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**Subject:** Re: Vinyl manufacturing hazards

Hi Morgan, we have nothing to add to our previous statement.

On Oct 3, 2017, at 4:01 PM, Morgan Troper <[redacted] **Ex. 6**> wrote:

Great, thank you! Were you able to get any other answers?

On Oct 3, 2017, at 4:40 AM, Jones, Enesta <[Jones.Enesta@epa.gov](mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Morgan, attributable to an EPA spokesperson:

EPA does not have any up to date information on vinyl record recycling. From a sustainable materials management (SMM) perspective, the ongoing reuse through donation, resale and creative do it yourself (DIY) reuse projects found on various social media is the best use of existing vinyl records.

On Oct 2, 2017, at 2:18 PM, Morgan Troper <[redacted] **Ex. 6**> wrote:

Hey! Just circling back to see if we're still on track to getting these questions answered. Thanks!

-Morgan

On Fri, Sep 22, 2017 at 10:04 AM, Jones, Enesta <[Jones.Enesta@epa.gov](mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov)> wrote:

Thanks, Morgan. On it.

**From:** Morgan Troper [mailto:[redacted] **Ex. 6**]  
**Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 1:02 PM  
**To:** Jones, Enesta <[Jones.Enesta@epa.gov](mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Vinyl manufacturing hazards

Thank you! This piece will be for Noisey, Vice's music blog. It would be great to have answers by **next Friday E.O.D.**, and I'd also love to speak with someone on the phone, if possible.

I guess generally, I'd like to know - how harmful is vinyl for the environment? I know that PVC is a pretty toxic chemical, so I assume mass production of anything made with it poses environmental risks.

And then more specifically - *how* toxic is vinyl record manufacturing? How does its carbon footprint compare to the manufacturing of CDs, cassettes or portable music players?

There's been a significant uptick in vinyl production over the last few years, and vinyl record manufacturing facilities are popping up both domestically and overseas to meet demand. Is this, in itself, an environmental risk?

I know some plants that have offices in America but maintain manufacturing facilities overseas. Is there a reason for this? Are there certain domestic environmental regulations that a record plant can avoid adhering to by operating a press overseas?

Are vinyl records safely recyclable?

From an environmental perspective, would you recommend other formats over vinyl?

Thanks for your time!

-Morgan Troper

**Ex. 6**

On Thu, Sep 21, 2017 at 11:10 AM, Jones, Enesta <[Jones.Enesta@epa.gov](mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Morgan, thanks for reaching out. Please send me specific questions and firm deadline.

On Sep 21, 2017, at 2:08 PM, Morgan Troper <[Ex. 6](#)> wrote:

Hello Enesta! I think I missed a call from you this morning (I'm on PST so I noticed the D.C. area code but then just immediately fell back asleep). I take it you were getting in touch re: my inquiry for an interview about the environmental hazards of vinyl manufacturing? If so, that's great news! Let me know when a good time to talk would be. We can even shoot for 9 EST tomorrow if you'd like!

Best,

-Morgan

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