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Andy, Joel, Jackie, and Mike,

Please see question 1 below – not sure who best to answer within EXHR on the ASTM standard so sending it to a broader audience. Please reply directly back to Jason Levine and just cc: Duane and me on ASTM related issues.

Thanks,
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Good morning everyone.

I'm following up on some Congressional inquiries regarding artificial play surfaces – particularly where it relates to "rubber-in fill" – commonly known as "tire-crumb rubber" or "rubbercrumb."

Their questions are informal at this time – but rather specific. There are four distinct areas that I am hoping to close the loop on:

1. The activity in ASTM F08.65 - with respect to:
 - a. What it says about lead in the blades of turf
 - b. What it says about – and any ongoing developments regarding – the chemical composition of the material/advised replacement time for material
 - c. What it says about - and any ongoing developments regarding - concerns/use with respect to heat emanating from the surface.
2. I've attached a letter that we sent back to PEER in September 2013 that says we were looking into whether "enforcement action was appropriate." What was the result of this examination?
3. We sent PEER an advisory opinion on the question of whether these fields were legally defined as "children's products." My sense is that advisory opinions are intended for publication on the 'advisory opinion' section of our website but that due exclusively to administrative back logs we just haven't posted this quite yet. It is my intention to share the September 2012 advisory opinion with the requesting Congressional office – b/c this is essentially a public document, but if it can be moved up the list for posting that would be helpful – and then I can just send them a link. (Please let me know if I'm misunderstanding how the advisory opinions work).
4. Finally, this is not CPSC generated work product, but part of the request was about the existing public studies on this topic. My understanding is that the Synthetic Turf Council is the best single source for the existing public studies (at: http://www.syntheticurfCouncil.org/?page=CRI_Research) but please let me know if there's a better source.

Sorry for the laundry list that certainly doesn't apply to everyone here – but figured best to loop everyone in and put it all in one place.

Thanks!!

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