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Hi Matt,

Sorry it took so long to get back to you. Here are some of the efforts we are taking to understand the issues of PFAS in pesticide products and their containers. Hope it will help. Because this is a new and evolving issue, our work will evolve and may change down the road.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Regards,

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Hi folks,

Just checking in to see if there is any news.

Thanks,
Matt

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Hello Yaorong,

I am following up on my voicemail on Monday to check in to see if there is any information you are able to share. If not, it would be helpful to know approximately when such information might be available. Our client is anxious to start testing but want to ensure that the test labs take in consideration EPA's most current thinking on a testing protocol.

Thanks,
Matt

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Hello Yaorong,

Do you have any information that you're able to share at this time? Even if it is only preliminary thoughts that are subject to change, it may be quite helpful to us at this time.

I apologize for being a bother, but there are folks leaning on me to provide some information.

Thanks in advance,
Matt

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Sorry, Matt, that we are a bit slow in response. We will provide you some information on our testings soon.

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Hi folks,

Just checking in on the question below. We would really value some feedback as soon as possible.

Thanks,
Matt

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Hi folks,

To provide a little more background, we have a client that manufactures fluorinated HDPE containers. They are considering conducting some rinse testing in light of the EPA's testing described in the memo of March 4. However, the memo states that the testing will be expanded to include different conditions such as other solvents, rinse contact times, testing temperature, etc. We realize it may still be early in the process, but we would like to know more about what kind of alternate conditions are being considered. If you have any specifics on solvents, temperatures, etc., we would be in a better position to scope out our own testing.

If it would be easier to discuss on the phone, I am currently free any time Wednesday and Thursday.

Thanks very much,
Matt

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Hi Thuy and Yaorong,

Matt Harney at Keller & Heckman is interested in learning more about our future testing so that a K&H client can match some of that testing. He's a technical guy. Can you get back with Matt on your next steps? I know some of this is still under deliberation/discussion, based on other results and method development for some formulation types.

Best,
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