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From: 4 <>
Sent: 03 February 2014 16:46
To: 5 3
Cc: 2 6
Subject: RE: Waste incinerator human health study

Great, thanks.

From: 5
Sent: 03 February 2014 16:39
To: 4, 3
Cc: 6, 2
Subject: RE: Waste incinerator human health study

Hi

I was approached by this reporter earlier today and sent him the reactive line below. Since then, we have developed an additional line (also below) which I will send him shortly.

Fyi, there has been a slight change of plan. Rather than add an update to the 2012 press release, we are planning to create a webpage with this information.

Line sent to 7

Public Health England's reactive line about the delay in the publication of results for the Municipal Waste Incinerator study

Dr Simon Bouffler, Deputy Director of PHE's Centre for Radiation, Chemical and Environmental Hazards, said: "It was originally envisaged that preliminary results for this study would be available by March 2014 but because of the unanticipated complexity in gathering data this has been delayed. A paper with preliminary results is now expected to be prepared for submission to a peer-reviewed journal around the end of 2014, with publication in 2015.

"It is import to stress that Public Health England's position that well run and regulated modern Municipal Waste Incinerators (MWIs) are not a significant risk to public health remains valid, and the study is being carried out to extend the evidence base and to provide further information to the public on this subject."

Note:
PHE is funding the Small Area Health Statistics Unit, Imperial College London, and the Environmental Research Group, King's College London, both part of the MRC-PHE Centre for Environment and Health, to carry out the study.

Additional line which I am about to send as he asked for more detail:

Dr Simon Bouffler said: "Some of the data on emissions from MWIs were unexpectedly held in paper format rather than in electronic files, and had to be entered manually onto computer before the statistical analysis could begin. There was a delay while this process took place."

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Sure, thanks.

Hi 5, I'd be grateful for sight of the release if that's ok, and any thoughts on how to respond to this.

Best wishes

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Dear

PHE are just about to release an updated press release on this and have been emailing me this afternoon to finalise it. 5 is working on this at PHE – would you be able to liaise with him?

Thanks

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Dear

I've received an enquiry from a reporter writing for _____ on your incinerator study – see below. Please let me know how you would like to respond. We could provide a statement or refer him elsewhere if that would be appropriate.

Best wishes

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