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Sent: 7/31/2017 5:47:35 PM
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Subject: Re: Follow-up on Conductivity

Got it. Appreciate clarifying the distinction and looking forward to our call.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 31, 2017, at 1:41 PM, Paul Balsarak <pbalsarak@steel.org> wrote:

Alex,

Yes, at our meeting with Sarah in late June we discussed conductivity (i.e., the topic that these two attachments relate to). At that meeting, we very briefly mentioned the issue of conduit theory at the end, and Sarah suggested we set up a call to discuss that more – hence the Aug 11 call we have set up with Sarah. So, thank you for your guidance; I'll reach out to Lee's office and seek to set up a meeting on conductivity. I'll make sure to note that they should coordinate with you/Sarah so you all can be able to attend.

Thanks
Paul

From: Dominguez, Alexander [<mailto:dominguez.alexander@epa.gov>]
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 1:34 PM
To: Paul Balsarak
Cc: Greenwalt, Sarah
Subject: RE: Follow-up on Conductivity

Paul,

I just want to double check since I was not at the original meeting – is this in regards to something different than the call we have set up for Friday, August 11th at 10AM? If so, and the main priority is to ensure Lee is there for the meeting, I would recommend reaching out to Lee's office who can then coordinate with me/Sarah as necessary. Sarah will be traveling often this month so it may be difficult to find a time for both her and Lee to attend.

Alex

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From: Paul Balserek [<mailto:pbalserek@steel.org>]
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Subject: Follow-up on Conductivity

Hi Sarah,

I am forwarding two documents related to the draft conductivity guidance that we discussed when we met with you at the end of June. As we described, there are some significant scientific flaws associated with the draft conductivity guidance. Just leaving the guidance as draft, however, will not stop it from being used in actual permitting decisions or as a basis to pursue litigation. The Region V memo attached shows one example of an individual EPA scientist advocating use of the conductivity methodology in Region V (northeast Minnesota). The GEI Review, also attached, provides a detailed, science-based assessment of Susan Cormier's (U.S. EPA ORD) work, highlighting some of the key concerns with science behind this conductivity guidance.

We continue to be very concerned with how the draft conductivity guidance issued at the end of the Obama EPA is dealt with moving forward. As we discussed with you in our meeting, we would be very interested in meeting with OW Deputy AA Lee Forsgren and key OW managers/staff on conductivity in order to continue to raise our concerns on this matter. You told us in our meeting with you that you would like to join us if we went to meet with OW. If you would like this meeting to be set up through your office, that would work very well for us. Alternatively, I can reach out to DAA Forsgren's office to initiate plans for that meeting, making sure that you are included.

Thank you again,
Paul

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