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Subject: RE: Methyl Mercury: State counterparts

Michael:

The WHO/JECFA report is available through their website.

The comment Mr Levitt made with respect to the NAS committee is that FDA will be asking the committee to clarify the derivation of "60,000 children are born each year at risk..." on page 327 of report and "over 60,000 newborns annually might be at risk..." on page 325 of report, as well as the term "at risk". FDA wants to ensure we accurately reflect the precise intent of the committee.

I hope this answers your questions.

Lou Carson

-----Original Message-----

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Subject: Re: Methyl Mercury: State counterparts

Lou:

Thanks for getting back to me on this. Since you had called earlier in the day, I wanted to make sure you had received the requested information about state counterparts, so that FDA could follow through on its expressed interest in scheduling a conference call with state officials to receive additional key input.

In response to your question about the number of people copied on my last e-mail, this is my response. First of all, we consider FDA's expressed interest in receiving input on methylmercury in commercial fish as an important development given the number of years the agency has remained dormant. Second, I thought it was appropriate to copy the people I suggested you contact in order to provide them with a "heads up" that you might be contacting them. Third, by way of common courtesy, I thought those copied in-house by you would be interested in seeing my response, since you copied them on the initial request to begin with. Finally, I thought the people who originally expressed interest in the meeting would like to be kept updated.

As requested in my prior e-mail, where you able to relay the e-mail and attached document, "A Review of Mercury in the Environment (Its Occurrence in Marine Fish," on to Mr. Levitt? From the state perspective, this appears to be an important new review document given the number of states who will be meeting on the issue of methylmercury in marine fish next Spring in South Carolina. In addition, could you, or someone within the agency, please clarify for me what the specific request was (that Mr. Levitt discussed during our November 8th meeting) to those attending the prior FDA meeting on November 3rd who had previously participated as members of the NAS mercury

toxicity panel? Also, could you please provide me with the details as to how to obtain the new WHO/JECFA document that Mr. Levitt referenced during our meeting? Thank you.

Please keep me "in the loop" as these important issues continue to be discussed and feel free to contact me if you have additional questions.

Michael

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