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Subject: RE: Midwest Center for Investigative Reporting inquiry

Morgan,

On background:

Originally, you stated that the Quality Assurance Project Plan was on schedule to be completed in April 2018. Since then, the QAPP's release has been pushed back to July 2018. What led to that delay?

We did not change the release date. The Quality Assurance Project Plan is available here:
https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-03/documents/final_chem_qapp_v0.0_for_web_0.pdf

How is the EPA working to complete the NAEMS and create emission-estimating methodologies in the future?

EPA has completed a quality assurance project plan, which will guide our analysis of data collected during the National Air Emissions Monitoring Study as we develop these methodologies. We anticipate publishing a schedule for the development of these methodologies by July 2018.

We have talked with residents and environmental organization representatives in the Missouri area and some have expressed concerns that the EPA is working to reduce regulations for CAFOs rather than add regulations. How would the EPA respond to that concern?

“We will continue to partner with the agriculture community, America’s first conservationists, to protect the environment.” – **EPA Spokesperson**

On background: EPA has created a [website](#) with guidance on this issue.

From: Morgan Niezing [REDACTED] **Ex. 6**
Sent: Monday, April 23, 2018 4:01 PM
To: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Subject: Midwest Center for Investigative Reporting inquiry

Hello Enesta Jones,

I am Morgan Niezing, a freelance reporter with the Midwest Center for Investigative Reporting. I reached out to you a few months ago with some questions about the EPA's actions regarding the current lack of regulations for CAFOs under the Clean Air Act.

Below are a few additional questions that have come up during the reporting process:

1. Originally, you stated that the Quality Assurance Project Plan was on schedule to be completed in April 2018. Since then, the QAPP's release has been pushed back to July 2018. What led to that delay?

2. How is the EPA working to complete the NAEMS and create emission-estimating methodologies in the future?

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I am sending you these questions to provide an opportunity for fair response from the EPA to residents and environmental organization representatives in the Midwest Center for Investigative Reporting's article prior to publication. The deadline for this fair response is Friday, April 27.

Thank you,
Morgan Niezing