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On the Q/A's for El Paso, we are talking about one (Isomedix) with potential risk at 2000 in 1,000,000. However, the other facility may also be picked up on with a little risk if the 2017 AirToxScreen is released in the same timeframe. We'll have to be prepared to touch on more updated information for that facility being available to us.

Sasol risk mapping is based on 2018 emissions data. Also, I was asked late yesterday to send the presentation up before they schedule the briefing. I'll do that after I get the latest from Ashley Mohr.

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I had assumed you originally pulled Q/As that were already prepared by HQ. we are only talking about one commercial sterilizer (Steris) in El Paso to conduct outreach, right?

Question: the Sasol risk mapping prepared by your staff is based on what year data, 2018 or recent ICR?

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FYI.....I also worked later yesterday to give Austin input for the RA's trip to El Paso, TX on commercial sterilizers. He was pulling info out of this comms plan, but I didn't get to see the final Q/A's he was developing for the RA. He was attempting to make them a bit more specific to El Paso and future outreach.

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So do you think we/I should notify TCEQ (Tonya) today, following signature?

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Hi all –

Attached please find the Communication Plan for tomorrow's expected announcement of the MON reconsideration proposal. Because many stakeholders have been interested in EPA's position on the IRIS value for EtO, this notification list is long and includes a few assignments for the Regions. I will send you a note as soon as the press release goes live (probably mid-morning Eastern). Please begin notifying at that point.

Regions: please do not limit yourselves to these notifications. In the attachment, we have identified key stakeholders (Page 4) who have engaged with HQ on EtO over the years and we wanted to make sure that you had their contact info (but are confident that you probably have existing relationships.) Please let me know if you have concerns about doing the notifications. Again, please do your usual outreach to interested stakeholders when the time comes.

Below is a template notification email for your consideration. I'll also note that there is an opportunity for a public hearing on this proposal if one is requested within 5 days after the notice publishes in the Federal Register.

Today, EPA is issuing a proposal reaffirming the use of EPA's more protective, peer-reviewed, risk value for ethylene oxide (EtO), and rejecting the use of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's less protective value, when assessing risks from EtO in the Miscellaneous Organic Chemical Manufacturing source category ("2020 MON final rule"), finalized on August 12, 2020.

EPA is proposing to continue to rely on the agency's 2016 peer-reviewed value to represent the toxicity of ethylene oxide – a potent air toxic -- when assessing inhalation risk from the manufacture of miscellaneous specialty organic chemicals in the 2020 MON final rule. EPA's peer-reviewed value showed that ethylene oxide was significantly more toxic than previously understood. The agency is proposing this action because the 2016 ethylene oxide Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) assessment remains the best available science. In addition, EPA is proposing to decline to use the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's inhalation risk value for ethylene oxide instead of the EPA's 2016 value.

There will be a 45-day comment period on this proposal.

For more information, please visit: https://www.epa.gov/stationary-sources-air-pollution/miscellaneous-organic-chemical-manufacturing-national-emission

Thanks,
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