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Subject: Information relating to Oakey meeting tomorrow

Good afternoon,

We have received information that the Department of Defence will be attending the meeting tomorrow with a lawyer. Queensland Health has sought advice from the legal department and they have confirmed that they will be sending a representative to the meeting.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any further information.

Kind regards
Rebecca

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Further to Helen's email below, a majority of the queries were addressed at the meeting last Thursday. Where the queries were not addressed in full, I expect they will be through the follow up actions and provision of documentation.

Please let me know if you have any further queries at this time.

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Good Morning Penny

There is only one GP practise in Oakey now and the 2 Doctors that work at Oakey Hospital also work with this Practise. It is Downs Rural Medical. Denise Black is the manager and will arrange a meeting with the Doctorts. Denise can be contacted on:

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John Hall is the Principle as you are aware but best going through Denise.

Regards
Matt

From: Penny Hutchinson
Sent: Monday, 3 August 2015 9:31 AM
To: Matthew Boyd; COM Western

Cc: Peter Bristow; DDHHS; Michael Bishop; Hwee Sin Chong
Subject: FW: Briefing of General Practitioners Oakey re PFOS PFOA contamination [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi Matt,

Please see attached email from Helen Blain from the DoD, requesting the names of the GPs in Oakey. Would you have a list with their contact details? If so, would you be able to send to me and I can liaise with them to determine a suitable date for the briefing.

Thanks
Penny

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Dear Penny

Thank you for your contributions to the meeting last week in Brisbane. I have passed your inquiry below on to one of the team here.

As a matter of urgency, I'm keen to arrange for the GP briefings in Oakey as soon as possible within the next two weeks in readiness for residents tested to receive their results. We will be contacting the Commonwealth Chief Medical Officer to seek his assistance in this. Grateful if you could forward a list of the GPs in the Oakey area please and any suggestions for a preferred date within the next two weeks that would suit the representative of Queensland Health.

Many thanks Helen

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Sent: Wednesday, 29 July 2015 12:35

To: Blain, Helen MS

Cc: Sophie Dwyer

Subject: FW: AECOM Report - AACO Groundwater Investigation

Dear Helen

My colleague, Peter Boland, Manager of Environmental Health here at the PHU has asked me to pass on his queries (see attached).

Kind regards

Penny

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From: Peter Boland

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To: Penny Hutchinson

Subject: AECOM Report - AACO Groundwater Investigation

Hi Penny,

At the community meeting in Oakey, on 29 July 2014, the Department of Defence (DoD) provided a commitment to undertake further human health risk assessments looking at the various potential exposure pathways. This specifically included watering crops and livestock and household uses. It was my understanding that AECOM was going to progress this work on behalf of the DoD. The slides from the community presentation can be found at the following link:

http://www.defence.gov.au/id/_Master/docs/Oakey/OakeyCommInfoPPTFinal28Jul14.pdf

This work has not been mentioned by the DoD in their recent dealings with Queensland Health (QH).

Is it possible to seek an update from the DoD on the scope and status of the AECOM work? Timings mentioned at the community meeting suggested that the human health risk assessment was to be completed by the end of 2014 with updates to validate the findings in 2015, following further environmental testing.

Thanks,
Peter.

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