Region 3 Update

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FY19: A Choppy Year

Big Items:

- Government Shutdown--December 22, 2018 until January 25, 2019
  - Impacted contracts on various work products
  - Delayed “restarts”
- EPA Regional Realignment implementation—April 2019
  - Mainly impacted QA with a centralized Regional QA program
  - Loss air enforcement connection, more effort needed to keep everyone in the loop
- EPA Lean Management System (ELMS) deployment—March 2019
  - Mandatory ELMS training
  - Every Divisional branch had to have a project of improvement
    - “A3” project on data review and analysis protocol development
      - Developed data templates for air toxics example (Thank you, PADEP!)
      - Reduced time of review by 66% (27 weeks to 9 weeks)

FY19: A Choppy Year (cont.)

Fits and Starts

- Completed 3 TSAs
- Completed development of AQS quarterly reports for review
- Air Sensors Ports Study in Philadelphia
- Art Glass Characterization Study
- New Regional Quality Management Plan (QMP) development
- Ethylene Oxide (EtO)—to monitor or not to monitor
- IG audit on EtO
- GAO report on air monitoring
- Enforcement case support
  - MarkWest consent decree
  - AZR air toxics monitoring

FY20: What's ahead?

Release of Art Glass report?

Support public meeting for EtO in WV?

Release of GAO air monitoring audit report?

Release of IG EtO report?

Actual start of PM2.5 sensors ports study in Philadelphia?

APTI 470 training—Soup to Nuts!

Community Scale Grants—available January 2020

PFAS/PFOA—ORD 3 year workplan

Questions, Comments?