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Subject: RE: Ethylene Oxide

Afternoon, Danielle. I just sent you the link to the quarterly reports. Let me know if you have trouble accessing it.

For the emissions inventory, we are asking for a review of the FY2020 EI that was just received. Specifically, we are interested an expedited review of **only** the ethylene oxide emissions from the four facilities on the OIG list – Indorama (formerly Huntsman Port Neches), Midwest Sterilization - Laredo, Shell Research Facility – Houston, and Texas Eastman.

Also, I am going to begin scheduling teleconferences with Indorama, Shell Research and Texas Eastman for later this month to discuss their actions since 2014 to reduce or prevent EtO emissions from their facilities. This is part of our response to the OIG to update technical assessments for each of the facilities. I will need to coordinate meeting times with EPA, TCEQ and each individual facility. Will you be the point of contact for scheduling the calls?

Please let me know if you have other questions.

Fran

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Fran,

Thank you for your continued efforts to coordinate on EtO activities. I work for Tonya and Donna in the emissions inventory group, and wanted to request clarification on a few items.

Could you please share the EPA SharePoint link with me so we can ensure we involve any additional areas of the agency as needed?

Also, could you please clarify which year of emissions inventory (EI) data you are requesting us to expedite? We can provide 2019 EI data now. We just received 2020 EI data last week; if you are interested in the 2020 EI data, when were you hoping to receive it?

Please feel free to contact me to discuss if needed or if you have any concerns.

Regards,
Danielle

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Tonya,
I just sent a link to the external SharePoint site that houses the EtO updates. Let me know if you have difficulty accessing the SharePoint site.

Please review and let me know if you have any comments by COB Tuesday, April l6, 2021. Most of the language is boilerplate, except the particulars about the actual facility. These are highlighted in yellow.

Also, EPA is asking if you can expedite the reviews for the Emissions Inventories associated with the four EtO facilities on the OIG list – Indorama (formerly Huntsman Port Neches), Midwest Sterilization - Laredo, Shell Research Facility – Houston, and Texas Eastman. We appreciate the work you continue to provide on the EtO activities.

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