Message

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Sent: 12/10/2021 2:43:35 PM
To: Ozmen, Shamus [Ozmen.Shamus@epa.gov]; Messina, Edward [Messina.Edward@epa.gov]
CC: Picone, Kaitlin [Picone.Kaitlin@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Response to Chief Peter Paul of Micmac Nation

Great – thanks

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From: Ozmen, Shamus <Ozmen.Shamus@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 10, 2021 8:51 AM
To: Messina, Edward <Messina.Edward@epa.gov>
Cc: Picone, Kaitlin <Picone.Kaitlin@epa.gov>; Goodis, Michael <Goodis.Michael@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Response to Chief Peter Paul of Micmac Nation

HI Ed –

The letter is with Jonah and Mary to provide final approval. We expect that might happen today.

Thank you,

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From: Ozmen, Shamus
Sent: Friday, December 10, 2021 7:06 AM
To: Messina, Edward <Messina.Edward@epa.gov>
Cc: Picone, Kaitlin <Picone.Kaitlin@epa.gov>; Goodis, Michael <Goodis.Michael@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Response to Chief Peter Paul of Micmac Nation

Hi Ed -

We just received additional inputs from Michal on Tuesday to add back in language about litigation. After we get that cleared by OGC, the letter will be going back to Jonah. I'll check in again today for the status.

Thanks,
Shamus

On Dec 9, 2021, at 5:44 PM, Messina, Edward <Messina.Edward@epa.gov> wrote:

Anything I can do to help to shake this letter loose? Happy to add it to our OPP General with Michal to see if she has concerns.

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From: Barmakian, Nancy <Barmakian.Nancy@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, December 9, 2021 5:36 PM
To: Messina, Edward <Messina.Edward@epa.gov>
Subject: Response to Chief Peter Paul of Micmac Nation

Ed,
I am reaching out because I participated in the R1 Tribal Leaders Summit in October where the Micmac Chief Peter Paul raised concerns about Roundup. Chief Peter Paul's comments included "is EPA doing anything in regard to Roundup? It is applied to managed forests and affects fish, moose, and deer. What are they doing to animals? Hardwoods are some of what animals eat. How does it really affect our ecology. Deer ingest this." He specifically mentioned the Maine governor's veto of a bill regarding glyphosate. We drafted a response at the end of October to go from Deb our Acting Regional Administrator to the Chief and looped in OPP to add information about registration/risks. We were interested in EPA's current policy communications on the use of glyphosate and asked for a status and summary of the registration review.

Stephanie Carr has been coordinating input to the letter with Kaitlin Picone, who has been responsive but has been unable to bring the letter over the finish line. We are trying to be responsive to the Chief and I am hoping you or someone from your office can shake this loose from your IO. I am sending the email chain in case you are interested in more specifics. Thanks for any help you can provide.
Nancy

From: Carr, Stephanie <Carr.Stephanie@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 07, 2021 8:52 AM
To: Barmakian, Nancy <Barmakian.Nancy@epa.gov>; Lombardo, Ginny <Lombardo.Ginny@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Response to Chief Peter Paul of Micmac Nation

Here's the latest from OPP on the letter to chief Peter Paul…

From: Picone, Kaitlin <Picone.Kaitlin@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 07, 2021 8:50 AM
To: Carr, Stephanie <Carr.Stephanie@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Response to Chief Peter Paul of Micmac Nation

Hope your week is also off to a good start Stephanie! I heard it's back with our AA again late last week for a final review so hopefully we'll hear very soon. Thanks for your patience.

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From: Carr, Stephanie <Carr.Stephanie@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 7, 2021 5:51 AM
To: Picone, Kaitlin <Picone.Kaitlin@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Response to Chief Peter Paul of Micmac Nation

Hi Kaitlin – I know this is response is out of your hands, but I thought I would just check to see if you had heard any updates on the status. Thanks and hope you are having a good week! Steph

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From: Picone, Kaitlin <Picone.Kaitlin@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 29, 2021 5:29 PM
To: Carr, Stephanie <Carr.Stephanie@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Response to Chief Peter Paul of Micmac Nation

Hi Stephanie—I hope you also had a nice thanksgiving. Apologies for the delay. Our AA had some feedback on the letter requesting some additional information to be added which needs programmatic inputs. The update is almost done and then will go back for her review, which should hopefully be a quick one.

Thanks,
Kaitlin

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From: Carr, Stephanie <Carr.Stephanie@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 29, 2021 5:39 AM
To: Picone, Kaitlin <Picone.Kaitlin@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Response to Chief Peter Paul of Micmac Nation

Hi Kaitlin – Hope you had a happy Thanksgiving! Just checking in to see if you have heard any news from OCSPP IO on the status of the letter? I'm hoping that we can get the letter out soon so that we are responsive to the Chief's concerns. Thanks so much for your help with this, Steph

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From: Carr, Stephanie
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 1:15 PM
To: Picone, Kaitlin <Picone.Kaitlin@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Response to Chief Peter Paul of Micmac Nation

Great – thank you so much Kaitlin!

From: Picone, Kaitlin <Picone.Kaitlin@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 15, 2021 12:35 PM
To: Carr, Stephanie <Carr.Stephanie@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Response to Chief Peter Paul of Micmac Nation

Hi Stephanie—yes we're adding language to this effect in the version going forward to the OCSPP IO for review.

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From: Carr, Stephanie <Carr.Stephanie@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 10:37 AM
To: Picone, Kaitlin <Picone.Kaitlin@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Response to Chief Peter Paul of Micmac Nation

HI Kaitlin – we ran the approach by our acting RA this morning. She agreed that we can attach the desk statement to the letter and she will look at language that OPP adds. However, she doesn't just want to offer a point of contact from OPP. She wants to offer to set up a meeting with the tribe, OPP and the region should the tribe want that. Would that be acceptable to you and the comms team that you are working with? Please let me know if you'd like to discuss (and we'll find a time despite our crazy schedules ☺). Thank you so much for your work on this, Steph

From: Picone, Kaitlin <Picone.Kaitlin@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, November 09, 2021 5:58 PM
To: Carr, Stephanie <Carr.Stephanie@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Response to Chief Peter Paul of Micmac Nation

Hi Stephanie—circling back on this. Our comms team just wanted to give a heads up to the OPP IO and our AA's office since this is being signed at the acting RA level. So I don't yet have a final draft for you, but the good news it the language will be extremely well vetted when it does come your way. Hopefully just another day or two since it's already been reviewed by the OPP IO.

Thanks for your patience!
Kaitlin

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From: Carr, Stephanie <Carr.Stephanie@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, November 5, 2021 6:22 AM
To: Picone, Kaitlin <Picone.Kaitlin@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Response to Chief Peter Paul of Micmac Nation

Hi Kaitlin – thanks so much for your thoughts. I am sorry, my day was completely sewed up yesterday so I didn't get to call you. I found a very short slot for us to talk late Tuesday am and sent you an invite. I may be able to call you Monday - I'm in a training so not sure when I'll have breaks.

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Thanks so much for your help with this. Looking forward to talking with you next week, Steph

From: Picone, Kaitlin <Picone.Kaitlin@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, November 04, 2021 11:18 AM
To: Carr, Stephanie <Carr.Stephanie@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Response to Chief Peter Paul of Micmac Nation

Hi Stephanie,

I realize I missed our potential time slot (it has been a busy week!) but I can be available at 12:30pm, 2pm, or 4pm if any of those work for you.

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Thanks,
Kaitlin

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From: Carr, Stephanie <Carr.Stephanie@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, November 3, 2021 7:29 AM
To: Picone, Kaitlin <Picone.Kaitlin@epa.gov>
Cc: Ricciardi, Rachel <Ricciardi.Rachel@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Response to Chief Peter Paul of Micmac Nation

Thank you very much Kaitlin and Rachel for the information Rachel provided and for your thoughts on following up.

Since this is a Nation-to-Nation response to a leader of a federally recognized tribe and given the issues that continue to swirl in the U.S. and internationally on glyphosate, Region 1 doesn't feel comfortable incorporating the information on glyphosate into the letter from Region 1, as we do not want to summarize or interpret the information in any manner or put our acting RA in the position of speaking for the details of evaluations performed by OPP. We could consider including an official desk statement with an OPP contact (perhaps from Pesticide Re-evaluation Division) as an attachment. However, our clear preference would be to have a separate letter from OPP addressing the Chief's specific concerns about glyphosate to avoid a situation where the Region is speaking for OPP.

I looked for a slot this week where we could discuss. Our calendars look pretty booked, but I noticed the three of us have time before 9 am tomorrow (Thurs) am. Let me know if you think it would be helpful to talk and I could send out an invite.

Thank you very much for your assistance with this, Steph

From: Picone, Kaitlin <Picone.Kaitlin@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, November 02, 2021 4:51 PM
To: Carr, Stephanie <Carr.Stephanie@epa.gov>
Cc: Ricciardi, Rachel <Ricciardi.Rachel@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Response to Chief Peter Paul of Micmac Nation

Thanks Stephanie. I agree we can provide a POC for more specific concerns/follow up, but Rachel has tracked down some language that provides the overview status of glyphosate that I do think would make sense to include to satisfy some of the initial inquiry in a timely manner. She may have some

additional info more specific to the concerns gathered tomorrow as well. We can provide proposed edits by the end of the week if that works for your timeline. Ultimately if we can avoid two responses but clarify that OCSPP is the right place to direct follow up, I think that would be our preferred approach.

Thanks,
Kaitlin

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From: Carr, Stephanie <Carr.Stephanie@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 10:03 AM
To: Picone, Kaitlin <Picone.Kaitlin@epa.gov>
Cc: Ricciardi, Rachel <Ricciardi.Rachel@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Response to Chief Peter Paul of Micmac Nation

Thank you very much Kaitlin and Rachel –

I think our preference would be to have a separate letter addressing the Chief's specific concerns on glyphosate come from OPP so that we can be timely in getting this initial response out and so that the Chief could have a contact for follow-up questions on glyphosate. Happy to discuss your thoughts on how to best follow-up – thank you, Steph

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From: Picone, Kaitlin <Picone.Kaitlin@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 01, 2021 9:14 AM
To: Carr, Stephanie <Carr.Stephanie@epa.gov>
Cc: Ricciardi, Rachel <Ricciardi.Rachel@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Response to Chief Peter Paul of Micmac Nation

Thanks Stephanie. I'm looping in Rachel Ricciardi from my team who is following up on this. I think we can add in some language about glyphosate at least for an overview of the registration review decision, but ideally we can provide a response for this letter that wouldn't require a follow up unless there are additional questions.

Thanks,
Kaitlin

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Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 5:55 AM
To: Picone, Kaitlin <Picone.Kaitlin@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Response to Chief Peter Paul of Micmac Nation

Hi Kaitlin – I am following up with the draft of the letter that we would be planning to have our Acting RA send to the Chief. We will hold off on sending the letter until we are able to connect with you on

whether OPP would send a follow-up response to the chief. Please feel free to point me to someone else if you are not the correct person to start with on this.

Thank you very much for your help, Stephanie

From: Carr, Stephanie
Sent: Friday, October 29, 2021 9:35 AM
To: Picone, Kaitlin <Picone.Kaitlin@epa.gov>
Subject: Response to Chief Peter Paul of Micmac Nation

Hi Kaitlin –

I hope all is well with you! I am reaching out because Region 1's leadership participated in the recent Tribal Leaders Summit where we received comments from Micmac Chief Peter Paul. Chief Peter Paul's comments included "is EPA doing anything in regard to Roundup? It is applied to managed forests and affects fish, moose, and deer. What are they doing to animals? Hardwoods are some of what animals eat. How does it really affect our ecology. Deer ingest this." He specifically mentioned the Maine governor's veto of a bill regarding glyphosate.

We are drafting a response to go from our Acting Regional Administrator to the Chief letting him know we appreciated hearing his comments and will follow-up with more information. However, we did not want to get out in front of OPP by communicating specifics about the registration, risks, etc. Would you be able to point me to someone in the Registration Division who could coordinate a follow-up response from OPP to the chief addressing his concerns regarding risks (we are inferring too that by mention of deer he may have concerns about human health risks from consuming deer). It would also be helpful if the letter could summarize or point to EPA's current policy communications on the use of glyphosate and give a status and summary of the registration review.

Thank you very much in advance for your help, Stephanie

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