To: Singer, Joshua[Singer.Joshua@epa.gov]
From: Alex Ruppenthal
Sent: Tue 6/27/2017 9:18:09 PM
Subject: RE: New S.H. Bell manganese data / "Chicago Tonight" story

Hi Josh,

We published our story but can update with EPA's responses.

Just wanted to make sure you had the link.

http://chicagotonight.wttw.com/2017/06/27/release-air-monitoring-data-renews-call-chicago-manganese-ban

Thanks,

Alex

From: Singer, Joshua [mailto:Singer.Joshua@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 11:36 AM
To: Alex Ruppenthal; Smith, Molly; Marshall, Sarah
Subject: RE: New S.H. Bell manganese data / "Chicago Tonight" story

Alex,

I hope to have the responses ready soon.

Josh Singer

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From: Alex Ruppenthal [mailto:aruppenthal@wttw.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 11:30 AM
To: Singer, Joshua <Singer.Joshua@epa.gov>; Smith, Molly <Smith.Molly@epa.gov>; Marshall, Sarah <marshall.sarah@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: New S.H. Bell manganese data / "Chicago Tonight" story

Hi Josh,

Just wanted to check in and see where things stand?

Thanks.

Best,

Alex

From: Singer, Joshua [mailto:Singer.Joshua@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 2:29 PM
To: Alex Ruppenthal; Smith, Molly; Marshall, Sarah
Subject: Re: New S.H. Bell manganese data / "Chicago Tonight" story

Alex,

Thanks. More time would be helpful. We are still working on the response and will try to get it to you by tomorrow morning, although I cannot guarantee that. Thanks again.

Josh

From: Alex Ruppenthal <aruppenthal@wttw.com>
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 1:27:38 PM
To: Singer, Joshua; Smith, Molly; Marshall, Sarah
Subject: RE: New S.H. Bell manganese data / "Chicago Tonight" story

Hi Josh,

Just wanted to let you know we are going to have a story ready later this afternoon, but my editor said we can hold it until tomorrow if you are able to send us a response first thing tomorrow morning.

Does that work?

Thanks.

Best,

Alex

From: Singer, Joshua [mailto:Singer.Joshua@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 10:25 AM
To: Alex Ruppenthal; Smith, Molly; Marshall, Sarah
Subject: Re: New S.H. Bell manganese data / "Chicago Tonight" story

Alex,

Thanks for the email. We will try, but may not be able to respond by your deadline of this afternoon. Are there any other questions you have? Thanks again.

Josh

From: Alex Ruppenthal <aruppenthal@wttw.com>
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 5:08:10 PM
To: Singer, Joshua; Smith, Molly; Marshall, Sarah
Subject: New S.H. Bell manganese data / "Chicago Tonight" story

Dear EPA staff,

Hi, my name is Alex Ruppenthal, and I cover environmental issues for the website of "Chicago Tonight" at WTTW.

I'm working on a story to update the situation at S.H. Bell's facility in Chicago, now that the company and the EPA have collected several months of air monitoring data. According to data published online by the EPA, along with data shared by S.H. Bell with a source of mine from the Natural Resources Defense Council, concentrations of ambient manganese near S.H. Bell averaged 0.23 and 0.21 milligrams per cub liter during March and April, respectively. Both averages are more than four times the EPA's reference concentration for manganese of 0.05 milligrams per cubic liter.

NRDC says the new data raises concerns about the health of nearby residents, many of them children. An NRDC attorney said the situation now represents an "imminent and substantial endangerment," the EPA's requirement for initiating legal action against violators under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act.

I'm hoping to connect with someone from the EPA on Monday to ask some questions for our story. Would someone from the agency be available then to talk with me over the phone?

We are planning to publish the story on our website Monday afternoon.

Please feel free to call me at 773-509-5623, my number at WTTW.

Thank you in advance for your help, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

Alex Ruppenthal

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