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Glad to help, Meleah. I'll defer to our Illinois EPA colleagues on the best way to address the follow-up questions below.

In addition, I'm open to suggestions about if and when it would add value for Region 5's EJ program to convene another meeting for collective discussion of Centreville EJ concerns.

Best,
Alan

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Thanks so much, Alan - looking forward to hearing the update from Chris, Jim, and Catherine. Please let us know if we schedule a call to discuss or if email suffices.

Best,
Meleah

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Hi Meleah –

Thanks for your patience. I've copied our colleagues at Illinois EPA, who are in the best position to answer these questions. Chris Davis can speak to the watershed questions; and Jim Miles and Catherine Siders can speak to the findings from their field visit.

Best,
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Hi Alan,
Thanks again for following up with our Centreville attorney team for an update on a possible "regional" approach to the flooding and sewage issues and enforcement progress towards bring relief asap for the residents. We have a few questions for you based on last Monday's discussion, as well as subsequent developments:

(1) **Watershed plan**. Can USEPA/IEPA clarify the potential sources of funding that you all envision the Heartland Conservancy pursuing for its Prairie du Pont and Judy's Branch proposal? Also, given that we are not deeply familiar with watershed planning in Illinois, can the agencies explain the source of the process for carrying out the plan, as it was described to us on our Monday call? E.g., is/are there guidance or regulations

defining the process? Is there a funding program that requires the watershed planning process to be structured in the manner described?

(2) **IEPA field visit.** IEPA had staff in the field (Wayne Caughman) to investigate the water issues on Wednesday, August 5, with representatives from Centreville and the County. Can USEPA/IEPA provide us with an update on which local/county reps participated, what was found on this visit, and whether any action steps will be taken as a result of it? Are there any documents related to the visit, findings and/or action steps that are shareable with the public, and if so can the agencies send them to us or should we submit a FOIA request?

Thanks so much,
Meleah

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