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Good morning David and everyone –

My apologies for the delay in responding to you. I just got back from being out for a few days.

MON JULY 18 @ 4 pm ET sounds great.

Let's go for it!
Tricia

P.S. I hope that you and the entire agency is out of the office today, joining the Climate protest group blocking the DC bridge right now, after the Supreme Court's unfortunate decision yesterday.

"The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice." – MLK Jr.

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Hello Marvin,

It was good to meet you last week and put a name to face. As a follow up to your email request and to the EPA Headquarters meeting on Friday, June 24, 2022, I have coordinated with our EPA Region 6 front office to schedule a Region 6 meeting with you.

We offer the following dates for a virtual meeting with Dr. Nance:

- July 18, 2022 from 4:00-4:45 pm ET
- July 19, 2022 from 2:30-3:15 ET

These dates are in advance of the public meeting that EPA is planning in Laredo for the pre-proposal rule making on ethylene oxide for commercial sterilizers.
Please let me know as soon as you are able, which time is better for you, so that we can secure it on Dr. Nance's calendar.

Thank you and it was a pleasure talking with you on Friday.

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Hi David,

I wanted to follow up on the meeting request below and see if there are any updates on our request for a meeting with Regional 6 Director Dr. Nance?

Best regards,

Marvin

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Marvin,

Thank you for your and the Rio Grande International Study Center's interest to meet with Dr. Nance on ethylene oxide. Please note, as the new Region 6 Regional Administrator she has received many request to meet with outside parties, so there is no guarantee we can facilitate a timely meeting with her. As we have discussed the Region is planning to conduct a public meeting in Laredo, Texas in late June or July timeframe. If we can't schedule a timely meeting, I encourage you and representatives from the Rio Grande International Study Center to participate in an upcoming pre-proposal Commercial Sterilizer rule public meeting in Laredo Texas.

In the event, you still want to pursue a meeting prior to EPA's public meeting, please complete the attached questionnaire form. If you wish to discuss further, please feel free to call me at 214 665 7593.

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Marvin,

It was good visiting with you earlier today. As discussed I will follow up with you on a potential R6 pre-meeting with you and Rio Grande International Study Center prior to our pre-proposal Commercial Sterilizer outreach effort.

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Good afternoon Dr. Nance,

I am writing on behalf of the Rio Grande International Study Center in Laredo, TX to see if it would be possible to schedule a meeting with you to discuss concerns residents have had with a commercial sterilizer in their community?

As you know, in March 2020, EPA's Inspector General issued a report on EPA's failure to conduct community outreach to residents living near high-risk ethylene oxide emitting facilities. This list included the Midwest Sterilization facility in Laredo, TX. While EPA Region 6 has conducted outreach at some of these facilities, it still has not conducted the requested outreach in Laredo, TX, despite the community's concern.

Would it be possible to schedule a meeting with you to discuss this issue, and other concerns related to this facility, the week of May 23rd?

Sincerely,

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