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From: Field, Stephen
Sent: Mon 1/13/2014 4:45:30 PM
Subject: FW: NYTimes.com: Critics Say Chemical Spill Highlights Lax West Virginia Regulations

Re; the petition to w/d the WV NPDES program.

From: White, Terri-A
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2014 11:43 AM
To: Sternberg, David; Field, Stephen; Capacasa, Jon
Cc: damm, thomas
Subject: FW: NYTimes.com: Critics Say Chemical Spill Highlights Lax West Virginia Regulations
Importance: High

See HQ question below. David will you get back to Nick, please, once you track down answer? Copy me on reply so that I stay in the loop, as some of these questions are coming from various people. Thanks.

From: Conger, Nick
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2014 11:30 AM
To: White, Terri-A
Subject: FW: NYTimes.com: Critics Say Chemical Spill Highlights Lax West Virginia Regulations

Hi Terri,

I'm sure you have hundreds of questions flying, so sorry to ask another one! But Cynthia Giles is asking me about the status of the petition cited toward the end of this New York Times story – In June 2009, four environmental groups petitioned the E.P.A. to take over much of West Virginia's handling of the Clean Water Act, citing a "nearly complete breakdown" in the state.

Does your office know the status of that petition and whether any action has been taken?

Nick Conger

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From: Chester, Steven
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FYI.

From: Emmerson, Caroline
Sent: Monday, January 13, 2014 10:13 AM
To: Chester, Steven
Cc: Folkemer, Nathaniel
Subject: FW: NYTimes.com: Critics Say Chemical Spill Highlights Lax West Virginia Regulations

FYI. Discussion of EPA oversight and Bayer explosion in 2008.

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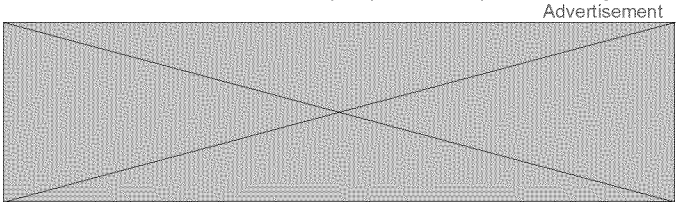

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