Message

From: Piper, Maya [Piper.Maya@epa.gov]
Sent: 9/4/2020 4:48:42 PM
To: Siedschlag, Gregory [Siedschlag.Gregory@epa.gov]
CC: Overstreet, Anne [overstreet.anne@epa.gov]; Mendelsohn, Mike [Mendelsohn.Mike@epa.gov]; Cyran, Carissa [Cyran.Carissa@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Re: 750 million GMO mosquitos - Request for comment

Hi Greg,

Here is our response. Reporter's deadline is COB 9/8.

Incoming:

My name is Susan Jhun and I'm a reporter with CUNY TV in New York City. I'm working on a story for our Emmy-nominated science show, Simply Science, about the EPA-approved pilot program to release over 750 million GMO mosquitoes in the Florida Keys as an alternative to spraying insecticides to combat Aedes Aegypti. I'm hoping to either get a statement or an on camera interview via zoom from an EPA spokesperson. I would like to know why The EPA approved the plan and what it's response is to those who object to the plan, arguing that the mosquitoes could put the environment and endangered species at risk.

Response:

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Best,

Maya Piper *(she/her/hers)*
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From: Overstreet, Anne <overstreet.anne@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 4, 2020 12:38 PM
To: Piper, Maya <Piper.Maya@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Re: 750 million GMO mosquitos - Request for comment

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From: Piper, Maya <Piper.Maya@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 04, 2020 12:33 PM
To: Overstreet, Anne <overstreet.anne@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Re: 750 million GMO mosquitos - Request for comment

Hi Anne,

Sorry to bother you again. OCSPP IO has asked us to be more concise with our responses to press inquiries (three sentences). Would it be okay to make the following changes:

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From: Cyran, Carissa <Cyran.Carissa@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 3, 2020 10:11 AM
To: Labbe, Ken <Labbe.Ken@epa.gov>; Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>; Lieberman, Paige <Lieberman.Paige@epa.gov>; OPP FEAD CSB <OPP_FEAD_CSB@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Re: 750 million GMO mosquitos - Request for comment

Got it.

Carissa Cyran

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From: Labbe, Ken <Labbe.Ken@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 2, 2020 11:37 AM
To: Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>; Lieberman, Paige <Lieberman.Paige@epa.gov>; OPP FEAD CSB <OPP_FEAD_CSB@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: 750 million GMO mosquitos - Request for comment

All,

Please see inquiry below. Deadline 9/8. Thanks!

From: Susan Jhun <Susan.Jhun@tv.cuny.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 3:14 PM
To: Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>
Subject: Request for Comment

Hello Ms. Jenkins,
My name is Susan Jhun and I'm a reporter with CUNY TV in New York City.
I'm working on a story for our Emmy-nominated science show, Simply Science, about the EPA-approved pilot program to release over 750 million GMO mosquitoes in the Florida Keys as an alternative to spraying insecticides to combat Aedes Aegypti. I'm hoping to either get a statement or an on camera interview via zoom from an EPA spokesperson. I would like to know why The EPA approved the plan and what it's response is to those who object to the plan, arguing that the mosquitoes could put the environment and endangered species at risk.
My deadline to get a comment or interview is Tuesday, September 8th.
I would appreciate it if you could get back to me as soon as possible.
Sincerely,

Susan Jhun