Message

From: Medina-Vera, Myriam [Medina-Vera.Myriam@epa.gov]
Sent: 3/6/2019 7:23:55 PM
To: Strynar, Mark [Strynar.Mark@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Mark shared the email

No problem.

From: Strynar, Mark
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 2:15:23 PM
To: Medina-Vera, Myriam
Subject: RE: Mark shared the email

Thanks for the info. I would love to chat asap about this. Tomorrow AM is great.

I need to call Hannah.

Mark

From: Medina-Vera, Myriam
Sent: Wednesday, March 06, 2019 1:48 PM
To: Strynar, Mark <Strynar.Mark@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Mark shared the email

The bright side- Tim Buckley and I are on your side. We understand that you were trying to do something good.
Do not worry too much. If it was that critical, we would had the meeting today. Ask Joachim about the times we had to go to the IO and get screamed at. Not pleasant but we survived. At least we know that we are not going to be screamed at. It is different people this time. We can talk tomorrow-if they fix the heating system. Also, Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

From: Strynar, Mark
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 1:42:52 PM
To: Medina-Vera, Myriam
Subject: RE: Mark shared the email

Glad to have this discussion including the person who sent it on to Tim Watkins being included. I am a big boy and can have this talk Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) I can fill you in later.
Mark

From: Medina-Vera, Myriam
Sent: Wednesday, March 06, 2019 1:39 PM
To: Strynar, Mark <Strynar.Mark@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Mark shared the email

Mark,

Is not that emails need to be cleared. The message has to be consistent with the agency specially in situations where EPA is in the middle of litigation. Tim Watkins requested a meeting with Buckley, you and I. The issue here was that someone send the email to Tim Watkins and he asked Tim Buckley this morning and then Buckley asked me. Tim Buckley is on travel tomorrow and Friday so the meeting may not occur until next week. I told Tim Watkins that we were off on Friday.

We have to take this as a learning experience. Tim Watkins is a very reasonable person.

From: Strynar, Mark
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 1:27:26 PM
To: Medina-Vera, Myriam; Buckley, Timothy
Subject: RE: Mark shared the email

Glad for you to share it with Tim Watkins. Don't agree my emails need to be cleared via our communication staff. I never received any email in the past indicated any off limits people for emailing. We can chat tomorrow if you like. Also would really like to know how/why Myriam was asked about this as she was not in the email, nor anyone in the NERL management.

Mark

From: Medina-Vera, Myriam
Sent: Wednesday, March 06, 2019 12:54 PM
To: Buckley, Timothy <Buckley.Timothy@epa.gov>
Cc: Strynar, Mark <Strynar.Mark@epa.gov>
Subject: Mark shared the email

Hi Tim,

I asked Mark about the email. He send it to me and stated to share with whomever was interested. I reminded him that communications at that level are usually cleared by our communications staff. I think the email shows a proud researcher of the work he does. I also think that this will not happen again.

In general, we just say thank you for a visit and do not highlight specifics under current litigation (e.g. Chemours) or offer an open door to contact us with any issues.

Mark is OK with sharing with Tim Watkins.

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Senators,

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your visit to the EPA RTP yesterday and in particular to my lab.

I hope it was informative and was not too confusing. I know the work James and I do is sometimes hard to translate as it is quite technical. I am always open to any question you may have that require clarification from me. Please do not hesitate to follow up if you have any pressing concerns. While the spotlight is on Chemours at the moment you should know my scientific responsibility at EPA is much wider, including all water quality and human exposure to all chemicals

and sources. In addition, though you came to my lab you did not see all of the great people at EPA I work with in collaboration. We who actually do the work are passionate about the work we do. I am confident you received a filtered and abbreviated version of our overall efforts/researchers

Also I want to let you know we have many dedicated professionals at our facility working on projects related to PFAS and coal ash you likely were not able to meet with based on your short time schedule (health effects, drinking water cleanup, heavy metals, fate/transport issues). Feel free to inquire if you want to meet with others in our organization, perhaps on your turf if that is easier in the future.

You should also know as NC is our state and we live and work here we are particularly dedicated to NC issues, while serving the entire nation. NC DEQ and NC DHHS staff regularly meet with us and we keep each other informed on our progress. If the work we are doing cannot be translated into the protection of human health and the environment we are missing the mark.

Sincerely,
Mark

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