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Hi Brittany:

I hope this email finds you well. This note is to follow up on your request during our meeting last month for additional feedback on EJ Screen as well as other EJ-related issues. On behalf of one of my BNEJ Coalition members, I wanted to pass along the following information. Hopefully you will find it helpful.

- EPA should provides opportunities for facilities to correct errors in the ECHO database.
- It would be helpful for EPA to do a case study or two about how EJ Screen is intended to be used – e.g., to get discussions about facility permits on the same ground factually with regard to demographics, including potentially translation needs, to review additional traffic and how to avoid congestion and burden, to educate the permit writers and others about information needs (what does TRI actually mean? Do releases actually mean likely exposure, etc.).
- Suggest EPA revise the release to land data to distinguish between placement of hazardous substances in RCRA-regulated treatment or disposal units vs. simply land spreading. Any facility with a Subtitle C treatment or disposal permit suddenly appears to be a huge source of toxics, when in fact the permitting programs assure no exposure.

Pages 7 and 9 – 11 of the attached BNEJ comments are compatible with the issues identified above.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or need additional information. I look forward to continuing to work with you.

Regards,
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