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Sent: 12/6/2021 2:55:08 PM
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Subject: RE: Quick turnaround EtO congressional request

Thanks!

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Yes.

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It is correct what I wrote? I want the Administrator to know there is more than one in PA.

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They haven't finalize the list so I hesitated in adding those. HQ is more concerned since Susan Wild, Congresswoman from Allentown is on the Congressional workgroup.

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Hi Alice,

Do we have to say anything about the other commercial sterilizer facilities? Does this look OK to you?

EPA is in the process of evaluating emissions of commercial sterilizer facilities that can pose a higher risk nationwide. So far, EPA has identified B. Braun in Allentown, Pennsylvania. However, there might be 1 or 2 more in other parts of the Commonwealth. Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection has taken lead on working with B. Braun in to reduce ethylene oxide emissions. The company has voluntarily installed new controls at their site and initial stack test results have come back with greater than 99% control efficiency. EPA is currently reviewing the second request for information on commercial sterilizers and is evaluating emissions on fugitive leaks and the risk estimates may change as a result.

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Just spoke to Amy Vasu, OAQPS and told her the following:

PADEP has taken lead on B. Braun in Allentown, PA. The company had voluntarily installed new controls at their site and initial stack test results came back with greater than 99% control efficiency. The EPA is currently reviewing the second request for information on commercial sterilizers and is evaluating emissions on fugitive leaks and the risk estimates may change as a result.

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Hi Alice,

Look at the request below. They are asking for a few sentences on updates or background from the PA facilities. Due this morning.

Thanks, Cristina

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Importance: High

Good morning Cristina. Please see the email below from OCIR. Bottom line: We are preparing for an EtO meeting between the Administrator and the EtO Task Force House members and seek your quick turnaround feedback. Would you please share with OCIR's Karen Thundiyil this morning a short blurb (4-6 sentences) on the status of EtO facilities and EPA EtO work in PA?

Let me know if you have any questions. Thank you!

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Good Morning Ann and Walter,
OCIR has been assembling materials from Regions 3, 4, & 5 on updates on EtO from their regions. They haven't been able to get a response from Region 3. Could you help in getting some information from them? Below is the email that William N had sent to the Regions. OCIR has followed up a few times to no avail.

FYA – here is the document with responses from Regions 4&5. 2021 12 08 EtO Congressional Caucus Meeting - Regional Outreach Attachment.docx

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Below is the original request OCIR sent to R3 and other for information.

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Hi regional friends,

We are preparing for an EtO meeting between the Administrator and the EtO Task Force House members and seek your quick turnaround feedback. Would you please share with OCIR's Karen Thundiyil by 1pm Eastern today a short blurb (4-6 sentences) on the status of EtO facilities and EPA EtO work in PA, GA, and IL?

The House members the Administrator will meet represent half a dozen communities from three states affected by EtO (Schneider, Hice, Underwood, Wild, Scott, Casten, Foster, and Hank Johnson). It will be helpful for your blurb to address questions these members may have about the facilities in their district.

I recognize this message is brief, but didn't want to delay getting this request to you. Please reach out to me or Karen with any questions.

Thanks,
William

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