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Sent: 5/10/2018 8:37:29 PM
To: Tamar Haspel [redacted] **Ex. 6**
Subject: RE: Press Inquiry about Pesticides (Washington Post)

Good afternoon and thank you, Tamar. Let me look into this for you.

Cheers, R.

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From: Tamar Haspel [mailto:[redacted]] **Ex. 6**
Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2018 4:34 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Press Inquiry about Pesticides (Washington Post)

Hi Robert -- I'm a WaPo columnist covering food & ag issues, and this month it's pesticide toxicity (my life is all glamour, all the time). I only have a couple of questions that I'm hoping you can help me with. I'd like to address the concerns consumers generally voice about the danger of pesticides, and which they have despite EPA and USDA data that shows very low risk. Those concerns generally fall into two categories: low-level exposure over time, and synergistic effects of "cocktails" of chemicals. So, to that end:

How does low-level regular exposure over time factor in to EPA tolerance levels? I know the The Agency issues [guidance](#) on cumulative risk assessment, but that seems to be exposure to many different chemicals with similar modes of action at the same time, rather than any kind of cumulative risk over time.

Ditto synergistic effects - does the Agency attempt to assess synergy in consumer exposure to pesticide residues?

I'm on a tight deadline (naturally), and if it's possible to have an interview or answer by end of day Monday, that would be great.

Thanks so much for your help.

Best,
Tamar