Message

From: Weekley, Erin [weekley.erin@epa.gov]
Sent: 12/18/2020 4:33:02 PM
To: Humphrey, Leslie [Humphrey.Leslie@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Media Inquiry from the Guardian re: AltEn ethanol plant in Nebraska

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From: Green, Jamie <Green.Jamie@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 18, 2020 10:20 AM
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Subject: FW: Media Inquiry from the Guardian re: AltEn ethanol plant in Nebraska

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From: Gulliford, Jim <gulliford.jim@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 18, 2020 10:06 AM
To: Washburn, Ben <washburn.ben@epa.gov>; Chu, Ed <Chu.Ed@epa.gov>
Cc: Green, Jamie <Green.Jamie@epa.gov>; Albano, Emily <Albano.Emily@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Media Inquiry from the Guardian re: AltEn ethanol plant in Nebraska

Agreed – thanks

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From: Washburn, Ben <washburn.ben@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 18, 2020 9:13 AM
To: Gulliford, Jim <gulliford.jim@epa.gov>; Chu, Ed <Chu.Ed@epa.gov>
Cc: Green, Jamie <Green.Jamie@epa.gov>; Albano, Emily <Albano.Emily@epa.gov>
Subject: Media Inquiry from the Guardian re: AltEn ethanol plant in Nebraska

Good morning Jim and Ed,

I wanted to let you know about the inquiry received below regarding an ethanol plant in Nebraska.

Bottom line up front: Reporter is writing for the Guardian. The Region's role has been advisory to the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy. Jamie Green has made counterparts in OPP aware of inquiry. Given our role is and has been advisory regarding the plant, our most likely action may be to refer the reporter to NDEE for questions about facility operations, and to OPP for questions about pesticide risk. We are determining next steps, but wanted to make you aware. ECAD, LCRD, and WD division directors are also aware of inquiry.

I will keep you posted.

Thank you,
Ben

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Subject: FW: request to discuss AltEn

Hello Emily and Ben – My understanding is that Curtis is out. Could one of you give me a call this morning as soon as you can re this?

Thanks.

From: Dunn, John <Dunn.John@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 18, 2020 6:17 AM
To: Curtis, Glenn <curtis.glenn@epa.gov>; Green, Jamie <Green.Jamie@epa.gov>
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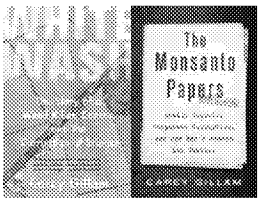
From: Carey Gillam <careygillamnewsnow@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 17, 2020 4:55 PM
To: Dunn, John <Dunn.John@epa.gov>
Subject: request to discuss AltEn

Greetings - We just spoke briefly and agreed to talk tomorrow morning. I'm reaching out for some information and guidance about an ethanol plant called AltEn in Mead, Nebraska and numerous concerns and complaints filed regarding the plant's efforts to dispose of DDGs containing high levels of certain pesticides. I'm told the EPA's regional office - you guys - have been involved and are knowledgeable about the subject.
I'm hoping we can speak tomorrow and/or you can put me in touch with whomever is the correct point person on this if it is not you.
I'm a longtime journalist and book author who writes about agriculture and environmental issues for The Guardian and other outlets. This article is for The Guardian.
Thank you again for your assistance!!

Best regards,

Carey Gillam
Author of *Whitewash - The Story of a Weed Killer, Cancer and the Corruption of Science* *Winner - 2018 Rachel Carson Book Award* and *The Monsanto Papers - Deadly Secrets, Corporate Corruption, and One Man's Search for Justice*

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