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From: Gill, Sonam [Gill.Sonam@epa.gov]
Sent: 5/28/2021 8:06:32 PM
To: Alpern, Michael [Alpern.Michael@epa.gov]; Giarmoleo, Julia [Giarmoleo.Julia@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: HNRC Briefing request on SoCAL dumpsite

Julia,

Last I saw we couldn't make the 8am time? Any updates we can share with Robin?

Sonam

From: Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 28, 2021 1:04 PM
To: Gill, Sonam <Gill.Sonam@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: HNRC Briefing request on SoCAL dumpsite

Hi Sonam – I realize it's Friday, not Wednesday. Did you hear back from anyone? Do you have sense of the role EPA will play? Thank you and my apologies! Best, Robin

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From: Gill, Sonam <Gill.Sonam@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 7:10 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>
Cc: Alpern, Michael <Alpern.Michael@epa.gov>; Giarmoleo, Julia <Giarmoleo.Julia@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: HNRC Briefing request on SoCAL dumpsite

Hi Robin and Radha,

If you happen to have any concerns with EPA's joining NOAA for this briefing, let me know by 12pm tomorrow. And don't hesitate to let me know if you'd like to join the briefing.

Sonam

From: Gill, Sonam
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 12:38 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>
Cc: Alpern, Michael <Alpern.Michael@epa.gov>; Giarmoleo, Julia <Giarmoleo.Julia@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: HNRC Briefing request on SoCAL dumpsite

Hi Radha and Robin,

Flagging this request from NOAA to participate in a House NRC Committee briefing next Tuesday on deep ocean DDT disposal in Southern California. Our R9 Superfund leadership is willing and ready to participate. Please let me know if we should go ahead and confirm with NOAA, and if you want to be included.

Sonam

From: Becky Lizama - NOAA Federal <becky.lizama@noaa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 4:05 AM
To: Manzanilla, Enrique <Manzanilla.Enrique@epa.gov>
Cc: Walker Smith - NOAA Federal <walker.smith@noaa.gov>; Lyons, John <Lyons.John@epa.gov>; Jeff Dillen - NOAA Federal <jeff.dillen@noaa.gov>; Nancy Hann - NOAA Federal <Nancy.Hann@noaa.gov>; Wendy Lewis <wendy.lewis@noaa.gov>; Gill, Sonam <Gill.Sonam@epa.gov>; Giarmoleo, Julia <Giarmoleo.Julia@epa.gov>; Alpern, Michael <Alpern.Michael@epa.gov>
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Hafa Adai, Admiral et al.

Annick C. Miller from the House Natural Resources Committee Minority is requesting a "briefing on the results of the survey and the issue in general." **At your recommendation, Admiral, I am including EPA and extending the invitation to brief the Committee staff as well using the same slide deck we shared with the Senate staff.**

Sonam and Julia, please let me know if you would like to get on a call to coordinate. I'm working with the Admiral's scheduling team to confirm if Tuesday, June1 at 12:30 pm ET for 1 hour is feasible.

Sincerely,

Becky

On Mon, May 24, 2021 at 9:28 PM Becky Lizama - NOAA Federal <becky.lizama@noaa.gov> wrote:

> Sharing what was provided to the Secretary's office.
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> **Topic: Ocean Dumping in California (Feinstein)**
> **Question:** Are there any updates on the recent reporting of thousands of barrels of DDT being dumped off the shore of California?
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> **Answer:**
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> - NOAA has been working closely with EPA and other federal and state agencies to discuss these coastal ocean disposal sites. Collaboration is ongoing daily to discuss historical records towards determining what was dumped and where it was dumped across the multiple sites, and what further study options should be pursued. EPA and NOAA will continue to keep your staff updated on next steps. [NOTE for DOC: EPA and NOAA updated the Senator's staff this past week.]

On Mon, May 24, 2021 at 4:29 PM Manzanilla, Enrique <Manzanilla.Enrique@epa.gov> wrote:

> Thanks Becky. Regarding item 2, given the fact that the Senators' staff are now apprised of the barrels vs bulk dumping of DDT waste, the response to the Senator's QFR should reflect that information. We're happy to help with the response.

Enrique

From: Becky Lizama - NOAA Federal <becky.lizama@noaa.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 24, 2021 1:18 PM
To: Walker Smith - NOAA Federal <walker.smith@noaa.gov>
Cc: Manzanilla, Enrique <Manzanilla.Enrique@epa.gov>; Lyons, John <Lyons.John@epa.gov>; Jeff Dillen - NOAA Federal <jeff.dillen@noaa.gov>; Nancy Hann - NOAA Federal <Nancy.Hann@noaa.gov>; Wendy Lewis <wendy.lewis@noaa.gov>; Gill, Sonam <Gill.Sonam@epa.gov>; Giarmoleo, Julia <Giarmoleo.Julia@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: DDT briefing next Monday

Hi all,

1) At the request of Senator Feinstein's staff, I just got off the phone with Jeanette Christian. She said she was not aware of the EPA/NOAA conversations with CA state but that she was glad to hear of the engagement. She said she was curious how those conversations (i.e., John mentioned the call with Cal EPA and US EPA) with the state were going. I deferred her to EPA and reiterated NOAA's role.

2) In addition, DOC Secretary Raimondo will be testifying on the FY22 budget before the Senate Appropriations Committee on 05/26/21. We received a question from Sen. Feinstein's office and I am working with OMAO on a draft response for the Secretary.

Topic: Ocean Dumping in California (Feinstein)
Question: Are there any updates on the recent reporting of thousands of barrels of DDT being dumped off the shore of California?

Thank you,

Becky

On Sat, May 22, 2021 at 8:04 AM Becky Lizama - NOAA Federal <becky.lizama@noaa.gov> wrote:

> Thank you, Walker.

Sincerely,

Becky

On Fri, May 21, 2021 at 8:01 PM Walker Smith - NOAA Federal <walker.smith@noaa.gov> wrote:

FYI from Senator Feinstein's office.

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From: **Karen Hyun - NOAA Federal** <karen.hyun@noaa.gov>
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FYI.

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From: **Segal, Alexis (Feinstein)** <Alexis_Segal@feinstein.senate.gov>
Date: Fri, May 21, 2021 at 3:10 PM
Subject: DDT briefing next Monday
To: karen.hyun@noaa.gov <karen.hyun@noaa.gov>

Hi Karen and happy Friday!

Monday there's a regional EPA and regional NOAA briefing with our office on DDT. Senator Feinstein asks me about this issue weekly and is eager to see progress on next steps, a plan of action or strategy from the federal agencies. It would be helpful in Monday's briefing to learn more, since the March mission – and a big thanks again to NOAA for supporting/leading that – what EPA and NOAA plan to do next and how our office can support that. From what we have learned from the scientists, subsequent cruises to collect samples and conduct video are really crucial. I'm also interested to learn about NOAA's equities to monitor the area under the Oceans Dumping Act. FYA, we are also working hard on appropriations angle with requests from Scripps and other UC institutions that I hope will help support NOAA's work (and the budget generally as well). I'm also getting a lot of pings from local CA legislature offices and ocean advocacy groups all asking for more information and action items. Thanks for engaging on this and appreciate you have a full plate!

Best,

Alexis

Alexis K. Segal

Office of Senator Dianne Feinstein

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***Did you know Asian Pacific American Heritage Month is observed annually in May to celebrate the contributions that generations of Asian Americans and Native Hawai'ians/Pacific Islanders have made to American history, society, and culture?*

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