To: Johnson, Alisha[Johnson.Alisha@epa.gov]
Cc: Garvin, Shawn[garvin.shawn@epa.gov]
From: White, Terri-A
Sent: Fri 1/10/2014 9:32:49 PM
Subject: FW: EPA Statement on WV Spill - Ken Ward

Tried to call you, Alisha, to discuss. See email string below between Ken and me. I've spoken to our OSC and he expects to be down there throughout the weekend. I also gave our OSC the EPA statement in case he's approached by reporters while down there. He said he's dealt with Ken many times over the years and feels comfortable speaking with him about his/agency's limited role at this point, without getting caught up in saying more than what the current situation is.

I can do 3-way call and ensure it doesn't veer off, but want to know you're ok with it.

From: Ken Ward [mailto:kward@wvgazette.com]
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2014 3:58 PM
To: White, Terri-A
Subject: RE: EPA Statement on WV Spill

Just give me the number, and I'm happy to contact directly.

From: White, Terri-A [mailto:White.Terri-A@epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2014 3:54 PM
To: kward@wvgazette.com
Subject: RE: EPA Statement on WV Spill

Will see if I can get in contact with him.

From: Ken Ward [mailto:kward@wvgazette.com]
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2014 3:52 PM
To: White, Terri-A
Cc: Sternberg, David; Smith, Bonnie
Subject: RE: EPA Statement on WV Spill

I would like to speak with the EPA on-scene coordinator for the incident.

From: White, Terri-A [mailto:White.Terri-A@epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, January 10, 2014 3:46 PM
To: kward@wvgazette.com
Cc: Sternberg, David; Smith, Bonnie
Subject: EPA Statement on WV Spill

Hi Ken,

David sent me an email letting me know that you called about the spill in Charleston and requested to speak with someone. Here is EPA's statement about the agency's involvement thus far. Given our limited role at this point and the fact that the state has the lead for the response, we are deferring to WV DEP officials to speak or provide more information about what's happening on the ground. The state DEP contact is Tom Aluise at 304-926-0499, Ext. 1338 or by email at Thomas.J.Aluise@wv.gov

– Terri

EPA Statement

EPA is closely monitoring the chemical spill in Charleston and is working closely with FEMA and other federal partners who are responding to the incident. The Agency has deployed on-scene coordinators to assist with water sampling and stands ready to offer additional assistance to the State of West Virginia, who is leading the response on the spill.

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