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To: Rabin, Carrie [RabinC@cbsnews.com]
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Subject: Re: Press Inquiry about Drinking Water

Carrie,

I can see if that is possible. What's your firm deadline? And do you have specific questions outlined?

On Jul 25, 2017, at 11:40 AM, Rabin, Carrie <RabinC@cbsnews.com> wrote:

Thanks much. Do you have anyone who can talk to us by phone, even on background?
Carrie

From: Jones, Enesta [mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 11:38 AM
To: Rabin, Carrie <RabinC@cbsnews.com>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Press Inquiry about Drinking Water

Hi Carrie,

Please attribute the statement below to an agency spokesperson:

America's drinking water remains among the safest in the world and protecting drinking water is EPA's top priority. We take our commitment to protecting public health seriously and when issues arise, we work closely with states, local governments, and water suppliers to review and address, as appropriate.

Background:

More than 90 percent of the country's drinking water systems meet all of EPA's health-based drinking water standards every day throughout the year.

EPA has set drinking water standards for more than 90 contaminants, including microorganisms, disinfectants, disinfection byproducts, inorganic and organic chemicals,

and radionuclides.

Public water systems are required to report drinking water data to EPA, which is made available to the public in the Safe Drinking Water Information System (SDWIS). Data collected in SDWIS includes public water system characteristics, violation and enforcement information. Additionally, every five years, EPA also collects data for certain unregulated contaminants through the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule. This data is provided to utilities and can be found in EPA's National Occurrence Database.

Citizens who are concerned about their drinking water and who are served by a public water system can contact their local water supplier and ask for information on contaminants in their drinking water. They are also encouraged to request a copy of their Consumer Confidence Report. This report lists the levels of contaminants that have been detected in the water, including those by EPA, and whether the system meets state and EPA drinking water standards.

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On Jul 24, 2017, at 2:12 PM, Rabin, Carrie <RabinC@cbsnews.com> wrote:

Hi there,

I'm Carrie Rabin, a producer with the CBS Evening News. We're doing a story on the EWG's updated Tap Water Database. It's embargoed until Wednesday but they've given us permission to share some of the stats with you. According to the report:

The vast majority of the nation's drinking water supplies get a passing grade from federal and state regulatory agencies. However, many of the 250-plus contaminants detected through water sampling and testing are at levels that are perfectly legal under the Safe Drinking Water Act or state regulations, but well above levels authoritative scientific studies have found to pose health risks.

Contaminants detected included:

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->93 linked to an increased risk of cancer. More than 40,000 systems had detections of known or likely carcinogens exceeding established federal or state health guidelines -- levels that pose only negligible health risks, but are not legally enforceable.
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->78 associated with brain and nervous system damage.
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->63 connected to developmental harm to children or fetuses.
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->38 that may cause fertility problems.
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->45 linked to hormonal disruption.

Do you have someone who can do an on-camera interview about the report tomorrow morning? Or do you have a statement you can share with us?

Thanks,
Carrie Rabin

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