**To:** Behringer, Caroline[Behringer.Caroline@epa.gov]
**Cc:** Loop, Travis[Loop.Travis@epa.gov]; Senn, John[Senn.John@epa.gov]
**From:** Lopez-Carbo, Maria
**Sent:** Thur 2/20/2014 10:34:31 PM
**Subject:** Re: question from the Wall Street Journal - urgent

My bad Caroline but when I followed the link it took me to asce and it looked like they were the owners of the document, not EPA.

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**From:** Behringer, Caroline
**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 5:31:30 PM
**To:** Lopez-Carbo, Maria
**Cc:** Loop, Travis; Senn, John
**Subject:** RE: question from the Wall Street Journal - urgent

For what it's worth, turns out that the reports are authored by EPA folks. I'm attaching here.

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**From:** Lopez-Carbo, Maria
**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 2:51 PM
**To:** Behringer, Caroline
**Cc:** Loop, Travis; Senn, John
**Subject:** RE: question from the Wall Street Journal - urgent

Hi Caroline – these are not EPA publications, these are ASCE and you have to be a member to download them. They charge annual fees.

# Ex. 5 - Deliberative

**From:** Behringer, Caroline
**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 2:23 PM
**To:** White, Terri-A; Jones, Enesta
**Cc:** Hull, George; binetti, victoria; Smith, Bonnie; schafer, joan; Arguto, William; Capacasa, Jon; Senn, John; Loop, Travis; Lopez-Carbo, Maria
**Subject:** RE: question from the Wall Street Journal - urgent

+OW for the questions we don't have answers to.

Can we confirm that these are EPA studies that she links to?

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**From:** White, Terri-A
**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 2:17 PM
**To:** Behringer, Caroline; Jones, Enesta
**Cc:** Hull, George; binetti, victoria; Smith, Bonnie; schafer, joan; Arguto, William; Capacasa, Jon
**Subject:** FW: question from the Wall Street Journal - urgent
**Importance:** High

All,

WSJ reporter called me, and I asked that she put her questions in an email. I've segmented her questions based on what we know and have already answered, and what we may need to confer with others on. I have a 2:30 meeting with my RA on another matter, but wanted to get this out to you so collective, we can do our best to respond by COB today. Reporter told me she's writing for tomorrow afternoon posting.

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**From:** Berzon, Alexandra [mailto:Alexandra.Berzon@wsj.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, February 20, 2014 1:39 PM
**To:** White, Terri-A
**Subject:** question from the Wall Street Journal - urgent

Hi Terri, Good to talk right now. As I explained, we are looking at what steps are being taken to understand the lingering chemical contamination in West Virginia. I would like to talk to the people who are most engaged in this issue of chemical contamination both in West Virginia and on a national level. In WV we would like to know what is the EPA's involvement in terms of understanding why there still appears to be an odor from MCHM in some places in Charleston and some lingering health effects being reported. What work is the EPA still doing in West Virginia and what do they understand at this point about the situation? Do you know who came up with the flushing instructions to residents – was the EPA involved in that and what research was that based on?

I also would like to know more broadly what do we know about what happens when a chemical gets into water pipes and what testing/work is being done on this or has been done? I believe this would be part of the EPA's water security work.

I was also wondering if you or someone from the EPA might be able to send me these EPA studies or others that are most relevant.

http://ascelibrary.org/doi/abs/10.1061/41203%28425%2957

http://ascelibrary.org/doi/abs/10.1061/9780784412312.308

My deadline for this is later today.

Thanks very much.

Best,

Alexandra

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