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Hi Bern,

Wonderful day coming weatherize, it is nearly noon. I am trying to get stuff moved off my desk, been real busy lately, so barely able to triage the paper, some gets tossed without a look, some must be dealt with on the spot, and the other third needs attention so just piles up. The word triage most often is associated with dealing with the wounded after a battle, some are so bad off they are not worth taking resources, some are not hurt bad enough to take resources, but the third in the middle might make it if that is where the medical attention is focused.

Had a good meeting with EPA Friday, we told them we are getting drinking water concentrations this coming Thursday using a new test method and they better fasten their seat belts - we expect readings way above what our old method was getting (have been less than our guideline of 1 ppb, may actually be nearer 10 ppb with new test method). We asked them to be a bit patient and allow us time to help them understand it is not a health emergency before they do something drastic, like ordering us to provide alternative sources of drinking water.

I go to Charleston Monday for a meeting Tuesday with WV regulators, we are also trying to convince them there is no emergency. They have drafted an order requiring us to figure out everywhere we have contaminated, to include from our stacks, plus commission a study of the health impacts of this material. We are especially grateful for the letter, so far only DuPont has been saying there are safe levels, we need to have an independent agency agree, we are hoping it would actually agree to higher levels than we have been saying, if for no other reason than we are exceeding the levels we say we set as our own guideline, mostly because no one bothered to do the air modeling until now, and our water test has completely inadequate (until next week). I have been telling the business to get out all the bad news, it is nice that we now are consulting with lawyers who are the best in the nation and have defended cases like ours that they are advising the same strategy. Too bad the business wants to hunker down as though everything will not come out in the litigation, god knows how they could be so clueless, don't they read the paper or go to the movies??

Otto getting a bit better at dropping the Frisbee when he wants it thrown, he loves to hold it, parade it, steal it, and shake it around, but especially likes to chase it, learning slowly I can't throw it unless he drops it.

Time to go enjoy this wonderful day, hope all is well in Alabama and that you are grateful for being anthrax resistant.

Love,

-Dad, Mom, Erin, Jen, Cass, Reilly, Otto

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