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Subject: RE: Press Release for Riverside
Attachments: Riverside Draft Proposed Plan 6-22-2020.docx; Riverside Industrial Park PRAP One Pager (FINAL) 6-23-2020.docx

Hi Josh,

I'm a Press Officer in the Public Affairs Office. Elias assigned the press release for the Riverside Industrial Park PRAP to me. Do you have an updated version of the proposed plan that you can share with me?

Thank you!

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Hi Elias,

Attached is the proposed plan for Riverside and one-pager. Hopefully this will be a start. Let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks!

Josh

From: Rodriguez, Elias <Rodriguez.Elias@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 19, 2020 1:35 PM
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Subject: RE: Press Release for Riverside

Thank you Michael. Howdy Josh!

To get me off the ground on writing a draft news release, RPMs typically send me one or more as (internal) source documents, if they exist (the draft PRAP, the RA "One Pager," a PPT they may have already done for a previous briefing, a draft or existing fact sheet).

Bottomline: Starting from when you envision the public comment period to begin (say, for example July 13th), I usually need 10 business days to get from zero to fully reviewed/approved.

Thank you,

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Josh: Meet Elias, the Media Relations Branch Chief in our Public Affairs Office. He coordinates the press releases, among many, many other tasks. But for now, that's why you need to meet him.

If you remember when we were talking with Shereen about all of the many steps you'll need to take to get to the ROD for Riverside, one of those involved a press release. Elias has reached out to me, to let me know he'll start to draft it, but he needs some information on the site. Can you please send him a fact sheet, or reach out to him to see what specifically he needs?

Elias: Full disclosure: We don't know yet what the preferred alternatives will be for the site (we're selecting remedies for soil gas, sewer water, soil/fill and groundwater – yes, all of that in one ROD), and we're scrambling with edits and re-writes and more analysis. We will have a revised draft of the FS on Monday that will shed significantly more light on everything, so it might be helpful to wait until next week?

If either of you have any questions, please let me know! Thank you!

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