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Sent: 8/21/2017 5:46:00 PM
To: Towey, Megan [ToweyM@cbsnews.com]
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Subject: RE: CBS National News Inquiry

Hi Megan, thank you for your patience. Please attribute to an agency spokesperson.

Thanks,
Christie

1. I want to know if there are any current safe level standards for carbon monoxide emissions in vehicles. It is my understanding there are not.

While EPA has carbon monoxide (CO) standards for outdoor air, the Agency does not have any CO standards for indoor environments. (See here for outdoor air standards: <https://www.epa.gov/naaqs/carbon-monoxide-co-air-quality-standards>. See here for information on CO impacts on indoor air: <https://www.epa.gov/indoor-air-quality-iaq/carbon-monoxides-impact-indoor-air-quality>.)

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration does have occupational exposure limits. The carbon monoxide content of the atmosphere in a room, building, vehicle, railcar or any enclosed space shall be maintained at not more than 50 parts per million (ppm) (0.005%) as an eight hour average area level and employees shall be removed from the enclosed space if the carbon monoxide concentration exceeds a ceiling of 100 ppm (0.01%). For more information: https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=STANDARDS&p_id=10366.

The Centers for Disease Control have information on the health effects of CO: <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/81-123/pdfs/0105.pdf> and <https://www.cdc.gov/co/faqs.htm>.

2. Given what is currently transpiring with Ford Explorer Police Interceptor vehicles and the high number of complaints received from civilian consumers about exhaust smells, is there a chance the EPA will set regulations on what acceptable levels of CO in vehicles should be?

EPA does not have the legislative authority to regulate carbon monoxide indoors. The Agency is working with others to establish residential indoor CO standards, but nothing is currently in place.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission has a webpage where consumers can report unsafe products: <https://www.saferproducts.gov/CPSRMSPublic/Incidents/ReportIncident.aspx>

From: StClair, Christie
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2017 12:32 PM
To: Towey, Megan <ToweyM@cbsnews.com>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: CBS National News Inquiry

Hi Megan, I can look into this for you.

Christie

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 17, 2017, at 12:28 PM, Towey, Megan <ToweyM@cbsnews.com> wrote:

I just got an email that Enesta Jones is out of the office. Is there any one else who might be able to help me with this inquiry? Thanks so much!

From: Towey, Megan
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2017 12:17 PM
To: jones.enesta@epa.gov
Subject: CBS National News Inquiry

Dear Enesta,

I am a producer for CBS national news who has been looking into stories related to exhaust/carbon monoxide entering the cabins of Ford Explorer vehicles. I want to know if there are any current safe level standards for carbon monoxide emissions in vehicles. It is my understanding there are not. Given what is currently transpiring with Ford Explorer Police Interceptor vehicles and the the high number of complaints received from civilian consumers about exhaust smells, is there a chance the EPA will set regulations on what acceptable levels of CO in vehicles should be?

Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing back from you at your earliest convenience. This is not for tonight.

Megan Towey

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