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Hey Kim,

Did anything come from that meeting about the mountain valley pipeline the other day? I tracked down the latest info on candy darters yesterday from Isaac Gibson at WVU, and the newest data is far worse than even our most pessimistic scenarios. The Greenbrier River population is fully compromised and will likely be a total loss within just a few years. The Greenbrier was the #1 stronghold and probably had >50% of our individuals as of seven years ago. That just leaves the Gauley River and the trace population remnants in VA, and preliminary info on the Gauley is inconclusive, but looks troubling. I don't think it's an exaggeration at all to say that with a handful of introductions in the Gauley and damage from MVP in VA, candy darters could be extinct within a decade. The rates of loss in WV are staggering.

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