Message

**From**: Duarte, Romie [Duarte.Romie@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 4/14/2021 9:25:00 PM
**To**: Huang, Judy [Huang.Judy@epa.gov]
**CC**: Chesnutt, John [Chesnutt.John@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: How a shocking environmental disaster was uncovered off the California coast after 70 years - CBS News

Hi Judy,

That is great to hear. Sounds like a great conversation.

Thanks for the update.
Romie

Ms. Romie Duarte
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-----Original Message-----
From: Huang, Judy <Huang.Judy@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 1:41 PM
To: Duarte, Romie <Duarte.Romie@epa.gov>
Cc: Chesnutt, John <Chesnutt.John@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: How a shocking environmental disaster was uncovered off the California coast after 70 years - CBS News

Romie:

I just called Mr. Adler back.
We had a good conversation.
Mr. Adler was a members of the Miami Valley Landfill Coalition which received a Technical Assistance Grant from EPA (Powell Road Landfill Superfund Site OH).
Therefore, Mr. Adler is familiar with Superfund.

I explained to him the complexity of the ocean disposal issue (legal historical disposal site, multiple companies disposed wastes, chemical not limited to DDTs, multiple disposal sites in the area).

Mr. Adler expressed concerns related to the impacts of DDTs from the ocean disposal site to fish and marine mammals (whales and sea lions).
I acknowledged that there are definitely data gaps in our understanding of how the DDTs in the ocean disposal site impacts the environment and informed Mr. Adler that we are working with State and Federal resources and regulatory agencies to figure out the magnitude of the issue.

I also shared the results of our First Monitored Natural Recovery study results (decreasing fish DDT concentrations) and the Trustee's finding that the birds on Catalina and Channel Island are thriving and reproducing as a part of the discussion.

Since he was wondering how could the concentrations in fish be decreasing, we also had a little discussion on DDT dechlorination.

Judy

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From: Duarte, Romie <Duarte.Romie@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 4:13 PM
To: Huang, Judy <Huang.Judy@epa.gov>
Cc: Chesnutt, John <Chesnutt.John@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: How a shocking environmental disaster was uncovered off the California coast after 70 years - CBS News

Hi Judy,

Seems Mr. Adler also contacted the region 9 library. The email he sent and his contact info is at the very bottom.

Thanks,
Romie

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-----Original Message-----
From: R9.Info <R9.Info@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 12:14 PM
To: Duarte, Romie <Duarte.Romie@epa.gov>
Cc: R9.Info <R9.Info@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: How a shocking environmental disaster was uncovered off the California coast after 70 years - CBS News

Hi Romie,

Would you be able to respond to Mr. Adler's inquiry below?
Do you have text that you typically use?
Would you prefer we respond to future requests with your text or continue forwarding inquiries on this topic to you?

Deborra

Deborra Cohen
Director, Environmental Information Center/Library U.S. EPA Pacific Southwest, Region 9
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-----Original Message-----
From: R9.Info <R9.Info@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 8:55 AM
To: R9.Info <R9.Info@epa.gov>
Subject: How a shocking environmental disaster was uncovered off the California coast after 70 years - CBS News

This video mentioned below is about the dumping of DDT off the coast of Los Angeles involving the Palos Verdes Shelf and the Montrose site.

Lisa

Lisa Wheeler, MLIS
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-----Original Message-----
From: Jay Adler Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 5:49 AM
To: R9.Info <R9.Info@epa.gov>
Subject: How a shocking environmental disaster was uncovered off the California coast after 70 years - CBS News

Dear EPA,

Are you aware of this? Is there something you can do to mitigate this? This is horrifying for sure.

Please let me know. Thank you,

Jay Adler
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

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