To: Whitley, Christopher[Whitley.Christopher@epa.gov]
From: Salter, Jim
Sent: Thur 5/8/2014 3:31:08 PM
Subject: RE: EPA testing at Bridgeton Municipal Athletic Complex

314-369-3242. Call anytime.

From: Whitley, Christopher [mailto:Whitley.Christopher@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 08, 2014 10:28 AM
To: Salter, Jim
Subject: RE: EPA testing at Bridgeton Municipal Athletic Complex

No, but we may have clues about who put the bomp in the Bomp-Shoo-Womp.

Don't miss it.

I still need your cell #. You've got mine. Fair's fair.

From: Salter, Jim [mailto:jsalter@ap.org]
Sent: Thursday, May 08, 2014 10:20 AM
To: Whitley, Christopher
Subject: RE: EPA testing at Bridgeton Municipal Athletic Complex

Jimmy Hoffa's body?

From: Whitley, Christopher [mailto:Whitley.Christopher@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 08, 2014 10:04 AM
To: Salter, Jim
Subject: RE: EPA testing at Bridgeton Municipal Athletic Complex

That level of detail will likely be available on Friday. Might want to keep your noon hour tomorrow free, and be roughly out in the Bridgeton area at that time. More official word on that will likely be oozing out of our office here on the prairie later today.

Here's my Blackberry number, in case you need to reach me today or tomorrow while I'm out of the office: 816-518-2794.

What's your cell?

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From: Salter, Jim [mailto:jsalter@ap.org]
Sent: Thursday, May 08, 2014 9:16 AM
To: Whitley, Christopher
Subject: RE: EPA testing at Bridgeton Municipal Athletic Complex

Thank you, sir. Any idea how long it will take or when results will be available?

From: Whitley, Christopher [mailto:Whitley.Christopher@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 08, 2014 8:57 AM
To: Salter, Jim
Subject: RE: EPA testing at Bridgeton Municipal Athletic Complex

Indeed we do. Likely more to come a little later today, and we will keep you plugged in:

May 7, 2014, EPA Region 7

EPA to Conduct Radiation Screening at BMAC

Today, Bridgeton Mayor Conrad Bowers announced that EPA Region 7 Administrator Karl Brooks has initiated preparations to conduct radiation screening at the Bridgeton Municipal Athletic Complex (BMAC) starting the week of May 19, 2014. During the course of the past week, Dr. Brooks and Mayor Bowers held a series of conversations about bringing in the EPA's technical and scientific experts to conduct radiation screening at BMAC.

In making his decision, Dr. Brooks concluded that while all validated data available to the agency support continued use of the site, EPA should do the screening in the interest of resolving public concerns generated by residents using donated radiation detection equipment. In a May 3 editorial the St. Louis Post-Dispatch noted there are considerable questions over "the quality of testing by Bridgeton residents that led to the latest outcry."

EPA doesn't know if the instrument used by the individuals was calibrated or operating properly; we don't know if trained people were operating the instrument; we don't know if a quality assurance project plan was used or if standard operating procedures were followed. These factors affect the usability of the information. The EPA's decision to screen reflects its interest in ensuring the scientific integrity of information used by the public to make decisions about activities in Bridgeton as it relates to the West Lake Landfill Superfund Site.

While EPA balances many competing demands each day one thing that tips the scale in

every case is the agency's responsibility to protect public health using validated scientific inquiry and exacting engineering standards.

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From: Salter, Jim [mailto:jsalter@ap.org]
Sent: Thursday, May 08, 2014 7:39 AM
To: Whitley, Christopher
Subject: EPA testing at Bridgeton Municipal Athletic Complex

Greetings Chris. I see by the Post-Dispatch that EPA plans to test for radiation at the Bridgeton ballpark. Do you have a release/statement on this?

Jim

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