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From: Linda Reinstein Ex. 6
Sent: 3/23/2018 5:56:11 AM
To: Beck, Nancy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=168ecb5184ac44de95a913297f353745-Beck, Nancy]
CC: Bolen, Derrick [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1ffc58b0468c4deca51a8bad735b7d95-Bolen, Derr]; Hanley, Mary [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=58e0d3d52d424d45ae88e4386ae4f8dd-Hanley, Mary]; Schmit, Ryan [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=7077ecbac4914a00ad465398f92bbe78-Schmit, Ryan]; Pierce, Alison [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=036313052e20472ca55f7733de62f969-APierce]; Pruitt, Scott [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=757bedfd70ca4219b6d8046f5ce5681e-Pruitt, Sco]; Bertrand, Charlotte [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=f044d768e05842e1b75321ff6010e1b8-Bertrand, Charlotte]; Morris.Greg@EPA.gov; Courtnage, Robert [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=0178328a90b644929cc8981cf34f5fad-RCourtna]; Symmes, Brian [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=ab9339d98405486fb7109fe4ab65b7be-Symmes, Brian]
Subject: Asbestos Joint Meet with Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations, Occupational Health & Safety Section of the American Public Health Association, International Association of Heat ...
Attachments: Nancy Bexk.pdf

March 22, 2018

Dr. Nancy B. Beck, Deputy Assistant Administrator

Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention

Dear Nancy,

On behalf of Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations, Occupational Health & Safety Section of the American Public Health Association, International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Allied Workers, and Safer Chemicals, Healthy Families, we are disappointed that we were unable to have our important March 21 joint meeting due to the inclement weather.

We will work with your staff to reschedule our meeting as soon as possible, but ask that you delay finalizing the *Problem Formulation Document* for asbestos until we have had an opportunity to express our views and present new evidence to you and your staff.

We are deeply concerned that the *Problem Formulation Document* will follow EPA's June 2017 *Scope of the Risk Evaluation for Asbestos* by excluding ongoing exposure from legacy asbestos products that remain in use and installed attic insulation containing Libby Amphibole asbestos from the EPA risk evaluation. We and several other groups opposed these exclusions in comments on the scoping document and Administrator Pruitt agreed to reexamine them in recent Congressional testimony.

To exclude these important sources of exposure and risk would not only be contrary to TSCA, but would also result in an incomplete risk evaluation that would fail to address serious threats to public health.

In addition to these exclusions, the EPA should include chlor-alkali industry asbestos diaphragms used during the chlor-alkali manufacturing process in its risk evaluation. In 2016, the chlor-alkali industry imported 702 metric tons of raw asbestos rather than the 340 tons the U.S. Geological Survey previously estimated. There are numerous pathways of asbestos exposure for those mining, transporting, handling, repairing, removing, and disposing of asbestos for the chlor-alkali industry. Safer substitute materials are commercially available and have been adopted by numerous companies in the industry. This use is the last remaining application for which bulk asbestos is being imported into the United States. The EPA should include chlor-alkali use in its risk evaluation, conclude that it presents an unreasonable risk of injury, and ban this obsolete hazardous technology.

Lastly, during our meeting, we would also like to discuss new evidence of asbestos-contaminated products that are being distributed in commerce and the need to include them in the EPA risk evaluation.

Thank you for attention to this urgent matter and we look forward to meeting you soon.

Linda

Linda Reinstein, CEO/Co-Founder, Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO)

On Mar 21, 2018, at 10:17 AM, Linda Reinstein [Ex. 6] wrote:

Please give me the contact details for the office of public affairs today and I will call them.

Thank you.

On Mar 21, 2018, at 10:11 AM, Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Linda,
Indeed—it is not spring at all! its crazy, but beautiful.

It sadly seems that most gmails go to the EPA junk accounts—sorry about that.
Rescheduling is fine and Derrick can work with you on that.
Any questions about programmatic timelines should be directed to our office of public affairs and we can get back to you through those official channels.

Regards,
Nancy

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[Ex. 6]
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From: Linda Reinstein [Ex. 6]
Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2018 12:58 PM
To: Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Bolen, Derrick <bolen.derrick@epa.gov>; Hanley, Mary <Hanley.Mary@epa.gov>; Schmit, Ryan <schmit.ryan@epa.gov>; Pierce, Alison <Pierce.Alison@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization Meeting Req for Tuesday, March 20 and Wednesday, March 21, at 2 pm

Dear Nancy,

Thank you so much for your email.

I wrote Derrick four times yesterday, but my mails went into his spam folder. You and your staff were also on my cancelation email yesterday which I've pasted it below.

Derrick and I spoke on the phone this morning. ADAO and all joint meeting attendees would like to reschedule our national in person meeting.

When do you expect to finalize the *Problem Formulation Document*? That date determines when we reschedule the next meeting as it is essential and monumentally important that we meet with you before the document is finalized.

We are looking forward to meeting with you. ***What a first day of spring!***

Thank you.

Linda Reinstein

Begin forwarded message:

From: Linda Reinstein [Ex. 6]
Subject: Rescheduling the Joint Meeting to Discuss Asbestos on Wednesday, 21 at 2:30 - 3:15
Date: March 20, 2018 at 11:31:22 AM PDT
To: Pruitt.scott@Epa.gov, Bertrand.Charlotte@EPA.gov, Morris.Jeff@EPA.gov, Beck.nancy@Epa.gov, [Robert Courtnage <Courtnage.robert@Epa.gov>](mailto:Robert.Courtnage@Epa.gov), [Brian Symmes <Symmes.brian@Epa.gov>](mailto:Brian.Symmes@Epa.gov)
Cc: "Bolen, Derrick" <bolen.derrick@epa.gov>, Peg Seminario <pSeminario@afclcio.org>, Bob [Ex. 6], Liz Hitchcock <lzhitchcock@saferchemicals.org>, Ryan Schmitt <schmitt.ryan@epa.gov>, Pierce.Alison@epa.gov, [Barry Castleman](mailto:Barry.Castleman@epa.gov) [Ex. 6]

I'm very sorry that the weather has forced me to reschedule our meeting on Wednesday, 21 at 2:30 - 3:15 pm, but I didn't want anyone to travel unsafely.

It is critically important to us, the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization, AFL-CIO, American Public Health Association OSH Section, International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Allied Workers, and Safer Chemicals, Healthy Families, that we meet with you before the EPA finalizes the *Problem Formula Document*.

We would like to discuss the *Scope of the Risk Evaluation for Asbestos* document that presently excludes legacy use and the Libby Amphibole from the risk evaluation, and also new contaminated products that are being distribution in commerce.

We are in the process of polling our March 21 attendees for an alternate meeting date; however, if the EPA plans to finalize the *Problem Formula Document* before April 7, we would like to schedule a phone

meeting to discuss these important issues that are and will continue to impact public health and the environment.

Sincerely,

Linda Reinstein

Linda Reinstein, President/CEO, Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO)
14th Annual International ADAO Asbestos Awareness and Prevention Conference April 13 - 15, 2018

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"We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give." ~ Winston Churchill

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On Mar 21, 2018, at 9:38 AM, Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

Good Afternoon Linda,

As I'm sure you are aware the Federal government is shut down today. However many (like myself) are working remotely. We could potentially have a teleconference instead of an in person meeting, although in person is typically preferred. My understanding is that Derrick reached out to you this morning but has not heard back yet.

I presume that we will cancel the meeting. However, if you would like us to make everyone available for a 1:30 teleconference please let me know by 1pm. Otherwise Derrick will work with you to reschedule.

Regards,
Nancy

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Ex. 6

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From: Linda Reinstein **Ex. 6**
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2018 11:36 AM
To: Schmit, Ryan <schmit.ryan@epa.gov>; Pierce, Alison <Pierce.Alison@epa.gov>
Cc: Pruitt, Scott <Pruitt.Scott@epa.gov>; Bertrand, Charlotte <Bertrand.Charlotte@epa.gov>; Morris, Greg <Morris.Greg@EPA.gov>; Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>; Courtnage, Robert <Courtnage.Robert@EPA.GOV>; Symmes, Brian <Symmes.Brian@epa.gov>; Peg Seminario <pSeminario@aficio.org>
Subject: Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization Meeting Req for Tuesday, March 20 and Wednesday, March 21, at 2 pm

Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization

DATE: Monday, March 12, 2018

TO: Alison Pierce Pierce.Alison@epa.gov, Ryan Schmit, schmit.ryan@epa.gov

RE: Meeting Request with

Scott Pruitt, EPA Administrator

Charlotte Bertrand, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention

Nancy Beck, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention

Jeff Morris, Ph.D., Director, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT)

Robert Courtnage, Associate Chief, Fibers and Organics Branch

Brian Symmes, Acting Director, National Program Chemicals Division

WHO:

Liz Hitchcock, Legislative Director, Safer Chemicals, Healthy Families

Robert Sussman, Safer Chemicals, Healthy Families

Peg Seminario, AFL-CIO, Safety and Health Director

Rebecca L. Reindel, AFL-CIO, Safety and Health Director

Chip Gardiner, International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Allied Workers

Celeste Monforton, DrPH, MPH, American Public Health Association (APHA) OSH Section

Linda Reinstein, President/CEO/Co-Founder, Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization

Arthur L. Frank, MD, PhD

Richard Lemen, PhD, MSPH

Brad Black, MD

Barry Castleman, ScD

Raja Flores, MD

Michael Harbut, MD, MPH, FCCP

Steven Markowitz, MD, DrPH

L. Christine Oliver, MD

Brent Kynoch, Environmental Information Association

WHEN:

Tuesday, March 20 between 11:30 – 2:00

Wednesday, March 21, at 2 pm

Note: Due to the urgency of our meeting and limited scheduling time, some attendees will join by phone.

WHAT:

To discuss:

TSCA implementation

EPA “Scope of the Risk Evaluation for Asbestos” Document and Exclusions

2016 Increased Asbestos Consumption by the Chlor-Alkali Industry

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About Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization

Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO) was founded by asbestos victims and their families in 2004. ADAO seeks to give asbestos victims and concerned citizens a united voice to raise public awareness about the dangers of asbestos exposure. ADAO is an independent global organization dedicated to preventing asbestos-related diseases through education, advocacy and community. ADAO’s mission includes supporting global advocacy and advancing asbestos awareness, prevention, early detection, treatment, and resources for asbestos-related disease. ADAO Science Advisory Board is under the leadership of Dr. Arthur Frank and Dr. Richard Lemen.

Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization is a registered 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization

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