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From: Souza, Kevin  
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2006 11:22 AM  
To: Sherman, Ron  
Subject: FW: EPA & Formaldehyde Testing

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From: McNeese, Martin  
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2006 11:01 PM  
To: Souza, Kevin  
Subject: RE: EPA & Formaldehyde Testing

Thanks for being on the call. I knew that they would bring it up but thanks goodness PIO did some damage control. Mary Margaret actually called and read me final draft before they put it out and I said OK but I should have insisted on a written copy to make sure EPA knew. Yet, I think EPA is being a butthead since it was one of their own people that leaked the EPA/FEMA formaldehyde info to start with. And I know that PIO was getting slammed with speculation anyway.

On another related topic, TX is getting trouble over formaldehyde and asked safety to test units that people complain about. I think we are on the right track because safety (Dave Chawaga for Bronson) called me and they understand that this is not practical with the number of units. I talked to Ed Laundy in TX (who I trained) and explained that they don't have anything to do with the test results since there are no standards and testing is meaningless. Apparently they had a baby die and they parents (after the fact, no maintenance requests) are trying to tie formaldehyde. He told me that the chief of staff took it out of his hands.

I want to talk to Betsy Hall in Gil's shop and want to get all DHOP chiefs, safety and either the chiefs of staff or Directors on a call and make sure that we are consistent and not doing something over-reactive or stupid if an occupant complains. What do you think?

Thanks for your support Kevin

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From: Souza, Kevin  
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2006 6:51 AM  
To: McNeese, Martin  
Subject: Re: EPA & Formaldehyde Testing

Hi Martin,

I will do everything I can to get on the call. My only wildcard for the day is that the General has asked for me to attend a meeting with the Director (and they have not yet set a time).

Other than that I will be there. Keep up the great work. I don't know what we would do if you weren't there.

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From: McNeese, Martin  
To: Souza, Kevin  
Sent: Wed Aug 09 23:03:18 2006  
Subject: EPA & Formaldehyde Testing

Kevin, don't know your schedule for tomorrow, Thursday, but if you can jump on the call I might need help. EPA is causing me some headaches because they are pissed that we released the very generic press release, even though they were the first to disclose to the media that they are doing the test for us. I have a hotel operators conference in Baton Rouge that I have to do at noon and will conduct the call from the BR AFO. I intend to keep everyone on schedule and I feel good about the schedule with the staging power being the pacing item but we should start in the last week of Aug.

I just need any help I can to stop all of the second agendas, especially from Bronson Brown's (safety) shop and just move on.

I hope that you are doing OK, hang in there, UFAS is coming.

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