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Subject: Portland's LT2 Variance

Hi Marie,

Thanks for checking in today. I am attaching the letter I sent last month discussing the one year sampling plan that Portland is proposing. I don't think I actually sent the letter electronically, which is why neither of us could find it. But here it is.



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As we discussed, Portland has hired a contract lab (Analytical Services, Inc) for this project. The contract was approved by our City Council and signed last week. The first step will be a Tier 1 Validation study to validate modifications to Method 1623 for high volume samples. I anticipate having a study design to EPA for review within two weeks. If possible, I would like to schedule a conference call with you, Stephanie Harris, Carrie Miller and our contract laboratory at the end of the month to answer any questions/address any concerns EPA might have with regards to the study design. If the study design is acceptable to EPA, we anticipate carrying out the Tier 1 Validation study in early April. Per our contract lab, the actual Tier 1 Validation should take less than one week. Assuming we are successful in validating the higher volumes, we would like to start our one-year sampling program in mid-late April.

There are other sampling issues that I would like to run by EPA before we start our official sampling program. I will outline those in a proposal which I also anticipate sending to you in the next two weeks.

Finally, I hope that we can work out the details of the process for actually applying for a variance and future monitoring requirements, if we are granted the variance, while the one-year sampling is underway. I imagine some of those details will require more time to iron out and I do not want that to hold up the start of the sampling project.

If this plan/schedule sounds ok to you, perhaps we could work on scheduling a conference call towards the end of the month.

Thanks,
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