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Sent: 11/21/2019 4:57:50 PM
To: Marcy, Ken [Marcy.Ken@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Bradford Island discussion with HQ this week

You're right, Ken, they are ppb. So, instead of 8,000 to 650,000, would it be 8 to 650 ppm?

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Sent: Thursday, November 21, 2019 8:47 AM
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Thanks Richard – those numbers don't sound right for fish tissue – PCBs are typically reported in ppb, not ppm, and these values are % level concentrations. It would make more sense if they were sediment values – but I'm getting more info every day that I haven't seen.

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Hi Ken,

Steph Mairs gave me a color map which show PCB concentrations in fish around Washington State. She was given the map during a meeting 2 years ago between EPA and the Yakama Tribe. The map shows Bradford Island with fish tissue PCB concentrations between 8,000 and 650,000 ppm. This is the only place in the State with concentrations that high. I just gave Wally paper copies of the map. I will try to scan it and send it to you – although I don't know if it will come out in color.

Also, since Allnutt got defensive in response to my comment rather than answer the question about how to convey the necessary information to the RA, I think that perhaps we could produce a one page with bullets of pertinent data and information, what do you think of that?

Richard

From: Marcy, Ken <Marcy.Ken@epa.gov>
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Hi Richard – do you have that tribal data summary. The 650,000 I have is for sediments I think (the data I have from the removal shows 690,000 ppm, in the characterization form). I have 18,000 ppb in bass tissue (which is screaming high).

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I am attaching a 2016 letter from the Yakama Tribe to the USACE. 3 years ago the Tribe was upset by the poor work being done by the USACE and was concerned about exposure to toxic substances through fish consumption. I also just saw data summarized by the Tribe indicating the fish in the vicinity of Bradford Island have had PCB levels in tissue at 8,000 to 650,000 ppm. Those are levels I have seen in transformer and capacitor oil itself. If Chris is not committed to moving this matter along for a proposed listing in the Spring of next year, then either he is uninformed or lacks concern for the health of Tribal members.

What "form" do you want the staff recommendation to take?

Richard

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Also – on the "aggressiveness" question, I have not gotten a clear sense from Chris on where he is. My objective is to understand what career staff are collectively advocating for. Ie, if we collectively think a spring 2020 proposal is possible and advisable, let's formulate that recommendation.

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Yes, got it! Thanks.

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Wally – you, Ken, Beth, and Richard should have an invite on your calendars for tomorrow morning. HQ set up, so let me know if you can't see. Sheila and I will be attending from Crystal City.

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Hi David and Sheila,

I haven't heard whether this meeting was happening for us/you this week. Do you have any information to share? Also, I don't think Ken and I are necessarily essential to this meeting, but we are standing by if needed. I'm flying back to Seattle this evening from Anchorage and working Th and Fri.

Lastly David, do you have a sense of whether we will be aggressive and going for the expedited listing (proposed rule) this Spring? If so, it does require us to expedite contracting and prioritizing workload in R10.

Hope all is well in DC.
Wally