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I realize you moved the decimal point to account for the change.

On Fri, Aug 18, 2017 at 4:43 PM, Kendrick McDonald [Ex. 6] wrote:  
Hi Christie, {"email-policy": {"state": "closed", "expirationUnit": "days", "disableCopyPaste": false, "disablePrint": false, "disableForwarding": false, "expires": false, "isManaged": false}, "attachments": {}}

Thanks for your response.

I have a quick follow-up regarding the numbers specifically related to clothing and footwear that you reference in your second paragraph. When I looked at Tables 18, 20, and 21, I believe those numbers are listed in thousands of tons rather than millions. So the numbers would be the same, but with "thousands" where you write "millions," correct?

I just want to make sure I'm reading the data correctly!

Best,  
Kendrick

On Fri, Aug 18, 2017 at 3:12 PM, StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Kendrick,

Please attribute to an agency spokesperson:

Correct, the 10.46 million tons number is the most recent statistic that we have on the amount of textiles sent to landfills. An additional 3.14 million tons of textiles were sent to combustion with energy recovery. The textiles category includes more than just clothing and footwear; it also includes sheets, towels, pillowcases, and textiles in carpets, furniture and other durable and nondurable goods.

Table 1 in the Fact Sheet shows that 16.22 million tons of textiles were generated in 2014. Our data tables with a line specifically for clothing and footwear show that 12.15 million tons of clothing and footwear were generated in 2014 (Table 18). Table 20 shows that 2.01 million tons of clothing and footwear were combusted with energy recovery in 2014, and Table 21 shows that 8.24 million tons of clothing and footwear were landfilled in 2014. Therefore 79% of the

textiles landfilled in 2014 were clothing and footwear. (8.24 divided by 10.46 equals 79%.) The 2014 data tables can be found at <https://www.epa.gov/smm/advancing-sustainable-materials-management-facts-and-figures-report>.

Thanks,

Christie

**From:** Kendrick McDonald [mailto:Ex. 6]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 17, 2017 12:32 PM  
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I'd like to hear back by tomorrow afternoon at the latest.

On Thu, Aug 17, 2017 at 12:30 PM, StClair, Christie <[StClair.Christie@epa.gov](mailto:StClair.Christie@epa.gov)> wrote:

Thanks, Kendrick. What do you mean by "tight deadline"?

Christie

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 17, 2017, at 12:05 PM, Kendrick McDonald Ex. 6 wrote:

Hi Christie,

Thanks for taking my call just now. As I mentioned, I'm a researcher at GQ helping on a story about sustainable clothing. I'm doing some fact-checking and am interested in getting some clarity on information included in the "Advancing Sustainable Materials Management: Facts and Figures Report." Based on Table 1 in this fact sheet, I'm seeing that 10.46 million tons of textiles ended up in landfills in 2014.

First, could you confirm the accuracy of that number?

And second, I've read through the report and understand the textiles can mean a variety of consumer products, but I want to know from the EPA whether the majority of those textiles could be considered clothing.

I'm on a tight deadline so I would appreciate it if I could hear back on this as soon as possible.

Thanks for your assistance.

Best,

Kendrick McDonald