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From: Girouard, Taylor
To: Andrew.Adgate@dnr.ohio.gov
Subject: RE: Citizen Complaint Marietta, Ohio
Date: Thursday, August 19, 2021 4:13:00 PM

Hi Andrew,

Does 9-10 AM CST (10-11 EST) work for you? Also my Section Chief Elizabeth Murphy is also planning on attending as well.

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From: Andrew.Adgate@dnr.ohio.gov <Andrew.Adgate@dnr.ohio.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 19, 2021 3:18 PM
To: Girouard, Taylor <Girouard.Taylor@epa.gov>
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Hi Taylor –

Thanks for reaching out regarding this issue. Would you like to set up a time to discuss over a call sometime next week? Currently I have availability M 9-12 and Tues 1-230pm Do either of those times work for you? Thank you

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From: Girouard, Taylor <Girouard.Taylor@epa.gov>
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Good afternoon,

My name is Taylor Girouard and I am with the Region 5 Water Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Branch in Chicago. Our branch recently received a citizen regarding some Class II injection wells in Marietta, Ohio that we wanted to share with you.

EPA was originally contacted by this citizen in June of 2020 and expressed concerns that [redacted] (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D), (b) (6) production wells in the Ohio Shale formation were being flooded by disposal fluids from nearby Class II disposal wells. This complaint was also connected to a letter issued by Representative Jay Edwards in May of 2020 to the Ohio DNR. His concern was that the Red Bird Development wells were the cause of the issues he was having at his production wells. My former college Tim Elkins reached out

to your office reading this issue last year and followed up with the citizen at that time. (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D), (b) (6)

Since that last conversation the citizen reached out again to EPA and said that [redacted] producers are still being effected by the disposal wells in the area. On this call [redacted] also noted that [redacted] has observed tank overflows, discharges being made to a nearby creek and large fish kills.

I wanted to share this new complaint with you and see if there is any new information that could be shared with the citizen. I am aware that that the Ohio DNR did an investigation in the area about these issues and had shared the findings with our enforcement group in fall of last year prior to it being released to the public. I am not aware if the citizen has attempted to reach out to the Ohio DNR since the findings were released. If you could please reach back out to me either by phone or email regarding this issue it would be much appreciated.

Thank you,

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