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Thanks all.

There are also many stories about the chemical spill in W Va but at this point EPA has offered but has not been asked for assistance.

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Thursday -
Richmond Times - Discussed with Rex the assessment that EPA is doing in Sandston. We were very clear that we are not aware that anyone in the general study area is exposed to the PERC in the ground water found in one location. And that the purpose of the purpose of the assessment is to make sure. I anticipate a followup story to

yesterday's brief today - Friday. Chris Wagner and Trish Taylor had given the heads up prior to their actions and were very helpful in responding to reporter.

Public Source - based in Pittsburgh, a new outlet for me. Bill Hentlzer is reporting about risk management plans at facilities thoughout Pa. the use anhydrous ammonia. Pa. He asked specifically about Airgas in Palmerton. EPA had recently inspected the facility and we found that they were in compliance with the risk management requirements. We shared our letter sent to Airgas with that general statement and also EPA's suggestions for four 'best management practices.' The reporter was trying to understand why they were changing from two huge holding tanks to many smaller ones and he wondered if EPA was requiring them to do so. Although Mike Welsh who did the inspection was aware of the company's plan - it is a business decision the company made not an EPA requirement.
The story is planned to run soon - he was not specific about the timing. Joan Armstrong and Mike Welsh were very helpful in providing the background on this matter.

Republican Herald - Reporter John Ursalis was looking into a somewhat strange email the paper received from the owner of the xxx property. After talking with Rich Fetzer, Stephanie Wenning and Andy Goldman, I provided a brief overview of what EPA had done at the site which was completed in 2012. EPA's removal action at the site is complete. EPA has a lien on the property. We discuss how liens are one of EPA's tools for recovering agency costs. We anticipate the story will run this week.