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Dear Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

It was a pleasure talking with you Tuesday afternoon. I am following up on your question to whether ALS laboratories (located in Keslo, Washington) is qualified to perform PFOA testing -- and the answer is yes.

As background: Between 2013-2015, USEPA collected drinking water data for nearly 30 unregulated contaminants [including PFOA and 5 other perfluorinated alkyl substances (PFAS)] from select water utilities under the third cycle of the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR3). Only USEPA-approved laboratories were allowed to analyze UCMR3 samples and those participating laboratories had to meet certain criteria to be approved (including proficient testing, equipment and data reporting capability). The list of UCMR3 approved laboratories is available here. ALS lab was on the list as approved to perform Method 537 ("Method 537" is the name of the PFAS drinking water method).

Please feel free to contact me at 312-886-4239 or harris.kimberly@epa.gov if you have additional PFAS questions. Also, I spoke with Christina Bush (Michigan Department of Health and Human Services) and she is more than happy to answer any questions you might have related to the Grand Rapids PFAS investigation. She can be reached at 517-335-8350 or bushcr@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,

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