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To: Annie Jarabek
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Subject: Media Interest in Perchlorate Peer Review

Hello Annie -

Yes I did talk with Rebecca Renner last week. I did not tell her much of anything because I did not KNOW anything about the NAS decision, other than the public statements that DoD and allies have been making for the last year. I sent this email last Monday.

Kevin

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Rebecca Renner, a reporter who has previously covered the perchlorate story for *Environmental Science and Technology*, called me late on Friday. She apparently was not reporting for ES&T - I think she said she was with a different publication, possibly with *Science* (?). She had questions about the perchlorate toxicity assessment being subjected to another peer review. I told her I knew nothing about the decision to go to the National Academy of Science, particularly after the Horinko memo indicated that the final toxicity assessment would be in the next few months. I did tell her that DoD and the aerospace industry have publically disparaged the conclusions since the January draft was published, although I was fairly dismissive of the scientific arguments they have offered. I told her that I did not know who or how the decision was made, and that I have not seen anything in writing about the peer review, other than the articles by *Inside EPA* and the *Wall Street Journal*. I did say that I understood these media reports were generally credible since more than one person in EPA HQ has subsequently told me that we would be going to NAS for another review. She asked me to send her a copy of the Horinko memo, which I did electronically.

Ms. Renner's email address is with the National Association of Science Writers.