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Kathy,

Here are the questions Ken Ward asked in today's interview with Fran and Jon:

-- Are you involved in trying to characterize the extent of contamination at the site and develop a long-term remediation plan;

-- Can you explain exactly what EPA's statutory authority is for responding to this situation, and why DEP -- and not EPA -- is the lead agency, and under what circumstances EPA would assume that role

What does EPA think is needed to instill confidence in West Virginians drinking water?

Have we tested taps in individual homes?

The Governor wants EPA and other federal agencies to take on a larger role in West Va. Is that going to happen?

What data does EPA have about the contamination at the site and in the Elk River? Can we provide that data?

Ken also offered to all of us, or anyone from EPA, to come to his home and taste and test his tap water.

Sent in advance of the interview, but not raised:

-- Were involved in drawing up the 1 ppm screening level with CDC/ATSDR/WVDHHR and other agencies;

More important, when can I interview one of the two on-scene coordinators that EPA has on this project? **Kathy, Ken has been asking for this since our OSC arrived at the site.**

When can I talk to EPA scientists who worked on reviewing CDC's 1 ppm screening level?

When can I interview whoever is working to characterize the extent of contamination at the site?

When will an EPA lawyer walk me through what statute makes the WV DEP the lead agency on this and under what circumstances EPA would or could assume that role?

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