To: Whitley, Christopher[Whitley.Christopher@epa.gov]
From: Bryan, David
Sent: Wed 5/7/2014 8:55:59 PM
Subject: RE: Statement from EPA

Have to admit. That is a first.

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From: Carey, Curtis
Sent: Wednesday, May 07, 2014 3:55 PM
To: Whitley, Christopher; Bryan, David; Washburn, Ben
Cc: Peterson, Mary
Subject: RE: Statement from EPA

Confirmed now that he'll be there for an Editorial Board meeting at 10:00 a.m.

From: Whitley, Christopher
Sent: Wednesday, May 07, 2014 3:54 PM
To: Carey, Curtis; Bryan, David; Washburn, Ben
Cc: Peterson, Mary
Subject: RE: Statement from EPA

OK; will do. Blythe Bernhard just told me she heard Karl would be coming by the Post-Dispatch on Friday. I told her I was unaware of any specific arrangements. Is he scheduled there with a reporter or the editorial board?

From: Carey, Curtis
Sent: Wednesday, May 07, 2014 3:51 PM
To: Whitley, Christopher; Bryan, David; Washburn, Ben
Cc: Peterson, Mary
Subject: FW: Statement from EPA

Just spoke with Deb Peterson at Post-Dispatch. She is the person who wrote the editorial that ran May 3. Please add her to our media list on West Lake issues.

Thanks,

Curtis

From: Deborah Peterson [mailto:debpeterson@post-dispatch.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 07, 2014 3:49 PM
To: Carey, Curtis
Subject: RE: Statement from EPA

hi curtis,

got it and thank you. if you have any kind of an email list for information related to the west lake landfill I would sure appreciate your adding my address to it.

thanks again,

deb peterson

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From: Carey, Curtis [mailto:Carey.Curtis@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 07, 2014 3:45 PM
To: Deborah Peterson
Subject: Statement from EPA

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 science and exacting engineering standards.

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