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From: CN=Scott Fraser/OU=DC/O=USEPA/C=US
Sent: Wed 9/16/2009 7:04:54 PM
Subject: Re: Fw: Frontline -- TRI question

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To: Scott Fraser/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Cc: Michele Anders/DC/USEPA/US@EPA, Mike Petruska/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 09/16/2009 03:02 PM
Subject: Re: Fw: Frontline -- TRI question

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From: Scott Fraser/DC/USEPA/US
To: Michele Anders/DC/USEPA/US@EPA, Mike Petruska/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Cc: Jeff Tumarkin/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 09/16/2009 02:52 PM
Subject: Fw: Frontline -- TRI question

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From: Skip Anderson/DC/USEPA/US
To: Scott Fraser/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 09/16/2009 02:47 PM
Subject: Re: Frontline -- TRI question

Scott,

Is there a short answer to the reporter's follow-up question?

QUESTION
Based on your explanation, can toxic chemical releases be described as toxic waste? It sounds like the answer would be yes, since you wrote that the list covers "toxic chemicals contained in wastes disposed on or in the land"

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Thanks.

Skip.

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From: Kendra Gahagan <krgsw10@yahoo.com>
To: Skip Anderson/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 09/16/2009 02:29 PM
Subject: Re: Frontline -- TRI question
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Hello Skip --

Thank you very much - great timing!

Based on your explanation, can toxic chemical releases be described as toxic waste? It sounds like the answer would be yes, since you wrote that the list covers "toxic chemicals contained in wastes disposed on or in the land" -- but I just want to make sure.

Thank you,
Kendra

--- On Wed, 9/16/09, Anderson.Skip@epamail.epa.gov <Anderson.Skip@epamail.epa.gov> wrote:

> From: Anderson.Skip@epamail.epa.gov <Anderson.Skip@epamail.epa.gov>
> Subject: Re: Frontline -- TRI question
> To: "Kendra Gahagan" <krgsw10@yahoo.com>
> Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2009, 12:52 PM
> You read my mind, Kendra! Here's the
> answer to your inquiry. You may
> attribute this information to me as EPA spokesperson.
>
> "The Toxics Release Inventory covers toxic chemical
> releases to the
> environment. The TRI Program does not use the term
> “pollution,” relying
> instead on the statutory description of “releases,”
> which includes,
> among other things, emitting or disposing of a toxic
> chemical into the
> environment. Facilities are required to report the annual
> quantity of
> the toxic chemical entering each environmental medium. For
> example, a
> mining operation would report emissions to water, air, and
> any toxic
> chemicals contained in wastes disposed on or in the land.
> The TRI
> rankings are indicators of the nation’s largest toxic
> chemical releases
> and do not reflect public exposure to a particular
> chemical, nor are
> they indicative of a chemical’s toxicity."
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> Good morning, Skip -
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> Thank you for attention to my inquiry. I wondered
> whether it was
> looking like I might be able to expect an answer back this
> week? Since
> it has been a few weeks, I'm now facing some editorial
> deadlines and
> your feedback would be incredibly helpful.
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> Thank you again for your help.
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> Best,
> Kendra
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> Kendra Gahagan
> Reporter
> Frontline/PBS
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> --- On Fri, 9/11/09, Anderson.Skip@epamail.epa.gov
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> <Anderson.Skip@epamail.epa.gov>
> > Subject: Re: Frontline -- TRI question
> > To: "Kendra Gahagan" <krgsw10@yahoo.com>
> > Date: Friday, September 11, 2009, 11:14 AM
> > Thanks for following up, Kendra. I'll
> > be in touch.
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> > Skip.
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> > Good morning, Skip --
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> > I wanted to follow up with you on my email from a few
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> > back that is
> > attached below. I really appreciate your help and I
> > look forward to
> > hearing from you.
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> > Best,
> > Kendra
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> > Kendra Gahagan
> > Reporter
> > Frontline/PBS

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> > --- On Fri, 8/28/09, Kendra Gahagan <krgsw10@yahoo.com>
> > wrote:
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> > > From: Kendra Gahagan <krgsw10@yahoo.com>
> > > Subject: Frontline -- TRI question
> > > To: Anderson.Skip@epamail.epa.gov
> > > Date: Friday, August 28, 2009, 5:02 PM
> > >
> > > Hello Skip --
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> > > Sorry to email on a Friday afternoon, but this is
> not
> > > urgent and I'm about to head out of town and
> didn't
> > want to
> > > forget by next week. You'll recall we emailed
> weeks
> > > ago about mining industry and TRI data, which I
> was
> > seeking
> > > for a documentary we're working on for
> "Frontline."
> > I
> > > appreciated your help at the time.
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> > > I wanted to check something with you, after
> having
> > read
> > > carefully through the language is used in the
> TRI
> > brochure
> > > for 2007 found here:
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> http://www.epa.gov/tri/tridata/tri07/brochure/EPA_TRI_Brochure_2007_mar.pdf

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> > > I know the mining industry, particularly the
> National
> > > Mining Association, balks when people cite the
> TRI
> > list as a
> > > compilation of the leading "toxic polluting
> industries
> > in
> > > the nation." Indeed, when reading through the
> > > brochure, I only find the word "pollution" used a
> few
> > times
> > > and it's not pertaining to the ranked industries

> on
> > the TRI
> > > list, but in other references. Is the mining
> > industry
> > > correct that the TRI rankings should not be
> construed
> > as
> > > pertaining to polluters, pollution or the "most
> > polluting"
> > > industries? I know what they industry says, but
> I
> > just
> > > wanted to verify the language that EPA uses to
> > describe
> > > those who rank on the TRI.
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> > > Thank you very much for your help with this if
> you're
> > able
> > > to let me know sometime next week.
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> > > Cheers,
> > > Kendra
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> > > Kendra Gahagan
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> > > <Anderson.Skip@epamail.epa.gov>
> > > > Subject: Re: Frontline follow up
> > > > To: "Kendra Gahagan" <krgsw10@yahoo.com>
> > > > Date: Friday, July 24, 2009, 12:17 PM
> > > > Yes.
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> > > > Skip Anderson, Press Officer
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> > > > Great, thank you for the quick reply,
> Skip. I
> > will
> > > > let you know if I
> > > > have any other questions.
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> > > > This is probably an obvious one but I just
> need
> > to
> > > > double
> > > > check -- the
> > > > 2007 TRI is the latest data available to
> date,

> > > correct?
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> > > > Thanks much,
> > > > Kendra
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> > > > > To: "Kendra Gahagan" <krgsw10@yahoo.com>
> > > > > Date: Friday, July 24, 2009, 11:59 AM
> > > > > Hi Kendra,
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> > > > > I believe most of -- if not all of --
> what
> > > you're
> > > > looking
> > > > > for is
> > > > > available on the TRI website. If you
> can't
> > find
> > > the
> > > > answers
> > > > > at
> > > > > http://www.epa.gov/TRI/tridata/index.htm,

> > > > > please give me a call and I'll
> > > > > be happy to help you navigate the
> site.
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> > > > > Skip.
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> > > > > Hello Skip,
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> > left for
> > > you
> > > > this
> > > > > morning, per
> > > > > Tisha Petteway's suggestion in the
> > Superfund
> > > office.
> > > > > At FRONTLINE,
> > > > > we're working on a documentary on hard
> rock
> > > mining and
> > > > the
> > > > > case of the
> > > > > Pebble Mine project in Bristol Bay,
> Alaska.
> > > I'm
> > > > very
> > > > > interested in
> > > > > obtaining information about that
> industry's
> > > track
> > > > record in
> > > > > terms of
> > > > > environmental impact and toxic waste
> > pollution.
> > > I
> > > > > know that in the
> > > > > past, the mining industry has ranked
> highly
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> > > and
> > > > sometimes
> > > > > the highest
> > > > > - in toxic releases nationwide. I'd
> like
> > to
> > > obtain
> > > > the latest available
> > > > > Toxic Release Inventory and find out
> more
> > from
> > > you
> > > > about
> > > > > this industry's
> > > > > performance in this area. I'd like
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> > speak to
> > > you
> > > > or
> > > > > someone to get a
> > > > > sense of their past and current track
> record
> > in
> > > terms
> > > > of
> > > > > toxic releases
> > > > > so we can accurately characterize how
> they
> > stack
> > > up
> > > > against
> > > > > other
> > > > > industries/waste producing activities.
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> > > > > I greatly appreciate your help with
> this
> > request
> > > and I
> > > > look
> > > > > forward to
> > > > > talking to you soon.
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> > > > > Best,
> > > > > Kendra
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> > > > > Kendra Gahagan
> > > > > Reporter
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