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Subject: RE: Media Request from PREVENTION

Hi Markham,

Attributable to an EPA spokesperson:

America's drinking water remains among the safest in the world and protecting drinking water is one of EPA's top priorities. 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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"The root of all joy is gratefulness."

From: Markham Heid [Ex. 6]
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 10:15 AM
To: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Subject: Media Request from PREVENTION

Dear Enesta Jones,

I write for Prevention, and I'm working on a story about the EWG's recent report on U.S. tap water contaminants. I'm hoping for comment from someone at EPA.

Because this is breaking news, I'm working on a tight deadline. I'd need to hear back from you today in order to include the EPA's reaction. I'm very sorry for the hurry. Specifically, I'd like a reply to EWG claims that many EPA safety limits are too high to be effective, and the criticism that no new contaminants have been added to the EPA's list of regulated tap water contaminants since 1996.

I'd really like to include EPA's response to all this. Thank you,

Markham Heid
PREVENTION

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