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Subject: Re: Water Online Interview Request: Cross-Agency Efforts To Address PFAS

Peter, all your questions are answered in our statement and on the website.

On Jan 11, 2018, at 10:55 AM, Peter Chawaga <pchawaga@vertmarkets.com> wrote:

Nobody can give me a statement as to why now is an important time to address PFAS or to announce this initiative? How the agency views its health advisories for PFOA and PFOS and their potential to change? What outcomes it is hoping for from this initiative?

Is there a specific researcher or member of the EPA I can reach out to directly who can elaborate on any of this?

From: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2018 10:47:38 AM
To: Peter Chawaga
Cc: Press
Subject: RE: Water Online Interview Request: Cross-Agency Efforts To Address PFAS

Peter –

We have no additional informational to provide at this time. You can always check the PFAS page for updates: <https://www.epa.gov/pfas>

From: Peter Chawaga [<mailto:pchawaga@vertmarkets.com>]
Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2018 10:43 AM
To: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Water Online Interview Request: Cross-Agency Efforts To Address PFAS

Hi Enesta,

Obviously, this does not provide insight into most of my questions. Can I expect more details coming from your office? Is there another way you recommend I get information about the EPA's self-announced plans to address PFAS?

Thanks,
Peter

From: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 11, 2018 10:40:07 AM
To: Peter Chawaga
Cc: Press
Subject: Water Online Interview Request: Cross-Agency Efforts To Address PFAS

Hi Peter, for attribution to an EPA spokesperson:

“Protecting public health and ensuring all Americans have safe and clean drinking water is one of EPA’s top priorities. In December 2017, EPA reaffirmed its commitment to supporting states and tribes to address PFAS and is continuing its cross-agency effort to ensure that communities across the country have the tools they need address these chemicals.”

Background

EPA is supporting MDEQ’s response to PFAS contamination of residential wells from Wolverine World Wide, Inc.’s, various operations in the Rockford, Mich. area. The agency is also providing technical support to the State of North Carolina and helping them determine the appropriate steps to address the presence of chemical substances in drinking water.

From: Peter Chawaga [<mailto:pchawaga@vertmarkets.com>]
Sent: Friday, January 05, 2018 12:41 PM
To: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Subject: Water Online Interview Request: Cross-Agency Efforts To Address PFAS

Hi Enesta,

I am working on a story about the EPA efforts to promote cross-agency efforts to address PFAS.

I am hoping that you or a party you recommend can provide written answers to the below questions for potential quoted use in the story. I am hoping for responses by Friday, 1/12. Would that be possible?

Thanks,
Peter

1. Why is now a critical time for the U.S. EPA to change its approach to address PFAS?
2. What can you tell me about how the EPA plans to execute the four bullets it has outlined as goals for this effort?
3. What types or which specific agencies would the EPA like to draw into its efforts?
4. What can you tell me about the status of the EPA’s non-regulatory health advisories for PFOA and PFOS? Is there potential for these advisories to become stricter in the near future? Is there potential for EPA regulations around PFAS to emerge in the near future?
5. Why did the EPA find it imperative to join the investigation into the Wolverine World Wide PFC contamination in Michigan? Is this representative of the type of action it hopes to undertake elsewhere in the future?
6. What would the EPA consider to be successful outcomes from its new cross-agency approach?