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**To:** [Fields, Vanessa](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Notes: NBRC CCP Staff Coordination Call 12/11  
**Date:** Monday, December 11, 2017 1:09:20 PM

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We need to gather and organize information before this workshop so that we are well prepared going into it. We discussed a number of action items to start to move this way:

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