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Subject: EPA Region 3 Cannot Meet Next Week

I finally linked up late today with Janet Sharke, counsel for EPA Region 3 with our urgent request to meet next week to present our deep concerns about the Region using our CEG as a screening level above which there may be health concerns (and thus, for example, warrant an order to provide drinking water) and to give details on our new analytical method and sampling protocol. [We planned to provide the 3M advisory level of 6-7 ppb and draft Environ Monograph.]

She was very interested in these topics and voiced a sincere desire to accommodate our request, but next week simply is impossible given her schedule and she feels she is an essential participant. She asked if we could cover these topics during our meeting with the WVDEP Oct 16, but when I learned Region 3 will cover by phone I said that likely would not give our presentation a fair hearing. She suggested we then meet right after the 16th. I said we are very concerned that the Region might issue an order using our CEG as a trigger for drinking water. She assured me the order is moving a bit slower than they had hoped and that they would not issue it until they had heard our concerns. This extra breathing room may be a good thing, but may be best if we do not have first results (if high) from the new technique for our first meeting.

Shall we try to meet with the Region later that week, e.g. Oct 17, 18, or 19? I am good those days, how about the remainder of our tox subteam (Gerry, Rob, Dave, Ann, Andrew, Izzy, Bob R)?? Also good Oct 22 and 24.

-Bernie

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