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Subject: Re: Query about PFAS National Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C. to take action on Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS).

Catherine,

On background: Highlighting the importance of this issue, EPA is hosting a national leadership summit next month to bring together stakeholders from across the country to build on the steps the agency has already taken and address PFAS—including PFOA and PFOS. Through this event, EPA is providing critical national leadership, while ensuring that states, tribes, and local governments have the opportunity to help shape the path forward.

EPA is not currently developing standards that would assess at what level the chemical contamination poses a risk in food. However, EPA is developing toxicity assessments for two GenX chemicals (Hexafluoropropylene oxide (HFPO) dimer acid and dimer acid ammonium salt) and perfluorobutane sulfonate (PFBS). EPA expects to publish these values this summer. Toxicity assessments identify and characterize the health hazards of chemicals. These assessments include gathering information that will help identify a particular hazard and the level of exposure that could cause health effects (dose response). They also include descriptions of the health effects associated with each chemical and provide a Reference Dose. A Reference Dose, or RfD, is the amount of chemical someone can ingest for a lifetime and is not anticipated to cause harmful health effects. RfD's, or toxicity values, are non-regulatory and can be used by states and tribes to develop values for concentrations in water, soil, or air.

More [information](#).

On Apr 24, 2018, at 12:22 AM, Catherine Clabby [REDACTED] Ex. 6 wrote:

Hi Enesta. I'm hoping you can answer my questions below or forward it to the right person at EPA.

For my reporting for *NC Health News*, you and I have corresponded about GenX contamination in North Carolina. I'm reporting an article about the challenges to testing food for PFAS, including GenX, contamination. And the challenges to understanding health risks from food tainted by PFAS.

I know that the EPA will host a summit on PFAS contamination risks next month that will include a discussion of good strategies to convey risks from PFAS exposure. .

That's described here: <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-convene-national-leadership-summit-take-action-pfas>

Here are my questions:

A state agriculture official has told me that he understands EPA is also working on creating standards that would assess at what level the chemical contamination poses a risk in food.

Is that correct?

If so, how many standards for PFAS compounds are being prepared. And when will they be complete?

I'm happy to talk by phone to clarify anything above.

Best wishes,
Cathy Clabby

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