

Message

From: Hopkins, Yvette [Hopkins.Yvette@epa.gov]
Sent: 3/4/2021 5:29:22 PM
To: Miller, Robert [Miller.Robert@epa.gov]; Mastrota, Nicholas [Mastrota.Nicholas@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: US Today Article Critical of EPA on Flea Collars Related to Pet Deaths

I stepped away from incidents because I felt like I has just bashing my head against a wall after the IG correction action for a timeline for modernization of the incident database came and went (11/30/17) with no timeline (but a signed memo back saying it was done).

Bless you both for continuing the work.

From: Miller, Robert <Miller.Robert@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 12:24 PM
To: Hopkins, Yvette <Hopkins.Yvette@epa.gov>; Mastrota, Nicholas <Mastrota.Nicholas@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: US Today Article Critical of EPA on Flea Collars Related to Pet Deaths

Thanks, Yvette.

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Subject: FW: US Today Article Critical of EPA on Flea Collars Related to Pet Deaths

Please don't forward this.

See below, we know the answer to which direction OPP is taking...

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Cindy:

Actually I heard it from another region who asked and shared it with me.

For future, I'll clarify up front where inquiries should be directed and let everyone know so we're on the same page. 😊

Sincerely,
Beth

From: Wire, Cindy <Wire.Cindy@epa.gov>
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Got it – thanks for letting us know as we are not looped into those directions.

Cindy Wire

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Cindy:

Thanks for raising this. I can ask re: calls, but the official OCSPP comms response for regions is to direct the questions to the Regional Public Affairs Directors and press can be directed to press@epa.gov and concerned citizens should go pesticidequestions@epa.gov.

Beth

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Beth,

Region 9 is starting to get calls and are directing public inquiries to Mary Rust in OPP, and press inquiries to Greg Siedschlag in OPS. Did you receive updated guidance on where calls should be routed? I am thinking we want to be consistent with our directions. Mary manages the pesticidequestions mailbox, however sending an inquirer to a generic mailbox seems to communicate “take a number.”

Just my two cents.

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PS. In addition to notifying your Public Affairs Director if you get any questions, press can be directed to press@epa.gov and concerned citizens should go pesticidequestions@epa.gov.

Sincerely,
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From: Garcia, Beth

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Donald:

Thanks for sharing, this came up on the Regional Public Affairs directors call on Tuesday and OCSPP is aware of it. Please let your public affairs folks know if you get any questions.

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The below linked article came to my attention a couple days ago, when found by a colleague here in R5. Sharing with you as FYI. If picked up by the media even more, this has a potential to get big.

Perhaps worth an addition to the next OPP/OECA call, with a rep from OPP addressing???

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/investigations/2021/03/02/seresto-dog-cat-collars-found-harm-pets-humans-epa-records-show/4574753001/>

“...Seresto, one of the most popular flea and tick collars in the country, has been linked to hundreds of pet deaths, tens of thousands of injured animals and hundreds of harmed humans, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency documents show. Yet the EPA has done nothing to inform the public of the risks....” [USA Today]

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To report environmental violations visit <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-incidents>

Life Lesson: We do not stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing.

Have a Bed Bug Free Day!!

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