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Hi Elinor, All,

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in this phthalate CAP effort.

I've been collaborating with DOH and ATSDR on the Spokane West Plains/Airway Heights WA. PFAS groundwater contamination exposures since 2017.
I have over that time found some of the community engagement efforts/techniques/tactics we've employed on community outreach and resilience very effective.

I was fortunate awhile back to be able to participant in an ATSDR stress and resilience project that was aimed at aiding local health professionals who are interacting with their community over contaminant exposure and management. This has been a very useful tool (see link https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/stress/) when approaching a community who have been exposed to a substance and are concerned about the health implications.

I suppose what I'm trying to convey to you is a lesson learned on how we're responding to the PFAS exposures situation in Spokane, and how we developed community resilience through our press releases, websites, easy to understand FAQ's, and the aspects of establishing a substance safe home.

In addition, an invaluable preparedness was established through the efforts of ATSDR and PEHSU who provided specific outreach to area physicians, including distributing the ATSDR physician guides to area physicians, and a grand rounds PFAS seminar with peer discussion on patient care (see link https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/pfas/resources/info-for-health-professionals.html) .

What I observed was that it was important to the public that their physicians were astutely aware of PFAS exposure pathways, and how to monitor their exposures health wise, and that they could be provided a reliable plan of action to follow to reduce their exposures.

I suppose I see some similarities with the community's exposure to Phthalates although hopefully not as egregious as PFAS, and think it would be worth exploring this approach within the efforts of the CAP.

I would be glad to discuss this further in person.

Have a great weekend All.

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Mike, thank you for the input and for making time to attend the parts your schedule allowed. We know that our Advisory Committee members have plenty of other obligations and will not be able to attend all 8 scheduled meeting hours, so we appreciate the thoughtful suggestions here.

Your written input will be added to our ongoing log of feedback.

I am interested in learning more about your ideas for recommendations around public education materials and a physician's guide though. I wonder if you have ideas who we could partner with for physician information about phthalates. We may be able to touch on those subjects during our March 3 meeting on products and human exposures, and perhaps we can also find a time to follow up on the phone to hear your thoughts in more detail.

Best,
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