: Hughes, Hayley [hughes.hayley@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: question about peer review panel

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Best regards,
Diana

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Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 4:17 PM
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Thanks Allison. **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

Thanks again.

Steve

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Steve and Diane,

If you are comfortable, please provide Tim w/the following response:

Response: EPA is postponing the Toxic Substances Control Act Science Advisory Committee on Chemicals (SACC) peer review virtual meeting due to recent changes in the availability of members for this peer review. Given the importance of the draft risk evaluation for asbestos, the Agency believes that rescheduling for a time when more members are available is critical and will allow for a more robust review of the evaluation. As a result, the SACC meeting will be rescheduled as soon as practicable.

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Thanks Diana. I'm looping in communications again. I think it may be advisable to go through our press folks for this kind of interaction. Allison?

Thanks again.

Steve

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Hello Steve,

The editor from asbestos.com asked if the postponement is caused by the pandemic.

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Thanks.

Best Regards,
Diana

From: Tim Povtak <tpovtak@asbestos.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 2:37 PM
To: Wong, Diana <Wong.Diana-M@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: question about peer review panel

Thanks, Diana.

I realize the press release doesn't say it, but can you attribute the postponement to the pandemic?

Tim

On Tue, Apr 21, 2020 at 2:27 PM Wong, Diana <Wong.Diana-M@epa.gov> wrote:

Hello Tim,

The link for the panel roster is:

https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EPA-HQ-OPPT-2019-0501-0018

Thanks.

Best Regards,

Diana

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From: Tim Povtak <tpovtak@asbestos.com>
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Hi Dr. Wong:

This is Tim Povtak, senior writer at the Mesothelioma Center. We do the website Asbestos.com, an informational source for patients and families.

I was going to write a short story about the postponement of the peer review meeting of the asbestos risk evaluation.

Can you provide a list of the panel members doing the peer review? I apologize if it's already on the EPA website, but I couldn't find it.

Also, if you want to add a sentence or two for my story about the importance of this process, I'd be happy to use it.

Thanks much for all you do.

Tim

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