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Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Thanks,
Erin

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One of two media inquiries coming your way. This may have to be a headquarters/region 7 combined answer. Who needs to see it and can we answer it?

David B.

From: Lisa Held <lisa@civileats.com>
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To: Washburn, Ben <washburn.ben@epa.gov>
Subject: Questions for EPA

Hi Ben,

I hope you're well. You were very helpful when I last had questions for the EPA re: the situation at AltEn in Nebraska. I'm now working on a follow-up story that is related but is more focused on the disposal of treated seed at a national level. Are you still the right person to field questions on this? See my questions, below. If you can get them to the right person or let me know who I should reach out to (if you're not the right person), I'd be grateful. And if it's possible to get them turned around by the end of next week, that would be ideal.

Thank you!

Best,
Lisa

Questions
--Is EPA tracking *how much* treated seed is discarded each year in any way?
--Does EPA have any knowledge of *where and how* seed companies are disposing of treated seed (when it classifies as hazardous waste under RCRA) each year?
--During a recent presentation, a seed company representative advised companies that if they were sending excess treated seed to a landfill, that they should only send to "sites that would be permitted to accept seed treatments or treated seed materials." What kind of permit would a landfill need, under RCRA, to accept treated seed?
--In spring of 2021, EPA said it "does not have regulations specifically for the disposal of treated seeds." At this point in time, is EPA considering any new regulations specifically for the disposal of treated seeds, in response to the situation on the ground in Nebraska?
--Under RCRA's cradle-to-grave stipulation, are companies that treat seeds and sell them responsible for the proper disposal of them (when they qualify as hazardous waste), regardless of whether those seeds have subsequently been sold to a farmer or sent to an intermediary such as a landfill or ethanol plant?

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