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From: Dunn, Matthew
Sent: Monday, March 14, 2016 9:24 AM
To: Gignac, James; Wallace, Elizabeth
Cc: Burlingham, Rebecca; Morrissey-Kochanny, Mary
Subject: MTBE; possible meeting

If Atty. Pawa is attending, Gerry please try to arrange an MTBE discussion to overlap with him. Need to try to include IEPA in that. Will need a background memo on that as well.

Mary: want to plug in if we arrange an MTBE discussion?


From the letter:

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Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2016 9:56 AM
To: Gignac, James
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Cc: Gignac, James; Stachon, Eva; Holmes, Kirsten
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Attachments: Exxon Memo for March 21.docx

Memo for Monday's meeting.

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Hi Everyone,

Just sending a reminder e-mail for this meeting on Monday at 3:30pm in the 12th floor large conference room. Wendy is bringing Matt Pawa only.

Thanks,
Khadija

From: Dunn, Matthew
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2016 11:30 AM
To: Ali, Khadija; Hendrickson, Cara; Spillane, Ann M.
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James and I have discussed. We will get a draft together with Cara and provide.

Do we have attendees list for Ms. Abrams?

Thanks!

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Eva or Kirsten, can you please reserve the large conference room?

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Good for me.

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