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Sent: 12/18/2020 7:41:53 PM
To: Humphrey, Leslie [Humphrey.Leslie@epa.gov]
Subject: Fwd: a few specific questions re AltEn

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From: "Weekley, Erin" <weekley.erin@epa.gov>
Date: December 18, 2020 at 1:32:47 PM CST
To: "Cozad, David" <Cozad.David@epa.gov>
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FYI

From: Washburn, Ben <washburn.ben@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 18, 2020 11:11 AM
To: Green, Jamie <Green.Jamie@epa.gov>; Dunn, John <Dunn.John@epa.gov>; Weekley, Erin <weekley.erin@epa.gov>; Bednar, Candace <Bednar.Candace@epa.gov>; Curtis, Glenn <curtis.glenn@epa.gov>
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All, I've spoken with the reporter, and she sent in a few specific questions.

I'm still working on the first draft statement. I'll incorporate these questions into the media inquiry document and then share through SharePoint for review/input.

From: Carey Gillam <careygillamnewsnow@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, December 18, 2020 11:08 AM
To: Washburn, Ben <washburn.ben@epa.gov>
Subject: a few specific questions re AltEn

Thanks for your fast response to my inquiry today and letting me know you are working on getting answers. As I mentioned in my email to Mr. Dunn, I'm writing a piece about the environmental and potential - alleged- public health problems connected to the Mead, Neb., ethanol plant and the use of neonic-treated corn seed in the DDGs created by the plant.
The University of Nebraska and the state have been working on this issue for a couple of years and have documented extraordinarily high levels of various pesticides in waterways around the plant, recorded bee die-offs, health issues with other wildlife and pets, and there have been complaints by area residents of odor, eye and sinus and throat irritation, etc..
The residents claim the EPA was brought in but has done nothing.
So my questions are as follows:
* What has the EPA done to date with regard to these complaints?
* If the answer is that the EPA has taken no action or not been involved at all, please let me know why that is the case.

* Has there been any water testing, soil testing, or other to measure pesticide levels in the waste product, DDGs, etc.. from AltEn?
* Does the EPA have any plan to engage in any mitigation or regulatory efforts regarding the complaints about AltEn?
* What regulatory requirements are in place for ethanol plants using neonic-treated corn seed as feed stock for their production/by-products?
* Is this a unique situation or are there similar complaints in connection with other ethanol plants in Region 7 or elsewhere?

I'd be most grateful for your responses by the end of business today or early Monday
Thank you so much.

Best regards,

Carey Gillam
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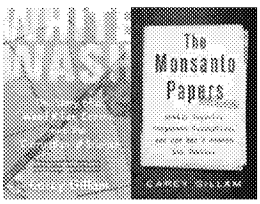
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