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Subject: Some questions pertaining to both NRC and EPA

Hello John, Larry, Brian, Ron, Sam & Carl:

BVDA/MASE has a couple of questions that relate to both agencies. Given Larry's recent letter castigating (I hope that's a fair choice of words given the tone of the letter) what the NRC apparently views as the EPA's lack of timely responses on certain issues and in decision-making, I thought it would make most sense to have you all get an opportunity at the same time to deal with these issues. (The first two might be of concern to EPA, NMED and BVDA/MASE):

- (1) When will we all be getting responses to the comments submitted on the CAP?
- (2) When will the NRC staff follow up on the (lack of) responses to its RAIs on the CAP?

My recollection is that, despite repeated NRC complaints about the difficulty of responding to these comments and the additional time provided for the submission of the comments, the fact is, the comments went in approximately 14 months and a couple of weeks ago (much longer for the NRC Staff RAIs), it was anticipated (by NRC) that we'd have them a month ago or so.

- (3) For both agencies, BVDA and MASE want to know whether you will be commenting on the new NMED permit DP-200? BVDA/MASE plan to comment and will send you all digital copies of the comments--perhaps you would agree to do the same.
- (4) If your agency (NRC? EPA?) does not plan to comment on DP-200, could you let BVDA/MASE know the why of that decision?

Thank you for your kind consideration of these questions and your responses in a timely manner.

Respectfully,

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