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To: James Esparza [James.Esparza@cityofchicago.org]
BCC: Beckmann, Ronna Erin [beckmann.ronna@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: EPA follow up

Hello, James. Thank you so much for the email. I will check with our team and be back in touch ASAP.

All the best,

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From: James Esparza <James.Esparza@cityofchicago.org>
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To: Beckmann, Ronna Erin <beckmann.ronna@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA follow up

Hello Ronna,

Unfortunately Dave is still out on 5/24. Share our availability below.

- 5/26; 2-3pm (preferred)
- 5/27; 9:30-10:30am
- 5/28; 12-1pm

Let me know what works.

Best,
JE

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Hi Megan – Thank you. Ronna Beckmann will help with scheduling for us. It looks like anytime the afternoon of the 24th would be good on my calendar.

In terms of background info, there's extensive material here with EPA perspective & experience on HIAs. HIAs provide a process through which EJ and/or health equity concerns can be fully considered across a wide range of decision-making contexts. I've attached 2 presentations from a 2015 Region 5 training that describe EPA's thinking. I will be drawing on EPA's expertise across Regions to support Chicago; and will follow up with any other information that may be helpful for our meeting.

For EJ analysis, at a screening level EPA's primary tool for assessing the potential for disproportionate impacts is EJSCREEN. As I am thinking about this, our next step is to discuss scoping – identifying which environmental and public health effects to consider, and setting the basic parameters of the HIA. From there we can identify what support from EPA will be most helpful.

Best,
Alan

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Hi Alan,

Thank you for following up - we look forward to this conversation.

I'm looping in James Esparza, who can assist with scheduling on our end. Assistant Commissioner Dave Graham is out of the office this week, so perhaps we can find time next Monday or Tuesday (5/24 or 5/25)? Please let us know your availability.

In the meantime, we are interested to learn more about the types of EJ/health impact assessments that you (or other EPA regional offices) have previously supported. We're glad to review any materials you can share with us now to prepare for our discussion.

Let us know, too, if there's any background information you'd like us to pull together to make our meeting as productive as possible.

-mc

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Good morning – I understand you met with Melissa Hulting and our air team on Friday; and that you'd like to meet soon with EPA to follow up on Casey's note below. Is there a point person we should work with on scheduling?

Best,
Alan

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Thanks Alyssa! I look forward to working with all of you. Please let me know what we can do to help schedule a kickoff meeting.

Best,
Alan

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It would help if I added them!

From: Alyssa Fisher
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Thanks so much, Casey.
I am adding in the CDPH team, including:

- Commissioner Allison Arwady
- Managing Deputy Commissioner Megan Cunningham
- Senior Policy Analyst Melissa Buenger
- Assistant Commissioner Dave Graham.

We are grateful for your partnership.

Alyssa

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From: Katims, Casey <Katims.Casey@epa.gov>
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Alyssa:

We appreciate the Chicago Department of Public Health's interest in getting connected to the right folks at EPA Region 5. Our team stands ready to provide assistance to the City's efforts in conducting an environmental justice analysis as described in the Administrator's May 7 letter. By this email, I am connecting you with our team at R5 who can carry forward on next steps:

- Alan Walts, R5 Director of the Tribal and Multimedia Office (walts.alan@epa.gov; 312-353-8894)
- Eileen Furey, Deputy Director, R5 Air and Radiation Division (furey.eileen@epa.gov; 312-886-7950)
- Ronna Beckmann, R5 intergovernmental liaison for IL (Beckman.ronna@epa.gov; 312-886-0689)

Alan will be our primary lead on this effort. Eileen and Ronna will be available to support.

I'll let you take it from here in helping the three of them get connected to CDPH. Thanks again and please reach out anytime if I can be of further assistance.

Casey

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