Message

**From**: Block, Molly [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=60D0C681A16441A0B4FA16AA2DD4B9C5-BLOCK, MOLL]
**Sent**: 3/14/2019 8:42:00 PM
**To**: Bolen, Derrick [bolen.derrick@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Fwd: Checking rumor; asking if this is doable

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Jackson, Ryan" <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
> **Date:** March 14, 2019 at 4:33:03 PM EDT
> **To:** "Dunn, Alexandra" <dunn.alexandra@epa.gov>, "Konkus, John" <konkus.john@epa.gov>, "Lyons, Troy" <lyons.troy@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** "Bolen, Brittany" <bolen.brittany@epa.gov>, "Beck, Nancy" <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>, "Block, Molly" <block.molly@epa.gov>
> **Subject: RE: Checking rumor; asking if this is doable**
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> Let's follow this plan below. Troy, I think outreach to Senators Scott and Graham soon would be appropriate too on the staff level.
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> **From:** Dunn, Alexandra
> **Sent:** Thursday, March 14, 2019 3:23 PM
> **To:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Bolen, Brittany <bolen.brittany@epa.gov>; Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: Checking rumor; asking if this is doable
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> As long as RJ is okay w this.
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> **From:** Konkus, John
> **Sent:** Thursday, March 14, 2019 3:21 PM
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> Ok. This is the plan then. We'll send the release at 2:15pm, during the press call, that will ensure most reporters are calling in to hear our message rather than just reporting off the release. Molly, in her last official act as an EPA press secretary, will help me with this one.

**Tomorrow**

8am – Media advisory for 2pm call (I'll send this group a draft)

2:15pm – Press release goes out.

2pm – Press briefing.

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**From:** Dunn, Alexandra
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**Subject:** RE: Checking rumor; asking if this is doable

Yes. We can have with Brittany's OK an UNSIGNED prepub version of the rule on the web also by 215 pm. We'd replace the last page in a few hours with the one with Andrew's signature. We've done that before.

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**From:** Konkus, John
**Sent:** Thursday, March 14, 2019 3:11 PM
**To:** Dunn, Alexandra <dunn.alexandra@epa.gov>; Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Checking rumor; asking if this is doable

Ok. So if we do that, we'd send a media advisory tonight or tomorrow morning inviting press to call in. I'll draft that up now.

We should send the press release just before the call starts so reporters have that in front of them while you're briefing them.

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**From:** Dunn, Alexandra
**Sent:** Thursday, March 14, 2019 3:08 PM
**To:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Checking rumor; asking if this is doable

Yes, I'd hold a phone call for press to answer questions. We are ready. We can have it posted by 2 pm and that way we get ahead of the press.

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**From:** Konkus, John
**Sent:** Thursday, March 14, 2019 3:06 PM
**To:** Dunn, Alexandra <dunn.alexandra@epa.gov>; Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Checking rumor; asking if this is doable

What do you mean by media advisory? You mean media availability?

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**From:** Dunn, Alexandra
**Sent:** Thursday, March 14, 2019 3:05 PM
**To:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Checking rumor; asking if this is doable

I'd like to propose that at 215 I do a media advisory about our action. I discussed w Ryan this am. I think this is the best path forward. It'll make the news and we get our message out.

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**From:** Konkus, John
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**To:** Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Dunn, Alexandra <dunn.alexandra@epa.gov>
**Subject:** FW: Checking rumor; asking if this is doable

FYI...We are just collecting these as they come in. Not responding. Thanks.

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**From:** Rizzuto, Denise Pat <prizzuto@bloombergenvironment.com>
**Sent:** Thursday, March 14, 2019 2:59 PM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Checking rumor; asking if this is doable

There's a rumor that the methylene chloride rule & prerule are coming out tomorrow. Any chance of confirming that---even if you want to do so on an embargoed basis that means I can't write anything until it's actually out.

If it is coming out, could I get a copy of the rule and prerule on an embargoed basis & not to share with anyone until the embargo lifts?

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Message

**From**: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 12/8/2017 4:43:15 PM
**To**: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
**CC**: Ferguson, Lincoln [ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: FOR APPROVAL: Final Request for Comment

I have shared my opinion with you – which quickly gets distorted into Jahan is yelling. I don't care about Inside Sources or Inside Sources Iowa. I don't feel like it's necessary to apologize for having a reporter removed who had no press credentials, no business card and have just learned today was a publication that was less than a week old. I apologized to both the editor of Inside Sources and the reporter of Inside Source Iowa, for my ignorance of not knowing the outlet of Inside Source or Inside Sources Iowa.

You're the boss and you're email is great. Fire away.

**From:** Bowman, Liz
**Sent:** Friday, December 8, 2017 11:26 AM
**To:** Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: FOR APPROVAL: Final Request for Comment

I want your feedback and help. I want everyone's feedback, help and assistance – sometimes we will all agree, and sometimes we won't. I don't think this story fairly reflects all the great work you do, and I think we all want this to be fair.

**From:** Wilcox, Jahan
**Sent:** Friday, December 8, 2017 11:19 AM
**To:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: FOR APPROVAL: Final Request for Comment

You are the boss, you make these calls. Make you decision, put your email together and don't look back.

**From:** Bowman, Liz
**Sent:** Friday, December 8, 2017 11:16 AM
**To:** Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
**Subject:** FOR APPROVAL: Final Request for Comment

This is what I would like to send back – let me know if you have any edits.

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

# Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

**From:** Wilcox, Jahan
**Sent:** Friday, December 8, 2017 10:06 AM
**To:** Shawn McCoy <shawn@insidesources.com>; Press <Press@epa.gov>; Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) ; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Final Request for Comment

I have left Ethan a voicemail.

**From:** Shawn McCoy [mailto:shawn@insidesources.com]
**Sent:** Friday, December 8, 2017 10:03 AM
**To:** Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>; Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Final Request for Comment

Ethan's number: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

**From:** Wilcox, Jahan [mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Friday, December 08, 2017 9:24 AM
**To:** Shawn McCoy <shawn@insidesources.com>; Press <Press@epa.gov>; Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Final Request for Comment

I just tried to call you.

**From:** Shawn McCoy [mailto:shawn@insidesources.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, December 7, 2017 8:10 PM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) Bowman, Liz

<Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Final Request for Comment

Hey all,
The story below is set to publish tomorrow. I will wait until noon to hear back.
If you need it, I would be happy to provide you with additional time to review and respond to the information presented in the article. Just please email or call me, and let me know how much additional time you will need in order to get back to us.
But as I have been trying to get any type of response from the EPA related to this for the past week, I'm guessing you're not planning to respond.
This will be the first of a series of articles we plan to continue reporting on the EPA's media relations. Early next week, we have a full interview with Andrew Haffner that we plan to publish.
I would strongly encourage you to please reach out and discuss this with me. I spent a lot of my career working on GOP campaigns. We have a number of mutual friends. I understand some of the pressures you face in your jobs. I would enjoy the opportunity to discuss this article in greater detail. I'm happy to do so off the record if you would feel more comfortable.
I hope to hear back from you.

All the best,
Shawn

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**Intimidation, Personal Attacks, and Silence: The EPA's Press Strategy Under Pruitt**

By Ethan Stoetzler

In the months since Scott Pruitt took over as Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, he has dedicated the agency to rolling back regulations, in favor of the production of coal, expanded oil enterprises, and giving more authority of the management of natural resources back to their respective states. No doubt, these issues are often divisive along party lines, just as they were when the Obama administration implemented its agenda. Pruitt has been true to not only his word, but also the positions that Donald Trump advocated as he campaigned for office.

What is unusual about the implementation of Pruitt's agenda has been a strategy implemented by the EPA's press office that seems out of place in American democracy. Since the beginning of Pruitt's tenure, the EPA has been routinely threatening reporters with action by law enforcement, launching false personal attacks on journalists, cutting reporters off of press releases, limiting media access, and displaying an unprecedented level of hostility toward the media.

Just last week, an InsideSources reporter was escorted by a Story County Sheriff's Deputy out of an EPA event at an Iowa farm in which Administrator Scott Pruitt was the keynote speaker. The reporter received no formal explanation as to why he was being removed. Subsequent attempts by InsideSources to speak with EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox were left unanswered.

The use of police force to keep events closed to members of the media is not an isolated incident in Pruitt's EPA. Neither is the EPA's silence as to why media is being discouraged from coming to appearances of the administrator.

Back on August 9, Andrew Haffner, of the Grand Forks Herald in North Dakota, reported that two Herald reporters were threatened by Wilcox to leave a Pruitt event at the Energy and Environmental Research Center (EERC) at the University of North Dakota (UND), or else police — whom Wilcox referred to as "security" — would remove them from the premises. Haffner told InsideSources that he had been to the EERC several times before, as his beat for the Herald is education. While the EERC has an independent structure from the university, the center's lobby is open to the public, which is where Haffner stood with a camera, waiting for Pruitt to arrive.

A UND police officer eventually arrived and told Haffner and his co-reporter that the grounds were private property, then demanded they move away from the center's front doors and across the street, where protesters were standing. Both reporters then noticed that Pruitt's motorcade was approaching the center and towards what Haffner described as a back loading bay. Haffner motioned to his co-worker to make their way to the back to take photos of Pruitt, where they then were stopped by a police vehicle.

According to former EPA Spokeswoman Liz Purchia Gannon, the EPA's strategy of blocking press access to Pruitt is very similar to the strategy employed by the White House communications team under President Trump.

"They're tightly controlling Pruitt's public events and interviews, which isolates him from most Americans and instead plays to Trump's base because that's who they prioritize," Gannon said. "They're not trying to use communications tactics to reach a broad audience."

When Haffner later returned to the press conference following Pruitt's closed roundtable, he was told that the event was still private, though Haffner assured them that he in fact had been invited to this particular portion of the day. Wilcox then approached Haffner, and after an exchange, accused Haffner of cooperating with protesters. Wilcox told Haffner that when he had called his fellow reporter over to take pictures of Pruitt, that Haffner was in fact coordinating protesters.

"He was insinuating I was in fact trying to set up a bit of a stunt with the protesters, which was honestly not the case," Haffner said.

The EPA press office now seems to be making a habit of accusatory and personal attacks against journalists. This behavior was exhibited again back in September, following an Associated Press story documenting Hurricane Harvey. Reporters Michael Biesecker and Jason Dearen wrote that the EPA was not present at at least five flooded "so-called" Superfund sites. EPA spokeswoman Liz Bowman responded to the story with personal attacks on Biesecker, calling his reporting "yellow journalism," and accusing him of not even visiting the sites, claiming that he was in Washington, D.C. at the time. Ignored entirely in the EPA's statement was Dearen, who did in fact visit the sites.

Another instance occurred as documented in the Washington Post on October 27. Bowman and Wilcox had an email exchange with New York Times reporter Eric Lipton, in which both Bowman and Wilcox employed media practices that virtually any PR professional would describe as highly unusual. Bowman and Wilcox refused to confirm the title and start date of a senior EPA employee to Lipton. It is standard practice for a federal agency to be able to provide confirmation of this information. Rather, they referred Lipton to reporting from other media outlets. Lipton responded to explain that reporters can avoid making errors by requesting confirmation from a primary source. Wilcox then accused Lipton of trying to steal other reporters' work.

In addition to the EPA's strategies of using police force to remove reporters and attempting to tarnish reporters' credibility, the EPA also employs the strategy of keeping Pruitt's meetings with elected officials and industry leaders private. It's not just keeping his appearances private, however. A source close with media covering the EPA has said that several prominent reporters have been removed from the EPA's press list, effectively cutting them off from the flow of information.

Even when press conferences are scheduled following Pruitt's meetings, Pruitt is usually not featured in them. InsideSources has found over 12 instances in which Pruitt has held closed door meetings with elected officials and invite-only citizens and industry, leaving both reporters and the public without answers as to why they are being neglected.

Gannon said that by not publicizing Pruitt's events, the EPA will be limiting the opportunities for Pruitt to be exposed and for people to protest.

"He doesn't hold press conferences or gaggles when traveling or at events because they leave too much vulnerability," Gannon said, "and open the door for reporters to ask him questions that he doesn't want to talk about."

For example, in a story published on August 2, in the Indianapolis Star, it was reported Pruitt visited Indiana as part of his "State Action Tour" the day prior, meeting with Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb (R), Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and "other state officials," according to a release sent by the EPA press office in the late afternoon. After his visit, Pruitt hosted a roundtable at Mike Starkey Farms in Boonville but "made no effort to also meet with environmental groups like The Hoosier Environmental Council, the Nature Conservancy's Indiana Chapter, the Sierra Club's Hoosier Chapter, Citizens Action Coalition, Conservation Law Center, and the Indiana Water Environmental Association." The story said all were unaware of the visit.

In fact, Pruitt's taxpayer-funded visits often neither include an announcement he is visiting the area or any time actually speaking with the public. On August 4, Pruitt visited the Gold King Mine in Colorado, but did not notify the local newspaper or the public, according to Jesse Aaron Paul, political reporter for the Denver Post. According to Paul's twitter thread, the "EPA refused to acknowledge Administrator Scott Pruitt will be at the Gold King Mine today and then [sent] him on local TV."

Paul tweeted that media was not allowed to attend the Gold King tour with Senators Michael Bennet (D) and Cory Gardner (R), and Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper (R). Paul tweeted that there was to be a town hall in Durango, Colorado, but that the event was announced "about 24 hours before it happened -- and [was] for 45 mins." Paul also tweeted that the EPA sent out a news release the day prior to his tweets showing Pruitt meeting with Colorado farmers. The press was not given prior notice that he was in the state.

Not everyone agrees that allowing the media to serve as a watchdog of public officials is inherently a good thing, especially in the Trump era. A GOP media operative who advised the Trump campaign said that barring biased journalists from public appearances was a "long overdue strategy," but the source was deeply surprised that the EPA's press team acted with such hostility to InsideSources.

"Most American reporters are effectively Democratic operatives," the operative said in an email, "so the Trump campaign barring partisan 'journalists' from events was brilliant and a long overdue strategy for the GOP. That said, many outlets, like InsideSources, provide fair coverage and therefore should be treated with the respect and access that real journalists deserve. The EPA should focus on kicking Democratic operatives with journalist credentials out of events--not fair and balanced news outlets like InsideSources."

To be fair regarding Pruitt's enhanced security presence, according to CNN, the EPA's inspector general is in the process of investigating more than 70 threats against Pruitt and others at the agency, nearly five times as many as the previous chief, Gina McCarthy, received. The EPA has increased security for Pruitt by "a dozen"

agents, whose salaries alone are to cost minimum $2 million per year. The agents are to give Pruitt 24-hour security, which the inspector general said had never been done for a chief, prior. In that story, Bowman declined to comment on the enhanced security to protect the administrator.

But while enhanced security for the personal protection of Pruitt can be understandable, the EPA is also spending tax dollars on a private sound proof booth for his use. According to a New York Times story, the EPA has signed a $25,000 contract to build a completely sound proof "privacy booth" to be placed at EPA headquarters. According to the story, the EPA wanted a "secure phone and computer room, essentially for sensitive information."

The company, Acoustical Solutions, has worked with government offices since 2007 to create soundproof rooms and provide acoustic insulation. But even Steve Snider, a salesman for the company, described the EPA's request and customizations as "unusual."

Wilcox was repeatedly emailed to offer the EPA's perspective on its behavior towards the media. He was asked whether the EPA plans to continue using law enforcement to remove journalists from events, whether it is appropriate for the EPA press team to launch false personal attacks on reporters, and whether Pruitt has specifically directed his press team to undertake these actions. Wilcox has not replied to these inquiries.

*Erin Mundahl reported and contributed to this story.*

Message

**From**: Tomiak, Robert [tomiak.robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 10/23/2017 12:59:07 PM
**To**: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Dravis, Samantha [dravis.samantha@epa.gov]
**CC**: Knight, Kelly [knight.kelly@epa.gov]; Feeley, Drew (Robert) [Feeley.Drew@epa.gov]; Senn, John [Senn.John@epa.gov]; Germann, Sandy [Germann.Sandy@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Bolen, Brittany [bolen.brittany@epa.gov]; Schwab, Justin [Schwab.Justin@epa.gov]; Hoppe, Allison [hoppe.allison@epa.gov]; Siciliano, CarolAnn [Siciliano.CarolAnn@epa.gov]; Marshall, Tom [marshall.tom@epa.gov]; Bodine, Susan [bodine.susan@epa.gov]; Starfield, Lawrence [Starfield.Lawrence@epa.gov]; Traylor, Patrick [traylor.patrick@epa.gov]; Letendre, Daisy [letendre.daisy@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: NEPA POLICY AND PROCEDURES QUESTION
**Attachments**: RE: NEPA POLICY AND PROCEDURES QUESTION

Samantha/Liz,

Wanted to make both of you aware of this dialogue initiated by an individual purporting to be writing a book. The chain of questions posed to us related to areas that we had concerns responding to in a manner that might be deemed acceptable by the requestor.

First, the individual sought information from us on how other federal agencies interpret and implement CEQ guidance. We suggested the line of questioning on this aspect was more appropriate for CEQ to respond; which led to a conversation between the individual and CEQ (documented in the attached email) that still apparently hasn't satisfied the requestor.

Second, the requestor continued to pursue a "yes/no" answer from us on "correct science and math must be correct"; without acknowledging that the term "correct" might be open to interpretation given project specific circumstances and viewpoints. We are concerned that any adlib answer we provide could easily be taken out of the context in which it was provided for the purposes of the proposed publication. The CEQ regulations require that Agencies insure the professional integrity, including scientific integrity, of the discussions and analyses in environmental impact statements. We therefore limited our response to CEQ's written guidance and choose not to elaborate; which resulted in continued dissatisfaction on the part of the requestor.

In consultation with OGC and CEQ, we do not believe it is the EPA's role to further define what CEQ meant as it was written broadly to provide agency subject matter experts with the ability to consider and interpret based on project specific circumstances, best available technology, and evolving science. Further, the NEPA requirement for a 45-day public review period provides an opportunity for differing scientific opinions to be expressed and subsequently considered prior to a decision being rendered.

Given that Administrator Pruitt was copied on this last note (below), wanted to ensure that you had awareness and a sense of the extent of staffing that went into a carefully crafted response.

Please advise if you require anything further, or if a discussion would be helpful.

V/R, Rob

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**From:** sally benjamin [mailto: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
**Sent:** Saturday, October 21, 2017 6:04 PM
**To:** Rountree, Marthea <Rountree.Marthea@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Knight, Kelly <knight.kelly@epa.gov>; Pruitt, Scott <Pruitt.Scott@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: NEPA POLICY AND PROCEDURES QUESTION

Hi folks. This is our last round of due diligence for the book chapter.

Despite months of e-mails and phone calls, USEPA has never confirmed that it minimally uses a sixth grade level of care in the review and publication of written technical documents. USEPA will not even confirm that, for NEPA documents, all math and science must be correct before accepting/publishing such reports. I am not even referring to all the other technical requirements found in various federal laws, rules and regulations that must be met.

We have asked numerous plain English questions that go into the daily staffer application of federal statutes that are under the purview of USEPA. Since USEPA refuses to provide simple uniform in the trenches responses to questions posed to USEPA (e.g. yes, all technical products are reviewed to ensure all math and science is correct and provided in a reviewed document before released), one then can reasonably conclude that USEPA technical requirements for subject matter expert review of USEPA technical products, both for production and review prior to acceptance and release, are arbitrary and capricious.

I cannot imagine the reaction of readers when this is read in the book chapter. I can tell you that cooperators hearing about this fact are stunned.

In summary, USEPA has been provided several months of opportunity to supply for attribution on-point responses to the questions posed. USEPA refused to provide on point responses. Any errors or omissions are now the responsibility of USEPA.

This is the last e-mail to you on this subject. Please feel free to pick up the book that will document your failure to provide reasonable responses to specific questions and their implications, including loss of court deference.

Thank you.

Dr. David A. Belluck

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**From:** "Rountree, Marthea" <Rountree.Marthea@epa.gov>
**To:** "slbenjamin Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
**Cc:** "Knight, Kelly" <knight.kelly@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 18, 2017 1:18 PM
**Subject:** NEPA POLICY AND PROCEDURES QUESTION

Ms. Benjamin,

Thank you for contacting us on whether all math and science need to be confirmed as correct, current and all present in an environmental impact statement before a federal agency signs off on the document.

The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) oversees the implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The CEQ issued regulations (40 C.F.R. parts 1500-1508) that direct federal agencies on the fundamental requirements to fulfill their NEPA obligations. In regards to methodology and scientific accuracy, the regulations at 40 C.F.R. 1502.24 state: "Agencies shall insure the professional integrity, including scientific integrity, of the discussions and analyses in environmental impact statements. They shall identify any methodologies used and shall make explicit reference by footnote to the scientific and other resources relied upon for conclusion in the

statement." If there is incomplete or unavailable information relevant to reasonably foreseeable significant adverse effects, the agency should make clear that such information is lacking in accordance with 40 C.F.R. 1502.22.

Generally, Federal agencies have their own NEPA procedures that supplement CEQ's NEPA regulations. The criteria for the agencies to use in their NEPA procedures is listed in the CEQ's NEPA regulations at 40 C.F.R. 1507.3(b)(c). A compendium of federal agency NEPA procedures may be found on CEQ's website at https://ceq.doe.gov/laws-regulations/agency_implementing_procedures.html. EPA's NEPA regulations are located at https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=4b22ebb2f98e3a2ed63f060a1086d1bb&mc=true&node=pt40.1.6&rgn=div5

Further information on the CEQ NEPA regulations and guidance can be found on CEQ's website at https://ceq.doe.gov/index.html. We hope this information has been helpful.

Regards,

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**Sent:** Sun 10/22/2017 4:06:06 PM (UTC)
**Subject:** Re: UPDATED FOR APPROVAL; Response to Daily Caller re Lipton Piece

I disagree. Just give it a little longer. You shouldn't believe you did something wrong because Anne said something one way or other people provided quotes in a particular way. This is a guy who got awarded for going after SP and has a way of doing it he thinks works despite what's actually correct. Your characterization of that was correct in your quote and without it out there no one knows that or would know that except he and us behind closed doors.

Ryan Jackson
Chief of Staff
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On Oct 22, 2017, at 10:21 AM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

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**Apologies for the multiple emails on this – Jahan and I discussed offline and we decided that we shouldn't respond to this. If we do end up getting a statement with a quote from Wendy, we will send that. Otherwise, we are going to decline to comment further.**

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

**From:** Bowman, Liz
**Sent:** Saturday, October 21, 2017 7:06 PM
**To:** Jahan Wilcox (wilcox.jahan@epa.gov) <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Samantha Dravis (dravis.samantha@epa.gov) <dravis.samantha@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Lincoln Ferguson (ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov) <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Baptist, Erik <baptist.erik@epa.gov>; Beck, Nancy <beck.nancy@epa.gov>
**Subject:** FOR APPROVAL; Response to Daily Caller re Lipton Piece

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I don't really want to keep this going; but if you all think we should respond, I suggest the following – thoughts and edits are welcome:

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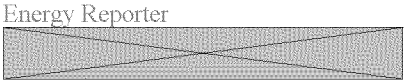
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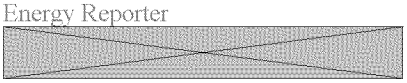
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**Sent**: 10/21/2017 6:50:52 PM
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**CC**: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
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Yep. Thx.

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On Oct 21, 2017, at 2:25 PM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:

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On Oct 21, 2017, at 1:39 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

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For example, in a story published on August 2, in the Indianapolis Star, it was reported Pruitt visited Indiana as part of his "State Action Tour" the day prior, meeting with Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb (R), Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and "other state officials," according to a release sent by the EPA press office in the late afternoon. After his visit, Pruitt hosted a roundtable at Mike Starkey Farms in Boonville but "made no effort to also meet with environmental groups like The Hoosier Environmental Council, the Nature Conservancy's Indiana Chapter, the Sierra Club's Hoosier Chapter, Citizens Action Coalition, Conservation Law Center, and the Indiana Water Environmental Association." The story said all were unaware of the visit.

In fact, Pruitt's taxpayer-funded visits often neither include an announcement he is visiting the area or any time actually speaking with the public. On August 4, Pruitt visited the Gold King Mine in Colorado, but did not notify the local newspaper or the public, according to Jesse Aaron Paul, political reporter for the Denver Post. According to Paul's twitter thread, the "EPA refused to acknowledge Administrator Scott Pruitt will be at the Gold King Mine today and then [sent] him on local TV."

Paul tweeted that media was not allowed to attend the Gold King tour with Senators Michael Bennet (D) and Cory Gardner (R), and Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper (R). Paul tweeted that there was to be a town hall in Durango, Colorado, but that the event was announced "about 24 hours before it happened -- and [was] for 45 mins." Paul also tweeted that the EPA sent out a news release the day prior to his tweets showing Pruitt meeting with Colorado farmers. The press

was not given prior notice that he was in the state.

Not everyone agrees that allowing the media to serve as a watchdog of public officials is inherently a good thing, especially in the Trump era. A GOP media operative who advised the Trump campaign said that barring biased journalists from public appearances was a "long overdue strategy," but the source was deeply surprised that the EPA's press team acted with such hostility to InsideSources.

"Most American reporters are effectively Democratic operatives," the operative said in an email, "so the Trump campaign barring partisan 'journalists' from events was brilliant and a long overdue strategy for the GOP. That said, many outlets, like InsideSources, provide fair coverage and therefore should be treated with the respect and access that real journalists deserve. The EPA should focus on kicking Democratic operatives with journalist credentials out of events--not fair and balanced news outlets like InsideSources."

To be fair regarding Pruitt's enhanced security presence, according to CNN, the EPA's inspector general is in the process of investigating more than 70 threats against Pruitt and others at the agency, nearly five times as many as the previous chief, Gina McCarthy, received. The EPA has increased security for Pruitt by "a dozen" agents, whose salaries alone are to cost minimum $2 million per year. The agents are to give Pruitt 24-hour security, which the inspector general said had never been done for a chief, prior. In that story, Bowman declined to comment on the enhanced security to protect the administrator.

But while enhanced security for the personal protection of Pruitt can be understandable, the EPA is also spending tax dollars on a private sound proof booth for his use. According to a New York Times story, the EPA has signed a $25,000 contract to build a completely sound proof "privacy booth" to be placed at EPA headquarters. According to the story, the EPA wanted a "secure phone and computer room, essentially for sensitive information."

The company, Acoustical Solutions, has worked with government offices since 2007 to create soundproof rooms and provide acoustic insulation. But even Steve Snider, a salesman for the company, described the EPA's request and customizations as "unusual."

Wilcox was repeatedly emailed to offer the EPA's perspective on its behavior towards the media. He was asked whether the EPA plans to continue using law enforcement to remove journalists from events, whether it is appropriate for the EPA press team to launch false personal attacks on reporters, and whether Pruitt has specifically directed his press team to undertake these actions. Wilcox has not replied to these inquiries.

*Erin Mundahl reported and contributed to this story.*

**To:** Greenwalt, Sarah[greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov]
**From:** Bowman, Liz[/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=C3D4D94D3E4B4B1F80904056703EBC80-BOWMAN, ELI]
**Sent:** Tue 11/21/2017 2:48:59 PM (UTC)
**Subject:** RE: Liz .. for review -- FW: Yukon River ARNI letter -- E&E News inquiry

No worries; whenever you are done come by – I will be here

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**From:** Greenwalt, Sarah
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 21, 2017 9:40 AM
**To:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Liz .. for review -- FW: Yukon River ARNI letter -- E&E News inquiry

FYI, I'm supposed to be in with the Administrator until 10:15 but we're starting late. I'll let you know as soon as we're done.

Sent from my iPhone
On Nov 21, 2017, at 9:08 AM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

> Yes see you then
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> Sent from my iPhone
> On Nov 21, 2017, at 8:39 AM, Greenwalt, Sarah <greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov> wrote:
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> > I can do 10:30. Does that work?
> >
> > **Sarah A. Greenwalt**
> > Senior Advisor to the Administrator
> > for Water and Cross-Cutting Issues
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> > U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
> > Work: 202-564-1722 | Cell: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
> > Greenwalt.Sarah@epa.gov
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> > **From:** Bowman, Liz
> > **Sent:** Tuesday, November 21, 2017 8:32 AM
> > **To:** Greenwalt, Sarah <greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov>
> > **Subject:** Re: Liz .. for review -- FW: Yukon River ARNI letter -- E&E News inquiry
> >
> > Yes let's chat today...can you come by like 10/10:15?
> >
> > Sent from my iPhone
> > On Nov 20, 2017, at 10:07 PM, Greenwalt, Sarah <greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov> wrote:
> >
> > > Yes. Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) I believe the State has provided more information not reflected here.
> > >
> > > Maybe we should discuss more in-depth tomorrow?
> > >
> > > **Sarah A. Greenwalt**
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> > > **From:** Bowman, Liz
> > > **Sent:** Monday, November 20, 2017 6:39 PM

**To:** Greenwalt, Sarah <greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov>
**Subject:** FW: Liz .. for review -- FW: Yukon River ARNI letter -- E&E News inquiry

Can you review/is there anything we need to be aware of here?

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy
**Sent:** Monday, November 20, 2017 6:04 PM
**To:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Liz .. for review -- FW: Yukon River ARNI letter -- E&E News inquiry

Liz,

404 permits with the Corps and EPA comments can be high profile.

See the Alaska issue below and the request from E and E – OW has reviewed the response - - which is straightforward and on background.

Thanks ng

**Nancy Grantham**
**Office of Public Affairs**
**US Environmental Protection Agency**
**202-564-6879 (desk)**
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**From:** Skadowski, Suzanne
**Sent:** Monday, November 20, 2017 3:55 PM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Holsman, Marianne <Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Yukon River ARNI letter -- E&E News inquiry

Hi Nancy,

Media inquiry and issues summary is attached for Liz.

Thanks,
Suzanne

**MEDIA INQUIRY**

**PRESS OFFICER:** Suzanne Skadowski, 206-553-2160

**DATE RECEIVED:** 11/6

**OUTLET:** E&E News

**REPORTER:** Ariel Wittenberg, 202-737-4557, awittenberg@eenews.net

**TOPIC:** EPA review of Alaska Gasline Development Corp. (AGDC), Clean Water Act Section 404 permit applications to Corps of Engineers Alaska District, for Alaska Standalone Pipeline (ASAP) and Alaska Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) projects. EPA's designation of Yukon River basin as "Aquatic Resource of National Importance (ARNI)." E&E News and Alaska media have been tracking this story: Alaska Journal: EPA designation of Yukon River complicates gasline plans, Petroleum News: AGDC aims at year end. Note: Alaska Commerce Department Commissioner Chris Hladick was appointed to be EPA Region 10 Regional Administrator, starting Dec. 4. Hladick previously served on the AGDC board of directors.

**REPORTER'S DEADLINE:** 11/13 – however reporter waiting

**QUESTIONS:** See below. Reporter has copy of R10 Aug. 2017 CWA 404q 3(a) ARNI letter re ASAP and 1992 EPA-Corps CWA 404q MOU. Reporter also submitted FOIA re EPA communications re 3(a) letter.

**PROPOSED ACTION/OUTCOME:** Email response to reporter - on background, not for attribution.

**STATUS:** OPEN

**E&E News Q #1: How common are ARNI letters?**

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**E&E News Q #2: What other projects in Alaska has EPA sent ARNI letters on since 2008?**

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**Sent**: 10/23/2017 3:39:11 PM
**To**: Tomiak, Robert [tomiak.robert@epa.gov]
**CC**: Dravis, Samantha [dravis.samantha@epa.gov]; Knight, Kelly [knight.kelly@epa.gov]; Feeley, Drew (Robert) [Feeley.Drew@epa.gov]; Senn, John [Senn.John@epa.gov]; Germann, Sandy [Germann.Sandy@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Bolen, Brittany [bolen.brittany@epa.gov]; Schwab, Justin [Schwab.Justin@epa.gov]; Hoppe, Allison [hoppe.allison@epa.gov]; Siciliano, CarolAnn [Siciliano.CarolAnn@epa.gov]; Marshall, Tom [marshall.tom@epa.gov]; Bodine, Susan [bodine.susan@epa.gov]; Starfield, Lawrence [Starfield.Lawrence@epa.gov]; Traylor, Patrick [traylor.patrick@epa.gov]; Letendre, Daisy [letendre.daisy@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: NEPA POLICY AND PROCEDURES QUESTION

Thank you, Rob. If there is anything else I can do to help, please let me know

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 23, 2017, at 7:59 AM, Tomiak, Robert <tomiak.robert@epa.gov> wrote:

> Samantha/Liz,
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> Wanted to make both of you aware of this dialogue initiated by an individual purporting to be writing a book. The chain of questions posed to us related to areas that we had concerns responding to in a manner that might be deemed acceptable by the requestor.
>
> First, the individual sought information from us on how other federal agencies interpret and implement CEQ guidance. We suggested the line of questioning on this aspect was more appropriate for CEQ to respond; which led to a conversation between the individual and CEQ (documented in the attached email) that still apparently hasn't satisfied the requestor.
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> Second, the requestor continued to pursue a "yes/no" answer from us on "correct science and math must be correct"; without acknowledging that the term "correct" might be open to interpretation given project specific circumstances and viewpoints. We are concerned that any adlib answer we provide could easily be taken out of the context in which it was provided for the purposes of the proposed publication. The CEQ regulations require that Agencies insure the professional integrity, including scientific integrity, of the discussions and analyses in environmental impact statements. We therefore limited our response to CEQ's written guidance and choose not to elaborate; which resulted in continued dissatisfaction on the part of the requestor.
>
> In consultation with OGC and CEQ, we do not believe it is the EPA's role to further define what CEQ meant as it was written broadly to provide agency subject matter experts with the ability to consider and interpret based on project specific circumstances, best available technology, and evolving science. Further, the NEPA requirement for a 45-day public review period provides an opportunity for differing scientific opinions to be expressed and subsequently considered prior to a decision being rendered.
>
> Given that Administrator Pruitt was copied on this last note (below), wanted to ensure that you had awareness and a sense of the extent of staffing that went into a carefully crafted response.
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> Please advise if you require anything further, or if a discussion would be helpful.

V/R, Rob

**From:** sally benjamin [mailto Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
**Sent:** Saturday, October 21, 2017 6:04 PM
**To:** Rountree, Marthea <Rountree.Marthea@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Knight, Kelly <knight.kelly@epa.gov>; Pruitt, Scott <Pruitt.Scott@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: NEPA POLICY AND PROCEDURES QUESTION

Hi folks. This is our last round of due diligence for the book chapter.

Despite months of e-mails and phone calls, USEPA has never confirmed that it minimally uses a sixth grade level of care in the review and publication of written technical documents. USEPA will not even confirm that, for NEPA documents, all math and science must be correct before accepting/publishing such reports. I am not even referring to all the other technical requirements found in various federal laws, rules and regulations that must be met.

We have asked numerous plain English questions that go into the daily staffer application of federal statutes that are under the purview of USEPA. Since USEPA refuses to provide simple uniform in the trenches responses to questions posed to USEPA (e.g. yes, all technical products are reviewed to ensure all math and science is correct and provided in a reviewed document before released), one then can reasonably conclude that USEPA technical requirements for subject matter expert review of USEPA technical products, both for production and review prior to acceptance and release, are arbitrary and capricious.

I cannot imagine the reaction of readers when this is read in the book chapter. I can tell you that cooperators hearing about this fact are stunned.

In summary, USEPA has been provided several months of opportunity to supply for attribution on-point responses to the questions posed. USEPA refused to provide on point responses. Any errors or omissions are now the responsibility of USEPA.

This is the last e-mail to you on this subject. Please feel free to pick up the book that will document your failure to provide reasonable responses to specific questions and their implications, including loss of court deference.

Thank you.

Dr. David A. Belluck

**From:** "Rountree, Marthea" <Rountree.Marthea@epa.gov>
**To:** "slbenjamin@ Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
**Cc:** "Knight, Kelly" <knight.kelly@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 18, 2017 1:18 PM
**Subject:** NEPA POLICY AND PROCEDURES QUESTION

Ms. Benjamin,

Thank you for contacting us on whether all math and science need to be confirmed as correct, current and all present in an environmental impact statement before a federal agency signs off on the document.

The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) oversees the implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The CEQ issued regulations (40 C.F.R. parts 1500-1508) that direct federal agencies on the fundamental requirements to fulfill their NEPA obligations. In regards to methodology and scientific accuracy, the regulations at 40 C.F.R. 1502.24 state: "Agencies shall insure the professional integrity, including scientific integrity, of the discussions and analyses in environmental impact statements. They shall identify any methodologies used and shall make explicit reference by footnote to the scientific and other resources relied upon for conclusion in the statement." If there is incomplete or unavailable information relevant to reasonably foreseeable significant adverse effects, the agency should make clear that such information is lacking in accordance with 40 C.F.R. 1502.22.

Generally, Federal agencies have their own NEPA procedures that supplement CEQ's NEPA regulations. The criteria for the agencies to use in their NEPA procedures is listed in the CEQ's NEPA regulations at 40 C.F.R. 1507.3(b)(c). A compendium of federal agency NEPA procedures may be found on CEQ's website at https://ceq.doe.gov/laws-regulations/agency_implementing_procedures.html. EPA's NEPA regulations are located at https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=4b22ebb2f98e3a2ed63f060a1086d1bb&mc=true&node=pt40.1.6&rgn=div5

Further information on the CEQ NEPA regulations and guidance can be found on CEQ's website at https://ceq.doe.gov/index.html. We hope this information has been helpful.

Regards,

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Message

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**Sent**: 10/22/2017 12:56:27 PM
**To**: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: UPDATED FOR APPROVAL; Response to Daily Caller re Lipton Piece

Can you please just send me what you think we should say, if anything?

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**From:** Wilcox, Jahan
**Sent:** Sunday, October 22, 2017 8:43 AM
**To:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: UPDATED FOR APPROVAL; Response to Daily Caller re Lipton Piece

This is Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 22, 2017, at 8:22 AM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

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I have been thinking about this all night and despite the fact that I am very frustrated with the way that Eric Lipton continues to manipulate the situation, I take full responsibility for letting Eric get under my skin and responding to him the way I did. I also have been thinking all night about the way that I responded and it really did bring out the worst in me. Moving forward, we will try to answer as many of these questions as we can, and we will do what the Administrator asked us to do a few weeks ago – which is develop a system for fact checking articles. We will do so in a way that is open, transparent, and respectful. I can't keep fighting reporters all day every day, but instead feel that we need to develop a better system that both political and career staff can help us with. With that said, I have updated my draft response for the Daily Caller below:

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**From:** Bowman, Liz
**Sent:** Saturday, October 21, 2017 7:06 PM
**To:** Jahan Wilcox (wilcox.jahan@epa.gov) <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Samantha Dravis (dravis.samantha@epa.gov) <dravis.samantha@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Lincoln Ferguson (ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov) <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Baptist, Erik <baptist.erik@epa.gov>; Beck, Nancy <beck.nancy@epa.gov>
**Subject:** FOR APPROVAL; Response to Daily Caller re Lipton Piece

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I don't really want to keep this going; but if you all think we should respond, I suggest the following – thoughts and edits are welcome:

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1. The Office of Water, in a May 30 memo from Michael Shapiro that we have a copy of, raised concerns about changes made the procedures for chemical risk evaluation, related to the narrowing of uses, specifically, the removal of legacy uses, arguing that this could make it harder for the EPA Office of Water to properly regulate substances like PFOA, and potential related water contamination. But the rule was still changed, against the advice of the Office of Water. Why did this happen? Is this not a legitimate concern?

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2. Similarly, the General Counsel's office raised questions in a May 30 email written by Laurel Celeste, that the changes in definitions made Chemical Risk evaluation--urged by the ACC and by Nancy Beck, after she arrived at the EPA--represented a "logical outgrowth" problem that would leave the rule vulnerable to legal challenge. Why did the agency not address this? We also have this email.

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3. EPA staff were told in April 2017 time frame, after there had been a consensus among staff, after the public comment period ended, that the risk evaluation and prioritization rules were in good shape, that the two rules should be moved to OIRA for sign off as is. But they were then told to wait until Nancy Beck arrived. Dr. Beck arrived and in a series of meetings, asked for a number of changes to be made in both rules, changes that echoed comments ACC and Dr. Beck herself had made when she was at ACC, regarding narrowing uses and adding more specific definitions, like best available science. Certain EPA staff involved in the process strongly objected to these changes. Dr. Beck persisted and at one point was in fact re-writing parts of the proposal rule on her own. And the changes she wanted were incorporated into the draft and sent to OIRA and then adopted as the final rule. Employees involved with this were outraged. Was this ethically appropriate to allow Dr. Beck to play this role? Any comment on this summary of the events?

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4. During this process, before the two rules were sent to OIRA, we were told that EPA staff were instructed not to issue a "non concurrence" memo. They were allowed to raise issues but instructed not to actually do a non concur. Why was this done? Is that appropriate?

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5. Dr. Beck was hired in April 2017 under an administratively determined position, meaning she was exempt from the Trump ethics pledge. Was this done intentionally, so that she could intervene the way she did? Was it appropriate to give her a impartiality determination, given the intense and specific role she played in pushing the EPA on the exact rules she then helped redraft immediately after arriving at EPA?

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6. When Dr. Beck worked at ORIA during the Bush administration, and the Renovation, Repair, and Painting Program Proposed Rule was moving toward final adoption, in the 2006 period, I was told by two people involved in this process that Dr. Beck raised concerns that the cardiovascular impacts associated with lead paint exposure were not sufficiently established and should be removed from the cost benefit analysis. The language in the report issued before the final rule was released reflected this change. I am fact checking this anecdote.

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7. When Dr. Beck worked at OIRA during the Bush administration, she is listed as the author and point of contact for the OMB Proposed Risk Assessment Bulletin, which proposed new technical guidance on risk assessments produced by the federal government. The proposal was withdrawn after the National Academies of Science, among others, strongly criticized the proposal as fundamentally flawed. Any comment on this?

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8. One person who worked with the EPA in this period said that Dr. Beck, during the Bush administration, while at OIRA, acted like she was trying to throw "sand in the gears" to slow or block restrictions on chemicals. Any reaction to this?

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9. Dr. Beck has over the years frequently been critical of the way that EPA goes about defining risk. She has talked about weaknesses in the process that she believes result in "phantom" risks or unclear or exaggerated findings regarding risk. Can you elaborate on this please?

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10. Is it the goal of the EPA, during the new administration, to bring better balance and accuracy to the way the EPA handles risk assessments? Can you explain this.

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11. After President Obama was elected, Bob Sussman and Lisa Jackson went to the White House and specifically asked that OIRA no longer be allowed to "interfere" with EPA scientific assessments, pointing the blame on Dr. Beck's actions during the Bush administration. Sussman said he was given assurances that this request would be honored. Any reaction to this?

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12. Dr. Beck grew up in Long Island. Can you tell me a bit about her family history? What part of Long Island? What did her parents do? Did she have an interest in science while in high school? Any details from that experience that you could share? The story discusses Dr. Beck's career and also her commitment to science. We want to make her into a real person and welcome any additional biographic details. I tried already to call almost everyone on your list you suggested. And did get some help, particularly from John Graham.

13. Dr. Beck worked at Estée Lauder from 1988 to 1990, in Melville, NY, where she helped develop preservatives used to extend the shelf life of cosmetics, and also designed laboratory tests to determine if products caused adverse reactions when applied to skin. Fact checking. Any additional description of this work you can provide?

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14. During a June 1 meeting with an environmental group to discuss the final rules for TSCA, (DCRoomEast3156 1 p.m) the discussion turned to the consideration of adding specific definitions for terms like "best available science" The environmentalists objected to this change. Dr. Beck responded by saying "I just don't understand what the big deal is." Fact checking this.

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15. Staff involved in the final drafting of the risk assessment and prioritization rules said that Nancy Beck handled herself during these processes as if she was Wendy Hamnett's boss, as she seemed to be the superior, not someone who reported to Ms. Hamnett. Any reaction to that?

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16. A senior EPA official who was in charge of the toxic chemicals and pesticides program has told us that she was instructed in March 2017 by Ryan Jackson to change her position on chlorpyrifos petition, and that she had wanted to approve the petition, consistent with the recommendation of EPA staff, but was overruled. Any comment on this?

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17. Two EPA staff members told us that Ms. Beck has made clear that she would like to see additional research and evaluation of the proposed January 2017 actions related to methylene chloride and TCE, as she feels like the agency is not ready to move ahead with the January 2017 recommended actions and that the recommendation needs to be reconsidered. Any comment on this?

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18. An EPA staff member told us that when a conversation related to methylene chloride came up, with Dr. Beck, and concerns about deaths that have occurred during its use, Dr. Beck asked a point about whether this was a "1 percent" matter, meaning a very small percent of users, and also that the problem may be that users are not following the label that required ventilation, meaning it was perhaps a user problem, not a product flaw or product issue. Any comment on this?

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19. Dr. Beck on June 8th was given an "impartiality determination" letter by Kevin S. Minoli. The memo specifically says: "Under the federal ethics regulations, you are permitted to participate in matters of general applicability (such as rulemaking) even if individual members of your former employer will be affected by that particular matter. Until now, you have recused yourself from participating personally and substantially in those comments to rulemaking that were offered by ACC. This impartiality determination confirms that you are permitted to participate in any discussions or consideration of comments submitted by ACC to rulemaking or other matters of general applicability. You may also attend meetings at which ACC is present or represented, but only if the following conditions are met: (a) the subject matter of the discussion is a particular matter of general applicability, (b) other interested non-federal entities are present besides only ACC, and (c) you are not the only Agency official at the meeting. This authorization will remain in effect for the remainder of your cooling off period." Here is my question. I am aware that Dr. Beck participated in meeting at EPA prior to June 8 in which ACC comments on the TSCA implementation were discussed. For example, at at June 1 2017 meeting with Environmental Working Group, the discussion related to the proposed inclusion of new definitions in the final rule--a position advocated by ACC--was discussed, as was ACC's advocacy of this change. Was this a violation of the ethics rules? Any comment on this?

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20. Why is it appropriate and ethical to have someone who just a few months ago was working for the ACC in a job in which she was trying to influence the outcome of the TSCA rulemaking process to now be in a position in which she is influencing as an EPA employee the TSCA implementation effort. Please address why this is not a conflict?

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21. If someone suggested that Dr. Beck's presence at the EPA could end up saving the chemical industry billions of dollars, in reduced regulatory cost, given the more balance approach to TSCA implementation she will take, what would be her reaction to this?

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22. What are Dr. Beck's goals for reformed TSAC implementation?

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23. Why has she committed her life to working on chemical safety?

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24. Anything else you want to address?

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**From:** Chris White [mailto:chris@dailycallernewsfoundation.org]
**Sent:** Saturday, October 21, 2017 5:45 PM

**To:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Subject:** NYT Eric Lipton on chemical regs

Hello, Liz

Christopher White, energy and environmental reporter at The Daily Caller News Foundation.

I stumbled on this piece today from the The New York Time's Eric Lipton. His report leans into the EPA considerably about the appointment of Nancy Beck to the agency's chemical regulations unit.

In particular, he notes that Beck was instrumental toward shifting the EPA's stance on some toxic chemicals. Lipton included a quote from you blasting him and TheNYT in general for their bias reporting on this subject and others.

Lipton also indicated in the article that you refused to explain why the agency is proposing to lift bans on certain pesticides. Curious if Lipton is giving us all the information here.

What is you and the EPA's response to the piece? Is the information complete or is missing several crucial pieces of the puzzle?

Thanks,

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Christopher White
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**To**: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]; Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Media Advisory (003).docx

It's fine

**From:** Konkus, John
**Sent:** Saturday, October 21, 2017 2:25 PM
**To:** Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
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So how about this: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

On Oct 21, 2017, at 2:15 PM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

> Yeah. I talked to Deb. She's attending the event. We don't need to speak. It's not our report. We are attending though. But ORD didn't know Region 1 was attending and vice versa. The lab in RI is an ORD lab which reports to HQ not R1. You see where this cluster of an explanation is heading.

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On Oct 21, 2017, at 1:50 PM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:

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Can you please communicate that to the staff and/or Nancy and then reply to any press inquiries that come in on this one?

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**From**: Millett, John [Millett.John@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 4/22/2014 7:59:17 PM
**To**: Noonan, Jenny [Noonan.Jenny@epa.gov]; Drinkard, Andrea [Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: 4/21 RA Call TPs
**Attachments**: OAR-RA call TPs.docx

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**From:** Millett, John
**Sent:** Saturday, April 19, 2014 1:12 PM
**To:** McCabe, Janet; Stewart, Lori; Goffman, Joseph; Drinkard, Andrea
**Subject:** Fw: 4/21 RA Call TPs

First installment -- for monday's RA Call.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

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**From:** John Millett < Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
**Sent:** Saturday, April 19, 2014 1:07 PM
**To:** Millett, John
**Subject:** 4/21 RA Call TPs
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**OAR-RA Call**
**Talking Points**

Regional/HQ Coordination Climate and 111(d) Outreach

- Greetings!
- On track for an early June signature and announcement of the Carbon Pollution Guidelines for Existing Power Plants.
- We're about 6 weeks out.
- Regions and HQ have done an amazing job of outreach thus far – from the listening sessions to smaller 1-on-1 meetings.
- The administrator has been clear that she wants us to ramp up our engagement.
- OAR has been working with the administrator's team in framing out a strategy for before, during and after we issue the proposal.
- Our objective for this call is to share our thinking so far, and then hear from you.
- Then in short order we can put an agency-wide plan together to see us through this next – and critical – phase of our work.

**BEFORE**

- For the remainder of April and through May, we think it makes a lot of sense to identify and take opportunities to put the upcoming proposal, and the President's Climate Action Plan in context.
- We're not asking you all to be experts on the proposal or to give previews of the rule while it's under interagency review.
- But over the next month HQ and the regions can highlight actions and engage communities on climate change whether it's on the impacts we're seeing now, or community approaches to prevent or prepare for a changing climate.
- You know your states and communities best, but some of our ideas include press and stakeholder events or outreach:
    - Visiting research centers studying climate impacts
    - Speaking at conferences
    - Attending community meetings
    - Working with an Energy Star partner to highlight a project or accomplishment.
    - Issuing news alerts highlighting local or regional impacts described in national research studies
    - Meeting with local officials involved with mitigation efforts
    - Delivering speeches on climate at commencement ceremonies
    - Meeting with leaders about Tribal climate concerns
    - Visiting an area jeopardized by climate change
- Tom Reynolds and the OAR communications team will be following up **very soon** with your Public Affairs Directors and Air Division Directors to flesh out the plans and identify and develop the resources and materials needed to support you.
- But I think we're looking at goal of 1-2 press and stakeholder events each from each region between now and June.

**QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION**

**DURING – Remind that all of this is close hold.**

- I think we can also give you an idea of what we're currently expecting for an announcement.
- Our current thinking is that there will not be an expectation for regional events on the day of the announcement.
- The plan is nowhere near final, but it's safe to assume that this will be a high-level national announcement.
- Certainly we'll look to you, as always, to help spread the word to your regional contacts – press, stakeholders and states, tribes and local governments.

**AFTER**

- But very soon after the day of signature and announcement, we'll be looking to you to highlight the proposal in appropriate ways, with press and especially stakeholders.
- It's not too soon to start thinking about what would make sense for your region.
- Clean energy projects, community or business energy efficiency efforts, roundtables, college visits to help explain the proposal and encourage public comment – all those types of efforts will be great backdrops and venues to educate people about the proposal.
- We'll also want to circle back with all of the contacts that we made during the information-gathering phase of the rulemaking, so we'll be looking to the air division directors to help us re-trace our steps there.
- We will have a ton of rollout materials for you to work with to understand and help explain the proposal – power points, fact sheets, q/a's talking points, online videos.
- Then as we get into July we'll be looking at public hearings on the proposal.

**QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION**

Message

**From**: McCabe, Janet [McCabe.Janet@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 4/21/2014 2:34:01 PM
**To**: Drinkard, Andrea [Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov]; Goffman, Joseph [Goffman.Joseph@epa.gov]; Millett, John [Millett.John@epa.gov]
**CC**: Atkinson, Emily [Atkinson.Emily@epa.gov]; Knapp, Kristien [Knapp.Kristien@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: RA Call TPs
**Attachments**: 111d RA call 4-21-14 jm.docx

A few changes on the attached. I'm not sure why the edits aren't showing up with all the underlining, etc., but there's at least a marginal indicator. I think we're fine.

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**From:** Drinkard, Andrea
**Sent:** Monday, April 21, 2014 9:47 AM
**To:** Goffman, Joseph; McCabe, Janet; Millett, John
**Cc:** Atkinson, Emily; Knapp, Kristien
**Subject:** RE: RA Call TPs

Hi Joe,

I incorporated your comments. Bullets 5 and 6 are new. Note that I wrote in an optional shout out to Regions 4 and 10 for their coordination efforts. Feel free to ignore if it's not appropriate, but they've done a lot of work on this effort, so thought I'd give you the option.

The rest I just took out of ALL CAPS. Let me and John know if there are any additional edits to these. I'll wait to see if you have any additional comments and will make sure they're printed before the 2:30.

-AD-

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**From:** Goffman, Joseph
**Sent:** Sunday, April 20, 2014 2:16 PM
**To:** McCabe, Janet; Millett, John; Drinkard, Andrea
**Subject:** Fw: RA Call TPs

Welcome back, Andrea. Please see below. Thanks.

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**From:** Joseph Goffman < Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) >
**Sent:** Sunday, April 20, 2014 2:14:57 PM
**To:** Goffman, Joseph
**Subject:** RA Call TPs

just some quick thoughts in attached. I think we will need to address how we plan to brief them on the contents of the proposal.

along those lines, i would suggest that we think about looking at the last 10 days of May for a series of small group calls with 1 - 3 regions (RA, ADD and PAD).

We will also have to think about whether the order in which we brief the regions matters in terms of discretion.

thanks.

Message

**From**: Millett, John [Millett.John@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 1/20/2015 6:15:04 PM
**To**: McCabe, Janet [McCabe.Janet@epa.gov]; Drinkard, Andrea [Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov]; Dennis, Allison [Dennis.Allison@epa.gov]; Grundler, Christopher [grundler.christopher@epa.gov]; Hengst, Benjamin [Hengst.Benjamin@epa.gov]; Dunham, Sarah [Dunham.Sarah@epa.gov]; Krieger, Jackie [Krieger.Jackie@epa.gov]; Flynn, Mike [Flynn.Mike@epa.gov]; Cherepy, Andrea [Cherepy.Andrea@epa.gov]; Page, Steve [Page.Steve@epa.gov]; Koerber, Mike [Koerber.Mike@epa.gov]; Shaw, Betsy [Shaw.Betsy@epa.gov]; Niebling, William [Niebling.William@epa.gov]; Powers, Tom [Powers.Tom@epa.gov]; Goffman, Joseph [Goffman.Joseph@epa.gov]; Knapp, Kristien [Knapp.Kristien@epa.gov]; Stewart, Lori [Stewart.Lori@epa.gov]; DeMocker, Jim [DeMocker.Jim@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Digital communications and EPA: Re-thinking how we do business

On that note, Tom R just sent this note around . . .

Given the recent digital communications memo I circulated, I thought you'd find this interesting. Looks at what White House is doing with digital media to expand the reach and message penetration for tonight's speech. It's an example of their broader communications strategy. Ours too.

http://www.nytimes.com/2015/01/20/us/politics/doing-more-than-putting-an-annual-address-into-140-characters.html?smid=nytpolitics&_r=0

# Obama's Social Media Team Tries to Widen Audience for State of the Union Address

By MICHAEL D. SHEARJAN. 19, 2015

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Kori Schulman leads the White House's efforts to disseminate information through social media. Credit Doug Mills/The New York Times

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WASHINGTON — The Obama administration has revamped its digital communications strategy in an attempt to reach new audiences for the State of the Union speech — a classic old-media event — and sidestep the skeptical filter often applied by White House reporters.

President Obama's aides have drafted a team of Internet-savvy staff members to produce a series of videos, digital op-eds, Facebook and Twitter posts, and six-second animated GIFs to capture a larger audience than the mainstream media's shrinking number of viewers and readers.

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They are essential tools in selling the president's message during his last two years in office, White House officials say. In recent announcements on college affordability, immigration and net neutrality, the president has relied on social media platforms including YouTube, Facebook, Medium, Vine, LinkedIn and Twitter. Last Tuesday, Mr. Obama previewed his plan for broadband access in a three-and-a-half-minute video posted on the viral content website Upworthy.

"It's still true that most people still get their news from television and big newspapers," said Jennifer Palmieri, the president's communications director. "But if that's all you're talking to, you're missing big parts of the population. National media is going to cover a story like health care through a political lens. The average person is thinking: 'How does that health care law affect me?' "

The political impact of using social media is not yet clear. Mr. Obama's approval rating has inched up but remains no higher than 50 percent. Congress is now in Republican hands, and there is little evidence that the digital public relations campaign is helping bridge the partisan divide.

The president's communications team has not abandoned traditional media altogether. After announcing a new Cuba policy last month, the president sat down for an interview on network television. Mr. Obama still holds occasional news conferences at the White House or discusses policy in interviews with newspaper columnists. Staff members still regularly brief Washington reporters.

But senior advisers say the White House must change with the media landscape.

"To not have an aggressive social media strategy in 2015 would be the equivalent of not having an aggressive TV strategy in the 1950s," said Dan Pfeiffer, the president's senior adviser and the West Wing's most vocal advocate of digital communication. "We have to go to where the conversations are already happening."

The Office of Digital Strategies is crammed into a five-office suite in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building next to the White House. The team, made up of about two dozen members, hold regular planning meetings, and few ideas are dismissed out of hand.

On Tuesday, a lime-green conference room will serve as the nerve center for the "enhanced" State of the Union speech, which people can watch on WhiteHouse.gov, complete with graphs and charts popping up in real time.

People who miss the address on Tuesday will have plenty of opportunities to catch up. The digital team is preparing to flood social media channels with short clips of the speech and web links to Mr. Obama's policy proposals.

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In recent weeks, Mr. Pfeiffer and others in the White House have relaxed their usually secretive approach to the address, a speech he calls an "old-school" moment that is no longer the "one must-see event of the year" for a president.

Rather than jealously guard the policy proposals the president will announce in the speech — lest they leak — the White House has already rolled them out on social media. That strategy scooped the press and generated millions of retweets well before the newspaper articles and television reports were even produced.

The results have caught the attention of the president's most senior advisers, who are increasingly turning to the digital team for guidance on how technology can help Mr. Obama better connect with the public, officials said.

"Not only have the digital tools become more important in communications generally, but the people in the building want it more and are asking for it," said Kori Schulman, the director of online engagement.

The White House used social media on Jan. 8 to reveal the president's plan for tuition-free education at community colleges. Reporters traveling that day with the president peppered Josh Earnest, the press secretary, with questions about what they expected to be an official announcement in Knoxville, Tenn., on Jan. 9. Would the president copy Tennessee's free community college program?

"I don't have a lot right now on tomorrow's events," Mr. Earnest said.

The reporters still knew nothing about the president's plan when the plane landed at Andrews Air Force Base at 5:16 p.m. Forty-five minutes later, the White House posted a two-minute video of Mr. Obama announcing the plan on Facebook. He had recorded it on Air Force One a day earlier, and it quickly became the most viewed video the Obama White House has ever produced, officials said.

The news eventually generated headlines in traditional newspapers and on the nightly television broadcasts. Mr. Pfeiffer said he was not yet ready to give up on the traditional news media, which still reaches many millions of people.

"We also have to be in The New York Times and the evening news," he said. "Our view is not an either-or strategy. It's an and-both strategy."

But Mr. Pfeiffer, who recently wrote two articles for the blogging platform Medium, said he sensed that a tipping point had already been reached where digital tools were no longer optional but necessary.

The digital team members themselves say that in the six years of Mr. Obama's presidency, there has been a noticeable change in how they are perceived by their old-media colleagues.

Lindsay Holst, the director of digital content, said the difference is stark: "The digital kids are less the weird kids in a cave now."

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**Subject:** Fw: Digital communications and EPA: Re-thinking how we do business

I guess I need to learn how to tweet....Please share with your PADs, if they haven't seen this already. John/Andrea--I expect you'll be letting us know about further opportunities to talk about these approaches and how we can modernize our thinking about how to get our message out. we need young people, is one message I take from it.

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**From:** Reynolds, Thomas
**Sent:** Monday, January 12, 2015 5:18 PM
**To:** Reynolds, Thomas
**Subject:** Digital communications and EPA: Re-thinking how we do business

MEMO -- Digital communications and EPA: Re-thinking how we do business

Tweet. Hashtag. Shares. Likes. Viral. App.

This is the new lexicon for modern communications professionals. From startups, to Fortune 500 companies, to the White House.

In recent years, the media landscape has undergone a seismic shift, moving away from "traditional" media to one that is user-driven, community-based, and visual.
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If you have a message to disseminate, if you have an audience to speak to, if you have stakeholders to reach, you must fully and effectively utilize digital media and all its platforms. While we may have well-crafted messages, they must reach our targeted audiences to be effective.

Take Facebook for example. The company reports 864 million daily active users on average and 1.35 billion monthly active users total as of September 30, 2014.

Look at Twitter, a social networking service. The company currently has 284 million monthly active users who send an average 500 million tweets per day.

Look at Instagram, the photosharing app. It has added more than 100 million monthly active users over the past nine months bringing the app's total user count to over 300 million.

For context, the Wall Street Journal and the New York Times has a daily circulation of 2.3 million and 1.8 million readers, respectively. And they are both declining.

The bottom line is that social media has become modern public relations for companies and executives. In one survey of 1,000 US and UK employees in diverse companies ranging from startups to Fortune 500 companies, spanning various industries, over two-thirds of respondents agreed that social media has become an essential aspect of PR and communications strategy. The same survey said nearly three-quarters of US respondents believe that a company whose executives and leadership team use social media to communicate about core mission, brand values and purpose is more trustworthy.

The same must apply for EPA. If we truly strive to be a high-preforming agency, we need to modernize our communications strategy across the board.

That does not mean we will ignore traditional media, like the Journal, or the Times, or the Cleveland Plain Dealer, or the Denver Post. Those outlets will always hold a key position in any communications strategy. In fact, many top tier media organizations will always have a disproportionate impact regardless of its comparative reach to social media. But these same outlets are seeing shrinking readership, smaller audiences and reduced newsrooms. So while a positive, or negative, story in the New York Times will always generate a reaction, speaking directly to targeted audiences through social media must take on a larger role in our strategic communications efforts.

So what does this mean? It means re-prioritizing how we approach communications. Platforms like Facebook and Twitter cannot be an afterthought. They must carry as much weight, or more in some cases, than traditional press releases and fact sheets. We must put a new premium on visual story telling. This means more use of photos, video and infographics. EPA's story is a visual one, so we need to use the right tools to tell it. Lastly, it will mean a review of

how we staff public affairs offices. Moving forward, offices may want to consider recruiting digital media advisors, or utilizing talents of existing agency staff through the EPA Skills Marketplace tool.

In short, we need to be delivering our message to places where people are. And now, and more so in the future, that means online through a variety of digital and social media platforms.

In coming weeks, there will be a variety of opportunities to discuss this in more depth and detail. For example, I plan to invite RAs and AAs to join a call to focus on expanding the use of social media. In mid-February, EPA's PADs and communications directors will gather for a two-day in-person meeting at headquarters and this topic will feature heavily in the discussion. We are also working to develop trainings, tools and best practices to share with relevant communications staff as we undertake this effort. In the meantime, I am always happy to answer questions or discuss ideas.

And like turning a cruise ship, I recognize this will take time. But it must happen. The Agency has already made huge strides expanding our use of digital tools. But with new realities about what it takes for successful communication, outreach and engagement, it is time to double down on those effort and expand our success.

I look forward to your thoughts and feedback, and continuing this conversation and effort in the weeks and months ahead.

Thanks,

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Appointment

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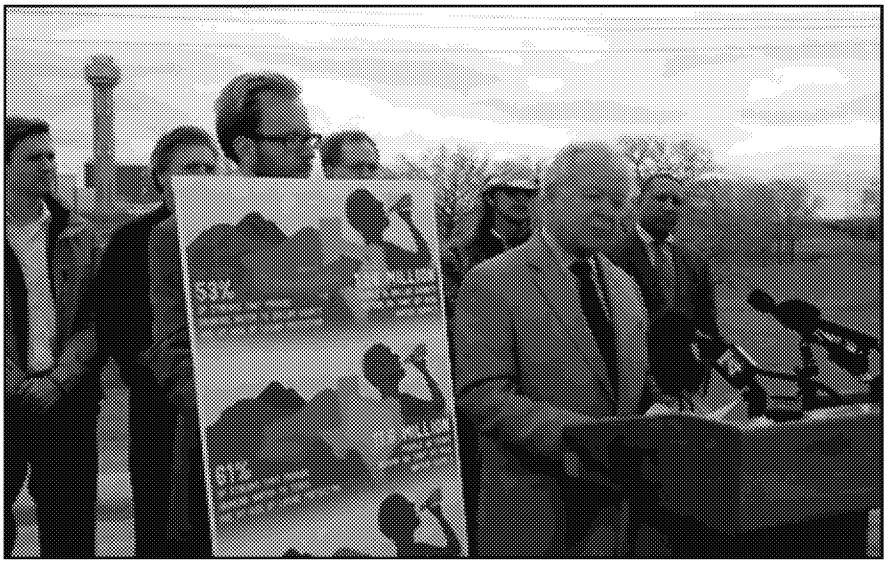
# In-the-Moment Videos

*Office of Multimedia [March 2015]*

## Capturing the moment

*Using short sound bites to tell your story*



*Remember, when planning the event, think about the backdrop, lighting, background noise, props, etc. Determine the position for your camera/smartphone and block the space to have a guaranteed shot during the event. Tip: Do a practice video shoot after everything is set up.*

In-the-moment videos capture "on the spot" sound bites to promote your messages through social media within hours of an EPA press event, press conference, etc. Choose moments that stand on their own, with a full thought or explanation so viewers understand the context. The idea is to create an experience for a viewer who may have missed your event and give them a quick snippet of information to whet their appetite to learn more about your topic.

***Keep the clips short, 60 seconds or less. The clip is meant to highlight your event.***

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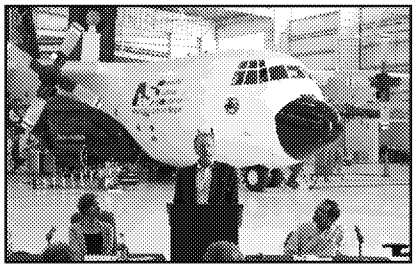
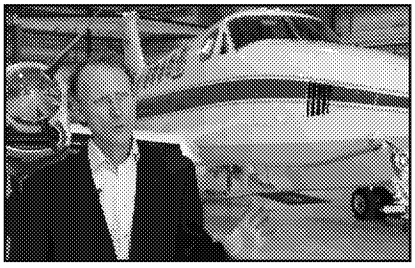




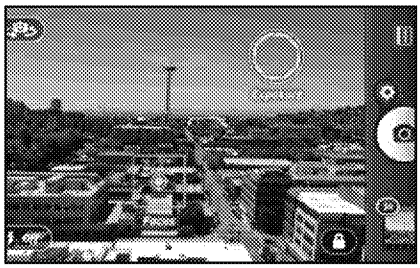
***Top:*** *Capture an in-the-moment sound bite at the podium.*
***Bottom:*** *Grab your subject for a quick sound bite at the event so you have greater control of the background, lighting, noise level, etc.*

During an emergency response situation, you ***must*** contact OPA to follow procedures set by the agency.

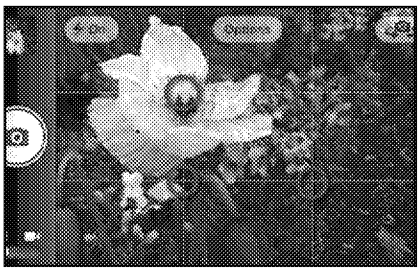
## KEY THINGS TO CONSIDER FOR IN-THE-MOMENT VIDEOS

- Must be of a person speaking "live" at an event. The subject can be at a podium, in a different part of the event venue, just outside the event venue, etc. They can look directly at the camera or off-camera depending on the look you want to achieve.
- Clip should be captured during or immediately after the event. ***Video should not be staged.*** For example, videos with scientists at a media event is appropriate; taping the same employees in their lab or on location (at a Superfund site for example) is not appropriate. Staged videos fall under the 48-hr category in PROTRAC and must be reviewed accordingly.
- Do not edit clips beyond trimming the front and end. Edited videos must be submitted through PROTRAC.
- Use the highest resolution available on your camera for capturing video.
- Use a good audio recording device and try to avoid capturing loud and distracting noises. In video, sound is key. If the viewer can't understand the speaker, the message is lost.
- Choose a good shooting location – get as close to the speaker as possible, make sure they are well lit, don't let things stick out of their heads (like trees or telephone poles) and make sure you don't cut off your speaker's head.
- Use smooth camera movements – don't do fast pans or zooms with your camera or smart phone when capturing in the moment video.

# TIPS AND TRICKS: SHOOTING WITH A **SMART PHONE**



***Focus control:*** *Tap on the screen to set focus. Hold down your finger to lock the focus point. There are apps available that give you greater control over the camera settings.*



***Rule of thirds:*** *Use the grid to set up your shot. When capturing images of people, use your subject's eyes as the focal point.*

✱ CAMERA ORIENTATION: Video is always shot in the landscape configuration so hold your camera in a horizontal position.

✱ ZOOM CONTROLS: Do not use the zoom feature on your smart phone. This artificially increases the size of the image, which will cause pixelation. If you need a closer shot, physically move in closer to your subject. Zoom with your feet, not the camera.

✱ FRAMING: Follow the rule of thirds when framing your shot. Even though you're shooting with a smart phone, the basics of good videography still apply. There are apps available for smart phones that will allow you to superimpose the rule of thirds grid on your screen. Don't worry, the lines won't show up in your recorded footage. They just serve as a guide to help you place your subject in the frame.

When framing, pay attention to the head room (the amount of space between your subject's head and the top of the frame). Make sure you leave enough space so if the subject shifts upward, you don't cut off his or her head. Excessive head room or dead space makes for an awkward shot. Remember, the focus should be their eyes, so try to place their face at one of the intersecting points of your grid.

Finally, leave enough lead room (space between the subject and the direction they're facing) so it doesn't appear as if they're falling off screen.

✱ STABILIZING YOUR SMART PHONE: Because of the weight and size of your phone, it's almost impossible to hold the phone absolutely steady when recording video. Ideally, you'll have a mini tripod that you can attach to your phone. If you don't, leverage your body to minimize the shaking. Instead of holding out your arms fully extended, rest your elbows against your body for a more stable shot. Lean against something, like a wall, pillar, etc. If you can rest the phone on a surface, like a table, that's the best way to stabilize a smart phone using things in your surrounding environment.

If you have a standard tripod available, you can purchase an accessory for your smart phone that will allow you to mount the phone to your tripod.

✱ EXPOSURE: This refers to how bright your image is -- if it's too dark or under exposed, the darkest parts of your shot will be black with no detail; if it's too bright or over exposed, the brightest spots of the shot will appear white with no detail. Exposure settings are adjusted automatically on most smart phones. If you want greater control, download apps that will allow you to further adjust exposure levels and lock your settings.

✱ FOCUS: This refers to the point in your frame that you want to appear in sharpest detail. On most smart phones, tapping on the screen will tell your camera where you want it to focus; usually holding down your finger on that spot will lock the focus point so changing the shot won't cause the focus to shift. Most smart phones use an auto focus feature. If you want greater control, download apps that will allow you to set multiple focus points and lock those points.

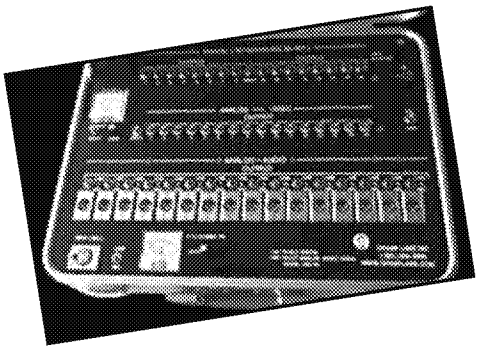
✱ AUDIO: Your audience wants to hear your message, but if they can't hear it clearly, they're not going to stick around to watch your video clip. The mic on your smart phone is an omni-directional mic, meaning it captures sound from all around the device. So, the background noise is going to overwhelm your speaker's voice.

Your best bet is to use an external lavalier or stick mic that you plug into the headphone jack on your phone. Make sure the connector is a 3.5 mm microphone/ multimedia plug so it fits snugly in the headphone input. Always monitor your sound using headphones while recording to ensure you don't have any technical issues with the audio. If you need equipment suggestions, contact the Office of Multimedia.

***Audio:*** *For best results, use an external device to capture high quality sound. If your viewer can't understand what's being said, then your message is lost.*

# TIPS AND TRICKS: SHOOTING WITH A **VIDEO/DSLR CAMERA**

✱ AUDIO: When setting up for your press event, make sure you put a mic on the podium or plug into a mult box to capture the best audio. Check your audio levels in advance of the event, but be prepared to adjust your levels when the event starts,



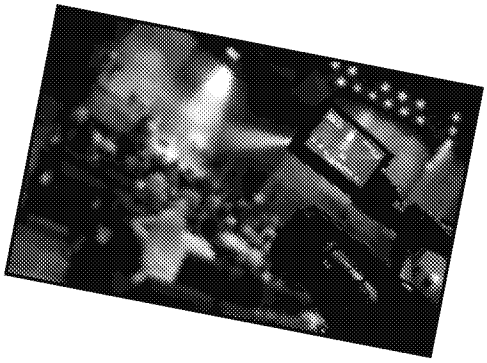
because each speaker may not talk at the same volume or distance from the mic.

✱ VIDEO: When framing your shot, remember that web videos include all of the content in your frame, including the areas outside the title safe zone. Make sure that every element of what you see in the frame should be included in the shot. Tighten up your shot to eliminate unnecessary elements. Watch out for things that may be sticking out of your speakers' heads like trees, light poles, etc. Think about your vantage point for the best angle.

Make sure you're shooting at eye level and not looking up your speakers' noses. If your tripod doesn't go up high enough, try to find a riser to set up on.

✱ FOCUS AND STABILIZE: Make sure you establish your shot before you hit record. Check the focus and make sure your subject is clear and centered in the frame. Stabilize yourself so the video isn't shaky, zooming in and out, rack focusing, etc. If you're standing on a riser, stand with your feet apart and avoid shifting your weight from side to side, as this will shake the tripod and camera.

✱ BATTERIES AND POWER: Before the event kicks off, make sure you have enough batteries to run



your equipment or plug into an AC outlet if the press conference is expected to last more than an hour.

**Use only EPA-issued devices to capture in the moment videos.**

If you need to use a personal device, make sure you email the video to your EPA email account, save it to your EPA computer or upload it to your OneDrive in SharePoint to generate an official record of the video.

*Remember, all EPA multimedia content, including videos, must be treated as an official record.*

## POSTING YOUR VIDEO ON YOUTUBE

Your program office/region must have an approved plan for posting in the moment videos. Coordinate with your communications director and appointed YouTube account holder to upload your clip. For each video you must provide:

✱ Title (100 character limit)

✱ Description: 3-5 line description of what the video is about. This must include the note for captions, the EPA website URL and the EPA comment policy.

✱ 5-10 tag words: Tagging will pull up your video in search engines based on the words you select. Separate the words with commas. Make sure to always include "epa," "usepa," "environment," and "us environmental protection agency."

✱ Thumbnail: As YouTube processes the video, the system will automatically generate 3 thumbnails. You can also upload your own image. Select the thumbnail before navigating away from the upload page.

✱ Captions: All videos uploaded to the YouTube channel must be captioned within 24 hours. The captions should include the name of the speaker (you can include the title if it isn't too long) and a verbatim description of what is happening on screen, to include any natural sounds like music, birds chirping, clapping, etc. Please refer to the Office of Multimedia's intranet site for detailed guides on YouTube uploads and captions.

(http://intranet.epa.gov/media/guidelines.html)

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Hi Everyone,

Thank you for all the very helpful edits. The rollout for the low income solar and energy efficiency event is postponed. It will no longer occur on July 11. We'll be in touch early next week with additional details on rescheduling, please hold all of the announcements until we lock in a date.

Thank you very much,

Candace

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Thank you very much,

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Message

**From**: VonDemHagen, Rebecca [VonDemHagen.Rebecca@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 7/7/2016 8:06:08 PM
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**CC**: Krieger, Jackie [Krieger.Jackie@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: CLOSE HOLD: For Review before 7 PM

Thanks - Monday's event is also news to us. Sarah is in a meeting, but I will run this by her when she gets back.

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Subject: RE: CLOSE HOLD: For Review before 7 PM

Thanks for the input. No, we were not aware of the event nor the Administrator's participation in the event. Good to know.

I defer Jackie and Rebecca about whether it makes sense to include the draft fact sheet in Janet's folder as an FYI.

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I flagged for Melissa who noted that the Administrator will be doing an event to promote this announcement on Monday. They aren't sure what the event will look like, but I told them that we'd be happy to help however we could. They appreciated the draft fact sheet. It will help with the Administrator's remarks.

Were you aware of the event?

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Hi Andrea,

For our two paragraphs, this is the same language that was already reviewed by Janet last week (our parts went in her briefing book last week). Mustafa and team also have already reviewed it last week.

Nothing to raise or review, just an FYI and reminder that it is going out on Monday as well as more details on what was included from the other agencies (we just had the list of agencies last week not the content from them). I'm not sure about who else has been given a heads up on the 3rd floor.

Thanks so much,
Carolyn

EPA's two main updates in the attached:

Hosting a National Funding Resources and Training Summit for Vulnerable Communities: On October 25-26, 2016, the EPA will host The National Funding Resources and Training Summit for Vulnerable Communities in Washington, DC to enhance collaboration around environmental, health and economic concerns and ensure vulnerable populations have access to information, services, and data for increased resilience, engagement, and sustainability. The summit themes will include: just transition workforce development, financial resources and entrepreneurship development, and health and environmental training and outreach.

Providing Resources to Bring Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy to Low-Income Communities: In the coming months, the EPA will provide additional informational resources to help state and local energy, environmental, housing, and social services agencies, non-profits, and utilities understand successful models they can use to bring energy efficiency and renewable energy to low-income communities. Current resources available on the EPA's website include five case studies and profiles [includes hyperlink], recordings from three webinars, and a guide to EPA programs.

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Nothing pops up for me, it is a bit long....

Is there a plan for flagging for Janet? Joe didn't seem interested in reviewing, but I'm not sure whether he understood our equities when I raised it. I might suggest sending it up through OAR_briefings to get it in their folders tonight for review.

Also, has Mustafa seen this or anyone else on the 3rd floor? I'd like to flag it for Melissa, so she's looped and aware.

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Hi Andrea - I've been asked to flag this for OAR Comms. I believe you were the person who worked on this when we were developing EPA's initial input into the announcement, but please let me know if I should be directed this to someone else. At this time, we are not planning to send any edits. Let us know if anything pops out at you.

Thanks,
Rebecca

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Hi Jackie and Rebecca,

We just got this from the White House for the July 11 announcement with a tight deadline of getting back to them. They did not include the general CEIP language nor the additional EPA CEIP outreach session. But they do have our paragraph on the resources from SLB and the National Funding Resources and Training Summit for Vulnerable Communities. Let me know if you have any comments.

Thanks,
Carolyn

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**Attachments**: statement and qs - CEIP to OMB 4-27-15_FINAL.docx

Pasted below is our press statement when the CEIP went over to OMB, back on April 26 –

More background and q/a attached –

**EPA sending proposal about CEIP implementation details to OMB for interagency review**
EPA has sent a proposal with details about the optional Clean Energy Incentive Program (CEIP), a component of the Clean Power Plan, to the Office of Management and Budget for interagency review. Many states and tribes have indicated that they plan to move forward voluntarily to work to cut carbon pollution from power plants and have asked the agency to continue providing support and developing tools that may support those efforts, including the CEIP.

Sending this proposal to OMB for review is a routine step and it is consistent with the Supreme Court stay of the Clean Power Plan. The proposal is informed by an extensive public outreach and engagement process that began late last year and has included engagement with hundreds of interested stakeholders. That engagement will continue, including a public comment period and an opportunity for a public hearing, once the proposal becomes available for public review and comment after the interagency review process is complete.

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Here's some language that we have used previously (some from a speech so I need to fix formatting). Let me know if folks are ok with me saying we will review and respond in addition to this statement:

EPA remains fully confident in the legal merits of the Clean Power Plan. MANY STATES AND TRIBES HAVE ALREADY TOLD US THEY PLAN TO VOLUNTARILY MOVE FORWARD WITH CUTTING CARBON POLLUTION FROM POWER PLANTS, and they've asked us to support them. That's why we RELEASED OUR PROPOSED CLEAN ENERGY INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR REVIEW BY THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. The last year has been an incredible one for progress on climate and clean energy – with major milestones both domestically and internationally, and tremendous momentum in the transition of our energy sector here in the United States. These market signals speak for themselves. The C.P.P. isn't driving these shifts; it was designed to underpin them. Even without the C.P.P. in place yet, they're happening anyway.

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**Subject:** Media inquiries on House letter on CPP

Hey all- anything to say here other than we will review and respond? Also have inquiries from CQ/Roll call and E&E

Thanks--

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**To:** Allen, Laura <Allen.Laura@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Clean Power Plan letter

Hi Laura,
I wanted to see if EPA had any comment on today's letter from the House on implementing the Clean Power Plan despite the SCOTUS stay

http://energycommerce.house.gov/sites/republicans.energycommerce.house.gov/files/documents/114/letters/20160613EPA.pdf

Thanks

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**Attachments**: Joseph Goffman Event Form_10.15[1] - Aspen Inst May 24.docx

Looping in Rebecca for our internal EPA communications on this.

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Andrea, please find the event form for Sarah. Please let me know if you have any questions, logistically or otherwise. I'm happy to jump on the phone to help clarify anything.

Best,

Greg Gershuny

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Subject: RE: Aspen Roundtable

Thanks, George. This is incredibly helpful. We've got the time blocked off on Sarah's calendar. I typically turn things over to OAP to coordinate Sarah's speeches, but they are in a period of transition so I will continue to coordinate event. If the folks at the Aspen Institute could fill out the attached event form and get it back to us as soon as possible that will be incredibly helpful to make sure we prep Sarah and get her to the right place.

Thanks so much and we're looking forward to it!

-Andrea-

From: George Frampton [mailto:gframpton@partnershipforresponsiblegrowth.org]
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2016 10:40 AM
To: Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
Cc: Krieger, Jackie <Krieger.Jackie@epa.gov>; 'Kira Ayish' <kayish@partnershipforresponsiblegrowth.org>; 'Alexiev, Nicole' <nicole.alexiev@aspeninstitute.org>; 'Gershuny, Greg' <Greg.Gershuny@aspeninstitute.org>; 'DeVignes, Nikki' <Nikki.DeVignes@aspeninstitute.org>
Subject: Aspen Roundtable

Thanks Andrea. I'm including the Aspen folks on this email. The session is 2 pm to 3:15 pm Tuesday, May 24 at the Aspen Institute offices, One DuPont Circle, Suite 700. What we are looking for is a 7-10 minute presentation on what the likely expected rough timetable and milestones will be in EPA's Clean Air Act (and other GHG?) regulatory agenda over the next four years: a kind of "check list" of what might be the timing for (e.g.): submission and approval of state plans under the CPP; when CPP begins; information request(s) for methane existing oil and gas infrastructure; potential proposed rule, final rule; other 111(d) proposed rules [refineries? Cement Glass Chemicals, Aluminum Paper etc]; other. We have a paper on section 115 so will probably ask for Michael Burger from Columbia to do 5 minutes on the position of those who think it could be employed; then we will have a presentation on what Congress might do in the way of carbon pricing. Then discussion.

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From: Drinkard, Andrea [mailto:Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2016 10:08 AM
To: George Frampton
<gframpton@partnershipforresponsiblegrowth.org<mailto:gframpton@partnershipforresponsiblegrowth.org>>
Cc: Krieger, Jackie <Krieger.Jackie@epa.gov<mailto:Krieger.Jackie@epa.gov>>
Subject: RE: Follow Up

Hi George,

I hope you had a good trip to NYC. I am reaching out to let you know that we have been able to line up Sarah Dunham, the Director of our Office of Atmospheric Programs to fill Joe's time slot on May 24th. Could you please confirm the time of the session as well as the run of show and topics you'd like us to cover? Or put me in touch with the organizer for the meeting/session. I can be reached via email or on my desk line at 202.564.1601.

Thanks so much and I look forward to hearing from you.

-Andrea-
202.564.1601

From: Goffman, Joseph
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2016 2:48 PM
To: George Frampton
<gframpton@partnershipforresponsiblegrowth.org<mailto:gframpton@partnershipforresponsiblegrowth.org>>
Cc: Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov<mailto:Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>>
Subject: RE: Follow Up

Hi, George. Sorry to miss this myself, but my colleague Andrea Drinkard is the one who can help us make the arrangements for EPA participation. Thanks.

From: George Frampton [mailto:gframpton@partnershipforresponsiblegrowth.org]
Sent: Monday, May 16, 2016 5:23 PM
To: Goffman, Joseph <Goffman.Joseph@epa.gov<mailto:Goffman.Joseph@epa.gov>>
Subject: Re: Follow Up

Joe I don't think we can do this so I will have to ask if one of your colleagues could do the short presentation in our original slot just after lunch. I am in NYC tomorrow. You can call me anytime this evening or tomorrow you can get a minute or two. Thanks.

On Monday, May 16, 2016, Goffman, Joseph <Goffman.Joseph@epa.gov<mailto:Goffman.Joseph@epa.gov>> wrote:
Hi, George. Just want to follow up on our conversation on Friday – and, with apologies for making you suffer along with my always volatile schedule – let you know that I now have a meeting at 10 on Tuesday, May 24. So, your initial idea of scheduling the EPA slot for some time in the noon-12:45 range may be the better one after all. Thanks.

Joseph Goffman
Associate Assistant Administrator for Climate and Senior Counsel Office of Air and Radiation US EPA
Washington, DC.

# Event Information Form

This form has been designed to assist in planning participation in events and activities.
This is not a confirmation of Associate Assistant Administrator for Climate and Senior Counsel Joseph Goffman's attendance.

Basic Background

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| Name of Event | North American carbon price roundtable: *Beyond Paris: The Road Toward a North American Carbon Price* |
| Sponsoring Organization | Aspen Institute |
| Date of Event | May 24-25 |
| Time of Event | 9-7pm and 8-noon |
| Expected time of remarks or participation by Senior Counsel Goffman | 2-3:30pm on the 24th |
| Location (please include city/town and street address) | Aspen Institute, 1 Dupont Circle, 7th floor |
| Directions to the event (if appropriate, please also include relevant information about parking, the specific building, and best entrance to use) | |
| Where to meet POC | Lobby of 1 Dupont Circle |
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Event Description and Role of the Senior Counsel

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| Brief description or outline of the event | This is a roundtable discussion between government and non-government participants from Canada, U.S., and Mexico on how the three countries can work together over the next few years on climate change policies, and in particular carbon pricing policies. |
| Brochure, invitation and/or other event material(s) | Attached |
| Agenda and order of speakers and biography/information of other speakers | Jerry Taylor, President, Niskanen Center<br>Congress: Why Congress Can Price Carbon<br><br>Sarah Dunham, Director of our Office of Atmospheric Programs, EPA<br>EPA: What Does a Four/Eight Year Continuation of the GHG Regulatory Regime Look Like<br><br>Richard Kauffman, Chairman of Energy and Finance for New York, Office of NY Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo<br>What States Are Doing In The Meantime |
| Who is introducing POC? | Jessica Mathews, Former President, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace |

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| Basic information about the role of the Senior Counsel official at the event. (For example, will they serve as a keynote speaker? Participate on a panel? Take part in a press conference? Tour a facility?) | Ms. Dunham will serve as 1 of 3 speakers on a panel entitled What Action Could We See from the United States. The 3 panelists would each give 10 minutes of remarks, followed by about 40 minutes of discussion with the whole group of 40 attendees, moderated by Jessica Mathews. |
| If the Senior Counsel is a featured speaker, which topic(s) should they address and how long? | What we are looking for is a 7-10 minute presentation on what the likely expected rough timetable and milestones will be in EPA's Clean Air Act (and other GHG?) regulatory agenda over the next four years: a kind of "check list" of what might be the timing for (e.g.): submission and approval of state plans under the CPP; when CPP begins; information request(s) for methane existing oil and gas infrastructure; potential proposed rule, final rule; other 111(d) proposed rules [refineries? Cement Glass Chemicals, Aluminum Paper etc]; other. We have a paper on section 115 so will probably ask for Michael Burger from Columbia to do 5 minutes on the position of those who think it could be employed; then we will have a presentation on what Congress might do in the way of carbon pricing. Then discussion. |
| What rules would the audience like to hear about? | See above |
| Will there be time for Q&A? If so, who will be moderating? | It is a moderated discussion by Jessica Mathews |
| Do you have a sense of the types of questions that may be asked? | No |
| Recommendations on the use of visuals/PowerPoint. Should the Senior Counsel plan on using a PowerPoint Presentation? | No |
| What is the physical layout of the room (e.g. size, and format of the interaction; podium, seated in armchair dialogue, or at a table, etc.) | Square table with hollow center. The 3 speakers and the moderator will be in the 'front' of the room at the table. |

About the Audience

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| Please tell us about the make-up of the audience for the event: | |
| Expected number in attendance at the event | ~40 |
| Will it be largely members of your organization? | No. Audience is government, NGO, and private sector leaders from US, Canada, and Mexico. |
| Will others be in attendance? If so, who will be at the event? (General public, Businesspeople, Educators, Families, Students – what grade level, Children – how old) | This is a closed event – No press and it is chattam house rules (off the record not for attribution) |

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| Others? (Please describe) | |
| Is the event open to press? | NO |

Contact Information

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| Your name: | Greg Gershuny |
| Telephone Number: | 7035871141 |
| Mailing Address: | |
| E-Mail Address: | [ HYPERLINK "mailto:Greg.gershuny@aspeninst.org" ] |
| Cell Phone Number: | 7035871141 |
| Fax Number: | |
| Best way to reach you at the event? | Email or call (could also text to cell number) |

EPA Contact Person

Cynthia Browne, Administrative Assistant to Joe Goffman: 202-564-7404

Andrea Drinkard, Deputy Communications Director: 202-564-1601

Message

**From**: Walters, Margaret [Walters.Margaret@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 4/6/2016 7:18:17 PM
**To**: Drinkard, Andrea [Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov]; Shaw, Betsy [Shaw.Betsy@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FYI Only

**Margaret Walters**, Budget and Planning Lead
Office of Program Management Operations
Office of Air and Radiation - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW | Washington, DC 20460-0001
202-564-4107 | walters.margaret@epa.gov

**From:** Bray, Dave
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 06, 2016 3:17 PM
**To:** Wortman, Eric <Wortman.Eric@epa.gov>; Walters, Margaret <Walters.Margaret@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Materials for SP ADD Call today - CLOSE HOLD

Yes. Bill Becker sent them out to the NACAA Directors.

Dave

**From:** Wortman, Eric
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 06, 2016 12:00 PM
**To:** Walters, Margaret <Walters.Margaret@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Bray, Dave <Bray.Dave@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Materials for SP ADD Call today - CLOSE HOLD

Dave,

Did they share both documents (105 allocation and multi-purpose)? Please let us know ASAP.

Eric

**From:** Walters, Margaret
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 06, 2016 12:56 PM
**To:** Wortman, Eric <Wortman.Eric@epa.gov>; Roberts, Timothy-P <Roberts.Timothy-P@epa.gov>; Hopkins, Daniel <Hopkins.Daniel@epa.gov>; Hyde, Courtney <Hyde.Courtney@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Materials for SP ADD Call today - CLOSE HOLD

They haven't gone live yet but NACAA must have received copies.

**Margaret Walters**, Budget and Planning Lead
Office of Program Management Operations
Office of Air and Radiation - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW | Washington, DC 20460-0001
202-564-4107 | walters.margaret@epa.gov

**From:** Wortman, Eric
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 06, 2016 2:55 PM

**To:** Roberts, Timothy-P <Roberts.Timothy-P@epa.gov>; Walters, Margaret <Walters.Margaret@epa.gov>; Hopkins, Daniel <Hopkins.Daniel@epa.gov>; Hyde, Courtney <Hyde.Courtney@epa.gov>
**Subject:** FW: Materials for SP ADD Call today - CLOSE HOLD

Has the grants information gone external yet? Please let me know so I can notify ADDs.

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**From:** Bray, Dave
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 06, 2016 12:39 PM
**To:** Wortman, Eric <Wortman.Eric@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Materials for SP ADD Call today - CLOSE HOLD

Hi Eric,

One of our local agencies just sent these two attachments to our grant folks. Was there an early release of these to NACAA? They haven't been posted to the websites yet.

Dave

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**From:** Wortman, Eric
**Sent:** Monday, April 04, 2016 12:00 PM
**To:** Lakin, Matt <Lakin.Matthew@epa.gov>; Bray, Dave <Bray.Dave@epa.gov>
**Subject:** FW: Materials for SP ADD Call today - CLOSE HOLD

Here are the materials for today's ADD call. My apologies for the last minute invite, I was told to keep it limited to the Deputy level only but should of included you two since we are discussing the 105 allocation.

Eric

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**From:** Wortman, Eric
**Sent:** Monday, April 04, 2016 10:25 AM
**To:** David Conroy (Conroy.Dave@epa.gov) <Conroy.Dave@epa.gov>; Moraff, Kenneth <Moraff.Ken@epa.gov>; Hamjian, Lynne <Hamjian.Lynne@epa.gov>; Ariel Iglesias (Iglesias.Ariel@epa.gov) <Iglesias.Ariel@epa.gov>; Singelis, Nikos <Singelis.Nikos@epa.gov>; Arnold, David <arnold.david@epa.gov>; Carol Kemker (Kemker.Carol@epa.gov) <Kemker.Carol@epa.gov>; Beverly Banister (Banister.Beverly@epa.gov) <Banister.Beverly@epa.gov>; Toney, Anthony <Toney.Anthony@epa.gov>; George Czerniak (Czerniak.George@epa.gov) <Czerniak.George@epa.gov>; Furey, Eileen <furey.eileen@epa.gov>; Mitchell, Ken <Mitchell.Ken@epa.gov>; Stenger, Wren <stenger.wren@epa.gov>; Price, Lisa <Price.Lisa@epa.gov>; Weber, Rebecca <Weber.Rebecca@epa.gov>; John Smith (Smith.John@epa.gov) <Smith.John@epa.gov>; Carl Daly (Daly.Carl@epa.gov) <Daly.Carl@epa.gov>; Morales, Monica <Morales.Monica@epa.gov>; McPhilliamy, Marisa <McPhilliamy.Marisa@epa.gov>; Deborah Jordan (Jordan.Deborah@epa.gov) <Jordan.Deborah@epa.gov>; Elizabeth Adams (Adams.Elizabeth@epa.gov) <Adams.Elizabeth@epa.gov>; Janis Hastings (Hastings.Janis@epa.gov) <Hastings.Janis@epa.gov>; McArthur, Lisa <McArthur.Lisa@epa.gov>; John Filippelli (Filippelli.John@epa.gov) <Filippelli.John@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Betsy Shaw (Shaw.Betsy@epa.gov) <Shaw.Betsy@epa.gov>; Omayra Salgado (Salgado.Omayra@epa.gov) <Salgado.Omayra@epa.gov>; Walters, Margaret <Walters.Margaret@epa.gov>; Hopkins, Daniel <Hopkins.Daniel@epa.gov>; Roberts, Timothy-P <Roberts.Timothy-P@epa.gov>; Hingeley, Maureen <Hingeley.Maureen@epa.gov>; Courtney Hyde (Hyde.Courtney@epa.gov) <Hyde.Courtney@epa.gov>; O'Connor, Darcy <oconnor.darcy@epa.gov>; Schuller, Jennifer <Schuller.Jennifer@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Materials for SP ADD Call today - CLOSE HOLD

CLOSE HOLD – INTERNAL DELIBERATIVE

Attached are the materials for today's special purpose call with ADDs on FY16 grants planning. Please do not distribute.

Eric

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Message

**From**: Allen, Laura [Allen.Laura@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 3/30/2016 7:09:41 PM
**To**: Drinkard, Andrea [Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Mc founding partners

Sorry I missed this earlier—AP is the only outlet that we shared the embargoed release with

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**From:** Drinkard, Andrea
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2016 9:17 AM
**To:** Allen, Laura <Allen.Laura@epa.gov>; DeLuca, Isabel <DeLuca.Isabel@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>; Davis, Alison <Davis.Alison@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Mc founding partners

Sorry to be jumping in at the end, but do you know who else is planning to write?

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**From:** Allen, Laura
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2016 9:10 AM
**To:** DeLuca, Isabel <DeLuca.Isabel@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Mc founding partners

Ok, thanks. I'm sharing with AP under embargo until 11am

On Mar 30, 2016, at 8:38 AM, DeLuca, Isabel <DeLuca.Isabel@epa.gov> wrote:

> Attached is the list of MCfounding partners, if you're sharing to reporters in advance.
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> Begin forwarded message:
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> > **From:** "Bylin, Carey" <Bylin.Carey@epa.gov>
> > **Date:** March 30, 2016 at 8:36:58 AM EDT
> > **To:** "Kocchi, Suzanne" <Kocchi.Suzanne@epa.gov>, "DeLuca, Isabel" <DeLuca.Isabel@epa.gov>
> > **Subject: Fwd: Mc founding partners**
> >
> > Carey Bylin
> >
> > Begin forwarded message:
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> > > **From:** "Bylin, Carey" <Bylin.Carey@epa.gov>
> > > **Date:** March 30, 2016 at 8:16:39 AM EDT
> > > **To:** "Gunning, Paul" <Gunning.Paul@epa.gov>
> > > **Cc:** "Franklin, Pamela" <Franklin.Pamela@epa.gov>
> > > **Subject: Mc founding partners**

Here is the list of our founding partners.

Carey Bylin

USA

<Methane Challenge Founding Partners-Final.docx>

Message

**From**: Cyran, Carissa [Cyran.Carissa@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 11/12/2015 10:59:16 PM
**To**: OAR Briefings [OAR_Briefings@epa.gov]
**CC**: Jones, Marlene [Jones.Marlene@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: Materials for VW 11/13 - close hold
**Attachments**: mitigation principles&projectideas111315.docx

To be printed for Janet's, William's, and Debbie's folders for the 9:00 am.

**From:** Cook, Leila
**Sent:** Thursday, November 12, 2015 5:56 PM
**To:** Grundler, Christopher <grundler.christopher@epa.gov>; Hengst, Benjamin <Hengst.Benjamin@epa.gov>; Bunker, Byron <bunker.byron@epa.gov>; Giles-AA, Cynthia <Giles-AA.Cynthia@epa.gov>; Cook, Leila <cook.leila@epa.gov>; Belser, Evan <Belser.Evan@epa.gov>; Kelley, Rosemarie <Kelley.Rosemarie@epa.gov>; Shinkman, Susan <Shinkman.Susan@epa.gov>; Werner, Jacqueline <Werner.Jacqueline@epa.gov>; Niebling, William <Niebling.William@epa.gov>; Millett, John <Millett.John@epa.gov>; Kataoka, Mark <Kataoka.Mark@epa.gov>; Orlin, David <Orlin.David@epa.gov>; Huffman, Linda <Huffman.Linda@epa.gov>; Kaul, Meetu <Kaul.Meetu@epa.gov>; Orehowsky, Gregory <Orehowsky.Gregory@epa.gov>; Cyran, Carissa <Cyran.Carissa@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Materials for VW 11/13 - close hold

We would not plan to go through this entire document but to get some initial feedback on the current status of collaboration on this topic.

**From:** Grantham, Nancy
**To:** Drinkard, Andrea
**CC:** Dennis, Allison
**Sent:** 4/15/2019 4:16:42 PM
**Subject:** Re: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

Yes - just confirmed with her - those that ask - not proactive thx

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 15, 2019, at 12:08 PM, Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov> wrote:

It sounded like Corry wanted to respond to those that asked, not send it out? Was that your read? I could be wrong.

**From:** Grantham, Nancy
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 12:07 PM
**To:** Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

Allison - let me know what reporters to send to - and when to send and post thx ng

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 15, 2019, at 12:05 PM, Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov> wrote:

That works!

**From:** Schiermeyer, Corry
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 12:02 PM
**To:** Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>
**Cc:** McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

I was responding while you were typing…

If Anna could talk to Amena today around noon. Embargo until 2pm and then post the release on our website and send to reporters that ask.

Thank you

**From:** Dennis, Allison
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 12:00 PM
**To:** Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>
**Cc:** McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

- Owen

I think we wanted to pitch this to the Bloomberg Law news editor – Jessica knows him/her.

Would you like us to hold on publishing the updated website until this background interview occurs?

**From:** Hewitt, James
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 11:58 AM
**To:** Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>; Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>
**Cc:** McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; McDonough, Owen <mcdonough.owen@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

Amena Saiyid would be awesome.

**From:** Dennis, Allison
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 11:53 AM
**To:** Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>
**Cc:** McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; McDonough, Owen <mcdonough.owen@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

+ Anna

Anna is available to do this between 12 – 1 today.

OGC (David F) is aware and ok with this backgrounder.

**From:** Hewitt, James
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 11:43 AM
**To:** Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>
**Cc:** McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; McDonough, Owen <mcdonough.owen@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

We need to get Owen or someone from OW to walk a reporter through the intricacies of this.

**From:** Schiermeyer, Corry
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 11:40 AM
**To:** Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>
**Cc:** McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

Adding James

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 15, 2019, at 11:28 AM, Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov> wrote:

Dropping Chris B

Dave just got back from mtg and now is pivoting to his next meeting. Is it possible we just skip the embargo idea altogether and send the PR at noon just to any of the following reporters (who've written on this before ) :

Amena Saiyid, Bloomberg BNA

Ellen Gilmer, E&E News

Timothy Cama, The Hill

David LaRoss, Inside EPA

Faegre Baker Daniels, JD Supra Or
Perkins Coie, JD Supra Or
Williams Mullen, JD Supra

Alana Fortna, The Legal Intelligencer Or
Steve Hann, The Legal Intelligencer Or
Jilian Kirn, The Legal Intelligencer

Daley Mohan Groble, Lexology

Rachel Jacobsen, Mondaq Or
Sarah Judkins, Mondaq

S. Keith Garner, National Law Review or
James Rusk, National Law Review or
Amy P. Wang, National Law Review

Annie Snider, Politico

Lawrence Hurley, Reuters

Ledyard King Or Richard Wolf, USA TODAY

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 15, 2019, at 10:46 AM, Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov> wrote:

Please check with Dave. This would be on background only with the reporter.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 15, 2019, at 10:33 AM, Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov> wrote:

If desired, I can circle back with Dave when he gets out of his 10:30 with the Administrator.

If necessary, I'm sure we can get him to jump on the phone but on Thursday he asked if we could just send the reporter an embargoed copy of the PR and not offer an interview.

**From:** Schiermeyer, Corry
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 10:27 AM
**To:** Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>
**Cc:** McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy

<Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

We wouldn't have Matt do it anyway as he is the EPA Counsel. Is Dave or someone else that could do it?

**From:** Dennis, Allison
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 10:23 AM
**To:** Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>
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**Subject:** RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

Since Matt L is away, we rather just send an embargoed PR to the Bloomberg Law news editor (no phone call interview for now) .

**From:** Schiermeyer, Corry
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**Subject:** RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

That looks fine. Did anyone (or is anyone) getting on the phone with the Bloomberg Law reporter to discuss on background? That is what we had discussed last week. I want someone that can better shape this more than just the statement.

Thank you.

**From:** Dennis, Allison
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 10:16 AM
**To:** Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>
**Cc:** McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

Hi all,

Is it ok if we-purpose that content in the former to the following (see attached)? It had a lot of today's best msging in it so we hate to see if dropped entirely.

Also, did you all have any more tweaks to the release? -Allison

**From:** Schiermeyer, Corry
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**Subject:** RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

I don't think we need a quote for this release. And I really don't think it should be from AAW.

**From:** Beach, Christopher
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**Subject:** Re: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

I'm working on getting this approved.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 14, 2019, at 12:27 PM, Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov> wrote:

See attached for our nearly final versions .

Anyway we can get the proposed AAW quote approved to use tomorrow ?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Dennis, Allison" <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>
**Date:** April 14, 2019 at 12:25:35 PM EDT
**To:** "Ross, David P" <ross.davidp@epa.gov>, "Kramer, Jessica L." <kramer.jessical@epa.gov>
**Cc:** "Fotouhi, David" <fotouhi.david@epa.gov>, "Leopold, Matt (OGC)" <Leopold.Matt@epa.gov>, "Maher, Lauren" <Maher.Lauren@epa.gov>, "Wildeman, Anna" <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>, "Sawyers, Andrew" <Sawyers.Andrew@epa.gov>
**Subject: RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan**

Attached are the revised docs (word and PDF). Let me know if I missed anything! -Allison

**From:** Ross, David P
**Sent:** Sunday, April 14, 2019 9:43 AM
**To:** Kramer, Jessica L. <kramer.jessical@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>; Fotouhi, David <Fotouhi.David@epa.gov>; Leopold, Matt (OGC) <Leopold.Matt@epa.gov>; Maher, Lauren <Maher.Lauren@epa.gov>; Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>; Sawyers, Andrew <Sawyers.Andrew@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

I just sent some polishing and consistency edits to Allison. Once those are in, I think we can get the materials out to the RAs later today.

Anna has my proxy if anything comes up before late afternoon today. I'm off to Milwaukee for a very cold soccer match.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 13, 2019, at 12:23 PM, Ross, David P <ross.davidp@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks. David's edits look good. We appreciate the thoughtful edits.

I will have a few additional edits to share later today when LAX games are done.

BTW. It's really cold in Wisconsin.....

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 13, 2019, at 11:58 AM, Kramer, Jessica L. <kramer.jessical@epa.gov> wrote:

.pdfs attached.

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**From:** Ross, David P
**Sent:** Saturday, April 13, 2019 11:01 AM
**To:** Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Fotouhi, David <Fotouhi.David@epa.gov>; Leopold, Matt (OGC) <Leopold.Matt@epa.gov>; Maher, Lauren <Maher.Lauren@epa.gov>; Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>; Sawyers, Andrew <Sawyers.Andrew@epa.gov>; Kramer, Jessica L. <kramer.jessical@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

Hi all. Can someone on this chain convert OGC's redline to PDF so that I can quickly review later today or tomorrow? IPad doesn't support Word redline. Thanks.

DR

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 12, 2019, at 10:24 PM, Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi David,

I'll need to check in Dave and Anna about your edits but I wanted to answer one your questions regarding the Q&As in the rollout: Those Q&As won't be posted online and would serve as jumping off point for answer media inquires, etc.
-Allison

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**From:** Fotouhi, David
**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2019 7:53 PM
**To:** Ross, David P; Dennis, Allison
**Cc:** Leopold, Matt (OGC); Maher, Lauren; Wildeman, Anna; Sawyers, Andrew; Kramer, Jessica L.
**Subject:** RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

My suggestions are tracked in the attached versions; let me know if you have any questions. Thanks!

**David Fotouhi**

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**From:** Ross, David P
**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2019 6:31 PM
**To:** Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Leopold, Matt (OGC) <Leopold.Matt@epa.gov>; Fotouhi, David <Fotouhi.David@epa.gov>; Maher, Lauren <Maher.Lauren@epa.gov>; Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>; Sawyers, Andrew <Sawyers.Andrew@epa.gov>; Kramer, Jessica L. <kramer.jessical@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

This is great. We'll need to make a few tweaks to the way we characterize the petitions before the Supreme Court, but subject to OGC review and a little clean up, I think we are in good shape for Monday. I think David is looking at the materials sometime later today or tomorrow, so we'll close out after we get his comments. Anna will take a look on Sunday to perform final clean up, and Sunday night I or Anna will transmit the materials to our Regional Administrators for awareness. Then we roll out on Monday on your schedule.

Thanks for the great work this week on a variety of challenging and time sensitive topics.

Dave

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 12, 2019, at 4:15 PM, Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov> wrote:

Great feedback. Here's a revised version for the group to review.

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**From:** Ross, David P
**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2019 4:26 PM
**To:** Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Leopold, Matt (OGC) <Leopold.Matt@epa.gov>; Fotouhi, David <Fotouhi.David@epa.gov>; Maher, Lauren <Maher.Lauren@epa.gov>; Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>; Sawyers, Andrew <Sawyers.Andrew@epa.gov>; Kramer, Jessica L. <kramer.jessical@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

Thanks Allison. There are a few nits that we will need to clean up in the docs, but let's wait for OGC input before we polish.

I think the Fact Sheet needs to be restructured.

Opening paragraph is fine, but it needs to line up with the new formulation of those sentences in the press release. This paragraph **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

The second paragraph should focus on **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

# Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Next paragraph is Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

Final section should be **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

# Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

I think all of this is written already in the other materials. Just pull the relevant paragraphs together in this order.

Thanks!

Dave

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 12, 2019, at 1:52 PM, Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov> wrote:

Attached for Matt and David's review is the revised press release and rollout plan which reflect Dave and Anna's input. We have also prepared a fact sheet but Dave and Anna have not reviewed it yet.

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**From:** Ross, David P
**Sent:** Thursday, April 11, 2019 7:22 PM
**To:** Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>
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**Subject:** Re: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

Thanks Allison. I need to turn my attention to a few other pressing matters, but will review this later tonight or first thing tomorrow morning.

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 11, 2019, at 5:18 PM, Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov> wrote:

Attached and pasted below is the updated PR, Rollout Plan, and map for your review. Please disregard our current RA TPs-- I will play catch with them once we settle on the PR language. Of note in the rollout plan, we have 2 new Q&As one addressing WOTUS and other addressing how states/ regions should use this guidance. Eager to hear your input. -Allison

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**Press Release:**

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**Comms Materials:**

- Rollout and Notification Plan
- Press Release sent to targeted outlets
- Q&As to be used for external purposes
- Talking Points to be used for external purposes
- Fact Sheet with map showing current litigation status across U.S.
- Website: https://www.epa.gov/npdes/releases-point-source-groundwater.

**Rollout and Notification Plan for Day of Announcement (Monday, April 15)**

- **A.M. Head's up calls** to key congressional stakeholders (notified by OCIR)
  - Congressional representatives from Hawaii, South Carolina, and Tennessee (due to relevant court cases)
  - T&I and SEPW (jurisdiction over CWA)
  - Senator John Barrasso (WY)

- **10 A.M.**: OPA sends embargoed press release to Bloomberg Law news editor

- **Noon:** OW-OWM adds signed pre-publication version to the FRN to website: https://www.epa.gov/npdes/releases-point-source-groundwater

- **Noon:** OPA issues press release to targeted list of outlets who have written on this topic (The Hill, Reuters, E&E, etc.) and adds release to the EPA online Newsroom

- **Upon PR going out,** stakeholder notifications take place (email pointing to the PR):

  - State, Water, and Intergovernmental Associations (notified by OCIR)
    - State Governments (Governor staff)
    - Water Associations (ACWA, NACWA, etc.)
    - "Big Ten" intergovernmental associations (ex. NLC, ECOS, NACO, etc.)

  - Tribes (notified by Karen Gude, OW)
    - Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission; National Tribal Water Council; Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa; Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency

  - Broad DHC/conduit theory listserve that includes industry, enviros, ag groups, associations, etc. (notified by OW-OWM)

**Q&As**

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Allison Dennis

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Message

**From**: Dennis, Allison [Dennis.Allison@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 11/20/2018 9:09:13 PM
**To**: Drinkard, Andrea [Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: Columbia TMDL item for Administrator Report

not that i'm aware of. you need to ask OWOW and Region 10. i'm sure anna will want to weigh in.

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**From:** Drinkard, Andrea
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 20, 2018 4:07 PM
**To:** Dennis, Allison
**Subject:** RE: Columbia TMDL item for Administrator Report

Did we have a press strategy for this?

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**From:** Maddox, Donald
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 20, 2018 3:38 PM
**To:** Campbell, Ann <Campbell.Ann@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Columbia TMDL item for Administrator Report

Chief – OWOW submission for the Administrator's report.

Don

**EPA Region 10 Disapproves the "Constructive Submission" of "no" TMDLs for Temperature for the Columbia and Lower Snake Rivers**
On Friday, November 16, EPA determined that the "constructive submission" of "no" Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for temperature by the Washington Department of Ecology and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality for the Columbia River and Lower Snake River does not meet statutory and regulatory requirements. EPA took these actions to comply with the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington's October 17, 2018 order in *Columbia Riverkeeper, et al. v. Wheeler, et al.,* No. C17-289RSM, directing EPA to approve or disapprove within 30 days a "constructive submission" of "no" temperature TMDLs by the States for the Rivers. EPA noted in its decisions that it disagrees with and has not yet decided whether to appeal the district court's order and expressly reserved the right to withdraw or revise the actions if it obtains a judicial decision on appeal that relieves EPA of the obligations contained in the district court's order. Pursuant to the court order and the Clean Water Act, EPA now must establish the TMDLs by December 17, 2018. EPA also will be filing a motion with the district court seeking a stay of that date pending appeal.

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Message

**From**: Skadowski, Suzanne [Skadowski.Suzanne@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 5/24/2018 8:49:01 PM
**To**: Hough, Palmer [Hough.Palmer@epa.gov]; Dennis, Allison [Dennis.Allison@epa.gov]; Drinkard, Andrea [Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov]; Campbell, Ann [Campbell.Ann@epa.gov]; Schollhamer, Mary [Schollhamer.Mary@epa.gov]
**CC**: Holsman, Marianne [Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov]; Allnutt, David [Allnutt.David@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Revised Draft AK Mitigation Guidance for legal review

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**From:** Hough, Palmer
**Sent:** Thursday, May 24, 2018 9:29 AM
**To:** Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; Campbell, Ann <Campbell.Ann@epa.gov>; Skadowski, Suzanne <Skadowski.Suzanne@epa.gov>; Holsman, Marianne <Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov>; Allnutt, David <Allnutt.David@epa.gov>; Schollhamer, Mary <Schollhamer.Mary@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Revised Draft AK Mitigation Guidance for legal review

And since this is a joint Army/EPA MOA we will also need to coordinate materials with Army/Corps folks.

Do you have a contact with Army public affairs or should I ask for a name from my Army contact?

Sent from my iPhone

On May 24, 2018, at 12:11 PM, Hough, Palmer <Hough.Palmer@epa.gov> wrote:

> Allison:
>
> We have not spent a lot of time yet on messaging materials for the MOA but attached is a Factsheet on the MOA the we prepared for recent SAC Hearing Prep. Also the MOA itself has six "guiding principles" (see section II.B of the MOA) that should feature prominently in the outreach materials.
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> **From:** Dennis, Allison
> **Sent:** Thursday, May 24, 2018 11:02 AM
> **To:** Hough, Palmer <Hough.Palmer@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; Campbell, Ann <Campbell.Ann@epa.gov>; Skadowski, Suzanne <Skadowski.Suzanne@epa.gov>; Holsman, Marianne <Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov>; Allnutt, David <Allnutt.David@epa.gov>; Schollhamer, Mary <Schollhamer.Mary@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: Revised Draft AK Mitigation Guidance for legal review
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> + Mary
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> Will do! Thanks for sharing .
> Sent from my iPhone
>
> On May 24, 2018, at 10:35 AM, Hough, Palmer <Hough.Palmer@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> > Andrea/Allison
> >
> > Lee has been working with Ryan Fisher (Army) on the development of the attached draft MOA regarding wetlands mitigation in Alaska. We are nearing the finish line for review of the MOA and need to start preparing the communications plan, press release, and other comms support docs. Based on the tentative schedule below, the MOA could be signed and released by the Administrator and his Army counterpart by 6/15. Lee will be in Alaska 6/18-22 and, assuming the MOA is signed and released, he will be discussing it with stakeholders and will likely receive questions about it from the press.
> >
> > Can you coordinate with Marianne Holsman in R10 on the development of the comms materials? She will be accompanying Lee on the Anchorage portion of the AK trip where this MOA will likely come up. There are a number of sensitivities that we need to plan for.
> >
> > Thanks, Palmer
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> > ---
> >
> > **From:** Hough, Palmer
> > **Sent:** Wednesday, May 23, 2018 5:23 PM
> > **To:** Allnutt, David <Allnutt.David@epa.gov>; Palomaki, Ashley <Palomaki.Ashley@epa.gov>; Nalven, Heidi <Nalven.Heidi@epa.gov>; Thiesing, Mary <Thiesing.Mary@epa.gov>; LaCroix, Matthew <LaCroix.Matthew@epa.gov>; Topping, Brian <Topping.Brian@epa.gov>; Fordham, Tami <Fordham.Tami@epa.gov>

**Cc:** Frazer, Brian <Frazer.Brian@epa.gov>; Kaiser, Russell <Kaiser.Russell@epa.gov>; Goodin, John <Goodin.John@epa.gov>; Forsgren, Lee <Forsgren.Lee@epa.gov>; Eisenberg, Mindy <Eisenberg.Mindy@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Revised Draft AK Mitigation Guidance for legal review
**Importance:** High

Folks:

Attached is the revised draft of the updated AK mitigation guidance. Lee F and Ryan F have reviewed this draft and have asked for legal review and identification of any technical comments that are considered fatal flaws.

Following our 5/17 meeting, Cindy Barger and John Goodin worked together to revise the draft guidance based on the discussion and input from the 5/17 meeting. It is currently drafted for signature by the Administrator and the ASA-CW. From a formatting standpoint, you will notice that the document has been converted from a memo to an MOA. The attached draft also Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) The compensatory mitigation section has been reordered and tightened up. Below is the proposed schedule moving forward. Please let me know if you have any questions. This is close-hold so please do not share or distribute outside of your management chains.

Thanks, Palmer

**Schedule:**

- 1 June 2018 – submit all legal comments and any technical comments that are considered fatal flaws
- 8 June 2018 – resolution of all outstanding concerns (tentative)
- 15 June 2018 – Army/EPA sign MOA (tentative)

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Message

**From**: Frace, Sheila [Frace.Sheila@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 10/31/2018 8:26:53 PM
**To**: Forsgren, Lee [Forsgren.Lee@epa.gov]; Best-Wong, Benita [Best-Wong.Benita@epa.gov]; Frazer, Brian [Frazer.Brian@epa.gov]; Gentile, Laura [Gentile.Laura@epa.gov]; Stein, Raffael [Stein.Raffael@epa.gov]
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**Subject**: RE: EPA Input for 11/1 Permitting PCC Agency Input?
**Attachments**: Permit Streamlining Accomplishments - EPAs PCC Q1input.docx

Lee –

I've made formatting edits to the paper addressing Question 1 that I sent earlier, and Laura received edits from OAR which are incorporated into this version.

Let us know if you have comments/concerns.

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**From:** Forsgren, Lee
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 31, 2018 9:02 AM
**To:** Best-Wong, Benita <Best-Wong.Benita@epa.gov>; Frazer, Brian <Frazer.Brian@epa.gov>; Frace, Sheila <Frace.Sheila@epa.gov>; Gentile, Laura <Gentile.Laura@epa.gov>; Stein, Raffael <Stein.Raffael@epa.gov>
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**Subject:** RE: EPA Input for 11/1 Permitting PCC Agency Input?

I am going to need the Question 1 permitting accomplishments and goals for next year and the Infrastructure TPs for streamlining and what we have done for water infrastructure in the last two years. (Include totals for WIFIA and the two SRFs and what investment that has generated). I need them by Noon.

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**From:** Best-Wong, Benita
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 31, 2018 7:32 AM
**To:** Forsgren, Lee <Forsgren.Lee@epa.gov>; Ross, David P <ross.davidp@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Campbell, Ann <Campbell.Ann@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: EPA Input for 11/1 Permitting PCC Agency Input?

Since #1 asks for accomplishments of Agency permitting programs, I will ask Sheila to work with Laura Gentile to summarize all actions not just those related to NPDES and UIC.

Regards,
Benita

Benita Best-Wong
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**From:** Forsgren, Lee
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 30, 2018 6:43 PM
**To:** Ross, David P <ross.davidp@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Campbell, Ann <Campbell.Ann@epa.gov>; Best-Wong, Benita <Best-Wong.Benita@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: EPA Input for 11/1 Permitting PCC Agency Input?

Will do!

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 30, 2018, at 5:30 PM, Ross, David P <ross.davidp@epa.gov> wrote:

> Close Hold; Deliberative; Do Not Release
>
> Lee,
>
> I'm not sure how this slipped through the cracks. Please work with Benita, Ann, Andrea etc. to get 1 and 3 to Robyn ASAP. Thanks
>
> Dave
>
> Sent from my iPad
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> Begin forwarded message:
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> > **From:** "Ross, David P" <ross.davidp@epa.gov>
> > **Date:** October 30, 2018 at 5:24:57 PM EDT
> > **To:** "Colosimo, Robyn S. EOP/WHO" <Ex. 6 Personal Privacy EOP (PP)
> > **Cc:** "Forsgren, Lee" <Forsgren.Lee@epa.gov>, "Wildeman, Anna" <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>
> > **Subject: Re: EPA Input for 11/1 Permitting PCC Agency Input?**
> >
> > Hi Robyn,
> >
> > I'm sorry for not seeing this earlier. It is hard to keep up on email! Lee will get you information on 1 and 3 as quickly as possible. We are doing lots of lean management on permitting at EPA, and we should have some ready TPs on infrastructure. We are about to announce the next round of WIFIA funding, inviting 40 projects @ 5.5 billion to go to the next phase of funding.
> >
> > Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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If you want to catch up by phone to hear more about it, I have a few windows tomorrow.

By the way, can you send me the list of the latest Corps-focusing PCC issues? RD James and Wheeler are meeting on Friday and I want to prep Wheeler for that discussion.

Thanks!

Dave

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 30, 2018, at 3:00 PM, Colosimo, Robyn S. EOP/WHO <Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)> wrote:

> Hi David and Lee: Just wanted to check in to see if EPA will provide input on areas outlined below (1, 2 and 3) in advance of the meeting. I recognize everyone is swamped, so I am good with "works in progress". I want to shape a thoughtful PCC meeting if at all possible.
>
> Robyn
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> **From:** "Colosimo, Robyn S. EOP/WHO" <Ex. 6 Personal Privacy EOP (PP)>
> **Date:** October 26, 2018 at 9:58:09 AM EDT
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Since #1 asks for accomplishments of Agency permitting programs, I will ask Sheila to work with Laura Gentile to summarize all actions not just those related to NPDES and UIC.

Regards,
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Will do!

Sent from my iPhone

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> Close Hold; Deliberative; Do Not Release
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I'm not sure how this slipped through the cracks. Please work with Benita, Ann, Andrea etc. to get 1 and 3 to Robyn ASAP. Thanks

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> Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
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    d. Tools to promote transparency and information among the agencies and with the regulated public.

3. **Infrastructure Talking Points:** Each agency to share their most recent TPs related to streamlining and infrastructure.

**Agency Specific Tasks:** To facilitate discussions at the next PCC, designated agency leads will share the following with NEC:

1. **Corps:** Link to public facing permit database under development
2. **DOI:** Recent guidance on regional boundaries (move from 61 regions to 12).
3. **NOAA:** Aquaculture policy that leverages One Federal Decision concepts.

4. **NEC:** List of next step potential policy actions to solicit input and reset priorities at the next PCC.

Message

**From**: Hurld, Kathy [Hurld.Kathy@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 4/2/2018 4:52:39 PM
**To**: Drinkard, Andrea [Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov]; Bravo, Antonio [Bravo.Antonio@epa.gov]; Chemerys, Ruth [Chemerys.Ruth@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: a letter did go to NACEPT - thank you Andrea for tracking this down. Fwd: CMS control AX-17-000-9629

Thanks, taking John of the distribution list as he need not be engaged in this part of the process. - Kathy

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From: Drinkard, Andrea
Sent: Monday, April 2, 2018 12:48 PM
To: Hurld, Kathy; Bravo, Antonio; Chemerys, Ruth; Goodin, John
Subject: RE: a letter did go to NACEPT - thank you Andrea for tracking this down. Fwd: CMS control AX-17-000-9629

Here's an example one-page comm plan for the upcoming WIFIA announcement. Since this hasn't happened yet, please keep this close hold!!!

From: Hurld, Kathy
Sent: Monday, April 02, 2018 12:46 PM
To: Bravo, Antonio <Bravo.Antonio@epa.gov>; Chemerys, Ruth <Chemerys.Ruth@epa.gov>; Goodin, John <Goodin.John@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
Subject: a letter did go to NACEPT - thank you Andrea for tracking this down. Fwd: CMS control AX-17-000-9629

Here is the signed version, so this went. Since this is out, seems the next step in the communication of this effort/response is to craft talking points for Dave to use during water week. We had developed a talking point during the wotus input sessions last month. I have tweaked it here based upon our discussion this AM. What are people's thoughts on it?

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

Begin forwarded message:
From: "Drinkard, Andrea" <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov<mailto:Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>>
Date: April 2, 2018 at 12:16:57 PM EDT
To: "Hurld, Kathy" <Hurld.Kathy@epa.gov<mailto:Hurld.Kathy@epa.gov>>
Subject: FW: CMS control AX-17-000-9629
FYI…here's the signed letter that went out.

From: Fields, Wanda
Sent: Monday, April 02, 2018 12:16 PM
To: Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov<mailto:Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>>
Subject: RE: CMS control AX-17-000-9629

From: Drinkard, Andrea
Sent: Monday, April 02, 2018 12:01 PM
To: Fields, Wanda <Fields.Wanda@epa.gov<mailto:Fields.Wanda@epa.gov>>
Subject: Fwd: CMS control AX-17-000-9629

Can you check to see if this went out?
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Hurld, Kathy" <Hurld.Kathy@epa.gov<mailto:Hurld.Kathy@epa.gov>>
Date: April 2, 2018 at 11:53:01 AM EDT
To: "Drinkard, Andrea" <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov<mailto:Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>>, "Strickler, Jacob" <Strickler.Jacob@epa.gov<mailto:Strickler.Jacob@epa.gov>>, "Chemerys, Ruth" <Chemerys.Ruth@epa.gov<mailto:Chemerys.Ruth@epa.gov>>
Cc: "Bravo, Antonio" <Bravo.Antonio@epa.gov<mailto:Bravo.Antonio@epa.gov>>
Subject: Fw: CMS control AX-17-000-9629
This may be the control number. Hopefully this went forward? I never got a signed version. - Kathy

Andrea the 74 page attachment was the report from the FACA.

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From: Resper, Wanda
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 3:23 PM
To: Hurld, Kathy
Subject: FW: CMS control AX-17-000-9629

-----Original Message-----
From: Hurld, Kathy
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 10:40 AM
To: McDavit, Michael W. <Mcdavit.Michael@epa.gov<mailto:Mcdavit.Michael@epa.gov>>; Resper, Wanda <Resper.Wanda@epa.gov<mailto:Resper.Wanda@epa.gov>>
Cc: Weinstock, Larry <Weinstock.Larry@epa.gov<mailto:Weinstock.Larry@epa.gov>>; Brown, Sineta <Brown.Sineta@epa.gov<mailto:Brown.Sineta@epa.gov>>
Subject: Re: CMS control AX-17-000-9629

Wanda, here are the other two addresses you will need to go forward with this letter. The Chair's address is in the letter itself, everyone else is internal EPA. - Kathy

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From: McDavit, Michael W.
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 8:49 AM
To: Resper, Wanda; Hurld, Kathy
Cc: Weinstock, Larry; Brown, Sineta
Subject: RE: CMS control AX-17-000-9629

Hi Wanda,

Here is the response to this control. It has been reviewed and approved by Mindy. Please take next steps for completing this action.

Thanks for the great support,
Michael

W. Michael McDavit, Chief
Program Development and Jurisdiction Branch Office of Water/USEPA (MC 4502T)
1200 Penn. Ave, NW (Room 7303 West Bldg) Washington, DC 20460
202-566-2465

From: Resper, Wanda
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 2:12 PM
To: McDavit, Michael W. <Mcdavit.Michael@epa.gov<mailto:Mcdavit.Michael@epa.gov>>; Hurld, Kathy <Hurld.Kathy@epa.gov<mailto:Hurld.Kathy@epa.gov>>
Cc: Weinstock, Larry <Weinstock.Larry@epa.gov<mailto:Weinstock.Larry@epa.gov>>; Brown, Sineta <Brown.Sineta@epa.gov<mailto:Brown.Sineta@epa.gov>>

Subject: FW: CMS control AX-17-000-9629

Mike
I have to give you the attachments of 74 pages the printer is having a problem trying to print I requested a 2-week extension (new due date 7/21/2017) this control was assigned to OWCD by Yvonne Smothers on 7-5-2017. For the AA-OW-Assistant Administrator-OW signature the subject is Submission of the Assumable Waters Subcommittee Final Report from the National Advisory Council to Environmental Policy and Technology, and that PD&JB should reply. Do you agree? If you think this control needs to be re-assigned, could you let me know if you have any suggestions about who would be best?
If you are the correct responder, please draft a response. Since this is for AA-OW-Assistant Administrator-OW signature, I will upload in response in CMS when you provide me the draft. If you need an extension, please let me know the reasons (a need to research data, a need to secure management approval on the response, etc.) and I will request it.
Thanks and let me know if there is anything I can do to help, or if you have any questions.

CMS control # AX-17-000-9629
CMS Due Date: 7-21-2017
OWCD Due Date: 7-18-2017
From: William G. Ross

Thanks Wanda

From: DC-WJCW-7114F-M@epa.gov<mailto:DC-WJCW-7114F-M@epa.gov><mailto:DC-WJCW-7114F-M@epa.gov> [mailto:DC-WJCW-7114F-M@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 2:25 PM
To: Resper, Wanda <Resper.Wanda@epa.gov<mailto:Resper.Wanda@epa.gov><mailto:Resper.Wanda@epa.gov>>
Subject: CMS control AX-17-000-9629

Message

**From**: Drinkard, Andrea [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=808A6B7B65BF447F93DAD2F510FEAF61-ADRINKAR]
**Sent**: 7/7/2016 7:29:23 PM
**To**: Snyder, Carolyn [Snyder.Carolyn@epa.gov]
**CC**: Krieger, Jackie [Krieger.Jackie@epa.gov]; VonDemHagen, Rebecca [VonDemHagen.Rebecca@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: CLOSE HOLD: For Review before 7 PM

Thanks, this is helpful. I'll flag it as an FYI for Melissa in OPA. Do you want to include it in Janet's folder as an FYI? I don't think it would hurt, but not sure it's necessary based on what you noted below.

-----Original Message-----
From: Snyder, Carolyn
Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2016 3:28 PM
To: Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
Cc: Krieger, Jackie <Krieger.Jackie@epa.gov>; VonDemHagen, Rebecca <VonDemHagen.Rebecca@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: CLOSE HOLD: For Review before 7 PM

Hi Andrea,

For our two paragraphs, this is the same language that was already reviewed by Janet last week (our parts went in her briefing book last week). Mustafa and team also have already reviewed it last week.

Nothing to raise or review, just an FYI and reminder that it is going out on Monday as well as more details on what was included from the other agencies (we just had the list of agencies last week not the content from them). I'm not sure about who else has been given a heads up on the 3rd floor.

Thanks so much,
Carolyn

EPA's two main updates in the attached:

Hosting a National Funding Resources and Training Summit for Vulnerable Communities: On October 25-26, 2016, the EPA will host The National Funding Resources and Training Summit for Vulnerable Communities in Washington, DC to enhance collaboration around environmental, health and economic concerns and ensure vulnerable populations have access to information, services, and data for increased resilience, engagement, and sustainability. The summit themes will include: just transition workforce development, financial resources and entrepreneurship development, and health and environmental training and outreach.

Providing Resources to Bring Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy to Low-Income Communities: In the coming months, the EPA will provide additional informational resources to help state and local energy, environmental, housing, and social services agencies, non-profits, and utilities understand successful models they can use to bring energy efficiency and renewable energy to low-income communities. Current resources available on the EPA's website include five case studies and profiles [includes hyperlink], recordings from three webinars, and a guide to EPA programs.

Carolyn Snyder
Director, Climate Protection Partnerships Division U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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202-343-9616

-----Original Message-----
From: Drinkard, Andrea
Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2016 3:24 PM
To: VonDemHagen, Rebecca <VonDemHagen.Rebecca@epa.gov>
Cc: Krieger, Jackie <Krieger.Jackie@epa.gov>; Snyder, Carolyn <Snyder.Carolyn@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: CLOSE HOLD: For Review before 7 PM

Nothing pops up for me, it is a bit long....

Is there a plan for flagging for Janet? Joe didn't seem interested in reviewing, but I'm not sure whether he understood our equities when I raised it. I might suggest sending it up through OAR_briefings to get it in their folders tonight for review.

Also, has Mustafa seen this or anyone else on the 3rd floor? I'd like to flag it for Melissa, so she's looped and aware.

-----Original Message-----

From: VonDemHagen, Rebecca
Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2016 3:16 PM
To: Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
Cc: Krieger, Jackie <Krieger.Jackie@epa.gov>; Snyder, Carolyn <Snyder.Carolyn@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: CLOSE HOLD: For Review before 7 PM

Hi Andrea - I've been asked to flag this for OAR Comms. I believe you were the person who worked on this when we were developing EPA's initial input into the announcement, but please let me know if I should be directed this to someone else. At this time, we are not planning to send any edits. Let us know if anything pops out at you.

Thanks,
Rebecca

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-----Original Message-----
From: Snyder, Carolyn
Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2016 1:04 PM
To: VonDemHagen, Rebecca <VonDemHagen.Rebecca@epa.gov>; Krieger, Jackie <Krieger.Jackie@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: CLOSE HOLD: For Review before 7 PM

Hi Jackie and Rebecca,

We just got this from the White House for the July 11 announcement with a tight deadline of getting back to them. They did not include the general CEIP language nor the additional EPA CEIP outreach session. But they do have our paragraph on the resources from SLB and the National Funding Resources and Training Summit for Vulnerable Communities. Let me know if you have any comments.

Thanks,
Carolyn

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-----Original Message-----
From: Vahlsing, Candace M. EOP/WHO [mailto: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2016 12:00 PM
To: Sekaric, Lidija (Lidija.Sekaric@ee.doe.gov) <Lidija.Sekaric@ee.doe.gov>; Le, Minh S. EOP/OMB < Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) >; Elaine Ulrich (elaine.ulrich@ee.doe.gov) <elaine.ulrich@ee.doe.gov>; Hogan, Kathleen <Kathleen.Hogan@ee.doe.gov>; Mucha, Odette <Odette.Mucha@ee.doe.gov>; Bergemann, Crystal A <Crystal.A.Bergemann@hud.gov>; Vargas, Maria <Maria.Vargas@ee.doe.gov>; Moss, Jacob <Moss.Jacob@epa.gov>; christopher.upperman@sba.gov; Krystal.Laymon@Hq.Doe.Gov; Reffett, Trey <Trey.Reffett@hud.gov>; Mohtadi, Shara Z. EOP/OMB < Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) >; Perry, Spencer M. EOP/CEQ (Intern) < Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) >; Le, Minh S. EOP/OMB < Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) >; Ali, Mustafa <Ali.Mustafa@epa.gov>; bryna.helfer@dot.gov; Moss, Jacob <Moss.Jacob@epa.gov>; Sekaric, Lidija (Lidija.Sekaric@ee.doe.gov) <Lidija.Sekaric@ee.doe.gov>; Snyder, Carolyn <Snyder.Carolyn@epa.gov>; Reuschel, Trevor - OSEC <Trevor.Reuschel@osec.usda.gov>; Bavishi, Jainey K. EOP/CEQ < Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) >; john_blair@ios.doi.gov; Jacobson, Rachel (Guest) <RJacobson@cns.gov>; Zaidi, Ali A. EOP/OMB < Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) >; alejandro.aviles@hud.gov; Brown, Austin L. EOP/OSTP < Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) >; maria_najera@ios.doi.gov; Antoniewicz, Mark T. EOP/CEQ < Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) >; Spaulding, Jennifer B. EOP/CEQ (Intern) < Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) >; Elaine Ulrich (elaine.ulrich@ee.doe.gov) <elaine.ulrich@ee.doe.gov>; Swenson, William <William.Swenson@Hq.Doe.Gov>; molly.roy@ee.doe.gov; Rand, Doug B. EOP/OSTP < Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) >; Machayo, Bo M. EOP/CEQ < Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) >; juliamorris@berkeley.edu; Hogan, Kathleen <Kathleen.Hogan@ee.doe.gov>; Kathleen.Marks@Hq.Doe.Gov; Groves, Dave J. EOP/CEQ < Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) >; dejuana.thompson@sba.gov; Bergemann, Crystal A <Crystal.A.Bergemann@hud.gov>; heidi.vangenderen@hq.doe.gov; Town, Maria M. EOP/WHO < Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) >; Ragland, Micah <Ragland.Micah@epa.gov>; Rubio, Arian C. EOP/CEQ (Intern) < Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) >; JKelly@cns.gov; reggie.greer@dot.gov; Patel, Rohan S. EOP/WHO < Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) >; Tennyson, Stephanie <stephanie.tennyson@fema.dhs.gov>; Hodges, Sven C. EOP/CEQ < Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) >; alex.jacquez@osec.usda.gov; Batkin, Joshua <joshua.batkin@fema.dhs.gov>; Le, Minh <Minh.Le@ee.doe.gov>; Youngberg, Francey L <Francey.L.Youngberg@hud.gov>; Moritsugu, Erika L <Erika.L.Moritsugu@hud.gov>; Sullivan, Brian E <brian.e.sullivan@hud.gov>; Harrigan, Thamar E <Thamar.E.Harrigan@hud.gov>; Rendon, Erika K <Erika.K.Rendon@hud.gov>; Youngberg, Francey L <Francey.L.Youngberg@hud.gov>; Szubrowski, Leigh <Jennifer.L.Szubrowski@hud.gov>; Songvilay, Elizabeth L <Elizabeth.L.Songvilay@hud.gov>; Reffett, Trey <Trey.Reffett@hud.gov>; Aviles, Alejandro <Alejandro.Aviles@hud.gov>; Fiore, Jennifer C <Jennifer.C.Fiore@hud.gov>; Bigelow, Lelaine V <Lelaine.V.Bigelow@hud.gov>; Handshy, Brian W <Brian.W.Handshy@hud.gov>; Carr, Terry M <Terry.M.Carr@hud.gov>; Brewer, Ray W <Ray.W.Brewer@hud.gov>; Sauseda, Wayne E <Wayne.E.Sauseda@hud.gov>;

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Cc: Utech, Dan G. EOP/WHO [redacted]; Golden, Robert E. EOP/WHO [redacted]
Subject: CLOSE HOLD: For Review before 7 PM

Hi everyone,

Thank you for all the input on the low income solar and energy efficiency fact sheet for Monday's rollout. Please review the attached and send any edits before 7 PM tonight. Please make all edits in track changes and reply all to this email.

Team DOE and HUD, note there are a number of questions for your teams in the attached.

We'll provide additional details on the rollout timing later today.

Thank you very much,

Candace

Message

**From**: Drinkard, Andrea [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=808A6B7B65BF447F93DAD2F510FEAF61-ADRINKAR]
**Sent**: 6/23/2016 5:44:52 PM
**To**: Enobakhare, Rosemary [Enobakhare.Rosemary@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Teleconference request for FOUR calls on June 28 and 29

I think they're keeping it very close hold (I am also not in the loop), so I haven't seen any paper either. I'll see what I can find

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**From:** Enobakhare, Rosemary
**Sent:** Thursday, June 23, 2016 1:23 PM
**To:** Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Teleconference request for FOUR calls on June 28 and 29

I got it. Let me know if you need me to do anything else on this. Do you have a blurb on this settlement? I've been in flint and out of the loop.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 23, 2016, at 12:38 PM, "Drinkard, Andrea" <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov> wrote:

> I would tend to agree and believe that was the initial recommendation, but through a lot of back and forth I think they settled on the separate calls. Mostly because the role each of these groups will play in the settlement is different, there's even a distinction between tribes and states....
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> **From:** Enobakhare, Rosemary
> **Sent:** Thursday, June 23, 2016 12:34 PM
> **To:** Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** Fwd: Teleconference request for FOUR calls on June 28 and 29
>
> Do you think we need 4 separate calls? I personally think we got a better bang when we had one general stakeholder call similar to how we rolled out methane. Thoughts?
>
> Sent from my iPhone
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> Begin forwarded message:
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>> **From:** "Fraser, Scott" <Fraser.Scott@epa.gov>
>> **Date:** June 23, 2016 at 12:30:52 PM EDT
>> **To:** Group Audio-Teleconf <Audio-Teleconf@epa.gov>, "Gage, Sherie" <Gage.Sherie@epa.gov>, "Valliere, Natalie" <Valliere.Natalie@epa.gov>
>> **Cc:** "Enobakhare, Rosemary" <Enobakhare.Rosemary@epa.gov>, "Stewart, Sherry" <Stewart.Sherry@epa.gov>, "Millett, John" <Millett.John@epa.gov>, "Drinkard, Andrea" <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
>> **Subject: Teleconference request for FOUR calls on June 28 and 29**
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>> Hi Team Audio!
>>
>> Please see the below request for FOUR calls coming up next week. Here's a summary and all the calls will have the same features we typically include as noted below:

**6/28** Stakeholder Calls
11:45am – 12:15pm States
12:30pm – 1:00pm NGOs & Non-traditional
1:15pm – 1:45pm Tribal

**6/29** Stakeholder Call
11:00am – 11:30am Industry

Thanks!

**Scott W. Fraser**

Deputy Director, Office of Public Engagement
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**Date:** June 28, 2016
**Owners Number:** 2340370
**Leader's Name:** Scott Fraser
**Leader's Number:** 202-566-2126
**Number of Participants:** 300
**International Participants:** No
**Beginning & Ending Time (Eastern Time Zone):** 11:45 – 12:15 p.m.
**Subject:** Transportation Air Quality Settlement
**Contact Person:** John Millet
**Contact Number:** 202-564-2903

**Date:** June 28, 2016
**Owners Number:** 2340370
**Leader's Name:** Scott Fraser
**Leader's Number:** 202-566-2126
**Number of Participants:** 100
**International Participants:** No
**Beginning & Ending Time (Eastern Time Zone):** 12:30 – 1:00 p.m.
**Subject:** Transportation Air Quality Settlement
**Contact Person:** John Millet
**Contact Number:** 202-564-2903

**Date:** June 28, 2016
**Owners Number:** 2340370
**Leader's Name:** Scott Fraser
**Leader's Number:** 202-566-2126
**Number of Participants:** 100
**International Participants:** No
**Beginning & Ending Time (Eastern Time Zone):** 1:15 – 1:45 p.m.
**Subject:** Transportation Air Quality Settlement
**Contact Person:** John Millet
**Contact Number:** 202-564-2903

**Date:** June 29, 2016
**Owners Number:** 2340370

**Leader's Name:** Scott Fraser
**Leader's Number:** 202-566-2126
**Number of Participants:** 200
**International Participants:** No
**Beginning & Ending Time (Eastern Time Zone):** 11:00 – 11:30 a.m.
**Subject:** Transportation Air Quality Settlement
**Contact Person:** John Millet
**Contact Number:** 202-564-2903

## Feature Confirmation

Please select the following Features you would like to have provided for your conference.

yes **Leader-View** ( yes or no) web-base interface providing a real time view of participants on the call. Question and answer cue and operator text chat are features included with Leader-View.

no **Walk through** ( yes or no) an operator will call a day or two in advance to verify all specific details requested on your conference

yes **Recording** (Encore, CD or Transcription)

yes **Encore**- digitally record your call for anyone who was unable to attend it live or would like to listen again. It's available by dialing a toll free or international toll free number for easy, 24/7 access.

no **CD**- Capture your recorded event on CD MP3. You will receive your CD by hand delivery per the EPA's Teleconferencing Center within 2 to 3 business days from the day of your conference.

yes **(email) Transcription**- receive a written record of what was said during the conference via email or hard copy.

yes **Answer & Question Session**- give your participates the opportunity to ask questions during a conference. Participates indicate that they have a question using their telephone keypad, while the operator manages the question queue in a professional and orderly fashion.

yes **Lecture Mode**- mute all participates' lines during your presentation to reduce background noise, allowing to deliver your message uninterrupted.

no **Communication Line**- Speak with an operator outside of the main conference to convey behind- the- scenes information, orchestrate guest speakers or give timing cues. A communication line makes it easier to manage all the details of a large conference.

yes **Participate Report**- capture your guests' names, phone number, organization, and email address information as they dial into your

conference. This list is emailed to you for your reference so you'll know who heard your message, who missed it and with whom to follow-up.

no **Approved Participate List**- indicate which participates are schedule to be on the conference when creating your reservation. At the time of the call, only those on the list will be joined to the conference.

Appointment

**From**: Olp, Kevin [Olp.Kevin@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 9/22/2016 3:19:13 PM
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**Subject**: RE: DOI press contact

Thank you!

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**Subject:** DOI press contact

**From:** Purchia, Liz
**Sent:** Thursday, October 22, 2015 11:13 AM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Harrison, Melissa <Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: FINAL DOI/Reclamation Gold King Mine Report - Embargoed for Public Release to 2PM

It's Jessica Kershaw

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Liz Purchia
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On Oct 22, 2015, at 11:12 AM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Liz .. is the person at the end of the email chain our doi pub affairs contact – ok for me to contact them? Thanks ng

**From:** Purchia, Liz
**Sent:** Thursday, October 22, 2015 8:52 AM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Harrison, Melissa <Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Fwd: FINAL DOI/Reclamation Gold King Mine Report - Embargoed for Public Release to 2PM

Let's discuss

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**To:** "Purchia, Liz" <Purchia.Liz@epa.gov>
**Subject: FW: FINAL DOI/Reclamation Gold King Mine Report - Embargoed for Public Release to 2PM**

Liz: I noticed your email address was incorrect so I'm forwarding this close hold doc . . . -nancy

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From: DuBray, Daniel [mailto:ddubray@usbr.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2015 8:30 AM
To: Stalcup, Dana <Stalcup.Dana@epa.gov<mailto:Stalcup.Dana@epa.gov>>; Stanislaus, Mathy <Stanislaus.Mathy@epa.gov<mailto:Stanislaus.Mathy@epa.gov>>; purchic.luz@epa.gov<mailto:purchic.luz@epa.gov>
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Subject: FINAL DOI/Reclamation Gold King Mine Report - Embargoed for Public Release to 2PM

On behalf of the Bureau of Reclamation and the Department of the Interior, I am transmitting the final Technical Evaluation of the Gold King Mine Incident, prepared by USBRs Technical Service Center in Lakewood, Colorado.

The 132-page report will be distributed this afternoon at 1:00 pm EDT in a pre-notification to interested States, Tribes and Congress. It will be released to the public at 2:00 pm EDT. The url for the report on our site will be activated at 1:00 pm. That URL will be at www.usbr.gov/docs/goldkingminereport.pdf<http://www.usbr.gov/docs/goldkingminereport.pdf> but the shortened URL http://on.doi.gov/1RdRhD6 will be used to share the report.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

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**Sent**: 7/24/2015 5:35:17 PM
**To**: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
**CC**: Greene, Cynthia [Greene.Cynthia@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Fw: Media Alert - Gina and Chicago Archbishop Media Event Today

In case you have not seen this-

**From:** Washington, Audrie
**Sent:** Friday, July 24, 2015 11:07 AM
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**Subject:** Media Alert - Gina and Chicago Archbishop Media Event Today

FYI - Media Alert

TODAY: EPA Administrator and Chicago Archbishop to Visit Old St. Mary's School in Chicago, Discuss Moral Obligation to Act on Climate

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Subject: FW: Press planner for week ending 7.24

Thanks,

Danny

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From: Sutton, Amanda
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2015 5:13 PM
To: OAR Communications Staff All
Subject: Press planner for week ending 7.24

Amanda Sutton
EPA Office of Air and Radiation (OAR)
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**From**: Greene, Cynthia [Greene.Cynthia@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 5/6/2015 11:19:43 AM
**To**: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Fwd: Close Hold - Upcoming release of Climate Change Adaptation Introductory Training for Local Governments

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**Subject: Close Hold - Upcoming release of Climate Change Adaptation Introductory Training for Local Governments**

All,

This afternoon the Administration will recognize the anniversary of the National Climate Assessment's release last year. As part of that recognition, EPA will release an on-line Climate Change Adaptation

Introductory Training for Local Governments. The training module was developed at the request of and in consultation with the Agency's Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC). Working with the LGAC, we modified the baseline climate adaptation module – our internal Climate Change Adaptation 101 Training -- to meet their needs. Like the Climate Change Adaptation 101 Training, the new module uses existing information from the National Climate Assessment, EPA's Climate Change Adaptation Plan, EPA Program and Regional Climate Adaptation Implementation Plans, OSWER's climate change adaptation training module, and examples of existing climate adaptation activities in communities.

Today's announcement will provide the URL for the new module. Some of the related EPA communication activities are expected to include: news release, EPA Tweets, notification of a number of governmental organizations, EPA website banner, and a guest blog from the chair of the LGAC resilience subcommittee on the EPA website. We are all asked to direct media calls to Enesta Jones in EPA's Media Relations group.

We have been asked not to release the URL until the announcement is made but I wanted to provide you with the link prior to the announcement. Here's the link to the training: http://www.epa.gov/localadaptationtraining/

You may also recall this was one of the commitments made in response to recommendations of the President's State, Local and Tribal Leaders Task Force on Climate Preparedness and Resilience (https://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/ceq/Press_Releases/November_17_2014). Thus, White House and CEQ were interested in including this training module in its announcement.

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Message

**From**: Beling, Christine [beling.christine@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 6/17/2015 1:06:15 PM
**To**: "Buckley, Mark" <mark.buckley@staples.com> [mark.buckley@staples.com]
**CC**: Dever, Mary [Dever.Mary@epa.gov]; Williams, Bridget [Williams.Bridget@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; D'Avanzo, Thomas [Davanzo.Thomas@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Retailer participation in Safer Choice
**Attachments**: UPDATED 2015 Safer Choice Partner of the Year Toolkit June 8 2015.docx

Mark, Good to connect yesterday. I am forwarding an email from my HQ contact, Bridget Williams, below. Bridget has worked closely with Roger McFadden and Heather Rose on the Safer Choice Label. Note the connection to retailers copied here:

- *Using Safer Choice-labeled products in store and warehouse operations.*
- *Education customers about the Safer Choice label through flyers, in-store promotions, placement of Safer Choice-labeled products on store shelves.*
- *Offering store-branded products with the Safer Choice label. The Safer Choice Program works with many vendors on formulating products to qualify for the Safer Choice label*

The Region 1 "ask" is to publicize the Safer Choice Label jointly with Staples in the late summer time frame. HQ is near completion on a toolkit to share with retailers that would assist in highlighting Safer Choice Label products in stores. Your review of the draft from the Staples/retailer perspective would be valuable feedback in this first go round. Once there are products on the shelves later this summer, we would like to jointly host a media event in a store(s) to highlight the label. The design of the event is wide open. Our Regional Administrator would participate, we would look for press coverage and work closely with your team to develop an event that works for both EPA and Staples. We could also discuss the option of doing events in more than one location i.e. EPA Region.

If this is something you would like to discuss further, I would be happy to set up a meeting, at your convenience, with our technical team and public affairs office later this month. Look forward to hearing back from you. I know you are hoping to travel to DC for the June 22 event, if you do make the trip, Curt Spalding, EPA New England Regional Administrator will also be there for you to connect with. C

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Paper is a valuable resource; please don't print this message unless necessary.

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**From:** Williams, Bridget
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 17, 2015 7:23 AM
**To:** Beling, Christine
**Subject:** Retailer participation in Safer Choice

Hi Chris,

Retailers are participating in the Safer Choice Program in multiple ways. Below are three examples, however, I'm sure there are additional ways to become involved.

- Using Safer Choice-labeled products in store and warehouse operations.
- Education customers about the Safer Choice label through flyers, in-store promotions, placement of Safer Choice-labeled products on store shelves.
- Offering store-branded products with the Safer Choice label. The Safer Choice Program works with many vendors on formulating products to qualify for the Safer Choice label.

Bridget

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Message

**From**: Studlien, Susan [Studlien.Susan@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 6/3/2015 1:48:13 PM
**To**: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Fwd: Safer Choice Partner of the Year Winners - for regional amplification

FY I in the event you want to attend as well.

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> **From:** "Strauss, Linda" <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov>
> **Date:** June 3, 2015 at 9:22:18 AM EDT
> **To:** "Studlien, Susan" <Studlien.Susan@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** "Cunningham-HQ, Barbara" <Cunningham-HQ.Barbara@epa.gov>, "Widawsky, David" <Widawsky.David@epa.gov>, "Flattery, Priscilla" <Flattery.Priscilla@epa.gov>, "Davies, Clive" <Davies.Clive@epa.gov>
> **Subject: RE: Safer Choice Partner of the Year Winners - for regional amplification**
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> I'm sure one of us would be glad to do that! Thanks.
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> **From:** Studlien, Susan
> **Sent:** Wednesday, June 03, 2015 9:15 AM
> **To:** Strauss, Linda
> **Cc:** Cunningham-HQ, Barbara; Widawsky, David; Flattery, Priscilla; Davies, Clive
> **Subject:** Re: Safer Choice Partner of the Year Winners - for regional amplification
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> Linda thanks very much for this information. If you or someone from your office is available Thursday June 11, we have our monthly VTC with all the regional division directors 2-3pm. It would be very helpful if you could do a quick summary of the plan for PR and ceremony and what they can do to be of assistance with those.
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> Would that work for you? Thanks.
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> Sent from my iPhone
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> On Jun 3, 2015, at 8:55 AM, Strauss, Linda <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov> wrote:
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>> Barbara/David, FYI, I have sent to Regional Public Affairs Directors (PADS). PADS will embargo until June 10th. Some regions may choose to develop their own press releases or amplify the announcement in other ways.
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>> **From:** Strauss, Linda
>> **Sent:** Tuesday, June 02, 2015 12:13 PM
>> **To:** PADs and Alternates
>> **Cc:** Lee, Monica; Milbourn, Cathy; Flattery, Priscilla; Dunton, Cheryl
>> **Subject:** Safer Choice Partner of the Year Winners - for regional amplification
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>> Hello PADs –

Next Wednesday, **June 10**, we'll have a press release announcing the winners of the Safer Choice Partners of the Year Awards. All regions except one have winners! On **June 22**, we'll have an awards ceremony for the winners -- Jim Jones will be sending your RAs a personal note inviting them to the ceremony (since the event is in the afternoon before the 2017 Budget Forum) and alerting them to your region's winners.

Please help us amplify the news. Below is an embargoed list of winners, and attached is a draft press release and coms strategy. Sample tweets are coming. This is another great way to get the word out and build interest in the safer choice label before many of the products hit the shelves this August (a few have already hit the shelves). In August and September, we'll be looking for consumer-facing amplification to promote the public's recognition of safer products.

Just let me know if you need any assistance with this at all.

Linda

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List of Winners

**R1**

**Staples, Inc. (Framingham, MA):** Staples is being recognized as an outstanding Safer Choice Retailer (as well as a noteworthy Formulator-Manufacturer and Distributor). Staples is an office superstore with retail, online, and delivery capabilities. Staples has made investments to source and sell safer products, including the Sustainable Earth by Staples™ line of cleaning products. Safer Choice commends Staples' dedication to safer product development, as evidenced by its research hub and testing lab. Also, the company uses and promotes the Safer Choice Safer Chemical Ingredients List and CleanGredients®. Staples emphasizes standards for suppliers, which expands the recognition and reach of the Safer Choice program through the supply chain.

**R2**

**Case Medical, Inc. (South Hackensack, NJ):** Case Medical is being recognized as an outstanding Safer Choice Formulator-Manufacturer. The company is a leader in the design and manufacture of medical devices and also offers products for equipment decontamination and sterilization. Case Medical is commended for its strong commitment to the Safer Choice program, prominent use of the Safer Choice label, and identification of a target audience for education and promotions. Case Medical has set low-toxicity goals for potential harm to patients and staff.

**GreenStar Hub (Forest Hills, NY):** GreenStar Hub is being recognized as an outstanding Safer Choice Distributor. This organization offers a group-buy marketplace for sustainable products and services and is a technology provider for businesses and governments. Safer Choice recognizes GreenStar for working in underserved markets, including New York City schools and animal hospitals, promoting the Safer Choice label through training, and using the label in highly visible ways, for example, in social media communications and a mobile app.

**Wegmans Food Markets (Rochester, NY):** Wegmans is being recognized as an outstanding Safer Choice Retailer. Wegmans is major retail chain that recently introduced a new line of cleaning products made with safer ingredients. Safer Choice commends Wegmans for its prominent use of the Safer Choice label, most notably in end cap displays and newsletters. Wegmans conducted employee and customer

education sessions to promote awareness of and trust in the Safer Choice label. In researching and introducing its new line of Safer Choice products, the company learned that many customers are interested in safer products, provided they are effective.

**R3**

**Consumer Specialty Products Association (Washington, DC):** The Consumer Specialty Products Association (CSPA) is being recognized as an outstanding Safer Choice Supporter. CSPA is a trade association representing companies engaged in the manufacture, formulation, distribution and sale of consumer products for households and institutions. Safer Choice commends the CSPA for partnering with the program and key stakeholders on efforts to advance safer products among its member companies. Of note, Safer Choice applauds CSPA's collaborative spirit and success on leadership issues, such as spearheading Safer Choice's implementation of ingredient disclosure, working across the interest spectrum to identify common values and advance the common good.

**District of Columbia Office of Contracting and Procurement (Washington, DC):** The District of Columbia (DC) Government is being recognized as an outstanding Safer Choice Distributor. The DC Government runs a Sustainable Purchasing Program, which began recognizing Safer Choice-labeled products as early as 2010, when the District Council passed the "Procurement Practices Reform Act." This act recognized the Safer Choice label as a credible environmental standard and encouraged use of labeled products. Safer Choice commends the DC Government for requiring Safer Choice in contracts, offering trainings for stakeholders, and conducting strong outreach activities.

**GreenBlue (Charlottesville, VA):** The GreenBlue Institute is being recognized as an outstanding Safer Choice Supporter. The organization is an environmental nonprofit dedicated to the sustainable use of materials in society. GreenBlue maintains the CleanGredients® database, the first marketplace for safer chemical ingredients. Safer Choice recognizes GreenBlue for bringing together a variety of stakeholders to encourage innovation in safer chemistries and products and best practices for a more sustainable materials economy. Of note, Safer Choice commends GreenBlue's recent efforts to expand and promote the use of Safer Choice's Safer Chemical Ingredients List.

**Solutex, Inc. (Sterling, VA):** Solutex, Inc. is being recognized as an outstanding Safer Choice Distributor. The company is a distributor of janitorial and building maintenance supplies committed to only selling products that contain safer, readily biodegradable surfactants and other safer ingredients. Safer Choice recognizes Solutex Inc.'s achievements in selling safer products that perform well and discontinuing sales of less sustainable options. The Safer Choice label is prominent on Solutex products, and the company provides education materials for consumers.

**R4**

**Chemlink Laboratories (Kennesaw, GA):** Chemlink is being recognized as an outstanding Safer Choice Innovator. The company's core strength is its ability to develop safer chemical formulations in a compressed tablet form for a variety of applications. Safer Choice commends Chemlink for its marketing initiative at Grand Central Station, where Chemlink employees described the Safer Choice program to roughly 10,000 people. Also, Chemlink incorporates consumer waste in its packaging and partnered with Safer Choice to transform a problematic chemistry into a safer alternative.

**Osprey Biotechnics, Inc. (Sarasota, FL):** Osprey Biotechnics is being recognized as an outstanding Safer Choice Formulator-Manufacturer (as well as a noteworthy Innovator). Osprey Biotechnics, a woman-owned business, develops microbial products and

bioproducts for a large range of environmental, industrial, and agricultural applications, including consumer products. Safer Choice commends Osprey's various achievements, including continuing to increase its offering of Safer Choice-labeled products and sales since they first became a partner in 2003. Osprey Biotechnics uses microorganisms as alternatives to traditional chemicals and prominently using the Safer Choice label on all products. Also, the company emphasizes water recycling, safer chemical substitution, and soil and animal health in its manufacturing processes.

**R5**

**AkzoNobel (Chicago, IL):** Akzo Nobel is being recognized as an outstanding Safer Choice Innovator. The company is a global paints and coatings manufacturer and a major producer of specialty chemicals. Safer Choice commends Akzo Nobel for its strong external communications and stakeholder involvement efforts, as well as its full-spectrum approach to safer chemicals. For example, in developing a new chelating agent, Akzo Nobel not only designed a safer chemical, but collaborated with the US EPA and others on innovative test methods to confirm the chemical's safer profile. Akzo Nobel is working with EDF to publish a case study on this approach.

**ISSA, The Worldwide Cleaning Industry Association (Northbrook, IL):** ISSA is being recognized as an outstanding Safer Choice Supporter. ISSA, the Worldwide Cleaning Industry Association, is a non-profit, voluntary trade association that represents every major segment of the institutional and commercial cleaning industry. ISSA's membership exceeds 7,000 companies worldwide including manufacturers and distributors of cleaning products, wholesalers, manufacturer representatives, contract cleaners, and in-house cleaning service providers. Safer Choice commends ISSA for featuring Safer Choice at conferences, sponsoring the CleanGredients® database, conducting strong and diverse outreach efforts, and, very notably, working to introduce Safer Choice in nine state green procurement plans.

**Jelmar, LLC (Skokie, IL):** Jelmar is being recognized as an outstanding Safer Choice Formulator-Manufacturer. Jelmar is a company committed to designing products with the environment and human health strongly in mind, and is a long-time partner, entering into a partnership with Safer Choice in 2005 to promote the health of its customers and the environment. Safer Choice recognizes Jelmar for its leadership in promoting Safer Choice products, which are a large proportion of its total sales, and for increasing the number of its Safer Choice-labeled products over time. Of special note, the company promoted their safer products through a variety of channels—including TV, video, and mixed media—to target consumers, providing helpful information about the Safer Choice label and program.

**Loyola University of Chicago, Institute of Environmental Sustainability (Chicago, IL):** Loyola University of Chicago is being recognized as an outstanding Safer Choice Supporter (as well as a noteworthy Innovator). The Searle Biodiesel Program, housed within Loyola University of Chicago's Institute of Environmental Sustainability (IES), is a student-run green business. They focus on using waste products, primarily waste vegetable oil from campus cafeterias, to create renewable fuels for campus vehicles and hand soap for campus bathrooms. Safer Choice is recognizing Loyola University for creating a new Safer Choice product called BioSoap and for its broad educational initiatives, including offering safer product coursework and highlighting its Safer Choice partnership on campus tours. Also, IES has shown a commitment to zero waste and sustainability.

**Stepan Company (Northfield, IL):** Stepan Company is being recognized as an outstanding Safer Choice Innovator. Stepan is a sustainable and global chemical solutions company. They have advanced the use of safer chemicals through their participation in and support of CleanGredients® and by working with customers interested in securing the Safer Choice label. Safer Choice commends Stepan for its development of safer surfactants and promoting the Safer Choice label in its Surfactant Sales Trainee Program (an annual training for incoming college graduates interested in a sales position at the company). Of note, Stepan has listed 30 surfactants on CleanGredients® since 2006.

**R7**

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Message

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**Sent**: 6/24/2015 6:32:02 PM
**To**: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
**CC**: Smith, Roxanne [Smith.Roxanne@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: Separately Paneled National Award Nominations

It hasn't made it to me yet. Rox, any idea who was developing it? I can help track it down.

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*"Collaboration: When a collection of brilliant minds, hearts and talents come together ... expect a masterpiece."*

On Jun 24, 2015, at 2:28 PM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

> Are you all handling the mass mailer on the awards or should I go to matt or john reeder ... we have our ceremony tomorrow and want to announce our winners -- matt indicated he thought it would be out.
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> Thanks ng
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> **From:** Hemmer, Patricia
> **Sent:** Wednesday, June 24, 2015 1:09 PM
> **To:** Grantham, Nancy
> **Subject:** RE: Separately Paneled National Award Nominations
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> I will check on it but not sure it will be out by then.
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> **From:** Grantham, Nancy
> **Sent:** Wednesday, June 24, 2015 9:43 AM
> **To:** Hemmer, Patricia
> **Cc:** Grantham, Nancy
> **Subject:** RE: Separately Paneled National Award Nominations
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> Hi --
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> Checking on the status of the mass mailer from the Administrator on the national honor awards. Our ceremony is tomorrow afternoon -- so making sure that the memo is going out today or tomorrow morning at the latest -- so we can announce our winners.
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> Thanks ng
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> **From:** Hemmer, Patricia
> **Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2015 12:46 PM
> **To:** Grantham, Nancy
> **Subject:** RE: Separately Paneled National Award Nominations

Yes, the separately paneled awards are also approved by the Administrator. Attached is a copy of the approvals. This MUST be held close and is not for dissemination.

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2015 12:37 PM
**To:** Hemmer, Patricia
**Subject:** RE: Separately Paneled National Award Nominations

So will this be part of the national announcement of awards? If so, can you share the region 1 winners with us as a close hold as our ceremony is Thursday? Thanks much. ng

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**From:** Hemmer, Patricia
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2015 12:23 PM
**To:** Williamson, Ann; Maxfield, Robert
**Cc:** Grantham, Nancy
**Subject:** RE: Separately Paneled National Award Nominations

The awards approval memo should be coming out within the next few days.

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**From:** Williamson, Ann
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2015 12:10 PM
**To:** Maxfield, Robert
**Cc:** Grantham, Nancy; Hemmer, Patricia
**Subject:** RE: Separately Paneled National Award Nominations

Hi Rob—we've not heard back on our recommendations. Perhaps Patricia can help answer your question.

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**From:** Maxfield, Robert
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2015 8:54 AM
**To:** Williamson, Ann
**Cc:** Grantham, Nancy
**Subject:** FW: Separately Paneled National Award Nominations

Ann –

Do you know if the Science Achievement Award finalists have been selected? We are having our regional awards event and we would like to recognize our nomination Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) / Ex. 5 Deliberative if it was selected for recognition.

Regards,

Rob Maxfield, Director

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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) (C)
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**From:** Grantham, Nancy
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2015 11:44 AM
**To:** Maxfield, Robert
**Cc:** Dierker, Carl; Kenyon, Michael; Johnson, Arthur
**Subject:** RE: Separately Paneled National Award Nominations

Thanks .. who can we check with at HQ – ORD? on the status of these awards? Thanks ng

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**From:** Maxfield, Robert
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2015 11:41 AM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy
**Cc:** Dierker, Carl; Kenyon, Michael; Johnson, Arthur
**Subject:** Separately Paneled National Award Nominations

Nancy –

These are the two national award nominations I was referring to this morning.

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Regards,

Rob Maxfield, Director
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Message

**From**: Studlien, Susan [Studlien.Susan@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 6/3/2015 1:17:40 PM
**To**: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Fwd: Safer Choice Partner of the Year Winners - for regional amplification

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Studlien, Susan" <Studlien.Susan@epa.gov>
> **Date:** June 3, 2015 at 9:15:04 AM EDT
> **To:** "Strauss, Linda" <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** "Cunningham-HQ, Barbara" <Cunningham-HQ.Barbara@epa.gov>, "Widawsky, David" <Widawsky.David@epa.gov>, "Flattery, Priscilla" <Flattery.Priscilla@epa.gov>, "Davies, Clive" <Davies.Clive@epa.gov>
> **Subject: Re: Safer Choice Partner of the Year Winners - for regional amplification**
>
> Linda thanks very much for this information. If you or someone from your office is available Thursday June 11, we have our monthly VTC with all the regional division directors 2-3pm. It would be very helpful if you could do a quick summary of the plan for PR and ceremony and what they can do to be of assistance with those.
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> Would that work for you? Thanks.
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> Sent from my iPhone
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> On Jun 3, 2015, at 8:55 AM, Strauss, Linda <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov> wrote:
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>> Barbara/David, FYI, I have sent to Regional Public Affairs Directors (PADS). PADS will embargo until June 10th. Some regions may choose to develop their own press releases or amplify the announcement in other ways.
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>> **From:** Strauss, Linda
>> **Sent:** Tuesday, June 02, 2015 12:13 PM
>> **To:** PADs and Alternates
>> **Cc:** Lee, Monica; Milbourn, Cathy; Flattery, Priscilla; Dunton, Cheryl
>> **Subject:** Safer Choice Partner of the Year Winners - for regional amplification
>>
>> Hello PADs –
>>
>> Next Wednesday, **June 10**, we'll have a press release announcing the winners of the Safer Choice Partners of the Year Awards. All regions except one have winners! On **June 22**, we'll have an awards ceremony for the winners -- Jim Jones will be sending your RAs a personal note inviting them to the ceremony (since the event is in the afternoon before the 2017 Budget Forum) and alerting them to your region's winners.
>>
>> Please help us amplify the news. Below is an embargoed list of winners, and attached is a draft press release and coms strategy. Sample tweets are coming. This is another great way to get the word out and build interest in the safer choice label before many of

the products hit the shelves this August (a few have already hit the shelves). In August and September, we'll be looking for consumer-facing amplification to promote the public's recognition of safer products.

Just let me know if you need any assistance with this at all.

Linda

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List of Winners

**R1**

**Staples, Inc. (Framingham, MA):** Staples is being recognized as an outstanding Safer Choice Retailer (as well as a noteworthy Formulator-Manufacturer and Distributor). Staples is an office superstore with retail, online, and delivery capabilities. Staples has made investments to source and sell safer products, including the Sustainable Earth by Staples™ line of cleaning products. Safer Choice commends Staples' dedication to safer product development, as evidenced by its research hub and testing lab. Also, the company uses and promotes the Safer Choice Safer Chemical Ingredients List and CleanGredients®. Staples emphasizes standards for suppliers, which expands the recognition and reach of the Safer Choice program through the supply chain.

**R2**

**Case Medical, Inc. (South Hackensack, NJ):** Case Medical is being recognized as an outstanding Safer Choice Formulator-Manufacturer. The company is a leader in the design and manufacture of medical devices and also offers products for equipment decontamination and sterilization. Case Medical is commended for its strong commitment to the Safer Choice program, prominent use of the Safer Choice label, and identification of a target audience for education and promotions. Case Medical has set low-toxicity goals for potential harm to patients and staff.

**GreenStar Hub (Forest Hills, NY):** GreenStar Hub is being recognized as an outstanding Safer Choice Distributor. This organization offers a group-buy marketplace for sustainable products and services and is a technology provider for businesses and governments. Safer Choice recognizes GreenStar for working in underserved markets, including New York City schools and animal hospitals, promoting the Safer Choice label through training, and using the label in highly visible ways, for example, in social media communications and a mobile app.

**Wegmans Food Markets (Rochester, NY):** Wegmans is being recognized as an outstanding Safer Choice Retailer. Wegmans is major retail chain that recently introduced a new line of cleaning products made with safer ingredients. Safer Choice commends Wegmans for its prominent use of the Safer Choice label, most notably in end cap displays and newsletters. Wegmans conducted employee and customer education sessions to promote awareness of and trust in the Safer Choice label. In researching and introducing its new line of Safer Choice products, the company learned that many customers are interested in safer products, provided they are effective.

**R3**

**Consumer Specialty Products Association (Washington, DC):** The Consumer Specialty Products Association (CSPA) is being recognized as an outstanding Safer Choice Supporter. CSPA is a trade association representing companies engaged in the manufacture, formulation, distribution and sale of consumer products for households

and institutions. Safer Choice commends the CSPA for partnering with the program and key stakeholders on efforts to advance safer products among its member companies. Of note, Safer Choice applauds CSPA's collaborative spirit and success on leadership issues, such as spearheading Safer Choice's implementation of ingredient disclosure, working across the interest spectrum to identify common values and advance the common good.

**District of Columbia Office of Contracting and Procurement (Washington, DC):** The District of Columbia (DC) Government is being recognized as an outstanding Safer Choice Distributor. The DC Government runs a Sustainable Purchasing Program, which began recognizing Safer Choice-labeled products as early as 2010, when the District Council passed the "Procurement Practices Reform Act." This act recognized the Safer Choice label as a credible environmental standard and encouraged use of labeled products. Safer Choice commends the DC Government for requiring Safer Choice in contracts, offering trainings for stakeholders, and conducting strong outreach activities.

**GreenBlue (Charlottesville, VA):** The GreenBlue Institute is being recognized as an outstanding Safer Choice Supporter. The organization is an environmental nonprofit dedicated to the sustainable use of materials in society. GreenBlue maintains the CleanGredients® database, the first marketplace for safer chemical ingredients. Safer Choice recognizes GreenBlue for bringing together a variety of stakeholders to encourage innovation in safer chemistries and products and best practices for a more sustainable materials economy. Of note, Safer Choice commends GreenBlue's recent efforts to expand and promote the use of Safer Choice's Safer Chemical Ingredients List.

**Solutex, Inc. (Sterling, VA):** Solutex, Inc. is being recognized as an outstanding Safer Choice Distributor. The company is a distributor of janitorial and building maintenance supplies committed to only selling products that contain safer, readily biodegradable surfactants and other safer ingredients. Safer Choice recognizes Solutex Inc.'s achievements in selling safer products that perform well and discontinuing sales of less sustainable options. The Safer Choice label is prominent on Solutex products, and the company provides education materials for consumers.

**R4**

**Chemlink Laboratories (Kennesaw, GA):** Chemlink is being recognized as an outstanding Safer Choice Innovator. The company's core strength is its ability to develop safer chemical formulations in a compressed tablet form for a variety of applications. Safer Choice commends Chemlink for its marketing initiative at Grand Central Station, where Chemlink employees described the Safer Choice program to roughly 10,000 people. Also, Chemlink incorporates consumer waste in its packaging and partnered with Safer Choice to transform a problematic chemistry into a safer alternative.

**Osprey Biotechnics, Inc. (Sarasota, FL):** Osprey Biotechnics is being recognized as an outstanding Safer Choice Formulator-Manufacturer (as well as a noteworthy Innovator). Osprey Biotechnics, a woman-owned business, develops microbial products and bioproducts for a large range of environmental, industrial, and agricultural applications, including consumer products. Safer Choice commends Osprey's various achievements, including continuing to increase its offering of Safer Choice-labeled products and sales since they first became a partner in 2003. Osprey Biotechnics uses microorganisms as alternatives to traditional chemicals and prominently using the Safer Choice label on all products. Also, the company emphasizes water recycling, safer chemical substitution, and soil and animal health in its manufacturing processes.

**R5**

**AkzoNobel (Chicago, IL):** Akzo Nobel is being recognized as an outstanding Safer Choice Innovator. The company is a global paints and coatings manufacturer and a major producer of specialty chemicals. Safer Choice commends Akzo Nobel for its strong external communications and stakeholder involvement efforts, as well as its full-spectrum approach to safer chemicals. For example, in developing a new chelating agent, Akzo Nobel not only designed a safer chemical, but collaborated with the US EPA and others on innovative test methods to confirm the chemical's safer profile. Akzo Nobel is working with EDF to publish a case study on this approach.

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**Jelmar, LLC (Skokie, IL):** Jelmar is being recognized as an outstanding Safer Choice Formulator-Manufacturer. Jelmar is a company committed to designing products with the environment and human health strongly in mind, and is a long-time partner, entering into a partnership with Safer Choice in 2005 to promote the health of its customers and the environment. Safer Choice recognizes Jelmar for its leadership in promoting Safer Choice products, which are a large proportion of its total sales, and for increasing the number of its Safer Choice-labeled products over time. Of special note, the company promoted their safer products through a variety of channels—including TV, video, and mixed media—to target consumers, providing helpful information about the Safer Choice label and program.

**Loyola University of Chicago, Institute of Environmental Sustainability (Chicago, IL):** Loyola University of Chicago is being recognized as an outstanding Safer Choice Supporter (as well as a noteworthy Innovator). The Searle Biodiesel Program, housed within Loyola University of Chicago's Institute of Environmental Sustainability (IES), is a student-run green business. They focus on using waste products, primarily waste vegetable oil from campus cafeterias, to create renewable fuels for campus vehicles and hand soap for campus bathrooms. Safer Choice is recognizing Loyola University for creating a new Safer Choice product called BioSoap and for its broad educational initiatives, including offering safer product coursework and highlighting its Safer Choice partnership on campus tours. Also, IES has shown a commitment to zero waste and sustainability.

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Message

**From**: Dever, Mary [Dever.Mary@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 7/7/2015 1:35:00 PM
**To**: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Bender, Emily [Bender.Emily@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: Safer Choice Partner/Stakeholder toolkit
**Attachments**: RE: Safer Choice Partner/Stakeholder toolkit

I noticed these weren't shared with you. Looks like HQ wants comments by this Wed.

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**From:** Martinez, Hugh
**Sent:** Monday, July 06, 2015 12:01 PM
**To:** Dever, Mary; Anastas, Nicholas; Beling, Christine
**Subject:** FW: Safer Choice Partner/Stakeholder toolkit

Attached is an email I just received from Bridget. She's asking about review/comments by this Wednesday. Please let me know if this is realistic (including for our partners at Staples and BJ's). I'd like to get back to her ASAP.

Thanks!

-Hugh-

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Message

**From**: Williams, Bridget [Williams.Bridget@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 7/6/2015 3:44:42 PM
**To**: Martinez, Hugh [martinez.hugh@epa.gov]; Difiore, David [Difiore.David@epa.gov]
**CC**: Studlien, Susan [Studlien.Susan@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Safer Choice Partner/Stakeholder toolkit

Hi Hugh,

I wanted to get back to you on timing. Would it be possible to get initial feedback from R1 this Wednesday? I'll be on vacation the last two weeks in July and I'd like to incorporate some of your thinking this week.

In general, the idea is that this is will be an evolving toolkit for our stakeholders. Input from R1, BJs, Staples, and others will gladly be accepted at any point. I don't want to rush your review, especially since you just received the materials!

Please let me know if you have questions.

Thanks so much!
Bridget

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**From:** Martinez, Hugh
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 01, 2015 4:37 PM
**To:** Difiore, David
**Cc:** Williams, Bridget; Studlien, Susan
**Subject:** RE: Safer Choice Partner/Stakeholder toolkit

Thanks, Dave (and Bridget)! We'll do our best to get right back to you. When do you need to see a response from R1, as an early reviewer? Please let us know ASAP, OK? We do appreciate your sharing this. It's great to see. I'll forward straight away to Susan, Mary, Nick, and possibly a couple other people here at the Boston office for a "close hold" review. Do let us know when you want to hear from us, though.

Again, thank you!

Soon,

-Hugh-

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**From:** Difiore, David
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 01, 2015 4:18 PM
**To:** Martinez, Hugh
**Cc:** Williams, Bridget
**Subject:** FW: Safer Choice Partner/Stakeholder toolkit

Hi, Hugh.

Know you've been awaiting these materials.

They are early, pre-signoff copies so that you can begin your review (Bridget assures me they are in hands most trustworthy).

We really appreciate your help.

David

*Internal deliberative*

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David DiFiore
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**From:** Davies, Clive
**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2015 4:29 PM
**To:** Widawsky, David; Tillman, Thomas
**Cc:** Difiore, David; Williams, Bridget
**Subject:** FW: Safer Choice Partner/Stakeholder toolkit

David (and/or Tom):

I'm updating the note below from David D. and attaching another document.

The outreach document (with EPA regions) is new to you and spells out our suggestions for who does what. A few items for the regions are referenced in this document and are still under development. I'm asking Bridget to make them a top priority. These are powerpoint slides and display materials.

After your review, we would like to share the toolkit with Region 1 and then with all the regions for feedback.

Happy to incorporate your comments.

Clive

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**From:** Difiore, David
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 24, 2015 5:45 PM
**To:** Widawsky, David
**Cc:** Davies, Clive; Williams, Bridget
**Subject:** FW: Safer Choice Partner/Stakeholder toolkit

David--

In our efforts to ensure the integrity of messaging around the Safer Choice label, we have drafted the attached toolkit (two files: a Word document and a PDF of posters) for our partners and stakeholders. We are still working on a package for the regions as a top priority.

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

Happy to incorporate your comments.

David

*Internal deliberative*

David DiFiore
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**From:** Williams, Bridget
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 24, 2015 4:48 PM
**To:** Difiore, David
**Cc:** Davies, Clive
**Subject:** Safer Choice Partner/Stakeholder toolkit

Hi David,

Attached is the toolkit and posters ready to send to David. A draft note is below. I am happy to send it if helpful and appropriate.

Bridget

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**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

Message

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**Sent**: 7/7/2015 5:18:37 PM
**To**: Boudrot, Steve [Boudrot.Steve@epa.gov]
**CC**: Deegan, Dave [Deegan.Dave@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: NRMP Alert: EPA Information Procedure, Managing Social Media Records Approved

Hi,

The new Social Media policy has been signed, so I will have to meet with Dave Deegan to go over what we need to change to meet this requirement.

Thanks,
Margo

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**From:** Records
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 07, 2015 10:24 AM
**Subject:** NRMP Alert: EPA Information Procedure, Managing Social Media Records Approved

# NRMP Alert

July 07, 2015

EPA Information Procedure, Managing Social Media Records was approved by the CIO on June 12, 2015. http://intranet.epa.gov/oei/imitpolicy/qic/ciopolicy/2155-P-06.pdf

The purpose of the procedure is to establish a framework for properly maintaining social media records related to official agency business. The procedure applies to EPA employees, contractors, and other personnel acting in an official capacity on behalf of EPA when using social media on the EPA Intranet or Internet, whether such use occurs on an EPA website or on third-party sites to which EPA contributes.

The laws, regulations and policies that govern proper records management (i.e., creation, maintenance/use and disposition) apply when using social media. Most of EPA's records schedules are media neutral, that is, they apply to any form of record (e.g., in hardcopy paper, computer disc, audio recording, social media, etc.) All EPA records subject to the Federal Records Act are required to be covered by a records schedule. See http://intranet.epa.gov/records/schedule/index.html for more information on records schedules.

Employees must abide by the Standards of Ethical Conduct, the Hatch Act, and the Agency's other posted policies and procedures that apply to the use of social media for official Agency business.

Thank you.

Sent on behalf of John B. Ellis, Agency Records Officer

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Message

**From:** Tulis, Dana [Tulis.Dana@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 10/30/2015 8:29:16 PM
**To:** Rauscher, Jon [Rauscher.Jon@epa.gov]; StClair, Christie [StClair.Christie@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Tyner, Lee [tyner.lee@epa.gov]
**CC:** Smith, Terry [Smith.Terry@epa.gov]; Edlund, Carl [Edlund.Carl@epa.gov]; McKean, Deborah [mckean.deborah@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Fwd: Meeting on Pre-Incident Paper for NM
**Attachments:** Figures 10-28-15.docx; ATT00001.htm

Folks, added attachments.
Thank you Terry.

Dana S. Tulis
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Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Smith, Terry" <Smith.Terry@epa.gov>
> **To:** "Tulis, Dana" <Tulis.Dana@epa.gov>
> **Subject: RE: Meeting on Pre-Incident Paper for NM**
>
> Did you want to send the attached charts to the other reviewers as well. It was not included in your emails to the others.
>
> Terry
>
> From: Tulis, Dana
> Sent: Thursday, October 29, 2015 2:12 PM
> To: Rauscher, Jon <Rauscher.Jon@epa.gov>; Smith, Terry <Smith.Terry@epa.gov>; StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
> Cc: Cheatham, Reggie <cheatham.reggie@epa.gov>; Edlund, Carl <Edlund.Carl@epa.gov>
> Subject: Meeting on Pre-Incident Paper for NM
>
> Folks, we need to have a meeting on this paper. Region 6 folks developed this paper, to address some of NM's concerns and there is a meeting on November 3 with Secretary Flynn. This paper is close hold right now. We need to make sure this a 100 percent consistent with all past messages and information on the web site. I need to also include ORD, Terry, let me know who to reach out in ORD that worked with us routinely on the messaging. I am thinking a meeting on Monday, the latest. Perhaps we can check in before noon tomorrow. Let me know your availability and in the meantime folks can start reviewing.
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> Carl, let me know if you need me to add in other folks or if you will take care of that for Region 6.
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> Thanks all.
>
> Dana S. Tulis

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Message

**From**: Dever, Mary [Dever.Mary@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 5/26/2015 4:48:46 PM
**To**: Bond, David [Bond.David@epa.gov]; Callier, James [Callier.James@epa.gov]; Costas, Robin [Costas.Robin@epa.gov]; Devito, Steve [Devito.Steve@epa.gov]; Garl, Jerri-Anne [garl.jerri-anne@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Gregory, Kate [Gregory.Kate@epa.gov]; Katz, John [Katz.John@epa.gov]; Klevs, Mardi [klevs.mardi@epa.gov]; Leazer, John [leazer.john@epa.gov]; Mitchell, Judy-Ann [Mitchell.Judy-Ann@epa.gov]; Peavey, Dwight [Peavey.Dwight@epa.gov]; Schoepf, Walter [Schoepf.Walter@epa.gov]; Sonich-Mullin, Cynthia [Sonich-Mullin.Cynthia@epa.gov]; Studlien, Susan [Studlien.Susan@epa.gov]; Swingle, Pam [swingle.pamela@epa.gov]; Williamson, Tracy [Williamson.Tracy@epa.gov]
**CC**: Wood, MelanieL [Wood.MelanieL@epa.gov]; Vargo, Steve [Vargo.Steve@epa.gov]; Ramos, Carlos [Ramos.Carlos@epa.gov]; Martinez, Hugh [martinez.hugh@epa.gov]; Studlien, Susan [Studlien.Susan@epa.gov]; Anastas, Nicholas [Anastas.Nicholas@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Intramural Green Chemistry / P2 Working Group Call

**Importance**: High

Hi Folks. **I am hoping you'll all be able to attend this Green Chem P2 workgroup call tomorrow 1-2pm EDT**. I won't be able to join you since tomorrow we are hosting our 6 New England States for our Annual Joint Planning Mtg for FY16.

Any FYI in terms of what we are planning by way of Safer Choice Roll-Out:

1) June 8 & 9 2015: Introduce Safer Choice label and the program at the Municipal Sustainability Directors Mtg (reps in our 6 states.) Invite them to recommend purchasing reps or others who can influence purchasing decisions at a July Rountable discussion (see next opportunity)
2) July 2015 (wk of 20th?): Host a morning long event with members of the NE Green Chemistry Network and purchasing resp for key sectors (Colleges/Universities, Healthcare, Munis, Schools, plus citizen advocacy groups) to engage with them regarding how we can develop specific strategies with sectors, municipalities, schools and citizens regarding how we can get them to increase their awareness of safer choice products and influence their purchasing decisions re safer choice products.
3) Sept 2015 (P2 week of Sept 21?): Safer Choice Media event at Safer Choice Partner facility Ex. 5 Deliberative Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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-----Original Appointment-----
**From:** Martinez, Hugh
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 26, 2015 12:10 PM
**To:** Anastas, Nicholas; Bahadori, Tina; Bond, David; Callier, James; Colt, Christina; Costas, Robin; Dever, Mary; Devito, Steve; Garl, Jerri-Anne; Grantham, Nancy; Gregory, Kate; Katz, John; Klevs, Mardi; Leazer, John; Mitchell, Judy-Ann; Peavey, Dwight; Schoepf, Walter; Sonich-Mullin, Cynthia; Studlien, Susan; Swingle, Pam; Widawsky, David; Williamson, Tracy
**Cc:** Armstead, John A.; Banister, Beverly; Filippelli, John; Guerriero, Margaret; Kelly, Kate; Kowalski, Ed; LaPosta, Dore; Scott, Jeff; Stenger, Wren; Tennessee, Denise; Weber, Rebecca; Wood, MelanieL; Libertz, Catherine; Vargo, Steve; Ramos, Carlos; Martig, Anton (Tony); Haff, Janet; Grams, Bradley

**Subject:** Intramural Green Chemistry / P2 Working Group Call
**When:** Wednesday, May 27, 2015 1:00 PM-2:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
**Where:** Monthly

**Notes from prior 4/15/15 call are attached, FYI...**
<< File: 5 27 15 EPA Intramural Green Chemistry Agenda_posted2Outlook.docx >>
**Dial-In Number:** Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) **<< File: GreenChemP2WkgGrp-ConfCall_notesDFT01__from04-15-15.docx >>**

**Password:** Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Message

**From**: duteau, helen [Duteau.Helen@EPA.GOV]
**Sent**: 9/19/2013 5:35:19 PM
**To**: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Final NSPS one-pager -- This reallly is the final top line messaging document ... red line strikeout has been cleared ..thanks ng

Perfect…that was our plan. Thanks.

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy
**Sent:** Thursday, September 19, 2013 1:35 PM
**To:** duteau, helen
**Subject:** RE: Final NSPS one-pager -- This reallly is the final top line messaging document ... red line strikeout has been cleared ..thanks ng

I think the calls need to be very simple and not go into the details on the one pager … just what is on the media advisory .. thanks ng

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**From:** duteau, helen
**Sent:** Thursday, September 19, 2013 1:32 PM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy
**Subject:** RE: Final NSPS one-pager -- This reallly is the final top line messaging document ... red line strikeout has been cleared ..thanks ng

We may not send it to them but is it ok to use the messages during our calls today?

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy
**Sent:** Thursday, September 19, 2013 1:29 PM
**To:** duteau, helen
**Subject:** RE: Final NSPS one-pager -- This reallly is the final top line messaging document ... red line strikeout has been cleared ..thanks ng

After you have called your contacts … and if you feel comfortable at the end of the day .. you can send to them – assuming you indicate embargo and close hold – if you have any hesitation or concern .. I would err on side of caution. Thanks ng

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**From:** duteau, helen
**Sent:** Thursday, September 19, 2013 1:26 PM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy
**Subject:** RE: Final NSPS one-pager -- This reallly is the final top line messaging document ... red line strikeout has been cleared ..thanks ng

Nancy…just need to clarify: We are to use this one-pager after the announcement is made tomorrow and not during our outreach today with our constituents, correct? There has been some confusion here over the use of the one-pager. Thanks for any clarification. Helen

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy
**Sent:** Thursday, September 19, 2013 1:24 PM
**To:** PADs and Alternates
**Subject:** FW: Final NSPS one-pager -- This reallly is the final top line messaging document ... red line strikeout has been cleared ..thanks ng

Message

**From**: Conroy, David [Conroy.Dave@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 9/19/2013 4:56:37 PM
**To**: Spalding, Curt [Spalding.Curt@epa.gov]; Kenyon, Michael [Kenyon.Michael@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; St. Fleur, Marilyn [StFleur.Marilyn@epa.gov]; Abrams, Dan [Abrams.Dan@epa.gov]; Rodriguez, Danny [Rodriguez.Danny@epa.gov]
**CC**: Moraff, Kenneth [Moraff.Ken@epa.gov]; Hamjian, Lynne [Hamjian.Lynne@epa.gov]; Greene, Cynthia [Greene.Cynthia@epa.gov]; Wong, Shutsu [Wong.Shutsu@epa.gov]
**Attachments**: 2013-09-19 NSPS 111b Memo.docx; fact sheet_carbonpollutionstandards- longer - Technical draft Sept 18.docx; TickTockDRAFT9-18.docx

Curt/Mike:

Attached is a memo on the proposed New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for new power plants that is expected to be signed on Friday, Sept. 20

The memo has been reviewed by OEP Senior Management. Please note that the attachments to the memo are "close hold" internal materials that we received from HQ yesterday and are not releasable.

David Conroy

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Message

**From**: Deegan, Dave [Deegan.Dave@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 5/8/2013 8:24:17 PM
**To**: Kika, Stacy [Kika.Stacy@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
**CC**: Johnson, Alisha [Johnson.Alisha@epa.gov]; Loop, Travis [Loop.Travis@epa.gov]; Senn, John [Senn.John@epa.gov]; Cohen, David [Cohen.David@epa.gov]; Rivas-Vazquez, Victoria [Rivas-Vazquez.Victoria@epa.gov]; Gutro, Doug [Gutro.Doug@epa.gov]; Whittle, Caitlyn [Whittle.Caitlyn@epa.gov]; Hamjian, Lynne [Hamjian.Lynne@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: ACTION: Updated Info: Urban Waters Announcement on 5/10/13

Not having any luck with Beth Daley of Boston Globe ... we will see if we can find a smaller outlet reporter who is interested

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**From:** Kika, Stacy
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 08, 2013 3:41 PM
**To:** PADs and Alternates
**Cc:** Johnson, Alisha; Loop, Travis; Senn, John; Cohen, David; Rivas-Vazquez, Victoria
**Subject:** ACTION: Updated Info: Urban Waters Announcement on 5/10/13

Hi All,

Attached is the latest draft of the press release. Also I am still seeking reporters from each region that you will be providing the embargo to. Please see the list below of reporters that I have received already from each region.

Reporters to receive the embargo:

- **National:** *Dina Capiello at Associated Press and Elizabeth Shogren at NPR*
- **Big River and Meramec Watersheds in St. Louis, Mo:**
- **Delaware River Basin:** *Sandy Bauers at the Philadelphia Inquirer sbauers@phillynews.com, Jeff Montgomery at the Wilmington News Journal jmontgomery@delawareonline.com*
- **Grand River in Grand Rapids, Mich.:**
- **Green-Duwamish River in Seattle:**
- **Mystic River Watershed in Greater Boston:**
- **Martin Pena Canal in San Juan, P.R.:** *Marcelys Rivera at El Vocero mrivera@vocero.com; Jose Delgado at El Nueva Dia jdelgado@elnuevodia.com*
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- **Middle Blue River in Kansas City, Mo.:**
- **Middle Rio Grande in Albuquerque, N.M.:**
- **Passaic River in Passaic, N.J.:** *Todd Bates at the Newark Star Ledger, Tom Moran at Newark Star Ledger moran@starledger.com; James O'Neill at the Bergen Record oneillj@northjersey.com*
- **Proctor Creek Watershed in Atlanta:**
- **Western Lake Erie Basin in Toledo, Ohio:**
- **Anacostia Watershed (Washington DC/Maryland):** *Darryl Fears at the Washington Post,*
- **Bronx & Harlem River Watersheds (New York):** *Bronx & Harlem River Watersheds (New York): Bronx Times/Bronx.com info@bronx.com*
- **Los Angeles River Watershed (California):** *LA Times, Reporter Bettina Boxall, (213) 237-7069, Bettina.Boxall@latimes.com and Alicia Chang, Associated Press, achang@ap.org, 213-346-3114*
- **Lake Pontchartrain Area (New Orleans, LA):**
- **Northwest Indiana Area:** *Lauri Harvey-Keagle of the NW Indiana Times*
- **Patapsco Watershed (Maryland):** *Tim Wheeler at the Baltimore Sun*
- **South Platte River in Denver (Colorado):**

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**From:** Kika, Stacy
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 07, 2013 7:04 PM
**To:** PADs and Alternates
**Cc:** Alisha Johnson; Loop, Travis; Senn, John; Cohen, David; Rivas-Vazquez, Victoria
**Subject:** ACTION: Updated Info: Urban Waters Announcement on 5/10/13

Hi All,

Attached are the final backgrounders, the latest release, and roll out plan. I am still looking for reporters you will be providing the embargoed information to, please send the contacts along so I can include in the roll out plan.

**Key Notes From Roll Out Plan:**

1. On Wednesday, 05/08, at 3 PM EDT, EPA regional offices will notify the mayors' offices and the stakeholders in the 11 new locations. EPA headquarters will notify the members of Congress who have the 11 new locations in their districts.
2. We are asking for the key reporter's in your region to provide an embargo of the press release and backgrounder information. Regions are responsible for issuing the embargo to the reporters, however HQ would like to keep track of the reporter's that we will be providing the information to. Embargoed information will be provided to reporters beginning at 9 AM EDT on Thursday, 05/09, and the embargo is lifted at 12 AM EDT, Friday, 05/10.
3. On the day of the announcement, we are asking that you not issue local releases but to use the national version of the release with the backgrounder to the reporters in your region as appropriate.
4. Please let us know of any events scheduled.
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5. For Twitter, #urbanwaters will be used.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Stacy

**Urban Waters Federal Partnership Expansion Roll-Out (ALSO ATTACHED):**

**Announcement Date:** Friday, May 10

**Action:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, in partnership with the White House Council on Environmental Quality, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the U.S. Department of the Interior and other federal partners, will announce that the Urban Waters Federal Partnership is adding 11 new locations and two new federal partner agencies to restore waterways, help local economies, create jobs and protect Americans' health. Also, a progress report on the seven pilot locations will be released.
The 11 new project locations are:

- Big River and Meramec Watersheds in St. Louis, Mo
- Delaware River Basin (Cooper River) that covers Philadelphia, Camden, N.J., Chester, Pa., and Wilmington, Del.
- Grand River in Grand Rapids, Mich.
- Green-Duwamish River in Seattle
- Mystic River Watershed in Greater Boston
- Martin Pena Canal in San Juan, P.R.
- Middle Blue River in Kansas City, Mo.
- Middle Rio Grande in Albuquerque, N.M.
- Passaic River in Passaic, N.J.
- Proctor Creek Watershed in Atlanta
- Western Lake Erie Basin in Toledo, Ohio

The seven pilot locations were:

- Anacostia Watershed (Washington DC/Maryland)
- Bronx & Harlem River Watersheds (New York)
- Los Angeles River Watershed (California)
- Lake Pontchartrain Area (New Orleans, LA)
- Northwest Indiana Area
- Patapsco Watershed (Maryland)
- South Platte River in Denver (Colorado)

**Materials** (all final by Wednesday, May 8 at noon):

- Press release
- Backgrounders on 11 new locations
- Progress report on seven pilot locations

**Roll-Out Plan & Schedule:**

**Wednesday, May 8:**

**3 P.M. EDT:**
- EPA's regional offices will notify the mayors' offices and the stakeholders in the 11 new locations.

- EPA headquarters will notify the members of Congress who have the 11 new locations in their districts.

- EPA headquarters media advisory sent out regarding Grand Rapids event on Friday, 05/10/13.

**Thursday, May 9:**

**Beginning at 9 A.M. EDT:**
- EPA's regional offices issue embargoed press release (embargo until 12 a.m. EDT Friday) and backgrounders to selected reporters in the 11 new locations and seven pilot locations.

-Lead federal agencies for each of the 18 locations can then follow-up directly with those reporters to provide additional localized information and interviews.

Reporters to receive the embargo:

- **National:** *Dina Cappiello at Associated Press and Elizabeth Shogren at NPR*
- **Big River and Meramec Watersheds in St. Louis, Mo:**
- **Delaware River Basin:**
- **Grand River in Grand Rapids, Mich.:**
- **Green-Duwamish River in Seattle:**
- **Mystic River Watershed in Greater Boston:**
- **Martin Pena Canal in San Juan, P.R.:** *Marcelys Rivera at El Vocero mrivera@vocero.com; Jose Delgado at El Nueva Dia jdelgado@elnuevodia.com*
- **Middle Blue River in Kansas City, Mo.:**
- **Middle Rio Grande in Albuquerque, N.M.:**
- **Passaic River in Passaic, N.J.:** *Todd Bates at the Newark Star Ledger, Tom Moran at Newark Star Ledger moran@starledger.com; James O'Neill at the Bergen Record oneillj@northjersey.com*
- **Proctor Creek Watershed in Atlanta:**
- **Western Lake Erie Basin in Toledo, Ohio:**
- **Anacostia Watershed (Washington DC/Maryland):** *Darryl Fears at the Washington Post, Sandy Bauers at the Philadelphia Inquirer sbauers@phillynews.com, Jeff Montgomery at the Wilmington News Journal jmontgomery@delawareonline.com*
- **Bronx & Harlem River Watersheds (New York):** *Bronx & Harlem River Watersheds (New York): Bronx Times/Bronx.com info@bronx.com*

- **Los Angeles River Watershed (California):** *LA Times, Reporter Bettina Boxall, (213) 237-7069, Bettina.Boxall@latimes.com and Alicia Chang, Associated Press, achang@ap.org, 213-346-3114*

- **Lake Pontchartrain Area (New Orleans, LA):**

- **Northwest Indiana Area:** *Lauri Harvey-Keagle of the NW Indiana Times*

- **Patapsco Watershed (Maryland):** *Tim Wheeler at the Baltimore Sun*

- **South Platte River in Denver (Colorado):**

**Friday, May 10:**

**8:30 AM EDT:**

**- Web:** At 8:30 a.m. on Friday, May 10, the backgrounders and progress report will be posted on www.urbanwaters.gov and www.epa.gov/urbanwaters. Those web pages will also feature a banner with a link to the press release.

**9 A.M. EDT :**

- EPA issues national press release and EPA's regional offices flag the release for reporters in the 18 locations. Release contains links to the backgrounders and progress report. Note: There will only be one national press release and the backgrounders, not additional localized press releases. Any media inquiries that come to EPA for other agencies will be routed to the communications contact for that agency.

- **Spanish:** EPA will translate the national press release into Spanish and provide to Spanish media outlets.

- Beginning at 9 am posts on Facebook and Twitter will announce the expansion and link to the press release and information about the 11 new locations and new partners. Agencies can retweet from @EPAwater or share from www.facebook.com/EPAwaterisworthit. For Twitter, #urbanwaters will be used.

**2:15 PM EDT:**

- Main event held in Grand Rapids at 2:15 p.m Eastern with CEQ Chair Nancy Sutley, EPA Acting Administrator Bob Perciasepe, DOI Under Secretary David Hayes and Michigan Senator Debbie Stabenow.

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**From:** Kika, Stacy
**Sent:** Monday, May 06, 2013 6:00 PM
**To:** PADs and Alternates
**Cc:** Alisha Johnson; Loop, Travis; Senn, John; Cohen, David
**Subject:** ACTION: Urban Waters Announcement on 5/10/13

Hi All,
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Attached is the roll out plan and latest draft release for the Urban Waters announcement on May 10, 2013. Please note in the roll out plan we are looking for recommended reporters for each region to provide embargoed information to about the announcement on Thursday. Please let me know who you recommend as a best fit reporter in your region. Please let me know by **Wednesday (05/08), 3 PM EDT**.

Reporters to receive the embargo:

- Big River and Meramec Watersheds in St. Louis, Mo:
- Delaware River Basin:
- Grand River in Grand Rapids, Mich.:
- Green-Duwamish River in Seattle:
- Mystic River in Boston:
- Martin Pena Canal in San Juan, P.R.:
- Middle Blue River in Kansas City, Mo.:
- Middle Rio Grande in Albuquerque, N.M.:
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Message

**From:** Hamjian, Lynne [Hamjian.Lynne@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 3/13/2013 3:49:58 PM
**To:** Perkins, Stephen [Perkins.Stephen@epa.gov]; Pryor, Margherita [Pryor.Margherita@epa.gov]; Cote, Mel [Cote.Mel@epa.gov]
**CC:** Moraff, Kenneth [Moraff.Ken@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
**Subject:** FW: Important - NBEP Proposed New Host
**Attachments:** NEIWPCC SOI.pdf; NEI.StateSum.MA.pdf; NEI.StateSum.RI.pdf

Stephen,

This goes with my prior message. I would like some input from you and I plan to talk to Susan Sullivan tomorrow. I need to get back to the committee to confirm we are comfortable with Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) I told them I'd try to get back to them tomorrow since they need to get information out ahead of the Management Committee meeting next Tuesday. This is all still a close hold.

Thanks.

Lynne

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**From:** Jane Austin [mailto:jaustin@savebay.org]
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 13, 2013 11:44 AM
**To:** Hamjian, Lynne
**Subject:** RE: Time to talk? NBEP

Hello Lynne,

It was good to talk. Here is the Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) It has a lot of detail and I hope that it addresses your questions. I hope that I didn't get out ahead too much in my communication with Susan. When I got in this AM, there was an e-mail that she was available at 9 this morning and I picked up the phone without thinking that I really should have talked to you first. I apologize.

Feel free to give Susan a call and let me know if you any other questions or thoughts for me. I'll be sending draft information on the CAP as soon as possible too.

Best, Jane

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**From:** Hamjian, Lynne [mailto:Hamjian.Lynne@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 13, 2013 10:34 AM
**To:** Jane Austin
**Subject:** RE: Time to talk? NBEP

I am at my desk – 617-916-1601. Thanks.

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**From:** Jane Austin [mailto:jaustin@savebay.org]
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 12, 2013 5:39 PM
**To:** Hamjian, Lynne
**Subject:** RE: Time to talk? NBEP

Hi Lynne,

10:30 is great. I'll give you a call so that I can duck into a conference room here. Thanks, Jane

**From:** Hamjian, Lynne [mailto:Hamjian.Lynne@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 12, 2013 5:36 PM
**To:** Jane Austin
**Subject:** Re: Time to talk? NBEP

Sorry - I just picked up your message. I was tied up all afternoon in a meeting. How about 10:30ish in the morning? I have a 9 am meeting. I can call you after that if it works for you. Please let me know. Thanks.

Lynne

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**From:** Jane Austin
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 12, 2013 1:03:52 PM
**To:** Hamjian, Lynne
**Subject:** Time to talk? NBEP

Hello Lynne,

Do you have time to talk late this afternoon/evening or sometime tomorrow? I'd like to fill you in on the status of our work. We have a host recommendation and I would to discuss it and next steps with you. Best to try my cell phone Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) Heading to State House for a few hours. Jane

Message

**From**: Reynolds, Thomas [Reynolds.Thomas@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 11/19/2013 2:44:34 PM
**To**: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
**CC**: Johnson, Alisha [Johnson.Alisha@epa.gov]; Behringer, Caroline [Behringer.Caroline@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: "Progress in Communities" communications campaign

Yes we should discuss on pads call today.

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 19, 2013 4:27:59 AM
**To:** Reynolds, Thomas
**Subject:** RE: "Progress in Communities" communications campaign

Know you are in CA with Administrator -- is this too close hold to mention on PADs/Comms call today?

As you know ORO and Gwen have – in a separate request that was due yesterday – asked regions for 3 -5 community success stories -- I am making sure Caroline is getting those -- but need to make sure that all PADs were aware of the request as it may have been handled by others region by region.

Hope all is going well – I am in DC Friday –are you in that day or still traveling?

Thanks

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**From:** Reynolds, Thomas
**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2013 9:03 AM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy
**Subject:** FW: "Progress in Communities" communications campaign

We should discuss

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**From:** Adm13McCarthy, Gina
**Sent:** Saturday, November 16, 2013 6:24 AM
**To:** Reynolds, Thomas; Deputy Administrator
**Cc:** KeyesFleming, Gwen; Fritz, Matthew; Ganesan, Arvin; Feldt, Lisa
**Subject:** Re: "Progress in Communities" communications campaign

Sounds great.

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**From:** Reynolds, Thomas
**Sent:** Friday, November 15, 2013 9:20:58 AM
**To:** Adm13McCarthy, Gina; Deputy Administrator
**Cc:** KeyesFleming, Gwen; Fritz, Matthew; Ganesan, Arvin; Feldt, Lisa
**Subject:** "Progress in Communities" communications campaign

To: Administrator McCarthy
Deputy Administrator Perciasepe

Fr: Tom Reynolds

Re: Launching "Progress in Communities" communications campaign

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In an effort to further demonstrate EPA's role in bringing positive impacts to neighborhoods across the country, I recommend using the upcoming anniversary of the Agency (Dec. 2), along with the SES meeting (Dec. 3-4) to launch a mini internal and external communications campaign titled "Progress in Communities."

The goal is as simple as the title: demonstrating the progress EPA has made over 40+ years in local communities, making that progress real to people, helping them understand the tangible benefits the Agency has delivered in terms of a cleaner environment and increased public health.

This can include highlighting local cleanup efforts, redevelopments of Brownfield sites, projects funded through EPA grants, partnerships with rural and agricultural communities, Agency-led improvements to environmental justice communities, development of green infrastructure. The list is endless.

The campaign will feature a variety of facets, including:

- advanced national and regional stories
- a press release announcing the effort
- a video and a photo display
- an oped from Administrator McCarthy
- a Progress in Communities fact sheet
- internal EPA communications efforts
- external social and digital media amplification
- and stakeholder and third party engagement.

The effort provides the Agency both a national and regional platform to make the idea of EPA's "Progress in Communities" a real part of everyday life.

Moving forward, we will produce a more detailed rollout calendar, talking points, an oped template regions can use, and message guidance and timing for social media engagement.

I look forward to your thoughts and feedback.

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Message

**From**: Smith, Roxanne [Smith.Roxanne@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 3/7/2014 11:58:37 PM
**To**: Loop, Travis [Loop.Travis@epa.gov]; Levy, Jeffrey [Levy.Jeffrey@epa.gov]; Blackburn, Elizabeth [Blackburn.Elizabeth@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Abrams, Dan [Abrams.Dan@epa.gov]; Behringer, Caroline [Behringer.Caroline@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: FAQ: who's reviewing comments on the social media strategy proposal?

All:

We welcome everyone's comments on the proposal. Jeffrey is placing them on a page where all can review. Tom will consider all the comments as he moves forward with a decision for a One EPA social media policy.

Thanks and have a great weekend.

Roxanne Smith
Principal Deputy Associate Administrator

Office of External Affairs and Environmental Education

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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**From:** Loop, Travis
**Sent:** Friday, March 7, 2014 6:28:24 PM
**To:** Levy, Jeffrey; Blackburn, Elizabeth; Smith, Roxanne; Grantham, Nancy; Abrams, Dan; Behringer, Caroline
**Subject:** Re: FAQ: who's reviewing comments on the social media strategy proposal?

Yes, I think it would be good to have AAship representation to go along with Regional representation. Thanks for considering.

Travis Loop
Director of Communications
Office of Water
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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**From:** Levy, Jeffrey
**Sent:** Friday, March 07, 2014 6:26:53 PM
**To:** Blackburn, Elizabeth; Smith, Roxanne; Grantham, Nancy; Abrams, Dan; Behringer, Caroline
**Cc:** Loop, Travis
**Subject:** Re: FAQ: who's reviewing comments on the social media strategy proposal?

Travis Loop just emailed me with the same suggestion. I asked him to contact Roxanne.

Have a good weekend, all!

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**From:** Blackburn, Elizabeth
**Sent:** Friday, March 07, 2014 6:18:48 PM
**To:** Levy, Jeffrey; Smith, Roxanne; Grantham, Nancy; Abrams, Dan; Behringer, Caroline
**Subject:** Re: FAQ: who's reviewing comments on the social media strategy proposal?

Thanks Jeffrey, that's helpful. Might you consider adding a comms director to the mix? Might be a useful perspective.

Have a good weekend all.

Liz Blackburn
EPA, Office of Research and Development
202-564-2192
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**From:** Levy, Jeffrey
**Sent:** Friday, March 07, 2014 6:10:19 PM
**To:** PADs and Alternates; Comm Directors and Alternates; Web Council; Web Council Support; Social Media CoP; Smith, Roxanne; Grantham, Nancy; Orquina, Jessica; Hart, Daniel; Behringer, Caroline; Abrams, Dan
**Subject:** FAQ: who's reviewing comments on the social media strategy proposal?

Hi everyone.

I've gotten a couple of questions about this.

I'm collecting the comments on behalf of the group discussing the proposal: Roxanne Smith (OEAEE's PDAA), Caroline Behringer (Deputy Press Secretary), Nancy Grantham (R1 PAD since R1 is our lead region), Dan Abrams (R1, comms regional coordinator), and Danny Hart and me the Office of Web Communications.

We've received more than 15 sets of comments so far, and I posted almost all of them to the OneDrive page; on Monday, I'll get to the others. Here's that URL again:

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Thanks.

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**From:** Levy,Jeffrey
**Sent:** Friday, March 07, 2014 1:08:48 PM
**To:** PADs and Alternates; Comm Directors and Alternates; Web Council; Web Council Support; Social Media CoP; Smith, Roxanne; Grantham, Nancy; Orquina, Jessica; Hart, Daniel; Behringer, Caroline; Abrams, Dan
**Subject:** Comments on the Social Media Strategy Proposal

Hi everyone.

As I promised, I've uploaded all the comments I've received so far to OneDrive, the new Sharepoint common shared drive. Here's the list of comments I have so far. **If you've sent me something by 1:00 EST today, and you don't see it listed here, please let me know ASAP:**

- OAR and OAR CPPD
- OECA
- OITA
- OP
- ORD

- OSWER
- Region 5
- Dave Deegan, R1

You should be able to view them at the URL below, but given that this is a new system, and that people are on different operating systems and software versions as Windows 7 and Office 2013 make their way acros the agency, I'm not exactly sure this will work universally or in the same way. Here are a few notes from a quick test with a few folks outside OEAEE:

1) After clicking the link, you might be asked to log into EPA's My Workplace, depending on whether you're at home and whether you're using EPA equipment. Alternatively, it might ask you to log in only when you try to download the document to open it in Word.
2) After logging in, you should see the list of documents.
3) Clicking any document should open a viewer.
4) Some people sent their thoughts in a separate document, while others commented and edited the proposal. For the latter:
    a. The viewer will show you where there are comments by displaying a small icon on the right. Click the icon to read the comment.
    b. The viewer **won't** show you actual edits to the proposal.
5) For full functionality, including seeing edits to the proposal, click the button to open the doc in Word or click Edit Document->Edit in Word. Exactly how that option is presented seems to depend on operating system.
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This is the first time we've used OneDrive to share with a large group, so please let me know how it goes, including both that it works well and that you can't see the docs. If this doesn't work, we'll find another way, like a quickie intranet page. I'm trying to avoid emailing multiple docs to dozens of people, though.

For everyone who hasn't commented: comments are due COB today.

Thanks!

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Message

**From**: Gray, David [gray.david@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 3/3/2014 10:12:20 PM
**To**: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Bellow, Bonnie [Bellow.Bonnie@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: osc.net info -- a start on what we would send to tom to re-start the discussion with OEM
**Attachments**: OSC ORG v 3 03-03-2014 dg.docx

# Here are my edits

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy
**Sent:** Monday, March 03, 2014 12:35 PM
**To:** Gray, David; Bellow, Bonnie
**Cc:** Grantham, Nancy
**Subject:** osc.net info -- a start on what we would send to tom to re-start the discussion with OEM

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Thanks

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**From:** Jensen, LeAnn
**Sent:** Monday, March 03, 2014 1:24 PM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy
**Subject:** Hi Nancy - Here is my suggested edited version of your email

Hi Nancy –

The message below includes my suggested edits.

**Ex. 5 Attorney Client (AC)**

Hope this is helpful,

LeAnn
8-1072

**Pre-decisional, deliberative process discussion**
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# Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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**From:** Tulis, Dana
**Sent:** Sunday, February 16, 2014 1:54 PM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy
**Cc:** Irizarry, Gilberto
**Subject:** FW: OSC.org paper and Monday call at noon

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**Sent:** Thursday, August 08, 2013 6:35 PM
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Thank you.

Dana S. Tulis
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Office of Emergency Management
EPA
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Message

**From**: Gray, David [gray.david@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 3/3/2014 6:40:36 PM
**To**: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Bellow, Bonnie [Bellow.Bonnie@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: osc.net info -- a start on what we would send to tom to re-start the discussion with OEM

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Message

**From**: Levy, Jeffrey [Levy.Jeffrey@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 3/12/2014 12:48:08 PM
**To**: Smith, Roxanne [Smith.Roxanne@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Behringer, Caroline [Behringer.Caroline@epa.gov]; Hart, Daniel [Hart.Daniel@epa.gov]; Abrams, Dan [Abrams.Dan@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Fw: Additional comments on proposed social media policy
**Attachments**: P3 FB comments on EPA social media policy 3 11.docx

See below - late comments.

I also got a revised version last night from Paula Smith that I'll send in a sec.

Thanks.

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**From:** Blackburn, Elizabeth
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 11, 2014 8:00:53 PM
**To:** Levy, Jeffrey
**Cc:** Abrams, Dan; Orquina, Jessica; Widener, Kelly; Morse, Myles; Smith, Roxanne; Anley-Mills, Melissa
**Subject:** Additional comments on proposed social media policy

Hi Jeffrey

We have two additional comments re the proposed social media policy.

**P3 and facebook**

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

**Social media and crisis communications**

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

Liz Blackburn
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Message

**From**: Rupp, Mark [Rupp.Mark@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 3/25/2015 12:55:55 PM
**To**: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
**CC**: Levine, Carolyn [Levine.Carolyn@epa.gov]; Distefano, Nichole [DiStefano.Nichole@epa.gov]; Vaught, Laura [Vaught.Laura@epa.gov]; Gutro, Doug [Gutro.Doug@epa.gov]; Murphy, Jim [Murphy.Jim@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: Raymark conceptual plan roll-out

You all do good work.

On Mar 25, 2015, at 8:48 AM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

FYI .. this is likely to happen on Monday the 30th with Senator Blumenthal, Congresswoman DeLauro and Mayor Harkins – will keep you posted on press strategy, etc.

Thanks ng

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**From:** Murphy, Jim
**Sent:** Friday, March 20, 2015 2:34 PM
**To:** Spalding, Curt
**Cc:** Grantham, Nancy; Gutro, Doug; Bender, Emily
**Subject:** Raymark conceptual plan roll-out

Curt.

Good news on Raymark.

Since the Administrator's visit in the fall, we have drafted a conceptual comprehensive plan and timeline for Raymark. Following several meetings with the Town and citizen leaders, and in consultation with CTDEEP and Congresswoman DeLauro office, we're ready to introduce it to the larger community. Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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I think it sounds like a good way to maintain the momentum we've built. Still working the specific date. Monday, 3/30 is now a possibility. It would be great if we could potentially include a quote from the Administrator for the press release, both for the community and internal EPA audience.

Plan and timeline are attached (timeline is included in the larger document).

Thanks.

Jim

<2015-03-19 Raymark Conceptual Approach-DRAFT Revised with timeline.docx>
<Estimated timeline.docx>

Message

**From**: Hamjian, Lynne [Hamjian.Lynne@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 2/6/2014 1:28:29 AM
**To**: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: Talking Points on Long Island Sound Office

Perfect. Good night. Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 05, 2014 8:26:06 PM
**To:** Hamjian, Lynne
**Subject:** RE: Talking Points on Long Island Sound Office

Absolutely agree = will talk in the am – did not mean safely with people listening – just did not want you driving and talking – except hands free of course … let's talk at 7 if that works. Thanks ng

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**From:** Hamjian, Lynne
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 05, 2014 8:19 PM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy
**Subject:** Fw: Talking Points on Long Island Sound Office

If you re-look at this attachment, you can see how things were not clear....

I'm not trying to go back at this point but I think it will help you piece together and understand the communications flow. Let me know how I can help.

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy
**Sent:** Monday, January 13, 2014 8:14:05 AM
**To:** Moraff, Kenneth; Hamjian, Lynne; Gutro, Doug; Brown, Rudy
**Subject:** FW: Talking Points on Long Island Sound Office

FYI … close hold

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**From:** Bellow, Bonnie
**Sent:** Friday, January 10, 2014 3:21 PM
**To:** Enck, Judith; Spalding, Curt
**Cc:** Vizian, Donna; Grantham, Nancy
**Subject:** Talking Points on Long Island Sound Office

The attached are some talking points for the Administrator's conversation with Congresswoman DeLauro next week. They reflect input from Donna and Nancy.

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Message

**From**: Bellow, Bonnie [Bellow.Bonnie@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 3/28/2014 5:08:01 PM
**To**: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Abrams, Dan [Abrams.Dan@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: New Home Page Design
**Attachments**: EPA-homepage-2014.pdf

This made me wonder where we are on the social media policy. Might be reflected in the new homepage. Next steps?

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**From:** Smith, Roxanne
**Sent:** Thursday, March 27, 2014 3:02 PM
**To:** PADs and Alternates; Comm Directors and Alternates
**Cc:** Slotkin, Ron; Scott-Forte, Londa; Flores, Ray; Younes, Lina; Morin, Jeff; Dulka, Kelly; Hart, Daniel; Kapuscinski, Jacques; Yuen, Andrew; Schneider, Kiki; Bronson, Samuel; Deegan, Dave; Pucci, Liz; Palmer, Margo; graves, john; Hardegree, Wesley; Dew, Wendy; Davis, Tim; Philip, Jeff; Levy, Jeffrey; Reynolds, Thomas
**Subject:** New Home Page Design

All:

As many of you are aware, the Office of Web Communications recently solicited concepts and ideas from across the agency for a new EPA home page. We received about 15 very creative concepts/designs. While we wish we could have moved forward with all of them, we took the elements from each that we thought would help convey our messages the most effectively and merged them into a final design. We then presented the design to the Administrator and Deputy Administrator and received their thumbs up.

I've attached what you can expect to see in approximately 2 to 3 weeks as our new home page. Highlights include rotating banners, a space for the regions to promote their work, a photo gallery, the EPA blog, the main Twitter feed, how to connect with us through social media, videos, and a space for tips and/or infographics that focus on what actions people can take to protect their health or the environment. The new design allows us to promote our message using several areas simultaneously.

I'd like to thank everyone who sent in their creative ideas: Londa Scott-Forte, Ray Flores, Lina Younes, Jeff Morin, Kelly Dulka, Danny Hart, Jacques Kapuscinski, Andrew Yuen, Kiki Schneider, Samuel Bronson, Dave Deegan, Liz Pucci, Margo Palmer, Nancy Grantham, Bonnie Bellow, David Gray, John Graves, Wesley Hardegree, Paula Smith, Wendy Dew, Tim Davis, and Jeff Philip. If I accidentally left off some people, please extend our thanks to them.

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Message

**From**: Zimmerman, Emily [Zimmerman.Emily@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 3/24/2014 4:27:57 PM
**To**: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: CT National Healthy Schools Day Event
**Attachments**: Curt Event Form National Healthy Schools Day 4 8 14 CT.docx

Do you have thoughts on these?

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**From:** Hing, Jessica
**Sent:** Monday, March 24, 2014 11:43 AM
**To:** Zimmerman, Emily
**Cc:** McDonnell, Ida; Benoit, Eugene
**Subject:** FW: CT National Healthy Schools Day Event

Hi Emily,

Attached is an event request form for Curt to speak at the National Healthy Schools Day event in CT 4/8/14. Also forwarded below is a request from CT DPH for Gina to attend the event. She and Kenny Foscue have worked together in the past. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,
Jessica Hing, Clean, Green and Healthy Schools Coordinator
hing.jessica@epa.gov | Office (617) 918-1560 | Fax (617) 918-0560
US EPA Region 1 | 5 Post Office Sq. Suite 100 | Mail Code OEP05-2 | Boston, MA 02109-3912

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**From:** Hing, Jessica [mailto:Hing.Jessica@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, March 20, 2014 2:13 PM
**To:** Foscue, Kenny
**Cc:** Benoit, Eugene
**Subject:** RE: CT National Healthy Schools Day Event

Great!

Kenny, I mentioned this before, but if you'd like to ask our R1 RA to speak at the event, I've attached the EPA New England Event Information Form for you to fill out the remaining spaces. After it's complete, I can send it to our front office.

Best,
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**From:** Foscue, Kenny [mailto:Kenny.Foscue@po.state.ct.us]
**Sent:** Thursday, March 20, 2014 1:54 PM
**To:** Benoit, Eugene; Hing, Jessica
**Subject:** FW: CT National Healthy Schools Day Event
**Importance:** High

Hi!
The Amity School District National Healthy Schools Day event is a go! Please put it on your calendar! It might be a long shot but I just sent this request to Gina McCarthy (we have met and worked on the Newhall site). Meanwhile, you might let others at EPA know about this event -

**From:** Foscue, Kenny
**Sent:** Thursday, March 20, 2014 1:47 PM
**To:** 'mccarthy.gina@epa.gov'
**Subject:** CT National Healthy Schools Day Event
**Importance:** High

I hope this email finds you in good health and spirits! We still miss you here in Connecticut, and I am sure you are aware that the Newhall Neighborhood Landfill remediation has been a rousing success.

I am contacting you to see if it is possible for you or someone else from EPA national headquarters could attend and speak at an event our statewide school IAQ consortium, the CT School Indoor Environment Resource Team (CSIERT), has planned for April 8, National Health Schools Day. The Amity Region 5 School district has agreed to host a media event to:

- Draw attention to the need for healthy school building environments
- Publicize how EPA's Tools for Schools Program can be utilized to improve conditions
- Highlighting the Amity School District's nationally recognized program (the district won 2 national EPA Excellence Awards, and the business manager won a Special Recognition Award)
- Present a Special Recognition Award to a local health department sanitarian who has been a leader in responding to school IAQ issues and promoting TfS - thus a link to National Public Health Week
- Conduct a walkthrough led by facilities staff and a student to highlight past problems and improvements implemented (Note: Amity High School and other schools in the district had multiple IAQ/moisture problems and received much negative media coverage several years ago – the district, with great leadership from the business manager, facilities director and others really turned it around)

The event is scheduled for 1 pm on that day and will take place at the Amity High School in Woodbridge. I know you have a busy schedule and this is late notice, but it would be great to have you speak at this event.

On behalf of CSIERT and its member organizations, thank you for any assistance you can give -

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# EPA New England Event Information Form

This form has been designed to assist in planning participation in events and activities. This is **not** a confirmation of RA Spalding's attendance.

Please provide as much of the detail requested as possible, and get back to us as other details become available. We ask that you return this form to: [ HYPERLINK "mailto:zimmerman.emily@epa.gov" ]

**Basic Background**

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|---|---|
| **Name of Event** | National Healthy Schools Day |
| **Sponsoring Organization and Point of Contact** | Connecticut Schools Indoor Environment Resource Team<br>Kenny Foscue<br>860-509-7753, [ HYPERLINK "mailto:kenny.foscue@ct.gov" ] |
| **Date of Event** | Tuesday, 4/8/14 |
| **Time of Event** | 1 pm – 2:30 pm |
| **Expected time of remarks or participation by RA Spalding** | 1:10 pm |
| **Location** (please include city/town and street address) | Amity High School, 25 Newton Rd, Woodbridge, CT 06525 |
| **Directions to the event** (if appropriate, please also include relevant information about parking, the specific building, and best entrance to use) | Please utilize GPS for best directions<br>Parking is available next to building<br>Come to Amity Board of Education office on right side of building |
| **Where to meet Point of Contact** | Eugene Benoit - TBD |

**Event Description and Role of the RA**

**Please provide:**

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| Brief description or outline of the event | The Amity Region 5 School district has agreed to host a media event to:<br>• Draw attention to the need for healthy school building environments<br>• Publicize how EPA's Tools for Schools |

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| | Program can be utilized to improve conditions<br>• Highlighting the Amity School District's nationally recognized program (the district won 2 national EPA Excellence Awards, and the business manager won a Special Recognition Award)<br>• Present a Special Recognition Award to a local health department sanitarian who has been a leader in responding to school IAQ issues and promoting TfS - thus a link to National Public Health Week<br>• Conduct a walkthrough led by facilities staff and a student to highlight past problems and improvements implemented (Note: Amity High School and other schools in the district had multiple IAQ/moisture problems and received much negative media coverage several years ago – the district, with great leadership from the business manager, facilities director and others really turned it around) |
| Brochure, invitation and/or other event material(s) | pending |
| Agenda and order of speakers and biography/information of other speakers | Tentative:<br>- Welcome from Amity District - Superintendent Dumais<br>- Overview of the day's events, recognize CSIERT members – Kenny Foscue<br>- EPA Speaker<br>- DPH Commissioner or representative<br>- Presentation of CSIERT Award to John Laudano from CSIERT<br>- QVHD Board Chair or LHD director<br>- Amity High School Principal - introduces TfS Team members, talks about improvements made<br>- Amity High School Tour - co-led by student and principal |
| Name of person introducing RA Spalding | Kenny Foscue, Chair CT School Indoor Environment Resource Team |
| Basic information about the role of the RA at the event. (For example, will they serve as a keynote speaker? Participate on a panel? Take part in a press | A principal speaker<br>Tour facility<br>Respond to media |

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| conference? Tour a facility?) | |
| If the RA is a featured speaker, which topic(s) should they address and how long? | • school indoor environmental quality as a high EPA priority<br>• EPA's Tools for Schools program important intervention<br>• Amity Region 5 School District has been a leader in addressing school IAQ issues, multiple EPA National Excellence Award winner |
| Recommendations on the use of visuals/PowerPoint. Should the RA plan on using a PowerPoint Presentation? | No Powerpoint |

**About the Audience**

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| Please tell us about the make-up of the audience for the event: | Amity District staff and students<br>Members of CT School Indoor Environment Resource Team<br>Local health department staff<br>Media (to be invited) |
| Expected number in attendance at the event | 30-40 |
| Will it be largely members of your organization? | Yes, plus school district attendees |
| Will others be in attendance? If so, who will be at the event? (General public, Businesspeople, Educators, Families, Students – what grade level, Children – how old) | Possibly staff from other school districts<br>Students – high school level |
| Others? (Please describe) | |
| Is the event open to press? | yes |

**Contact Information**

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| Your name: | Jessica Hing |
| Telephone Number | 8-1560 |

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| Mailing Address: | |
| E-Mail Address: | [ HYPERLINK "mailto:Hing.jessica@epa.gov" ] |
| Fax Number: | |
| Best way to reach you at the event? | |

Appointment

**From**: Wintrob, Paul [Wintrob.Paul@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 7/28/2014 1:34:48 PM
**To**: Norcross, Jeffrey [Norcross.Jeffrey@epa.gov]; Nagle, Kathleen [Nagle.Kathleen@epa.gov]; McDonnell, Ida [McDonnell.Ida@epa.gov]; Benoit, Eugene [benoit.eugene@epa.gov]; Julien, Rhona [julien.rhona@epa.gov]; Smuts, MaryBeth [Smuts.Marybeth@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
**CC**: Conroy, David [Conroy.Dave@epa.gov]

**Subject**: Administrator's Ex. 5 asthma, indoor air, EJ (close hold on this event - no calls outside of epa) Conf Line info added below
**Location**: Small RA Conf Room

**Start**: 8/5/2014 5:30:00 PM
**End**: 8/5/2014 6:00:00 PM
**Show Time As**: Tentative

Dial-In Number: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Password:

Can you set up a meeting for next tuesday for relevant oep folks and jeff norcross and kathleen nagle - you can send this message but let them know it is close hold - no calls to be made outside of epa. Thx ng

**From:** Fritz, Matthew
**Sent:** Sunday, July 27, 2014 1:50:15 PM
**To:** Bluhm, Kate; Grantham, Nancy; Herckis, Arian
**Subject:** Fwd: Boston Ex. 5 concept

Guys,

I wanted you guys to see this as we gear up for Boston.

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Frankly, my concept might not be realistic but if doable it would be great.

Thanks.

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Ali, Mustafa" <Ali.Mustafa@epa.gov>
**Date:** July 24, 2014 at 6:21:56 PM EDT
**To:** "KeyesFleming, Gwendolyn" <KeyesFleming.Gwendolyn@epa.gov>, "Fritz, Matthew" <Fritz.Matthew@epa.gov>, "Reynolds, Thomas" <Reynolds.Thomas@epa.gov>
**Subject: RE: Boston** Ex. 5 **concept**

We could also work with one of the two 2013 Environmental Justice Small Grant recipients in Boston. I think they might be a part of the larger Boston initiative. Take a look at the info below and let me know if either of these resonates with you and if so we can work with the Region and the organization to identify some folks from the community to participate.

**Health Resources in Action,** Boston, Massachusetts
The project seeks to educate child care professionals on best practices for controlling lead poisoning and asthma triggers in home-based childcare facilities. The Boston Healthy Homes and Schools Collaborative (BHHSC) will build on existing partnerships to engage the community in education, training, and policy initiatives targeting area home-based child care facilities. By encouraging behavior changes and conducting trainings focused on healthy homes initiatives, the project will also address the disproportionate rates of asthma and lead poisoning among children in Boston's low-income neighborhoods.

**Alternatives for Community and Environment (ACE),** Boston, Massachusetts
ACE will educate area residents and decision makers about potential environmental hazards in New Bedford, Massachusetts communities and provide support and guidance to local community organizations about productively working in collaboration with state and federal agencies. Information will be used to create factsheets and other materials to be distributed via community listening sessions designed to educate residents and area workers about public health threats that exist near homes and work sites. ACE will investigate the impacts of dredged sediments on local air quality and public health in communities where residents suffer from disproportionately higher rates of cancer, asthma and cardiovascular disease. ACE and its partners will investigate and document contaminated sites and the cumulative impacts of those sites.

Blessings
Mustafa

**From:** KeyesFleming, Gwendolyn
**Sent:** Thursday, July 24, 2014 5:24 PM
**To:** Ali, Mustafa
**Subject:** Fwd: Boston Ex. 5 concept

FYI. I needed to submit something to the WH pretty quickly but I still think we should highlight the EJ component here. Can you work with Matt on this?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Fritz, Matthew" <Fritz.Matthew@epa.gov>
**Date:** July 24, 2014 at 4:28:13 PM EDT
**To:** "KeyesFleming, Gwendolyn" <KeyesFleming.Gwendolyn@epa.gov>
**Cc:** "Reynolds, Thomas" <Reynolds.Thomas@epa.gov>
**Subject: Boston** Ex. 5 **concept**

Good afternoon Gwen,

Here is some information on the opportunity in Boston Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

At present, we are working on details for the Administrator's travel to Boston for activities centered around the Boston Children's Hospital. Part of the day will involve Gina participating in a roundtable with the hospital's management team. Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

EPA – the Office of Air and Radiation (Indoor Air Program) and Region 1 – have been working with Childrens on addressing asthma in the greater Boston area. This has been a collaboration for a number of years with EPA helping to support the program in a number of ways, including financially. The activity we are planning is to have the Administrator visit some of the homes and/or locations that we have provided support to around asthma and see the difference our work is making.

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

We have more work to do on this but that would be the general scope of this particular activity.

I hope that helps.

Message

**From**: Studlien, Susan [Studlien.Susan@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 9/26/2014 3:19:48 PM
**To**: Spalding, Curt [Spalding.Curt@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Close Hold! : 2014 Presidential Green Chemistry Challenge Award winner in R1
**Attachments**: PGCCA winner short summaries (14) draft.docx

Curt and Nancy, below is the message I received regarding the Presidential Green Chemistry Challenge award ceremony. No indication of time on October 16 but will tell you as soon as I learn. I'm certain Curt will also get an official invitation at some point. As we discussed this morning Nancy, we may want to think about the possibility of suggesting Jim and Curt visit our regional winner together when Jim is here for our regional division directors' meeting November 19-20. Since the company is in Lexington, a half-hour drive at most, this could be done in a few hours.

Thanks.

**From:** Widawsky, David
**Sent:** Thursday, September 11, 2014 3:57 PM
**To:** Studlien, Susan
**Cc:** Williamson, Tracy; Wright, Denise; Cunningham-HQ, Barbara; Wallace, Ryan; Sterling, Sherry
**Subject:** Close Hold! : 2014 Presidential Green Chemistry Challenge Award winner in R1

Hi Susan – It was a pleasure to see you yesterday and today. There is so much great stuff going on in the P2 arena, and I really appreciate all the effort you and your folks are putting forth to help EPA move forward on a number of P2 fronts (among many other things), even as you assume the role of OCSPP lead region.

Per our conversation, I'm attaching a copy of the 2014 Presidential Green Chemistry Challenge Award winners, one of which is from R1 (summary below). The award ceremony is going to be here in DC on October 16, ***so please keep this close hold until then***. The Oct. 16 event will include an industry roundtable to discuss opportunities to invest in, and deploy, green chemistry innovations in the marketplace. You and/or Curt are certainly going to be welcome to attend (Jim will be contacting Curt in the near future, but I want to give you a head's up first, as we discussed).

As you know, Jim has also been visiting the Green Chemistry Award winners, so another trip to R1 may happen in the not-too-distant future (I don't know when). We can talk about what kind of event R1 may want to do, if any. We're open to ideas.

Best, David

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Focus Area 2 - Greener Reaction Conditions Award
QD Vision, Inc. (Lexington, MA – R1)
Greener Quantum Dot Synthesis for Energy Efficient, Commercial Display and Lighting Products

Semiconductor quantum dot technology brings high-quality color and system efficiency to the solid state lighting market. Historically, syntheses of these nanomaterials involved hazardous chemicals and low yields. QD Vision has improved their process to reduce the hazard of the precursors and solvents, reduce solvent waste, increase yields, and ensure the environmental net benefit of their products.

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Check out EPA's pollution prevention initiatives:
>>> www.epa.gov/p2
>>> www.epa.gov/greenchemistry
>>> www.epa.gov/DfE
>>> www.E3.gov

Message

**From**: Hunter, Johanna [Hunter.Johanna@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 10/1/2014 7:17:06 PM
**To**: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
**CC**: Hamjian, Lynne [Hamjian.Lynne@epa.gov]; Simpson, Karen [Simpson.Karen@epa.gov]; Gutro, Doug [Gutro.Doug@epa.gov]; O'Neil, Kelsey [Oneil.Kelsey@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Checking on in launch of SNECWRP

Yes and here is the person who would have already been notified by the NBEP/NEIWPCC but asked to keep the award confidential until the public announcement:
The City of Newport application was submitted by Julia Forgue (Director of Utilities for the City of Newport). Her contact information is:

Julia Forgue, P.E.
Department of Utilities
City of Newport
70 Halsey St.,
Newport, RI 02840
tel 401-845-5600
jforgue@cityofnewport.com

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 01, 2014 2:25 PM
**To:** Hunter, Johanna
**Cc:** Hamjian, Lynne; Simpson, Karen; Gutro, Doug; O'Neil, Kelsey
**Subject:** RE: Checking on in launch of SNECWRP

Can doug let the mayor know that they are getting the grant but that it is a close hold? Thanks ng

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**From:** Hunter, Johanna
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 01, 2014 1:59 PM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy
**Cc:** Hamjian, Lynne; Simpson, Karen; Gutro, Doug; O'Neil, Kelsey
**Subject:** Checking on in launch of SNECWRP

Nancy:

We are preparing a list of actions/strategy that details responsibilities for the 10/15 launch of the Southeastern New England effort.
We spoke an hour ago with the 2 NEPs and NEIWPCC and they are on board and will help notify their grantees once we are set.

A couple quick items –

1) Has Doug notified the Mayor of Newport about hosting the event at Easton's beach?

I am cc'ing Karen and she will send to Doug a summary of the grant they will be receiving from the NBEP as part of the launch.

The NBEP thought it was a great idea to do something at Easton's – allows the connection to both the coast and to the reservoir.

2) Location for Mass

BBNEP recommended that we consider Wareham as the optimal site for the Mass announcement. They have promised a few bullets that

I will send along when I receive them this afternoon that explains the positive reasons behind this site over Fairhaven or New Bedford.

(They did mention that Wareham will offer many positives while traveling to Fairhaven or NB would mean Curt could be asked questions

on PCBs, wind farm issues etc).We will include the driving time estimated to get to the wastewater treatment plant in Wareham (one considered

cutting edge in Mass).

Thanks!

Johanna

Message

**From**: Gutro, Doug [Gutro.Doug@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 9/29/2014 9:57:05 PM
**To**: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: Fall River

Perfect

Douglas Gutro
Leader Government & Community relations team
U.S. EPA New England
(617) 918-1021

On Sep 29, 2014, at 5:14 PM, "Grantham, Nancy" <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

> Sounds good - we will share our draft early this week
> Thx ng
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
> On Sep 29, 2014, at 5:01 PM, "Conger, Nick" <Conger.Nick@epa.gov> wrote:
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> > I spoke with Cynthia. She defers to me and I think this makes more sense to be a regional release only. Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
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> > Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
> >
> > A few thoughts on messaging direction:
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> > Promote how this settlement (and the SEP) will make it safer for the community.
> > Integrate EJ message.
> > Importance of RMPs and in enforcing 112r.
> > Public health impacts of chlorine gas.
> >
> > I think Dave's idea about a blog post is a good one. I'd probably like to broaden to be more about innovative SEPs, using this one as a hook.
> >
> > But in the meantime, let's proceed as a regional announcement unless you guys think otherwise. I'd still love to see the draft release whenever you're ready.
> >
> > Best,
> > Nick
> >
> > Nick Conger
> > Communications Director
> > Office of Enforcement
> > U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
> > Office: (202) 564-6287
> > Cell: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

**From:** Grantham, Nancy
**Sent:** Monday, September 29, 2014 5:52 AM
**To:** Conger, Nick; Senn, John; Deegan, Dave
**Cc:** Gutro, Doug
**Subject:** Fwd: Fall River

Cynthia had been interested in this case -- we should discuss press strategy _ including comms with the city -- Dave can you set up a call thx ng

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "McGuire, Karen" <Mcguire.Karen@epa.gov>
> **Date:** September 26, 2014 at 5:07:18 PM EDT
> **To:** "Grantham, Nancy" <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>, "Deegan, Dave" <Deegan.Dave@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** "Studlien, Susan" <Studlien.Susan@epa.gov>, "O'Donnell, Mary Jane" <Odonnell.Maryjane@epa.gov>
> **Subject: FW: Fall River**
>
> Nancy and Dave,
>
> A heads up that we anticipate finalizing the Fall River CAA 112r settlement no later than Tuesday of next week. I've attached a draft of the executive summary. Please give me a call if you need more background or have questions.
>
> Karen

Message

**From:** Gentile, Laura [Gentile.Laura@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 1/4/2013 8:12:48 PM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Draft FAQs on OECA Enforcement Press
**Attachments:** OCE_Communications_FAQs.doc

FYI -- I provided this document to David last year to help respond to a press inquiry on our press policy.

The first page includes information on the genearl criteria we used to determine regional vs. national press for specific cases.

----- Forwarded by Laura Gentile/DC/USEPA/US on 01/04/2013 03:09 PM -----

From: Laura Gentile/DC/USEPA/US

To: David Bloomgren/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 11/03/2011 03:03 PM
Subject: timing of press

FYI -- here are some FAQs I provided to OCE back in 2009.

Questions 1 - 14 address the importance of responding to reporters and timing press releases.

probably more than you need, but does prove that we have thought this through (repeatedly) and thoroughly understand the impact of poorly-timed press releases.

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Message

**From**: Nitsch, Chad [Nitsch.Chad@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 2/6/2013 5:39:17 PM
**To**: Beckie Himes [Himes.BeckieLNDU@usepa.onmicrosoft.com]; Career Regional Administrators Assistants [Career_Regional_Administrators_Assistants@epa.gov]
**CC**: Denise Dickenson [Dickenson.DeniseLNDU@usepa.onmicrosoft.com]
**Subject**: FW: PADS and Comms Director Materials on Reporting
**Attachments**: FINAL PADs meeting on reporting final presentation 2.5.2013.ppt; Cabinet Report Guidance Final 2.5.2013.pdf; ATTTQA9C.xls

Team-

Last week the PADs and Communication Directors had an in-person meeting and devoted one session to discuss reporting. I'm forwarding you all the presentation because many of you are part of this effort and submit the Principals Event and Travel Report (Travel Report) every Monday to ORO. Among other things, the power point illustrates how information in the Travel Report overlaps with information in the Administrator's Report (formerly known as the Cabinet Report) and the Policy Calendar (see slide #5). I encourage everyone to review the power point and look at the excel file for some good examples of in the Travel Report.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks!

Chad

THE ENVIROMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Washington, DC
February 5, 2013

MEMORANDUM TO PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIRECTORS, COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTORS, AND SPECIAL ASSISTANTS

FROM: OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATOR's REPORT, SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT, AND COMMUNICATIONS REPORT GUIDENCE

DISCUSSION

Each week the Office of the Administrator compiles reports for White House Cabinet Affairs, White House Communications, The Administrator, and EPA senior staff that detail upcoming policy announcements, press plans, legislative engagement, and travel for the Administrator, Deputy Administrator, and the Assistant and the Regional Administrators for the coming week for planning and coordination purposes. Programs and regions only need to submit information to the Special Assistant working with your program or region. The staff in the Administrator's office will develop the necessary reports covering the week ahead.

In order to make the most effective use of everyone's time and to meet our submission deadlines we have compiled guidelines below for your reference.

**Timing**
Initial reports that cover the following week are due to each Special Assistant by close of business on Monday, unless otherwise indicated by the Administrator's office. When requested by the White House or in weeks involving holidays, reports may cover a longer time period than the standard week, be delayed, or be requested for an earlier date. Please remain flexible and to be prepared for changes in due dates.

It is important that reports are submitted on time even if there are updates that follow. It is easier for staff in the Office of the Administrator to change the timing or substance of an item if they already have draft material on hand, rather than receiving new information at the last moment.

Generally speaking, each report should be focused only on activities taking place during the seven day period of the following Monday through Sunday. For example, a report submitted on Monday, January 9, 2012 should be titled "*Weekly Report, Program/Region XX, Week of January 16, 2012*" and should contain items that will occur between January 16 and 22 (Monday through Sunday).

Feel free to submit items on either end of that time horizon if the date that the item may become public or if the date the item will be signed falls within the reporting window. For example if something is signed and then sent to the federal register, we want to know three

dates: The date it will be signed, the date that it will be sent to the Federal Register, and the date it is expected to become public.

Note: Please include the date for any items that will be sent to or reviewed by organizations or people outside of the EPA because it is possible that the information could become public once it is out of our direct control.

**Formatting**
Stay consistent with the simple formatting style reflected in the template titled "Weekly Report" at the end of this memo:

- Two spaces between each sentence
- 12-point Times New Roman font;
- Left justified;
- No indentation or bulleting;
- And use two-letter state abbreviations.

**Be concise and use plain English**
Policy and press submissions should be as brief as possible, but cover the relevant material, and should be no longer than five sentences. Grant announcements and scheduling notes should no more than one to two sentences. Use plain language where possible, spell out any acronyms at their first mention, and assume the reader will have little or no technical knowledge.

**What to include**
Potential or Expected Press Stories, Significant Policy, Regulatory, or Legal Actions, Grant Announcements, Legislative Engagement, and Travel/public meetings/speaking engagements for the Assistant Administrators, or Regional Administrators (more details about each item can be found on pages 3-6). If unsure of whether to submit something, err on the side of including it especially if it is being signed, becoming public, or being announced to members of the press. Note that a section for *"other information"* exists for items that seem important doesn't neatly fit in another category.

In the event a legal action is a settlement that is not yet finalized, refrain from the specific anticipated outcome, focusing instead on the timing and nature of the dispute.

When an entry relates to an enforcement action or contains enforcement confidential information this should be clearly noted like so: **ENFORCEMENT CONFIDENTIAL**

Note: If an item was submitted for a previous week and it did not occur for any reason resubmit the information with an updated date.

**Submission**
Each Regional and Program report should be submitted to the assigned Special Assistant in the Office of the Administrator (list below). The Special Assistants will make any necessary edits and then forward the information to the staff in the Chief of Staff and Communications Offices. Lastly, if the date of an entry submitted for the Administrator's Report changes

please immediately notify the Special Assistant working with your program or region.

Note: As each item from your program office or region is signed or goes public please notify your special assistant.

Special Assistant List:

Denise Dickenson and Chad Nitsch: All Regional Offices

Michael Scozzafava: OW, OP, OCFO, and OEI
Mary Hanley: OCSPP, SAB, OFACMO, OCHPP, and ORD
Michael Geller: OAR and OITA
Karen L Martin: OSWER, OARM, OSBP, OCR, and OHS
Nena Shaw: Office of the Deputy Administrator, OECA, OGC, IG, and EAB
Noha Gaber: ORD

Note: As each item from your program office or region is signed or goes public please notify your special assistant.

**WEEKLY REPORT**
**Region *XXX* (or program office)**
**Environmental Protection Agency**
**Week of *Month* #, 20##**

**30-60 Day Outlook**

What to include:
- Any item in the 60 days after the weekly report that could potentially garner press attention by design or otherwise, including policy or regulatory announcements, and major policy speeches for the Administrator.
- These should be concise-- no more than 1-2 sentences. Be sure to include the date the action is scheduled for, if the exact date is not known, language such as "during the week of January 31, EPA plans to..." or "In January EPA expects to…" is acceptable.

Examples:
During the week of February 27, EPA expects to post the final IRIS assessment for Soluble Halogenated Platinum Salts and Other Compounds. Platinum is used as a diesel fuel additive and also in jewelry production, automotive emission control catalysts (catalytic converters) and other commercial applications (e.g., oxidation catalysts).

In late February or early March, EPA expects to issue guidance clarifying underground injection control permitting requirements where diesel fuels are used during hydraulic fracturing to ensure that effective oversight of these activities is occurring as required by law.

**Potential or Expected Press Stories, Significant Policy, Regulatory, or Legal Action**

What to include:

- Any item that could potentially garner press attention by design or otherwise, including but not limited to policy, regulatory, and legal actions. Other examples include public hearings of significance; recent examples include the hearings on nutrients in Florida or Mountaintop Mining in West Virginia.
- These should be concise-- no more than 5 sentences if possible.
- Include the date the action(s) are scheduled to occur.
- If the exact date is not known, language such as "during the week of January 31, EPA expects to..." is acceptable.
- Describe the outcome/impact of an action rather than the bureaucratic process.
- Include the action being taken such as issuing a press release, issuing guidance, submitting a letter, announcing a final rule, signing a rule, sending a rule to the FR, the expected FR publish date, congressional notification, post to the internet, if the item is being reviewed by people or organizations outside of the EPA, etc. If a particular stakeholder, congressional, or intergovernmental reaction is expected, please make note of it. In the event the legal action is a settlement that is not yet finalized with any sensitivity, refrain from the specific anticipated outcome, focusing instead on the timing and nature of the dispute. Finally, stay away from acronyms as much as possible and write them out—see examples below).

Examples

As early as the week of January 1, EPA expects to post the final IRIS health assessment for tetrachloroethylene, also known as perchloroethylene, or perc. The assessment characterizes perc as a "likely human carcinogen" and as having adverse effects on the human nervous system. Perc is a chemical solvent widely used in the dry cleaning industry, in the cleaning of metal machinery, and to manufacture some consumer products and other chemicals. Perc has been detected in the air in and around dry cleaning facilities and nearby residences, is a prevalent groundwater and drinking water contaminant, and is present at hundreds of Superfund hazardous waste sites. The assessment replaces a 1988 IRIS assessment for perc and for the first time includes a hazard characterization for cancer effects.

During the week of January 10, EPA expects to issue its "Final Determination" under the Clean Water Act (CWA) regarding the Spruce No. 1 mountaintop coal mine in Logan County, WV. The EPA action could have the effect of withdrawing the existing CWA Section 404 permit approved by the Corps in 2007 that has been held up in litigation. The mine was expected to create as many as 400 mining related jobs. The West Virginia Congressional Delegation has raised significant concerns with EPA's review of the mine.

On January 4, EPA is expecting the Fresno Bee to run a story on the Obama Administration's "Strong Cities, Strong Communities" initiative in Fresno, CA, focusing on the background of the program, the selection of Fresno and the first several community successes under the initiative.

**Grant Announcements:**

What to include:
- Include all grants of $1 Million dollars or more and include grant announcements of any value where either a press release or media event is planned. Additionally, at your discretion, include any grant award that may garner significant congressional, legislative, intergovernmental, or press attention, regardless of amount.
- Indicate if the announcement will be a press release only, or be part of an event.
- If there is an event component, list the major participants including the EPA surrogate).

Format:
- $XXX – Title – Organization, State
  Details

Example:
- $3,454,141 – State Air Pollution Control Program Support – Air Resources Board, California

Funding to support the operation of the California Air resources board state air pollution control program. No press release is planned.

**Legislative Engagement:**

What to include:
- Upcoming public events or meetings with members of congress.
- Include significant private meetings with the members themselves, but not private meetings with staff.
- Note at the end of the blurb whether the meeting or event is open/closed press and the city and state of the action.

Examples:
On February 3, Assistant Administrator for the Office of Air and Radiation Gina McCarthy is scheduled to testify before the House Energy and Environment Committee on the Renewable Fuel Standard. Open press, Washington, DC.

On February 5, Regional Administrator Spalding is scheduled to participate in a Sustainable Energy Forum at the University of Rhode Island with Senator Sheldon Whitehouse. Open press, Kingston, RI.

**Travel/public meetings/speaking engagements for the Assistant Administrators, or Regional Administrators**

What to include:
- List any public events even if they are at EPA facilities.
- Make note if they are open or closed press.
- Include other meetings of significance with mayors, governors, legislative leaders or key stakeholders and interest groups even if they are not public (No need to repeat if it's listed under Legislative Engagement).
- Include the location of the event, City, ST.
- Finally please briefly explain in one sentence what the event is if it is not made clear by the event title and whether open or closed press.

Format:
On *Month Day*, *Title (written out) Name* is scheduled to attend/speak/host x at y with person/organization a and b. *One sentence explanation of the event if needed then end with*: Open/closed press, city, state.

Example:
On November 15, Assistant Administrator for the Office of Tribal and International Affairs Michelle DePass is scheduled to attend the memorial service for 2004 Nobel Peace Prize winner Wangari Maathai. Open press, Washington, D.C.

**Other Information**

What to include:
- A catch-all category for significant issues that don't fit neatly into the categories above

On January 25, EPA is expects to announce the availability of almost $10 million in grants to eligible states and tribes to develop and implement beach monitoring and notification programs. EPA has awarded over $120 million since 2001. Additionally, EPA will announce improvements in the beach information website, BEACON, including a state-of the art map and navigation tool displaying information on the location of over 6,000 beaches and the related water quality monitoring stations.

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**Section A: General NEIWPCC Social Media Policy**

Purpose

To address the fast-changing landscape of the Internet and to inform more people about Commission activities, the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission (NEIWPCC) is using social media tools to reach a broader audience. This policy establishes guidelines for the use of social media. It applies to social media accounts for which NEIWPCC is the sole manager; any social media accounts managed by a NEIWPCC-affiliated organization that is viewed by the public as having its own separate identity or brand are the responsibility of the managing organization and are subject to its social media policy.

General

No comments posted on social media networks shall represent the opinions of NEIWPCC, its Commissioners or Executive Committee members, its employees, its funding agencies, or the signatory bodies of NEIWPCC: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island, and Vermont, or the United States. Any references to commercial entities, products, services, or other nongovernmental organizations or individuals that are approved for publishing are provided solely for the information of individuals using social networking sites. These references are not intended to reflect the opinion of NEIWPCC, its Commissioners or Executive Committee members, its employees, its funding agencies, or the signatory bodies of NEIWPCC, concerning the significance, priority, or importance to be given the referenced entity, product, service, or organization. Such references are not an official or personal endorsement of any policy, product, person, or service, and may not be quoted or reproduced for the purpose of stating or implying endorsement or approval of any policy, product, person, or service.

Social networking media sites may be subject to public disclosure. Any claims made regarding NEIWPCC social networking postings shall be governed by Massachusetts law. Any person posting to social networking sites monitored or moderated by NEIWPCC hereby consents to the jurisdiction of the Massachusetts state courts and venue in Middlesex County, Massachusetts.

NEIWPCC assumes no liability for any content posted on or emails originating from social networking sites and shall not be liable for any damages of any kind resulting from the use of or inability to use the

sites, the content of the postings, or the operation of the social networking sites. Any person posting to or authoring and disseminating emails using mailing lists associated with the social networking sites shall indemnify and hold NEIWPCC harmless for all claims resulting from that person's use of the social networking sites, its operation, and/or its contents.

NEIWPCC makes no representations, guarantees, or warranties and disclaims all warranties, express or implied, regarding the poster's operation or that any content posted or emailed and disseminated by individuals on the social networking sites is correct, and shall not be liable for any errors or omissions, loss or damage of any kind incurred as a result of reliance on the use or operation of the social networking sites, or any content posted on sites. Any person posting to the sites or authoring and disseminating emails warrants and represents that he or she either owns or otherwise controls all of the rights to the content posted, and shall indemnify and hold NEIWPCC harmless for all claims resulting from such content.

NEIWPCC recognizes that the Web is a 24 hour a day 7 day a week medium and comments posted on and emails originating from social networking sites monitored or moderated by NEIWPCC staff are welcome at any time. However, given the need to manage NEIWPCC resources, monitoring and replying to comments will occur during regular business hours. Comments and emails posted after hours or on weekends are not monitored, but will be reviewed as soon as practicable, in most cases, this means the next business day.

In order to promote open and honest discussion, a full name and verifiable e-mail address is required for each comment posted to NEIWPCC social networking sites (as required by hosting sites). Comments posted under false names, from unverifiable e-mail addresses or duplicate comments submitted from multiple e-mail addresses will be deleted as soon as practicable; in most cases this means the next business day.

To protect your own privacy and the privacy of others, please do not include personal information, such as Social Security numbers, phone numbers, e-mail, or resident addresses in the body of your comment. Comments that contain such personal information will be removed as soon as practicable. In addition to this policy, users will be subject to all applicable regulations, policies, and terms of NEIWPCC monitored or moderated social networking sites.

NEIWPCC reserves the right to modify this policy at any time. Each social media tool approved for use by NEIWPCC will be listed in the NEIWPCC Social Networking Media Standard which further describes establishment and content of new social networking media tools.

Specific

1. All NEIWPCC social media sites created and maintained by staff members will be subject to approval by the Communications Manager and Deputy Director.
2. The best, most appropriate uses of social media tools for NEIWPCC fall generally into two categories:

a. As channels for disseminating time-sensitive information as quickly as possible (example: emergency river conditions information).
b. As educational channels which increase NEIWPCC's ability to broadcast its mission and relevant information to the widest possible audience.

3. NEIWPCC's website (http://www.neiwpcc.org) will remain the organization's primary and predominant internet presence.
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   b. Wherever possible, content posted to NEIWPCC social media sites should contain links directing users back to specific pages of interest on http://www.neiwpcc.org.
4. NEIWPCC Communications staff will be responsible for the content and upkeep of any social media sites.
5. Wherever possible, all NEIWPCC social media sites shall comply with all appropriate NEIWPCC policies and standards, including but not limited to, the NEIWPCC Social Networking Media Standard. Any exceptions will be approved by the Communications Manager and Deputy Director.
6. Users and visitors to NEIWPCC social media sites shall be notified that the intended purpose of the site is to serve as a mechanism for communication between NEIWPCC and members of the public. NEIWPCC social media postings, comments, or emails containing any of the following forms of content shall not be allowed:
   a. Language or content that is spam or not topically related to the particular post being commented on.
   b. Vulgar, abusive or unlawful content.
   c. Libelous or defamatory content.
   d. Personal attacks or threats of any kind.
   e. Content that promotes, fosters, or perpetuates discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin (including those for whom English is a second language or who are legal immigrants), gender, sexual orientation, gender identification, marital status, physical and mental disability, ancestry, age, pregnancy, political or union affiliation, or veteran status.
   f. Content that violates a legal ownership right or interest including without limitation, a copyright, trademark or patent.
   g. Comments in support of or opposition to political campaigns or ballot measures.
   h. Promotions, advertisements, or endorsements of commercial services, products, or entities.
   i. Anonymous content.
   j. Sexual content or links to sexual content.
   k. Conduct or encouragement of illegal activity.
   l. Information that may tend to compromise the safety or security of the public or public systems.
   m. Content that violates a legal ownership interest of any other party.
   n. Personal information (addresses, social security numbers, etc.) of any person.

   o. Submission of any claim, demand, informal or formal complaint, or any other form of legal and/or administrative notice or process, or for the exhaustion of any legal and/or administrative remedy.
7. NEIWPCC reserves the right to block future postings by a user if any of the above forms of content are utilized.
8. NEIWPCC reserves the right to remove any content that is deemed in violation of this social media policy or any applicable law or considered not to be in the best interest of the Commission.
9. All new social media tools proposed for NEIWPCC use will be approved by the Communications Manager and Deputy Director.
10. Administration of NEIWPCC social media sites.
    a. The Communications Division will maintain a list of social media (list is included in the Social Networking Media Standard) which are approved for use by NEIWPCC sections and staff.
    b. The Communications Division will maintain a list of all NEIWPCC social media sites, including login and password information. It will inform the Deputy Director of any new social media sites or administrative changes to existing sites.
    c. The Communications Division will immediately edit or remove content from social media sites within the confines of normal business hours.

**Section B: LISS-specific Policies**

1. Administration of NEIWPCC social media sites at the LISS.
   NEIWPCC's Social Media sites for the LISS will be managed by LISS's Communications Coordinator, a NEIWPCC information officer. The Communications Coordinator will organize a LISS Social Media Team that will include the Long Island Sound public outreach coordinators for the Connecticut and New York Sea Grant Programs. The Team will be responsible for posting comments and editing and removing comments that do not comply with NEIWPCC's social media policy (see section A).
2. No comments posted on social media networks by the Social Media Team shall represent the opinions of NEIWPCC and LISS partner organizations (see the purpose statement of Section A for NEIWPCC-specific policy).
3. The best, most appropriate uses of social media tools for LISS fall generally into two categories:
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4. LISS's website (http://www.longislandsoundstudy.net) will remain the program's primary and predominant internet presence.

5. Wherever possible, content posted to LISS social media sites managed by the LISS Communications Coordinator will also be available on http://www.longislandsoundstudy.net.
6. The Social Media Team will immediately edit or remove content from social media sites within the confines of normal business hours.

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LISS/NEIWPCC Social Networking Media Standard

Purpose

Social networking sites are growing in popularity. Businesses and governments have joined individuals in using sites such as Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn to promote activities, programs, projects, and events. These standards should be used in conjunction with NEIWPCC's Social Media Use Policy. As selected social networking sites change these standards may be updated as needed.

Establishing a page

When a LISS/NEIWPCC staff member determines it has a business need for a social media network account, it will submit a request to the Communications Manager. Once approved, the Communications Division staff will create the standardized organization page for the work unit. Applications are not to be added to a social networking site without approval of the Communications Manager.

Content

1. Standardization
    a. The Communications Coordinator will work with NEIWPCC's website manager to standardize and provide social networking sites page's image, where possible consisting of a picture and LISS logo.
    b. Where possible, a statement shall be listed on the site detailing LISS's mission to restore and protect the Sound through a partnership of federal, state, interstate, and local agencies and organizations.
2. Link to the LISS website
    a. A link to http://www.longislandsoundstudy.net/ will be included on any introductory/information pages.
3. Page naming and Style
    a. The LISS Communications Coordinator will approve proposed names.
    b. Images for social networking pages and groups will be based on a template that is consistent with NEIWPCC standards.
    c. Staff members using social network media on behalf of LISS and NEIWPCC will use proper grammar, avoiding jargon and abbreviations. Social network media is more

casual than most other communication tools but still represents LISS and NEIWPCC at all times.

4. Page administrators
    a. A successful page requires "babysitting" by the Social Media team.
    b. The LISS Social Media Team is responsible for making sure content is up-to-date.
    c. In the event technical knowledge is required to respond to a post, the Social Media Team will consult with other staff members to construct and post the most accurate and scientifically sound response.
    d. Other staff members requesting a post understand that they are responsible for supplying answers to ensuing inquiries.
5. Applications
    a. There are thousands of Facebook applications. Common applications can allow users to stream video and music, post photos, and view and subscribe to RSS (Really Simple Syndication) feeds. While some may be useful to the page's mission, they can cause clutter and security risks. Therefore, an application should not be used unless it serves a business purpose, adds to the user experience, comes from a trusted source, and is approved by the Communications Manager.
    b. An application may be removed at any time if there is significant reason to think it is causing a security breach or spreading viruses or if deemed to be not in the best interest of LISS and NEIWPCC.

Currently approved Social Networking Media Tools:

- Facebook
- Twitter
- Instagram
- LinkedIn

Additional tools may be added as approved by the Communications Manager and Deputy Director.

**National vs. Region-only Press Releases**
**One EPA Press Strategy and General Guidelines**
**9.19.12**

**Goal:** To obtain the highest level of media coverage for enforcement cases of national significance, communicate our successes, and deter similar activities.

**Plan:**

I. When there is potential for national press, EPA HQ will issue a national-level press release, including an AA-level quote and a DOJ AAG quote.
   - This strategy improves our chances of having the national press pick up the story.
   - It is EPA practice to include AA-level or higher quotes in national press releases.
   - It is EPA practice to include only national enforcement cases in the banner on the EPA home page.

II. Where there is strong Regional interest the Region should issue a Regional press release with an RA quote.
   - Regional press officers can pitch the story to local press, and RA's can do interviews and be quoted in local news stories.

III. For high profile cases, the most effective strategy may be to issue both a national and regional press release.
   - Each national release will be vetted with the participating region(s) prior to being issued.
   - The national release can be used for regional amplification by swapping the OECA AA quote out for an RA quote or changing the headline to mention location of the facility (i.e. *Lima, Ohio Facility to Pay $XX and Commits to XX to Benefit Local Residents)*, while keeping the overall language from the national release.
   - Regional amplification is strongly encouraged for nationally significant cases where there is also likely to be local media interest.

**Benefits:**
- By issuing press releases at the national level we have access to a larger distribution list, including reporters, non-profit organizations, industry groups and interested citizens.
- Access to additional outreach opportunities, including: banners and links to latest news on EPA.gov, tweets and Facebook posts on EPA's main accounts.

**Support:** OECA HQ can help draft releases and will coordinate with DOJ press and EPA Office of External Affairs.

**National Press Release General Guidelines:**
- National Enforcement Initiative case
- $1M+ penalty or significant injunctive relief, mitigation or SEPs
- Case is innovative or highlights Next Gen. Compliance
- Company is a household name

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**Sent**: 7/22/2015 7:04:12 PM
**To**: Szaro, Deb [Szaro.Deb@epa.gov]; Gray, Stuart [Gray.Stuart@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: Wednesday 4:30pm(ET) Briefing Materials
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In case you are going to listen in on the call ..thanks ng

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**Sent**: 6/22/2015 7:51:36 PM
**To**: Dierker, Carl [Dierker.Carl@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Separately Paneled National Award Nominations

I told mike and rob via phone .. thanks ng

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**From:** Dierker, Carl
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2015 3:40 PM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy
**Subject:** RE: Separately Paneled National Award Nominations

I was going to forward this list to Mike and Rob with instructions not to disseminate further, but then wondered if you thought that was going too far violating Pat Hemmer's instructions. What do you think?

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2015 2:54 PM
**To:** Dierker, Carl
**Subject:** FW: Separately Paneled National Award Nominations

FYI ..thanks ng

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**From:** Hemmer, Patricia
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2015 12:46 PM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy
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**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2015 12:23 PM
**To:** Williamson, Ann; Maxfield, Robert
**Cc:** Grantham, Nancy
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The awards approval memo should be coming out within the next few days.

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**From:** Williamson, Ann
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2015 12:10 PM

**To:** Maxfield, Robert
**Cc:** Grantham, Nancy; Hemmer, Patricia
**Subject:** RE: Separately Paneled National Award Nominations

Hi Rob—we've not heard back on our recommendations. Perhaps Patricia can help answer your question.

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Nancy –

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**Sent**: 6/25/2015 11:42:05 AM
**To**: Kenyon, Michael [Kenyon.Michael@epa.gov]; Szaro, Deb [Szaro.Deb@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Separately Paneled National Award Nominations

thnaks

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**From:** Kenyon, Michael
**Sent:** Thursday, June 25, 2015 7:41 AM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy; Szaro, Deb
**Subject:** RE: Separately Paneled National Award Nominations

I will call Donna when I get in.

Sent from my Windows Phone

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy
**Sent:** 6/24/2015 9:48 PM
**To:** Kenyon, Michael; Szaro, Deb
**Subject:** Fwd: Separately Paneled National Award Nominations

Let's discuss in am -- could we call Donna or Karl? Thx ng

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Hemmer, Patricia" <Hemmer.Patricia@epa.gov>
> **Date:** June 24, 2015 at 4:20:01 PM EDT
> **To:** "Grantham, Nancy" <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
> **Subject: RE: Separately Paneled National Award Nominations**
>
> It's routing through the HRO's office to the AA of OARM.
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> **From:** Grantham, Nancy
> **Sent:** Wednesday, June 24, 2015 4:18 PM
> **To:** Hemmer, Patricia
> **Subject:** Re: Separately Paneled National Award Nominations
>
> Thx -- what office is responsible for pushing the button to get it out?
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> Sent from my iPhone
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> On Jun 24, 2015, at 1:08 PM, Hemmer, Patricia <Hemmer.Patricia@epa.gov> wrote:
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>> I will check on it but not sure it will be out by then.
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>> **From:** Grantham, Nancy
>> **Sent:** Wednesday, June 24, 2015 9:43 AM

**To:** Hemmer, Patricia
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Hi –

Checking on the status of the mass mailer from the Administrator on the national honor awards. Our ceremony is tomorrow afternoon – so making sure that the memo is going out today or tomorrow morning at the latest – so we can announce our winners.

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**Sent**: 8/30/2015 11:46:17 AM
**To**: Ostrander, David [Ostrander.David@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: Mine Site Visit on 9/2

Understand -- thx

Sent from my iPhone

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> Sent from my iPhone
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> > Hi David,
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> > See below – I talked with Shaun today and he believes that you should be the one to do this briefing – as Steve will be on leave.
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> >
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**Sent**: 6/30/2015 3:49:57 PM
**To**: Bogoshian, Matthew [Bogoshian.Matt@epa.gov]; Murray, Tom [Murray.Tom-HQ@epa.gov]
**CC**: Studlien, Susan [Studlien.Susan@epa.gov]; Strauss, Linda [Strauss.Linda@epa.gov]; Bender, Emily [Bender.Emily@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: R1 visit

It is Emily bender – looping her in here ..thanks ng

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**From:** Bogoshian, Matthew
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2015 11:45 AM
**To:** Murray, Tom
**Cc:** Studlien, Susan; Grantham, Nancy; Strauss, Linda
**Subject:** RE: R1 visit

Tom, just had a great call with Susan, Nancy and Emily (sorry didn't catch her last name) in R1. As you know I will be up in R1 during the next 2 weeks.

Can you get the specific full application for CT's winning IMCP designated community application and distribute it to us? Susan/Nancy will be kind enough to contact the main applicants to see if I can help amplify the WH announcement on July 8 in CT. (fyi, R1 knows that CT's winning application is close hold info)

Also, we might want to work in a visit to ME's applicant community from last year on July 10, 13 or 14. Can you also send us their application from last year and the federal liaison's contact info?

Many thanks,
Matt

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**From:** Bogoshian, Matthew
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 30, 2015 11:19 AM
**To:** Studlien, Susan; Grantham, Nancy
**Cc:** Tom Murray (Murray.Tom-HQ@epa.gov)
**Subject:** R1 visit

Hi Susan and Nancy,

I am on the phone now for our scheduled call. Sorry if I'm not reading the call time right.

I'm actually getting a root canal today (yikes!) so I will drop off the phone and go in a few minutes.

Thanks for the accommodation in R1 next week and the start of the following week. I do not intend to have my computer, I will be fine with my mobile device for such a short time.

I am hoping I can unobtrusively learn about P2 activities you all think are moving the needle in R1.

I would also like to share with whomever it makes sense a few things:

1. WH IMCP: R1 has a designated community from last year in ME. This year's yet unannounced round also will designate a community in CT. Please see attached (going public July 8, please do not share, thanks!) Perhaps we can identify amplification opportunities for me that day/week in CT. Copying Tom so he can assist on this.
2. WH Clean Energy Investment Initiative, see attached. We just had the summit at the WH 2 weeks ago and hit the $4B mark. I will be going to a conference related to it at the end of week 2 up there.
3. Green Chem, see attached for discussion.

Right now I'm thinking I will be arriving sometime next late Monday morning at your office in Boston.

In the meantime we can keep in touch by email.

Thanks,
Matt

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**Sent**: 10/23/2015 1:50:39 PM
**To**: Gentile, Laura [Gentile.Laura@epa.gov]; Germann, Sandy [Germann.Sandy@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: MVD Videos -
**Attachments**: EPA_In-the-Moment_Videos.pdf; tips for smartphone videography.docx

Here are the files to share with the MVD group ..thanks ng

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**From:** Deegan, Dave
**Sent:** Monday, October 19, 2015 9:11 AM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
**Subject:** MVD Videos -

Here are the two files I have on in moment video tips.

Florida was really nice! Had a good time and very relaxing. Hope you are doing well!
Dave

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**Sent**: 6/24/2015 6:41:15 PM
**To**: Gaber, Noha [Gaber.Noha@epa.gov]; Smith, Roxanne [Smith.Roxanne@epa.gov]
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I don't know -- don't want to ruffle any feathers -- but we are in full gear here -- best that I ask matt since he was involved initially.

Thanks ng

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**Sent:** Wednesday, June 24, 2015 2:38 PM
**To:** Smith, Roxanne
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Would this be coming from OARM?

**Noha Gaber, Ph.D.**
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Office of Public Affairs
Administrator's Office
US Environmental Protection Agency
Mailing Address: 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Mail Code: 1701A, Washington, D.C. 20460
Tel: 202-564-2179 || Mobile: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) | gaber.noha@epa.gov

*"Collaboration: When a collection of brilliant minds, hearts and talents come together ... expect a masterpiece."*

On Jun 24, 2015, at 2:32 PM, Smith, Roxanne <Smith.Roxanne@epa.gov> wrote:

> I didn't know anything about this. Do you have anything on this, Noha?
>
> Roxanne Smith
> Principal Deputy Associate Administrator
> Office of Public Affairs
> U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
> 202-564-4455
> smith.roxanne@epa.gov
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**Sent**: 5/5/2015 7:35:53 PM
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**CC**: Deegan, Dave [Deegan.Dave@epa.gov]; Bender, Emily [Bender.Emily@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: Blog-LG Training-Finch - April 22 2015.docx
**Attachments**: Blog-LG Training-Finch - April 22 2015.docx

Close hold until it is posted -- but FYI ... we will do social media when it is live ..thanks ng

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**From:** Germann, Sandy
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 05, 2015 3:27 PM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy
**Subject:** FW: Blog-LG Training-Finch - April 22 2015.docx

Here it is...

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**From:** Germann, Sandy
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 05, 2015 3:23 PM
**To:** Owens, Denise; Wade, James; Orquina, Jessica
**Subject:** FW: Blog-LG Training-Finch - April 22 2015.docx

Here's the blog, which includes the bio info and was approved by the Mayor's office.

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**From:** Scheraga, Joel
**Sent:** Thursday, April 23, 2015 12:24 PM
**To:** Germann, Sandy
**Subject:** FW: Blog-LG Training-Finch - April 22 2015.docx

Hi Sandy,

We're still negotiating the release date with the WH. Either April 29th or May 6th are still possibilities. I'll keep you posted.

In the meantime – I wanted to share with you the attached blog from Mayor Finch. Mark Rupp sent it to his office and they made only one minor edit. Roxanne Smith has already put this into the necessary clearance process.

Also, have you had a chance to check with OSC to see if they would be willing to put out information about the training module in their booth at the National Adaptation Forum?

Thanks for your help.

Joel

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**From:** Rupp, Mark
**Sent:** Thursday, April 23, 2015 8:27 AM

**To:** Scheraga, Joel
**Cc:** Smith, Roxanne
**Subject:** Blog-LG Training-Finch - April 22 2015.docx

Joel: Attached is the blog that Bridgeport approved for posting when the Climate Adaptation Training Module for Local Governments goes live. I incorporated the one change they had. And when I sent this to them, I'd added a little blurb of a bio at the bottom (in hopes that USCM searchers will find!).

Mark

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**Sent**: 6/18/2015 2:32:48 PM
**To**: Melanson, Kate [Melanson.Kate@epa.gov]; Wilson, Jessica [Wilson.JessicaL@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: National Award Winners - Draft
**Attachments**: List of Anticipated 2014 National Award Winners.docx

Close hold

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**Sent:** Thursday, June 18, 2015 10:32 AM
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**Cc:** Dierker, Carl
**Subject:** National Award Winners - Draft

Nancy –

Here is the list of the National Award Winners. It's the same list as what Carl sent yesterday, except that Shirley inserted the citations in Word.

Once we hear that the national announcement has been made, we should be able to use this list in an announcement to staff.

Thanks, Mike

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**To:** Fritz, Matthew [Fritz.Matthew@epa.gov]
**Subject:** FW: FINAL DOI/Reclamation Gold King Mine Report - Embargoed for Public Release to 2PM
**Attachments:** goldkingminereport.pdf; ATT00001.htm

**From:** Purchia, Liz
**Sent:** Thursday, October 22, 2015 8:52 AM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Harrison, Melissa <Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
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Let's discuss

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Liz: I noticed your email address was incorrect so I'm forwarding this close hold doc . . . -nancy

Nancy Cohen
U.S. EPA OSWER
202.566.0171

From: DuBray, Daniel [mailto:ddubray@usbr.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2015 8:30 AM
To: Stalcup, Dana <Stalcup.Dana@epa.gov<mailto:Stalcup.Dana@epa.gov>>; Stanislaus, Mathy <Stanislaus.Mathy@epa.gov<mailto:Stanislaus.Mathy@epa.gov>>; purchic.luz@epa.gov<mailto:purchic.luz@epa.gov>
Cc: David Palumbo <dpalumbo@usbr.gov<mailto:dpalumbo@usbr.gov>>; Robert Quint <bquint@usbr.gov<mailto:bquint@usbr.gov>>; Thomas Luebke <tluebke@usbr.gov<mailto:tluebke@usbr.gov>>; Jessica Kershaw <jessica_kershaw@ios.doi.gov<mailto:jessica_kershaw@ios.doi.gov>>; Elizabeth Klein <Elizabeth_Klein@ios.doi.gov<mailto:Elizabeth_Klein@ios.doi.gov>>; Thompson, Dionne <DEThompson@usbr.gov<mailto:DEThompson@usbr.gov>>
Subject: FINAL DOI/Reclamation Gold King Mine Report - Embargoed for Public Release to 2PM

On behalf of the Bureau of Reclamation and the Department of the Interior, I am transmitting the final

Technical Evaluation of the Gold King Mine Incident, prepared by USBRs Technical Service Center in Lakewood, Colorado.

The 132-page report will be distributed this afternoon at 1:00 pm EDT in a pre-notification to interested States, Tribes and Congress. It will be released to the public at 2:00 pm EDT. The url for the report on our site will be activated at 1:00 pm. That URL will be at www.usbr.gov/docs/goldkingminereport.pdf<http://www.usbr.gov/docs/goldkingminereport.pdf> but the shortened URL http://on.doi.gov/1RdRhD6 will be used to share the report.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

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**Urban Waters Federal Partnership Expansion Roll-Out**

**Announcement Date:** Friday, May 10

**Action:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, in partnership with the White House Council on Environmental Quality, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the U.S. Department of the Interior and other federal partners, will announce that the Urban Waters Federal Partnership is adding 11 new locations and two new federal partner agencies to restore waterways, help local economies, create jobs and protect Americans' health. Also, a progress report on the seven pilot locations will be released.

The 11 new project locations are:

- Big River and Meramec River watersheds near St. Louis, Mo
- Delaware River Basin that covers Philadelphia, Camden, N.J., Chester, Pa., and Wilmington, Del.
- Grand River in Grand Rapids, Mich.
- Green-Duwamish River in Seattle
- Mystic River watershed in Greater Boston
- Martin Pena Canal in San Juan, P.R.
- Middle Blue River in Kansas City, Mo.
- Middle Rio Grande in Albuquerque, N.M.
- Passaic River in Newark, N.J.
- Proctor Creek watershed in Atlanta
- Western Lake Erie Basin near Toledo, Ohio

The seven pilot locations were:

- Anacostia Watershed (Washington DC/Maryland)
- Bronx & Harlem River Watersheds (New York)
- Los Angeles River Watershed (California)
- Lake Pontchartrain Area (New Orleans, LA)
- Northwest Indiana Area
- Patapsco Watershed (Maryland)
- South Platte River in Denver (Colorado)

**Materials** (all final by Wednesday, May 8 at noon):

- Press release
- Backgrounders on 11 new locations
- Progress report on seven pilot locations

**Roll-Out Plan & Schedule:**

**Wednesday, May 8:**

**3 P.M. EDT:**
- EPA's regional offices will notify the mayors' offices and the stakeholders in the 11 new locations.
- EPA headquarters will notify the members of Congress who have the 11 new locations in their districts.
- EPA headquarters media advisory sent out regarding Grand Rapids event on Friday, 05/10/13.

**Thursday, May 9:**

**Beginning at 9 A.M. EDT:**
- EPA's regional offices issue embargoed press release (embargo until 12 a.m. EDT Friday) and backgrounders to selected reporters in the 11 new locations and seven pilot locations.
-Lead federal agencies for each of the 18 locations can then follow-up directly with those reporters to provide additional localized information and interviews.

Reporters to receive the embargo:

- **National:** *Dina Capiello at Associated Press and Elizabeth Shogren at NPR*

- **Big River and Meramec Watersheds in St. Louis, Mo:**

- **Delaware River Basin:**

- **Grand River in Grand Rapids, Mich.:**

- **Green-Duwamish River in Seattle:**

- **Mystic River Watershed in Greater Boston:**

- **Martin Pena Canal in San Juan, P.R.:** *Marcelys Rivera at El Vocero* [ HYPERLINK "mailto:mrivera@vocero.com" ]*; Jose Delgado at El Nueva Dia* [ HYPERLINK "mailto:jdelgado@elnuevodia.com" ]

- **Middle Blue River in Kansas City, Mo.:**

- **Middle Rio Grande in Albuquerque, N.M.:**

- **Passaic River in Passaic, N.J.:** *Todd Bates at the Newark Star Ledger, Tom Moran at Newark Star Ledger* [ HYPERLINK "mailto:moran@starledger.com" ]*; James O'Neill at the Bergen Record* [ HYPERLINK "mailto:oneillj@northjersey.com" ]

- **Proctor Creek Watershed in Atlanta:**

- **Western Lake Erie Basin in Toledo, Ohio:**

- **Anacostia Watershed (Washington DC/Maryland):** *Darryl Fears at the Washington Post, Sandy Bauers at the Philadelphia Inquirer* [ HYPERLINK "mailto:sbauers@phillynews.com" ]*, Jeff Montgomery at the Wilmington News Journal* [ HYPERLINK "mailto:jmontgomery@delawareonline.com" ]

- **Bronx & Harlem River Watersheds (New York):** *Bronx & Harlem River Watersheds (New York): Bronx Times/Bronx.com* [ HYPERLINK "mailto:info@bronx.com" ]

- **Los Angeles River Watershed (California):** *LA Times, Reporter Bettina Boxall, (213) 237-7069,* [ HYPERLINK "mailto:Bettina.Boxall@latimes.com" ] *and Alicia Chang, Associated Press,* [ HYPERLINK "mailto:achang@ap.org" ]*, 213-346-3114*

- **Lake Pontchartrain Area (New Orleans, LA):**

- **Northwest Indiana Area:** *Lauri Harvey-Keagle of the NW Indiana Times*
- **Patapsco Watershed (Maryland):** *Tim Wheeler at the Baltimore Sun*
- **South Platte River in Denver (Colorado):**

**Friday, May 10:**

**8:30 AM EDT:**

**- Web:** At 8:30 a.m. on Friday, May 10, the backgrounders and progress report will be posted on [ HYPERLINK "http://www.urbanwaters.gov" ] and [ HYPERLINK "http://www.epa.gov/urbanwaters" ]. Those web pages will also feature a banner with a link to the press release.

**9 A.M. EDT :**
- EPA issues national press release and EPA's regional offices flag the release for reporters in the 18 locations. Release contains links to the backgrounders and progress report. Note: There will only be one national press release and the backgrounders, not additional localized press releases. Any media inquiries that come to EPA for other agencies will be routed to the communications contact for that agency.
- **Spanish:** EPA will translate the national press release into Spanish and provide to Spanish media outlets.

- Beginning at 9 am posts on Facebook and Twitter will announce the expansion and link to the press release and information about the 11 new locations and new partners. Agencies can retweet from @EPAwater or share from [ HYPERLINK "http://www.facebook.com/EPAwaterisworthit" ]. For Twitter, #urbanwaters will be used.

**2:15 PM EDT:**
- Main event held in Grand Rapids at 2:15 p.m Eastern with CEQ Chair Nancy Sutley, EPA Acting Administrator Bob Perciasepe, DOI Under Secretary David Hayes and Michigan Senator Debbie Stabenow.

**Q & A:**

**Do these 11 locations receive funding and what impact can you make without any funding?**

**How will sequestration impact the work of the agencies?**

Message

**From**: Grantham, Nancy [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=12A3C2ED7158417FB0BB1B1B72A8CFB0-GRANTHAM, NANCY]
**Sent**: 4/29/2013 10:43:33 PM
**To**: Rivas-Vazquez, Victoria [Rivas-Vazquez.Victoria@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: Close Hold
**Attachments**: 20130430 Shaun McGrath letter.docx

About to send this to paula smith .. are you ok with it? Thanks ng

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**From:** Monger, Jon
**Sent:** Monday, April 29, 2013 6:06 PM
**To:** Rivas-Vazquez, Victoria; Grantham, Nancy
**Subject:** FW: Close Hold

Looks good to me—adding Nancy and Vicki for edits and regional coordination.

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**From:** Epner, Stephanie
**Sent:** Monday, April 29, 2013 6:04 PM
**To:** Monger, Jon
**Subject:** RE: Close Hold

Here you go. Let m know if you'd like me to many any changes!

**Stephanie Epner** | Speechwriter | U.S. EPA | 202.564.2969

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**From:** Monger, Jon
**Sent:** Monday, April 29, 2013 5:23 PM
**To:** Epner, Stephanie
**Subject:** RE: Close Hold

No updates from the meeting, but will need a draft to send around at your earliest convenience.

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**From:** Epner, Stephanie
**Sent:** Monday, April 29, 2013 2:47 PM
**To:** Monger, Jon
**Subject:** RE: Close Hold

Hi Jon –Am finishing up a keynote Bob's delivering tomorrow, so not positive I'll have this ready before 4:30. Will send to you ASAP. If I don't let it to you in time for the meeting, please pass along any updates that come out that I should incorporate into the draft. Thank you!

**Stephanie Epner** | Speechwriter | U.S. EPA | 202.564.2969

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**From:** Monger, Jon
**Sent:** Monday, April 29, 2013 1:42 PM
**To:** Epner, Stephanie
**Subject:** Re: Close Hold

Hi Epner- hope your weekend is great. Doubling back on this-- would it be possible to aim for 4:30? There's a meeting on the topic scheduled for then.

Many thanks for all of your help.

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**From:** Epner, Stephanie
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2013 12:22:57 PM
**To:** Monger, Jon
**Cc:** Rivas-Vazquez, Victoria; Grantham, Nancy; Johnson, Alisha
**Subject:** RE: Close Hold

Not a problem. Will have a draft ready to circulate on Monday. Thanks.

**Stephanie Epner** | Speechwriter | U.S. EPA | 202.564.2969

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**From:** Monger, Jon
**Sent:** Friday, April 26, 2013 12:21 PM
**To:** Epner, Stephanie
**Cc:** Rivas-Vazquez, Victoria; Grantham, Nancy; Johnson, Alisha
**Subject:** Close Hold

Hi Stephanie:

Close hold, but we are tentatively aiming to announce R8 Regional Administrator on Tuesday or Wednesday of next week. Could you prepare a draft email notice that would be sent out to EPA regional staff (and likely fwded to press in lieu of a press release) announcing Shaun? Would be helpful if the mailer also recognized DRA Howard Cantor and Kate Fay for their continued leadership, etc.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Goal would be to circulate this for approval to the candidate, region, WH, and Bob on Monday if possible.

Thank you in advance, please let me know if you have any questions.

--Jon

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Message

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on behalf of Spalding, Curt [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=E2280A84995449A3A96F2175F679FA9D-SPALDING, CURT]
**Sent**: 9/25/2013 6:55:22 PM
**To**: Kenyon, Michael [Kenyon.Michael@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: Message from Craig Hooks -- CLOSE HOLD - Suggested Talking Points - To Be Discussed Today's 3:30 Sr. Policy Meeting
**Attachments**: DAA-DRA Suggested TPs - Final 9.25.13.docx; POTENTIAL TIMELINE FOR ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH A SHUTDOWN.DOCX

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**From:** Jefferson, Gayle
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 25, 2013 2:50 PM
**To:** Regional Administrators; Assistant Administrators
**Cc:** Showman, John; Blankenship, Steven; Gelb, Nanci; Rivas-Vazquez, Victoria; Amorosi, Joanne
**Subject:** Message from Craig Hooks -- CLOSE HOLD - Suggested Talking Points - To Be Discussed Today's 3:30 Sr. Policy Meeting

A message from Craig Hooks:

Attached you will find suggested talking points and an agency timeline regarding the potential shutdown.

Both of these documents will be discussed at today's 3:30 Sr. Policy Meeting.

Thank you-
Craig Hooks

Message

**From**: Grantham, Nancy [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=12A3C2ED7158417FB0BB1B1B72A8CFB0-GRANTHAM, NANCY]
**Sent**: 6/22/2015 6:00:23 PM
**To**: Kenyon, Michael [Kenyon.Michael@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: i have the national honor awards list ...thanks ng

Includes the science achievement awards – assume we can announce as she gave me the list on close hold – but will have to be vigilant about when they send out the hq memo – as we can't be out in front of them.

Also, we are going to be buying fruit, seltzer water, coffee and candy for the ceremony – if you can give judi a heads up – and we will get justification language from leann.

Thanks ng

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**From:** Kenyon, Michael
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2015 1:56 PM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy
**Subject:** RE: i have the national honor awards list ...thanks ng

Great. I assume this means we can announce. Does it include the science achievement awards?

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2015 1:56 PM
**To:** Kenyon, Michael
**Subject:** i have the national honor awards list ...thanks ng

Message

**From**: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 10/28/2015 1:23:34 AM
**To**: Jenkins, Laura Flynn [Jenkins.Laura@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: Media Event

Thx

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 27, 2015, at 8:44 PM, Jenkins, Laura Flynn <Jenkins.Laura@epa.gov> wrote:

> Just asked Hays if he or Steve will be onsite next week. Keep you posted.
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> Laura Jenkins
> Media Officer
> USEPA Region 8
> 1595 Wynkoop St.
> Denver, CO 80208
> Mailcode: 8-OC
> Landline: 303-312-6256
> Cell: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
> Fax: 303-312-6961
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> > Thanks ng
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> > **From:** Smith, Paula
> > **Sent:** Tuesday, October 27, 2015 6:38 PM
> > **To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
> > **Subject:** Media Event

Understand the media tour has been postponed until Nov 3 or 4. Shaun would like to update Mathy on new dates and tell him what media outlets are expected. Do we know yet? Also, Laura is willing to go down, if needed.

- Paula

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**Sent**: 10/28/2015 6:21:43 PM
**To**: Jenkins, Laura Flynn [Jenkins.Laura@epa.gov]; Smith, Paula [Smith.Paula@epa.gov]
**CC**: Peterson, Cynthia [Peterson.Cynthia@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Media Event

Thanks -- this is a great idea -- we look forward to seeing what you develop.

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**From:** Jenkins, Laura Flynn
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 28, 2015 12:26 PM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Smith, Paula <Smith.Paula@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Peterson, Cynthia <Peterson.Cynthia@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Media Event

Nancy and Paula:

Cynthia had the great idea this morning to prepare a press package to share with media and other interested parties over the winter. She and I discussed putting together some high quality photos, along with approved statements/captions from Steve, that we could distribute in response to any inquires we receive over the winter. The package could be supplemented over the winter by additional pictures *if* anything of note changes on-site. Finally, we *could* shoot some high quality video of everything at Gladstone so we have it available if we need it, or choose to share with the media. This approach would also allow us to shoot what we need with Hays on the ground and then work with Steve afterwards on the explanations and captions of what we've shot. Since we have the equipment and expertise in-house, all it requires is our time and travel.

If this seems like a good idea, our window to do this is basically next week. I checked the weather and no snow is expected in Silverton until Thursday so we could make this happen Monday -> Wednesday.

Please let us know your thoughts ASAP.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, October 28, 2015 10:09 AM
**To:** Jenkins, Laura Flynn
**Cc:** Smith, Paula; Ostrander, David; StClair, Christie; Peterson, Cynthia; Grantham, Nancy
**Subject:** RE: Media Event

Hi – Rather then trying to coordinate a site visit – with weather and demobing all happening – we are going to offer the outlet photos of the treatment plant – and perhaps a phone interview – depending on what they are looking for.

Christie will reach out and let us know the outcome.

Thanks ng

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**From:** Jenkins, Laura Flynn
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 27, 2015 8:14 PM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Smith, Paula <Smith.Paula@epa.gov>; Ostrander, David <Ostrander.David@epa.gov>; StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>; Peterson, Cynthia <Peterson.Cynthia@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Media Event

Is someone reaching out to Steve to confirm his availability or should I follow up with him?

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**Sent**: 5/21/2013 6:01:13 PM
**To**: Epner, Stephanie [Epner.Stephanie@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: The RE.invest Initiative
**Attachments**: 52013 reinvest advisory.docx

Fyi .. Abigail gardner is the person ..thanks

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 21, 2013 1:47 PM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy
**Subject:** Fw: The RE.invest Initiative

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**From:** Abigail Gardner
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 21, 2013 12:51:56 PM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy; Elle Beard; Johnson, Alisha
**Cc:** Bloomgren, David
**Subject:** RE: The RE.invest Initiative

Hi Nancy, Alisha and David,
Thanks so much for your interest in RE.invest. We'd be thrilled if you'd share the attached media advisory with your PADS and it is fine to alert them to which cities are going to be selected per Elle's email below. The information is embargoed until 2 pm EDT tomorrow, but anything the PADS can do to encourage potentially interested press to join the call is definitely welcomed. We are fine with PADS telling press which cities have been selected if it helps them get on the call as long as they understand the information isn't public until 2 pm tomorrow.

Rockefeller is currently making tweaks to the press release so I don't think it would be wise to share the release in its current draft form, but if it would be helpful we could probably give embargoed drafts to any interested PADS tomorrow. Please let us know if you have any questions, we really appreciate your support of our big announcement!
Warmly,
Abby

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy [mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 21, 2013 10:35 AM
**To:** Elle Beard; Johnson, Alisha
**Cc:** Bloomgren, David; Abigail Gardner
**Subject:** RE: The RE.invest Initiative

Thanks -- also Bob P had mentioned not wanting to surprise the regions on this -- can you let us know what we might be able to share with the PADS for the relevant regions sometime this afternoon -- thanks ng

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**From:** Elle Beard [mailto:elle@cdotsdevelopment.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 21, 2013 10:26 AM
**To:** Johnson, Alisha
**Cc:** Grantham, Nancy; Bloomgren, David; Abigail Gardner
**Subject:** Re: The RE.invest Initiative

As you know, this information is close hold until tomorrow. We'll be announcing both cities and corporate partners of The RE.invest Initiative. Selected cities include El Paso (TX), Hoboken (NJ), Honolulu (HI), Miami

Beach (FL), Milwaukee (WI), New Orleans (LA), Norfolk (VA), San Francisco (CA). Our corporate partners signed on to collaborate with cities under RE.invest are Bechtel (engineering), Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld (legal), Wall Street Without Walls (finance - specifically a team of investment bankers no longer active in the municipal market).

The announcement of both cities and partners will be on Wednesday, during a 2:00pm ET national press conference call. Participants in the call will include the President of the Rockefeller Foundation (Dr Judith Rodin), Gov Ed Rendell, and Shalini Vajjhala representing the initiative itself. In addition we'll have representatives from Bechtel and Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld. In addition to the conference call, we'll be issuing a national press release and a series of local press releases in each selected city. Finally, we'll be relaunching our website to feature the selected cities and partners - it is on this website that we'll be featuring relevant press and "what others are saying", which is where we'd feature a quote from Bob alongside other third-party validators from leaders in government, corporate and non-profit sectors.

The lead for communications is Abby Gardner at SKD Knickerbocker (agardner@skdknick.com, 202-464-6603) copied, she has been coordinating with Rockefeller and all of the partners and is the most appropriate person to go to with questions.

Best,
Elle

Elle Beard
RE.invest Project Manager

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On May 21, 2013, at 7:08 AM, "Johnson, Alisha" <Johnson.Alisha@epa.gov> wrote:

Also, outside of the overview, do you have any bullets specifically outlining tomorrow's announcement? Just want to make sure we're characterizing correctly.
Thanks!
Alisha

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**From:** Johnson, Alisha
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 21, 2013 9:45:48 AM
**To:** Elle Beard
**Cc:** Grantham, Nancy; Bloomgren, David
**Subject:** Re: The RE.invest Initiative

Thanks. Who is the best Rockefeller Foundation press contact?

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**From:** Elle Beard
**Sent:** Monday, May 20, 2013 12:31:07 PM
**To:** Johnson, Alisha
**Cc:** Grantham, Nancy; Bloomgren, David
**Subject:** Re: The RE.invest Initiative

Apologies, I thought I did - but our email has been a bit finicky so it may not have gone through. The selected cities include: El Paso, Hoboken, Honolulu, Miami Beach, Milwaukee, New Orleans, Norfolk and San Francisco. Attached is overview information.

Thanks!
Elle

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Elle Beard
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On May 20, 2013, at 9:29 AM, "Johnson, Alisha" <Johnson.Alisha@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Elle. Did you ever send the list of cities and additional info? Don't recall seeing this, but apologies if I missed it.

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**From:** Elle Beard [mailto:elle@cdotsdevelopment.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 15, 2013 2:27 PM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy; Johnson, Alisha; Bloomgren, David
**Subject:** The RE.invest Initiative

As promised, attached is an overview document that explains a bit more about the Initiative and the process moving forward.

Please let me know if you need more information.

Looking forward to working with you!
Elle

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**Sent:** 5/8/2013 4:29:39 PM
**To:** Gutro, Doug [Gutro.Doug@epa.gov]
**Subject:** FW: Agenda for June 5-6 events and conference call April 11 at 11 am
**Attachments:** Agenda June 5 6 2013_.docx

Fyi ... told curt we would get this covered otherwise – will call you later

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**From:** Renahan, Kate
**Sent:** Friday, April 05, 2013 8:54 AM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy
**Subject:** FW: Agenda for June 5-6 events and conference call April 11 at 11 am

Kate Renahan

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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**From:** Paul Bisulca [mailto: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
**Sent:** Thursday, April 04, 2013 9:55 PM
**To:** 'Hoar, Alex'; 'Jessica Pruden - NOAA Federal'; 'Lary, Sandra'; Stover, Michael; Weitzler, Ellen; 'Steven Shepard'; 'Laury Zicari'; 'Stewart Fefer'; 'Peter Lamothe'; Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) DJ_Monette@fws.gov; 'Rory Saunders - NOAA Federal'; 'Mary Colligan - NOAA Federal'; 'Kimberly Damon-Randall - NOAA Federal'; 'Olivia Rugo - NOAA Affiliate'; 'Allison McHale - NOAA Federal'; Renahan, Kate; 'Scott Craig'; 'Bill Archambault'; tim_fannin@fws.gov; 'David Perkins'
**Cc:** 'Andrew Milliken'; 'Diane Lynch'; 'Jed Wright'; 'William Kolodnicki'; 'Fred Seavey'; 'Timothy Binzen'; 'Lia McLaughlin'
**Subject:** RE: Agenda for June 5-6 events and conference call April 11 at 11 am

Attached is the Agenda from Alex's first email.

**From:** Hoar, Alex [mailto:alex_hoar@fws.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 04, 2013 7:36 PM
**To:** Jessica Pruden - NOAA Federal; Lary, Sandra; Stover, Michael; Weitzler, Ellen; Steven Shepard; Laury Zicari; Stewart Fefer; Peter Lamothe; Ed Basset; DJ_Monette@fws.gov; Rory Saunders - NOAA Federal; Mary Colligan - NOAA Federal; Kimberly Damon-Randall - NOAA Federal; Olivia Rugo - NOAA Affiliate; Allison McHale - NOAA Federal; Paul Bisulca; Renahan, Kate; Scott Craig; Bill Archambault; Tim Fannin; David Perkins
**Cc:** Andrew Milliken; Diane Lynch; Jed Wright; William Kolodnicki; Fred Seavey; Timothy Binzen; Lia McLaughlin
**Subject:** Re: Agenda for June 5-6 events and conference call April 11 at 11 am

disregard previous email. the subject line had the wrong time for a call.

On Thu, Apr 4, 2013 at 7:34 PM, Hoar, Alex <alex_hoar@fws.gov> wrote:
Please read this entire message...

Attached is a draft annotated agenda for the June 5-6 events for your consideration and for discussion during a conference call (see below explanation and call-in number). It is a working document.

In preparing the agenda, we have made two assumptions: 1) the emergency legislation will pass and be signed that will cause alewife - this spring - to once again have access to its spawning and rearing habitat above Grand Falls Dam, and 2) the current elver situation in Maine will simmer down and not disrupt the events being planned for June 5-6.

The agenda combines two events.

1. The first revolves around alewife restoration in the St. Croix River and includes: a) a tour of the dams, a media event at Grand Falls to focus on alewife restoration including removal of the boards from the fishway at Grand Falls Hydro Station, c) a session on next steps, and d) a facilitated workshop.
2. A Tribal Listening Session, which is independent of the alewife event and is being planned by FWS and the Maine tribes.

FWS members of the Tribal Listening Session Work Group are copied on this message to keep them informed and involved. (Some FWS folks are included twice on this email since they are involved is both activities and its just easier for me.) The agenda was prepared by me and DJ Monette, who has been involved in the alewife issue and heads the Tribal Listening Session Work Group. He agrees that it should be shared and discussed as soon as possible since time is of the essence.

The Wabinaki Cultural Center in Calais, Maine, has been reserved for June 5 and 6. Specifically, the conference room and the auditorium, which seats 150, have been reserved. The agenda has the Next Steps Session, Next Steps Workshop, and Tribal Listening Session being held at the Center.

Many thanks to Jessica for being proactive with regard to a conference call. We agree that we need to have one. However, we would like to discuss the agenda as soon as possible. We suggest, and will host, a conference call next Thursday, April 11, at 11:00 AM. Please plan on a 2-hour call - in the hope that it might end earlier. If key people cannot make this call, we ask that an alternate participate in their place since so many are potentially involved and we have a lot of planning ahead of us.

For the call, please use the following:
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Message

**From**: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 3/3/2014 11:05:08 PM
**To**: Gray, David [gray.david@epa.gov]; Bellow, Bonnie [Bellow.Bonnie@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: osc.net info -- a start on what we would send to tom to re-start the discussion with OEM

Thx much --- great job at turning this into a positive piece --- can't see bonnie"s comments on bberry -- will send final draft tomorrow so we can get to tom om weds thx ng

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**From:** Gray, David
**Sent:** Monday, March 03, 2014 5:12:20 PM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy; Bellow, Bonnie
**Subject:** RE: osc.net info -- a start on what we would send to tom to re-start the discussion with OEM

Here are my edits

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy
**Sent:** Monday, March 03, 2014 12:35 PM
**To:** Gray, David; Bellow, Bonnie
**Cc:** Grantham, Nancy
**Subject:** osc.net info -- a start on what we would send to tom to re-start the discussion with OEM

Also – had our ORC ethics person take a look at this – as we need to be cognizant of release outside of our discussion framework.

No pride of authorship here – so edit away – just want to get something to Tom by mid-week – just a few days late of our promise.

If convenient would love to grab a few minutes on the phone with the 2 of you to talk about my discussion on this with Lisa Feldt as part of the larger comms issue with OEM.

Thanks

ng

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**From:** Jensen, LeAnn
**Sent:** Monday, March 03, 2014 1:24 PM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy
**Subject:** Hi Nancy - Here is my suggested edited version of your email

Hi Nancy –

The message below includes my suggested edits.

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LeAnn
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**Pre-decisional, deliberative process discussion**
**Close hold - please do not distribute**

# Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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**From:** Tulis, Dana
**Sent:** Sunday, February 16, 2014 1:54 PM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy
**Cc:** Irizarry, Gilberto
**Subject:** FW: OSC.org paper and Monday call at noon

Nancy, given that I sent this paper 6 months ago to OEA, and I never heard back, I would prefer an internal meeting to determine next steps before meeting with OEA. Instead of rushing to do this, since you are in town, let's figure out a time to talk and to be strategic. We probably need to a conversation with the SF DDs as well. Adding in Jim Owens for awareness. Thank you.

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**From:** Tulis, Dana
**Sent:** Thursday, August 08, 2013 6:35 PM
**To:** Reynolds, Thomas
**Cc:** Stanton, Larry; Vanroden, Victoria; Irizarry, Gilberto; Woodyard, Josh; Brooks, Becky; Smith, Roxanne
**Subject:** OSC.org paper and Monday call at noon

Tom, I have attached the list of issues and our recommendations for steps forward based on the various email traffic and our meeting yesterday. We have set up a call with our Superfund Division Directors for Monday at noon, it was the only time available.

The call-in number is
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Becky, not sure if you have the PAD contact list, but we need to add them to the call.

Tom, let me know if you are comfortable with the attached paper and if you have any comments. We could use this as a script, but not hand out, for the Monday call, as well as the RA call.

Thank you.

Dana S. Tulis
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Message

**From**: Grantham, Nancy [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=12A3C2ED7158417FB0BB1B1B72A8CFB0-GRANTHAM, NANCY]
**Sent**: 2/27/2014 3:47:26 PM
**To**: Holsman, Marianne [Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov]; Levy,Jeffrey [Levy.Jeffrey@epa.gov]
**CC**: Smith, Roxanne [Smith.Roxanne@epa.gov]; Morrison, Kay [morrison.kay@epa.gov]; Abrams, Dan [Abrams.Dan@epa.gov]; Behringer, Caroline [Behringer.Caroline@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Please add Nancy Grantham and Roxanne Smith to the social media strategy discussion on Friday

No issue at all -- we just need the time and call in #? Thanks ng

-----Original Message-----
From: Holsman, Marianne
Sent: Thursday, February 27, 2014 10:42 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy; Levy,Jeffrey
Cc: Smith, Roxanne; Morrison, Kay; Abrams, Dan; Behringer, Caroline
Subject: Re: Please add Nancy Grantham and Roxanne Smith to the social media strategy discussion on Friday

My social media folks wanted to get more background on the plan and provide some feedback orally. Is that a problem?

Marianne Holsman
Public Affairs Director
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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Thursday, February 27, 2014 6:50:03 AM
To: Levy,Jeffrey; Holsman, Marianne
Cc: Smith, Roxanne; Morrison, Kay; Abrams, Dan; Behringer, Caroline
Subject: RE: Please add Nancy Grantham and Roxanne Smith to the social media strategy discussion on Friday

What is this meeting? if soc media policy -- caroline and dan should be on as well ..thanks ng

-----Original Message-----
From: Levy,Jeffrey
Sent: Thursday, February 27, 2014 9:16 AM
To: Holsman, Marianne
Cc: Grantham, Nancy; Smith, Roxanne; Morrison, Kay
Subject: Please add Nancy Grantham and Roxanne Smith to the social media strategy discussion on Friday

Hi, Marianne.

Please add Nancy and Roxanne.

Rox and Nancy: it's currently scheduled for 4:00-4:45 tomorrow.

Thanks!

Message

**From**: Grantham, Nancy [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=12A3C2ED7158417FB0BB1B1B72A8CFB0-GRANTHAM, NANCY]
**Sent**: 6/22/2015 5:17:03 PM
**To**: Hemmer, Patricia [Hemmer.Patricia@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Separately Paneled National Award Nominations

Thanks much ..you have my word.

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**From:** Hemmer, Patricia
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2015 12:46 PM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy
**Subject:** RE: Separately Paneled National Award Nominations

Yes, the separately paneled awards are also approved by the Administrator. Attached is a copy of the approvals. This MUST be held close and is not for dissemination.

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2015 12:37 PM
**To:** Hemmer, Patricia
**Subject:** RE: Separately Paneled National Award Nominations

So will this be part of the national announcement of awards? If so, can you share the region 1 winners with us as a close hold as our ceremony is Thursday? Thanks much. ng

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**From:** Hemmer, Patricia
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2015 12:23 PM
**To:** Williamson, Ann; Maxfield, Robert
**Cc:** Grantham, Nancy
**Subject:** RE: Separately Paneled National Award Nominations

The awards approval memo should be coming out within the next few days.

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**From:** Williamson, Ann
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2015 12:10 PM
**To:** Maxfield, Robert
**Cc:** Grantham, Nancy; Hemmer, Patricia
**Subject:** RE: Separately Paneled National Award Nominations

Hi Rob—we've not heard back on our recommendations. Perhaps Patricia can help answer your question.

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**From:** Maxfield, Robert
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2015 8:54 AM
**To:** Williamson, Ann
**Cc:** Grantham, Nancy
**Subject:** FW: Separately Paneled National Award Nominations

Ann –

Do you know if the Science Achievement Award finalists have been selected? We are having our regional awards event and we would like to recognize our nomination Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) if it was selected for recognition.

Regards,

Rob Maxfield, Director
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**From:** Grantham, Nancy
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2015 11:44 AM
**To:** Maxfield, Robert
**Cc:** Dierker, Carl; Kenyon, Michael; Johnson, Arthur
**Subject:** RE: Separately Paneled National Award Nominations

Thanks .. who can we check with at HQ – ORD? on the status of these awards? Thanks ng

**From:** Maxfield, Robert
**Sent:** Monday, June 22, 2015 11:41 AM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy
**Cc:** Dierker, Carl; Kenyon, Michael; Johnson, Arthur
**Subject:** Separately Paneled National Award Nominations

Nancy –

These are the two national award nominations I was referring to this morning.

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Regards,

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**Sent**: 11/20/2013 7:21:40 PM
**To**: Rosner, Sheryl [Rosner.Sheryl@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: "Progress in Communities" communications campaign

Yes ..thanks ng

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**From:** Rosner, Sheryl
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 20, 2013 2:21 PM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy
**Subject:** FW: "Progress in Communities" communications campaign

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy
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Close hold ..thanks ng

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**Sent:** Monday, November 18, 2013 9:03 AM
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**Sent:** Saturday, November 16, 2013 6:24 AM
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**Cc:** KeyesFleming, Gwen; Fritz, Matthew; Ganesan, Arvin; Feldt, Lisa
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**From:** Reynolds, Thomas
**Sent:** Friday, November 15, 2013 9:20:58 AM
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To: Administrator McCarthy
Deputy Administrator Perciasepe

Fr: Tom Reynolds

Re: Launching "Progress in Communities" communications campaign

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**Sent**: 11/20/2013 7:21:53 PM
**To**: Rosner, Sheryl [Rosner.Sheryl@epa.gov]
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**Sent**: 1/30/2014 8:05:09 PM
**To**: Rosner, Sheryl [Rosner.Sheryl@epa.gov]; Abrams, Dan [Abrams.Dan@epa.gov]
**CC**: Hoagland, Matt [Hoagland.Matt@epa.gov]; Kenyon, Michael [Kenyon.Michael@epa.gov]; Levinson, Sarah [Levinson.Sarah@epa.gov]; Perkins, Stephen [Perkins.Stephen@epa.gov]; Abrams, Dan [Abrams.Dan@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Connecting the dots on some things in the works and today's Retreat discussion

Right ... rather than separately -- I can ask tom if we can coordinate on his behalf to start .. thanks ng

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**From:** Rosner, Sheryl
**Sent:** Thursday, January 30, 2014 2:59 PM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy; Abrams, Dan
**Cc:** Hoagland, Matt; Kenyon, Michael; Levinson, Sarah; Perkins, Stephen
**Subject:** RE: Connecting the dots on some things in the works and today's Retreat discussion

Yes – would be great to get OP and OPA working closely together on this. thanks

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**Cc:** Hoagland, Matt; Kenyon, Michael; Levinson, Sarah; Perkins, Stephen
**Subject:** RE: Connecting the dots on some things in the works and today's Retreat discussion

Thanks .. plus I would want opa at hq looped in on the success story template -- thanks ng

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**To:** Grantham, Nancy; Abrams, Dan
**Cc:** Hoagland, Matt; Kenyon, Michael; Levinson, Sarah; Perkins, Stephen
**Subject:** Connecting the dots on some things in the works and today's Retreat discussion

HI – I wanted to make you aware of 2 things:

1) Sarah and I are about to get on the phone with OP to follow-up on an EMC request to come up with a "success story template" from HQs. Bharat raised this on a call with Sandra where he requested that OP have a standard template or information request so that it wasn't coming from all different offices to the Regions – and to get more explicit about what a "visible difference in communities" means. Sarah came up with a good outline with some thoughts on what that might look like and Sarah stepped up to help

OP create a Template (I also said I would help at least while Sarah is on jury duty). I just wanted to make you aware of this as it relates to some of the discussions we had at the retreat this morning about finding ways to tell our story (especially using social media).

2) In the E-enterprise communications strategy one of the suggestions that we included in the outline is to develop a social media strategy around e-enterprise. I would like to make sure that whatever this looks like syncs up with what Dan is doing with OPA and the social media policy that eventually get adopted agency-wide.

Thanks, Sheryl

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Message

**From**: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 3/31/2014 10:18:07 PM
**To**: Zimmerman, Emily [Zimmerman.Emily@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: CT National Healthy Schools Day Event

He is not available

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**From:** Zimmerman, Emily
**Sent:** Monday, March 31, 2014 10:54:56 AM
**To:** Abrams, Dan; Grantham, Nancy
**Subject:** FW: CT National Healthy Schools Day Event

Thoughts about Curt speaking here?

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**From:** Hing, Jessica
**Sent:** Thursday, March 27, 2014 3:29 PM
**To:** Zimmerman, Emily
**Subject:** RE: CT National Healthy Schools Day Event

Hi Emily – I'm away on travel until Monday but I just wanted to double check on any updates on this request. Thanks!

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**From:** Hing, Jessica
**Sent:** Monday, March 24, 2014 11:42 AM
**To:** Zimmerman, Emily
**Cc:** McDonnell, Ida; Benoit, Eugene
**Subject:** FW: CT National Healthy Schools Day Event

Hi Emily,

Attached is an event request form for Curt to speak at the National Healthy Schools Day event in CT 4/8/14. Also forwarded below is a request from CT DPH for Gina to attend the event. She and Kenny Foscue have worked together in the past. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,
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**From:** Hing, Jessica [mailto:Hing.Jessica@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Thursday, March 20, 2014 2:13 PM
**To:** Foscue, Kenny
**Cc:** Benoit, Eugene
**Subject:** RE: CT National Healthy Schools Day Event

Great!

Kenny, I mentioned this before, but if you'd like to ask our R1 RA to speak at the event, I've attached the EPA New England Event Information Form for you to fill out the remaining spaces. After it's complete, I can send it to our front office.

Best,
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**From:** Foscue, Kenny [mailto:Kenny.Foscue@po.state.ct.us]
**Sent:** Thursday, March 20, 2014 1:54 PM
**To:** Benoit, Eugene; Hing, Jessica
**Subject:** FW: CT National Healthy Schools Day Event
**Importance:** High

Hi!
The Amity School District National Healthy Schools Day event is a go! Please put it on your calendar! It might be a long shot but I just sent this request to Gina McCarthy (we have met and worked on the Newhall site). Meanwhile, you might let others at EPA know about this event -

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**From:** Foscue, Kenny
**Sent:** Thursday, March 20, 2014 1:47 PM
**To:** 'mccarthy.gina@epa.gov'
**Subject:** CT National Healthy Schools Day Event
**Importance:** High

I hope this email finds you in good health and spirits! We still miss you here in Connecticut, and I am sure you are aware that the Newhall Neighborhood Landfill remediation has been a rousing success.

I am contacting you to see if it is possible for you or someone else from EPA national headquarters could attend and speak at an event our statewide school IAQ consortium, the CT School Indoor Environment Resource Team (CSIERT), has planned for April 8, National Health Schools Day. The Amity Region 5 School district has agreed to host a media event to:

- Draw attention to the need for healthy school building environments
- Publicize how EPA's Tools for Schools Program can be utilized to improve conditions
- Highlighting the Amity School District's nationally recognized program (the district won 2 national EPA Excellence Awards, and the business manager won a Special Recognition Award)
- Present a Special Recognition Award to a local health department sanitarian who has been a leader in responding to school IAQ issues and promoting TfS - thus a link to National Public Health Week
- Conduct a walkthrough led by facilities staff and a student to highlight past problems and improvements implemented (Note: Amity High School and other schools in the district had multiple IAQ/moisture problems and received much negative media coverage several years ago – the district, with great leadership from the business manager, facilities director and others really turned it around)

The event is scheduled for 1 pm on that day and will take place at the Amity High School in Woodbridge. I know you have a busy schedule and this is late notice, but it would be great to have you speak at this event.

On behalf of CSIERT and its member organizations, thank you for any assistance you can give -

Kenny Foscue, MPH
Epidemiologist/Health Educator
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Message

**From**: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 5/6/2014 9:03:30 AM
**To**: Allen, Laura [Allen.Laura@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: National Climate Assessment- announcement on 5/6

Thx very helpful -- curt is at dlimate panel with gov shumlin and dan utech this morning and we will be live tweeting from that event thx ng

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**From:** Allen, Laura
**Sent:** Monday, May 05, 2014 10:00:43 PM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy; Deegan, Dave; Zimmerman, Emily; Bellow, Bonnie; Mears, Mary; Rodriguez, Elias; Kluesner, Dave; Reyes, Brenda; Romanowski, Larisa; White, Terri-A; Sternberg, David; schafer, joan; Smith, Bonnie; Seneca, Roy; Heron, Donna; Lincoln, Larry; Harris-Young, Dawn; Marraccini, Davina; Rowan, Anne; Cannon, Phillippa; Cassell, Peter; Singer, Joshua; Arcaute, Francisco; Kelley, Jeff
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**Sent**: 11/19/2013 7:44:09 PM
**To**: Smith, Kelley [Smith.Kelley@epa.gov]
**CC**: Abrams, Dan [Abrams.Dan@epa.gov]; Monahan, Rosemary [Monahan.Rosemary@epa.gov]; Deegan, Dave [Deegan.Dave@epa.gov]
**Attachments**: ISC's product; VT products

This should answer the questions on this project – from the adm's report …

Rosemary Monahan … our smart growth coordinator will be at this press event – we are still trying to determine who will be there from the state …in terms of press strategy – we will either do an amplifying press release from the state's or do our own. Thanks ng

Message

**From**: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 3/31/2014 9:54:35 PM
**To**: Wintrob, Paul [Wintrob.Paul@epa.gov]
**CC**: McDonnell, Ida [McDonnell.Ida@epa.gov]; Benoit, Eugene [benoit.eugene@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: CT National Healthy Schools Day Event

Unfortunately curt is not available

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**From:** Wintrob, Paul
**Sent:** Monday, March 31, 2014 4:05:14 PM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy
**Cc:** McDonnell, Ida; Benoit, Eugene
**Subject:** FW: CT National Healthy Schools Day Event

Hi Nancy:

Below is an email from Kenny Foscue (who works at CT DPH). Apparently Kenny sent separate invites to both Gina McCarthy and Curt for an April 8 CT Healthy Schools event. After doing so, he also contacted Eugene regarding his interest in having Gina and or Curt attend this event. (Eugene is planning on attending this event.) If Curt has an interest in attending let us know (Eugene/Ida are not advocating for Curt to attend, but if he is interested they would of course welcome this attendance). Thanks.

Regards,

Paul

http://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/region1.html
617.918.1514

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**From:** Foscue, Kenny [mailto:Kenny.Foscue@po.state.ct.us]
**Sent:** Monday, March 31, 2014 12:19 PM
**To:** scheduling
**Subject:** FW: CT National Healthy Schools Day Event

Thanks for taking my call today regarding our request for a speaker at the media event we have planned for next week's National Healthy Schools Day. I have attached a draft press release about the event and a brochure about our statewide school IAQ consortium. Below is an agenda for the event.

As mentioned, I also have a request in to the Regional Office in Boston. This would be a great opportunity for EPA to highlight an important public environmental health issue and program area.

Thanks for any assistance!

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April 8th at 1:30 pm in the ARHS Library Media Center
- welcome from the Amity District - Superintendent Dumais
- Overview of the day's events, recognize CSIERT members -- DPH staffperson
- EPA Speaker

- DPH Commissioner or representative
- Presentation of CSIERT Award to John Laudano from CSIERT
- QVHD Board Chair or LHD director
- Amity High School Principal - introduces TfS Team members, talks about improvements made
- Amity High School Tour - co-led by student and principal

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**From:** Foscue, Kenny
**Sent:** Thursday, March 20, 2014 1:47 PM
**To:** 'mccarthy.gina@epa.gov'
**Subject:** CT National Healthy Schools Day Event
**Importance:** High

I hope this email finds you in good health and spirits! We still miss you here in Connecticut, and I am sure you are aware that the Newhall Neighborhood Landfill remediation has been a rousing success.

I am contacting you to see if it is possible for you or someone else from EPA national headquarters could attend and speak at an event our statewide school IAQ consortium, the CT School Indoor Environment Resource Team (CSIERT), has planned for April 8, National Health Schools Day. The Amity Region 5 School district has agreed to host a media event to:

- Draw attention to the need for healthy school building environments
- Publicize how EPA's Tools for Schools Program can be utilized to improve conditions
- Highlighting the Amity School District's nationally recognized program (the district won 2 national EPA Excellence Awards, and the business manager won a Special Recognition Award)
- Present a Special Recognition Award to a local health department sanitarian who has been a leader in responding to school IAQ issues and promoting TfS - thus a link to National Public Health Week
- Conduct a walkthrough led by facilities staff and a student to highlight past problems and improvements implemented (Note: Amity High School and other schools in the district had multiple IAQ/moisture problems and received much negative media coverage several years ago – the district, with great leadership from the business manager, facilities director and others really turned it around)

The event is scheduled for 1:30 pm on that day and will take place at the Amity High School in Woodbridge. I know you have a busy schedule and this is late notice, but it would be great to have you speak at this event.

On behalf of CSIERT and its member organizations, thank you for any assistance you can give -

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**Sent**: 5/6/2014 9:01:59 AM
**To**: Spalding, Curt [Spalding.Curt@epa.gov]; Greene, Cynthia [Greene.Cynthia@epa.gov]; Abrams, Dan [Abrams.Dan@epa.gov]; Zimmerman, Emily [Zimmerman.Emily@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Fw: National Climate Assessment- announcement on 5/6
**Attachments**: Climate-science talkers_JPH_05-04-14.pdf; NCA_background_brief_final.doc; NCA_Regional_Midwest.pdf; NCA_Regional_Northeast.pdf; NCA_Regional_Southeast.pdf

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**To**: Zimmerman, Emily [Zimmerman.Emily@epa.gov]; Abrams, Dan [Abrams.Dan@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: National Climate Assessment- announcement on 5/6
**Attachments**: Climate-science talkers_JPH_05-04-14.pdf; NCA_background_brief_final.doc; NCA_Regional_Midwest.pdf; NCA_Regional_Northeast.pdf; NCA_Regional_Southeast.pdf

Any way you can print before you leave the office --- my home computer is seeing it as junk mail ..thanks ng

**From:** Allen, Laura
**Sent:** Monday, May 05, 2014 10:01 PM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy; Deegan, Dave; Zimmerman, Emily; Bellow, Bonnie; Mears, Mary; Rodriguez, Elias; Kluesner, Dave; Reyes, Brenda; Romanowski, Larisa; White, Terri-A; Sternberg, David; schafer, joan; Smith, Bonnie; Seneca, Roy; Heron, Donna; Lincoln, Larry; Harris-Young, Dawn; Marraccini, Davina; Rowan, Anne; Cannon, Phillippa; Cassell, Peter; Singer, Joshua; Arcaute, Francisco; Kelley, Jeff
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**Sent**: 10/15/2014 2:47:40 PM
**To**: Studlien, Susan [Studlien.Susan@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: Green Chemistry Awards -- longer summaries
**Attachments**: PGCC winners long summaries (14) final draft.docx

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**From:** Strauss, Linda
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 15, 2014 10:33 AM
**To:** PADs and Alternates
**Subject:** Green Chemistry Awards -- longer summaries

Regions 1, 5, and 9 –here's more information on the awards.

For the release tomorrow (Thursday).

Linda

**From:** Hubbard, Carolyn
**To:** Daguillard, Robert
**CC:** Maguire, Megan; Grantham, Nancy
**Sent:** 8/24/2018 8:37:10 PM
**Subject:** Re: MEGAN/ORD: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

Ok thanks

Carolyn Hubbard
Communications Director
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On Aug 24, 2018, at 4:32 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Carolyn. I'd already told the reporter about Tom and Jacqueline leaving the agency – for different reasons, of course.

We'll just decline further comment, then.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Hubbard, Carolyn
**Sent:** Friday, August 24, 2018 4:28 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Maguire, Megan <Maguire.Megan@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: MEGAN/ORD: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

Hi Robert- Jennifer and I just spoke and we agree that we should simply tell the reporter that Tom Burke is no longer at EPA- that he was the DAA and Science Advisor at the time. And that's it.

Also just FYI Jackie McQueen who is also referenced is now retired.

Thanks!

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On Aug 24, 2018, at 4:22 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks.

If, in fact, we send something, can you make sure it's got Richard's, or at least Jennifer's green light? AA- or deputy AA-level approvals carry a lot of weight with OPA management.

Cheers, R.

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Yeah I'm thinking that for ORD to comment might not help either way.

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On Aug 24, 2018, at 4:14 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Caroly. Makes sense. FWIW, the reporter will grudgingly accept written, but he also told me he'll quote from emails obtained through FOIAs if needed.

Not much we can do, I think.

Cheers, R.

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Hi we are almost there I hope. I think we want to keep our response very short w minimal detail. Will get back to you.

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On Aug 24, 2018, at 4:07 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Megan,

Thanks in advance for any update.

Cheers, R.

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**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Hubbard, Carolyn <Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: MEGAN/ORD: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

Hi Robert- Did you get the questions from the reporter?

Thanks,

Megan

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 22, 2018 4:06:28 PM
**To:** Maguire, Megan; Grantham, Nancy; Hubbard, Carolyn
**Subject:** RE: MEGAN/ORD: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

Both Nancy and OCSPP said they're fine with written responses. Hoping to hear from the reporter soon.

Cheers, R.

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**Subject:** Re: MEGAN/ORD: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

Hi- Any update?

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 22, 2018 1:08:34 PM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy; Maguire, Megan; Hubbard, Carolyn
**Subject:** RE: MEGAN/ORD: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

Speaking to Cheryl right now. Will call you.

Cheers, R.

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**Subject:** RE: MEGAN/ORD: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

Making sure that ocspp is looped on the decision to do written - would they provide input as well? thanks ng

**Nancy Grantham**
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**Sent:** Wednesday, August 22, 2018 1:04 PM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Maguire, Megan <Maguire.Megan@epa.gov>; Hubbard, Carolyn <Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: MEGAN/ORD: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

They don't think an interview would be wise. Are you asking if we should even do written?

Cheers, R.

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**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>; Maguire, Megan <Maguire.Megan@epa.gov>; Hubbard,

Carolyn <Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: MEGAN/ORD: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

Have we looped with OCSPP / Nancy Beck? What is their view? Thanks ng

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**To:** Maguire, Megan <Maguire.Megan@epa.gov>; Hubbard, Carolyn <Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
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I'll certainly ask, but it'll be tight, as the reporter faces a hard Friday deadline.

Cheers, R.

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**Cc:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: MEGAN/ORD: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

Jennifer would like to do written responses. Richard hasn't responded yet, but I think he's down in RTP today. Should we move forward with getting specific questions and doing written responses?

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**From:** Maguire, Megan
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 22, 2018 11:00:17 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert; Hubbard, Carolyn
**Cc:** Grantham, Nancy
**Subject:** Re: MEGAN/ORD: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

Okay, checking

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 22, 2018 10:46:59 AM
**To:** Maguire, Megan; Hubbard, Carolyn
**Cc:** Grantham, Nancy
**Subject:** RE: MEGAN/ORD: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

Thanks, Megan. OCSPP have confirmed they'd prefer no interview, but let me know what your management says.

Cheers, R.

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I haven't run it past them yet, I wanted to see what OPA's feelings were first since I know it's an ongoing inquiry that has already included several rounds of questions. I will send to Richard and Jennifer now.

Megan

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 22, 2018 10:29:50 AM
**To:** Maguire, Megan; Hubbard, Carolyn
**Cc:** Grantham, Nancy
**Subject:** RE: MEGAN/ORD: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

Megan, at a minimum, I feel I ought to discuss this interview request by OCSPP. I think we need to loop in several people and, if possible, come to a consensus before proceeding.

How does ORD leadership feel about this request? OPA management would probably want to hear Rich, or Jennifer's views.

I'll circle back once I've heard from pesticides folks.

Cheers, R.

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**Subject:** Re: MEGAN/ORD: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

Hi Robert- A reporter with Undark reached out to two people who were involved in glyphosate in ORD in 2015 (Vince Cogliano and Norm Birchfield) I asked him for his questions and he sent the below this morning. I know this is an ongoing inquiry you are handling, so I'm not sure what you all want to do with this interview request he sent over. I haven't checked in yet with Vince. Norm was willing to speak to him, but now it sounds like he wants to talk to Vince. I'm not sure who is working with you on this inquiry, but wanted to share this with you. Let me know what OPA thinks.

Email from Michael Balter:

I've now had a chance to study a series of emails, obtained through FOIA, which document communications among various staff of ORD about OPP's assessment of glyphosate. The emails make clear that while ORD scientists had varying views, they were leaning towards a minimum carcinogenicity classification of "suggestive" evidence if not more positive than that.

The colleague most centrally involved in these email threads was Vincent Cogliano, to whom I wrote a very similar email to the one you have for Dr. Birchfield. Thus I would like to ask for a telephone interview with Dr. Cogliano to discuss the process of ORD's evaluation in detail and the thinking that went into it (I have the final three page recommendations that ORD made to OPP, which is a public document.)

If ORD would like to designate another, more senior colleague to talk to me than Dr. Cogliano, that would be fine, as long as they were fully involved in the discussions referenced above (and I would be happy to talk to Dr. Birchfield in addition if he is willing.)

My deadline for a first draft is tomorrow, Thursday, but we can add in material during the editing process so next week would work as well. I should make it clear that I plan to cite these emails in my story as well as ORD's formal recommendations to OPP.

My apologies for the short notice but I only received these emails in the last couple of days.

Many thanks,

Michael Balter
Undark

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**From:** Maguire, Megan
**Sent:** Thursday, August 16, 2018 11:34:59 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert; Hubbard, Carolyn
**Subject:** Re: MEGAN/ORD: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

Richard's approved response: ORD revised Response: The answer to both is yes. ORD was part of the team that developed the final charge questions that were used for the SAP peer review and the draft Glyphosate Issue Paper: Evaluation of Carcinogenic Potential (September 2016).

Thanks,
Megan

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert
**Sent:** Thursday, August 16, 2018 9:35:01 AM
**To:** Maguire, Megan
**Subject:** RE: MEGAN/ORD: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

Good morning Megan,

Thanks in advance for any update on Rich's views.

Cheers, R.

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Hi Robert & Enesta- just little tweaks. It was called an issue paper not a white paper.
**Response:** Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Thanks,
Megan

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**Cc:** Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
**Subject:** MEGAN/ORD: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

Good afternoon Megan,

John Konkus is asking for ORD review of the following response, from a reporter working on the agency's glyphosate assessments. Thanks in advance for sending the response to Enesta, who's covering for me for the rest of the day.

Cheers, R.

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**Incoming**: ….Did the OPP in fact accept input from ORD in preparing those questions, or otherwise work with ORD to revise its assessment in any way?"

**Response:** Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Date:** August 11, 2018 at 9:00:08 PM EDT
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**Cc:** "Han, Kaythi" <Han.Kaythi@epa.gov>, "Strauss, Linda" <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov>, "Sisco, Debby" <Sisco.Debby@epa.gov>, "Dinkins, Darlene" <Dinkins.Darlene@epa.gov>
**Subject: Re: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - 8/10 - glyphosate SAP report-- due next week**

Greetings all. More from the reporter here.

"Over the weekend I had a chance to read the above document dated December 14, 2015.

I don't know if you are familiar with this document but it takes issue with a number of aspects of the OPP's Issue paper, some along the lines of the SAP members' critiques.

At the end the ORD offers to work with OPP to develop the charge questions put to the SAP in Dec 2016.

Did the OPP in fact accept input from ORD in preparing those questions, or otherwise work with ORD to revise its assessment in any way?"

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On Aug 10, 2018, at 10:28 AM, Dunton, Cheryl <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov> wrote:

I think so. I feel like he's asking us to specifically rebut certain people's comments and we're not going to do that when we've already laid out our position in the response to the SAP. If he finds specific issues that are not addressed in that response we could look in to those.

**From:** Daguillard, Robert
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So I'm happy to tell him the response to SAP constitutes our response, then. Should we just consider this inquiry closed?

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I don't even know what that means. Our response is our response. We're not going to say anything different now than we said before on the same issues.

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His response just now. I don't know that it changes anything from our perspective, but….

**Thanks Robert. I did indeed read the EPA response to the SAP last week, and it informs some of my questions. I did, however, want to zero in on certain aspects of the EPA's reaction to the SAP recommendations.**

Cheers, R.

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We talk about how tumors and lesions were selected for evaluation on page 9.

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Fair enough. I assume our SAP response would also answer the following question?

**I'd like to add one important question to the others, so this will be question 8.**

**8. Chris Portier in his comments to EPA, and to me in an interview, made a large point of the EPA's alleged requiring preneoplastic lesions in animals studies before accepting that tumors found in the animals should be counted in the evaluation. A few panel members also made this point in the Dec 2016 meeting. The argument here is that some cancer types, including those of interest in evaluating glyphosate, do not show preneoplastic lesions. Ie, the first thing you see is the cancerous tumor in some cancer types. This is an important issue and I would be grateful for a response to it.**

Cheers, R.

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I'm not sure what else we'd say outside of those responses. Perhaps he can take a look at those and let us know if he still has questions.

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Got it. That'll give us – and him – a head start. Thanks, Cheryl.

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Robert – I'd ask that the reporter go and read our response to the SAP, linked to in our response to his first question I sent this morning.

For example, our responses to epi issues noted by the panel are on pages 3-6. Likewise, our responses to animal carcinogenicity study issues noted by the panel are on pages 6-10.

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A follow-up to the follow-up: Here are the reporter's additional questions. Let me know if, and how, I can help.

Hi Robert,

Here are some questions that I would ask the agency to respond to. Ideally they would involve a back and forth telephone call to get the nuances right, but I understand that is not possible right now. I am still hoping that even if you provide initial written responses, I might be able to talk to Anna or another staff member with scientific expertise before we finalize the text.

As I said earlier, the idea of the article is to compare the evaluations of glyphosate by various agencies--EPA, IARC, EFSA especially--and guide our readers to an understanding of why they differed. The focus will be on methodologies and interpretations. There will be some discussion of the political context for all this, necessarily, but it will take back seat to the science.

For my reporting on the article, I have read both the original EPA Issue paper, the report by the SAP on its Dec 2016 meeting, the EPA's 12-page response to that report, and the "final" evaluation which I realize will still be subject to public comment, if I have that right (see below.) I have also read much of the 1200+ page transcript of the SAP meeting, and I have been talking to SAP members about that process.

I am going to try to keep my questions limited and fairly straightforward, to deal with the essence of things and stay out of the weeds, as it were. They will not be exhaustive but neither will the article given our limited space, so that should work out.

1. It was clear from the SAP report and the transcript that many members of the panel took issue with some of the approach that EPA had used to the animal studies, the human epidemiology studies, and the final conclusion that glyphosate was "unlikely" to be carcinogenic in humans at normal doses. And

yet it was my distinct impression, and that of several members of the panel I spoke to, that the 12-page response by EPA dismissed nearly all the concerns raised, and adopted only the fairly minor suggestions. Did the EPA conclude that the issues raised by many panel members were incorrect, or that the panel members did not have the proper expertise to peer review the Issue paper? Or is there any other explanation for why so little of the panel's suggestions were adopted in the revised draft?

2. Expanding on the question above: From looking at the transcript, and talking to panel members this past week, it appeared that only a minority of panel members were happy with the proposed "unlikely" to be carcinogenic in humans conclusion. I think a rough estimate would indicate that the panel was indeed "split"--as it described itself in its report--but in three ways: Those who agreed with EPA that glyphosate was unlikely to be a carcinogen; those who would have preferred something in between such as "equivocal" or "inadequate"; and those who thought the evidence was strong enough for a "suggestive" conclusion. So in my estimate, only a third of the SAP actually agreed with the EPA's final evaluation. This is likely to be an important point in my article and so I would be eager to have any comment you care to make on my interpretation of how the panel came down on Charge question no 5.

3. Following on from Question 2: Would it not have been more prudent from a public health perspective, and more consistent with the panel's deliberations, to either withhold a final conclusion for further study, or to adopt the "suggestive" conclusion give the combination of human and animal evidence that the panel considered?

4. On the human evidence: A number of panel members felt it was inappropriate to discount the evidence from the case control studies, despite the negative results in the AHS cohort study, arguing that despite the limitations of the case control studies they all pointed in a positive direction, ie ORs great than 1.0 or meta-RRs great than 1.0 in pretty much every case. As you know, IARC took this as "limited" evidence of human carcinogenicity for glyphosate, and some panel members agreed with that approach. Comment?

5. Several panel members argued that EPA had violated its own carcinogen assessment guidelines in a number of ways. Chris Portier, in his comments to the panel, made similar arguments. The violations included requiring two statistical tests for a positive finding in animals and other issues. I will just ask a general question here, did the EPA follow its own guidelines scrupulously or were errors made in this regard?

6. Portier in particular argued that the EPA had not included a number of animal studies it should have, showing positive results. Again, without getting into the details which would require a telephone conversation, please comment on his contentions in this regard.

7. Any other comments or observations that EPA would like to make would be very welcome and appreciated.

With thanks for your time and attention to this.

Michael Balter
Undark

Cheers, R.

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Cheryl, just so you know, we just sent the reporter the entire response on background – i.e. for attribution to the agency, as opposed to a spokesperson or a specific individual. Waiting for the rest of his questions.

Cheers, R.

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Thanks, Cheryl. In fact, I'd already told the reporter he shouldn't expect one. Sometimes, they're just going to keep on pushing. Anyway, I'll send this on, and see if he comes back for more. I expect he will.

Thanks again, R.

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Hi Robert – see our response below. As I mentioned yesterday, don't see how we could do an interview next week given key absences. Thanks.

**Q1. The SAP makes a number of recommendations to EPA for revisions and updating of the Sept 2016 Glyphosate Issue Paper on carcinogenicity. What is the process by which the Issue Paper is revised,**

**assuming that the suggestions of the SAP are adopted?**

EPA revised the Glyphosate issue paper to be consistent with SAP recommendations in areas where the panel reached consensus. See the EPA's response to the SAP document for specific information on how the issue paper was revised.

**Q2. What are the next steps, formal or informal, for doing this, and what is the estimated timeline?**

In a December 18, 2017 announcement, EPA released the glyphosate Draft Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessments and supporting documents for public comment. The comment period closed in April 2018. Included in the supporting documents was the revised glyphosate issue paper which was used to inform the draft risk assessment.

Next we are scheduled to publish the proposed interim registration review decision for glyphosate in 2019. The proposed interim registration review decision will outline any proposed mitigation measures to reduce risk, if any are needed.

Background:
The draft human health risk assessment found no meaningful risks to human health when the product is used according to the pesticide label. The draft ecological risk assessment indicates there is potential for effects on birds, mammals, and terrestrial and aquatic plants. Any proposed mitigation measures, if needed, will focus on reducing the ecological risk.

Message

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**Subject**: Congressional response on air travel and federal records act
**Attachments**: Gowdy Cummings Recordkeeping and Travel 10-25-17.docx; Air Travel List.pdf; Recorkeeping Enclosures.zip

Hi Nancy – We are working to respond to letters from Chairman Gowdy and Ranking Member Cummings related to the use of charter, government, and private planes by EPA officials, as well as secondary email accounts and the Federal Records Act. All of the travel information has already been released to another congressional committee. As these issues have gotten a lot of media attention, please let me know if OPA has any comments on this draft.

Please let me know if there are any comments by COB tomorrow, if possible.

Thanks,
Kyle

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# INFORMATION PROCEDURE

| Managing Social Media Records | |
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## MANAGING SOCIAL MEDIA RECORDS

### 1. PURPOSE

To establish a framework for properly maintaining social media records related to official agency business.

### 2. SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY

The procedure applies to EPA employees, contractors, and other personnel acting in an official capacity on behalf of EPA when using social media on the EPA Intranet or Internet, whether such use occurs on an EPA website or on third-party sites to which EPA contributes input.

### 3. AUDIENCE

The audience for these procedures includes any EPA employee, contractor, or other person who uses social media on behalf of EPA.

### 4. BACKGROUND

The term "social media" refers to Web-based networks and platforms that are accessed by both desktop and mobile devices to share information and interact online. Social media provide unique opportunities for enhancing innovation, cooperation and self-expression and offer exciting possibilities for government agencies to communicate and collaborate with the public. Social media can inspire problem solving and bring creative minds together that might otherwise never connect.

EPA is using social media networks and tools in the firm belief that by sharing and experimenting with information we greatly increase the potential for everyone to gain a better understanding of environmental conditions and solutions. At the same time, EPA also makes every effort to comply with important Agency obligations related to transparency, public access, and personal privacy, among other responsibilities. EPA does not endorse any particular social media site or technique.

Employees must abide by the Standards of Ethical Conduct, the Hatch Act, and the Agency's other posted policies and procedures that apply to the use of social media for official Agency business.

## 5. AUTHORITY

44 U.S.C Chapter 31 Records Management by Federal Agencies

## 6. PROCEDURE

The laws, regulations and policies that govern proper records management (i.e., creation, maintenance/use and disposition) apply when using social media. EPA's records schedules are media neutral -- that is, they apply to any form of record (e.g., in hardcopy paper, computer disc, audio recording, social media, etc.). See http://intranet.epa.gov/records/schedule/index.htm.

All EPA records subject to the Federal Records Act are required to be covered by a records schedule. For social media records the following information is helpful.

A. New content created with social media tools qualifying as a federal record must be captured and maintained in a recordkeeping system according to EPA's Records Management Policy (http://www.epa.gov/records/policy/).

B. If identical content in a social media tool has already been captured and preserved as a record in another medium, then the content in the social media tool does not need to be captured and preserved again. However, if additional information is appended to the social media content, then it may constitute a new record which must be saved in a recordkeeping system.

C. The Records Liaison Officer and the National Records Management Program Help Desk (See http://intranet.epa.gov/records/about.htm) can help determine the most appropriate methods to capture and maintain records.

D. Social media records preserved in accordance with this procedure may be responsive to a request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Social media records that qualify as "federal records," as defined above, must be maintained and preserved in an approved recordkeeping system in the same manner as any other federal record. Options for retaining social media records include:

- Saving in a shared drive,
- Saving in ECMS, and
- Taking screenshots and saving in a word processing package.

Social media records must then be maintained in an approved recordkeeping system. Recordkeeping systems can house paper records (which can be digitized and saved electronically) or electronic records, but the main principles are the same.

Currently EPA provides the following electronic records management tools:

- EZ Email Records and Advanced Email Records
- CMS Correspondence Records
- Electronic Grants Records System (EGRS)
- Electronic Records for Interagency Agreements (ERIA)
- Extender for Superfund Email Records
- Personnel Security Module (PSM)
- Science and Technical Information Clearance System (STICS)

EPA is currently developing an EZ Desktop Records tool, which will provide another mechanism for saving electronic documents.

NOTE: Agency policy is to not delete any social media activity, social media posts, or social media comments made by the Agency on a third party or EPA-hosted social media sites. See above for ways to save these social media records. Comments that violate EPA's comment policy, should be removed (http://epa.gov/epahome/commentpolicy.html).

When using Web 2.0/social media platforms, the following non-exhaustive list of questions may help determine record status:

- Is the information unique and not available anywhere else?
- Does it contain evidence of the organization, functions, policies, decisions, procedures, operations, or other activities of the federal government or have some other informational value?
- Is there a business need for the information?

If the answer to any of the questions is "yes," then the content is likely to be a federal record. NARA provides information on how to save social media records. See NARA Bulletin 2014-02, *Guidance on Managing Social Media Records* (http://www.archives.gov/records-mgmt/bulletins/2014/2014-02.html).

See also Appendices A and B of these Procedures for guidance on determining whether social media entries are unique and need to be save as Agency records.

## 7. RELATED DOCUMENTS

- CIO Policy 2184.0: Social Media Policy (June 20, 2011) and other social media policies and guidance.
- CIO 2184.0-P02.1: Procedures for Using Social Media to Communicate with the Public, http://www.epa.gov/irmpoli8/policies/comm_public.pdf.
- EPA Records Management Manual, 2007, http://www.epa.gov/records/policy/manual/index.htm

## 8. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Chief Information Officer, Office of Environmental Information, and the Associate Administrator, the Office of Public Affairs, are jointly responsible for maintaining this document and monitoring compliance with this procedure.

All employees who are responsible for managing EPA social media accounts are responsible for being familiar and complying with this document.

All managers who supervise employees managing EPA social media accounts are responsible for ensuring that their employees have the tools and training necessary to understand and comply with this procedure.

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## 9. DEFINITIONS

- ***Record –*** all recorded information, regardless of physical form or characteristics, made or received by an agency of the United States government under federal law or in connection with the transaction of public business and preserved or appropriate for preservation by that agency or its legitimate successor as evidence of the organization, functions, policies, decisions, procedures, operations, or other activities of the government or because of the informational value of data in them. (44 U.S.C. 3301)
- ***Records Management –*** the planning, controlling, directing, organizing, training, promoting, and other managerial activities involved with respect to records creation, records maintenance and use, and records disposition in order to achieve adequate and proper documentation of the policies and transactions of the federal government and effective and economical management of agency operations. (44 U.S.C. 2901(2))
- ***Recordkeeping Requirements –*** the identification and prescription of specific categories of documentary materials to be systematically created or received and maintained by Agency personnel in the course of their official duties; prescription of the use of materials and recording techniques that ensure the preservation of records as long as they are needed by the government; prescription of the manner in which these materials shall be maintained wherever held; and the distinguishing of records from non-record materials and, with the approval of the Archivist of the United States, the prescription of action for the final disposition of agency records when they are no longer needed for current business. (36 CFR 1222.30)
- ***Social Media –*** any online tool or application that not only provides information, but also enables collaboration, interaction, and sharing of information between network or platform users. Examples of social media include: blogs; microblogs; wikis; photo and video sharing; podcasts; virtual worlds; social networking sites; social news and bookmarking; and Web conferencing and webcasting.
- ***Web 2***.0 - A Web 2.0 site may allow users to interact and collaborate with each other in a social media dialogue as creators of user-generated content in a virtual community, in contrast to Web sites where people are limited to the passive viewing of content. Examples of Web 2.0 include social networking sites, blogs, wikis, folksonomies, video sharing sites, hosted services, Web applications, and mashups.

- ***Third Party Website*** – for purposes of this procedure, any website that is not owned, operated or cosponsored by EPA. This refers to sites as a whole; EPA accounts on such sites are still considered to be third-party sites, even though EPA controls the content of those accounts.

## 10. WAIVERS

None.

## 11. RELATED PROCEDURES, STANDARDS AND GUIDANCE

- All design requirements for public access EPA webpages (www.epa.gov) are found at http://www2.epa.gov/webguide.
- Best practices and general information about EPA and social media can be found on EPA's Web Guide at http://www2.epa.gov/webguide/policies-and-procedures#social.
- All Office of Environmental Information (OEI) Information Management and Information Technology (IM/IT) policies are located at http://intranet.epa.gov/oei/imitpolicy/policies.htm.
- EPA's administrative policies issued through the Office of Administration and Resources Management (OARM) Directives Clearance Review Process are located at http://intranet.epa.gov/policy/index.htm.
- EPA's Records Management Policy, http://www.epa.gov/records/policy/index.htm.
- NARA Bulletin 2014-02, *Guidance on Managing Social Media Records*, October 25, 2013, http://www.archives.gov/records-mgmt/bulletins/2014/2014-02.html.
- NARA White Paper on Best Practices for the Capture of Social Media Records, May 2013, http://www.archives.gov/records-mgmt/resources/socialmediacapture.pdf.

## 12. MATERIAL SUPERSEDED

Not applicable.

## 13. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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## APPENDIX A

## MANAGING SOCIAL MEDIA RECORDS GUIDANCE

When determining if an alternative version of a social media page (e.g., within a different medium) is a separate record or identical in content and format to a page already preserved as an official EPA record, consider:

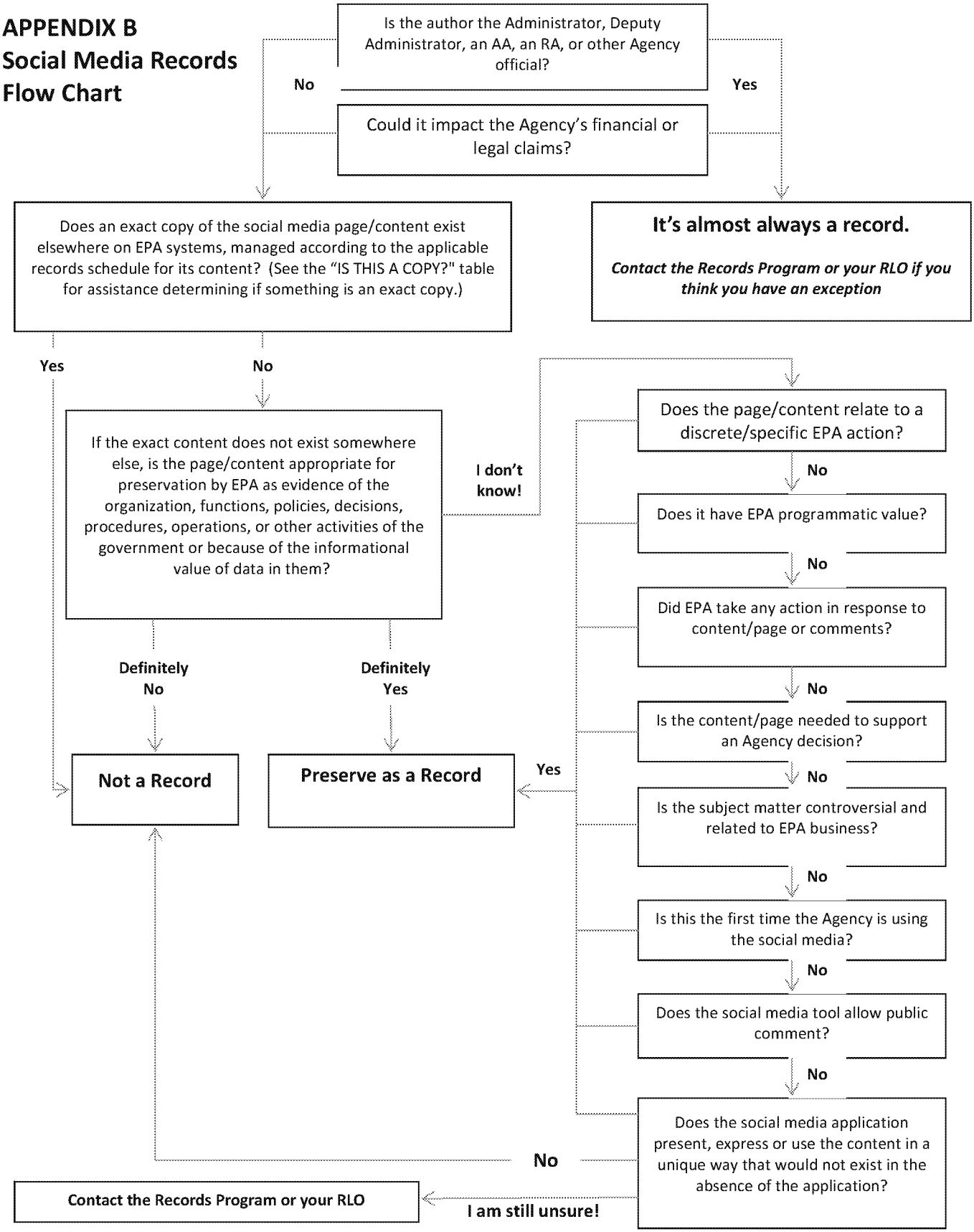
- Are there any unique textual details, graphics, hyperlinks or other online functionality differences between the Web page and alternative versions?
    - If the content and format of the Web page representing it are unique or different, the alternative version of the webpage should be independently preserved as a federal record.
    - Refer to the "IS THIS A COPY?" table below to determine whether an element is unique or a copy.

**IS THIS A COPY?**

**See below for a sampling of typical elements that may be relevant toward determining if a social media product is a unique record requiring preservation under a record schedule or, alternatively, a "copy" that does not require such preservation. This list is not exclusive. If you have a question, please contact your Records Liaison Officer or the Agency's Social Media Lead.**

| Not a Record | Yes, a Record |
|---|---|
| Fixing a typo | Adding a new question to a post |
| Changing the color or formatting of the font | Adding a new hyperlink |
| Updating hyperlink or fixing a dead link | Responding to questions or comments from the public |
| Fixing formatting of a photo, graphical element, or multimedia element (for example, centering it in a blog post or adjusting its display size) | Posting questions or comments intended to engage the public |
| | Adding a photo or other graphical element |
| | Editing text, other than fixing a typo |
| | Adding text to a post |
| | Adding multimedia elements to a post |
| | Adding or updating a sound recording |

## APPENDIX B
## Social Media Records Flow Chart



Message

**From**: Mylott, Richard [Mylott.Richard@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 6/26/2017 10:49:39 PM
**To**: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
**CC**: Mutter, Andrew [mutter.andrew@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Activity in Case 1:17-cv-01554 United States of America et al v. Rocky Mountain Bottle Compant, LLC Complaint

They declined opportunity for quote in PR, but I can encourage them or DOJ to do it.

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy
**Sent:** Monday, June 26, 2017 4:45 PM
**To:** Mylott, Richard <Mylott.Richard@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Mutter, Andrew <mutter.andrew@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Activity in Case 1:17-cv-01554 United States of America et al v. Rocky Mountain Bottle Compant, LLC Complaint

Can the state respond?

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 26, 2017, at 6:13 PM, Mylott, Richard <Mylott.Richard@epa.gov> wrote:

> Nancy-- this response to the Post may make most sense coming as an email from R8, can we proceed? (I will omit the reference to the national enforcement initiative and simply reference an information request.)
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> I am on email only right now, not phone.
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> Rich
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> **From:** Mylott, Richard
> **Sent:** Monday, June 26, 2017 3:58 PM
> **To:** regionalpress <regionalpress@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Mutter, Andrew <mutter.andrew@epa.gov>; Muller, Sheldon <Muller.Sheldon@epa.gov>; Rivers, Tahani <Rivers.Tahani@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** FW: Activity in Case 1:17-cv-01554 United States of America et al v. Rocky Mountain Bottle Compant, LLC Complaint
>
> The lodging of the RMBC settlement is generating press interest from the Denver Post. We are discussing who (CDPHE, DOJ, EPA) is best to provide responses to questions below, but an email from myself or other representing EPA is one option. Please advise asap. Also, would be good to know if press release (still being reviewed?) is good to go for tomorrow am as well… thx.
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> Rich 303-312-6654
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> **From:** Freeman, James (ENRD) [mailto:James.Freeman2@usdoj.gov]
> **Sent:** Monday, June 26, 2017 3:27 PM
> **To:** Muller, Sheldon <Muller.Sheldon@epa.gov>; Fried, Gregory <Fried.Gregory@epa.gov>; Rivers, Tahani <Rivers.Tahani@epa.gov>; Tom Roan <Tom.Roan@coag.gov>; Buenning, Hans <Buenning.Hans@epa.gov>; Shannon Mcmillan (shannon.mcmillan@state.co.us) <shannon.mcmillan@state.co.us>; Kaufman - CDPHE, Garrison <garrison.kaufman@state.co.us>;

mark.mcmillan@state.co.us
**Cc:** Norris, Munsel <Norris.Munsel@epa.gov>; Senn, John <Senn.John@epa.gov>; Mylott, Richard <Mylott.Richard@epa.gov>; Abueg, Mark (OPA) <Mark.Abueg@usdoj.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Activity in Case 1:17-cv-01554 United States of America et al v. Rocky Mountain Bottle Compant, LLC Complaint

Thanks Sheldon. I have modified the proposed answers based on your comments.

1) How did EPA find out about the violations? Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

2) What are the emissions reductions that will result from the settlement? Ex. 5 Deliberative

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

3) What is the end goal of the settlement? Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

I really think we should try to get back to the reporter today. Is there someone from the State who would like to give the responses? If not I will seek approval from my press office to do it.

Thanks, Jim

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**From:** Muller, Sheldon [mailto:Muller.Sheldon@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Monday, June 26, 2017 2:56 PM
**To:** Freeman, James (ENRD) <JFreeman@ENRD.USDOJ.GOV>; Fried, Gregory <Fried.Gregory@epa.gov>; Rivers, Tahani <Rivers.Tahani@epa.gov>; Tom Roan <Tom.Roan@coag.gov>; Buenning, Hans <Buenning.Hans@epa.gov>; Shannon Mcmillan (shannon.mcmillan@state.co.us) <shannon.mcmillan@state.co.us>; Kaufman - CDPHE, Garrison <garrison.kaufman@state.co.us>; mark.mcmillan@state.co.us
**Cc:** Norris, Munsel <Norris.Munsel@epa.gov>; Senn, John <Senn.John@epa.gov>; Mylott, Richard <Mylott.Richard@epa.gov>; Abueg, Mark (OPA) <mabueg@jmd.usdoj.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Activity in Case 1:17-cv-01554 United States of America et al v. Rocky Mountain Bottle Compant, LLC Complaint

My comments in red below.

Sheldon

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Hi Everyone,

I got a call from Erin Douglas at the Denver Post. She had some questions about the RMBC complaint and settlement. I wrote them down but did not answer. Here were the questions and my thoughts on the answers, although I've only been on this case a few weeks, so you all will know better.

1) How did EPA find out about the violations? Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

2) What are the emissions reductions that will result from the settlement? Ex. 5 Deliberative

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

3) What is the end goal of the settlement? Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Are those answers correct? Would someone like to call Ms. Douglas back and give her answers, either on background or for attribution? We haven't yet issued our press release, and I have no idea what the status of it is, so I'm guessing that the Region shouldn't respond to Ms. Douglas yet. Because DOJ is not doing press it probably makes more sense for it to be someone from EPA or CDPHE.

Thanks, Jim

**From:** Freeman, James (ENRD)
**Sent:** Monday, June 26, 2017 11:49 AM
**To:** Muller, Sheldon <Muller.Sheldon@epa.gov>; Fried, Gregory <Fried.Gregory@epa.gov>; 'Rivers, Tahani' <Rivers.Tahani@epa.gov>; 'Tom Roan' <Tom.Roan@coag.gov>; Buenning, Hans <Buenning.Hans@epa.gov>; Shannon Mcmillan (shannon.mcmillan@state.co.us)

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**Cc:** Norris, Munsel <Norris.Munsel@epa.gov>; 'Senn, John' <Senn.John@epa.gov>
**Subject:** FW: Activity in Case 1:17-cv-01554 United States of America et al v. Rocky Mountain Bottle Compant, LLC Complaint

Hi Everyone,

We filed the Rocky Mountain Bottle complaint and lodged the consent decree this morning. Here are copies of the file stamped documents for your files. Let me know if you have any questions.

Jim

**From:** COD_ENotice@cod.uscourts.gov [mailto:COD_ENotice@cod.uscourts.gov]
**Sent:** Monday, June 26, 2017 11:15 AM
**To:** COD_NEF@cod.uscourts.gov
**Subject:** Activity in Case 1:17-cv-01554 United States of America et al v. Rocky Mountain Bottle Compant, LLC Complaint

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**District of Colorado**

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**From**: Grevatt, Peter [Grevatt.Peter@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 4/24/2017 7:51:44 PM
**To**: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: Flint clips, April 17, 2017

Will call at 4, ok?

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 24, 2017, at 3:50 PM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

> Still want to connect
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> On Apr 24, 2017, at 3:50 PM, Grevatt, Peter <Grevatt.Peter@epa.gov> wrote:
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> > Tx. Look like we missed deadline and it went away.
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> > Sent from my iPhone
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> > On Apr 24, 2017, at 3:38 PM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:
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> > > Talking points at bottom
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> > > Begin forwarded message:
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> > > **From:** "Kelley, Jeff" <kelley.jeff@epa.gov>
> > > **Date:** April 17, 2017 at 11:56:12 AM EDT
> > > **To:** "Grantham, Nancy" <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>, "Rowan, Anne" <rowan.anne@epa.gov>, "Nowotarski, Allison" <nowotarski.allison@epa.gov>
> > > **Subject: RE: Flint clips, April 17, 2017**
> > >
> > > This version incorporates Peter's comments …
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> > > ---
> > > *Jeff Kelley*
> > > *Director, Office of External Communications*
> > > *U.S. EPA Region 5*
> > > *ph: 312-353-1159*
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> > > **From:** Grantham, Nancy
> > > **Sent:** Monday, April 17, 2017 10:37 AM
> > > **To:** Kelley, Jeff <kelley.jeff@epa.gov>; Rowan, Anne <rowan.anne@epa.gov>; Nowotarski, Allison <nowotarski.allison@epa.gov>
> > > **Subject:** FW: Flint clips, April 17, 2017
> > >
> > > FYI and heads up – JP will need to approve the talking points.. in the meantime, you may want to work in the edits below from Peter Grevatt.

Thanks ng

**From:** Grantham, Nancy
**Sent:** Monday, April 17, 2017 11:36 AM
**To:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Grevatt, Peter <Grevatt.Peter@epa.gov>; Freire, JP <Freire.JP@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Klasen, Matthew <Klasen.Matthew@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Shapiro, Mike <Shapiro.Mike@epa.gov>; Wagner, Kenneth <wagner.kenneth@epa.gov>; Threet, Derek <Threet.Derek@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Flint clips, April 17, 2017

Yes – they are for the press conference tomorrow at 10 a.m. (media advisory from City of Flint immediately tright below). Bob Kaplan, the acting regional administrator for Region 5, will be delivering the remarks. So we need them approved by JP by the end of today. You will note below that the program experts in the office of water suggested some edits below.

We do not have plans to speak at the public meeting later in the week; just have folks there to listen.

Thanks ng

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 14, 2017

Contact:
Kristin Moore
kmoore@cityofflint.com

Media Advisory

WHAT: Press Conference

WHO: Mayor Karen Weaver of City of Flint, Bob Kaplan of EPA, Keith Creagh of MDEQ, Richard Baird of

State of Michigan and other City, County and State Officials

WHEN: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

WHERE: Flint City Hall (Council Chambers 3rd Floor)

DETAILS: After much consideration, evaluation and re-evaluation Mayor Weaver is prepared to announce her recommendation for the City of Flint's long-term primary and back-up water sources. Tuesday morning she will announce her recommendation and why she believes it is the best option for the City and the citizens of Flint.

As previously announced, Mayor Weaver along with City, County and State officials, will discuss the plan with residents at a town hall meeting Thursday, April 20, 2017 at House of Prayer MB Church at 5:30 p.m. Leaders will further explain why they believe the recommended water sources are the best option to move forward with. They will also answer questions and get feedback from the public, which will be considered before a final decision is made.

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**From:** Bowman, Liz
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**Cc:** Shapiro, Mike <Shapiro.Mike@epa.gov>; Wagner, Kenneth <wagner.kenneth@epa.gov>; Threet, Derek <Threet.Derek@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Flint clips, April 17, 2017

Nancy, can you please give us a little background on these talking points…are they for the public meeting? If so, who will be delivering them? And, when do they need to be approved by JP? Thanks!

**From:** Grevatt, Peter
**Sent:** Monday, April 17, 2017 11:20 AM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Freire, JP <Freire.JP@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Klasen, Matthew <Klasen.Matthew@epa.gov>
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**Subject:** RE: Flint clips, April 17, 2017

Thanks Nancy. There are two bullets in the TPs below that I would flag for minor edits:

- **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**
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Thanks for sharing, P.G.

**From:** Grantham, Nancy
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**To:** Freire, JP <Freire.JP@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Klasen, Matthew <Klasen.Matthew@epa.gov>
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**Subject:** FW: Flint clips, April 17, 2017

FYI – Bob Kaplan, Acting regional administrator in region 5 – will speak at the Flint Mayor's press conference where she is scheduled to announce that Flint will remain on Great Lakes Water Authority (Detroit) drinking water system for the long-term (close hold until announcement. Bob's talking points have been shared with the office of water here at HQ and are pasted below.

**From:** Arcaute, Francisco
**Sent:** Monday, April 17, 2017 9:08 AM
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**Flint Clips**
**US EPA Region 5 – prepared by the Office of Public Affairs**
**April 17, 2017**

**M live** **Flint's final water source decision will set city's course for decades**

**Snoop Dogg returning to Flint for celebrity basketball fundraiser**

**Michigan Radio** **Mayor to outline plans for Flint's primary and backup tap water source**

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**Flint's final water source decision will set city's course for decades**

By Ron Fonger | rfonger1@mlive.com
on April 17, 2017 at 6:00 AM, updated April 17, 2017 at 6:07 AM

FLINT, MI -- The city is just weeks away from choosing its future source of water -- a decision that residents will live with every time they drink from the tap and pay their bill for years to come.

Mayor Karen Weaver is scheduled to appear at two events related to the decision this week and to announce both the options and her recommendation for whether Flint continues to purchase pre-treated water or makes another attempt at treating raw water at its own plant.

The last time that the city took on the water treatment job itself, Flint was run by state-appointed emergency managers. The result was the city's water crisis.

It's a decision that Weaver has made once before, telling the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency five months ago that the city would treat raw water from the Karegnondi Water Authority at its Dort Highway plant and would build a massive raw water reservoir, also supplied by the KWA, which the city is a partner in.

Mayor Karen Weaver will recommend a plan for where the city gets its water in the future during a town hall meeting next week.

The mayor isn't saying whether that initial decision has changed and neither are others who have been involved in a series of high-stakes meetings on the subject since November.

Asked about the alternatives and timing of the water source announcement, Kristin Moore, a spokeswoman for Weaver, said "officials want to wait until (the) announcement to provide additional information related to your ... questions."

A press conference is scheduled for Tuesday, April 18, and a town hall meeting is scheduled at House of Prayer MB Church, 1851 W. Carpenter Road, at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 20.

A city news release says the mayor "will share her recommended plan concerning the city's future water sources" at the town hall.

The city of Flint doesn't plan to treat water from the recently completed pipeline it partly owns until at least late 2019 and hasn't made a final decision on where its water will come from until that time, according to plans filed Wednesday, March 1, with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Flint officials got the chance to reconsider water alternatives when Congress approved $100 million for the city's water system and required the city to identify options and allow public participation before making a final decision.

Residents will have four weeks to comment on the city's plan. Weaver told EPA her administrators will meet with council before cementing a decision in May.

Whichever option is chosen, Flint will continue to buy GLWA water in the short-term.

Although the KWA pipeline is complete, Flint officials said the earliest they could make personnel and equipment upgrades to treat water at its plant would be 2019.

The city of Flint's proposed budget for the next two fiscal years anticipates paying two different water suppliers but drawing from only one.

Genesee County, the city's partner in KWA, is building its own water treatment plant in Lapeer County, but it's not in operation yet, either.

County Drain Commissioner Jeff Wright, who is also the chief executive officer of the KWA, has said the city is under contract to pay back its share of bonds used to build the $250 million pipeline -- estimated annual debt service of $7 million per year for the next 28 years.

Weaver's proposed budget for the fiscal year that starts July 1 includes debt service on the pipeline and GLWA water payments.

"Whether Flint chooses high-quality Lake Huron raw water delivered through the newly constructed KWA pipeline, the highest-quality treated water from Genesee County's Water Treatment Plant, or any other EPA-approved alternative, we look forward to assisting Flint residents as they strive to recover from the Flint water crisis," Wright said in a statement to The Journal.

The state of Michigan stopped paying for GLWA water March 1, but city and GLWA officials have met several times this year, according to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency documents.

Anna Heaton, press secretary for Gov. Rick Snyder, declined to comment in advance of water source announcements this week.

The state and city were both issued an emergency administrative order on Jan. 21, 2016, spelling out requirements aimed at fixing Flint's water system.

"We'll defer comment to (the mayor) for now," Heaton said in an email to The Flint Journal-MLive.

http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2017/04/snoop_dogg_returning_to_flint.html

**Snoop Dogg returning to Flint for celebrity basketball fundraiser**

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By Roberto Acosta | racosta1@mlive.com
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on April 16, 2017 at 10:50 AM, updated April 16, 2017 at 10:52 AM

FLINT, MI -- Rap legend Snoop Dogg is set for a return visit to Flint as part of the second annual "Hoop 4 Water" celebrity basketball game to aid in the city's water crisis.

The event organized by the Morris Peterson Jr. Foundation has been scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, May 20, at Dort Federal Event Center, 3501 Lapeer Road to raise funds for relief efforts.

Snoop Dog, born Cordozar Calvin Broadus, Jr., visited the city a number of times in 2016 and 2017, including a visit with Flint Mayor Karen Weaver to discuss the water situation and a Flint medical marijuana dispensary.

Snoop Dogg met with Flint Mayor Karen Weaver for over an hour at the Ivy House to discuss ways he can assist with the water crisis.

He teamed up with Peterson, a former standout at Flint Northwestern High, Michigan

State University and 11-year NBA veteran, on the inaugural event in May 2016 through his foundation.

Detroit Lions tight end Eric Ebron, Harlem Globetrotters guard Carlos "Dizzy" English, Detroit rapper Trick Trick, pro boxer Anthony Dirrell, and former NBA player Mateen Cleaves all took the court during the first game.

Spartans coach Tom Izzo enjoyed the action from a courtside seat next to Flint Mayor Karen Weaver.

Others in attendance included Spartans head basketball coach Tom Izzo, journalist Sway Calloway, Detroit Pistons dance team, legendary Flint rapper MC Breed's daughter Lexi Breed, and musician Mama Sol.

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Message

**From**: Grevatt, Peter [Grevatt.Peter@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 4/24/2017 7:39:48 PM
**To**: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: Flint clips, April 17, 2017

Thx. I'm out of my meeting. Can we discuss now?

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 24, 2017, at 3:38 PM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

Talking points at bottom

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Kelley, Jeff" <kelley.jeff@epa.gov>
**Date:** April 17, 2017 at 11:56:12 AM EDT
**To:** "Grantham, Nancy" <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>, "Rowan, Anne" <rowan.anne@epa.gov>, "Nowotarski, Allison" <nowotarski.allison@epa.gov>
**Subject: RE: Flint clips, April 17, 2017**

This version incorporates Peter`s comments …

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*Jeff Kelley*
*Director, Office of External Communications*
*U.S. EPA Region 5*
*ph: 312-353-1159*

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy
**Sent:** Monday, April 17, 2017 10:37 AM
**To:** Kelley, Jeff <kelley.jeff@epa.gov>; Rowan, Anne <rowan.anne@epa.gov>; Nowotarski, Allison <nowotarski.allison@epa.gov>
**Subject:** FW: Flint clips, April 17, 2017

FYI and heads up – JP will need to approve the talking points.. in the meantime, you may want to work in the edits below from Peter Grevatt.

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy
**Sent:** Monday, April 17, 2017 11:36 AM
**To:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Grevatt, Peter <Grevatt.Peter@epa.gov>; Freire, JP <Freire.JP@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Klasen, Matthew <Klasen.Matthew@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Shapiro, Mike <Shapiro.Mike@epa.gov>; Wagner, Kenneth <wagner.kenneth@epa.gov>; Threet, Derek <Threet.Derek@epa.gov>; Grantham,

Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Flint clips, April 17, 2017

Yes – they are for the press conference tomorrow at 10 a.m. (media advisory from City of Flint immediately tright below). Bob Kaplan, the acting regional administrator for Region 5, will be delivering the remarks. So we need them approved by JP by the end of today. You will note below that the program experts in the office of water suggested some edits below.

We do not have plans to speak at the public meeting later in the week; just have folks there to listen.

Thanks ng

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 14, 2017

Contact:
Kristin Moore
kmoore@cityofflint.com

Media Advisory

WHAT: Press Conference

WHO: Mayor Karen Weaver of City of Flint, Bob Kaplan of EPA, Keith Creagh of MDEQ, Richard Baird of State of Michigan and other City, County and State Officials

WHEN: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

WHERE: Flint City Hall (Council Chambers 3rd Floor)

DETAILS: After much consideration, evaluation and re-evaluation Mayor Weaver is prepared to announce her recommendation for the City of Flint's long-term primary and back-up water sources. Tuesday morning she will announce her recommendation and why she believes it is the best option for the City and the citizens of Flint.

As previously announced, Mayor Weaver along with City, County and State officials, will discuss the plan with residents at a town hall meeting Thursday, April 20, 2017 at House of Prayer MB Church at 5:30 p.m. Leaders will further explain why they believe the recommended water sources are the best option to move forward with. They will also answer questions and get feedback from the public, which will be considered before a final decision is made.

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**From:** Bowman, Liz
**Sent:** Monday, April 17, 2017 11:27 AM
**To:** Grevatt, Peter <Grevatt.Peter@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy

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Nancy, can you please give us a little background on these talking points…are they for the public meeting? If so, who will be delivering them? And, when do they need to be approved by JP? Thanks!

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**From:** Grevatt, Peter
**Sent:** Monday, April 17, 2017 11:20 AM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Freire, JP <Freire.JP@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Klasen, Matthew <Klasen.Matthew@epa.gov>
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Thanks Nancy. There are two bullets in the TPs below that I would flag for minor edits:

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Thanks for sharing, P.G.

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**Sent:** Monday, April 17, 2017 9:15 AM
**To:** Freire, JP <Freire.JP@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Klasen, Matthew <Klasen.Matthew@epa.gov>
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FYI – Bob Kaplan, Acting regional administrator in region 5 – will speak at the Flint Mayor's press conference where she is scheduled to announce that Flint will remain on Great Lakes Water Authority (Detroit) drinking water system for the long-term (close hold until announcement. Bob's talking points have been shared with the office of water here at HQ and are pasted below.

**From:** Arcaute, Francisco
**Sent:** Monday, April 17, 2017 9:08 AM
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By Ron Fonger | rfonger1@mlive.com
on April 17, 2017 at 6:00 AM, updated April 17, 2017 at 6:07 AM

FLINT, MI -- The city is just weeks away from choosing its future source of water -- a decision that residents will live with every time they drink from the tap and pay their bill for years to come.

Mayor Karen Weaver is scheduled to appear at two events related to the decision this week and to announce both the options and her recommendation for whether Flint continues to purchase pre-treated water or makes another attempt at treating raw water at its own plant.

The last time that the city took on the water treatment job itself, Flint was run by state-appointed emergency managers. The result was the city's water crisis.

It's a decision that Weaver has made once before, telling the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency five months ago that the city would treat raw water from the Karegnondi Water Authority at its Dort Highway plant and would build a massive raw water reservoir, also supplied by the KWA, which the city is a partner in.

Mayor Karen Weaver will recommend a plan for where the city gets its water in the future during a town hall meeting next week.

The mayor isn't saying whether that initial decision has changed and neither are others who have been involved in a series of high-stakes meetings on the subject since November.

Asked about the alternatives and timing of the water source announcement, Kristin Moore, a spokeswoman for Weaver, said "officials want to wait until (the) announcement to provide additional information related to your ... questions."

A press conference is scheduled for Tuesday, April 18, and a town hall meeting is scheduled at House of Prayer MB Church, 1851 W. Carpenter Road, at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 20.

A city news release says the mayor "will share her recommended plan concerning the city's future water sources" at the town hall.

The city of Flint doesn't plan to treat water from the recently completed pipeline it partly owns until at least late 2019 and hasn't made a final decision on where its water will come from until that time, according to

plans filed Wednesday, March 1, with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Flint officials got the chance to reconsider water alternatives when Congress approved $100 million for the city's water system and required the city to identify options and allow public participation before making a final decision.

Residents will have four weeks to comment on the city's plan. Weaver told EPA her administrators will meet with council before cementing a decision in May.

Whichever option is chosen, Flint will continue to buy GLWA water in the short-term.

Although the KWA pipeline is complete, Flint officials said the earliest they could make personnel and equipment upgrades to treat water at its plant would be 2019.

The city of Flint's proposed budget for the next two fiscal years anticipates paying two different water suppliers but drawing from only one.

Genesee County, the city's partner in KWA, is building its own water treatment plant in Lapeer County, but it's not in operation yet, either.

County Drain Commissioner Jeff Wright, who is also the chief executive officer of the KWA, has said the city is under contract to pay back its share of bonds used to build the $250 million pipeline -- estimated annual debt service of $7 million per year for the next 28 years.

Weaver's proposed budget for the fiscal year that starts July 1 includes debt service on the pipeline and GLWA water payments.

"Whether Flint chooses high-quality Lake Huron raw water delivered through the newly constructed KWA pipeline, the highest-quality treated water from Genesee County's Water Treatment Plant, or any other EPA-approved alternative, we look forward to assisting Flint residents as they strive to recover from the Flint water crisis," Wright said in a statement to The Journal.

The state of Michigan stopped paying for GLWA water March 1, but city and GLWA officials have met several times this year, according to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency documents.

Anna Heaton, press secretary for Gov. Rick Snyder, declined to comment in advance of water source announcements this week.

The state and city were both issued an emergency administrative order on Jan. 21, 2016, spelling out requirements aimed at fixing Flint's water system.

"We'll defer comment to (the mayor) for now," Heaton said in an email to The Flint Journal-MLive.

http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2017/04/snoop_dogg_returning_to_flint.html

**Snoop Dogg returning to Flint for celebrity basketball fundraiser**

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By Roberto Acosta | racosta1@mlive.com
Follow on Twitter
on April 16, 2017 at 10:50 AM, updated April 16, 2017 at 10:52 AM

FLINT, MI -- Rap legend Snoop Dogg is set for a return visit to Flint as part of the second annual "Hoop 4 Water" celebrity basketball game to aid in the city's water crisis.

The event organized by the Morris Peterson Jr. Foundation has been scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, May 20, at Dort Federal Event Center, 3501 Lapeer Road to raise funds for relief efforts.

Snoop Dog, born Cordozar Calvin Broadus, Jr., visited the city a number of times in 2016 and 2017, including a visit with Flint Mayor Karen Weaver to discuss the water situation and a Flint medical marijuana dispensary.

Snoop Dogg met with Flint Mayor Karen Weaver for over an hour at the Ivy House to discuss ways he can assist with the water crisis.

He teamed up with Peterson, a former standout at Flint Northwestern High, Michigan State University and 11-year NBA veteran, on the inaugural event in May 2016 through his foundation.

Detroit Lions tight end Eric Ebron, Harlem Globetrotters guard Carlos "Dizzy" English, Detroit rapper Trick Trick, pro boxer Anthony Dirrell, and former NBA player Mateen Cleaves all took the court during the first game.

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Message

**From**: Graham, Amy [graham.amy@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 6/20/2017 8:32:23 PM
**To**: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: AMY - Afternoon update on open inquiries

Just realized you aren't on this chain – passing along as an FYI.

**From:** Graham, Amy
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 20, 2017 4:24 PM
**To:** StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>; Jahan Wilcox (wilcox.jahan@epa.gov) <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: AMY - Afternoon update on open inquiries

Edits and approvals in yellow

**From:** StClair, Christie
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 20, 2017 3:56 PM
**To:** Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** AMY - Afternoon update on open inquiries

No new requests but we've added subjects in the initial list. Full inquiries are below. If there are any you think have already been closed, let me know please!

- Quebec Science, DEADLINE: ASAP (Christie St Clair) Re: glyphosate - OK

CNN, DEADLINE: 6/19 (Tricia Lynn) Re: indoor air and VOCs - **okay but provide this information on background – not for attribution**

- Washington Post, DEADLINE: 6/16 (Tricia Lynn) RE: 2017 STAR funding – feedback below
- Orb Media, DEADLINE: 6/16 (Tricia Lynn) RE: Microplastics in Tap Water – see change below
- Chemical Watch, DEADLINE: 6/16 (Robert Daguillard/Christie St Clair) Re: TSCA risk evaluation guidance at OMB - OK
- The Guardian, DEADLINE 6/16 (Tricia Lynn) Re: Environmental Justice Small Grants - **- ok**
- Desert Sun/USA Today, DEADLINE 6/15 (Christie St Clair) RE: waste export data - ok
- Agri Pulse, DEADLINE: 6/15 (Tricia Lynn) RE: Office Of Pesticide Programs Budget - ok
- BNA, DEADLINE: 6/15 (Julia Valentine) RE: Settlements Similar to Today's NVR Announcement - ok
- FOX Charlotte, DEADLINE 6/15 (Christie St Clair) Re: Dumpster Bleach **– ok**
- Citizens' Voice, DEADLINE 6/14 (Tricia Lynn) RE: Enhanced Radon Programs. - ok
- Harpers, DEADLINE 6/14 (Tricia Lynn) RE: Buyout Funds – see change below
- InsideEPA, DEADLINE 6/13 (Tricia Lynn) RE: Legislative language document – no response
- Quartz, DEADLINE 6/13 (Tricia Lynn) RE: Sewage sludge land spreading – ok
- Ohio Valley Resource, DEADLINE: 5/19 (Robert Daguillard/Christie St Clair) Re: TRI Reporting Requirements and CAFOs - -ok

**Quebec Science, DEADLINE: ASAP (Christie St Clair)**

**Background:** Reporter's deadline is this morning. He's looking for the status of the glyphosate review. Earlier this week, Nancy and Jahan approved the below information be sent to Michael Byhoff from Bloomberg, on background. We're proposing to handle it the same way here. Reporter: Nicolas Mesly, Quebec Science, Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

**Suggested response:**

On background:

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**Inquiry:** - Could you indicate to me what is the status of EPA's revaluation and if a deadline has been set pesticides/scientific-advisory-panel-meeting-glyphosate-postponed

- If it is possible to have a quick answer it would be very much appreciated as my deadline is this morning.

**CNN, DEADLINE: 6/19 (Tricia Lynn)**

**Background: -- okay but provide this information on background – not for attribution**
Reporter is, by profession, a registered nurse and health educator. In the past she's worked with HuffingtonPost, and this is her first assignment as a freelancer with CNN. She's a Health Designer™—empowering people to design a healthy life and home. Her goal is to give readers/consumers valuable information about their home. In addition to aesthetics—a home should be "healthy" as well as beautiful. A stat from the EPA says that people spend 90% of the time indoors. With so much time indoors, their indoor space needs to be healthy. For this piece I'm focusing on homes.

Note that this, while a bit long, was pared down from 3 pages to 1. Reporter is Barbara Ficarra (B.Ficarra@Healthin30.com).

**Suggested Response:**

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More information on general IAQ, specific contaminants and other related issues is available on the Indoor Environments Division website https://www.epa.gov/indoor-air-quality-iaq

**Inquiry:** I'm wondering if I can interview you or another expert at the EPA via phone or if your prefer, by email. The questions are below. Responses need to be only a few short sentences each. Short and succinct. I'd greatly appreciate it.

1. Is there a way for people to check the air quality in their home?

2. Is there a way to determine that the air quality in a home is poor?

3. What steps can people take to improve the air quality in their home?

4. Opening up the windows is a suggestion to improve air quality—what if the outdoor air is polluted? Or at the least with city traffic?

5. Will low VOC paints help improve air quality?

6. What do people need to know about household paints?

7. If their house wasn't painted with a low VOC paint, do they need to repaint immediately?

8. What's the best information about VOC paint that consumers need to know?

9. Should people be worried about their indoor air?

10. Do air purifiers work?

11. Final thoughts on indoor air quality?

**Washington Post, DEADLINE: 6/16 (Tricia Lynn)**

**Background: -- Let's just direct her to the budget**
Reporter is writing an article about EPA's Science to Achieve Results (STAR) program and was unable to locate its funding allocation for FY2017. Reporter is Chelsea Harvey of *The Washington Post*.

**Suggested Response:**

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**Inquiry:** My name is Chelsea Harvey, and I'm a contributor with The Washington Post. I'm working on an article about the EPA's Science to Achieve Results (STAR) program, and wondered if you could share its funding allocation for FY2017? I'm aware that its funding for 2016 was $39.058M, and see this amount referenced in the 2018 budget proposal as well, but am unable to find any information for 2017.

**Orb Media, DEADLINE: 6/16 (Tricia Lynn)**

**Background:**
Reporter is citing its own study that has found microplastics in tap water in cities around the US. This includes tap water sampled at EPA headquarters, which was found to have among the highest concentrations of plastic fibers in the study. Reporter would like comments on EPA's work with microplastics. Reporter is Dan Morrison (danm@orbmedia.org) of Orb Media.

**Revised response:**

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**Inquiry:**

- Has EPA conducted or funded research to examine the presence of microscopic plastic in U.S. tap water? If so, what were the results, and where where those studies published?

- Has EPA established a safe threshold for the consumption of plastic fibers or particles in drinking water?
- If so, what is that threshold?
- How have plastic fibers infiltrated the tap water at EPA headquarters and at locations across the United States? (These include New York; Chicago; Los Angeles; Dade County, FL; and Harris County, TX.)
- What, if any, are the human health risks of ingesting plastic fibers and particles?

**Chemical Watch, DEADLINE: 6/16 (Robert Daguillard) - ok**

**BACKGROUND**

The Lautenberg Act, which amends, TSCA requires that EPA at the beginning of each calendar year publish an annual plan. This plan must identify the chemical substances that will undergo risk evaluation during that year, chemicals for which risk evaluation will be initiated and those for which risk evaluation will be completed. This report must also identify the resources necessary to complete these tasks. For the ongoing risk evaluations, the report must describe the status of each evaluation and the schedule for completion including any changes or updates to the schedule. Kelly Franklin – Chemical Watch - kelly.franklin@chemicalwatch.com

**RESPONSE**

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conjunction with the final risk evaluation rule? My deadline is end of day today.

**The Guardian, DEADLINE 6/16 (Tricia Lynn) - ok**

**Background:**
Reporter is looking for information regarding 2016 environmental justice small grants (EJSG). The grants are only made every other year, however, and were not awarded in 2016. Reporter is Oliver Milman (oliver.milman@theguardian.com) of *The Guardian*.

**Suggested Response:**

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**Inquiry:** just have a quick question on environmental justice grants - the 2016 grants haven't been listed (only goes up to 2015) - https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-small-grants-program

Any idea where I can get that information?

**Desert Sun/USA Today, DEADLINE 6/15 (Christie St Clair) - ok**

**Background:** The reporter is looking for data on waste shipped from the U.S. to other countries for disposal. OECA and ORCR both collect this sort of data, but don't make it available electronically. It takes quite a bit of time to compile, so we always request reporters submit a FOIA for what they are after. After working with the programs, we've identified records pulled for a previous FOIA request that may help him. Beyond that he would need to submit his own request. Reporter: Ian James, Desert Sun/USAToday, Ian.James@desertsun.com

**Suggested response:**

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**Inquiry:** I'm a reporter with The Desert Sun and the USA TODAY Network, and I'm searching for EPA data on cross-border shipments of waste. I'm looking at waste that is shipped from the U.S. to facilities in other countries. This includes various categories of waste, such as e-waste, hazardous waste and other categories of waste.

I understand the EPA has information on this, but I haven't yet been able to find it online. Nahal Mogharabi at EPA's San Francisco office suggested reaching out to you to ask about this.

Could you please point me to EPA statistics showing the amounts of various types of waste that are transferred annually from the U.S. to other countries? Please also let me know if this information is readily available or if I need to file a formal request for this information

**Agri Pulse, DEADLINE: 6/15 (Tricia Lynn) – ok**

**Background:**
Reporter is asking about the proposed budget reduction for the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), and is wondering what the "pay" and "non-pay" categories mean. Reporter is Steve Davies (steve@agri-pulse.com) of Agri-Pulse.

**Suggested Response:**

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**Inquiry:** What does EPA's budget propose for Office of Pesticide Programs? The budget justification (link below; see page 751) has $77 million for fy 18, down from $96 million in FY 17; it's separated into pay and non-pay.

1) what does pay/non-pay mean?

2) does the budget really propose cutting OPP by almost $20 million?

https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-05/documents/fy-2018-congressional-justification.pdf

**BNA, DEADLINE: 6/15 (Julia Valentine) - ok**

**Background:**

Reporter saw today's NVR settlement release (below) and is wondering about other similar settlements. Reporter is Amena Saiyid ( ASaiyid@bna.com) of BNA.

**Suggested Response:**

Here are some previous settlements with homebuilders. Most of the other previous settlements were national in their scope, so they have similar terms as the NVR agreement. We can't comment on ongoing or potential enforcement actions related to other entities.

https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/ivory-home-ltd-settlement

https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/home-builders-clean-water-settlement

https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/hovnanian-enterprises-incclean-water-act-settlement

https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/beazer-homes-usa-inc-settlement

https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/reference-news-release-homebuilder-ryland-group-inc-pay-625000-penalty-and-implement

https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/toll-brothers-inc-clean-water-act-settlement

**Inquiry:** I have a question about the Nvr settlement announced today. Has EPA reached this type of settlement with any other home developers in recent years? Is this a settlement that involves more sites than others? Are there others in the offing?

**FOX Charlotte, DEADLINE: ? (Christie St Clair) – ok**

**Background:** The reporter is writing about a man named Benjamin Gann in Charlotte, NC who practices dumpster diving. Mr. Gann has filed a complaint that one store owner poured bleach in the dumpster to keep him away. This is a solid waste issue, not a HazMat issue, so R4 referred Mr. Gann to the state. The reporter is trying to track down the complaint. In addition to contacting me, he also reached out to R4 – we think he is confusing Region 4 EPA with the state environmental office, so we would like to clarify for him exactly who he needs to speak with. Reporter: David Sentendrey, FOX Charlotte, David.Sentendrey@FOXTV.COM.

**Suggested response:**

Please contact the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality. Their website is: https://deq.nc.gov/

**Inquiry:**

This is David Sentendrey at FOX 46 Charlotte. Question I'm running into surrounds dumpster diving. We have a man who practices this and from all indications, it's legal in N.C. The issue, he said that a business owner is purposely pouring bleach in the dumpster to keep the divers away from their waste.

My question to you, is there any sort of violation with disposing bleach in that way? Pouring it in the dumpster?

Also, do you have any complaints from a Benjamin Gann in Charlotte, NC? The number might be, 1179457 or A33223, according to him.

**Citizens' Voice, DEADLINE 6/14 (Tricia Lynn) - ok**

**Background:**
Reporter is writing an overview of issues caused by radon for homeowners. Reporter is Bill Wellock (bwellock@citizensvoice.com) of *The Citizens' Voice* in Wilkes-Barre PA.

**Suggested Response:**
The State's radon office would be the best place to ask this question.

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

**Inquiry:** This is Bill Wellock from The Citizens' Voice newspaper in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. I'm writing a story about radon and I hoped you could help me with some questions:

- Can you tell me about enhanced radon programs? What are enhanced radon programs? What makes one "enhanced?"

- What are EPA's proposed standards for radon in water? I saw an EPA publication from several years ago that included proposed standards of
300 picocuries of radon per liter for states without enhanced radon programs and 4,000 picocuries per liter for states with enhanced radon programs. Are these still the proposed standards?

- Does Pennsylvania have an enhanced radon program?

**Harpers, DEADLINE 6/14 (Tricia Lynn)**

**Background:**
For a "fun fact-"type section in the magazine, reporter would like to verify a statistic published in a recent Washington Post article. The article says that EPA is setting aside $12M for buyouts, and is looking to see how that compares with previous buyouts at EPA. Reporter is Spencer Bokat-Lindell (south@harpers.org) of Harpers.

**Suggested Response: - rather than this response – send the language from Mike Flynn's email today.**

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

**Inquiry:** Reporter would like to verify a statistic published in a recent Washington Post article. The article says that EPA is setting aside $12 for buyouts. Is that accurate?

Additionally, can you provide some context for that number? For example, how does that compare to past buyout programs?

**InsideEPA, DEADLINE 6/13 (Tricia Lynn) – no response, too far past deadline**

**Background:**
Reporter is wondering about proposed legislative language that is submitted to Congress as part of the budgeting process. She wants to know the status of the legislative language document and how to access it. Reporter is Maria Hegstad (mhegstad@iwpnews.com) of *Inside EPA*.

**Suggested Response:**

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

**Inquiry:** I understand that there is proposed legislative language that is submitted to Congress via the White House Office of Management and Budget as part of the budgeting process.

For example, this proposed legislative language is referenced in the FY18 Congressional Justification at page 75 (81 in PDF format) as follows: "Proposed legislative language accompanying the President's Budget will expand the EPA's scope of activities that can be funded with user fees."

What is the status of this legislative language document? If completed, how can I access it?

**Quartz, DEADLINE 6/13 (Tricia Lynn) - ok**

**Background:**
Reporter saw a recent letter from EPA Office of the Inspector General (OIG) to the Office of Water regarding an investigation OIG is conducting into whether EPA has and implements controls over the land application of sewage sludge that protect human health and the environment. Reporter is wondering about the rules surrounding the practice, it's safety, and how OW will respond to the letter. Reporter is Zoe Schlanger (zs@qz.com) of *Quartz*.

**Suggested Response:**

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

**Inquiry:**

I'm a reporter at Quartz writing about land spreading of sewage sludge. I saw this letter from the EPA Office of Inspector General inquiring about EPA controls on land spreading of sludge https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-06/documents/_epaoig_notificationmemo_06-05-17_sewage.pdf

Who can I speak to about the rules surrounding the practice, its safety, and how EPA will respond to the letter?

**Ohio Valley Resource, DEADLINE: 5/19 (Robert Daguillard) – ok**

**BACKGROUND:**

This is the second request for approval for this response, as Amy Graham requested we shorten and resend.The reporter works Ohio Valley ReSource, a regional public radio network that produces health and agriculture-related content. The inquiry is part of a larger story about confined animal feeding operations. She is reaching out to us because EPA has added H2S (Hydrogen Sulfide) to TRI, which required states to monitor hydrogen sulfide air emissions. All information in this response is publicly available. Nicole Erwin – eerwin@murraystate.edu

**RESPONSE:**

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

**Inquiry:** I was forwarded your contact info via Greg Nizich when inquiring about the monitoring of H2S and Ammonia in regards to CAFOs, specifically hog producers.

I had read (please correct me if I am wrong) that the EPA added hydrogen sulfide to the TRI report requiring states to report levels as of 2014, is this specific to certain industries only?

How are states expected to monitor levels and are there any models for reporting that states have implemented you find are exemplary?

I am also interested in tools utilized in analyzing ambient air quality and what provisions are in place for enforcement.

Message

**From**: Gray, David [gray.david@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 3/12/2017 10:22:50 PM
**To**: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: NGO Unit Update
**Attachments**: NGOCLOSEOUTREPORT72410.doc; ngocharterfinal.doc; NGO tps.doc

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**From:** David Gray [mailto:Gray.David@epamail.epa.gov]
**Sent:** Sunday, March 12, 2017 5:21 PM
**To:** Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Fw: NGO Unit Update

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Cc: David Gray/R6/USEPA/US@EPA, Nancy Grantham/R1/USEPA/US@EPA, Doug Gutro/R1/USEPA/US@EPA, Dale Perry/DC/USEPA/US@EPA
Date: 07/26/2010 07:59 AM
Subject: NGO Unit Update

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The NGO Unit within Area Command is up and running. The Unit charter has been completed (attached).

I'd like to extend a special thank you to Nancy Grantham and Doug Gutro for spearheading the project for us. They both have done an exceptional job in taking the vision and making it operational within Unified Command. They also made it look easy and I know it wasn't.

The Unit is already working to integrate several interagency NGO initiatives including CEQ's efforts. With over 1,000 NGOs identified, large-scale outreach is set to begin in earnest this week with the launch of a Web portal on DeepWaterHorizonResponse.com and the newer federal Web site RecoverTheGulf.gov.

A copy of talking points about the NGO Unit are attached as well as last week's close-out report.

The Unit will provide a single point of contact for NGOs to work with Unified Command.

Of course, we will continue EPA's independent efforts to work with the NGO community in order to maintain our own relationships.

David

*(See attached file: ngocharterfinal.doc)(See attached file: NGO tps.doc)(See attached file: NGOCLOSEOUTREPORT72410.doc)*

## NGO Interaction Unit at the Unified Area Command in New Orleans, LA

### Charter

The Deepwater Horizon Response (DHR) Unified Area Command (UAC) in New Orleans has established a Non-Government Organizations Unit (NGOs) to strengthen the partnership with the numerous NGOs that have a vested interest in the response to the DHR Incident. The NGO Unit will focus on local NGO engagement.

### Staffing

The NGO Unit will be staffed by representatives from the Department of the Interior, including U.S. Fish and Wildlife and the National Park Service, the Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Coast Guard, the National Oceanograhic and Atmospheric Administration, and Volunteer Agency Liaisons (VAL) from the NIC Integrated Services Team.

We are currently evaluating participation by NIOSH/OSHA/NIEHS and HHS in response to significant worker safety concerns raised by the NGO community.

The NGO Unit will leverage established relationships such as Integrated Services Team partnership with the Corporation for National and Community Service to avoid duplication of effort and while maximizing outreach to NGO's across the Gulf.

Ideally the NGO Unit leader will rotate between the agencies; however, more important is experience and expertise for the position: good organizational, communication and leadership skills key. Previously established Gulf relationships preferred.

In addition to a presence at the Unified Area Command, the NGO Unit will have a staff presence at the Incident Command Posts (ICP) in Mobile and Houma, and potentially at other ICPs as the response evolves to ensure communication with NGOs representing the interests of the diverse members of the Gulf Coast communities.

As the NGO Unit is stood up, the intent is to have one NGO Unit staff per ICP in Houma and Mobile. Criteria/triggers will be established to determine if/when to expand staff at Houma and Mobile as well as at other ICP units.

**Roles and Responsibilities**

Develop and maintain a master list of NGOs

- Establish situational awareness of local NGO activity related to the DHR response

The NGO Unit will establish and maintain a proactive communication link between the Area Command and NGOs:

- Develop a plan for how and when formal interactions with NGOs should occur
- Serve as a focal point for NGO access to the UAC
- Provide UAC with advice on resolving NGO concerns and issues
- Be available to evaluate documents/plans and highlight to the UAC potential conflicts and/or pushback issues.
  Maintain a list of volunteer opportunities.

While the NGO Unit will coordinate closely within External Affairs, including Media, Community Outreach and Governmental Affairs, and the Liaison Officer, the Unit will avoid duplication of efforts with these entities.

The NGO Unit will produce a Daily Summary Report.

**Next Steps**

Market new NGO Unit within the UAC and at the ICPs.

Finalize NGO Unit staffing plan to identify rotations by EPA, DOI, USCG, NOAA, VALs.

Finalize NGO master list format and incorporate lists from DOI and NOAA, as well as other appropriate organizations.

External communications strategy:

- Initial introduction to local NGO community
- Establish mode and frequency for routine two-way communication
- Determine if there are appropriate response products to be distributed to NGOs
- In coordination with External Affairs, develop press strategy to announce NGO Unit
- Create plan for proactively connecting NGO expertise with community needs
- Explore web presence/social media opportunities on RestoretheGulf.org

Message

**From:** Kelley, Jeff [kelley.jeff@epa.gov]
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**Subject:** RE: Flint clips, April 17, 2017
**Attachments:** 20170418-flint-water-source-presser-v2.docx

This version incorporates Peter's comments …

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*Jeff Kelley*
*Director, Office of External Communications*
*U.S. EPA Region 5*
*ph: 312-353-1159*

**From:** Grantham, Nancy
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**Subject:** FW: Flint clips, April 17, 2017

FYI and heads up – JP will need to approve the talking points.. in the meantime, you may want to work in the edits below from Peter Grevatt.

Thanks ng

**From:** Grantham, Nancy
**Sent:** Monday, April 17, 2017 11:36 AM
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**Subject:** RE: Flint clips, April 17, 2017

Yes – they are for the press conference tomorrow at 10 a.m. (media advisory from City of Flint immediately tright below). Bob Kaplan, the acting regional administrator for Region 5, will be delivering the remarks. So we need them approved by JP by the end of today. You will note below that the program experts in the office of water suggested some edits below.

We do not have plans to speak at the public meeting later in the week; just have folks there to listen.

Thanks ng
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 14, 2017

Contact:
Kristin Moore
kmoore@cityofflint.com

Media Advisory

WHAT: Press Conference

WHO: Mayor Karen Weaver of City of Flint, Bob Kaplan of EPA, Keith Creagh of MDEQ, Richard Baird of State of Michigan and other City, County and State Officials

WHEN: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

WHERE: Flint City Hall (Council Chambers 3rd Floor)

DETAILS: After much consideration, evaluation and re-evaluation Mayor Weaver is prepared to announce her recommendation for the City of Flint's long-term primary and back-up water sources. Tuesday morning she will announce her recommendation and why she believes it is the best option for the City and the citizens of Flint.

As previously announced, Mayor Weaver along with City, County and State officials, will discuss the plan with residents at a town hall meeting Thursday, April 20, 2017 at House of Prayer MB Church at 5:30 p.m. Leaders will further explain why they believe the recommended water sources are the best option to move forward with. They will also answer questions and get feedback from the public, which will be considered before a final decision is made.
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**From:** Bowman, Liz
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**Subject:** RE: Flint clips, April 17, 2017

Nancy, can you please give us a little background on these talking points…are they for the public meeting? If so, who will be delivering them? And, when do they need to be approved by JP? Thanks!

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Thanks Nancy. There are two bullets in the TPs below that I would flag for minor edits:

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Thanks for sharing, P.G.

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**Subject:** FW: Flint clips, April 17, 2017

FYI – Bob Kaplan, Acting regional administrator in region 5 – will speak at the Flint Mayor's press conference where she is scheduled to announce that Flint will remain on Great Lakes Water Authority (Detroit) drinking water system for the long-term (close hold until announcement. Bob's talking points have been shared with the office of water here at HQ and are pasted below.

**From:** Arcaute, Francisco
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**Flint Clips**
**US EPA Region 5 – prepared by the Office of Public Affairs**
**April 17, 2017**

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http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2017/04/whats_known_and_unknown_about.html

**Flint's final water source decision will set city's course for decades**

By Ron Fonger | rfonger1@mlive.com
on April 17, 2017 at 6:00 AM, updated April 17, 2017 at 6:07 AM

FLINT, MI -- The city is just weeks away from choosing its future source of water -- a decision that residents will live with every time they drink from the tap and pay their bill for years to come.

Mayor Karen Weaver is scheduled to appear at two events related to the decision this week and to announce both the options and her recommendation for whether Flint continues to purchase pre-treated water or makes another attempt at treating raw water at its own plant.

The last time that the city took on the water treatment job itself, Flint was run by state-appointed emergency managers. The result was the city's water crisis.

It's a decision that Weaver has made once before, telling the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency five months ago that the city would treat raw water from the Karegnondi Water Authority at its Dort Highway plant and would build a massive raw water reservoir, also supplied by the KWA, which the city is a partner in.

Mayor Karen Weaver will recommend a plan for where the city gets its water in the future during a town hall meeting next week.

The mayor isn't saying whether that initial decision has changed and neither are others who have been involved in a series of high-stakes meetings on the subject since November.

Asked about the alternatives and timing of the water source announcement, Kristin Moore, a spokeswoman for Weaver, said "officials want to wait until (the) announcement to provide additional information related to your ... questions."

A press conference is scheduled for Tuesday, April 18, and a town hall meeting is scheduled at House of Prayer MB Church, 1851 W. Carpenter Road, at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 20.

A city news release says the mayor "will share her recommended plan concerning the city's future water sources" at the town hall.

The city of Flint doesn't plan to treat water from the recently completed pipeline it partly owns until at least late 2019 and hasn't made a final decision on where its water will come from until that time, according to plans filed Wednesday, March 1, with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Flint officials got the chance to reconsider water alternatives when Congress approved $100 million for the city's water system and required the city to identify options and allow public participation before making a final decision.

Residents will have four weeks to comment on the city's plan. Weaver told EPA her administrators will meet with council before cementing a decision in May.

Whichever option is chosen, Flint will continue to buy GLWA water in the short-term.

Although the KWA pipeline is complete, Flint officials said the earliest they could make personnel and equipment upgrades to treat water at its plant would be 2019.

The city of Flint's proposed budget for the next two fiscal years anticipates paying two different water suppliers but drawing from only one.

Genesee County, the city's partner in KWA, is building its own water treatment plant in Lapeer County, but it's not in operation yet, either.

County Drain Commissioner Jeff Wright, who is also the chief executive officer of the KWA, has said the city is under contract to pay back its share of bonds used to build the $250 million pipeline -- estimated annual debt service of $7 million per year for the next 28 years.

Weaver's proposed budget for the fiscal year that starts July 1 includes debt service on the pipeline and GLWA water payments.

"Whether Flint chooses high-quality Lake Huron raw water delivered through the newly constructed KWA pipeline, the highest-quality treated water from Genesee County's Water Treatment Plant, or any other EPA-approved alternative, we look forward to assisting Flint residents as they strive to recover from the Flint water crisis," Wright said in a statement to The Journal.

The state of Michigan stopped paying for GLWA water March 1, but city and GLWA officials have met several times this year, according to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency documents.

Anna Heaton, press secretary for Gov. Rick Snyder, declined to comment in advance of water source announcements this week.

The state and city were both issued an emergency administrative order on Jan. 21, 2016, spelling out requirements aimed at fixing Flint's water system.

"We'll defer comment to (the mayor) for now," Heaton said in an email to The Flint Journal-MLive.

http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2017/04/snoop_dogg_returning_to_flint.html

**Snoop Dogg returning to Flint for celebrity basketball fundraiser**

By Roberto Acosta | racosta1@mlive.com
Follow on Twitter
on April 16, 2017 at 10:50 AM, updated April 16, 2017 at 10:52 AM

FLINT, MI -- Rap legend Snoop Dogg is set for a return visit to Flint as part of the second annual "Hoop 4 Water" celebrity basketball game to aid in the city's water crisis.

The event organized by the Morris Peterson Jr. Foundation has been scheduled for 2 p.m. Saturday, May 20, at Dort Federal Event Center, 3501 Lapeer Road to raise funds for relief efforts.

Snoop Dog, born Cordozar Calvin Broadus, Jr., visited the city a number of times in 2016 and 2017, including a visit with Flint Mayor Karen Weaver to discuss the water situation and a Flint medical marijuana dispensary.

Snoop Dogg met with Flint Mayor Karen Weaver for over an hour at the Ivy House to discuss ways he can assist with the water crisis.

He teamed up with Peterson, a former standout at Flint Northwestern High, Michigan State University and 11-year NBA veteran, on the inaugural event in May 2016 through his foundation.

Detroit Lions tight end Eric Ebron, Harlem Globetrotters guard Carlos "Dizzy" English, Detroit rapper Trick Trick, pro boxer Anthony Dirrell, and former NBA player Mateen Cleaves all took the court during the first game.

Spartans coach Tom Izzo enjoyed the action from a courtside seat next to Flint Mayor Karen Weaver.

Others in attendance included Spartans head basketball coach Tom Izzo, journalist Sway Calloway, Detroit Pistons dance team, legendary Flint rapper MC Breed's daughter Lexi Breed, and musician Mama Sol.

A list of celebrities for the 2017 game has not yet been announced, but tickets are currently on sale.

Tickets run $10.50-$48.50 on Ticketmaster, with VIP tickets including a meet and greet with Snoop Dogg and Peterson along with a gift bag. Pricing for VIP has not yet been announced.

http://michiganradio.org/post/mayor-outline-plans-flints-primary-and-backup-tap-water-source

**Mayor to outline plans for Flint's primary and backup tap water source**

By STEVE CARMODY • 12 HOURS AGO

This week, Flint Mayor Karen Weaver will outline her plan for the source of her city's tap water.

On Tuesday, Flint's mayor will be joined by federal, state and local officials to release her recommendation for the City of Flint's long-term primary and back-up water sources.

The city of Flint currently gets its tap water from the Great Lakes Water Authority. But it's also under contract to get untreated water from the Karegnondi Water Authority.

Deciding on the city's long-term water source involves juggling expensive decisions, including upgrades to the city's water plant and paying for water until it's ready.

The Environmental Protection Agency has been leaning on Flint to make a decision for months.

Residents will have a chance to weigh in on the mayor's recommendation at a town hall meeting Thursday.

Bob Kaplan talking points:

- Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

# Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Message

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**Spalding, Curt Calendar**
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Wednesday, April 20, 2016 – Wednesday, May 04, 2016
Time zone: (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)
(Adjusted for Daylight Saving Time)

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| **12:15 PM – 3:00 PM** | **Free** |
| 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM | Food Recovery Event |
| 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM | Senior Policy - AA/RA's |
| **4:30 PM – 5:00 PM** | **Free** |
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| 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM | Sustainability Day |
| **12:30 PM – 2:00 PM** | **Free** |
| 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM | Regional Administrators' Teleconference |
| **3:00 PM – 3:30 PM** | **Free** |
| 3:30 PM – 4:00 PM | Mid-Year Performance Review |
| **4:00 PM – 5:00 PM** | **Free** |
| **After 5:00 PM** | **Free** |

## Fri, Apr 22

| | |
|---|---|
| All Day | EARTH WEEK |
| **Before 8:00 AM** | **Free** |
| 8:00 AM – 8:30 AM | EARTH DAY!! |
| 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM | A/L |
| 9:30 AM – 10:00 AM | |
| 11:00 AM – 11:30 AM | Briefing for Congresswoman Kuster on PFOA |
| 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM | RAs and OW |
| **5:00 PM – 8:30 PM** | **Free** |
| After 8:30 PM | A/L |

## Sat, Apr 23 – Sun, Apr 24

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|---|---|
| **All Day** | **Free** |

## Mon, Apr 25

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|---|---|
| **Before 8:00 AM** | **Free** |
| **8:00 AM – 8:30 AM** | **Free** |
| 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM | Coffee with ODs |
| **10:00 AM – 1:00 PM** | **Free** |
| 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM | Senior Staff |
| 2:00 PM – 2:30 PM | Mid-year Review - Lindsay |
| 2:30 PM – 3:00 PM | Mid-year Review - Szaro |
| **3:00 PM – 5:00 PM** | **Free** |

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| | **After 5:00 PM** | **Free** |

## Tue, Apr 26

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|---|---|---|
| | **Before 8:00 AM** | **Free** |
| | **8:00 AM – 9:00 AM** | **Free** |
| | 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM | Spring 2016 EPA - Tribal Leaders Summit + Tuesday April 26th, 2016 |
| | **After 5:00 PM** | **Free** |

## Wed, Apr 27

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | **Before 8:00 AM** | **Free** |
| | **8:00 AM – 9:00 AM** | **Free** |
| | 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM | Consultation with Maine Tribal Leaders on Water Quality Standards in Maine Indian Waters |
| | 12:00 PM – 12:30 PM | Mid-Year Review - Moraff |
| | 12:30 PM – 1:00 PM | Mid-year Review - Kenyon |
| | **1:00 PM – 1:30 PM** | **Free** |
| | 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM | Green Team Earth Day Event - Pollinators |
| | **3:00 PM – 3:30 PM** | **Free** |
| | 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM | Senior Policy - AA/RA's |
| | 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM | 4th All-Appointee Meeting |
| | **After 5:00 PM** | **Free** |

## Thu, Apr 28

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| | **Before 8:00 AM** | **Free** |
| | **8:00 AM – 9:00 AM** | **Free** |
| | 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM | *Calendar Look-out Meeting |
| | 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM | CT DEEP - New Ozone Standard Air Quality Event for meteorologists and media |
| | 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM | Village Green Media Event |
| | **4:00 PM – 5:00 PM** | **Free** |
| | **After 5:00 PM** | **Free** |

## Fri, Apr 29

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|---|---|---|
| | **Before 8:00 AM** | **Free** |
| | **8:00 AM – 8:30 AM** | **Free** |
| | 8:30 AM – End of Day | Bi-monthly work iPhone text review |
| | 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM | A/L |
| | 4:00 PM – 4:30 PM | Meeting Re: Advanced Monitoring Evaluation |

## Sat, Apr 30

| | |
|---|---|
| Start of Day – 9:00 AM | Bi-monthly work iPhone text review |
| **After 9:00 AM** | **Free** |

# May 2016

## Sun, May 1

| | |
|---|---|
| **All Day** | **Free** |

## Mon, May 2

| | |
|---|---|
| **Before 8:00 AM** | **Free** |
| 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM | Travel to Stony Brook |
| 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM | Coffee with ODs |
| 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM | Brief for 5.6 meeting of Curt/Judith with NY/CT Commissioners on LIS |
| 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM | hold for OCSPP Mid-year strategic review |
| 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM | Senior Staff |
| 2:30 PM – 3:00 PM | Sara Churgin of Eastern RI Conservation District/RI State Conservation Committee |
| **4:00 PM – 5:00 PM** | **Free** |
| **After 5:00 PM** | **Free** |

## Tue, May 3

| | |
|---|---|
| All Day | Latitude 41 conference |
| **Before 8:00 AM** | **Free** |
| **8:00 AM – 9:00 AM** | **Free** |
| 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM | Office Directors Meeting |
| 9:15 AM – 5:00 PM | Latitude 41 - Remarks |
| 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM | FW: Administrative Recognition Day Luncheon - sg |
| 1:30 PM – 2:00 PM | Hold for CT Public Radio PreBrief on PCBs |
| 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM | EEO Training for Managers/Supervisors |
| **After 5:00 PM** | **Free** |

## Wed, May 4

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|---|---|
| **Before 8:00 AM** | **Free** |

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| ■ | 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM | Medical Procedure for neck - Dr. Shinshuk. |
| □ | **11:00 AM – 11:30 AM** | **Free** |
| ■ | 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM | Walk to Wellness |
| ▨ | 1:00 PM – 1:30 PM | Hold - Call with CT Pub. Radio re. PCBs |
| □ | **1:30 PM – 5:00 PM** | **Free** |
| □ | **After 5:00 PM** | **Free** |

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Message

**From**: Wall, Tom [Wall.Tom@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 5/25/2016 10:49:36 PM
**To**: StClair, Christie [StClair.Christie@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
**CC**: Shapiro, Mike [Shapiro.Mike@epa.gov]; Best-Wong, Benita [Best-Wong.Benita@epa.gov]; Evans, David [Evans.David@epa.gov]; Stavnes, Sandra [Stavnes.Sandra@epa.gov]
**Subject**: 1) Animas-San Juan March 2016 sampling data nearly ready for release; and 2) fall bio sampling hiccup
**Attachments**: Copy of GKM_March_2016_Follow-up_Data.xlsx

**Importance**: High

Christie and Nancy,

1) Wanted to give you a heads up that we are close to having the late March sampling data from the conceptual monitoring plan (CMP) ready for posting. You'll see the email below to the Regions includes some proposed messaging modeled largely on the messaging used when EPA released the fall 2015 data. This will raise the question as to whether EPA wants to Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP). The draft message below Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) (You may that recall the CMP said that we will collect data over the course of a year and then compare the totality of the data to a number of thresholds including state and tribal water quality standards, in making decisions about appropriate next steps.)

FYI, we also asked the Regions today to share these data (but not the proposed messaging) with states and tribes for a close hold, coregulator review prior to EPA's public release of the data. (We also shared the fall 2015 data with states and tribes prior to public release of the data).

2) Another issue I wanted to flag as well: we recently learned that the fall 2015 bio sampling did not proceed as outlined in the final CMP posted in March. As it turned out, delays in the fall 2015 sampling (including due an extended comment period on the draft plan) pushed the bio sampling period too far outside of the summer/early fall "index" period for comparing bio data across different years. The proposed remedy is to: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Please let me know if you think these changes from what we posted as the final plan warrant public notification proir to our release of final results of the CMP next year. Thank you,

TomW.

**From:** Heber, Margarete
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 25, 2016 3:53 PM
**To:** Stavnes, Sandra <Stavnes.Sandra@epa.gov>; Jones, Curry <jones.curry@epa.gov>; Montgomery, Michael <Montgomery.Michael@epa.gov>; Hashimoto, Janet <Hashimoto.Janet@epa.gov>; Garcia, David <Garcia.David@epa.gov>; Hamilton, Karen <Hamilton.Karen@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Wall, Tom <Wall.Tom@epa.gov>; Evans, David <Evans.David@epa.gov>; Holdsworth, Susan <Holdsworth.Susan@epa.gov>; Heimerman, Jeffrey <Heimerman.Jeff@epa.gov>; Best-Wong, Benita <Best-Wong.Benita@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Draft Press Statement for Regional Review on March Sampling

Please find below a draft revised press release statement based on the Region 8 comment that "Once again, the data indicate that none of the sampled constituents exceed risk thresholds." I have also put the fall statement below for comparison. Please confirm by Wed, June 1, based on your review of the data, that the statement below is accurate.

*Draft Statement for March sampling,*

# Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

*Statement about fall data.*

Initial monitoring data collected from 27 locations during the fall are below risk-based recreational screening levels and consistent with pre-event data which are limited in many areas outside the upper Animas. The spring sampling event is currently taking place, and will be followed by additional sampling planned in June and in the fall. EPA will also coordinate with local jurisdictions and tribes to sample the rivers during heavy rain events in the summer.

Please forward this to appropriate staff if I did not include everyone.
Margarete Heber

Message

**From**: Ryan, Jini [Ryan.Jini@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 7/30/2019 5:52:14 PM
**To**: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
**CC**: Widener, Charles (Chuck) [Widener.Charles@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Smartphone photography and videography
**Attachments**: EPA_Smartphone_Photography.pdf; EPA_In-the-Moment_Videos.pdf

Nancy,

Here's the main link to our training guides: http://intranet.epa.gov/media/guidelines.html#updated

I've attached the smartphone photography and videography guides.

Here's the link to the training video on shooting footage and audio with your smartphone:
https://youtu.be/xv6c1R2BzQY

Thanks.

Jini

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(Note: it works best in Firefox and Chrome)

FOR EPA STAFF:
EPAtv is available at https://epatv.epa.gov
(Note: it only works in Internet Explorer)
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Message

**From**: Martin, JohnC [Martin.JohnC@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 6/28/2019 2:28:25 PM
**To**: Lasher, Diane [Lasher.Diane@epa.gov]; Martin, John C. (WF) (OGA) [jcmartin3@fbi.gov]; Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Glazier, Kelly [Glazier.Kelly@epa.gov]; McKinney, Robert [mckinney.robert@epa.gov]; Hope, Brian [Hope.Brian@epa.gov]; Youngblood, Charlotte [Youngblood.Charlotte@epa.gov]; Kaminer, Joan [Kaminer.Joan@epa.gov]; Sweeney, Edward [Sweeney.Edward@epa.gov]; Stanich, Ted [Stanich.Ted@epa.gov]; Kudarauskas, Paul [Kudarauskas.Paul@epa.gov]; Cunningham, Dennis [Cunningham.Dennis@epa.gov]; Harnisch, Will [Harnisch.Will@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: DNI Memo Survey Update

Thank you Diane and Kelly for your quick reply. I will incorporate your information into our response.

JM

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**Subject:** RE: DNI Memo Survey Update

See below in red

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**From:** Martin, JohnC
**Sent:** Thursday, June 27, 2019 4:23 PM
**To:** Martin, John C. (WF) (OGA) <jcmartin3@fbi.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Glazier, Kelly <Glazier.Kelly@epa.gov>; McKinney, Robert <mckinney.robert@epa.gov>; Hope, Brian <Hope.Brian@epa.gov>; Youngblood, Charlotte <Youngblood.Charlotte@epa.gov>; Kaminer, Joan <Kaminer.Joan@epa.gov>; Sweeney, Edward <Sweeney.Edward@epa.gov>; Stanich, Ted <Stanich.Ted@epa.gov>; Kudarauskas, Paul <Kudarauskas.Paul@epa.gov>;

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**Subject:** RE: DNI Memo Survey Update

I wanted to give everyone a quick update. The document is being reviewed by OGC and Ted is working with Senior Leadership to make sure they are comfortable with our answers. We have requested an extension from ODNI, but have not heard back from them whether they will grant it or not.

In the meantime, I have started entering our answers into the survey in draft form and can make any additional edits as necessary once they come in. While entering the information, I was prompted to provide some additional information that was not on the original survey. Some items I have, some I need your help with. Here is what I need.

**PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR FEEDBACK BY NOON TOMORROW.**

For question 1, (OHS) they asked what categories of sensitive information, assets, systems or activities we have identified at EPA that need protection. **My proposed answer is** Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) **If anyone feels we need to additional items, please let me know.**

For question 3B (SMD), they asked what mechanisms have we implanted to track compliance with training and employee awareness and education. **My draft answer is** Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) **SMD PLEASE VERIFY THAT ANSWER OR PROVIDE ANOTHER ONE.** Correct

For question 8 (which covers questions 3 to 7 in the survey on line) they asked us to provide them with policies for the following items

Media Interactions – **Question 5 Nancy, OPA, I BELIEVE YOU SAID** Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) **PLEASE VERIFY THAT. IF WE DON'T HAVE ONE, SHOULD WE GIVE AN ESTIMATED DATE WHEN WE MAY?**

Use, sharing, storage, protection and destruction of classified and sensitive information and assets – **Question 6 SMD and OEI.** Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Reporting of foreign travel, contacts and activities – **Question 7 SMD.** Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

For question 16 (OPA) it asks us to describe the restrictions we impose on our employees about media contacts. **NANCY, PLEASE DESCRIBE THEM.**

For question 17, (OPA and SMD) it asks us if this question applies to CONTRACTORS and is addressing the requirement to report unofficial contact with the media. **SMD AND NANCY, PLEASE ANSWER. I BELIEVE THE ANSWER IS** Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Thank you all again for your continued help completing this important task.

JM

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**From:** Martin, John C. (WF) (OGA) <jcmartin3@fbi.gov>
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 26, 2019 10:58 AM
**To:** Martin, JohnC <Martin.JohnC@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Glazier, Kelly <Glazier.Kelly@epa.gov>; McKinney, Robert <mckinney.robert@epa.gov>; Hope, Brian <Hope.Brian@epa.gov>; Youngblood, Charlotte <Youngblood.Charlotte@epa.gov>; Kaminer, Joan <Kaminer.Joan@epa.gov>; Sweeney, Edward <Sweeney.Edward@epa.gov>; Stanich, Ted <Stanich.Ted@epa.gov>; Kudarauskas, Paul <Kudarauskas.Paul@epa.gov>; Lasher, Diane <Lasher.Diane@epa.gov>; Cunningham, Dennis <Cunningham.Dennis@epa.gov>; Harnisch, Will <Harnisch.Will@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Martin, John C. (WF) (OGA) <jcmartin3@fbi.gov>
**Subject:** RE: DNI Memo Survey Update

A big thank you again to everyone for their comments and edits on this document. Here is the latest draft incorporating everything I have and everything we have discussed to date. Please take a look at everything again when you have a minute. Also, please remember that your offices will be responsible for providing justifications/details for these answers and any follow up questions from DNI after we submit the survey.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please give me a call.

JM

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**From:** Martin, JohnC [mailto:Martin.JohnC@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 10:16 PM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Martin, John C. (WF) (OGA) <jcmartin3@fbi.gov>; Glazier, Kelly <Glazier.Kelly@epa.gov>; McKinney, Robert <mckinney.robert@epa.gov>; Hope, Brian <Hope.Brian@epa.gov>; Youngblood, Charlotte <Youngblood.Charlotte@epa.gov>; Kaminer, Joan <Kaminer.Joan@epa.gov>; Sweeney, Edward <Sweeney.Edward@epa.gov>; Stanich, Ted <Stanich.Ted@epa.gov>; Kudarauskas, Paul <Kudarauskas.Paul@epa.gov>; Lasher, Diane <Lasher.Diane@epa.gov>; Cunningham, Dennis <Cunningham.Dennis@epa.gov>; Harnisch, Will <Harnisch.Will@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: DNI Memo Survey Update

Thanks Nancy. We will leave the answer to #5 **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)** If they ask a follow up, we can provide additional details.

I will give you a call tomorrow to discuss our potential options to answer #7.

JM

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On Jun 24, 2019, at 2:46 PM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

John –

For # 5 - We do not have a formal policy or mass mailer that has been sent.

For #7 would like to talk about this – Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Please give me a call when convenient.

Thanks ng

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**From:** Martin, JohnC
**Sent:** Sunday, June 23, 2019 9:59 PM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Martin, John C. (WF) (OGA) <jcmartin3@fbi.gov>; Glazier, Kelly <Glazier.Kelly@epa.gov>; McKinney, Robert <mckinney.robert@epa.gov>; Hope, Brian <Hope.Brian@epa.gov>; Youngblood, Charlotte <Youngblood.Charlotte@epa.gov>; Kaminer, Joan <Kaminer.Joan@epa.gov>; Sweeney, Edward <Sweeney.Edward@epa.gov>; Stanich, Ted <Stanich.Ted@epa.gov>; Kudarauskas, Paul <Kudarauskas.Paul@epa.gov>; Lasher, Diane <Lasher.Diane@epa.gov>; Cunningham, Dennis <Cunningham.Dennis@epa.gov>; Harnisch, Will <Harnisch.Will@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: DNI Memo Survey Update

Thanks Nancy. For #5, I believe OGC prefers us to just go with Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) but I appreciate the context. Do we have anything in writing that we can provide DNI regarding the established procedures you reference? We should include a copy, whether it is a formal policy or an All-Hands memo, since they ask us to include that information in our response.

For #7, I'd like to change the last sentence to Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

# Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Do you feel the new language and the proposed timeline are acceptable?

How do we encourage people to notify OPA? Is there an All-Hands memo or something similar that was sent to everyone? If so, can you send me a copy so we can attach it to our reply?

Thanks again for your help.

JM

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On Jun 21, 2019, at 4:33 PM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

Please see edits and question below:

Thanks ng

5. (U) (OPA) Does your department or agency restrict employees, excluding communication and public affairs offices, from communicating directly with media outlets'?

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

I 7. (U) (OPA AND SMD) Does your department or agency require that employees report their unofficial contacts with the media?

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

-----Original Message-----
From: Martin, John C. (WF) (OGA) <jcmartin3@fbi.gov>
Sent: Friday, June 21, 2019 10:07 AM
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Subject: DNI Memo Survey Update

Thank you all for your comments. Here is the latest draft of the document. Charlotte

has provided some preliminary feedback regarding the scoping of some of the answers, which is very valuable. I have not incorporated those yet, but will as soon as we receive the rest of OGC's comments.

Nancy, please take a look at the Media items and let me know what you think.

If everyone could please take another look and make sure I captured everything in the spirit it was intended, I would appreciate it.

JM

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Message

**From**: Grantham, Nancy [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=12A3C2ED7158417FB0BB1B1B72A8CFB0-GRANTHAM, NANCY]
**Sent**: 10/18/2018 2:59:03 PM
**To**: OWC [OWC@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: request for a web alias: epa.gov/watersubcabinet

Kudos and thanks to Christine for representing us so well.

And for those who stayed on the call today to hear Christine's report out – it was excellent and exactly what I envisioned during our OWC meeting earlier this week.

Thanks ng

**Nancy Grantham**
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**From:** Dennis, Allison
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 17, 2018 1:26 PM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Fwd: request for a web alias: epa.gov/watersubcabinet

Nancy, I like to flag on occasion when I have seen someone demonstrating awesome program support . To that end, below is just one example of many from over the years how Christine Dibbles steps up, unprompted, to help folks in need. As cheesy as it sounds, she really embodies the "one EPA" spirit.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Dibble, Christine" <Dibble.Christine@epa.gov>
> **Date:** October 17, 2018 at 12:57:41 PM EDT
> **To:** "Dennis, Allison" <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>, "MacKinnon, Kathleen" <MacKinnon.Kathleen@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** "Drinkard, Andrea" <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
> **Subject: Re: request for a web alias: epa.gov/watersubcabinet**
>
> oh and who should I grant access to, to make changes later? Will need their LAN ID. Don't need this info today.
>
> Christine Dibble
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**Sent:** Wednesday, October 17, 2018 12:55 PM
**To:** Dibble, Christine; MacKinnon, Kathleen
**Cc:** Drinkard, Andrea
**Subject:** RE: request for a web alias: epa.gov/watersubcabinet

I'm so glad I reached out. This is v. helpful information.

Sadly, creating anything beyond single web page is definitely out of my comfort area. I can ask our ATTAINS contractor to do this unless there is someone in your shop dying to create a new RD (or someone who could just create the web area and I can take it from there?) I can definitely bold the agency names as recommended. Other edits are welcome! -Allison

**From:** Dibble, Christine
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 17, 2018 12:50 PM
**To:** Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>; MacKinnon, Kathleen <MacKinnon.Kathleen@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: request for a web alias: epa.gov/watersubcabinet

Hi Allison, you won't be able to create that kind of alias unless you create a web area for the Subcabinet. But that is not difficult to do -- just create it as a resource directory and put all your content in the edit view; don't use panelizer. That way it will look like an internal page. You will also have to create a Contact Us page.

Later, you might want to transform the single page into a true RD or convert it to a microsite.

Last, I had a very difficult time reading the text in the bullets and recommend that you **bold** the name of the agencies.

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**From:** Dennis, Allison
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 17, 2018 12:42 PM
**To:** Dibble, Christine; MacKinnon, Kathleen
**Cc:** Drinkard, Andrea
**Subject:** request for a web alias: epa.gov/watersubcabinet

Note: The following includes some close hold info-

Hi Kathleen and Christine,

At some point in the near future, we will publicly announce through an EPA press release (or possibly through a White House channel) of a new "Federal Water Subcabinet," a senior-level, interagency initiative to better coordinate and focus federal resources in order to address some of the nation's most challenging water resource concerns. The sub cab involves EPA, USDA, DOI, DOE, NOAA, Dept of Army, and WH OSTP.

We've built a single web page to serve as the virtual home for this effort (see: https://wcms.epa.gov/node/209885/revisions/715611/view ), which we expect to build upon.

In our communications materials that will promote this effort, I would really like to say something like the following:

For more information on the Federal Water Subcabinet, please visit: www.epa.gov/watersubcabinet

With your assistance, is it possible for me to establish the above web alias?

Allison Dennis

Deputy Communications Director

Office of Water

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Office: 202-564-1985

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Dennis.Allison@epa.gov

Message

**From**: Grantham, Nancy [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=12A3C2ED7158417FB0BB1B1B72A8CFB0-GRANTHAM, NANCY]
**Sent**: 4/13/2018 4:41:40 PM
**To**: Darwin, Veronica [darwin.veronica@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: BF ARC grant announcement revised draft Comms Strategy
**Attachments**: revised FY18 ARC Comms Strategy_4 13 18_.docx

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**From:** Taylor, Trish
**Sent:** Friday, April 13, 2018 10:04 AM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Lowery, Brigid <Lowery.Brigid@epa.gov>; Benjamin, Kent <Benjamin.Kent@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: BF ARC grant announcement revised draft Comms Strategy

Hi Nancy,

Attached is the revised Brownfields ARC grants announcement communication strategy. Updates reflect the change in release date, key message on SRF, comments rec'd from DAA Steven Cook, and a more detailed tic-toc timeline.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns as we move forward developing the associated comms materials.

Thanks,
Trish

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**From:** Taylor, Trish
**Sent:** Thursday, April 05, 2018 12:15 PM
**To:** Darwin, Veronica <darwin.veronica@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Sutton, Amanda <Sutton.Amanda@epa.gov>; Lowery, Brigid <Lowery.Brigid@epa.gov>; Benjamin, Kent <Benjamin.Kent@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Brownfields Grant Roll Out Plan Discussion

Hi Veronica,

For your meeting today, attached is the draft communications strategy. Acting AA Barry Breen is reviewing it while we are drafting additional key messages per DAA Steven Cooks comments.

Thx,
Trish

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**From:** Darwin, Veronica
**Sent:** Thursday, April 05, 2018 11:03 AM
**To:** Taylor, Trish <Taylor.Trish@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Sutton, Amanda <Sutton.Amanda@epa.gov>; Lowery, Brigid <Lowery.Brigid@epa.gov>; Benjamin, Kent <Benjamin.Kent@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Brownfields Grant Roll Out Plan Discussion

Got it! Thank you for the quick reply.
Veronica

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**From:** Taylor, Trish
**Sent:** Thursday, April 5, 2018 10:43 AM
**To:** Darwin, Veronica <darwin.veronica@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Sutton, Amanda <Sutton.Amanda@epa.gov>; Lowery, Brigid <Lowery.Brigid@epa.gov>; Benjamin, Kent <Benjamin.Kent@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Brownfields Grant Roll Out Plan Discussion

Hi Veronica,

From what I understand, the ARC grantee selection announcement target date is April 24th.
We received input on the draft communications strategy from DAA Steven Cook that is currently being addressed. We are including information on the WIFIA in our key messages.

We should have the revised draft comms strat to OPA soon.

Thanks,
Trish.

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**From:** Darwin, Veronica
**Sent:** Thursday, April 05, 2018 10:08 AM
**To:** Taylor, Trish <Taylor.Trish@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Sutton, Amanda <Sutton.Amanda@epa.gov>; Lowery, Brigid <Lowery.Brigid@epa.gov>; Benjamin, Kent <Benjamin.Kent@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Brownfields Grant Roll Out Plan Discussion

Hi Trish,

Do you have an update on this? Meeting with Ryan this afternoon and it will come up. Steven will be at the meeting, too so one of us can speak to it. Do we know what the grant announcement date is? Many thanks everyone!

Veronica

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**From:** Taylor, Trish
**Sent:** Thursday, March 29, 2018 11:22 AM
**To:** Darwin, Veronica <darwin.veronica@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Sutton, Amanda <Sutton.Amanda@epa.gov>; Lowery, Brigid <Lowery.Brigid@epa.gov>; Benjamin, Kent <Benjamin.Kent@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Brownfields Grant Roll Out Plan Discussion

Hi Veronica,

Today, I'll get the draft comms strategy to OLEM AA/DAA for review/approval. As soon as I have their input, I can send you the revision. I hope to have a quick turnaround time.

Thanks,
Trish

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**From:** Darwin, Veronica
**Sent:** Thursday, March 29, 2018 11:03 AM
**To:** Taylor, Trish <Taylor.Trish@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Sutton, Amanda <Sutton.Amanda@epa.gov>; Lowery, Brigid <Lowery.Brigid@epa.gov>; Benjamin, Kent <Benjamin.Kent@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Brownfields Grant Roll Out Plan Discussion

These look good – fine with either certain or qualifying on the second bullet. Please send a revised comms plan so I can forward it to Ryan Jackson and Byron Brown. They are very interested in utilizing Brownfields announcements (+SRF) to highlight the many great benefits of these programs and support the President's infrastructure initiative.

As discussed yesterday, we'll need to make sure web content is revamped to show Brownfields+SRF are great for infrastructure improvements. Let me know if you have any questions. Thank you!!

Veronica

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**From:** Taylor, Trish
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 27, 2018 5:42 PM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Darwin, Veronica <darwin.veronica@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Sutton, Amanda <Sutton.Amanda@epa.gov>; Lowery, Brigid <Lowery.Brigid@epa.gov>; Benjamin, Kent <Benjamin.Kent@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Brownfields Grant Roll Out Plan Discussion

Thank you.

Please let me know if the draft SRF messages below work for the comms strat. I'll add them to the key messages if they do. The language is from the draft fact sheets OW/OBLR are working on.

*State Revolving Loans*

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 27, 2018 4:27 PM
**To:** Taylor, Trish <Taylor.Trish@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Sutton, Amanda <Sutton.Amanda@epa.gov>; Lowery, Brigid <Lowery.Brigid@epa.gov>; Lloyd, David <Lloyd.DavidR@epa.gov>; Benjamin, Kent <Benjamin.Kent@epa.gov>; Levine, Carolyn <Levine.Carolyn@epa.gov>; Snyder, Raquel <Snyder.Raquel@epa.gov>; Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>; Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Brownfields Grant Roll Out Plan Discussion

Thanks for the meeting today. Just a heads up that we need to avoid April 16 - 18 for this roll out - as the RAs will be meeting in Chicago

Thx ng

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 27, 2018, at 9:26 AM, Taylor, Trish <Taylor.Trish@epa.gov> wrote:

> For our call today at 11:00, attached is a draft comms strategy, with questions for discussion highlighted in yellow.
>
> Thanks,
> Trish
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> Trish Taylor, Office of Communications, Partnerships and Analysis (OCPA)
> U.S. EPA, Office of Land and Emergency Management (OLEM)
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> -----Original Appointment-----
> **From:** Grantham, Nancy
> **Sent:** Monday, March 26, 2018 3:28 PM
> **To:** Grantham, Nancy; Konkus, John; Sutton, Amanda; Lowery, Brigid; Lloyd, David; Taylor, Trish; Benjamin, Kent; Levine, Carolyn; Snyder, Raquel; Richardson, RobinH; Milbourn, Cathy
> **Subject:** Brownfields Grant Roll Out Plan Discussion
> **When:** Tuesday, March 27, 2018 11:00 AM-12:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
> **Where:** 3407-WJC-N Call in: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

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Message

**From**: Grantham, Nancy [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=12A3C2ED7158417FB0BB1B1B72A8CFB0-GRANTHAM, NANCY]
**Sent**: 2/12/2018 3:43:34 PM
**To**: Mutter, Andrew [mutter.andrew@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: CLOSE HOLD FW: Heads-up: NOAA-led study on consumer product VOCs in AAAS Science Feb. 15th
**Attachments**: McDonald et al. VCPs Science (SI).pdf

See below – do you have any awareness on this? thanks ng

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy
**Sent:** Monday, February 12, 2018 10:41 AM
**To:** Millett, John <Millett.John@epa.gov>; Hubbard, Carolyn <Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
**Subject:** CLOSE HOLD FW: Heads-up: NOAA-led study on consumer product VOCs in AAAS Science Feb. 15th

Hi –

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Thanks ng

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**From:** Scott Smullen - NOAA Federal [mailto:scott.smullen@noaa.gov]
**Sent:** Friday, February 09, 2018 11:52 AM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Julie Roberts - NOAA Federal <julie.roberts@noaa.gov>
**Subject:** Heads-up: NOAA-led study on consumer product VOCs in AAAS Science Feb. 15th

Nancy,

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AAAS *Science* is very concerned about their embargo, so please be judicious about sharing the attached paper. AAAS will issue a news release about it on the 15th. NOAA plans a web story on NOAA.gov.

Please let us know if you have questions or concerns.
-Scott

NOAA weekly report item:
***Web story:*** **NOAA-led study says consumer & industrial products now a dominant urban pollution source.** A NOAA-led team finds the contribution to poor air quality from perfumes, paints, pesticides and other consumer products in the Los Angeles basin is now roughly equal to contributions from transportation. The study found that in the United States, current air pollution inventories underestimate by two or three times the amount of so-called volatile organic compounds (VOCs) emitted by consumer products, and overestimate vehicular sources. While EPA estimates that about 75 percent of VOC emissions are from vehicular sources, and about 25 percent from consumer products, the new study puts those figures closer to 50-50. The paper will appear in *Science. (Thu., Feb. 15)*

*Current draft NOAA.gov web story for 2/15 after Science issues their news release*
DRAFT ONLY -- as of 2/8/18

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Message

**From**: Grantham, Nancy [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=12A3C2ED7158417FB0BB1B1B72A8CFB0-GRANTHAM, NANCY]
**Sent**: 5/27/2016 1:17:01 PM
**To**: Wall, Tom [Wall.Tom@epa.gov]; StClair, Christie [StClair.Christie@epa.gov]
**CC**: Shapiro, Mike [Shapiro.Mike@epa.gov]; Best-Wong, Benita [Best-Wong.Benita@epa.gov]; Evans, David [Evans.David@epa.gov]; Stavnes, Sandra [Stavnes.Sandra@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: 1) Animas-San Juan March 2016 sampling data nearly ready for release; and 2) fall bio sampling hiccup

Thanks, Tom.

Agree on the pre-event issue in # 1– it only seems to raise/re-raise issues that are distracting from what we are trying to achieve.

Also, in #2 – if we could Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Thanks ng

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**From:** Wall, Tom
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 25, 2016 6:50 PM
**To:** StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Shapiro, Mike <Shapiro.Mike@epa.gov>; Best-Wong, Benita <Best-Wong.Benita@epa.gov>; Evans, David <Evans.David@epa.gov>; Stavnes, Sandra <Stavnes.Sandra@epa.gov>
**Subject:** 1) Animas-San Juan March 2016 sampling data nearly ready for release; and 2) fall bio sampling hiccup
**Importance:** High

Christie and Nancy,

1) Wanted to give you a heads up that we are close to having the late March sampling data from the conceptual monitoring plan (CMP) ready for posting. You'll see the email below to the Regions includes some proposed messaging modeled largely on the messaging used when EPA released the fall 2015 data. This will raise the question as to whether EPA wants to Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP). The draft message below Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) (You may that recall the CMP said that we will collect data over the course of a year and then compare the totality of the data to a number of thresholds including state and tribal water quality standards, in making decisions about appropriate next steps.)

FYI, we also asked the Regions today to share these data (but not the proposed messaging) with states and tribes for a close hold, coregulator review prior to EPA's public release of the data. (We also shared the fall 2015 data with states and tribes prior to public release of the data).

2) Another issue I wanted to flag as well: we recently learned that the fall 2015 bio sampling did not proceed as outlined in the final CMP posted in March. As it turned out, delays in the fall 2015 sampling (including due an extended comment period on the draft plan) pushed the bio sampling period too far outside of the summer/early fall "index" period for comparing bio data across different years. The proposed remedy is to: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Please let me know if you think these changes from what we posted as the final plan warrant public notification proir to our release of final results of the CMP next year. Thank you,

TomW.

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**From:** Heber, Margarete
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 25, 2016 3:53 PM
**To:** Stavnes, Sandra <Stavnes.Sandra@epa.gov>; Jones, Curry <jones.curry@epa.gov>; Montgomery, Michael <Montgomery.Michael@epa.gov>; Hashimoto, Janet <Hashimoto.Janet@epa.gov>; Garcia, David <Garcia.David@epa.gov>; Hamilton, Karen <Hamilton.Karen@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Wall, Tom <Wall.Tom@epa.gov>; Evans, David <Evans.David@epa.gov>; Holdsworth, Susan <Holdsworth.Susan@epa.gov>; Heimerman, Jeffrey <Heimerman.Jeff@epa.gov>; Best-Wong, Benita <Best-Wong.Benita@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Draft Press Statement for Regional Review on March Sampling

Please find below a draft revised press release statement based on the Region 8 comment that "Once again, the data indicate that none of the sampled constituents exceed risk thresholds." I have also put the fall statement below for comparison. Please confirm by Wed, June 1, based on your review of the data, that the statement below is accurate.

*Draft Statement for March sampling,*

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*Statement about fall data.*
Initial monitoring data collected from 27 locations during the fall are below risk-based recreational screening levels and consistent with pre-event data which are limited in many areas outside the upper Animas. The spring sampling event is currently taking place, and will be followed by additional sampling planned in June and in the fall. EPA will also coordinate with local jurisdictions and tribes to sample the rivers during heavy rain events in the summer.

Please forward this to appropriate staff if I did not include everyone.
Margarete Heber

Message

**From**: Drinkard, Andrea [Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 7/7/2016 7:39:03 PM
**To**: Harrison, Melissa [Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov]
**CC**: Benenati, Frank [benenati.frank@epa.gov]; Fried, Becky [Fried.Becky@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: CLOSE HOLD: For Review before 7 PM
**Attachments**: THE WHITE HOUSE Solar and Energy Efficiency Fact Sheet Embargoed v2.docx

Cool. Let me know if we can be of any help.

-----Original Message-----
From: Harrison, Melissa
Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2016 3:38 PM
To: Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
Cc: Benenati, Frank <benenati.frank@epa.gov>; Fried, Becky <Fried.Becky@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: CLOSE HOLD: For Review before 7 PM

+Frank and Becky

We are planning an event with the Administrator in DC based on this announcement. Still trying to get WH on the phone to discuss logistics/planning. You're additional info will help Becky with TPS.

Thanks!
Melissa

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-----Original Message-----
From: Drinkard, Andrea
Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2016 3:31 PM
To: Harrison, Melissa <Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: CLOSE HOLD: For Review before 7 PM

Hi Melissa,

This is a Candace/WH thing, but wanted you to be aware that we do have two paragraphs in the attached that reference EPA actions. We are definitely a bit part in this announcement. Janet and Mustafa have both reviewed and are ok with the language, but I didn't want you to be surprised.

Let me know if you have any questions or need additional info. The WH plans to announce it on Monday.

EPA's two main updates in the attached:

Hosting a National Funding Resources and Training Summit for Vulnerable Communities: On October 25-26, 2016, the EPA will host The National Funding Resources and Training Summit for Vulnerable Communities in Washington, DC to enhance collaboration around environmental, health and economic concerns and ensure vulnerable populations have access to information, services, and data for increased resilience, engagement, and sustainability. The summit themes will include: just transition workforce development, financial resources and entrepreneurship development, and health and environmental training and outreach.

Providing Resources to Bring Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy to Low-Income Communities: In the coming months, the EPA will provide additional informational resources to help state and local energy, environmental, housing, and social services agencies, non-profits, and utilities understand successful models they can use to bring energy efficiency and renewable energy to low-income communities. Current resources available on the EPA's website include five case studies and profiles [includes hyperlink], recordings from three webinars, and a guide to EPA programs.

-----Original Message-----
From: VonDemHagen, Rebecca
Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2016 3:16 PM
To: Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
Cc: Krieger, Jackie <Krieger.Jackie@epa.gov>; Snyder, Carolyn <Snyder.Carolyn@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: CLOSE HOLD: For Review before 7 PM

Hi Andrea - I've been asked to flag this for OAR Comms. I believe you were the person who worked on this when we were developing EPA's initial input into the announcement, but please let me know if I should be directed this to someone else. At this time, we are not planning to send any edits. Let us know if anything pops out at you.

Thanks,
Rebecca

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-----Original Message-----
From: Snyder, Carolyn
Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2016 1:04 PM
To: VonDemHagen, Rebecca <VonDemHagen.Rebecca@epa.gov>; Krieger, Jackie <Krieger.Jackie@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: CLOSE HOLD: For Review before 7 PM

Hi Jackie and Rebecca,

We just got this from the White House for the July 11 announcement with a tight deadline of getting back to them. They did not include the general CEIP language nor the additional EPA CEIP outreach session. But they do have our paragraph on the resources from SLB and the National Funding Resources and Training Summit for Vulnerable Communities. Let me know if you have any comments.

Thanks,
Carolyn

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-----Original Message-----
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Sent: Thursday, July 07, 2016 12:00 PM
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Subject: CLOSE HOLD: For Review before 7 PM

Hi everyone,

Thank you for all the input on the low income solar and energy efficiency fact sheet for Monday's rollout. Please review the attached and send any edits before 7 PM tonight. Please make all edits in track changes and reply all to this email.

Team DOE and HUD, note there are a number of questions for your teams in the attached.

We'll provide additional details on the rollout timing later today.

Thank you very much,

Candace

Message

**From**: Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 9/13/2016 5:12:52 PM
**To**: Harrison, Melissa [Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: HFC Amendment

Right. But Thursday we are having a press call (to rally the "troops") as we move toward an agreement in October, right?

Is this ok?

Thurs. 9/22:

**PRESS CALL (OAR):** Administrator McCarthy, Secretary Moniz, and Brian Deese will participate in a press call lead up to the Montreal Protocol Amendment to Phase Down Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs)

Contacts: Melissa and Enesta

**Enesta Jones**
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On Sep 13, 2016, at 1:09 PM, Harrison, Melissa <Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov> wrote:

> The amendment won't happen until Rwanda which isn't until Oct. likely 10/14 or 10/15
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> Melissa J. Harrison
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> On Sep 13, 2016, at 12:48 PM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> > Thank you. I put the date on Hot Issues as 9/22 -- close hold. And told Julia everything is fluid. We'll be ready to do whatevs.
> >
> > **Enesta Jones**
> > **U.S. EPA**
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On Sep 13, 2016, at 12:45 PM, Harrison, Melissa <Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov> wrote:

> No. And maybe. Nothing concrete.
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> On Sep 13, 2016, at 12:13 PM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> > Good afternoon!
> >
> > Do we have exact timing for this? Proactive Admin Statement to be released via Vocus?

Message

**From:** Allen, Laura [Allen.Laura@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 7/23/2015 7:34:18 PM
**To:** Harrison, Melissa [Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Fwd: Scheduling the Archbishop and EPA Administrator meeting in Chicago
**Attachments:** FINAL ENERGY STAR 7-24-15_Handout Archdiocese of Chicago.docx; ATT00001.htm; ENERGY STAR Congregations Workbook Summary FINAL.pdf; ATT00002.htm

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**Subject: RE: Scheduling the Archbishop and EPA Administrator meeting in Chicago**

Hi Laura,

Here, for your convenience for tomorrow's meeting, is the formatted final copy of both the talking points and the prior Congregations Workbook summary that was posted online a few months ago.

Please let me know if you have any questions/concerns.

Thanks so much,
Kristinn

From: Montoro, Marta
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2015 1:39 PM
To: Allen, Laura; Millett, John
Cc: Lawson, Jerry; Zatz, Michael; Moss, Jacob; Lemon, Mollie; Krieger, Jackie; Leonhart, Kristinn
Subject: RE: Scheduling the Archbishop and EPA Administrator meeting in Chicago

Hi Laura,
Attached please find the requested talking points, drafted by Jerry and team and reviewed accordingly.
Kristinn will be back on Monday, so I've copied her above, but please let us know if you have any questions in the meantime.

Thank you!
Marta

From: Allen, Laura
Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2015 11:18 AM

To: Millett, John; Montoro, Marta
Subject: Fwd: Scheduling the Archbishop and EPA Administrator meeting in Chicago

Hey Marta- I wanted to touch base and see if your folks could help us get together some talking points for the potential visit to the Archdiocese of Chicago on July 24, specifically the Archdiocese benchmarking building emissions with Energy Star portfolio manager. They might tour a facility, possibly a school, being upgraded and talk about energy star. This info is all close hold for now.

See below- looks like Jerry Lawson has shared some info.

Could you pull together any other info or talking points on the energy star partnership with the Archdioceses (how E star has been working with them, their plans for the future, etc) by fri COB? Thank you!

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Subject: RE: Scheduling the Archbishop and EPA Administrator meeting in Chicago
Hi Paula,
This is very exciting. The Administrator is thrilled, thank you for your help.
Paula, could you jump on the phone tomorrow morning I think you noted 8am central time? Want to walk through what options you think might work.
If 8am (central) still works for you we will send around a calendar invite and call in number.
Liz Purchia from our Comms shop will join, and Jerry hopefully you can join as well.
Thanks again Paula for your help.
Brian

From: Waters, Paula [mailto:Paula.Waters@edelman.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2015 2:00 PM
To: Lawson, Jerry; Bond, Brian
Cc: Jennifer Shankie; Alejandro Castillo (acastillo@archchicago.org<mailto:acastillo@archchicago.org>); Susan Burritt
Subject: RE: Scheduling the Archbishop and EPA Administrator meeting in Chicago

What is the EPA proposing? A press conference?
A joint statement/news release that details the meeting and progress made?

From: Lawson, Jerry [mailto:Lawson.Jerry@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2015 12:42 PM
To: Waters, Paula; Bond, Brian
Cc: Jennifer Shankie; Alejandro Castillo (acastillo@archchicago.org<mailto:acastillo@archchicago.org>); Susan Burritt
Subject: RE: Scheduling the Archbishop and EPA Administrator meeting in Chicago

Paula and Brian,

If it's useful for me to be on the call, I can be on anytime tomorrow. At 5pm Central/6pm Eastern today, I can listen in but will be on a commuter train.

The Archdiocese has a great story to share – admittedly with much more to come – if the media is interested in good news.

What is emerging – with national implications – is the Archdiocese of Chicago is breaking new ground for large scale use (2500+ facilities) of EPA's energy (and water) and greenhouse gas emissions performance tracking tool within the US faith community. With more than 70,000 buildings owned by the US Catholic Church, alone, it is a "Fortune 500" level market for energy/dollar savings and greenhouse gas emissions reductions that will influence the rest of the US faith community.

· This morning, in a call with EPA Region 5 (Chicago office) staff and myself, Jen Shankie and Maggie O'Brien of the Archdiocese made significant progress with ComEd on reducing the labor intensity of benchmarking and tracking facility performance across the portfolio of Archdiocese facilities.

o Implications: My team will develop a case study for national use with other utilities, other archdioceses and denominations on the Chicago Archdiocese performance tracking and achievements over time. The Chicago Sustainability Interfaith Partnership (CSIP) which Jen and the Archdiocese and EPA Region 5 developed together is a useful model for other cities that EPA will promote.

o The Archdiocese has passed the $1 million mark in earned cash rebates for sustainability improvements from Peoples Gas. These dollars have a significant cash "multiplier effect" in saving money for the Archdiocese to invest in its ministry and mission. This is a powerful example across the faith community.

· Replication/adaptation is underway:

o On July 1, Jen and EPA's Chicago ENERGY STAR Congregations staffer, Audrie Washington, met in Indianapolis with Indy Green Congregations and Hoosier Interfaith Power & Light, and engage with the Catholic Archdiocese of Indianapolis, which sent several representative to the meeting.

o Yesterday, at my request, Jen and Maggie discussed their Chicago experience and provided insights and advice for representatives of the St. Louis Archdiocese and the electric and gas utilities.

o Jen and Maggie have generously agreed to provide similar coaching and encouragement to other archdiocese.

· Jen's leadership positions with the Conference for Catholic Facility Management (executive board member and chair of the Energy and Environment committee) are a perfect platform to join with EPA in leveraging the Chicago Archdiocese success across the county.

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Subject: RE: Scheduling the Archbishop and EPA Administrator meeting in Chicago

The archbishop can meet with her July 24th in the morning, preferably at 10:30 or 11 . He is free until 1:00 PM.
Can we get a conference call together to discuss the form this might take?
It would be terrific to get media coverage but I am not sure there is enough to warrant a press conference.
I am free after 5 today or at 8 tomorrow am or at 3 tomorrow afternoon.
Paula

Message

**From**: Ragland, Micah [Ragland.Micah@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 10/1/2015 3:06:08 PM
**To**: Guitar, Steve [sguitar@grand-rapids.mi.us]; Harrison, Melissa [Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Draft Remarks for Ozone Announcement
**Attachments**: ozone backgrounder.pdf

Hey Steve, absolutely no problem at all, we are thrilled that the Mayor is joining us for the call.

As it pertains to the press release, we plan to send it out around 2pm so Melissa and I will forward you a copy of it. **We plan on putting out our media advisory for the press call around 12 noon, please let us know if you would like for us to add the Mayor's name to the media advisory and we can certainly make sure you get a copy of that as well.**

Still working to get you an answer on the mayor's question on enforcement.

Included in this e-mail is an embargoed ozone fact sheet attachment that is just for you and the mayor's review, please keep a close hold on this as most of the information in this document will not be disclosed until we put the press release out at 2pm and have the Mayor Heartwell-Administrator McCarthy press call at 2:30pm. Also, we had to redact the actual new attainment number but we should be able to share the actual number with you and the Mayor before the release is sent and the press call starts.

Also our Press Secretary, Melissa Harrison (included on this e-mail) researched and found that Grand Rapids is currently in attainment with the current 75 ppb ozone attainment and not far off of attaining the new standard. In the event the Mayor wants to reference this in his remarks or it comes up during the Q&A, Melissa crafted a talking point for you and the Mayor that states: "I'm confident with the progress our area is already making and with the time allotted in this new rule we will also meet this new standard."

Lastly, here is the link to a video we released this morning as preview piece to the new ozone standard. Video: https://youtu.be/Y6chlLb59zA

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**From:** Guitar, Steve [mailto:sguitar@grand-rapids.mi.us]
**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2015 10:14 AM
**To:** Ragland, Micah
**Subject:** Re: Draft Remarks for Ozone Announcement

Micah,

These are terrific! Thanks for your work on this. The Mayor has made only slight revisions to this to make it more personal and he is ready for the call.

I wanted to ask if there would be an official release on the Ozone announcement later today? If so, can you please forward it to me when available?

Thanks!

— Steve

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**Subject:** Draft Remarks for Ozone Announcement

Mayor Heartwell and Steve – Thanks to you both for taking time out of your schedules to speak with us this morning regarding our ozone announcement today, we are very excited that you will be joining EPA Administrator McCarthy for today's announcement.

Below in text is a draft statement that we crafted last night for you to reference or incorporate as you see fit into your remarks for today's call.

Later this morning, we will follow-up with you regarding your enforcement question as it pertains to non-attainment areas under the new standard and also send you all an embargoed fact sheet that you can reference as well that goes into more detail on the rationale for the new attainment number and the benefits it is expected to reap.

Thanks again. Best, Micah

**Draft Statement for Mayor Heartwell**
Thank you Administrator McCarthy.

It is an honor for me to join you today in support of EPA's update to the ozone standard.

The previous standard of 75 parts per billion has been widely acknowledged by the medical and scientific community as insufficient to protect public health. Today's announcement is a significant step forward in combatting pollution and safeguarding the health of millions of Americans.

As Mayor of Grand Rapids, Michigan, I have devoted a lot of time and resources to improving the sustainable standing and environmental integrity of my great city.

During my tenure as Mayor, Grand Rapids has received many notable recognitions for environmental stewardship including:

- A United Nations designation as a Regional Center of Expertise in Education for Sustainable Development;
- A U.S. Chamber of Commerce Nation's Most Sustainable City award; and
- A first place Climate Protection Award from the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

I am also very proud of Grand Rapids' investment in renewable energy. About 26% of our municipal demand is supplied by energy from renewable resources and we have a goal of 100% by 2020. Additionally, as a "2030 Climate Challenge City," Grand Rapids is shooting to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions 20% below 2009 levels by 2030.

As a mayor, I have a responsibility to work to maintain the safety and well-being of my community and constituents and the EPA's update to the ozone standard will reap tremendous benefits for my community.

Specifically, this updated standard will go a long ways toward addressing our nation's smog pollution problem which has adverse health impacts on our children, the elderly, those with breathing ailments, outdoor workers and low-income families.

In being both a Mayor and a Minister, I strongly believe that the crisis of global warming and its effects on the environment, provides us with moral imperatives. We must be good stewards and ensure that our air, our water, our coastlands, our mountains, our rivers and streams, and our plains are protected and nurtured for generations to come.

Safeguarding our environment and the health of our citizens is something that is near and dear to my heart. So it does my heart good to know that Administrator McCarthy and the EPA share that passion and responsibility as it is reflected in the ozone standard that is being released today.

Thank you Administrator McCarthy for your steadfastness and dedication on this issue.

Your efforts are to be commended.

Thank you and God Bless.

**From:** Grantham, Nancy
**To:** Schiermeyer, Corry; Hewitt, James; Dennis, Allison; Wildeman, Anna
**CC:** McFaul, Jessica; Konkus, John; Drinkard, Andrea
**Sent:** 4/15/2019 7:07:03 PM
**Subject:** RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

Thanks .. Allison – can you send me the final OW release? Thanks ng

**From:** Schiermeyer, Corry
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 3:05 PM
**To:** Hewitt, James ; Dennis, Allison ; Wildeman, Anna
**Cc:** McFaul, Jessica ; Konkus, John ; Grantham, Nancy ; Drinkard, Andrea
**Subject:** RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

We can post the release and the factsheet at 3:30pm.

Thank you!

**From:** Hewitt, James
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 2:52 PM
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**Subject:** RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

Anna just had a background call with David Schultz and the embargo has been lifted. When do we want to send this release out?

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**Subject:** RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

**Corry and Jessica-** who will do the reach out to Amena now? Please note that we only have Anna until 1 pm.

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**Subject:** RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

Thank you!

**From:** Dennis, Allison
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 12:06 PM

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That works!

**From:** Schiermeyer, Corry
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Adding James

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 15, 2019, at 11:28 AM, Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov> wrote:

Dropping Chris B

Dave just got back from mtg and now is pivoting to his next meeting. Is it possible we just skip the embargo idea altogether and send the PR at noon just to any of the following reporters (who've written on this before ) :

Amena Saiyid, Bloomberg BNA

Ellen Gilmer, E&E News

Timothy Cama, The Hill

David LaRoss, Inside EPA

Faegre Baker Daniels, JD Supra Or
Perkins Coie, JD Supra Or
Williams Mullen, JD Supra

Alana Fortna, The Legal Intelligencer Or
Steve Hann, The Legal Intelligencer Or
Jilian Kirn, The Legal Intelligencer

Daley Mohan Groble, Lexology

Rachel Jacobsen, Mondaq Or
Sarah Judkins, Mondaq

S. Keith Garner, National Law Review or
James Rusk, National Law Review or
Amy P. Wang, National Law Review

Annie Snider, Politico

Lawrence Hurley, Reuters

Ledyard King Or Richard Wolf, USA TODAY

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 15, 2019, at 10:46 AM, Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov> wrote:

Please check with Dave. This would be on background only with the reporter.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 15, 2019, at 10:33 AM, Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov> wrote:

If desired, I can circle back with Dave when he gets out of his 10:30 with the Administrator.

If necessary, I'm sure we can get him to jump on the phone but on Thursday he asked if we could just send the reporter an embargoed copy of the PR and not offer an interview.

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We wouldn't have Matt do it anyway as he is the EPA Counsel. Is Dave or someone else that could do it?

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Since Matt L is away, we rather just send an embargoed PR to the Bloomberg Law news editor (no phone call interview for now) .

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That looks fine. Did anyone (or is anyone) getting on the phone with the Bloomberg Law reporter to discuss on background? That is what we had discussed last week. I want someone that can better shape this more than just the

statement.

Thank you.

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Hi all,

Is it ok if we-purpose that content in the former to the following (see attached)? It had a lot of today's best msging in it so we hate to see if dropped entirely.

Also, did you all have any more tweaks to the release? -Allison

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I don't think we need a quote for this release. And I really don't think it should be from AAW.

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I'm working on getting this approved.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 14, 2019, at 12:27 PM, Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov> wrote:

See attached for our nearly final versions .

Anyway we can get the proposed AAW quote approved to use tomorrow ?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Dennis, Allison" <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>
**Date:** April 14, 2019 at 12:25:35 PM EDT
**To:** "Ross, David P" <ross.davidp@epa.gov>, "Kramer, Jessica L." <kramer.jessical@epa.gov>
**Cc:** "Fotouhi, David" <fotouhi.david@epa.gov>, "Leopold, Matt (OGC)" <Leopold.Matt@epa.gov>, "Maher, Lauren" <Maher.Lauren@epa.gov>, "Wildeman, Anna" <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>, "Sawyers, Andrew"

<Sawyers.Andrew@epa.gov>
**Subject: RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan**

Attached are the revised docs (word and PDF). Let me know if I missed anything! -Allison

**From:** Ross, David P
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I just sent some polishing and consistency edits to Allison. Once those are in, I think we can get the materials out to the RAs later today.

Anna has my proxy if anything comes up before late afternoon today. I'm off to Milwaukee for a very cold soccer match.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 13, 2019, at 12:23 PM, Ross, David P <ross.davidp@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks. David's edits look good. We appreciate the thoughtful edits.

I will have a few additional edits to share later today when LAX games are done.

BTW. It's really cold in Wisconsin.....

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 13, 2019, at 11:58 AM, Kramer, Jessica L. <kramer.jessical@epa.gov> wrote:

.pdfs attached.

Jessica L. Kramer
Policy Counsel to the Assistant Administrator
Office of Water
(202) 564-6322

**From:** Ross, David P
**Sent:** Saturday, April 13, 2019 11:01 AM
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Hi all. Can someone on this chain convert OGC's redline to PDF so that I can quickly review later today or tomorrow? IPad doesn't support Word redline. Thanks.

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Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 12, 2019, at 10:24 PM, Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi David,

I'll need to check in Dave and Anna about your edits but I wanted to answer one your questions regarding the Q&As in the rollout: Those Q&As won't be posted online and would serve as jumping off point for answer media inquires, etc.
-Allison

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**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2019 7:53 PM
**To:** Ross, David P; Dennis, Allison
**Cc:** Leopold, Matt (OGC); Maher, Lauren; Wildeman, Anna; Sawyers, Andrew; Kramer, Jessica L.
**Subject:** RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

My suggestions are tracked in the attached versions; let me know if you have any questions. Thanks!

**David Fotouhi**

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This is great. We'll need to make a few tweaks to the way we characterize the petitions before the Supreme Court, but subject to OGC review and a little clean up, I think we are in good shape for Monday. I think David is looking at the materials sometime later today or tomorrow, so we'll close out after we get his comments. Anna will take a look on Sunday to perform final clean up, and Sunday night I or Anna will transmit the materials to our Regional Administrators for awareness. Then we roll out on Monday on your schedule.

Thanks for the great work this week on a variety of challenging and time sensitive topics.

Dave

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 12, 2019, at 4:15 PM, Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov> wrote:

Great feedback. Here's a revised version for the group to review.

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Thanks Allison. There are a few nits that we will need to clean up in the docs, but let's wait for OGC input before we polish.

I think the Fact Sheet needs to be restructured.

Opening paragraph is fine, but it needs to line up with the new formulation of those sentences in the press release. This paragraph **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

The second paragraph should focus on **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

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Next paragraph is **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

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Final section should be **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

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I think all of this is written already in the other materials. Just pull the relevant paragraphs together in this order.

Thanks!

Dave

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 12, 2019, at 1:52 PM, Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov> wrote:

Attached for Matt and David's review is the revised press release and rollout plan which reflect Dave and Anna's input. We have also prepared a fact sheet but Dave and Anna have not reviewed it yet.

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Thanks Allison. I need to turn my attention to a few other pressing matters, but will review this later tonight or first thing tomorrow morning.

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 11, 2019, at 5:18 PM, Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov> wrote:

Attached and pasted below is the updated PR, Rollout Plan, and map for your review. Please disregard our current RA TPs-- I will play catch with them once we settle on the PR language. Of note in the rollout plan, we have 2 new Q&As one addressing WOTUS and other addressing how states/ regions should use this guidance. Eager to hear your input. -Allison

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**Press Release:**

# Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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**Comms Materials:**

- Rollout and Notification Plan
- Press Release sent to targeted outlets
- Q&As to be used for external purposes
- Talking Points to be used for external purposes
- Fact Sheet with map showing current litigation status across U.S.
- Website: https://www.epa.gov/npdes/releases-point-source-groundwater.

**Rollout and Notification Plan for Day of Announcement (Monday, April 15)**

- **A.M. Head's up calls** to key congressional stakeholders (notified by OCIR)
  - Congressional representatives from Hawaii, South Carolina, and Tennessee (due to relevant court cases)
  - T&I and SEPW (jurisdiction over CWA)
  - Senator John Barrasso (WY)

- **10 A.M.**: OPA sends embargoed press release to Bloomberg Law news editor

- **Noon:** OW-OWM adds signed pre-publication version to the FRN to website: https://www.epa.gov/npdes/releases-point-source-groundwater

- **Noon:** OPA issues press release to targeted list of outlets who have written on this topic (The Hill, Reuters, E&E, etc.) and adds release to the EPA online Newsroom

- **Upon PR going out,** stakeholder notifications take place (email pointing to the PR):

  - State, Water, and Intergovernmental Associations (notified by OCIR)

    - State Governments (Governor staff)

    - Water Associations (ACWA, NACWA, etc.)

    - "Big Ten" intergovernmental associations (ex. NLC, ECOS, NACO, etc.)

- Tribes (notified by Karen Gude, OW)
  - § Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission; National Tribal Water Council; Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa; Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency

- Broad DHC/conduit theory listserve that includes industry, enviros, ag groups, associations, etc. (notified by OW-OWM)

**Q&As**

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Cell: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

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**Sent:** 4/15/2019 6:31:36 PM
**Subject:** Re: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

When is the PR going live in the newsroom ? 3pm ?

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 15, 2019, at 1:30 PM, Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov> wrote:

Alright we are going to do this with David Schultz from Bloomberg Environment. I will schedule this for 2:30. This will is simply a background call and nothing will be attributable.

I will also send him an embargoed release at 2pm. If you have any questions/comments please call my desk line.

Thanks,
James

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I'm also free from 2-3 today. Then booked until 530.

**Anna Wildeman**
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202-564-5700
Wildeman.Anna@epa.gov

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James hasn't been able to get ahold of Amena. I'm not pushing a press release without having a background call with a reporter.

So, if this has to go today, we will just post a press release and factsheet on the website. I would rather hold until Anna can get on the phone with someone, either Amena or Bloomberg Law (Jessica's contact).

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Thank you

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**Corry and Jessica-** who will do the reach out to Amena now? Please note that we only have Anna until 1 pm.

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That works!

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We need to get Owen or someone from OW to walk a reporter through the intricacies of this.

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See attached for our nearly final versions .

Anyway we can get the proposed AAW quote approved to use tomorrow ?

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Attached are the revised docs (word and PDF). Let me know if I missed anything! -Allison

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Anna has my proxy if anything comes up before late afternoon today. I'm off to Milwaukee for a very cold soccer match.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 13, 2019, at 12:23 PM, Ross, David P <ross.davidp@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks. David's edits look good. We appreciate the thoughtful edits.

I will have a few additional edits to share later today when LAX games are done.

BTW. It's really cold in Wisconsin.....

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 13, 2019, at 11:58 AM, Kramer, Jessica L. <kramer.jessical@epa.gov> wrote:

.pdfs attached.

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Policy Counsel to the Assistant Administrator
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Hi all. Can someone on this chain convert OGC's redline to PDF so that I can quickly review later today or tomorrow? IPad doesn't support Word redline. Thanks.

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-Allison

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My suggestions are tracked in the attached versions; let me know if you have any questions. Thanks!

**David Fotouhi**

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This is great. We'll need to make a few tweaks to the way we characterize the petitions before the Supreme Court, but subject to OGC review and a little clean up, I think we are in good shape for Monday. I think David is looking at the materials sometime later today or tomorrow, so we'll close out after we get his comments. Anna will take a look on Sunday to perform final clean up, and Sunday night I or Anna will transmit the materials to our Regional Administrators for awareness. Then we roll out on Monday on your schedule.

Thanks for the great work this week on a variety of challenging and time sensitive topics.

Dave

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 12, 2019, at 4:15 PM, Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov> wrote:

Great feedback. Here's a revised version for the group to review.

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Thanks Allison. There are a few nits that we will need to clean up in the docs, but let's wait for OGC input before we polish.

I think the Fact Sheet needs to be restructured.

Opening paragraph is fine, but it needs to line up with the new formulation of those sentences in the press release. This paragraph Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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I think all of this is written already in the other materials. Just pull the relevant paragraphs together in this order.

Thanks!

Dave

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On Apr 12, 2019, at 1:52 PM, Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov> wrote:

Attached for Matt and David's review is the revised press release and rollout plan which reflect Dave and Anna's input. We have also prepared a fact sheet but Dave and Anna have not reviewed it yet.

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On Apr 11, 2019, at 5:18 PM, Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov> wrote:

Attached and pasted below is the updated PR, Rollout Plan, and map for your review. Please disregard our current RA TPs-- I will play catch with them once we settle on the PR language. Of note in the rollout plan, we have 2 new Q&As one addressing WOTUS and other addressing how states/ regions should use this guidance. Eager to hear your input. -Allison

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**Press Release:**

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- Fact Sheet with map showing current litigation status across U.S.
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**Rollout and Notification Plan for Day of Announcement (Monday, April 15)**

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  - T&I and SEPW (jurisdiction over CWA)
  - Senator John Barrasso (WY)

- **10 A.M.**: OPA sends embargoed press release to Bloomberg Law news editor

- **Noon:** OW-OWM adds signed pre-publication version to the FRN to website: https://www.epa.gov/npdes/releases-point-source-groundwater

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**Q&As**

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Great…thank you.

Let me see what we can do.

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I'm also free from 2-3 today. Then booked until 530.

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- Owen

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**Press Release:**

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**Corry and Jessica-** who will do the reach out to Amena now? Please note that we only have Anna until 1 pm.

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I was responding while you were typing…

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- Owen

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+ Anna

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Dropping Chris B

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Amena Saiyid, Bloomberg BNA

Ellen Gilmer, E&E News

Timothy Cama, The Hill

David LaRoss, Inside EPA

Faegre Baker Daniels, JD Supra Or
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Amena Saiyid, Bloomberg BNA

Ellen Gilmer, E&E News

Timothy Cama, The Hill

David LaRoss, Inside EPA

Faegre Baker Daniels, JD Supra Or
Perkins Coie, JD Supra Or

Williams Mullen, JD Supra

Alana Fortna, The Legal Intelligencer Or
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Jilian Kirn, The Legal Intelligencer

Daley Mohan Groble, Lexology

Rachel Jacobsen, Mondaq Or
Sarah Judkins, Mondaq

S. Keith Garner, National Law Review or
James Rusk, National Law Review or
Amy P. Wang, National Law Review

Annie Snider, Politico

Lawrence Hurley, Reuters

Ledyard King Or Richard Wolf, USA TODAY

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On Apr 15, 2019, at 10:46 AM, Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov> wrote:

Please check with Dave. This would be on background only with the reporter.

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On Apr 15, 2019, at 10:33 AM, Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov> wrote:

If desired, I can circle back with Dave when he gets out of his 10:30 with the Administrator.

If necessary, I'm sure we can get him to jump on the phone but on Thursday he asked if we could just send the reporter an embargoed copy of the PR and not offer an interview.

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Is it ok if we-purpose that content in the former to the following (see attached)? It had a lot of today's best msging in it so we hate to see if dropped entirely.

Also, did you all have any more tweaks to the release? -Allison

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I'm working on getting this approved.

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See attached for our nearly final versions .

Anyway we can get the proposed AAW quote approved to use tomorrow ?

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Anna has my proxy if anything comes up before late afternoon today. I'm off to Milwaukee for a very cold soccer match.

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Thanks. David's edits look good. We appreciate the thoughtful edits.

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BTW. It's really cold in Wisconsin.....

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Dave just got back from mtg and now is pivoting to his next meeting. Is it possible we just skip the embargo idea altogether and send the PR at noon just to any of the following reporters (who've written on this before ) :

Amena Saiyid, Bloomberg BNA

Ellen Gilmer, E&E News

Timothy Cama, The Hill

David LaRoss, Inside EPA

Faegre Baker Daniels, JD Supra Or
Perkins Coie, JD Supra Or
Williams Mullen, JD Supra

Alana Fortna, The Legal Intelligencer Or
Steve Hann, The Legal Intelligencer Or
Jilian Kirn, The Legal Intelligencer

Daley Mohan Groble, Lexology

Rachel Jacobsen, Mondaq Or
Sarah Judkins, Mondaq

S. Keith Garner, National Law Review or
James Rusk, National Law Review or
Amy P. Wang, National Law Review

Annie Snider, Politico

Lawrence Hurley, Reuters

Ledyard King Or  Richard Wolf, USA TODAY

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 15, 2019, at 10:46 AM, Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov> wrote:

Please check with Dave. This would be on background only with the reporter.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 15, 2019, at 10:33 AM, Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov> wrote:

If desired, I can circle back with Dave when he gets out of his 10:30 with the Administrator.

If necessary, I'm sure we can get him to jump on the phone but on Thursday he asked if we could just send the reporter

an embargoed copy of the PR and not offer an interview.

**From:** Schiermeyer, Corry
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 10:27 AM
**To:** Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>
**Cc:** McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

We wouldn't have Matt do it anyway as he is the EPA Counsel. Is Dave or someone else that could do it?

**From:** Dennis, Allison
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 10:23 AM
**To:** Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>
**Cc:** McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

Since Matt L is away, we rather just send an embargoed PR to the Bloomberg Law news editor (no phone call interview for now) .

**From:** Schiermeyer, Corry
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**Subject:** RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

That looks fine. Did anyone (or is anyone) getting on the phone with the Bloomberg Law reporter to discuss on background? That is what we had discussed last week. I want someone that can better shape this more than just the statement.

Thank you.

**From:** Dennis, Allison
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 10:16 AM
**To:** Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>
**Cc:** McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

Hi all,

Is it ok if we-purpose that content in the former to the following (see attached)? It had a lot of today's best msging in it so we hate to see if dropped entirely.

Also, did you all have any more tweaks to the release? -Allison

**From:** Schiermeyer, Corry
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 8:22 AM
**To:** Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>; Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>
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**Subject:** RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

I don't think we need a quote for this release. And I really don't think it should be from AAW.

**From:** Beach, Christopher
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 8:20 AM
**To:** Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

I'm working on getting this approved.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 14, 2019, at 12:27 PM, Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov> wrote:

See attached for our nearly final versions .

Anyway we can get the proposed AAW quote approved to use tomorrow ?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Dennis, Allison" <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>
**Date:** April 14, 2019 at 12:25:35 PM EDT
**To:** "Ross, David P" <ross.davidp@epa.gov>, "Kramer, Jessica L." <kramer.jessical@epa.gov>
**Cc:** "Fotouhi, David" <fotouhi.david@epa.gov>, "Leopold, Matt (OGC)" <Leopold.Matt@epa.gov>, "Maher, Lauren" <Maher.Lauren@epa.gov>, "Wildeman, Anna" <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>, "Sawyers, Andrew" <Sawyers.Andrew@epa.gov>
**Subject: RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan**

Attached are the revised docs (word and PDF). Let me know if I missed anything! -Allison

**From:** Ross, David P
**Sent:** Sunday, April 14, 2019 9:43 AM
**To:** Kramer, Jessica L. <kramer.jessical@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>; Fotouhi, David <Fotouhi.David@epa.gov>; Leopold, Matt (OGC) <Leopold.Matt@epa.gov>; Maher, Lauren <Maher.Lauren@epa.gov>; Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>; Sawyers, Andrew <Sawyers.Andrew@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

I just sent some polishing and consistency edits to Allison. Once those are in, I think we can get the materials out to the RAs later today.

Anna has my proxy if anything comes up before late afternoon today. I'm off to Milwaukee for a very cold soccer match.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 13, 2019, at 12:23 PM, Ross, David P <ross.davidp@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks. David's edits look good. We appreciate the thoughtful edits.

I will have a few additional edits to share later today when LAX games are done.

BTW. It's really cold in Wisconsin.....

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 13, 2019, at 11:58 AM, Kramer, Jessica L. <kramer.jessical@epa.gov> wrote:

.pdfs attached.

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Policy Counsel to the Assistant Administrator
Office of Water
(202) 564-6322

**From:** Ross, David P
**Sent:** Saturday, April 13, 2019 11:01 AM
**To:** Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Fotouhi, David <Fotouhi.David@epa.gov>; Leopold, Matt (OGC) <Leopold.Matt@epa.gov>; Maher, Lauren <Maher.Lauren@epa.gov>; Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>; Sawyers, Andrew <Sawyers.Andrew@epa.gov>; Kramer, Jessica L. <kramer.jessical@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

Hi all. Can someone on this chain convert OGC's redline to PDF so that I can quickly review later today or tomorrow? IPad doesn't support Word redline. Thanks.

DR

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 12, 2019, at 10:24 PM, Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi David,

I'll need to check in Dave and Anna about your edits but I wanted to answer one your questions regarding the Q&As in the rollout: Those Q&As won't be posted online and would serve as jumping off point for answer media inquires, etc.
-Allison

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**From:** Fotouhi, David
**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2019 7:53 PM
**To:** Ross, David P; Dennis, Allison
**Cc:** Leopold, Matt (OGC); Maher, Lauren; Wildeman, Anna; Sawyers, Andrew; Kramer, Jessica L.
**Subject:** RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

My suggestions are tracked in the attached versions; let me know if you have any questions. Thanks!

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**From:** Ross, David P
**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2019 6:31 PM
**To:** Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Leopold, Matt (OGC) <Leopold.Matt@epa.gov>; Fotouhi, David <Fotouhi.David@epa.gov>; Maher, Lauren <Maher.Lauren@epa.gov>; Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>; Sawyers, Andrew <Sawyers.Andrew@epa.gov>; Kramer, Jessica L. <kramer.jessical@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

This is great. We'll need to make a few tweaks to the way we characterize the petitions before the Supreme Court, but subject to OGC review and a little clean up, I think we are in good shape for Monday. I think David is looking at the materials sometime later today or tomorrow, so we'll close out after we get his comments. Anna will take a look on Sunday to perform final clean up, and Sunday night I or Anna will transmit the materials to our Regional Administrators for awareness. Then we roll out on Monday on your schedule.

Thanks for the great work this week on a variety of challenging and time sensitive topics.

Dave

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 12, 2019, at 4:15 PM, Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov> wrote:

Great feedback. Here's a revised version for the group to review.

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**From:** Ross, David P
**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2019 4:26 PM
**To:** Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Leopold, Matt (OGC) <Leopold.Matt@epa.gov>; Fotouhi, David <Fotouhi.David@epa.gov>; Maher, Lauren <Maher.Lauren@epa.gov>; Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>; Sawyers, Andrew <Sawyers.Andrew@epa.gov>; Kramer, Jessica L. <kramer.jessical@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

Thanks Allison. There are a few nits that we will need to clean up in the docs, but let's wait for OGC input before we polish.

I think the Fact Sheet needs to be restructured.

Opening paragraph is fine, but it needs to line up with the new formulation of those sentences in the press release. This paragraph **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

The second paragraph should focus on **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

Next paragraph is **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

Final section should be **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

I think all of this is written already in the other materials. Just pull the relevant paragraphs together in this order.

Thanks!

Dave

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 12, 2019, at 1:52 PM, Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov> wrote:

Attached for Matt and David's review is the revised press release and rollout plan which reflect Dave and Anna's input. We have also prepared a fact sheet but Dave and Anna have not reviewed it yet.

**From:** Ross, David P
**Sent:** Thursday, April 11, 2019 7:22 PM
**To:** Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Fotouhi, David <Fotouhi.David@epa.gov>; Maher, Lauren <Maher.Lauren@epa.gov>; Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>; Sawyers, Andrew <Sawyers.Andrew@epa.gov>; Kramer, Jessica L. <kramer.jessical@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

Thanks Allison. I need to turn my attention to a few other pressing matters, but will review this later tonight or first thing tomorrow morning.

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 11, 2019, at 5:18 PM, Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov> wrote:

Attached and pasted below is the updated PR, Rollout Plan, and map for your review. Please disregard our current RA TPs-- I will play catch with them once we settle on the PR language. Of note in the rollout plan, we have 2 new Q&As one addressing WOTUS and other addressing how states/ regions should use this guidance. Eager to hear your input. -Allison

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**Press Release:**

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

# Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

**Comms Materials:**

- Rollout and Notification Plan
- Press Release sent to targeted outlets
- Q&As to be used for external purposes
- Talking Points to be used for external purposes
- Fact Sheet with map showing current litigation status across U.S.
- Website: https://www.epa.gov/npdes/releases-point-source-groundwater.

**Rollout and Notification Plan for Day of Announcement (Monday, April 15)**

- **A.M. Head's up calls** to key congressional stakeholders (notified by OCIR)
  - Congressional representatives from Hawaii, South Carolina, and Tennessee (due to relevant court cases)

- T&I and SEPW (jurisdiction over CWA)
- Senator John Barrasso (WY)

- **10 A.M.**: OPA sends embargoed press release to Bloomberg Law news editor

- **Noon:** OW-OWM adds signed pre-publication version to the FRN to website: https://www.epa.gov/npdes/releases-point-source-groundwater

- **Noon:** OPA issues press release to targeted list of outlets who have written on this topic (The Hill, Reuters, E&E, etc.) and adds release to the EPA online Newsroom

- **Upon PR going out,** stakeholder notifications take place (email pointing to the PR):

  - State, Water, and Intergovernmental Associations (notified by OCIR)
    - State Governments (Governor staff)
    - Water Associations (ACWA, NACWA, etc.)
    - "Big Ten" intergovernmental associations (ex. NLC, ECOS, NACO, etc.)

  - Tribes (notified by Karen Gude, OW)
    - Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission; National Tribal Water Council; Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa; Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency

  - Broad DHC/conduit theory listserve that includes industry, enviros, ag groups, associations, etc. (notified by OW-OWM)

**Q&As**

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Allison Dennis

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Cell: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Dennis.Allison@epa.gov

**From:** Jones, Enesta
**To:** Press
**Sent:** 6/6/2019 4:33:57 PM
**Subject:** For Review: Sarasota Herald-Tribune re beach monitoring & BEACON database

Technical info to share in advance of call. Allison approved. **Good to send?**

Attributable to U.S. EPA:

**So does Swim Season Monitoring Frequency = 0, does that mean the beach is unmonitored?**

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

**For the "action indicator" variable, i've found that some values include all of these indicators in one cell: "ECOLI, ENTERO, FECAL_COL, RATIO, TOTAL_COL."**

**Why are all of these values grouped together for some actions?**

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

**What does ratio and total col mean?**

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

**I've also looked at the possible pollution sources dataset, and I'm a little confused about the variables and values. I'm unclear on why sometimes under the possible source, the value will say "Activity Source," and other times it will just say "Yes," your website kind of explains it, but I'm still unclear on what the difference is.**

From the User Guide, page 65:

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| MI 900743 | CLAM COVE | KNOX | No | Yes | | | | | | | | | Yes |
| MI 115104 | GOODIES BEACH | KNOX | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | | | | Yes | Yes | Activity SOURCE |
| MI 123187 | LAITE BEACH | KNOX | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | | Yes | | Yes | Yes | |
| MI 99/054 | SANDY BEACH | KNOX | Yes | Yes | | Yes | Yes | | Yes | | Yes | | Activity SOURCE |
| MI 601616 | PEMAQUID BEACH | LINCOLN | Yes | Yes | Yes | | | | | | Yes | Yes | |

Note: You can now hover over the green "Yes" text and the comment will pop up. The 'Activity SOURCE' listed under the pollution source columns is a new BEACON way of letting the viewer know that the value came from a Beach Activity report record rather than an investigation, like a sanitary survey.

**When it say's "activity source," does that mean the pollution source was confirmed, and when it says "yes," it's just a guess?**

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

# Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

**From:** Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com>
**Date:** June 5, 2019 at 10:51:53 AM EDT
**To:** "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject: Re: Query Sarasota Herald-Tribune Getting .csv of WQ data from WQP as seen on BEACON database**

Hi Robert,

I wanted to circle back on this. I only have a few more fairly straightforward questions but I want to wait to send them along until I get this answered.

Thanks for all your help!

Lucille

On May 29, 2019, at 1:03 PM, Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:

Robert —

In response to this question, "**I'm a little bit confused about your response to my questions about monitored and not monitored beaches. The Beach Monitoring Frequency report shows a variable called "Monitoring Reporting Frequency (to EPA)." If that value for a row under that variable is 0, does that mean it isn't monitored at all?**

You said:

No. It means the frequency of reporting monitoring data to EPA is "0".

To identify which beaches are monitored, (please see question 13, below) you can run a national BEACON query, use the Beach Monitoring Frequency report. Please see the User's Guide for instructions to create the report: (p. 28 D.2.) in the grey panel, select "Total of all Jurisdictions"; (p. 39 D.2.2) click on the column header for the Swim Season Monitoring Frequency column, sort by decreasing value (this will group all beaches with a monitoring frequency of "0" at the bottom of the list; separating monitored from unmonitored beaches)."

This seems contradictory. So does Swim Season Monitoring Frequency = 0, does that mean the beach is unmonitored?

Thanks,

Lucille

On May 24, 2019, at 9:20 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Lucille, for attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson," please:

**Are only jurisdictions that receive grants under the BEACH Act required to comply with the BEACH Act Program?**

Correct, please see 33 USC 1346 (CWA Sec. 406(b)(1)).

**-Are only states/jurisdictions that receive grants required to adopt water quality standards?**

No, please see 33 USC 1313 (CWA Sec. 303). TheClean Water Act (CWA) gives primacy to states (including U.S. territories) and authorized tribes for the adoption of water quality standards, including setting designated uses (e.g., primary contact recreation), adopting criteria to protect those uses, and protecting existing and high quality waters. Under the BEACH Act amendments to the CWA, Congress set a clear mandate for coastal recreation waters (including Great Lakes) where a state/territory/authorized tribe has designated the water for primary contact, that they need to have water quality criteria as protective of public health as EPA's [1986] recreational criteria (regardless of whether they end up applying for a BEACH Act grant). As directed by the BEACH Act (CWA section 303(i), in 2004 EPA promulgated those criteria for any jurisdictions that did not have water quality criteria as protective of public health as EPA's [1986] recreational criteria. After EPA publishes revised recreational criteria, as was done in 2012, the CWA directs states to adopt revised criteria (also section 303(i)).

**Are only jurisdictions that receive grants required to provide data to the EPA, in regard to beach/water quality data?**

Correct, please see 33 USC 1346 (CWA Sec. 406(b)(3)(A)).

**-When I run the WQS Criteria report, I only get 31 states or territories. That does not seem to be accurate, but I'm unclear on how many there should be, since the data I've been getting varies so widely. Could you please confirm that this is an accurate/inaccurate number and how many there should be?**

That is accurate as some jurisdictions are still adding that data element (introduced as required in 2016) to their data systems for submission to EPA.

**-When it comes to the beach-related national geospatial downloads and fact sheets, you said this will be updated and republished in 2019. When is that expected to be published, exactly?**

We do not have a more specific expected date at the moment.

**Which three jurisdictions have not submitted 2018 data?**

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands;Swinomish Indian Tribal Community; Texas.

**I'm a little bit confused about your response to my questions about monitored and not monitored beaches. The Beach Monitoring Frequency report shows a variable called "Monitoring Reporting Frequency (to EPA)." If that value for a row under that variable is 0, does that mean it isn't monitored at all?**

No. It means the frequency of reporting monitoring data to EPA is "0".

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**Or does this report show only monitored beaches? I want to generate a list of both monitored/not monitored beaches.**

No it includes all BEACH Act beaches, monitored or not, please see: the Step 3 Report Selection Tab, the description of the Beach Monitoring Frequency Report: *For each BEACH Act beach: Identifies swim season and monitoring attributes of each beach including: (1) swimming season length and (2) in- and off-season monitoring frequency. The list is sorted by county and beach name.*

**I'm unclear on why using EPABEACH as the only project ID in the water quality data portal isn't sufficient. That's what my colleague was told to use in the portal. Please explain.**

The directions the BEACH Program provides to submitters requires associating multiple values with the beach to avoid incomplete data submissions and reports (EPABEACH alone was no longer required beginning 2008). Please see: electronic p.26, p.32, p.34, p.35 of: https://www.epa.gov/beach-tech/submitting-beach-data-epa#monitor.

Please see, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) # 24 on p.45-46; #29 p. 47; #36 p.49 of: https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-08/documents/faqs-2018-seasonal-data.pdf. Your colleague received a reply prepared by the Water Quality Portal.

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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) **(M)**

On May 23, 2019, at 3:31 PM, Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:

Yes! It's easier for me if you can give me a solid date of when you might have answers.

Also, it would be really helpful to talk to a data person in your office on background, if possible.

On May 23, 2019, at 3:28 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Right. These look like fairly technical questions, so let me see when we can reasonably and feasibly get back to you. I'd bet on next week, to be honest. Would that work for you? Also, keep in we're closed Monday, for the holiday.

Cheers, R.

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**From:** Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com>
**Sent:** Thursday, May 23, 2019 3:27 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Query Sarasota Herald-Tribune Getting .csv of WQ data from WQP as seen on BEACON database

Robert,

Yes. I am. I had to move my deadline back for this story, but I do need responses ASAP. Thanks.

On May 23, 2019, at 2:37 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Lucille. Are you on deadline for those?

Cheers, R.

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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) (M)

-----Original Message-----
From: Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2019 2:29 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Cc: Wise, Allison <Wise.Allison@epa.gov>; Harris-Young, Dawn <Harris-Young.Dawn@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>; Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Query Sarasota Herald-Tribune Getting .csv of WQ data from WQP as seen on BEACON database

Robert —

I'm looking into some of the other resources you sent me. In the meantime, here are a few follow-up questions I have:

-Are only jurisdictions that receive grants under the BEACH Act required to comply with the BEACH Act Program?

-Are only states/jurisdictions that receive grants required to adopt water quality standards?

-Are only jurisdictions that receive grants required to provide data to the EPA, in regard to beach/water quality data?

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-I'm unclear on why using EPABEACH as the only project ID in the water quality data portal isn't sufficient. That's what my colleague was told to use in the portal. Please explain.

I'm sure I'll have more questions after looking through the material you sent me.

Thanks for your help,

Lucille

On May 22, 2019, at 3:18 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Lucille, with apologies for the late response, and for attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson," please:

Thank you for your interest in water quality and public health.
Responses are provided below each bolded question. As background, please also note that the water quality data and beach notification information you seek are provided to EPA (generally once a year) by states, tribes and territories (jurisdictions) that receive BEACH Act grants. The jurisdictions' required capabilities and performance requirements, and EPA recommendations for program operations (related to many of your questions, below) can be found in the National Beach Guidance:
www.epa.gov/beach-tech/national-beach-guidance-and-required-performanc
e-criteria-grants

The current BEACON User Guide (always accessible in the upper right corner of the BEACON home page) explains how to create and run queries, and download into spreadsheets the data and information you seek.

Also, this BEACON page includes links to each jurisdiction's beach program webpage. If you want to obtain beach data on each jurisdiction, which may include data not submitted to EPA, or have questions about their program, we suggest you contact each jurisdiction directly.

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The EPA BEACH Act Program includes coastal and Great Lakes beaches as defined by the Clean Water Act (CWA). Such beaches are: (1) adjacent to water with water quality standards (WQS) for primary contact recreation, (2) used by the public, and (3) are "… waters downstream of the mouth of a river or stream having unimpaired natural connection with the open sea." [Sec 5. (B)]. (Here, "the sea" also refers to a connection to the Great Lakes.)

States adopt water quality standards to protect their waters, including recreational waters. They may adopt EPA's recommended criteria or other scientifically defensible criteria as part of their proposed Water Quality Standards, and then they submit their proposed standards to EPA for approval under the CWA. Please see EPA's 2012 recommended Recreational Water Quality Criteria (RWQC) for EPA's latest recommendations:
www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-10/documents/rwqc2012.pdf

The implementation guidance documents for the 2012 recommended RWQC can be found at:
www.epa.gov/wqc/2012-recreational-water-quality-criteria-documents

I have begun collecting enterococcus levels through the water quality portal for each state. I believe I need to collect E.Coli to measure water quality for the Great Lakes. Is this correct?

Correct, all the Great Lakes states measure microbial water quality using E. Coli as an indicator of microbial contamination.

I have also gathered fecal coliform data, but it appears there hasn't been as much monitoring for this characteristic. Is this something that the EPA still measures? Is this still a good indicator of water quality? Are there any other characteristics/bacteria I should be gathering?

EPA no longer recommends fecal coliform as an indicator organism, rather EPA recommends either E. Coli or

Enterococcus in fresh waters and Enterococcus in marine waters be used as the appropriate indicator.

The indicators that various jurisdictions have chosen to use are reflected in BEACON. Please run the WQS Criteria report. The BEACON Water Quality report is pulled from the Water Quality Portal (WQP) that you are already familiar with, and it also shows the indicators used. The BEACH Act only requires monitoring for fecal indicators. Some jurisdictions also monitor for other concerns; e.g., algae that produce phytotoxins (harmful algal blooms), medical waste, etc.; see BEACON Beach Actions and Possible Pollution Sources reports. Please see the discussion in the National Beach Guidance.

I found this on the department's website: "As a result, we recommended in 1986 the use of E. coli for fresh recreation waters (criteria set at 126/100mL) and enterococci for fresh and marine recreation waters (criteria set at 33/100mL in freshwater and 35/100mL in marine water). These recommendations replaced our previously recommended bacteria criteria for fecal coliform of 200/100mL."

Are these criteria still correct?

In 2012, EPA reviewed the science and released updated criteria recommendations. From p. 43 of the 2012 RWQC document linked above, these are EPA's current recommended criteria for indicator organisms (GM= geometric mean, STV= statistical threshold value):

In addition, for the purposes of making decisions for posting notifications or closures at beaches, EPA recommended the following Beach Action Values (BAVs) (from p.44 of the 2012 RWQC document):

If a particular bacteria is high at a beach, what are the reporting/notification requirements?

What and how jurisdictions report in real-time to the public varies by jurisdiction; please see their program websites. Local authorities should notify the public in as timely a manner as possible. What they subsequently report to EPA (usually in the January-March period in the year following the beach season), includes their "local action decision procedures," which if submitted, are listed in BEACON Beach Profile reports for each beach. Please see the discussion in the National Beach Guidance.

How can I find what caused a bacteria to be particularly high in one area?

Please run a BEACON Possible Pollution Source report. Please see the discussion in the National Beach Guidance section on Sanitary Survey.

What kind of action does the EPA take when a particular source has high levels of bacteria?

EPA does not take an action at the time high levels are reported. Under the CWA, and as a requirement to receive a BEACH Act grant, the jurisdiction has authority to take actions under their own programs. Please note that repeated exceedances of the geometric mean threshold may be considered by jurisdictions and EPA when making decisions on whether the waterbody is meeting its designated uses for the purposes of Section 303(d) of the CWA. If a water is listed as impaired and not meeting its designated recreational use, the state must develop a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), which in turn can change National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirements for a particular discharger.

Would it be accurate to average the measure values for one location over the course of a year and compare it to the average level for the previous year?

Please see the discussion in the National Beach Guidance, which recommends the geometric mean calculated over a discrete averaging period, usually 30-60 days. For beach notification purposes, typically a single exceedance of the jurisdiction's beach notification value is used for making decisions.

It appears the values in the "monitoring location name" variable either aren't clean or don't reflect the name of the beach where the water is being tested. Is there a place where I can get the name of the beach for each monitoring location?

Please see the BEACON Beach Actions or Water Quality reports.

It appears there are shape files that show the beach names (https://watersgeo.epa.gov/beacon2/). Is there a way I could obtain those?

Beach-related national geospatial downloads and fact sheets are available for the BEACH Act program. The geospatial data represents BEACH Act beaches based on the information provided to the EPA. This data is available in GIS-compatible shapefile and geodatabase formats and in KMZ Google Earth files. These data are being updated and are expected to be republished later in 2019. NOTE – the BEACON maps (use the Find a Beach tab) previously showed the location of the monitoring station points next to the beach lines, but EPA recently changed to ArcGIS Javascript and we have not received updated code yet.

What's the difference between "estimated" versus "actual" in the variable "result value type name?" Does this mean the water isn't actually being tested? Would it be accurate to include these in my analysis?

An "estimated" value indicates that it is not directly measured. You can check with the jurisdiction as to how the estimate was created and if other relevant data is available.

Is there a way I could get a spreadsheet of beaches that are currently monitored, and those that are not? I found it at this portal, but I have to click on each state to get a list of the beaches in that state: https://ofmpub.epa.gov /apex/beacon2/f?p=111:12:8414826486221::NO::P12_YEARS:Current.

You can run a national BEACON query, use the Beach Monitoring frequency report. Please see the User's Guide for instructions to download the report: in the grey panel, click on "Actions v," select "Download," pick a format.

Is this constantly updated? If not, how often is it updated? Can I get a list of beaches that were and weren't monitored as of last year?

The jurisdictions usually report annually to EPA (in the January-March period in the year following the beach season, although some report more frequently). As of May 14th, 2019, three jurisdictions have not yet submitted the data for 2018.

Could I obtain a spreadsheet showing advisories and closures within the last two years (Memorial Day 2017 - May 2019)?

You can run two different BEACON reports. If you only want the number and duration of advisories and closures, run a national State Summary/Alternate Report (National Percentage) report. If you want a row for each advisory and closure, run a national Beach Actions report. Please see the User's Guide for instructions to download the reports: in the grey panel, click on "Actions v," select "Download," pick a format.

Could I obtain a spreadsheet/list of places that have received beach grants in the last 10 years? Is this available per beach? Or is this only available by county/state?

Only by jurisdiction, please see: www.epa.gov/beach-tech/beach-grants . Fiscal Year 2019 grants are still in process.

Note to reporter: The process of submitting and retrieving data using the BEACON App can fail at any of many steps due to something as simple as a space in the wrong place. BEACON pulls all the data in the Water Quality report from WQX & WQP. If water quality (WQ) data are showing in BEACON but not in the WQP, then the structure of the query to the WQP is likely the problem. If water quality data are showing in the WQP but not in BEACON, then the problem is likely either with the submitted data (please see list of example conditions below) or it is not data collected under the Beach Program. If WQ data are incomplete in both the WQP and BEACON, then either the data were not submitted (yet), or not submitted correctly. We ask the jurisdictions each year to verify that their Beach Program submissions show up as intended.

Example Conditions:
1. to pull the WQ data in WQP, the submitted data must be associated with:
a. valid WQX-issued org id(s) (e. g, 21XXBCH or jurisdiction format e.

g, 11113300), and b. valid Beach Program-issued beach id(s) (aka WQX project id(s), e. g., XX205937 and
(1) Note: the use of EPABEACH as the only WQX project id is not sufficient c. valid jurisdiction-created station id(s) d. beach ids not grouped/concatenated (e.g., as in .xlsx comma separated values (csv) format) or equivalent e. valid BEACH Program Monitoring Location Type (MLTYP_UID values from 58 to 67 inclusive) 2. Other reasons a beach may not show WQ data at all, or not for a period of time:
a. not monitored (no data)
(1) non-reporting
(2) dormant
(3) indicator(s) searched for not monitored or changed b. in the BEACON Wizard, historical and/or private data not selected to show in report c. new beach id - no data submitted yet (pending action by jurisdiction) d. WQX data Result Status set as “Preliminary”, needs to be set to “Final”

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Please see introductory comments above.

I’ve also noticed Hawaii’s data only goes through 2017, but data for enterococcus and fecal coliform only go through 2011 and 1997, respectively. I’m running into similar issues in Massachusetts, which only has data for E.coli and enterococcus through 2007, Michigan, which only has E.coli data through 2014 as well as no designated monitoring locations. I’m running into similar issues in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas and Wisconsin (I’ve only looked at enterococcus and fecal coliform in these states, and haven’t looked at E.coli yet). Illinois and Indiana are also returning "no data", even though they are shown as a jurisdiction with beach data at this site:https://watersgeo.epa.gov/BEACON2/Beacon.html. Some of these do not match up with what is being shown in BEACON.

Please see introductory comments above.

Additionally, does BEACON only show advisories/notifications, or would it match the data found in the water quality portal completely?
The jurisdiction-reported data found in BEACON come from the following EPA/USGS databases:

- EPA’s Reach Address Database (RAD). RAD contains geographic data that define each beach's location and the location of water quality monitoring stations. BEACON pulls this data to display the beaches and stations on a map. For more information on RAD, see EPA's Reach Address Database page.
- EPA’s Water Quality Exchange (WQX) and the USGS Water Quality Portal (WQP). WQX is the framework by which organizations submit data to the EPA for weekly upload to the WQP. BEACON pulls water quality monitoring data from WQX/WQP. For more information on WQX/WQP, see Water Quality Data (WQX) page.
- PRogram tracking, beach Advisories, Water quality standards, and Nutrients (PRAWN). PRAWN stores beach administrative, advisory and closing data. For more information on PRAWN, see Submitting Data to EPA page. And data flow diagram:https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2019-02/documents/e beaches-dataflow-2019.pdf

Could you please let me know why there is a discrepancy, and potentially missing years, in the data available in the water quality portal?

Please see introductory comments above.

Cheers, R.

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Subject: Re: Query Sarasota Herald-Tribune Getting .csv of WQ data from WQP as seen on BEACON database

Robert —

Is there an ETA on when these questions might be answered? It's been a week since I sent them over.

On May 17, 2019, at 3:58 PM, Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:

Robert —

Circling back again.

Lucille Sherman

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On May 16, 2019, at 9:29 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Morning Lucille. Checking.

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On May 16, 2019, at 9:20 AM, Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:

Circling back on this.

On May 14, 2019, at 5:00 PM, Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:

Robert —

I ran this by my editor. Tomorrow (Wednesday) COB works.

If there are any questions that are more easily and quickly answered and it's possible to send them on a rolling basis, that would be great!

Thanks,

Lucille

Lucille Sherman

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On May 14, 2019, at 1:38 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Lucille.

With these additional questions, we're unlikely to get back to you this afternoon. I understand your need to process all the data and other information you're putting together, but if you could push your deadline back to tomorrow COB, or even Thursday, we'd be grateful. Our water folks want to make sure they get it right – something you'll appreciate, as a reporter. Let me know if you want to discuss.

Cheers, R.

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Thank you,

Lucille

On May 14, 2019, at 11:16 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Sure thing. And it's press@epa.gov. Two Ss, not three.

Cheers, R.

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Subject: RE: Query Sarasota Herald-Tribune Getting .csv of WQ data
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Thanks, Lucille, We'll do our best. For future inquiries, please reach out to presss@epa.gov, and either I or one of my colleagues will get back to you.

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Hi Robert,

For getting the questions I sent yesterday answered, my deadline is today. We're aiming to have the story publish on

Memorial Day, but we need to get some questions answered and wrangle the data before we can determine if that's feasible.

After we get these questions answered, I can send you an updated publish date.

Thanks!

Lucille

On May 14, 2019, at 10:54 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Good morning Lucille, and thanks for reaching out,

What's your deadline, please, and when are you planning to publish?

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Thanks! If you have any idea, could you let me know an ETA on getting the answers to these questions? Working on a tight deadline.

On May 14, 2019, at 9:52 AM, Young, Dwane <Young.Dwane@epa.gov> wrote:

Lucille,

Thanks for the follow-up. This request needed to be rerouted back through the beaches staff, and likely our communication staff. I've sent it to them for follow-up.

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On May 14, 2019, at 9:41 AM, Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:

Hi Dwane,

Just wanted to circle back on this.

Thanks,

Lucille

On May 13, 2019, at 2:40 PM, Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:

Hello,

My colleague, Daphne Chen, was recently corresponding with you about this, and this story has been transferred over to me.

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Thanks for handling this large volume of questions. Would you mind letting me know when you've received this email? If you think any answers to these questions will be hard or time consuming to track down, please let me know.

Feel free to give me a call if you have any questions or need any clarification.

Thank you,

Lucille Sherman

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On May 13, 2019, at 10:33 AM, Chen, Daphne <dchen@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:

Daphne,

All of these data are available at the water quality portal:
https://waterqualitydata.us

To access these data, click on the 'Download Data' button. On the form that shows up next find the field called 'Project ID' (it's on the right hand side of the screen under Sampling Parameters. Enter 'EPABEACH'. You can then download all the station information (including the locations). To do this, choose 'Site Data Only' under 'select data to download' and hit 'Download'. You will then get a .zip file that contains all the site information. To get the actual sampling results, choose 'Sample Results (physical/chemical metadata)' and then click download to get a .zip file of all of those results.

To make your life a little easier, the following links will give you all these data for the past 10 years (anything collected since 2008). If you want a different time period, you can go to the portal and enter your conditions. One warning, this is a sizeable data set (3.5 million records from 10,000 sites). If you try to pull the full dataset (without the date restriction) you'd get 5.5 million records from 13,000 sites.

Site Information:

https://www.waterqualitydata.us/data/Station/search?project=EPABEACH&s
tartDateLo=01-01-2008&mimeType=csv&zip=yes

Results:

https://www.waterqualitydata.us/data/Result/search?project=EPABEACH&st
artDateLo=01-01-2008&mimeType=csv&zip=yes

If you just want Florida's data, that's a little easier, the following links will give you that:

Site Information:

https://www.waterqualitydata.us/data/Station/search?statecode=US%3A12&
project=EPABEACH&startDateLo=01-01-2008&mimeType=csv&zip=yes

Results:

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Subject: Getting .csv of BEACON database

Hello,

My name is Daphne Chen and I'm a data reporter at the Sarasota Herald-Tribune/GateHouse Media in Florida.

I'm working on a data story about beach water quality and was very impressed by the BEACON data app. Robert Daguillard from Media Relations told me to ask you whether there's any way to get a copy of the underlying database in spreadsheet format (excel or .csv) so I can do my analysis.

The problem with the BEACON app is that when I try to download one state at a time, many states have more than 50,000 entries and I get the error of "This query has returned more than 50,000 rows, please filter your data to ensure complete results." It's very difficult for me to download each county in the US manually. Is there any way you can send me a copy of your Water Quality Report underlying database for the entire nation at once?

Any assistance would be greatly appreciated!

Thanks,

Daphne

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Daphne Chen

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**From:** Jones, Enesta
**To:** Press
**Sent:** 6/6/2019 12:26:52 AM
**Subject:** For Review: Sarasota Herald-Tribune re beach monitoring & BEACON database

Since the reporter just sent follow-up, circling back on this one from earlier. Allison approved. **Good to send?**

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**From:** Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com>
**Date:** June 5, 2019 at 10:51:53 AM EDT
**To:** "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject: Re: Query Sarasota Herald-Tribune Getting .csv of WQ data from WQP as seen on BEACON database**

Hi Robert,

I wanted to circle back on this. I only have a few more fairly straightforward questions but I want to wait to send them along until I get this answered.

Thanks for all your help!

Lucille

On May 29, 2019, at 1:03 PM, Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:

Robert —

In response to this question, "**I'm a little bit confused about your response to my questions about monitored and not monitored beaches. The Beach Monitoring Frequency report shows a variable called "Monitoring Reporting Frequency (to EPA)." If that value for a row under that variable is 0, does that mean it isn't monitored at all?**

You said:

No. It means the frequency of reporting monitoring data to EPA is "0".

To identify which beaches are monitored, (please see question 13, below) you can run a national BEACON query, use the Beach Monitoring Frequency report. Please see the User's Guide for instructions to create the report: (p. 28 D.2.) in the grey panel, select "Total of all Jurisdictions"; (p. 39 D.2.2) click on the column header for the Swim

Season Monitoring Frequency column, sort by decreasing value (this will group all beaches with a monitoring frequency of "0" at the bottom of the list; separating monitored from unmonitored beaches)."

This seems contradictory. So does Swim Season Monitoring Frequency = 0, does that mean the beach is unmonitored?

Thanks,

Lucille

On May 24, 2019, at 9:20 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Lucille, for attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson," please:

**Are only jurisdictions that receive grants under the BEACH Act required to comply with the BEACH Act Program?**

Correct, please see 33 USC 1346 (CWA Sec. 406(b)(1)).

**-Are only states/jurisdictions that receive grants required to adopt water quality standards?**

No, please see 33 USC 1313 (CWA Sec. 303). TheClean Water Act (CWA) gives primacy to states (including U.S. territories) and authorized tribes for the adoption of water quality standards, including setting designated uses (e.g., primary contact recreation), adopting criteria to protect those uses, and protecting existing and high quality waters. Under the BEACH Act amendments to the CWA, Congress set a clear mandate for coastal recreation waters (including Great Lakes) where a state/territory/authorized tribe has designated the water for primary contact, that they need to have water quality criteria as protective of public health as EPA's [1986] recreational criteria (regardless of whether they end up applying for a BEACH Act grant). As directed by the BEACH Act (CWA section 303(i), in 2004 EPA promulgated those criteria for any jurisdictions that did not have water quality criteria as protective of public health as EPA's [1986] recreational criteria. After EPA publishes revised recreational criteria, as was done in 2012, the CWA directs states to adopt revised criteria (also section 303(i)).

**Are only jurisdictions that receive grants required to provide data to the EPA, in regard to beach/water quality data?**

Correct, please see 33 USC 1346 (CWA Sec. 406(b)(3)(A)).

**-When I run the WQS Criteria report, I only get 31 states or territories. That does not seem to be accurate, but I'm unclear on how many there should be, since the data I've been getting varies so widely. Could you please confirm that this is an accurate/inaccurate number and how many there should be?**

That is accurate as some jurisdictions are still adding that data element (introduced as required in 2016) to their data systems for submission to EPA.

**-When it comes to the beach-related national geospatial downloads and fact sheets, you said this will be updated and republished in 2019. When is that expected to be published, exactly?**

We do not have a more specific expected date at the moment.

**Which three jurisdictions have not submitted 2018 data?**

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands;Swinomish Indian Tribal Community; Texas.

**I'm a little bit confused about your response to my questions about monitored and not monitored beaches. The**

**Beach Monitoring Frequency report shows a variable called "Monitoring Reporting Frequency (to EPA)." If that value for a row under that variable is 0, does that mean it isn't monitored at all?**

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**Or does this report show only monitored beaches? I want to generate a list of both monitored/not monitored beaches.**

No it includes all BEACH Act beaches, monitored or not, please see: the Step 3 Report Selection Tab, the description of the Beach Monitoring Frequency Report: *For each BEACH Act beach: Identifies swim season and monitoring attributes of each beach including: (1) swimming season length and (2) in- and off-season monitoring frequency. The list is sorted by county and beach name.*

**I'm unclear on why using EPABEACH as the only project ID in the water quality data portal isn't sufficient. That's what my colleague was told to use in the portal. Please explain.**

The directions the BEACH Program provides to submitters requires associating multiple values with the beach to avoid incomplete data submissions and reports (EPABEACH alone was no longer required beginning 2008). Please see: electronic p.26, p.32, p.34, p.35 of: https://www.epa.gov/beach-tech/submitting-beach-data-epa#monitor.

Please see, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) # 24 on p.45-46; #29 p. 47; #36 p.49 of: https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-08/documents/faqs-2018-seasonal-data.pdf. Your colleague received a reply prepared by the Water Quality Portal.

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On May 23, 2019, at 3:31 PM, Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:

Yes! It's easier for me if you can give me a solid date of when you might have answers.

Also, it would be really helpful to talk to a data person in your office on background, if possible.

On May 23, 2019, at 3:28 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Right. These look like fairly technical questions, so let me see when we can reasonably and feasibly get back to you. I'd bet on next week, to be honest. Would that work for you? Also, keep in we're closed Monday, for the holiday.

Cheers, R.

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**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Query Sarasota Herald-Tribune Getting .csv of WQ data from WQP as seen on BEACON database

Robert,

Yes. I am. I had to move my deadline back for this story, but I do need responses ASAP. Thanks.

On May 23, 2019, at 2:37 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Lucille. Are you on deadline for those?

Cheers, R.

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To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Cc: Wise, Allison <Wise.Allison@epa.gov>; Harris-Young, Dawn <Harris-Young.Dawn@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>; Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Query Sarasota Herald-Tribune Getting .csv of WQ data from WQP as seen on BEACON database

Robert —

I'm looking into some of the other resources you sent me. In the meantime, here are a few follow-up questions I have:

-Are only jurisdictions that receive grants under the BEACH Act required to comply with the BEACH Act Program?

-Are only states/jurisdictions that receive grants required to adopt water quality standards?

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I'm sure I'll have more questions after looking through the material you sent me.

Thanks for your help,

Lucille

On May 22, 2019, at 3:18 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Lucille, with apologies for the late response, and for attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson," please:

Thank you for your interest in water quality and public health.
Responses are provided below each bolded question. As background, please also note that the water quality data and beach notification information you seek are provided to EPA (generally once a year) by states, tribes and territories (jurisdictions) that receive BEACH Act grants. The jurisdictions' required capabilities and performance requirements, and EPA recommendations for program operations (related to many of your questions, below) can be found in the National Beach Guidance:
www.epa.gov/beach-tech/national-beach-guidance-and-required-performance-criteria-grants

The current BEACON User Guide (always accessible in the upper right corner of the BEACON home page) explains how to create and run queries, and download into spreadsheets the data and information you seek.

Also, this BEACON page includes links to each jurisdiction's beach program webpage. If you want to obtain beach data on each jurisdiction, which may include data not submitted to EPA, or have questions about their program, we suggest you contact each jurisdiction directly.

I'm looking at measuring water quality at beaches. I plan on using this definition as my starting point: "The BEACH Act defines coastal recreation waters as the Great Lakes and coastal waters (including coastal estuaries) that states, territories, and authorized tribes officially recognize (or "designate") for swimming, bathing, surfing, or similar activities in the water."

The EPA BEACH Act Program includes coastal and Great Lakes beaches as defined by the Clean Water Act (CWA). Such beaches are: (1) adjacent to water with water quality standards (WQS) for primary contact recreation, (2) used by the public, and (3) are "… waters downstream of the mouth of a river or stream having unimpaired natural connection with the open sea." [Sec 5. (B)]. (Here, "the sea" also refers to a connection to the Great Lakes.)

States adopt water quality standards to protect their waters, including recreational waters. They may adopt EPA's recommended criteria or other scientifically defensible criteria as part of their proposed Water Quality Standards, and then they submit their proposed standards to EPA for approval under the CWA. Please see EPA's 2012 recommended Recreational Water Quality Criteria (RWQC) for EPA's latest recommendations:
www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-10/documents/rwqc2012.pdf

The implementation guidance documents for the 2012 recommended RWQC can be found at:
www.epa.gov/wqc/2012-recreational-water-quality-criteria-documents

I have begun collecting enterococcus levels through the water quality portal for each state. I believe I need to collect

E.Coli to measure water quality for the Great Lakes. Is this correct?

Correct, all the Great Lakes states measure microbial water quality using E. Coli as an indicator of microbial contamination.

I have also gathered fecal coliform data, but it appears there hasn't been as much monitoring for this characteristic. Is this something that the EPA still measures? Is this still a good indicator of water quality? Are there any other characteristics/bacteria I should be gathering?

EPA no longer recommends fecal coliform as an indicator organism, rather EPA recommends either E. Coli or Enterococcus in fresh waters and Enterococcus in marine waters be used as the appropriate indicator.

The indicators that various jurisdictions have chosen to use are reflected in BEACON. Please run the WQS Criteria report. The BEACON Water Quality report is pulled from the Water Quality Portal (WQP) that you are already familiar with, and it also shows the indicators used. The BEACH Act only requires monitoring for fecal indicators. Some jurisdictions also monitor for other concerns; e.g., algae that produce phytotoxins (harmful algal blooms), medical waste, etc.; see BEACON Beach Actions and Possible Pollution Sources reports. Please see the discussion in the National Beach Guidance.

I found this on the department's website: "As a result, we recommended in 1986 the use of E. coli for fresh recreation waters (criteria set at 126/100mL) and enterococci for fresh and marine recreation waters (criteria set at 33/100mL in freshwater and 35/100mL in marine water). These recommendations replaced our previously recommended bacteria criteria for fecal coliform of 200/100mL."

Are these criteria still correct?

In 2012, EPA reviewed the science and released updated criteria recommendations. From p. 43 of the 2012 RWQC document linked above, these are EPA's current recommended criteria for indicator organisms (GM= geometric mean, STV= statistical threshold value):

In addition, for the purposes of making decisions for posting notifications or closures at beaches, EPA recommended the following Beach Action Values (BAVs) (from p.44 of the 2012 RWQC document):

If a particular bacteria is high at a beach, what are the reporting/notification requirements?

What and how jurisdictions report in real-time to the public varies by jurisdiction; please see their program websites. Local authorities should notify the public in as timely a manner as possible. What they subsequently report to EPA (usually in the January-March period in the year following the beach season), includes their "local action decision procedures," which if submitted, are listed in BEACON Beach Profile reports for each beach. Please see the discussion in the National Beach Guidance.

How can I find what caused a bacteria to be particularly high in one area?

Please run a BEACON Possible Pollution Source report. Please see the discussion in the National Beach Guidance section on Sanitary Survey.

What kind of action does the EPA take when a particular source has high levels of bacteria?

EPA does not take an action at the time high levels are reported. Under the CWA, and as a requirement to receive a BEACH Act grant, the jurisdiction has authority to take actions under their own programs. Please note that repeated exceedances of the geometric mean threshold may be considered by jurisdictions and EPA when making decisions on whether the waterbody is meeting its designated uses for the purposes of Section 303(d) of the CWA. If a water is listed as impaired and not meeting its designated recreational use, the state must develop a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), which in turn can change National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirements for a particular discharger.

Would it be accurate to average the measure values for one location over the course of a year and compare it to the

average level for the previous year?

Please see the discussion in the National Beach Guidance, which recommends the geometric mean calculated over a discrete averaging period, usually 30-60 days. For beach notification purposes, typically a single exceedance of the jurisdiction's beach notification value is used for making decisions.

It appears the values in the "monitoring location name" variable either aren't clean or don't reflect the name of the beach where the water is being tested. Is there a place where I can get the name of the beach for each monitoring location?

Please see the BEACON Beach Actions or Water Quality reports.

It appears there are shape files that show the beach names (https://watersgeo.epa.gov/beacon2/). Is there a way I could obtain those?

Beach-related national geospatial downloads and fact sheets are available for the BEACH Act program. The geospatial data represents BEACH Act beaches based on the information provided to the EPA. This data is available in GIS-compatible shapefile and geodatabase formats and in KMZ Google Earth files. These data are being updated and are expected to be republished later in 2019. NOTE – the BEACON maps (use the Find a Beach tab) previously showed the location of the monitoring station points next to the beach lines, but EPA recently changed to ArcGIS Javascript and we have not received updated code yet.

What's the difference between "estimated" versus "actual" in the variable "result value type name?" Does this mean the water isn't actually being tested? Would it be accurate to include these in my analysis?

An "estimated" value indicates that it is not directly measured. You can check with the jurisdiction as to how the estimate was created and if other relevant data is available.

Is there a way I could get a spreadsheet of beaches that are currently monitored, and those that are not? I found it at this portal, but I have to click on each state to get a list of the beaches in that state: https://ofmpub.epa.gov /apex/beacon2/f?p=111:12:8414826486221::NO::P12_YEARS:Current.

You can run a national BEACON query, use the Beach Monitoring frequency report. Please see the User's Guide for instructions to download the report: in the grey panel, click on "Actions v," select "Download," pick a format.

Is this constantly updated? If not, how often is it updated? Can I get a list of beaches that were and weren't monitored as of last year?

The jurisdictions usually report annually to EPA (in the January-March period in the year following the beach season, although some report more frequently). As of May 14th, 2019, three jurisdictions have not yet submitted the data for 2018.

Could I obtain a spreadsheet showing advisories and closures within the last two years (Memorial Day 2017 - May 2019)?

You can run two different BEACON reports. If you only want the number and duration of advisories and closures, run a national State Summary/Alternate Report (National Percentage) report. If you want a row for each advisory and closure, run a national Beach Actions report. Please see the User's Guide for instructions to download the reports: in the grey panel, click on "Actions v," select "Download," pick a format.

Could I obtain a spreadsheet/list of places that have received beach grants in the last 10 years? Is this available per beach? Or is this only available by county/state?

Only by jurisdiction, please see: www.epa.gov/beach-tech/beach-grants . Fiscal Year 2019 grants are still in process.

Note to reporter: The process of submitting and retrieving data using the BEACON App can fail at any of many steps due to something as simple as a space in the wrong place. BEACON pulls all the data in the Water Quality report from

WQX & WQP. If water quality (WQ) data are showing in BEACON but not in the WQP, then the structure of the query to the WQP is likely the problem. If water quality data are showing in the WQP but not in BEACON, then the problem is likely either with the submitted data (please see list of example conditions below) or it is not data collected under the Beach Program. If WQ data are incomplete in both the WQP and BEACON, then either the data were not submitted (yet), or not submitted correctly. We ask the jurisdictions each year to verify that their Beach Program submissions show up as intended.

Example Conditions:
1. to pull the WQ data in WQP, the submitted data must be associated with:
a. valid WQX-issued org id(s) (e. g, 21XXBCH or jurisdiction format e.
g, 11113300), and b. valid Beach Program-issued beach id(s) (aka WQX
project id(s), e. g., XX205937 and
(1) Note: the use of EPABEACH as the only WQX project id is not
sufficient c. valid jurisdiction-created station id(s) d. beach ids
not grouped/concatenated (e.g., as in .xlsx comma separated values
(csv) format) or equivalent e. valid BEACH Program Monitoring Location
Type (MLTYP_UID values from 58 to 67 inclusive) 2. Other reasons a beach may not show WQ data at all, or not for a period of time:
a. not monitored (no data)
(1) non-reporting
(2) dormant
(3) indicator(s) searched for not monitored or changed b. in the
BEACON Wizard, historical and/or private data not selected to show in
report c. new beach id - no data submitted yet (pending action by
jurisdiction) d. WQX data Result Status set as “Preliminary”, needs to be set to “Final”

At https://www.waterqualitydata.us/, when I select EPABEACH under project ID and sample results for biological metadata or site data and download Connecticut data in it’s entirety, only two monitoring locations are showing up (ESPOSITO BEACH and SEASIDE PARK BEACH). The EPA’s website shows that 73 Connecticut beaches are monitored. Do you know why there’s a discrepancy?

Please see introductory comments above.

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Please see introductory comments above.

Additionally, does BEACON only show advisories/notifications, or would it match the data found in the water quality portal completely?
The jurisdiction-reported data found in BEACON come from the following EPA/USGS databases:

• EPA’s Reach Address Database (RAD). RAD contains geographic data that define each beach's location and the location of water quality monitoring stations. BEACON pulls this data to display the beaches and stations on a map. For more information on RAD, see EPA's Reach Address Database page.

• EPA’s Water Quality Exchange (WQX) and the USGS Water Quality Portal (WQP). WQX is the framework by which organizations submit data to the EPA for weekly upload to the WQP. BEACON pulls water quality monitoring data from WQX/WQP. For more information on WQX/WQP, see Water Quality Data (WQX) page.

• PRogram tracking, beach Advisories, Water quality standards, and
Nutrients (PRAWN). PRAWN stores beach administrative, advisory and
closing data. For more information on PRAWN, see Submitting Data to
EPA page. And data flow
diagram:https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2019-02/documents/e

beaches-dataflow-2019.pdf

Could you please let me know why there is a discrepancy, and potentially missing years, in the data available in the water quality portal?

Please see introductory comments above.

Cheers, R.

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Robert —

Is there an ETA on when these questions might be answered? It's been a week since I sent them over.

On May 17, 2019, at 3:58 PM, Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:

Robert —

Circling back again.

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On May 16, 2019, at 9:29 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Morning Lucille. Checking.

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On May 16, 2019, at 9:20 AM, Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:

Circling back on this.

On May 14, 2019, at 5:00 PM, Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:

Robert —

I ran this by my editor. Tomorrow (Wednesday) COB works.

If there are any questions that are more easily and quickly answered and it's possible to send them on a rolling basis, that would be great!

Thanks,

Lucille

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On May 14, 2019, at 1:38 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Lucille.

With these additional questions, we're unlikely to get back to you this afternoon. I understand your need to process all the data and other information you're putting together, but if you could push your deadline back to tomorrow COB, or even Thursday, we'd be grateful. Our water folks want to make sure they get it right – something you'll appreciate, as a reporter. Let me know if you want to discuss.

Cheers, R.

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Thank you,

Lucille

On May 14, 2019, at 11:16 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Sure thing. And it's press@epa.gov. Two Ss, not three.

Cheers, R.

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Thanks, Lucille, We'll do our best. For future inquiries, please reach out to presss@epa.gov, and either I or one of my colleagues will get back to you.

Cheers, R.

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Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 11:01 AM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Query Sarasota Herald-Tribune Getting .csv of WQ data from WQP as seen on BEACON database

Hi Robert,

For getting the questions I sent yesterday answered, my deadline is today. We're aiming to have the story publish on Memorial Day, but we need to get some questions answered and wrangle the data before we can determine if that's feasible.

After we get these questions answered, I can send you an updated publish date.

Thanks!

Lucille

On May 14, 2019, at 10:54 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Good morning Lucille, and thanks for reaching out,

What's your deadline, please, and when are you planning to publish?

Cheers, R.

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To: Young, Dwane <Young.Dwane@epa.gov>
Cc: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Query Sarasota Herald-Tribune Getting .csv of WQ data from WQP as seen on BEACON database

Thanks! If you have any idea, could you let me know an ETA on getting the answers to these questions? Working on a tight deadline.

On May 14, 2019, at 9:52 AM, Young, Dwane <Young.Dwane@epa.gov> wrote:

Lucille,

Thanks for the follow-up. This request needed to be rerouted back through the beaches staff, and likely our communication staff. I've sent it to them for follow-up.

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On May 14, 2019, at 9:41 AM, Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:

Hi Dwane,

Just wanted to circle back on this.

Thanks,

Lucille

On May 13, 2019, at 2:40 PM, Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:

Hello,

My colleague, Daphne Chen, was recently corresponding with you about this, and this story has been transferred over to me.

I have a few questions for you that I was hoping you could answer for me. I need this information by tomorrow afternoon.

I'm looking at measuring water quality at beaches. I plan on using this definition as my starting point: "The BEACH Act defines coastal recreation waters as the Great Lakes and coastal waters (including coastal estuaries) that states, territories, and authorized tribes officially recognize (or "designate") for swimming, bathing, surfing, or similar activities in the water."

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Are these criterium still correct?

-If a particular bacteria is high at a beach, what are the reporting/notification requirements?

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-Would it be accurate to average the measure values for one location over the course of a year and compare it to the average level for the previous year?

-It appears the values in the "monitoring location name" variable either aren't clean or don't reflect the name of the beach where the water is being tested. Is there a place where I can get the name of the beach for each monitoring location? It appears there are shape files that show the beach names (https://watersgeo.epa.gov/beacon2/). Is there a way I could obtain those?

-What's the difference between "estimated" versus "actual" in the variable "result value type name?" Does this mean the water isn't actually being tested? Would it be accurate to include these in my analysis?

-Is there a way I could get a spreadsheet of beaches that are currently monitored, and those that are not? I found it at this portal, but I have to click on each state to get a list of the beaches in that state: https://ofmpub.epa.gov/apex/beacon2/f?p=111:12:8414826486221::NO::P12_YEARS:Current.

Is this constantly updated? If not, how often is it updated? Can I get a list of beaches that were and weren't monitored as of last year?

-Could I obtain a spreadsheet showing advisories and closures within the last two years (Memorial Day 2017 - May 2019)?

-Could I obtain a spreadsheet/list of places that have received beach grants in the last 10 years? Is this available per beach? Or is this only available by county/state?

Thanks for handling this large volume of questions. Would you mind letting me know when you've received this email? If you think any answers to these questions will be hard or time consuming to track down, please let me know.

Feel free to give me a call if you have any questions or need any clarification.

Thank you,

Lucille Sherman

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On May 13, 2019, at 10:33 AM, Chen, Daphne <dchen@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:

Daphne,

All of these data are available at the water quality portal:
https://waterqualitydata.us

To access these data, click on the 'Download Data' button. On the form that shows up next find the field called 'Project ID' (it's on the right hand side of the screen under Sampling Parameters. Enter 'EPABEACH'. You can then download all the station information (including the locations). To do this, choose 'Site Data Only' under 'select data to download' and hit 'Download'. You will then get a .zip file that contains all the site information. To get the actual sampling results, choose 'Sample Results (physical/chemical metadata)' and then click download to get a .zip file of all of those results.

To make your life a little easier, the following links will give you all these data for the past 10 years (anything collected since 2008). If you want a different time period, you can go to the portal and enter your conditions. One warning, this is a sizeable data set (3.5 million records from 10,000 sites). If you try to pull the full dataset (without the date restriction) you'd get 5.5 million records from 13,000 sites.

Site Information:

https://www.waterqualitydata.us/data/Station/search?project=EPABEACH&s
tartDateLo=01-01-2008&mimeType=csv&zip=yes

Results:

https://www.waterqualitydata.us/data/Result/search?project=EPABEACH&st
artDateLo=01-01-2008&mimeType=csv&zip=yes

If you just want Florida's data, that's a little easier, the following links will give you that:

Site Information:

https://www.waterqualitydata.us/data/Station/search?statecode=US%3A12&
project=EPABEACH&startDateLo=01-01-2008&mimeType=csv&zip=yes

Results:

https://www.waterqualitydata.us/data/Result/search?statecode=US%3A12&p
roject=EPABEACH&startDateLo=01-01-2008&mimeType=csv&zip=yes

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From: Chen, Daphne <dchen@gatehousemedia.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2019 9:01 AM
To: wqx@epa.gov; storet@epa.gov
Subject: Getting .csv of BEACON database

Hello,

My name is Daphne Chen and I'm a data reporter at the Sarasota Herald-Tribune/GateHouse Media in Florida.

I'm working on a data story about beach water quality and was very impressed by the BEACON data app. Robert Daguillard from Media Relations told me to ask you whether there's any way to get a copy of the underlying database in spreadsheet format (excel or .csv) so I can do my analysis.

The problem with the BEACON app is that when I try to download one state at a time, many states have more than 50,000 entries and I get the error of "This query has returned more than 50,000 rows, please filter your data to ensure complete results." It's very difficult for me to download each county in the US manually. Is there any way you can send me a copy of your Water Quality Report underlying database for the entire nation at once?

Any assistance would be greatly appreciated!

Thanks,

Daphne

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Daphne Chen

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**From:** Jones, Enesta
**To:** Press
**Sent:** 6/5/2019 8:15:17 PM
**Subject:** For Review: Query Sarasota Herald-Tribune re beach monitoring & BEACON database

Technical follow-up. Allison approved. **Good to send?**

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**From:** Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com>
**Date:** June 5, 2019 at 10:51:53 AM EDT
**To:** "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject: Re: Query Sarasota Herald-Tribune Getting .csv of WQ data from WQP as seen on BEACON database**

Hi Robert,

I wanted to circle back on this. I only have a few more fairly straightforward questions but I want to wait to send them along until I get this answered.

Thanks for all your help!

Lucille

On May 29, 2019, at 1:03 PM, Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:

Robert —

In response to this question, "**I'm a little bit confused about your response to my questions about monitored and not monitored beaches. The Beach Monitoring Frequency report shows a variable called "Monitoring Reporting Frequency (to EPA)." If that value for a row under that variable is 0, does that mean it isn't monitored at all?**

You said:

No. It means the frequency of reporting monitoring data to EPA is "0".

To identify which beaches are monitored, (please see question 13, below) you can run a national BEACON query, use the Beach Monitoring Frequency report. Please see the User's Guide for instructions to create the report: (p. 28 D.2.) in the grey panel, select "Total of all Jurisdictions"; (p. 39 D.2.2) click on the column header for the Swim

Season Monitoring Frequency column, sort by decreasing value (this will group all beaches with a monitoring frequency of "0" at the bottom of the list; separating monitored from unmonitored beaches)."

This seems contradictory. So does Swim Season Monitoring Frequency = 0, does that mean the beach is unmonitored?

Thanks,

Lucille

On May 24, 2019, at 9:20 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Lucille, for attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson," please:

**Are only jurisdictions that receive grants under the BEACH Act required to comply with the BEACH Act Program?**

Correct, please see 33 USC 1346 (CWA Sec. 406(b)(1)).

**-Are only states/jurisdictions that receive grants required to adopt water quality standards?**

No, please see 33 USC 1313 (CWA Sec. 303). TheClean Water Act (CWA) gives primacy to states (including U.S. territories) and authorized tribes for the adoption of water quality standards, including setting designated uses (e.g., primary contact recreation), adopting criteria to protect those uses, and protecting existing and high quality waters. Under the BEACH Act amendments to the CWA, Congress set a clear mandate for coastal recreation waters (including Great Lakes) where a state/territory/authorized tribe has designated the water for primary contact, that they need to have water quality criteria as protective of public health as EPA's [1986] recreational criteria (regardless of whether they end up applying for a BEACH Act grant). As directed by the BEACH Act (CWA section 303(i), in 2004 EPA promulgated those criteria for any jurisdictions that did not have water quality criteria as protective of public health as EPA's [1986] recreational criteria. After EPA publishes revised recreational criteria, as was done in 2012, the CWA directs states to adopt revised criteria (also section 303(i)).

**Are only jurisdictions that receive grants required to provide data to the EPA, in regard to beach/water quality data?**

Correct, please see 33 USC 1346 (CWA Sec. 406(b)(3)(A)).

**-When I run the WQS Criteria report, I only get 31 states or territories. That does not seem to be accurate, but I'm unclear on how many there should be, since the data I've been getting varies so widely. Could you please confirm that this is an accurate/inaccurate number and how many there should be?**

That is accurate as some jurisdictions are still adding that data element (introduced as required in 2016) to their data systems for submission to EPA.

**-When it comes to the beach-related national geospatial downloads and fact sheets, you said this will be updated and republished in 2019. When is that expected to be published, exactly?**

We do not have a more specific expected date at the moment.

**Which three jurisdictions have not submitted 2018 data?**

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands;Swinomish Indian Tribal Community; Texas.

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**Or does this report show only monitored beaches? I want to generate a list of both monitored/not monitored beaches.**

No it includes all BEACH Act beaches, monitored or not, please see: the Step 3 Report Selection Tab, the description of the Beach Monitoring Frequency Report: *For each BEACH Act beach: Identifies swim season and monitoring attributes of each beach including: (1) swimming season length and (2) in- and off-season monitoring frequency. The list is sorted by county and beach name.*

**I'm unclear on why using EPABEACH as the only project ID in the water quality data portal isn't sufficient. That's what my colleague was told to use in the portal. Please explain.**

The directions the BEACH Program provides to submitters requires associating multiple values with the beach to avoid incomplete data submissions and reports (EPABEACH alone was no longer required beginning 2008). Please see: electronic p.26, p.32, p.34, p.35 of: https://www.epa.gov/beach-tech/submitting-beach-data-epa#monitor.

Please see, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) # 24 on p.45-46; #29 p. 47; #36 p.49 of: https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-08/documents/faqs-2018-seasonal-data.pdf. Your colleague received a reply prepared by the Water Quality Portal.

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On May 23, 2019, at 3:31 PM, Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:

Yes! It's easier for me if you can give me a solid date of when you might have answers.

Also, it would be really helpful to talk to a data person in your office on background, if possible.

On May 23, 2019, at 3:28 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Right. These look like fairly technical questions, so let me see when we can reasonably and feasibly get back to you. I'd bet on next week, to be honest. Would that work for you? Also, keep in we're closed Monday, for the holiday.

Cheers, R.

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**Sent:** Thursday, May 23, 2019 3:27 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Query Sarasota Herald-Tribune Getting .csv of WQ data from WQP as seen on BEACON database

Robert,

Yes. I am. I had to move my deadline back for this story, but I do need responses ASAP. Thanks.

On May 23, 2019, at 2:37 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Lucille. Are you on deadline for those?

Cheers, R.

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-----Original Message-----
From: Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2019 2:29 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Cc: Wise, Allison <Wise.Allison@epa.gov>; Harris-Young, Dawn <Harris-Young.Dawn@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>; Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Query Sarasota Herald-Tribune Getting .csv of WQ data from WQP as seen on BEACON database

Robert —

I'm looking into some of the other resources you sent me. In the meantime, here are a few follow-up questions I have:

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I'm sure I'll have more questions after looking through the material you sent me.

Thanks for your help,

Lucille

On May 22, 2019, at 3:18 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Lucille, with apologies for the late response, and for attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson," please:

Thank you for your interest in water quality and public health.
Responses are provided below each bolded question. As background, please also note that the water quality data and beach notification information you seek are provided to EPA (generally once a year) by states, tribes and territories (jurisdictions) that receive BEACH Act grants. The jurisdictions' required capabilities and performance requirements, and EPA recommendations for program operations (related to many of your questions, below) can be found in the National Beach Guidance:
www.epa.gov/beach-tech/national-beach-guidance-and-required-performanc
e-criteria-grants

The current BEACON User Guide (always accessible in the upper right corner of the BEACON home page) explains how to create and run queries, and download into spreadsheets the data and information you seek.

Also, this BEACON page includes links to each jurisdiction's beach program webpage. If you want to obtain beach data on each jurisdiction, which may include data not submitted to EPA, or have questions about their program, we suggest you contact each jurisdiction directly.

I'm looking at measuring water quality at beaches. I plan on using this definition as my starting point: "The BEACH Act defines coastal recreation waters as the Great Lakes and coastal waters (including coastal estuaries) that states, territories, and authorized tribes officially recognize (or "designate") for swimming, bathing, surfing, or similar activities in the water."

The EPA BEACH Act Program includes coastal and Great Lakes beaches as defined by the Clean Water Act (CWA). Such beaches are: (1) adjacent to water with water quality standards (WQS) for primary contact recreation, (2) used by the public, and (3) are "… waters downstream of the mouth of a river or stream having unimpaired natural connection with the open sea." [Sec 5. (B)]. (Here, "the sea" also refers to a connection to the Great Lakes.)

States adopt water quality standards to protect their waters, including recreational waters. They may adopt EPA's recommended criteria or other scientifically defensible criteria as part of their proposed Water Quality Standards, and then they submit their proposed standards to EPA for approval under the CWA. Please see EPA's 2012 recommended Recreational Water Quality Criteria (RWQC) for EPA's latest recommendations:
www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-10/documents/rwqc2012.pdf

The implementation guidance documents for the 2012 recommended RWQC can be found at:
www.epa.gov/wqc/2012-recreational-water-quality-criteria-documents

I have begun collecting enterococcus levels through the water quality portal for each state. I believe I need to collect

E.Coli to measure water quality for the Great Lakes. Is this correct?

Correct, all the Great Lakes states measure microbial water quality using E. Coli as an indicator of microbial contamination.

I have also gathered fecal coliform data, but it appears there hasn't been as much monitoring for this characteristic. Is this something that the EPA still measures? Is this still a good indicator of water quality? Are there any other characteristics/bacteria I should be gathering?

EPA no longer recommends fecal coliform as an indicator organism, rather EPA recommends either E. Coli or Enterococcus in fresh waters and Enterococcus in marine waters be used as the appropriate indicator.

The indicators that various jurisdictions have chosen to use are reflected in BEACON. Please run the WQS Criteria report. The BEACON Water Quality report is pulled from the Water Quality Portal (WQP) that you are already familiar with, and it also shows the indicators used. The BEACH Act only requires monitoring for fecal indicators. Some jurisdictions also monitor for other concerns; e.g., algae that produce phytotoxins (harmful algal blooms), medical waste, etc.; see BEACON Beach Actions and Possible Pollution Sources reports. Please see the discussion in the National Beach Guidance.

I found this on the department's website: "As a result, we recommended in 1986 the use of E. coli for fresh recreation waters (criteria set at 126/100mL) and enterococci for fresh and marine recreation waters (criteria set at 33/100mL in freshwater and 35/100mL in marine water). These recommendations replaced our previously recommended bacteria criteria for fecal coliform of 200/100mL."

Are these criteria still correct?

In 2012, EPA reviewed the science and released updated criteria recommendations. From p. 43 of the 2012 RWQC document linked above, these are EPA's current recommended criteria for indicator organisms (GM= geometric mean, STV= statistical threshold value):

In addition, for the purposes of making decisions for posting notifications or closures at beaches, EPA recommended the following Beach Action Values (BAVs) (from p.44 of the 2012 RWQC document):

If a particular bacteria is high at a beach, what are the reporting/notification requirements?

What and how jurisdictions report in real-time to the public varies by jurisdiction; please see their program websites. Local authorities should notify the public in as timely a manner as possible. What they subsequently report to EPA (usually in the January-March period in the year following the beach season), includes their "local action decision procedures," which if submitted, are listed in BEACON Beach Profile reports for each beach. Please see the discussion in the National Beach Guidance.

How can I find what caused a bacteria to be particularly high in one area?

Please run a BEACON Possible Pollution Source report. Please see the discussion in the National Beach Guidance section on Sanitary Survey.

What kind of action does the EPA take when a particular source has high levels of bacteria?

EPA does not take an action at the time high levels are reported. Under the CWA, and as a requirement to receive a BEACH Act grant, the jurisdiction has authority to take actions under their own programs. Please note that repeated exceedances of the geometric mean threshold may be considered by jurisdictions and EPA when making decisions on whether the waterbody is meeting its designated uses for the purposes of Section 303(d) of the CWA. If a water is listed as impaired and not meeting its designated recreational use, the state must develop a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), which in turn can change National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirements for a particular discharger.

Would it be accurate to average the measure values for one location over the course of a year and compare it to the

average level for the previous year?

Please see the discussion in the National Beach Guidance, which recommends the geometric mean calculated over a discrete averaging period, usually 30-60 days. For beach notification purposes, typically a single exceedance of the jurisdiction's beach notification value is used for making decisions.

It appears the values in the "monitoring location name" variable either aren't clean or don't reflect the name of the beach where the water is being tested. Is there a place where I can get the name of the beach for each monitoring location?

Please see the BEACON Beach Actions or Water Quality reports.

It appears there are shape files that show the beach names (https://watersgeo.epa.gov/beacon2/). Is there a way I could obtain those?

Beach-related national geospatial downloads and fact sheets are available for the BEACH Act program. The geospatial data represents BEACH Act beaches based on the information provided to the EPA. This data is available in GIS-compatible shapefile and geodatabase formats and in KMZ Google Earth files. These data are being updated and are expected to be republished later in 2019. NOTE – the BEACON maps (use the Find a Beach tab) previously showed the location of the monitoring station points next to the beach lines, but EPA recently changed to ArcGIS Javascript and we have not received updated code yet.

What's the difference between "estimated" versus "actual" in the variable "result value type name?" Does this mean the water isn't actually being tested? Would it be accurate to include these in my analysis?

An "estimated" value indicates that it is not directly measured. You can check with the jurisdiction as to how the estimate was created and if other relevant data is available.

Is there a way I could get a spreadsheet of beaches that are currently monitored, and those that are not? I found it at this portal, but I have to click on each state to get a list of the beaches in that state: https://ofmpub.epa.gov /apex/beacon2/f?p=111:12:8414826486221::NO::P12_YEARS:Current.

You can run a national BEACON query, use the Beach Monitoring frequency report. Please see the User's Guide for instructions to download the report: in the grey panel, click on "Actions v," select "Download," pick a format.

Is this constantly updated? If not, how often is it updated? Can I get a list of beaches that were and weren't monitored as of last year?

The jurisdictions usually report annually to EPA (in the January-March period in the year following the beach season, although some report more frequently). As of May 14th, 2019, three jurisdictions have not yet submitted the data for 2018.

Could I obtain a spreadsheet showing advisories and closures within the last two years (Memorial Day 2017 - May 2019)?

You can run two different BEACON reports. If you only want the number and duration of advisories and closures, run a national State Summary/Alternate Report (National Percentage) report. If you want a row for each advisory and closure, run a national Beach Actions report. Please see the User's Guide for instructions to download the reports: in the grey panel, click on "Actions v," select "Download," pick a format.

Could I obtain a spreadsheet/list of places that have received beach grants in the last 10 years? Is this available per beach? Or is this only available by county/state?

Only by jurisdiction, please see: www.epa.gov/beach-tech/beach-grants . Fiscal Year 2019 grants are still in process.

Note to reporter: The process of submitting and retrieving data using the BEACON App can fail at any of many steps due to something as simple as a space in the wrong place. BEACON pulls all the data in the Water Quality report from

WQX & WQP. If water quality (WQ) data are showing in BEACON but not in the WQP, then the structure of the query to the WQP is likely the problem. If water quality data are showing in the WQP but not in BEACON, then the problem is likely either with the submitted data (please see list of example conditions below) or it is not data collected under the Beach Program. If WQ data are incomplete in both the WQP and BEACON, then either the data were not submitted (yet), or not submitted correctly. We ask the jurisdictions each year to verify that their Beach Program submissions show up as intended.

Example Conditions:
1. to pull the WQ data in WQP, the submitted data must be associated with:
a. valid WQX-issued org id(s) (e. g, 21XXBCH or jurisdiction format e.
g, 11113300), and b. valid Beach Program-issued beach id(s) (aka WQX
project id(s), e. g., XX205937 and
(1) Note: the use of EPABEACH as the only WQX project id is not
sufficient c. valid jurisdiction-created station id(s) d. beach ids
not grouped/concatenated (e.g., as in .xlsx comma separated values
(csv) format) or equivalent e. valid BEACH Program Monitoring Location
Type (MLTYP_UID values from 58 to 67 inclusive) 2. Other reasons a beach may not show WQ data at all, or not for a period of time:
a. not monitored (no data)
(1) non-reporting
(2) dormant
(3) indicator(s) searched for not monitored or changed b. in the
BEACON Wizard, historical and/or private data not selected to show in
report c. new beach id - no data submitted yet (pending action by
jurisdiction) d. WQX data Result Status set as “Preliminary”, needs to be set to “Final”

At https://www.waterqualitydata.us/, when I select EPABEACH under project ID and sample results for biological metadata or site data and download Connecticut data in it’s entirety, only two monitoring locations are showing up (ESPOSITO BEACH and SEASIDE PARK BEACH). The EPA’s website shows that 73 Connecticut beaches are monitored. Do you know why there’s a discrepancy?

Please see introductory comments above.

I’ve also noticed Hawaii’s data only goes through 2017, but data for enterococcus and fecal coliform only go through 2011 and 1997, respectively. I’m running into similar issues in Massachusetts, which only has data for E.coli and enterococcus through 2007, Michigan, which only has E.coli data through 2014 as well as no designated monitoring locations. I’m running into similar issues in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas and Wisconsin (I’ve only looked at enterococcus and fecal coliform in these states, and haven’t looked at E.coli yet). Illinois and Indiana are also returning "no data", even though they are shown as a jurisdiction with beach data at this site:https://watersgeo.epa.gov/BEACON2/Beacon.html. Some of these do not match up with what is being shown in BEACON.

Please see introductory comments above.

Additionally, does BEACON only show advisories/notifications, or would it match the data found in the water quality portal completely?
The jurisdiction-reported data found in BEACON come from the following EPA/USGS databases:

• EPA’s Reach Address Database (RAD). RAD contains geographic data that define each beach's location and the location of water quality monitoring stations. BEACON pulls this data to display the beaches and stations on a map. For more information on RAD, see EPA's Reach Address Database page.

• EPA’s Water Quality Exchange (WQX) and the USGS Water Quality Portal (WQP). WQX is the framework by which organizations submit data to the EPA for weekly upload to the WQP. BEACON pulls water quality monitoring data from WQX/WQP. For more information on WQX/WQP, see Water Quality Data (WQX) page.

• PRogram tracking, beach Advisories, Water quality standards, and
Nutrients (PRAWN). PRAWN stores beach administrative, advisory and
closing data. For more information on PRAWN, see Submitting Data to
EPA page. And data flow
diagram:https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2019-02/documents/e

beaches-dataflow-2019.pdf

Could you please let me know why there is a discrepancy, and potentially missing years, in the data available in the water quality portal?

Please see introductory comments above.

Cheers, R.

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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) (M)

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Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2019 9:59 AM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Cc: Wise, Allison <Wise.Allison@epa.gov>; Harris-Young, Dawn <Harris-Young.Dawn@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Query Sarasota Herald-Tribune Getting .csv of WQ data from WQP as seen on BEACON database

Robert —

Is there an ETA on when these questions might be answered? It's been a week since I sent them over.

On May 17, 2019, at 3:58 PM, Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:

Robert —

Circling back again.

Lucille Sherman

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On May 16, 2019, at 9:29 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Morning Lucille. Checking.

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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) M)

On May 16, 2019, at 9:20 AM, Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:

Circling back on this.

On May 14, 2019, at 5:00 PM, Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:

Robert —

I ran this by my editor. Tomorrow (Wednesday) COB works.

If there are any questions that are more easily and quickly answered and it's possible to send them on a rolling basis, that would be great!

Thanks,

Lucille

Lucille Sherman

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On May 14, 2019, at 1:38 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Lucille.

With these additional questions, we're unlikely to get back to you this afternoon. I understand your need to process all the data and other information you're putting together, but if you could push your deadline back to tomorrow COB, or even Thursday, we'd be grateful. Our water folks want to make sure they get it right – something you'll appreciate, as a reporter. Let me know if you want to discuss.

Cheers, R.

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(ESPOSITO BEACH and SEASIDE PARK BEACH). The EPA's website shows that 73 Connecticut beaches are monitored. Do you know why there's a discrepancy?

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Could you please let me know why there is a discrepancy, and potentially missing years, in the data available in the water quality portal?

Thank you,

Lucille

On May 14, 2019, at 11:16 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Sure thing. And it's press@epa.gov. Two Ss, not three.

Cheers, R.

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Harris-Young, Dawn <Harris-Young.Dawn@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Query Sarasota Herald-Tribune Getting .csv of WQ data
from WQP as seen on BEACON database

Thanks, Lucille, We'll do our best. For future inquiries, please reach out to presss@epa.gov, and either I or one of my colleagues will get back to you.

Cheers, R.

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Hi Robert,

For getting the questions I sent yesterday answered, my deadline is today. We're aiming to have the story publish on Memorial Day, but we need to get some questions answered and wrangle the data before we can determine if that's feasible.

After we get these questions answered, I can send you an updated publish date.

Thanks!

Lucille

On May 14, 2019, at 10:54 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Good morning Lucille, and thanks for reaching out,

What's your deadline, please, and when are you planning to publish?

Cheers, R.

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Thanks! If you have any idea, could you let me know an ETA on getting the answers to these questions? Working on a tight deadline.

On May 14, 2019, at 9:52 AM, Young, Dwane <Young.Dwane@epa.gov> wrote:

Lucille,

Thanks for the follow-up. This request needed to be rerouted back through the beaches staff, and likely our communication staff. I've sent it to them for follow-up.

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On May 14, 2019, at 9:41 AM, Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:

Hi Dwane,

Just wanted to circle back on this.

Thanks,

Lucille

On May 13, 2019, at 2:40 PM, Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:

Hello,

My colleague, Daphne Chen, was recently corresponding with you about this, and this story has been transferred over to me.

I have a few questions for you that I was hoping you could answer for me. I need this information by tomorrow afternoon.

I'm looking at measuring water quality at beaches. I plan on using this definition as my starting point: "The BEACH Act defines coastal recreation waters as the Great Lakes and coastal waters (including coastal estuaries) that states, territories, and authorized tribes officially recognize (or "designate") for swimming, bathing, surfing, or similar activities in the water."

-I have begun collecting enterococcus levels through the water quality portal for each state. I believe I need to collect E.Coli to measure water quality for the Great Lakes. Is this correct? I have also gathered fecal coliform data, but it appears there hasn't been as much monitoring for this characteristic. Is this something that the EPA still measures? Is this still a good indicator of water quality? Are there any other characteristics/bacteria I should be gathering?

-I found this on the department's website: "As a result, we recommended in 1986 the use of E. coli for fresh recreation waters (criteria set at 126/100mL) and enterococci for fresh and marine recreation waters (criteria set at 33/100mL in freshwater and 35/100mL in marine water). These recommendations replaced our previously recommended bacteria criteria for fecal coliform of 200/100mL."

Are these criterium still correct?

-If a particular bacteria is high at a beach, what are the reporting/notification requirements?

-How can I find what caused a bacteria to be particularly high in one area?

-What kind of action does the EPA take when a particular source has high levels of bacteria?

-Would it be accurate to average the measure values for one location over the course of a year and compare it to the average level for the previous year?

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-Could I obtain a spreadsheet showing advisories and closures within the last two years (Memorial Day 2017 - May 2019)?

-Could I obtain a spreadsheet/list of places that have received beach grants in the last 10 years? Is this available per beach? Or is this only available by county/state?

Thanks for handling this large volume of questions. Would you mind letting me know when you've received this email? If you think any answers to these questions will be hard or time consuming to track down, please let me know.

Feel free to give me a call if you have any questions or need any clarification.

Thank you,

Lucille Sherman

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On May 13, 2019, at 10:33 AM, Chen, Daphne <dchen@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:

Daphne,

All of these data are available at the water quality portal:
https://waterqualitydata.us

To access these data, click on the 'Download Data' button. On the form that shows up next find the field called 'Project ID' (it's on the right hand side of the screen under Sampling Parameters. Enter 'EPABEACH'. You can then download all the station information (including the locations). To do this, choose 'Site Data Only' under 'select data to download' and hit 'Download'. You will then get a .zip file that contains all the site information. To get the actual sampling results, choose 'Sample Results (physical/chemical metadata)' and then click download to get a .zip file of all of those results.

To make your life a little easier, the following links will give you all these data for the past 10 years (anything collected since 2008). If you want a different time period, you can go to the portal and enter your conditions. One warning, this is a sizeable data set (3.5 million records from 10,000 sites). If you try to pull the full dataset (without the date restriction) you'd get 5.5 million records from 13,000 sites.

Site Information:

https://www.waterqualitydata.us/data/Station/search?project=EPABEACH&s
tartDateLo=01-01-2008&mimeType=csv&zip=yes

Results:

https://www.waterqualitydata.us/data/Result/search?project=EPABEACH&st
artDateLo=01-01-2008&mimeType=csv&zip=yes

If you just want Florida's data, that's a little easier, the following links will give you that:

Site Information:

https://www.waterqualitydata.us/data/Station/search?statecode=US%3A12&
project=EPABEACH&startDateLo=01-01-2008&mimeType=csv&zip=yes

Results:

https://www.waterqualitydata.us/data/Result/search?statecode=US%3A12&p
roject=EPABEACH&startDateLo=01-01-2008&mimeType=csv&zip=yes

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Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2019 9:01 AM
To: wqx@epa.gov; storet@epa.gov
Subject: Getting .csv of BEACON database

Hello,

My name is Daphne Chen and I'm a data reporter at the Sarasota Herald-Tribune/GateHouse Media in Florida.

I'm working on a data story about beach water quality and was very impressed by the BEACON data app. Robert Daguillard from Media Relations told me to ask you whether there's any way to get a copy of the underlying database in spreadsheet format (excel or .csv) so I can do my analysis.

The problem with the BEACON app is that when I try to download one state at a time, many states have more than 50,000 entries and I get the error of "This query has returned more than 50,000 rows, please filter your data to ensure complete results." It's very difficult for me to download each county in the US manually. Is there any way you can send me a copy of your Water Quality Report underlying database for the entire nation at once?

Any assistance would be greatly appreciated!

Thanks,

Daphne

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Daphne Chen

National Data Projects Reporter

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**To:** Wildeman, Anna; Schiermeyer, Corry
**CC:** Dennis, Allison; McFaul, Jessica; Konkus, John; Grantham, Nancy; Drinkard, Andrea
**Sent:** 4/15/2019 5:30:41 PM
**Subject:** RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

Alright we are going to do this with David Schultz from Bloomberg Environment. I will schedule this for 2:30. This will is simply a background call and nothing will be attributable.

I will also send him an embargoed release at 2pm. If you have any questions/comments please call my desk line.

Thanks,
James

**From:** Wildeman, Anna
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 12:32 PM
**To:** Schiermeyer, Corry
**Cc:** Dennis, Allison ; Hewitt, James ; McFaul, Jessica ; Konkus, John ; Grantham, Nancy ; Drinkard, Andrea
**Subject:** Re: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

I'm also free from 2-3 today. Then booked until 530.

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Washington, DC 20460
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On Apr 15, 2019, at 12:30 PM, Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov> wrote:

James hasn't been able to get ahold of Amena. I'm not pushing a press release without having a background call with a reporter.

So, if this has to go today, we will just post a press release and factsheet on the website. I would rather hold until Anna can get on the phone with someone, either Amena or Bloomberg Law (Jessica's contact).

Please let us know another block of time for Anna and we will work to get Amena or Bloomberg Law on the phone.

Thank you

**From:** Dennis, Allison
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 12:13 PM
**To:** Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>
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**Corry and Jessica-** who will do the reach out to Amena now? Please note that we only have Anna until 1 pm.

**From:** Schiermeyer, Corry
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**Subject:** RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

Thank you!

**From:** Dennis, Allison
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 12:06 PM
**To:** Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>
**Cc:** McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

That works!

**From:** Schiermeyer, Corry
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 12:02 PM
**To:** Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>
**Cc:** McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

I was responding while you were typing…

If Anna could talk to Amena today around noon. Embargo until 2pm and then post the release on our website and send to reporters that ask.

Thank you

**From:** Dennis, Allison
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 12:00 PM
**To:** Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>
**Cc:** McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

- Owen

I think we wanted to pitch this to the Bloomberg Law news editor – Jessica knows him/her.

Would you like us to hold on publishing the updated website until this background interview occurs?

**From:** Hewitt, James
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 11:58 AM
**To:** Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>; Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Wildeman, Anna

<wildeman.anna@epa.gov>
**Cc:** McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; McDonough, Owen <mcdonough.owen@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

Amena Saiyid would be awesome.

**From:** Dennis, Allison
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**To:** Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>
**Cc:** McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; McDonough, Owen <mcdonough.owen@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

+ Anna

Anna is available to do this between 12 – 1 today.

OGC (David F) is aware and ok with this backgrounder.

**From:** Hewitt, James
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 11:43 AM
**To:** Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>
**Cc:** McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; McDonough, Owen <mcdonough.owen@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

We need to get Owen or someone from OW to walk a reporter through the intricacies of this.

**From:** Schiermeyer, Corry
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 11:40 AM
**To:** Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>
**Cc:** McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

Adding James

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 15, 2019, at 11:28 AM, Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov> wrote:

Dropping Chris B

Dave just got back from mtg and now is pivoting to his next meeting. Is it possible we just skip the embargo idea altogether and send the PR at noon just to any of the following reporters (who've written on this before ) :

Amena Saiyid, Bloomberg BNA

Ellen Gilmer, E&E News

Timothy Cama, The Hill

David LaRoss, Inside EPA

Faegre Baker Daniels, JD Supra Or
Perkins Coie, JD Supra Or
Williams Mullen, JD Supra

Alana Fortna, The Legal Intelligencer Or
Steve Hann, The Legal Intelligencer Or
Jilian Kirn, The Legal Intelligencer

Daley Mohan Groble, Lexology

Rachel Jacobsen, Mondaq Or
Sarah Judkins, Mondaq

S. Keith Garner, National Law Review or
James Rusk, National Law Review or
Amy P. Wang, National Law Review

Annie Snider, Politico

Lawrence Hurley, Reuters

Ledyard King Or Richard Wolf, USA TODAY

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 15, 2019, at 10:46 AM, Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov> wrote:

Please check with Dave. This would be on background only with the reporter.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 15, 2019, at 10:33 AM, Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov> wrote:

If desired, I can circle back with Dave when he gets out of his 10:30 with the Administrator.

If necessary, I'm sure we can get him to jump on the phone but on Thursday he asked if we could just send the reporter an embargoed copy of the PR and not offer an interview.

**From:** Schiermeyer, Corry
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 10:27 AM
**To:** Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>
**Cc:** McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

We wouldn't have Matt do it anyway as he is the EPA Counsel. Is Dave or someone else that could do it?

**From:** Dennis, Allison
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 10:23 AM
**To:** Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>
**Cc:** McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy

<Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

Since Matt L is away, we rather just send an embargoed PR to the Bloomberg Law news editor (no phone call interview for now) .

**From:** Schiermeyer, Corry
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 10:20 AM
**To:** Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>
**Cc:** McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

That looks fine. Did anyone (or is anyone) getting on the phone with the Bloomberg Law reporter to discuss on background? That is what we had discussed last week. I want someone that can better shape this more than just the statement.

Thank you.

**From:** Dennis, Allison
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 10:16 AM
**To:** Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>
**Cc:** McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

Hi all,

Is it ok if we-purpose that content in the former to the following (see attached)? It had a lot of today's best msging in it so we hate to see if dropped entirely.

Also, did you all have any more tweaks to the release? -Allison

**From:** Schiermeyer, Corry
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 8:22 AM
**To:** Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>; Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>
**Cc:** McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

I don't think we need a quote for this release. And I really don't think it should be from AAW.

**From:** Beach, Christopher
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 8:20 AM
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**Cc:** Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

I'm working on getting this approved.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 14, 2019, at 12:27 PM, Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov> wrote:

See attached for our nearly final versions .

Anyway we can get the proposed AAW quote approved to use tomorrow ?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Dennis, Allison" <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>
**Date:** April 14, 2019 at 12:25:35 PM EDT
**To:** "Ross, David P" <ross.davidp@epa.gov>, "Kramer, Jessica L." <kramer.jessical@epa.gov>
**Cc:** "Fotouhi, David" <fotouhi.david@epa.gov>, "Leopold, Matt (OGC)" <Leopold.Matt@epa.gov>, "Maher, Lauren" <Maher.Lauren@epa.gov>, "Wildeman, Anna" <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>, "Sawyers, Andrew" <Sawyers.Andrew@epa.gov>
**Subject: RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan**

Attached are the revised docs (word and PDF). Let me know if I missed anything! -Allison

**From:** Ross, David P
**Sent:** Sunday, April 14, 2019 9:43 AM
**To:** Kramer, Jessica L. <kramer.jessical@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>; Fotouhi, David <Fotouhi.David@epa.gov>; Leopold, Matt (OGC) <Leopold.Matt@epa.gov>; Maher, Lauren <Maher.Lauren@epa.gov>; Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>; Sawyers, Andrew <Sawyers.Andrew@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

I just sent some polishing and consistency edits to Allison. Once those are in, I think we can get the materials out to the RAs later today.

Anna has my proxy if anything comes up before late afternoon today. I'm off to Milwaukee for a very cold soccer match.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 13, 2019, at 12:23 PM, Ross, David P <ross.davidp@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks. David's edits look good. We appreciate the thoughtful edits.

I will have a few additional edits to share later today when LAX games are done.

BTW. It's really cold in Wisconsin.....

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 13, 2019, at 11:58 AM, Kramer, Jessica L. <kramer.jessical@epa.gov> wrote:

.pdfs attached.

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(202) 564-6322

**From:** Ross, David P
**Sent:** Saturday, April 13, 2019 11:01 AM

**To:** Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Fotouhi, David <Fotouhi.David@epa.gov>; Leopold, Matt (OGC) <Leopold.Matt@epa.gov>; Maher, Lauren <Maher.Lauren@epa.gov>; Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>; Sawyers, Andrew <Sawyers.Andrew@epa.gov>; Kramer, Jessica L. <kramer.jessical@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

Hi all. Can someone on this chain convert OGC's redline to PDF so that I can quickly review later today or tomorrow? IPad doesn't support Word redline. Thanks.

DR

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 12, 2019, at 10:24 PM, Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi David,

I'll need to check in Dave and Anna about your edits but I wanted to answer one your questions regarding the Q&As in the rollout: Those Q&As won't be posted online and would serve as jumping off point for answer media inquires, etc.
-Allison

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**From:** Fotouhi, David
**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2019 7:53 PM
**To:** Ross, David P; Dennis, Allison
**Cc:** Leopold, Matt (OGC); Maher, Lauren; Wildeman, Anna; Sawyers, Andrew; Kramer, Jessica L.
**Subject:** RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

My suggestions are tracked in the attached versions; let me know if you have any questions. Thanks!

**David Fotouhi**

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**From:** Ross, David P
**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2019 6:31 PM
**To:** Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Leopold, Matt (OGC) <Leopold.Matt@epa.gov>; Fotouhi, David <Fotouhi.David@epa.gov>; Maher, Lauren <Maher.Lauren@epa.gov>; Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>; Sawyers, Andrew <Sawyers.Andrew@epa.gov>; Kramer, Jessica L. <kramer.jessical@epa.gov>

**Subject:** Re: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

This is great. We'll need to make a few tweaks to the way we characterize the petitions before the Supreme Court, but subject to OGC review and a little clean up, I think we are in good shape for Monday. I think David is looking at the materials sometime later today or tomorrow, so we'll close out after we get his comments. Anna will take a look on Sunday to perform final clean up, and Sunday night I or Anna will transmit the materials to our Regional Administrators for awareness. Then we roll out on Monday on your schedule.

Thanks for the great work this week on a variety of challenging and time sensitive topics.

Dave

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 12, 2019, at 4:15 PM, Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov> wrote:

Great feedback. Here's a revised version for the group to review.

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**From:** Ross, David P
**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2019 4:26 PM
**To:** Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Leopold, Matt (OGC) <Leopold.Matt@epa.gov>; Fotouhi, David <Fotouhi.David@epa.gov>; Maher, Lauren <Maher.Lauren@epa.gov>; Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>; Sawyers, Andrew <Sawyers.Andrew@epa.gov>; Kramer, Jessica L. <kramer.jessical@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

Thanks Allison. There are a few nits that we will need to clean up in the docs, but let's wait for OGC input before we polish.

I think the Fact Sheet needs to be restructured.

Opening paragraph is fine, but it needs to line up with the new formulation of those sentences in the press release. This paragraph **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

The second paragraph should focus on **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**
**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Next paragraph is Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Final section should be Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

# Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

I think all of this is written already in the other materials. Just pull the relevant paragraphs together in this order.

Thanks!

Dave

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 12, 2019, at 1:52 PM, Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov> wrote:

Attached for Matt and David's review is the revised press release and rollout plan which reflect Dave and Anna's input. We have also prepared a fact sheet but Dave and Anna have not reviewed it yet.

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**From:** Ross, David P
**Sent:** Thursday, April 11, 2019 7:22 PM
**To:** Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Fotouhi, David <Fotouhi.David@epa.gov>; Maher, Lauren <Maher.Lauren@epa.gov>; Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>; Sawyers, Andrew <Sawyers.Andrew@epa.gov>; Kramer, Jessica L. <kramer.jessical@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

Thanks Allison. I need to turn my attention to a few other pressing matters, but will review this later tonight or first thing tomorrow morning.

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 11, 2019, at 5:18 PM, Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov> wrote:

Attached and pasted below is the updated PR, Rollout Plan, and map for your review. Please disregard our current RA TPs-- I will play catch with them once we settle on the PR language. Of note in the rollout plan, we have 2 new Q&As one addressing WOTUS and other addressing how states/ regions should use this guidance. Eager to hear your input. -Allison

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**Press Release:**

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

# Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

**Comms Materials:**

- Rollout and Notification Plan
- Press Release sent to targeted outlets
- Q&As to be used for external purposes
- Talking Points to be used for external purposes
- Fact Sheet with map showing current litigation status across U.S.
- Website: https://www.epa.gov/npdes/releases-point-source-groundwater.

**Rollout and Notification Plan for Day of Announcement (Monday, April 15)**

- **A.M. Head's up calls** to key congressional stakeholders (notified by OCIR)
  - Congressional representatives from Hawaii, South Carolina, and Tennessee (due to relevant court cases)
  - T&I and SEPW (jurisdiction over CWA)
  - Senator John Barrasso (WY)

- **10 A.M.**: OPA sends embargoed press release to Bloomberg Law news editor

- **Noon:** OW-OWM adds signed pre-publication version to the FRN to website: https://www.epa.gov/npdes/releases-point-source-groundwater

- **Noon:** OPA issues press release to targeted list of outlets who have written on this topic (The Hill, Reuters, E&E, etc.) and adds release to the EPA online Newsroom

- **Upon PR going out,** stakeholder notifications take place (email pointing to the PR):
    - State, Water, and Intergovernmental Associations (notified by OCIR)
        - State Governments (Governor staff)
        - Water Associations (ACWA, NACWA, etc.)
        - "Big Ten" intergovernmental associations (ex. NLC, ECOS, NACO, etc.)
    - Tribes (notified by Karen Gude, OW)
        - Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission; National Tribal Water Council; Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa; Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency
    - Broad DHC/conduit theory listserve that includes industry, enviros, ag groups, associations, etc. (notified by OW-OWM)

**Q&As**

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Message

**From**: Brubaker, Sonia [Brubaker.Sonia@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 5/6/2015 2:03:09 PM
**To**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]; Loop, Travis [Loop.Travis@epa.gov]; Klasen, Matthew [Klasen.Matthew@epa.gov]
**CC**: Davis, CatherineM [Davis.CatherineM@epa.gov]; Greene, Ashley [Greene.Ashley@epa.gov]; Lalley, Cara [Lalley.Cara@epa.gov]; Hubbard, Carolyn [Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov]; Mattas-Curry, Lahne [Mattas-Curry.Lahne@epa.gov]; Bravo, Antonio [Bravo.Antonio@epa.gov]; Baldwin, Mark [Baldwin.Mark@epa.gov]; Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]; Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Final - HABs press release and roll out plan
**Attachments**: FINAL PRESS RELEASE - Advisories HABS - releasing 05-06-15.doc

Attached is the revised final press release that will go out at 11am -- thanks!

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 06, 2015 9:16 AM
**To:** Loop, Travis; Klasen, Matthew
**Cc:** Davis, CatherineM; Brubaker, Sonia; Greene, Ashley; Lalley, Cara; Hubbard, Carolyn; Mattas-Curry, Lahne; Bravo, Antonio; Baldwin, Mark; Lee, Monica; Jones, Enesta
**Subject:** RE: Final - HABs press release and roll out plan

+ Enesta Jones, who has graciously agreed to issue the release this morning.

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**From:** Loop, Travis
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 06, 2015 9:08 AM
**To:** Klasen, Matthew
**Cc:** Davis, CatherineM; Brubaker, Sonia; Greene, Ashley; Lalley, Cara; Hubbard, Carolyn; Mattas-Curry, Lahne; Bravo, Antonio; Baldwin, Mark; Daguillard, Robert; Lee, Monica
**Subject:** Re: Final - HABs press release and roll out plan

We are tweaking the language to say Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Travis Loop
Communications Director for Water
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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

On May 6, 2015, at 9:06 AM, Klasen, Matthew <Klasen.Matthew@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi all,

Just wondered if we had a final version of the release and rollout doc for this morning -- also copying Mark Baldwin for his awareness in my absence, so that we can get the final version to Esther et al.

I think Cathy's edits will make things much clearer; without them it seems like Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) which is certainly not the case.

I'm also adding Robert and Monica.

Thanks,
Matt

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On May 5, 2015, at 4:23 PM, Davis, CatherineM <Davis.CatherineM@epa.gov> wrote:

> Hi Sonia,
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> Thank you so much for copying me on this. We just finished the preliminary Hill briefing, and it went well. They asked a lot of the questions that have been discussed internally. One important point to note is that the Hill staffers that have been following this refer to the health advisories when talking about the full documents with all the technical information. I don't think they're alone in this, and I'm afraid that the press release is a little confusing on this point. Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
> Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
> Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) I suggest the following minor edits. Thank you for your consideration.
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> Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

# Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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**From:** Brubaker, Sonia
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 05, 2015 1:36 PM
**To:** Greene, Ashley; Lalley, Cara
**Cc:** Loop, Travis; Hubbard, Carolyn; Mattas-Curry, Lahne; Bravo, Antonio; Davis, CatherineM; Klasen, Matthew
**Subject:** Final - HABs press release and roll out plan

Attached is the final HABs press release that will go out Wednesday, May 6 at 11am. Also attached is the final roll out plan- note that all media questions will be run through the programs. Please keep a close hold on these docs.

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Message

**From**: Valentine, Julia [Valentine.Julia@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 7/22/2013 10:26:48 PM
**To**: Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]; DeLuca, Isabel [DeLuca.Isabel@epa.gov]
**CC**: Dennis, Allison [Dennis.Allison@epa.gov]; Birgfeld, Erin [Birgfeld.Erin@epa.gov]; Cohen, David [Cohen.David@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: question about quantifying natural gas losses

On it. Thanks, Enesta.

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**From:** Jones, Enesta
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2013 5:29:46 PM
**To:** DeLuca, Isabel
**Cc:** Dennis, Allison; Birgfeld, Erin; Valentine, Julia; Cohen, David
**Subject:** RE: question about quantifying natural gas losses

Isabel,
See her email below. She's fine with our approach. Please emphasize to Paul, who I know is seasoned, to treat it like an on-the-record however. Julia is taking over from here…

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Hi Enesta, that will work. I want Paul to feel he can speak freely, but I also want to be able to cite the EPA data in a story if necessary. Thanks for setting it up.

My story is really not about the EPA, it is more about this research in Boston and Washington, but now as a result of that I am trying to understand loss rates and emissions factors and I really hope the EPA can help in that way and I can use your expertise to make sure I have a good understanding of what is going on.

It's nothing personal, but as a reporter I get told from agency folks very often, almost regardless of topic that they want to talk "on background," and it can get frustrating, because if the information I get is on background, I can't use it, and obviously I need facts and information in my stories. That is why I reach out in the first place. Because of that, to start from a default of "on background" is something I try to avoid. On the other hand, I also very much understand the need to be on background if the topic is sensitive. I don't mind letting Paul know in advance what I plan to use in the story and I always fact check all my stories with my sources anyway before they run.

I appreciate your help.

Best,

Stephanie

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**From:** DeLuca, Isabel
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2013 5:10 PM
**To:** Jones, Enesta
**Cc:** Dennis, Allison; Birgfeld, Erin; Valentine, Julia; Cohen, David
**Subject:** RE: question about quantifying natural gas losses

Thanks, that approach should work well.

The staff I need to give me answers on the response timing are in meetings and I have no idea what they have on their plates tomorrow. They know this is a priority, and we'll do our best to give you all the responses COB tomorrow, but could we tell the reporter that we'll work on sending her responses to the additional questions as soon as possible?

**From:** Jones, Enesta
**Sent:** Monday, July 22, 2013 5:03 PM
**To:** DeLuca, Isabel; Dennis, Allison
**Cc:** Valentine, Julia; Cohen, David
**Subject:** RE: question about quantifying natural gas losses

Isabel,
I can use an approach we've often used. Tell her it is on background (but Paul should treat it as an on-the-record), with the understanding that she comes back to us before publishing on anything she would like to attribute to him. Does that work? What's the ETA on written responses? Still tomorrow COB?

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Thanks,
Isabel

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**Cc:** Franklin, Pamela; Waltzer, Suzanne
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**From:** Stephanie Ogburn [mailto:sogburn@eenews.net]
**Sent:** Friday, July 19, 2013 2:14 PM
**To:** Bylin, Carey
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Hi Carey,

I came across this article you wrote:
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Message

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**CC**: Dennis, Allison [Dennis.Allison@epa.gov]; Birgfeld, Erin [Birgfeld.Erin@epa.gov]; Cohen, David [Cohen.David@epa.gov]; Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: question about quantifying natural gas losses

Thanks, Isabel. I'm back in so I will finish this one up with you.

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**From:** DeLuca, Isabel
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 23, 2013 9:30 AM
**To:** Jones, Enesta
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Thanks, Enesta! I'll definitely tell Paul to treat this as on the record...

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Isabel,
See her email below. She's fine with our approach. Please emphasize to Paul, who I know is seasoned, to treat it like an on-the-record however. Julia is taking over from here…

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Hi Enesta, that will work. I want Paul to feel he can speak freely, but I also want to be able to cite the EPA data in a story if necessary. Thanks for setting it up.

My story is really not about the EPA, it is more about this research in Boston and Washington, but now as a result of that I am trying to understand loss rates and emissions factors and I really hope the EPA can help in that way and I can use your expertise to make sure I have a good understanding of what is going on.

It's nothing personal, but as a reporter I get told from agency folks very often, almost regardless of topic that they want to talk "on background," and it can get frustrating, because if the information I get is on background, I can't use it, and obviously I need facts and information in my stories. That is why I reach out in the first place. Because of that, to start from a default of "on background" is something I try to avoid. On the other hand, I also very much understand the need to be on background if the topic is sensitive. I don't mind letting Paul know in advance what I plan to use in the story and I always fact check all my stories with my sources anyway before they run.

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Best,

Stephanie

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The staff I need to give me answers on the response timing are in meetings and I have no idea what they have on their plates tomorrow. They know this is a priority, and we'll do our best to give you all the responses COB tomorrow, but could we tell the reporter that we'll work on sending her responses to the additional questions as soon as possible?

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Message

**From**: Purchia, Liz [Purchia.Liz@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 11/10/2014 7:31:57 PM
**To**: Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]; Samy, Kevin [Samy.Kevin@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Fw: For Ozone meeting

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**From:** Drinkard, Andrea
**Sent:** Monday, November 10, 2014 1:56:51 PM
**To:** Millett, John; Purchia, Liz; Davis, Alison; Jones, Enesta
**Subject:** RE: For Ozone meeting

Happy to join.

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**From:** Millett, John
**Sent:** Monday, November 10, 2014 1:10 PM
**To:** Purchia, Liz; Davis, Alison; Jones, Enesta
**Cc:** Drinkard, Andrea
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Adding Andrea -- in case she wants to join at 2:30 . . .

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**Sent:** Monday, November 10, 2014 11:56 AM
**To:** Millett, John; Davis, Alison; Jones, Enesta
**Subject:** For Ozone meeting

I'd like to brainstorm a bit on the rollout of the announcement/timing. Here are some of the things we've been discussing.

**Ozone**
**Week of**

- Children's health tweets
- Graphics/social media

**Day Of**

- NYT op-ed
- Heads up on call to ME
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- Advisory
- Under embargo release key reporters
- Press release & web materials
- Press Call
- Share remarks
- Blog pushback
- Stakeholder statements?

**Potential call participants**

- AAP
- ALA
- City Mayor where air has improved since 1997
- Child who grew up in city where air improved
- Children's hospital association

**Potential event**

- Visit hospital/children in city with poor asthma

**Week after**

- Regional children's health events with stakeholders in cities where air has improved
- Regional op-eds
- Stakeholder events?

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Message

**From:** Millett, John [Millett.John@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 10/1/2015 10:57:08 PM
**To:** Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Re: SAMMIES: Outreach Starting 10/7

Wouldn't miss it!

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On Oct 1, 2015, at 6:54 PM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:

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On Oct 1, 2015, at 6:53 PM, Millett, John <Millett.John@epa.gov> wrote:

There's a present on your desk. It will cure you.

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On Oct 1, 2015, at 6:08 PM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:

I'm not. Don't feel well. Have a great eve.

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On Oct 1, 2015, at 6:07 PM, Millett, John <Millett.John@epa.gov> wrote:

Where you drinking?

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On Oct 1, 2015, at 6:05 PM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:

Jacob is a pro. He knows how to work the camera and has great colorful props. Jacob, wear the red tie!

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On Oct 1, 2015, at 5:40 PM, Slotkin, Ron <slotkin.ron@epa.gov> wrote:

Jacob,

We are hoping you can be available this Monday morning along with your favorite cook stove or two in EPA's video studio. We are planning to tell your story with video.

We can also use your best images from around the world of the cook stoves in use along with images of what they replaced.

Please do not feel pressured—this is a good thing and the video session will be very relaxed and fun.

*We all must work together to anticipate, prepare and adapt to a changing climate*

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**From:** Moss, Jacob
**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2015 5:34 PM
**To:** Smith, Roxanne
**Cc:** Jones, Enesta; Slotkin, Ron; Millett, John; Hart, Daniel; Orquina, Jessica; Gaber, Noha
**Subject:** Re: SAMMIES: Outreach Starting 10/7

But of course. Happy to do whatever you want. I have to say, I am just overwhelmed with all the love the agency is showing me for this. Thank you all.

Jacob E. Moss | Acting Deputy Director | Climate Protection Partnerships Division, EPA | moss.jacob@epa.gov | o: +1 202 343 9906 | c: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

On Oct 1, 2015, at 5:29 PM, Smith, Roxanne <Smith.Roxanne@epa.gov> wrote:

So, connecting a few folks on doing a video with Jacob that we can use both externally and internally. Jacob, would you be willing to be interviewed for a video? Ron will get with you on your availability.

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**From:** Jones, Enesta
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 30, 2015 9:55 AM
**To:** Smith, Roxanne
**Cc:** Purchia, Liz; Ortiz, Julia; Orquina, Jessica; Sutton, Amanda; Millett, John; Gaber, Noha; Hull, George; Davis, Jay
**Subject:** Re: SAMMIES: Outreach Starting 10/7

Between us only please--Jacob Moss of OAR won. So this is a big deal!

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On Sep 30, 2015, at 9:52 AM, Smith, Roxanne <Smith.Roxanne@epa.gov> wrote:

We really need to do the thunderclap. We have three EPA finalists for the Sammies and the winners will be announced in Oct. If any of our folks win, we'll be doing social media and a lot of internal comms about it. We always make a big deal about the Sammies because it is a way to engage employees and raise morale that what staff do here at EPA makes a difference.

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**From:** Purchia, Liz
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 30, 2015 9:49 AM
**To:** Ortiz, Julia; Jones, Enesta; Smith, Roxanne
**Cc:** Orquina, Jessica; Sutton, Amanda; Millett, John; Gaber, Noha; Hull, George; Davis, Jay
**Subject:** RE: SAMMIES: Outreach Starting 10/7

Adding Jay.

I don't think we need to do the thunderclap unless others can convince me we should.

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**From:** Ortiz, Julia
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 30, 2015 9:22 AM
**To:** Jones, Enesta; Smith, Roxanne
**Cc:** Purchia, Liz; Orquina, Jessica; Sutton, Amanda; Millett, John; Gaber, Noha; Hull, George
**Subject:** RE: SAMMIES: Outreach Starting 10/7

The thunderclap was approved yesterday, I will sign us up today.

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**From:** Jones, Enesta
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 30, 2015 9:21 AM

**To:** Smith, Roxanne
**Cc:** Purchia, Liz; Orquina, Jessica; Ortiz, Julia; Sutton, Amanda; Millett, John; Gaber, Noha; Hull, George
**Subject:** Re: SAMMIES: Outreach Starting 10/7

PPS will send the embargoed news release on Friday afternoon.

They also want to see if we would still be willing to sign EPA's Twitter account up for their Sammies thunderclap. They have had great participation by many federal agencies thus far and we would love to have EPA included!

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On Sep 23, 2015, at 10:55 AM, Smith, Roxanne <Smith.Roxanne@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks. Looping in Noha because we will need to do internal comms on this as well.

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**From:** Jones, Enesta
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 23, 2015 10:51 AM
**To:** Purchia, Liz; Orquina, Jessica; Ortiz, Julia; Sutton, Amanda; Millett, John
**Cc:** Smith, Roxanne; Hull, George; Jones, Enesta
**Subject:** SAMMIES: Outreach Starting 10/7

Hi All: I just had a conference call with the Partnership for the Public Service (PPS), to discuss media outreach on SAMMIES.

**The embargo will lift at 12:01 a.m. on Wed., Oct. 7 for us to issue a press release, do social and work with them on pitching and coordinating media interviews.**

This is a heads-up for now; I'll have more information from PPS next week.

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Message

**From:** Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 10/21/2015 3:42:30 PM
**To:** timothy.nixon@thomsonreuters.com
**Subject:** Re: PITCH: PITCH: Green Power Leaders: clean and renewable energy, and sustainable development

Thanks!

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On Oct 21, 2015, at 11:41 AM, "timothy.nixon@thomsonreuters.com" <timothy.nixon@thomsonreuters.com> wrote:

I just popped it on the home page.

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**From:** Enesta Jones <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
**Date:** Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 10:25 AM
**To:** Timothy Nixon <timothy.nixon@thomsonreuters.com>
**Subject:** Re: PITCH: PITCH: Green Power Leaders: clean and renewable energy, and sustainable development

Sure. Thanks.

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On Oct 21, 2015, at 11:24 AM, "timothy.nixon@thomsonreuters.com" <timothy.nixon@thomsonreuters.com> wrote:

Would you like me to publish the release and profiles while I work up the other pieces?

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**From:** Enesta Jones <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
**Date:** Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 10:17 AM
**To:** Timothy Nixon <timothy.nixon@thomsonreuters.com>
**Subject:** Re: PITCH: PITCH: Green Power Leaders: clean and renewable energy, and sustainable development

Ok thanks.

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On Oct 21, 2015, at 11:13 AM, "timothy.nixon@thomsonreuters.com" <timothy.nixon@thomsonreuters.com> wrote:

Okay — thanks much. I'm buried in the 7 Reasons launch and a new GHG paper at the moment. That will soon pass :)

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**From:** Enesta Jones <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
**Date:** Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 10:08 AM
**To:** Timothy Nixon <timothy.nixon@thomsonreuters.com>
**Cc:** Enesta Jones <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: PITCH: PITCH: Green Power Leaders: clean and renewable energy, and sustainable development

Hi Timothy,

Here's one more Microsoft contact, probably a better one in PR:

**Michelle Lancaster**, Senior PR Manager, Microsoft; milanca@microsoft.com

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On Oct 20, 2015, at 5:43 PM, "timothy.nixon@thomsonreuters.com" <timothy.nixon@thomsonreuters.com> wrote:

Definitely. Lets do two:

Microsoft and Government of D.C.

Sound like a plan?

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**From:** Enesta Jones <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
**Date:** Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 4:38 PM
**To:** Timothy Nixon <timothy.nixon@thomsonreuters.com>
**Subject:** Re: PITCH: PITCH: Green Power Leaders: clean and renewable energy, and sustainable development

Anyone in particular you are interested in? We can provide info.

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On Oct 20, 2015, at 5:37 PM, "timothy.nixon@thomsonreuters.com" <timothy.nixon@thomsonreuters.com> wrote:

That is all I had time for today. Do you want to do a deeper dive interview, maybe of one of the leaders?

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**Date:** Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 4:34 PM
**To:** Timothy Nixon <timothy.nixon@thomsonreuters.com>
**Subject:** Re: PITCH: PITCH: Green Power Leaders: clean and renewable energy, and sustainable development

Oh you just used the release and profiles.

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On Oct 20, 2015, at 5:23 PM, "timothy.nixon@thomsonreuters.com" <timothy.nixon@thomsonreuters.com> wrote:

Hi — how does this look? I combined the release and profiles.

http://sustainability.thomsonreuters.com/2015/10/20/release-epa-honors-2015-green-power-leaders/

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**Date:** Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 3:48 PM
**To:** Timothy Nixon <timothy.nixon@thomsonreuters.com>
**Subject:** RE: PITCH: PITCH: Green Power Leaders: clean and renewable energy, and sustainable development

Thank you as always!

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**From:**timothy.nixon@thomsonreuters.com [mailto:timothy.nixon@thomsonreuters.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 20, 2015 4:47 PM
**To:** Jones, Enesta
**Subject:** Re: PITCH: PITCH: Green Power Leaders: clean and renewable energy, and sustainable development

I'm a little crunched but getting to it now.

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**Subject:** Re: PITCH: PITCH: Green Power Leaders: clean and renewable energy, and sustainable development

Hi Tim,
How's the story coming?

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On Oct 19, 2015, at 10:18 AM, "timothy.nixon@thomsonreuters.com" <timothy.nixon@thomsonreuters.com> wrote:

I do. Are okay with publishing tomorrow ?

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 19, 2015, at 9:04 AM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Tim,
Checking back on this one. Do you have everything you need?

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On Oct 16, 2015, at 1:33 PM, "timothy.nixon@thomsonreuters.com" <timothy.nixon@thomsonreuters.com> wrote:

HI — yes. Sorry about the delay. I'm interested.

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**From:** Enesta Jones <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
**Date:** Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 1:49 PM
**To:** Timothy Nixon <timothy.nixon@thomsonreuters.com>
**Cc:** Enesta Jones <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
**Subject:** PITCH: PITCH: Green Power Leaders: clean and renewable energy, and sustainable development

Hi Tim,
Under embargo until next Monday, 10/19...

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Any interest in pursuing a story?

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Message

**From**: Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 7/28/2015 4:46:41 PM
**To**: Michael Ball [michael.ball@argusmedia.com]
**Subject**: Re: Cross-state decision

Updated statement:

EPA is pleased that the court decision keeps the Cross-State Rule in place so that it continues to achieve important public health protections. The Cross-State Rule was promulgated to address a serious problem and continued implementation of the rule will lead to significant benefits for human health and the environment. The Agency remains committed to working with States and the power sector as we move forward to implement the Rule. We are reviewing the decision and will determine any appropriate further course of action once our review is complete.

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On Jul 28, 2015, at 12:17 PM, Michael Ball <michael.ball@argusmedia.com> wrote:

> Hi Enesta,
>
> Had one follow up. This isn't for attribution, but mainly just to double check my reading of the decision. Is it the initial reading over at the agency that this affects just phase 2 budgets and not phase 1?
>
> Thanks
>
> Mike
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> **From:** Jones, Enesta [mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
> **Sent:** Tuesday, July 28, 2015 11:48 AM
> **To:** Michael Ball
> **Subject:** Re: Cross-state decision
>
> Please attribute to US EPA:
>
> EPA is reviewing the decision and will respond accordingly.
>
> **Enesta Jones**
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> On Jul 28, 2015, at 11:41 AM, Michael Ball <michael.ball@argusmedia.com> wrote:
>
> > Hi Enesta,

Wanted to see if EPA had comment on the DC Circuit ruling this morning invalidating about a dozen state SO2 and NOX budgets for CSAPR.

Thanks

Mike

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**Sent**: 7/28/2015 4:23:55 PM
**To**: Michael Ball [michael.ball@argusmedia.com]
**Subject**: RE: Cross-state decision

Too soon.

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**To:** Jones, Enesta
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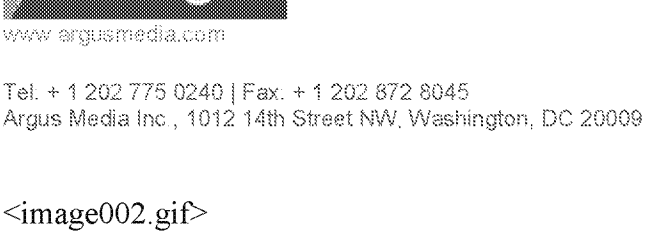


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**Sent**: 6/22/2015 1:17:41 PM
**To**: Liz Purchia (purchia.liz@epa.gov) [purchia.liz@epa.gov]; Harrison, Melissa [Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov]; Dennis, Allison [Dennis.Allison@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Final CIRA Release
**Attachments**: R150-06.22.docx

All,
Final release attached.
Allison, please send to the regions, letting them know everything is under embargo until 12:15 p.m. EST.

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**Sent**: 10/15/2015 3:26:40 PM
**To**: Ben Panko [bpanko@eenews.net]
**Subject**: RE: Green Power Profiles

Please stand by Ben.

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**From:** Ben Panko [mailto:bpanko@eenews.net]
**Sent:** Thursday, October 15, 2015 11:23 AM
**To:** Jones, Enesta
**Subject:** RE: Green Power Profiles

I would like to know more about the process through which these companies were selected, and what criteria EPA was looking for.

Thank you,
Ben

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**From:** Jones, Enesta [mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 14, 2015 4:50 PM
**To:** Ben Panko
**Cc:** Jones, Enesta
**Subject:** Green Power Profiles

Hi Ben,
Thanks for your interest.
Under embargo until Monday, attached is more information on the winners and their achievements.

Please let me know what else you need.

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**From:** Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 10/15/2015 2:33:38 PM
**To:** Balingit, Moriah [Moriah.Balingit@washpost.com]
**Subject:** Re: RE: RE:

Thanks.

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On Oct 15, 2015, at 10:33 AM, Balingit, Moriah <Moriah.Balingit@washpost.com> wrote:

> Try:
>
> Hauslohner, Abigail <Abigail.Hauslohner@washpost.com>
>
> Moriah Balingit
> Reporter
> The Washington Post
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> ---
>
> **From:** Jones, Enesta [mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
> **Sent:** Thursday, October 15, 2015 10:32 AM
> **To:** Balingit, Moriah
> **Subject:** Re: RE:
>
> Hi Moriah,
> Do you have someone in mind I can pitch to? For local, the DC Govt as a winner is an angle.
>
> I know you wrote about it last year, because Arlington Schools won.
>
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> On Oct 14, 2015, at 4:07 PM, Balingit, Moriah <Moriah.Balingit@washpost.com> wrote:
>
> > Hi Enesta,
> >
> > Thank you for the note, but this is a little out of my wheelhouse since I cover education.
> > Do you need a better contact?
> >
> > Moriah Balingit
> > Reporter
> > The Washington Post
> > Office 202-334-9605

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**From:** Jones, Enesta [mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 14, 2015 4:02 PM
**To:** Balingit, Moriah
**Subject:**

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**From**: Jones, Enesta [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=65B8E6C6E5CA4A7A9AE85D98A4C8EEDB-EJONES02]
**Sent**: 6/29/2015 8:06:26 PM
**To**: Ludwigsen, Emily [Ludwigsen.Emily@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: ACTION: Sammies photo and stoves

Just learned it is close hold. Sorry. There will be other oppts for meetings, for you to attend.

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**From:** Ludwigsen, Emily
**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2015 3:57 PM
**To:** Jones, Enesta; Lehman, Rachel; Blanchard, Daniel
**Subject:** RE: ACTION: Sammies photo and stoves

Okay, sounds good.

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**From:** Jones, Enesta
**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2015 3:56 PM
**To:** Lehman, Rachel; Blanchard, Daniel; Ludwigsen, Emily
**Subject:** RE: ACTION: Sammies photo and stoves

Thanks guys!

Emily, I'll need you for a Clean Power Plan meeting at 11 a.m. tomorrow.

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**From:** Lehman, Rachel
**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2015 3:55 PM
**To:** Jones, Enesta; Blanchard, Daniel; Ludwigsen, Emily
**Subject:** RE: ACTION: Sammies photo and stoves

Me and Daniel plan on going tomorrow. Excited to help out!

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Lehman.Rachel@epa.gov

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**From:** Jones, Enesta
**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2015 3:54 PM
**To:** Lehman, Rachel; Blanchard, Daniel; Ludwigsen, Emily
**Subject:** ACTION: Sammies photo and stoves

Who is going tomorrow at 11 a.m.?

**From:** Alex Trueman [mailto:atrueman@cleancookstoves.org]
**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2015 3:50 PM
**To:** Moss, Jacob; Kip Patrick
**Cc:** Blanchard, Daniel; Lehman, Rachel; Jones, Enesta
**Subject:** RE: Sammies photo and stoves

Hi Jacob,

That works for us.

I have the stoves all ready. The induction is very broken – most of the top is gone, exposing about 75% of the coils underneath – but I can still include it.

We have a large tub that these stoves just do fit in – it might be a bit awkward/heavy. Just a heads up.

I'll bring them down to the lobby at 11am tomorrow.

Thanks
Alex
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**From:** Moss, Jacob [mailto:Moss.Jacob@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Monday, June 29, 2015 9:05 AM
**To:** Alex Trueman; Kip Patrick
**Cc:** Blanchard, Daniel; Lehman, Rachel; Jones, Enesta
**Subject:** RE: Sammies photo and stoves

Thanks, Alex. How about tomorrow morning at 11am? Should we just meet you in the lobby of 1750 PA at that time?

Also, if the induction stove still looks good, even if it's not functional, that would still be very good to have. Thanks!

Jacob

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**From:** Alex Trueman [mailto:atrueman@cleancookstoves.org]
**Sent:** Friday, June 26, 2015 5:10 PM
**To:** Moss, Jacob; Kip Patrick
**Cc:** Blanchard, Daniel; Lehman, Rachel; Jones, Enesta
**Subject:** RE: Sammies photo and stoves

Hi Jacob,

Early next week works well how about:

Monday 10a or 1p
Tuesday 11a or 1p
Wednesday 11a or 1p

We will be able to give you all of the requested below except for an induction stove – which unfortunately broke recently – and an LPG stove – which we don't have on hand but are hoping to acquire soon!

Regards,

Alex

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**From:** Moss, Jacob [mailto:Moss.Jacob@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Friday, June 26, 2015 1:21 PM
**To:** Kip Patrick
**Cc:** Alex Trueman; Blanchard, Daniel; Lehman, Rachel; Jones, Enesta
**Subject:** RE: Sammies photo and stoves

Kip/Alex: So we'd like to come over and pick up some stoves early next week. The photo will be taken Thursday (and then the video 2 weeks later). Could you please let us know a few times that might work for you? We'll then pick one that works for us, too, and let you know ASAP.

Also, in terms of which stoves, we'd love if possible to have the following range:

- An LPG stove (and canister??)
- Ethanol stove (and bottle of ethanol fuel – need not be actual fuel inside!)
- An induction stove if you have one
- BioLite's latest
- Burn's charcoal stove
- A rocket stove (Greenway Grameen or Envirofit or Prakti)

I hope that's not too much to ask. Thanks in advance for all your help with this!

Jacob

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**From:** Kip Patrick [mailto:kpatrick@cleancookstoves.org]
**Sent:** Friday, June 19, 2015 1:29 PM
**To:** Moss, Jacob; Radha Muthiah
**Cc:** Alex Trueman
**Subject:** RE: Sammies photo and stoves

Yes, all sounds good. We will have the stoves ready for you/the interns on 7/2 and 7/17. If you could have the interns contact me, I'll coordinate with them on logistics so they get what they need.

Let me know if there's anything else we can do, otherwise, I'll look out for an email or call from the interns closer to those dates.

Thanks,

Kip

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www.cleancookstoves.org

**From:** Moss, Jacob [mailto:Moss.Jacob@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Friday, June 19, 2015 1:23 PM
**To:** Kip Patrick; Radha Muthiah
**Subject:** RE: Sammies photo and stoves

Thanks, Kip. We probably have space similar to the UNF library, so I'll just pass on that it won't quite work to shoot at UNF.

But we would definitely want some stoves to borrow, for both 7/2 and 7/17. We have interns who can head over with me to get them. Would it be possible to borrow 6 noted below (LPG stove (and canister?), ethanol stove, induction stove if you have one, BioLite, Burn charcoal, and 1 rocket stove)?

Many thanks,
Jacob

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**From:** Kip Patrick [mailto:kpatrick@cleancookstoves.org]
**Sent:** Friday, June 19, 2015 1:00 PM
**To:** Moss, Jacob; Radha Muthiah
**Subject:** RE: Sammies photo and stoves

Jacob,

Of course, we'd be happy to help out. We do have a good number of stoves around the office, though there's not exactly a photogenic display area that would serve as a nice backdrop.

We actually recorded a video with Radha a couple of weeks ago and used the UNF library as a backdrop. That could be an option, but if there's a place in your offices or elsewhere, perhaps we could deliver a few stoves to use. Or if the crew just wanted to shoot stoves for filler, they're welcome to come by as well.

Congrats again, and let us know what works best for you.

Kip

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**From:** Moss, Jacob [mailto:Moss.Jacob@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Friday, June 19, 2015 9:03 AM
**To:** Radha Muthiah
**Cc:** Kip Patrick
**Subject:** RE: Sammies photo and stoves

Thanks, Radha. Kip, if you feel like there's a potential here – maybe a way to set up some stoves on a table in a central spot, with a nice backdrop of the offices (in the same vein as in the pix on the link I sent earlier)?? – then would it be possible to send over a pic that captures what that view might look like (without gathering the stoves for this purpose).

If there's no good version of it, then we'll just skip the idea. There are plenty of other ideas to work from. For me, it'd be a nice thing to do it there just so your offices are part of it, but it's a fairly minor thing in the grand scheme. And it's not even my decision in the end…

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**From:** Radha Muthiah [mailto:rmuthiah@cleancookstoves.org]
**Sent:** Friday, June 19, 2015 8:56 AM
**To:** Moss, Jacob
**Cc:** Kip Patrick
**Subject:** RE: Sammies photo and stoves

We do have some throughout the office but they aren't in an exhibit as we keep taking them for different events and then bringing them back – so they are in offices, on different parts of the floor, etc. Copying Kip so that you can discuss your needs. Happy to help in whatever way we can.

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**From:** Moss, Jacob [mailto:Moss.Jacob@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Friday, June 19, 2015 8:42 AM
**To:** Radha Muthiah
**Subject:** Sammies photo and stoves

Radha, the photographer (Aaron) who's scheduling time for me to take an official Sammies portrait (see here for context) wants to find the best location possible in D.C. We are considering a bunch of ideas, including in front of the EPA building, in EPA's majestic Green Room, in my office, on the Mall, etc. (alas no travel budget to go to Jim's lab) – all with a variety of stoves as part of the shot. I had noted to Aaron in passing that the Alliance offices are in D.C. and that you may have an exhibit of clean fuels/stoves in the office. He has asked me late yesterday for a pic of it, if there is one.

All that to ask a few questions.

1. Do you have a stoves/fuels exhibit in your offices now?
2. If so, would you be willing to let them consider it as a backdrop to have my photo taken for this purpose?
3. If so, could you have someone take a quick pic of it (that also captures the overall space) that I could share it with Aaron for him to put in the mix with the other ideas? He will then decide.
4. If not, any chance we could borrow some stoves to bring over here. I'd like to have maybe 5 or 6, including LPG, ethanol, induction?, BioLite, Burn charcoal, and a basic rocket stove (Greenway, Envirofit, Ecozoom,…). BioLite and Burn specifically because of the substantial USG support that's gone to them. We may also be asking for this for mid-July when they come over to shoot the 2-3 min interview (here's an example from a past EPA winner).

He wants to shoot on Thursday July 2, in case that makes any difference (though that may be flexible).

Thanks for your patience with the ongoing barrage of questions related to this…
Jacob

Jacob E. Moss | Acting Deputy Director | Climate Protection Partnerships Division, U.S. EPA | moss.jacob@epa.gov | o: 202 343 9906 | c: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
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Message

**From:** Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 3/9/2015 4:50:28 PM
**To:** Ariel Wittenberg [awittenberg@eenews.net]
**Subject:** Re: NSR permits background interview request

Ok.

**Enesta Jones**
U.S. EPA, Office of Media Relations
**Desk:** 202.564.7873
**Cell:** Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

On Mar 9, 2015, at 12:43 PM, Ariel Wittenberg <awittenberg@eenews.net> wrote:

Not yet.

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**From:** Jones, Enesta [mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Monday, March 09, 2015 12:44 PM
**To:** Ariel Wittenberg
**Subject:** Re: NSR permits background interview request

Thanks. And do you have a targeted date for the piece to run?

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On Mar 9, 2015, at 12:42 PM, Ariel Wittenberg <awittenberg@eenews.net> wrote:

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**From:** Jones, Enesta [mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Monday, March 09, 2015 12:41 PM
**To:** Ariel Wittenberg
**Subject:** Re: NSR permits background interview request

Perfect. What's the best number to reach you on?

**Enesta Jones**
U.S. EPA, Office of Media Relations
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On Mar 9, 2015, at 12:39 PM, Ariel Wittenberg <awittenberg@eenews.net> wrote:

Yes and yes. 4:30 works.

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**From:** Jones, Enesta [mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Monday, March 09, 2015 12:39 PM

**To:** Ariel Wittenberg
**Subject:** Re: NSR permits background interview request

Ariel,
Are you available to do the backgrounder at 4:30?
And this would not be for attribution, correct?

**Enesta Jones**
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On Mar 9, 2015, at 7:58 AM, Ariel Wittenberg <awittenberg@eenews.net> wrote:

Thanks for this Enesta. Any luck on the backgrounder?

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**From:** Jones, Enesta [mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Friday, March 06, 2015 10:56 AM
**To:** Ariel Wittenberg
**Cc:** Jones, Enesta
**Subject:** Re: NSR permits background interview request

Ok. Working to set up backgrounder.

In the interim, as part of our budget request:

We rely on the work of our counseling attorneys to ensure EPA programs and operations comply with applicable laws; and to assist in development and implementation of EPA rules, guidance, and policy. Counselling attorneys help ensure that EPA acts in a timely and legal manner in our efforts to assist and respond to states, for example by acting on state submitted plans, or by issuing permits allowing sources to construct or modify facilities. We also need attorneys when our rules are challenged in court. On Clean Air Act cases alone last year, we won two Supreme Court cases and almost 90% of the cases challenging our rules.

20 FTE in counseling resources, spread throughout the Agency's ten regions as well as headquarters, would address a misalignment of resources that has developed over time.

While demand for legal counsel has grown over time, the number of counseling attorneys available to serve the Agency has not kept pace. These resources will assist mission critical programs across the Agency to do better work more quickly, and to be more responsive to our stakeholders.

Legal review can be a bottleneck for agency decision-making, slowing down things like:

- Permits,
- State Implementation Plan Approvals,
- FOIA responses, and
- Rule and Guidance development.

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On Mar 6, 2015, at 10:39 AM, Ariel Wittenberg <awittenberg@eenews.net> wrote:

As I've said before, we've heard some complaints about the time it takes for NSR permits to be issued after a permit application is completed. We understand that these permits are issued at the state level, and are speaking with states about this issue. However, as the permits are subject to federal air quality standards, we want to make sure we fully understand how the process works at all levels and how much involvement EPA has in state processes when they are EPA-approved and EPA-delegated.

Ariel

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**From:** Jones, Enesta [mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Friday, March 06, 2015 10:24 AM
**To:** Ariel Wittenberg
**Subject:** Re: NSR permits background interview request

Ok, I'm confirming.
In the interim, can you tell me more about what's prompting your interest?

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On Mar 6, 2015, at 10:16 AM, Ariel Wittenberg <awittenberg@eenews.net> wrote:

Hi Enesta,

I can push it to Monday, but that's the latest I can do.

Ariel

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**From:** Jones, Enesta [mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Friday, March 06, 2015 10:13 AM
**To:** Ariel Wittenberg
**Subject:** Re: NSR permits background interview request

Ariel,
Can we do the backgrounder on Monday or Tuesday of next week? What's the latest you can wait?

**Enesta Jones**
U.S. EPA, Office of Media Relations
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On Mar 6, 2015, at 9:54 AM, Ariel Wittenberg <awittenberg@eenews.net> wrote:

Hi Enesta,

Just wanted to check in with you on this again.

Thanks,

Ariel

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**From:** Jones, Enesta [mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 04, 2015 10:10 AM
**To:** Ariel Wittenberg
**Subject:** Re: NSR permits background interview request

Ok thanks.

**Enesta Jones**
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On Mar 4, 2015, at 10:08 AM, Ariel Wittenberg <awittenberg@eenews.net> wrote:

Nope, just thought I'd check in with you.

Ariel

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**From:** Jones, Enesta [mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 04, 2015 10:08 AM
**To:** Ariel Wittenberg
**Subject:** RE: NSR permits background interview request

Hey Ariel,
We are working on it. And working toward your deadline of Friday. Has the deadline changed?

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**From:** Ariel Wittenberg [mailto:awittenberg@eenews.net]
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 04, 2015 10:06 AM
**To:** Jones, Enesta
**Subject:** RE: NSR permits background interview request

Any luck?

Ariel

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**From:** Jones, Enesta [mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 03, 2015 12:39 PM
**To:** Ariel Wittenberg
**Subject:** Re: NSR permits background interview request

On it, thanks.

**Enesta Jones**
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On Mar 3, 2015, at 12:38 PM, Ariel Wittenberg <awittenberg@eenews.net> wrote:

End of this week.

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**From:** Jones, Enesta [mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 03, 2015 12:38 PM
**To:** Ariel Wittenberg
**Subject:** Re: NSR permits background interview request

Ariel,
What's your hard deadline?

**Enesta Jones**
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On Mar 3, 2015, at 12:33 PM, Ariel Wittenberg <awittenberg@eenews.net> wrote:

Hi Enesta,

I wanted to circle back with you on the NSR permit project we're working on at Greenwire. We've looked through the RBLC database and the information the EPA has online about the program and I'm hoping to set up an interview with someone who actually works with the NSR permits to get a better understanding of how the program works. We have some general questions on where the EPA's authority ends and the states' authority begins when it comes to NSR permits and I just think it would be helpful to speak with someone at headquarters who is familiar with the program and manages the permits to make sure we have a full understanding of the program. I am happy to speak with someone on background if need be. Please let me know when we can set something up.

Thanks,

Ariel

Ariel Wittenberg

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Message

**From**: Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 10/14/2015 9:22:36 PM
**To**: Abrams, Dan [Abrams.Dan@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: hey can you call me?

Not yet.

**Enesta Jones**
U.S. EPA, Office of Media Relations
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On Oct 14, 2015, at 5:20 PM, Abrams, Dan <Abrams.Dan@epa.gov> wrote:

alrighty any response from the fast company folks? I got a couple washpo locals from Kristiene, will send your pitch to them tomorrow.

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**From:** Jones, Enesta
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 14, 2015 5:13 PM
**To:** Abrams, Dan
**Subject:** Re: hey can you call me?

G'Wire will write.

**Enesta Jones**
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On Oct 14, 2015, at 3:57 PM, Abrams, Dan <Abrams.Dan@epa.gov> wrote:

thanks – I have Kristiene looking for a washpo metro reporter who may be interested in the dc gov angle

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**From:** Jones, Enesta
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 14, 2015 3:50 PM
**To:** Abrams, Dan
**Subject:** Re: hey can you call me?

PITCH: Green Power Leaders: clean and renewable energy, and sustainable development

Hi Ariel,
Under embargo until next Monday, 10/19...

EPA is recognizing the Government of the DC, National Hockey League, Microsoft, Apple and others for their leadership and use of green power.

Any interest in pursuing a story?

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On Oct 14, 2015, at 3:46 PM, Abrams, Dan <Abrams.Dan@epa.gov> wrote:

can you send me your pitch?

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**From:** Jones, Enesta
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 14, 2015 3:35 PM
**To:** Abrams, Dan
**Subject:** Re: hey can you call me?

Done!

**Enesta Jones**
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On Oct 14, 2015, at 3:22 PM, Abrams, Dan <Abrams.Dan@epa.gov> wrote:

this guy: http://www.fastcoexist.com/user/ben-schiller
or this woman: http://www.fastcoexist.com/user/ariel-schwartz

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**From:** Jones, Enesta
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 14, 2015 3:02 PM
**To:** Abrams, Dan
**Subject:** Re: hey can you call me?

Wouldn't hurt if you did.

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On Oct 14, 2015, at 2:59 PM, Abrams, Dan <Abrams.Dan@epa.gov> wrote:

do you have leads or do you want me to pull some...I think Laura got something in Fast Company

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**From:** Jones, Enesta
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 14, 2015 2:56 PM
**To:** Abrams, Dan
**Subject:** Re: hey can you call me?

+ Financial Times and Forbes

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On Oct 14, 2015, at 2:55 PM, Abrams, Dan <Abrams.Dan@epa.gov> wrote:

any other wash po reporters? a business reporter maybe?

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**From:** Jones, Enesta
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 14, 2015 2:51 PM
**To:** Abrams, Dan
**Subject:** Re: hey can you call me?

Chris said no. I'll reach out to GWire and Reuters.

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On Oct 14, 2015, at 2:33 PM, Abrams, Dan <Abrams.Dan@epa.gov> wrote:

sounds good. We got the go ahead to pitch preview stories of the GPP awards. You mentioned Wash Po (was it Chris Mooney?) who else do you think? Maybe Greenwire? The story would be under embargo and run Monday morning.

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**From:** Jones, Enesta
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 14, 2015 2:31 PM

**To:** Abrams, Dan
**Subject:** Re: hey can you call me?

When I am done staffing an intvu.

**Enesta Jones**
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On Oct 14, 2015, at 2:30 PM, Abrams, Dan <Abrams.Dan@epa.gov> wrote:

at my desk thanks

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Message

**From**: Jones, Enesta [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=65B8E6C6E5CA4A7A9AE85D98A4C8EEDB-EJONES02]
**Sent**: 8/14/2014 4:36:59 PM
**To**: Capece, Brandon [Capece.Brandon@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: RFS roll out - planning
**Attachments**: Rollout Plan 2014 RVOs 8.13.14 5pm.docx

3 p.m. meeting today. Want to attend?

Message

**From**: Jones, Enesta [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=65B8E6C6E5CA4A7A9AE85D98A4C8EEDB-EJONES02]
**Sent**: 11/20/2014 5:05:43 PM
**To**: Capece, Brandon [Capece.Brandon@epa.gov]
**CC**: Enesta Jones [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**Subject**: BRANDON ACTION: Draft Ozone Roll-out

Brandon,
Please take a look at this draft roll-out plan – and let me know what can be added – and why.

**Week Of**
Children's health tweets
Graphics/social media

**Day Of**
NYT op-ed
Heads up on call to Morning Energy
Media Advisory
Under embargo release to key reporters
Press release & web materials go out and posted
Press Call
Share remarks with reporters
Blog pushback – ready for posting if needed
Share stakeholder statements?
Social media amplificatoin

**Potential press call participants**
AAP
ALA
City Mayor where air has improved since 1997
Child who grew up in city where air improved
Children's hospital association
Mom's Clean Air Force representative

**Potential event**
Visit hospital/children in city with poor asthma

**Week after**
Regional children's health events with stakeholders in cities where air has improved
Regional op-eds
Stakeholder events?

**Digital**

GIF/Animated graphic – Using imagery from the slider map that's being created, create a short (<15 sec) animation that shows county data over time. It will be short enough for Instagram use, as well as Facebook and Twitter.
Graphics using health data alongside photos of people to show the impact on kids' and people's health.
Tweet key data points on health and air quality to show the impact of the new rule.
Q/A document – Prepared in advance for questions we might get over social media to facilitate in-the-oment response.
Website banner & landing page – Highlight the rule on the home page and ensure there's a good primary link for the issue.
Blog – OAR administrator on the reasons for the rule that includes the animated graphic; OMR intern from LA talking about growing up with the pollution and why the standard is so important.
Video – w Admin and AA asthmatic (2 min) -- Admin talks about the importance of this proposal and its adverse effects on children esp. asthmatics. In video, Admin turns to asthmatic to talk about his story of living day in, day out with asthma. Admin reemphasizes the need for EPA to take a strong stance on this pollutant.

**Materials to be Developed**

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|---|---|
| Rollout plan with Top Tough Qs and Validators/Call List | Internal |
| Press Release | External |
| Overview Fact Sheet | External |
| Background Ozone Fact Sheet | External |
| Standards & AQI Fact Sheet | External |
| Monitoring, Implementation and Permitting Fact Sheet | External |
| Health Fact Sheet | External |
| Ag Fact Sheet | External |
| General Qs & As | Internal |
| RIA Qs & AS | Internal |
| Presentation for Hill | External |
| Web update | External |
| Interactive Maps showing progress we've made on the past two ozone standards and projections for attaining the proposed standards in 2025 | External |
| Static Maps - Counties violating proposed standards in 2013; projections for attaining in 2025 | External |
| List of counties that would exceed standard with air quality value | External |
| Data behind the maps with FIPS codes | External - will not post to web but will provide on request |
| Talking Points - intros tailored to stakeholders: Enviros; states/locals/tribes; industry; Ag | Internal |
| Important numbers | Internal |

Message

**From:** Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 11/14/2014 8:39:02 PM
**To:** Reaves, Doretta [Reaves.Doretta@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Fwd: Ozone Rollout

FYI, Doretta.
Micah is on this distro list so he is aware.

**Enesta Jones**
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Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Purchia, Liz" <Purchia.Liz@epa.gov>
> **Date:** November 14, 2014 at 3:22:30 PM EST
> **To:** "Drinkard, Andrea" <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>, "Millett, John" <Millett.John@epa.gov>, "Davis, Alison" <Davis.Alison@epa.gov>, "Jones, Enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>, "Davis, Jay" <Davis.Jay@epa.gov>, "Allen, Laura" <Allen.Laura@epa.gov>, "Lee, Monica" <Lee.Monica@epa.gov>, "Samy, Kevin" <Samy.Kevin@epa.gov>, "Hunter-Pirtle, Ann" <Hunter-Pirtle.Ann@epa.gov>, "Reynolds, Thomas" <Reynolds.Thomas@epa.gov>, "Vaught, Laura" <Vaught.Laura@epa.gov>, "Bond, Brian" <Bond.Brian@epa.gov>, "Distefano, Nichole" <DiStefano.Nichole@epa.gov>, "Ragland, Micah" <Ragland.Micah@epa.gov>
> **Subject: Ozone Rollout**
>
> Just wanted to get the latest ideas in front of everyone, so folks can begin discussing what actions we're going to take since I'm out next week and it is fast approaching.
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> **Ozone**
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> **Week Of**
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> Children's health tweets
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> Graphics/social media
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> **Day Of**
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> NYT op-ed
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> Heads up on call to ME

Media Advisory

Under embargo release to key reporters

Press release & web materials go out and posted

Press Call

Share remarks with reporters

Blog pushback – ready for posting if needed

Share stakeholder statements?

Social media amplificatoin

**Potential press call participants**

AAP

ALA

City Mayor where air has improved since 1997

Child who grew up in city where air improved

Children's hospital association

Mom's Clean Air Force representative

**Potential event**

Visit hospital/children in city with poor asthma

**Week after**

Regional children's health events with stakeholders in cities where air has improved

Regional op-eds

Stakeholder events?

**Digital**

GIF/Animated graphic – Using imagery from the slider map that's being created, create a short (<15 sec) animation that shows county data over time. It will be short enough for Instagram use, as well as Facebook and Twitter.

Graphics using health data alongside photos of people to show the impact on kids' and people's health.

Tweet key data points on health and air quality to show the impact of the new rule.

Q/A document – Prepared in advance for questions we might get over social media to facilitate in-the-oment response.

Website banner & landing page – Highlight the rule on the home page and ensure there's a good primary link for the issue.

Blog – OAR administrator on the reasons for the rule that includes the animated graphic; OMR intern from LA talking about growing up with the pollution and why the standard is so important.

Video – w Admin and AA asthmatic (2 min) -- Admin talks about the importance of this proposal and its adverse effects on children esp. asthmatics. In video, Admin turns to asthmatic to talk about his story of living day in, day out with asthma. Admin reemphasizes the need for EPA to take a strong stance on this pollutant.

**Materials to be Developed**

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| Rollout plan with Top Tough Qs and Validators/Call List | Internal |
| Press Release | External |
| Overview Fact Sheet | External |
| Background Ozone Fact Sheet | External |
| Standards & AQI Fact Sheet | External |
| Monitoring, Implementation and Permitting Fact Sheet | External |
| Health Fact Sheet | External |
| Ag Fact Sheet | External |
| General Qs & As | Internal |
| RIA Qs & AS | Internal |
| Presentation for Hill | External |
| Web update | External |
| Interactive Maps showing progress we've made on the past two ozone standards and projections for attaining the proposed standards in 2025 | External |

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| Static Maps - Counties violating proposed standards in 2013; projections for attaining in 2025 | External |
| List of counties that would exceed standard with air quality value | External |
| Data behind the maps with FIPS codes | External - will not post to web but will provide on request |
| Talking Points - intros tailored to stakeholders: Enviros; states/locals/tribes; industry; Ag | Internal |
| Important numbers | Internal |

Message

**From**: Valentine, Julia [Valentine.Julia@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 7/14/2016 8:45:07 PM
**To**: Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: DRAFT: Hot Issues 7/14/2016

Oui!

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**From:** Jones, Enesta
**Sent:** Thursday, July 14, 2016 4:24 PM
**To:** Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: DRAFT: Hot Issues 7/14/2016

Coco!

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On Jul 14, 2016, at 4:22 PM, Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov> wrote:

> Chanel looks much better on our arm than a boring old channel. Just sayin
>
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> **From:** Jones, Enesta
> **Sent:** Thursday, July 14, 2016 4:19 PM
> **To:** Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: DRAFT: Hot Issues 7/14/2016
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> My radish.
>
> But can you put another "n" in Channel -- not Chanel. Just noticing.
>
> **Center for Public Integrity, The Weather Chanel and USA Today (OAR):** Reporter Jamie Hopkins is requesting an interview with the Administrator and Janet McCabe for a comprehensive piece looking at coal-fired power plants in Indiana, big emitters and whether reductions can be made without threatening taxpayers or reliability. Declined interview, but will answer follow-up in writing.

Documentary and print stories will air and run in early September. Program working on follow-up responses in writing. DDL: Week of 9/5.
Contacts: Enesta, Melissa

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On Jul 14, 2016, at 4:16 PM, Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov> wrote:

> Take another look at it. I checked it and noticed there are too many spaces between "interviews" and the first date and interview, but they look separate on my screen. I highlighted... They are supposed to be separate, correct?
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> Ty for checking again --
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> **From:** Jones, Enesta
> **Sent:** Thursday, July 14, 2016 4:13 PM
> **To:** Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: DRAFT: Hot Issues 7/14/2016
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> Oh oan, you have interviews and inquiries married under one umbrella.
>
> **Enesta Jones**
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> **Office of Media Relations**
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> On Jul 14, 2016, at 4:08 PM, Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov> wrote:
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> > No need to put those in here. You and they are laser focused on it already.
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> > **From:** Jones, Enesta
> > **Sent:** Thursday, July 14, 2016 4:01 PM

**To:** Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>
**Cc:** StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>; Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>; Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov>; Lemon, Mollie <Lemon.Mollie@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: DRAFT: Hot Issues 7/14/2016

Good here. We are still working though meth materials so nothing to share -- yet. Close hold.

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On Jul 14, 2016, at 3:55 PM, Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov> wrote:

> Hi, all,
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> Any updates? Particularly:
> - Take a look at the inquiries and make sure they are still current
> - Any materials updated that we can attach?
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> Thank you!
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> **Agency Releases/Advisories/ Statements/Events:**
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> **Week of 7/11**
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> **Fri. 7/15**
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> **RELEASE + FACT SHEET (OAR):** EPA finalizes a new rule aimed at curbing methane emissions from new landfills. – **Time 11 AM (R115)**
> Contacts: Enesta, Melissa
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> **Week of 7/18:**
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> **Mon. 7/18:**
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> **RELEASE (OAR):** OTAQ releases the draft Technical Assessment Report on the light-duty vehicle GHG standards. The report is the first public-facing action as part of the multi-year Midterm Evaluation of the standards.
> Contact: Nick, Christie, Julia (backing Christie 7/15, 7/18)

**RELEASE (OECA) + R10 EVENT:** CAA settlements with two oil refineries to reduce air pollution at six refineries across six states (Alaska, Calif, Hawaii, ND, Utah, Washington state.
R10 press event in Seattle with Dennis McLaren and John Cruden from DOJ
Contact: Nick, Julia

**Mon. 7/18 & Tues. 7/19:**

**EVENT (OP):** Matt Dalbey, Director of the Office of Sustainable Communities, will participate in the NYT event "Cities for tomorrow," as they "convene the world's foremost thinkers, policymakers, developers, entrepreneurs, industry stars and others ...to identify and assess the winning formulas that lead to flourishing cities.
"http://www.nytcitiesfortomorrow.com/ Mr. Dalbey is not among the event's featured speakers, but all those interested have to apply to attend and all those accepted will be expected to participate. Featured speakers include Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper.
Contact: Robert

**Tue. 7/19:**

**NEWS BRIEF (Tentative) (OLEM):** EPA is releasing a report and alerting owners of underground storage tank systems storing diesel fuel that they should check inside their tanks for corrosion, which research suggests is now appearing on equipment in most tank systems storing diesel fuel. Many owners of underground tanks storing diesel fuel may be unaware that corrosion is affecting their systems. Corrosion could result in tank system failures and releases of diesel fuel into the environment; this could threaten soil and groundwater, which is a source of drinking water for almost half of the people in the US. **Releases report showing moderate or severe corrosion on majority of diesel fuel underground storage tank systems.**
Contact: Mollie

**ADVISORY (OW):** EPA Administrator Delivers Keynote at Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure
for Communities in Need event. **Admin speaks** from 9-9:20 a.m.
Contacts: Enesta, Monica

**SPEECH (OW):** Joel Beauvais speaks at the Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure for Communities in Need event. He speaks from 10:15–11:45 a.m. The event is at The Decatur House in DC.
**Open press.**

**PUBLIC MEETING (OP):** SAB panel on economy-wide models. An EPA Science Advisory Board expert panel is meeting on July 19-20 to analyze the use of economy-wide models in air pollution rulemaking. The public meeting follows teleconferences in March and May. Peer-reviewed EPA research show important economy-wide costs AND benefits from air pollution regulations, even if benefits outweigh the costs. EPA has convened the panel to make sure it has the best information available when using economy-wide models in developing air pollution regulations.
Contact: Robert

**Wed. 7/20:**

**RELEASE (OAR):** OTAQ finalizes its endangerment finding for aircraft. Materials attached.
Contact: Christie, Nick

**RELEASE (OECA) + R5 EVENT:** Enbridge CWA settlement addressing spills in Marshall, MI and Romeoville, IL. Press event at a former staging site of the cleanup that's now a boat launch. R5 acting RA Bob Kaplan and John Cruden from DOJ will attend.
Contact: Nick, Julia

**LISTSERV (TRI):** EPA is making the most recent TRI data available in July and will update the dataset several more times during the summer and early fall to include late submissions and revised forms provided by facilities following the July 1 reporting deadline. The 2015 dataset is not yet complete. The final dataset will be available in October, and will be the basis for EPA's 2015 TRI National Analysis report.Stakeholders can use the data to determine what chemicals a particular industrial facility is using and releasing into the environment, and whether a particular facility initiated any pollution prevention activities in the most recent calendar year.
Contact: Robert

**Week of 7/25:**

**OIG REPORT (OEE):** OIG said they anticipate issuing their final report on OEE's program "on or before July 31st."
Contact: Christie

**Tues. 7/26:**

**RELEASE (OAR)** – OTAQ finalizes the Phase 2 standards for Heavy Duty vehicles.
Contact: Christie, Nick

**Wed. 7/27:**

**RELEASE (OCSPP)**: EPA Finalizes Rule to Protect the Public from Exposure to Formaldehyde from Certain Household and other Wood Products.
Contacts: Monica, Cathy

**STATEMENT (OW):** EPA is requesting public comment on the draft version of the updated national recommended aquatic life water quality criteria for copper in estuarine/marine waters. May attract trade press.
Contacts: Enesta, Monica

**Thur. 7/28**

**RELEASE (ORD):** EPA and NIEHS Award $30 Million to Fund Children's Centers at Five Universities across the United States **-Draft attached**
Contacts: Dale, Cathy

**Interviews:**

**Mon. 7/18:**

**INTERVIEW (OAR):** Alison Davis will speak with inewssource.org's Ingrid Lobet about local authorities' latitude in setting rules less stringent than federal standards for auto body shops and their use of paints and other solvents. It is a taped story and will also be a longer web story.
Contact: Enesta

**INTERVIEW (OAR):** Alison Davis will speak with "Living the Country Life"'s Jodi Henke about woodstoves maintenance including the importance of keeping them clean and what to look for when inspecting.
Contact: Enesta

**Inquiries**:

**Center for Public Integrity, The Weather Chanel and USA Today (OAR):** Reporter Jamie Hopkins is requesting an interview with the Administrator and Janet McCabe for a comprehensive piece looking at coal-fired power plants in Indiana, big emitters and whether reductions can be made without threatening taxpayers or reliability. Declined interview, but will answer follow-up in writing. Documentary and print stories will air and run in early September. Program working on follow-up responses in writing. DDL: Week of 9/5.
Contacts: Enesta, Melissa

**CNN (OAR/OTAQ):** Peter Valdes-Dapena is seeking interview on the midterm evaluation. DDL: flexible
Contact: Christie

**Durango Herald (OA):** Peter Marcus requested an interview with Administrator McCarthy for the one-year anniversary of the Gold King Mine. Request with OPA for consideration. DDL 8/3.
Contact: Christie

FairWarning.org **(OARM/OCSPP)**: Qs on contract details for Exponent company and other pesticide review companies. Reporter is looking into whether pesticide review companies contracted by EPA have also provided marketing services for pesticide manufacturers. Program suggests reporter file FOIA; will notify reporter.
Contacts: Mollie, Cathy

**Tavis Smiley Show (AO):** PBS's Tavis Smiley show called asking for the Administrator to join the show during convention week to discuss environmental policy. Reporter said he'd be sending along an email request shortly.
Contact: Christie

**Time (OTAQ):** Reporter Justin Worland working on a story about the downsides of low gas prices—climate impact, decreased investment in efficient

vehicles, etc. Interested in how CAFE standards may provide a counterbalance. Reporter would like to talk to Chris Grundler. Story to run next week.
Contact: Nick, Frank

**USA Today (OECA/OW):** Working on a story that focuses on public water systems across the U.S. – particularly smaller systems – that repeatedly fail to do tap sample tests for lead contamination. **Story could run at any time**
Contact: Monica

**WSJ (OCSPP):** Stephanie Yang, the Wall Street Journal's metal reporter, is researching a story about antimicrobial copper, a metal used to help prevent frequently touched surfaces from serving as reservoirs for the spread of pathogenic microbes. The reporter is interested in EPA registration of said material. She has not sent questions yet. DDL: TBA
Contact: Cathy, Nick

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Message

**From:** Conger, Nick [Conger.Nick@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 12/19/2016 4:27:43 PM
**To:** Press [Press@epa.gov]
**Subject:** RE: Fwd:RE: Interview request, fuel standards

I will handle.

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**From:** Joe Ryan (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:) [mailto:jryan173@bloomberg.net]
**Sent:** Monday, December 19, 2016 11:21 AM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Fwd:RE: Interview request, fuel standards

Hello all. I was working with Robert on a story about the automobile emissions standards. He is out of the office. So I am directing this to the general press address.

Please see the questions below. My deadline is 4 p.m. est.

Best,

Joe

From: Joe Ryan (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:) At: 12/19/16 11:15:29
Subject: Fwd:RE: Interview request, fuel standards

Robert et al - Editors have been working on the story. They have two follow-up questions:

- Why did the EPA choose to issue its proposed determination in November instead of waiting until mid-2017 as initially planned?

- Did the EPA issue its proposed determination early in an effort to finalize the rules before Donald Trump takes office?

My deadline is 4 p.m. est.

Thanks and best,

Joe

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From: Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov At: 12/08/16 15:02:17
Subject: RE: Interview request, fuel standards

Joe, for attribution to the agency, once again, please. Thanks, R.

**Q: Does EPA plan to finalize before inauguration day?**

A (OTAQ): The Administrator will decide after consideration of all comments, whether she has the information needed to make the required final determination based on the factors specified in the light duty vehicle rule, and if so, she will move forward with a final determination given the importance of regulatory certainty and long lead times to the auto manufacturing sector.

**Q: "The release you issued on 11/30 says implementation of the standards will cut about 6 billion metric tons of GHG emissions over the lifetime of vehicles sold from 2012-2025.**

**I want to compare that the CPP. The fact sheet below says the CPP would reduce emissions by 870 million tons compared to 2005 levels. Is that figure annual? If yes, has the EPA calculated the CPP's cumulative impact on emissions by 2030?"**

A (OAQPS): The 870 million ton number is in 2030 and it is an annual number. And we do not have a cumulative number similar to the LDV rules.

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**From:** Joe Ryan (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:) [mailto:jryan173@bloomberg.net]
**Sent:** Thursday, December 08, 2016 10:04 AM
**To:** StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Interview request, fuel standards

Sounds good. Thanks, guys.

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From: StClair.Christie@epa.gov At: 12/08/16 10:02:53
Subject: RE: Interview request, fuel standards

Hi Joe,

Robert is going to continue to be your main contact for this story, so I'm looping him back in. He's already checking with the program on your question from last night.

Christie

**Christie St. Clair**

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**From:** Joe Ryan (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:) [mailto:jryan173@bloomberg.net]
**Sent:** Thursday, December 08, 2016 10:01 AM
**To:** StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Interview request, fuel standards

Christine - Also, I have one technical question.

The release you issued on 11/30 says implementation of the standards will cut about 6 billion metric tons of GHG emissions over the lifetime of vehicles sold from 2012-2025.

I want to compare that the CPP. The fact sheet below says the CPP would reduce emissions by 870 million tons compared to 2005 levels. Is that figure annual? If yes, has the EPA calculated the CPP's cumulative impact on emissions by 2030?

Thanks and best,

Joe

https://www.epa.gov/cleanpowerplan/fact-sheet-clean-power-plan-numbers

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From: StClair.Christie@epa.gov At: 12/07/16 20:37:37

Subject: Re: Interview request, fuel standards

Hi Joe, success! Thank you for your patience.

Please attribute to an agency spokesperson.

**Q: Why are the standards important?**

A: The primary policy driver for the greenhouse gas emission standards and their legal basis is the need to reduce the U.S. contribution to those emissions and global climate change. We extensively go into detail on this subject starting on page 11 of the Proposed Determination (https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-11/documents/420r16020.pdf).

**Q: Does EPA plan to finalize before inauguration day?**

A: The proposed determination is based on years of extensive analysis that demonstrates automakers are well on track to meet the 2025 standards through a wide range of technology pathways that are attractive to consumers. EPA's detailed technical analysis of the information we received in the comments on the Draft TAR, have led to a very strong proposed technical conclusion that those standards are indeed appropriate, without change.

As part of the Proposed Determination, EPA has fully considered and responded to the public comments we received on the Draft TAR. EPA has opened a new, 30-day comment period on this Proposed Determination. EPA will consider any additional comments we receive on the Proposed Determination, along with any additional new data and information we become aware of, as part of the Administrator's Final Determination. As you know EPA has already taken public comment on the draft TAR, and commenters not only provided extensive technical information but also opined on whether the standards should remain the same or change. We will of course be open to more information during this current public comment period.

Christie St. Clair

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On Dec 7, 2016, at 6:40 PM, Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Joe,

Christie St. Clair copied here will be watching for a response from the program office tonight but neither of us has seen anything yet.

Julia P. Valentine

Acting Director

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Sent from USEPA iPhone

On Dec 7, 2016, at 4:41 PM, Joe Ryan (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:) <jryan173@bloomberg.net> wrote:

OK. Thanks for the update. Best, Joe

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From: Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov At: 12/07/16 16:40:24

Subject: RE: Interview request, fuel standards

Joe, I still expect we'll be sending you a response tonight. My colleague Julia Valentine (cc'ed here) will get back to you, most likely a little after 5 PM.

Thanks, R.

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**From:** Joe Ryan (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:) [mailto:jryan173@bloomberg.net]
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 06, 2016 12:34 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Interview request, fuel standards

OK. Good to know. Thanks.

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From: Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov At: 12/06/16 12:33:26

Subject: Re: Interview request, fuel standards

Hullo Joe,

We're working on meeting your tomorrow deadline, but we expect we'll be answering in writing. The answers, BTW, will be attributable to Chris Grundler, director of EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality (OTAQ).

Thanks, R.

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On Dec 6, 2016, at 12:26 PM, Joe Ryan (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:) <jryan173@bloomberg.net> wrote:

Robert - Any luck? Best, Joe

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From: Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov At: 12/05/16 16:22:24
Subject: RE: Interview request, fuel standards

Good morning Joe and thanks to Enesta for forwarding. Do you have a couple of minutes to chat?

Thanks, R.

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**From:** Joe Ryan (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:) [mailto:jryan173@bloomberg.net]
**Sent:** Monday, December 05, 2016 4:21 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Interview request, fuel standards

Robert - Enesta Jones suggested I drop you a line. I'm working on a story exploring how automobile emissions have surpassed those from power plants, making fuel standards more important than ever for the U.S. to meet its climate goals.

Is Administrator McCarthy available to briefly discuss this week? I'd like to ask her if the EPA plans to finalize the standards before inauguration day and get her take on why it's important. It would take 5-10 minutes tops. My scheduled is open for the next several days.

Best,

Joe

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Message

**From:** StClair, Christie [StClair.Christie@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 12/9/2016 9:45:56 PM
**To:** Michaela Trimble[ Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) ]; Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**CC:** Valentine, Julia [Valentine.Julia@epa.gov]
**Subject:** RE: EPA Inquiry

Hi Michaela,

Please attribute to EPA.

As you have noted, climate change is already having a measurable impact on many unique and precious natural resources across the globe, from the Arctic to coral reefs. EPA has not done an analysis of specific global destinations that are most at risk from climate change, however, we have two reports that might be of interest to you for background context for your report. The Climate Change Indicators in the United States report holds many examples of the changes we are seeing in the United States. Another report, Climate Change in the United States: Benefits of Global Action, looks at expected future impacts of climate change across several ecosystems and sectors in the United States, and quantifies some of the benefits to these sectors resulting from global action on climate change. It is important to note that wilderness areas may not only be at risk from climate change, but air pollution more generally. For example, scenic vistas across the US suffer from decreased visibility from pollution. You can explore these impacts at https://epa.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Cascade/index.html?appid=e4dbe2263e1f49fb849af1c73a04e2f2.

Below are some excerpts from these reports to give you an example of the information they cover—more examples and downloadable graphics are available on our website at the links provided below.

**From *Climate Change Indicators in the United States***
**Arctic Sea Ice:**
Warmer air and water temperatures are reducing the amount of sea ice present in the Arctic. Evidence suggests that the melt season has become longer; the ice is starting to melt earlier in the year and freeze later than it used to.

The September 2016 sea ice extent was more than 700,000 square miles less than the historical 1981–2010 average for that month—a difference more than two and a half times the size of Texas. March sea ice extent reached the lowest extent on record in 2015 and hit roughly the same low again in 2016—about 7 percent less than the 1981–2010 average.

Since 1979, the length of the melt season for Arctic sea ice has grown by 37 days. Arctic sea ice now starts melting 11 days earlier and it starts refreezing 26 days later than it used to, on average.

Changes in sea ice can directly affect the health of Arctic ecosystems. Mammals such as polar bears and walruses rely on the presence of sea ice for hunting, breeding, and migrating. These animals face the threat of declining birth rates and restricted access to food sources because of reduced sea ice coverage and thickness. Impacts on Arctic wildlife, as well as the loss of ice itself, are already restricting the traditional subsistence hunting lifestyle of indigenous Arctic populations such as the Yup'ik, Iñupiat, and Inuit.

While diminished sea ice can have negative ecological effects, it can also present commercial opportunities. For instance, reduced sea ice opens shipping lanes and increases access to natural resources in the Arctic region.

**Snowfall and snow cover:**
Snowfall is an important aspect of winter in much of the United States. Many people depend on snow to provide water when it melts in the spring—including 60 million people in the western United States—and many

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Here's OAR's response:

**Draft response**

As you have noted, climate change is already having a measurable impact on many unique and precious natural resources across the globe, from the Arctic to coral reefs. EPA has not done an analysis of specific global destinations that are most at risk from climate change, however, we have two reports that might be of interest to you for background context for your report. The Climate Change Indicators in the United States report holds many examples of the changes we are seeing in the United States. Another report, Climate Change in the United States: Benefits of Global Action, looks at expected future impacts of climate change across several ecosystems and sectors in the United States, and quantifies some of the benefits to these sectors resulting from global action on climate change. It is important to note that wilderness areas may not only be at risk from climate change, but air pollution more generally. For example, scenic vistas across the US suffer from decreased visibility from pollution. You can explore these impacts at https://epa.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Cascade/index.html?appid=e4dbe2263e1f49fb849af1c73a04e2f2.

Below are some excerpts from these reports to give you an example of the information they cover—more examples and downloadable graphics are available on our website at the links provided below.

**From *Climate Change Indicators in the United States***
**Arctic Sea Ice:**
Warmer air and water temperatures are reducing the amount of sea ice present in the Arctic. Evidence suggests that the melt season has become longer; the ice is starting to melt earlier in the year and freeze later than it used to.

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Since 1979, the length of the melt season for Arctic sea ice has grown by 37 days. Arctic sea ice now starts melting 11 days earlier and it starts refreezing 26 days later than it used to, on average.

Changes in sea ice can directly affect the health of Arctic ecosystems. Mammals such as polar bears and walruses rely on the presence of sea ice for hunting, breeding, and migrating. These animals face the threat of declining birth rates and restricted access to food sources because of reduced sea ice coverage and thickness. Impacts on Arctic wildlife, as well as the loss of ice itself, are already restricting the traditional subsistence hunting lifestyle of indigenous Arctic populations such as the Yup'ik, Iñupiat, and Inuit.

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**Subject:** Re: EPA Inquiry

That's great - thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 8, 2016, at 4:45 PM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:

> Hi again: To set up expectations, tomorrow the response we will be providing can be used for background. I know you asked for attribution at the onset, but after internal discussion on what we have available, we will be able to provide reports and examples versus a response to each question. So it makes the most sense to treat it as background instead of attributing it to a specific EPA official.
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> Thanks for working with us on this, Michaela.
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> Hi Michaela: I just checked with the program. Tomorrow COB – hopefully sooner, is doable. Christie St. Clair will send you the EPA response tomorrow in my absence. She's copied here.

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Hi Enesta,

I wrote December 30th, but I meant December 3rd!! I was wondering why I hadn't heard from you, then I looked back and spotted my error. I'm turning in the story this Friday, so I understand if this is too tight of a turn around.

Thanks, and my apologies!

x
Michaela

> On Nov 21, 2016, at 10:05 AM, Michaela Trimble
> < Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) wrote:
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> Thanks so much, Enesta!!
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> On Nov 21, 2016, at 9:58 AM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:
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> > Thanks! On it.

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On Nov 21, 2016, at 9:57 AM, Michaela Trimble
<Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)> wrote:

> Hi Enesta,
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> My hard deadline is Wednesday, December 30th.
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> Thank you!
> Michaela
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> On Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 9:55 AM, Jones, Enesta
> <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:
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> > Hi Michela: Thanks for the additional info. What's your hard deadline?
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> > On Nov 21, 2016, at 9:54 AM, Michaela Trimble
> > <Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)> wrote:
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> > >
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introduction of the article, as well use their expertise to identify 9 to 11 destinations. Is there a specific person or representative you have in mind?

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2. How is climate change affecting these areas?

3. How have you seen these destinations evolve due to climate change?

4. Is there a time limit on their livelihood?

4. Even though they are at risk, what can we do to help halt the deterioration process?

5. Do you think travel helps or hurts the problem? If more people know about it and travel to these locations to see it, does it help reverse the problem?

Thank you!
Michaela

On Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 7:03 AM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Michaela: I am reaching out RE: your inquiry below.

Please send your specific questions and hard deadline.

My name is Michaela Trimble, and I'm a travel writer for Vogue.com. I'm working on a particular story that I would love your assistance on, if possible.

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Thanks, all.

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My suggested edits in red –

Niloufar is out until tomorrow.
We approved both the SCAQMD and Ventura metal working fluid rules into the SIP in 2011 and 2015 respectively

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Hi Christie,

Our guys took a look at it, and they're concerned about the highlighted sections below. In short, EPA did not approve the test method; we approved the SIP that included the test method. I'll defer to the region, but I don't think Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Kristen and Niloufar,

Would your teams like to do a fact check of the reporter's piece that involves EPA content? Content is below.

FYI I've already told him to attribute to Melissa, not me.

His DDL is COB tomorrow.

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They're looking at it now.

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Thanks, Niloufar.

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On Sep 8, 2016, at 6:56 PM, Nazmi, Niloufar <Nazmi.Niloufar@epa.gov> wrote:

> We will work on it.
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> Thank you,
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Thank you both! Kristen, are you comfortable with R9 handling the inquiry from here, and doing final approval?

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**Importance:** High

Hi Kristen – I am looping in our experts.
Stan – Can you please review the fuller responses below and let us know if they are correct and if not, help edit them.

Thank you,
Niloufar

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The folks that helped review the language are gone for the day (and the weekend). I rewrote the original response after talking it through with the division's front-office lead. He approved my interpretation and rewrite, but if it is wrong, please correct it. This is why I wanted the region to review and respond (in fact, I should have given this inquiry to the region from the beginning). I've included the staff's original write up in case that's helpful.

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Kristen,

Niloufar is the press lead for Air issues, and she has some questions on the draft response. I'm looping her into this thread and pasting her comments here to help expedite.

From Niloufar:

Sorry, I'm confused – Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Can we get this hammered out?

Thanks,
Christie

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You can send it back to us for awareness, but we don't need to review/approve it.

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We drafted a response, but this should really be run through Region 9 -- especially to confirm whether the highlighted source category is correct.

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Just to be clear, he's interested in VOCs in the context of metal working fluids, like lubes.

Thanks, everybody, in advance!

Christie

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+ Alison and Kristen

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On Sep 6, 2016, at 11:53 AM, StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov> wrote:

Reporter is looking at an effort at the Southern California Air Quality Management District to reduce VOCs from semi-volatiles (which is what lubricants are). SCAQMD is using ASTM test method E1868-10 and part of the article is examining how this is/might be applied elsewhere. He's gotten conflicting information about and is looking for EPA guidance.

Note: He'd like a specific name for attribution.

**Reporter:** Hank Hogan
**Outlet:** Fuels and Lubes mag
**DDL:** COB Sept. 8

**Inquiry:**

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R9, thoughts?

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Hi Christie,

Our guys took a look at it, and they're concerned about the highlighted sections below. In short, EPA did not approve the test method; we approved the SIP that included the test method. I'll defer to the region, but I don't think Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Kristen and Niloufar,

Would your teams like to do a fact check of the reporter's piece that involves EPA content? Content is below.

FYI I've already told him to attribute to Melissa, not me.

His DDL is COB tomorrow.

Thanks,
Christie

*** Text begins ***

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Good to go from our folks. Apologies for the delay.

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Thanks, Kristen. The reporter is pretty much hyperventilating at this moment.

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On Sep 8, 2016, at 6:56 PM, Nazmi, Niloufar <Nazmi.Niloufar@epa.gov> wrote:

We will work on it.

Thank you,
Niloufar

**Niloufar Nazmi**
**Air Division, EPA Region 9**
**Desk: 415-972-3684; Cell:** Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

**From:** Bremer, Kristen
**Sent:** Thursday, September 08, 2016 3:03 PM
**To:** StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>; Nazmi, Niloufar <Nazmi.Niloufar@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
**Cc:** McMichael, Nate <McMichael.Nate@epa.gov>; Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>; Davis, Alison <Davis.Alison@epa.gov>; Tong, Stanley <Tong.Stanley@epa.gov>; Steckel, Andrew <Steckel.Andrew@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Fuels and Lubes mag (DDL COB Sept. 8): VOCs

Absolutely! Apologies for the confusion.

Kristen Bremer
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Email: bremer.kristen@epa.gov
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Cell: 91 Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

**From:** StClair, Christie
**Sent:** Thursday, September 08, 2016 5:58 PM
**To:** Nazmi, Niloufar <Nazmi.Niloufar@epa.gov>; Bremer, Kristen <Bremer.Kristen@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
**Cc:** McMichael, Nate <McMichael.Nate@epa.gov>; Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>; Davis, Alison <Davis.Alison@epa.gov>; Tong, Stanley <Tong.Stanley@epa.gov>; Steckel, Andrew <Steckel.Andrew@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Fuels and Lubes mag (DDL COB Sept. 8): VOCs

Thank you both! Kristen, are you comfortable with R9 handling the inquiry from here, and doing final approval?

**Christie St. Clair**
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**From:** Nazmi, Niloufar
**Sent:** Thursday, September 08, 2016 5:56 PM

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**Subject:** RE: Fuels and Lubes mag (DDL COB Sept. 8): VOCs
**Importance:** High

Hi Kristen – I am looping in our experts.
Stan – Can you please review the fuller responses below and let us know if they are correct and if not, help edit them.

Thank you,
Niloufar

**Niloufar Nazmi**
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**Subject:** RE: Fuels and Lubes mag (DDL COB Sept. 8): VOCs

The folks that helped review the language are gone for the day (and the weekend). I rewrote the original response after talking it through with the division's front-office lead. He approved my interpretation and rewrite, but if it is wrong, please correct it. This is why I wanted the region to review and respond (in fact, I should have given this inquiry to the region from the beginning). I've included the staff's original write up in case that's helpful.

1. Did the EPA approve of them using this test method? Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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2. How do such test methods get incorporated into the overall scheme? I ask because you can't regulate things you can't measure, and I've been told that this particular test was developed, in part, specifically to deal with VOCs from lubes. Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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3. Is this being used or considered for federal regulations? Or is this something that individual regions can adopt if/when they want to? Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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**Subject:** RE: Fuels and Lubes mag (DDL COB Sept. 8): VOCs

Kristen,

Niloufar is the press lead for Air issues, and she has some questions on the draft response. I'm looping her into this thread and pasting her comments here to help expedite.

From Niloufar:

Sorry, I'm confused – Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Can we get this hammered out?

Thanks,
Christie

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**From:** Bremer, Kristen
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**To:** StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
**Cc:** McMichael, Nate <McMichael.Nate@epa.gov>; Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>; Davis, Alison <Davis.Alison@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Fuels and Lubes mag (DDL COB Sept. 8): VOCs

You can send it back to us for awareness, but we don't need to review/approve it.

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**From:** StClair, Christie
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**Subject:** RE: Fuels and Lubes mag (DDL COB Sept. 8): VOCs

Thanks, Kristen. Does OAR want to review R9's version before it goes to the reporter?

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**From:** Bremer, Kristen
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We drafted a response, but this should really be run through Region 9 – especially to confirm whether the highlighted source category is correct.

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**From:** StClair, Christie
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 06, 2016 1:27 PM
**To:** Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
**Cc:** McMichael, Nate <McMichael.Nate@epa.gov>; Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>; Davis, Alison <Davis.Alison@epa.gov>; Bremer, Kristen <Bremer.Kristen@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Fuels and Lubes mag (DDL COB Sept. 8): VOCs

Just to be clear, he's interested in VOCs in the context of metal working fluids, like lubes.

Thanks, everybody, in advance!

Christie

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**From:** Drinkard, Andrea
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 6, 2016 12:25:26 PM
**To:** StClair, Christie
**Cc:** McMichael, Nate; Jones, Enesta; Davis, Alison; Bremer, Kristen
**Subject:** Re: Fuels and Lubes mag (DDL COB Sept. 8): VOCs

+ Alison and Kristen

Andrea Drinkard
(o) 202.564.1601
(c) Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

On Sep 6, 2016, at 11:53 AM, StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov> wrote:

> Reporter is looking at an effort at the Southern California Air Quality Management District to reduce VOCs from semi-volatiles (which is what lubricants are). SCAQMD is using ASTM test method E1868-10 and part of the article is examining how this is/might be applied elsewhere. He's gotten conflicting information about and is looking for EPA guidance.
>
> Note: He'd like a specific name for attribution.
>
> **Reporter:** Hank Hogan
> **Outlet:** Fuels and Lubes mag
> **DDL:** COB Sept. 8
>
> **Inquiry:**

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3. Is this being used or considered for federal regulations? Or is this something that individual regions can adopt if/when they want to?

Thanks,
Christie

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Message

**From:** Perry, Dale [Perry.Dale@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 8/19/2016 7:53:20 PM
**To:** Valentine, Julia [Valentine.Julia@epa.gov]
**CC:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]; Milbourn, Cathy [Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov]; Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Re: DALE: EPA response to Harvard study

That's fine. I just didn't want to confuse things by having conversations with the wrong people and making it all more complicated than it needs to be. Have a great weekend all!

Dale H. Perry, Ph.D
Science Advisor, Office of Public Affairs
Desk: 202.564.7338
Mobile: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

On Aug 19, 2016, at 3:48 PM, Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov> wrote:

> Dale, we are smack in the middle (actually at the end) of a beat change, since I became official on Wednesday. We finalized yesterday but I have needed to (as quickly as possible) run this by all the folks who need to see it.
>
> There have been no changes to what we in OMR agreed on as of yesterday. One of the big changes in in water, and Enesta is on top of it, of course and already handling for me since my plate got super full, super fast.
>
> So give me a buzz and will explain. Ty!
>
> Julia P. Valentine
> Acting Director
> U.S. EPA, Ofc of Media Relations
> 202.564.2663 direct
> Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) m/txt
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> **From:** Perry, Dale
> **Sent:** Friday, August 19, 2016 3:44 PM
> **To:** Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>; Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov>; Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: DALE: EPA response to Harvard study
>
> So I guess I'm confused. PFOA was previously handled as a separate beat given the cross-program aspects to it. Is it now a water issued that will always be handled by Enesta? Just want to make sure I know who to go to so I don't create any confusion. If there's a new beat list please share that with me too. Thanks all!
>
> Dale H. Perry, Ph.D
> Science Advisor, Office of Public Affairs
> Desk: 202.564.7338
> Mobile: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

On Aug 19, 2016, at 3:29 PM, Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov> wrote:

+ Enesta for water

Julia P. Valentine
Acting Director
U.S. EPA, Ofc of Media Relations
202.564.2663 direct
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**From:** Perry, Dale
**Sent:** Friday, August 19, 2016 3:28 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov>; Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: DALE: EPA response to Harvard study

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Science Advisor, Office of Public Affairs
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On Aug 19, 2016, at 3:19 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Still ORD? Or OW?

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Glynis Board <gboard@wvpublic.org>
**Date:** August 19, 2016 at 3:06:44 PM EDT
**To:** <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov>
**Subject: Re: Subject: FW: EPA response to Harvard study**

This is helpful - but more specifically - researchers say that EPA's
advisory is inadequate to protect those with chronic exposure to these
chemicals; that telling people 70ppt is safe actually increases health
risks. Water systems are issuing statements telling people that their
water is safe based on EPA's advisory. I see the volume of research EPA
looked at when crafting this advisory - but I don't know where "70 ppt"
really came from.

Does anyone want to talk about this? I report for radio so a voice would
be nice, but isn't absolutely required.

thanks,
Glynis

"Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> writes:

> Glynis, for attribution to U.S. EPA.
> Thanks, R.
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> EPA Statement:
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> EPA is committed to using the best available data and science while
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> continually seeking opportunities to improve our understanding regarding
>
> unregulated contaminants. EPA has been actively engaged in understanding
>
> and reviewing scientific data pertaining to PFOA and PFOS, and identified
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> these compounds as potentially requiring regulation in 2009.
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> Additionally, EPA required public water systems to collect occurrence
>
> data under the UCMR3and conducted a comprehensive health assessment. In
>
> May 2016, EPA issued a Health Advisory for these contaminants that
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> provides technical information to state agencies and other public health
>
> officials on health effects, analytical methods and treatment
>
> technologies for PFOA and PFOS.
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> EPA will consider the occurrence data from UCMR 3, along with the peer

reviewed health effects assessments supporting the PFOA and PFOS Health

Advisories, to make a regulatory determination on whether to initiate the

process to develop a national primary drinking water regulation.

Research, such as the referenced paper, will add to our knowledge base

and may be useful as EPA considers the next appropriate steps.

EPA is committed to supporting states and public water systems as they

determine the appropriate steps to reduce exposure to PFOA and PFOS in

drinking water. As science on health effects of these chemicals evolves,

EPA will continue to evaluate new evidence.

EPA's Office of Research and Development, who contributedto the Harvard

study, continues to develop methods to advance the measurement of these

contaminants and technologies and tools to help drinking water and

wastewater treatment plants address new and emerging contaminants.

For more information on EPA's actions related to PFOA and PFOS in

drinking water please visit:[

https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/drinking-water-health-advisories-pfoa-and-pfos

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Message

**From:** Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 8/17/2018 11:04:46 PM
**To:** Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**CC:** Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Re: Open Inquiries' End-of the-Day (EOD) Edition, 8/17/18

Thx

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 17, 2018, at 6:51 PM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:

**My bad. *Let the Energy Census one I mentioned in the earlier thread lie*. That's speculative. JK said ignore.**

**This is one JK said you can go to the program for answers:**

**From:** Gregory Meyer <gregory.meyer@ft.com>
**Date:** August 17, 2018 at 2:01:23 PM EDT
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject: RFS query from Financial Times**

I am a reporter at the Financial Times, writing with a query about the RFS.

The 2019 RVO proposed rulemaking states that EPA evaluated "petitions for exemption from 20 small refineries for the 2016 RFS standards (3 of which were owned by a small refiner) and 29 small refineries for the 2017 RFS standards (8 of which were owned by a small refiner)."

How many exemptions were granted for 2016 and 2017? Industry sources say all of the petitions were granted, and I would like to confirm this with EPA.

Also, I would like to know how EPA plans to address industry requests to 1) end or reallocate small refinery RVO exemptions and 2) allow year-round blending of E15.

Best regards.

Gregory Meyer
Markets reporter
Financial Times

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Robert, John told me over the phone any that you asked whether you can go to the program for answers, go for it! Even the ones you didn't ask about including the Financial Times RE RINs (below). He also said that like I had mentioned to Linda Strauss, we should say on the front end when sending an inquiry to them whether it's Nancy Beck-approved. That helps expedite the gtg.

**From:** John McGarrity [mailto:john.mcgarrity@energycensus.com]
**Sent:** Friday, August 17, 2018 12:21 PM
**To:** Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Chuck Grassley's meeting with Andrew Wheeler

Hi there Molly, I just want to get the EPA's view on whether the agency has indeed ditched plans on RINs and ethanol exports.

http://ethanolproducer.com/articles/15538/grassley-epa-not-pursuing-plan-to-attach-rins-to-biofuel-exports

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ethanolproducer.com

The U.S. EPA is no longer considering a plan would allow renewable identification numbers (RINs) to be applied to exported volumes of biofuels, according to remarks made by Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, during an Aug. 15 press call.

Thanks,

John

John McGarrity
Senior Editor

Energy Census

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**From:** Konkus, John
**Sent:** Friday, August 17, 2018 5:07 PM
**To:** Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Open Inquiries' End-of the-Day (EOD) Edition, 8/17/18

Enesta: Per our phone call to review and talk through these, we're good to go.

Thanks and have a great weekend everyone.

John

**From:** Jones, Enesta
**Sent:** Friday, August 17, 2018 4:46 PM
**To:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Fwd: Open Inquiries' End-of the-Day (EOD) Edition, 8/17/18

Tnx!

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Jones, Enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
**Date:** August 17, 2018 at 4:01:33 PM EDT
**To:** "Konkus, John" <konkus.john@epa.gov>, "Block, Molly" <block.molly@epa.gov>, "Abboud, Michael" <abboud.michael@epa.gov>, "Hewitt, James" <hewitt.james@epa.gov>
**Cc:** "Grantham, Nancy" <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>, "Jones, Enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>, "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject: Open Inquiries' End-of the-Day (EOD) Edition, 8/17/18**

**17 Awaiting Third-Floor Approval; 8 No Acknowledgement/Response.**

**From:** Jones, Enesta
**Sent:** Friday, August 17, 2018 3:53 PM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** For Review: Oklahoman (Jack Money) re Anchor Glass settlement (DDL: 8/17)

**This reporter is asking for the consent decree for Anchor Glass.** Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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The Oklahoman (Jack Money) [Received 8/7] – OPEN – When will Anchor Glass settlement be signed? DDL: Flexible.

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**From:** Jones, Enesta
**Sent:** Friday, August 17, 2018 2:52 PM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** For Review: Bloomberg Environment (Sylvia Carignan) re OSRE pilot program (Deadline: 8/17)

**Susan Bodine-approved response:**

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**From:** scarignan@bloombergenvironment.com [mailto:scarignan@bloombergenvironment.com]
**Sent:** Monday, August 13, 2018 11:14 AM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** OSRE pilot program

Hi all,

Hope you had a good weekend. I'd like to know more about OSRE's pilot program mentioned in the Superfund task force's 2018 update. On pg. 36, the report says the office will pilot an approach where any existing company spins off a new corporate entity that would conduct cleanup.

I'd like to know what EPA's role would be in creating spinoffs, and I'd like to talk to Cyndy Mackey about this. Let me know when she's available this week for a phone call.

Best,
Sylvia

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**Sylvia Carignan**
Reporter, Superfund and Waste

**Bloomberg BNA**

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From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Friday, August 17, 2018 2:24 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: media query on federal facility recommendations in Superfund task force report

Third Floor, do you want to handle, as this concerns the task force? Or should I send to the program?

Cheers, R.

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-----Original Message-----
From: Suzanne Yohannan [mailto:suzanne.yohannan@iwpnews.com]
Sent: Friday, August 17, 2018 2:18 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: media query on federal facility recommendations in Superfund task force report

Dear Press officer,

I'm a reporter for Inside EPA. I have a few questions that relate to the Superfund task force recommendations specific to federal facilities.

1. I understand that EPA enforcement staff or officials were supposed to meet with military service officials this month on the Superfund reforms. Could you tell me what was/is on the agenda for these discussions? Were there any disagreements? What did they agree to?

The 2018 update of the Superfund reform recommendations says that the recommendations that pertain to federal facility sites/agencies (recommendations #15, 18, 19, 30) are either partially or almost complete. I have a few questions related to these:

2. For recommendation #15 - Speed settlement process where there are federal PRPs at a site, EPA in the 2018 update report says this has been partially completed. The update says EPA developed model federal agency language to address common settlement delays. Is EPA releasing this model language? Were there any other policy changes made under this recommendation?

3. For recommendation #18, can you release the policy/tools EPA created to meet the recommendation to reinforce adherence to informal and formal dispute timelines in FFAs? What more needs to be done under this recommendation?

4. For recommendation #19, will there be any policy developed to address redelegating CERCLA authorities from one agency to another at mixed ownership mining sites?

5. For recommendation #30, EPA is revising a federal facility enforcement guidance aimed at increasing EPA's flexibility to offer comfort to transferees over concerns about cleanup liability. Could you tell me the status of this guidance? When do you expect it to be finalized? Could I obtain a copy once it is?

My deadline is Thursday (Aug. 23) at 9 a.m.

I can be reached at the email or number below.

Thanks very much.

Sincerely,
Suzanne Yohannan

Inside EPA

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**From:** Jones, Enesta
**Sent:** Friday, August 17, 2018 12:28 PM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** For Review: E&E (Ariel Wittenberg) re 404c veto changes (DDL: noon, 8/17)

**Dave Ross-approved response:**

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

**From:** "awittenberg@eenews.net" <awittenberg@eenews.net>
**Date:** August 17, 2018 at 9:02:59 AM EDT

**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject: 404c veto changesâ€"E&E News**

Hi everyone,

We've been hearing from sources that EPA has started working to change regulations about when EPA will initiate the 404c veto process, along the lines of the memo former Admin. Pruitt signed back in June. We'll be publishing a story in Greenwire today and so I wanted to check if you have any comment?

My deadline is noon.

Thanks,

Ariel

Ariel Wittenberg
Reporter, E&E News

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**From:** "Jones, Enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
**Date:** August 17, 2018 at 11:46:12 AM EDT
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject: For Review: E&E (Sean Reilly) re proposed amendments to clay ceramics NESHAP (DDL: noon, 8/17)**

**On background:** **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

**From:** Sean Reilly <sreilly@eenews.net>
**Date:** August 17, 2018 at 10:12:04 AM EDT
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject: Proposed amendments to clay ceramics NESHAP**

Hi folks:

Quick question related to a story I'm doing this morning on this proposed rule (https://s3.amazonaws.com/public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2018-17933.pdf), given that the NESAHP regs in question also apply to brick manufacturers.

Is EPA planning a separate proposed rule to address other concerns raised by the brick industry and, if so, is there an approximate ETA for publication in the Federal Register?

My deadline is noon today.

Thanks,
Sean

Sean Reilly

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**From:** "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Date:** August 17, 2018 at 11:23:20 AM EDT
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject: FOR APPROVAL: Proposed response to ADAO re: Asbestos.**

The Toxic Chemicals program is objecting to the part of a news release from the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO), https://www.oaoa.com/news/business/article_2f1ac6d9-0444-5584-830f-7c7672e3a9d5.html?mode=jqm, that says the Obama Administration was planning to ban asbestos. OK to send the proposed response?

**Statement from ADAO:** This problem formulation completes the single-minded effort of the 'Trump EPA' to narrow the asbestos risk evaluation to the point of ignoring nearly all the risks of asbestos in American workplaces, residences, schools and commercial buildings-- undoing the decision of the 'Obama EPA' to use the reformed Toxic Substances Control Act to finally impose a much-delayed ban on asbestos use in the U.S., which now is virtually unregulated.

**EPA response:** Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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**From:** "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Date:** August 17, 2018 at 10:47:36 AM EDT
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject: For Review: BNV - Delay of neonic pesticide reviews**

The program says it's not doing a listerv, and doesn't normally "announce" changes in its review schedule. The following is all they want to tell the reporter. Good to send?

**Incoming:** I see that EPA has edited its webpage to delay the review of neonics to next year https://www.epa.gov/pollinator-protection/schedule-review-neonicotinoid-pesticides (see attachment). Why is a delay necessary? Have you announced this delay? Do you plan to make an announcement?

**Response:** Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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**From:** Stecker, Tiffany [mailto:tstecker@bloombergenvironment.com]
**Sent:** Friday, August 17, 2018 9:19 AM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Delay of neonic pesticide reviews

Hello all,

I see that EPA has edited its webpage to delay the review of neonics to next yearhttps://www.epa.gov/pollinator-protection/schedule-review-neonicotinoid-pesticides (see attachment). Why is a delay necessary? Have you announced this delay? Do you plan to make an announcement?

Deadline is as soon as possible.

Thanks!

Tiffany

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**Tiffany Stecker**

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**From:** "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Date:** August 17, 2018 at 8:46:12 AM EDT
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject: For Review: Dicamba lawsuit comments - Bloomberg**

The reporter says she can still accept our response this AM. The program recommends the following. Please advise whether it's good to send:

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

Cheers, R.

**Robert Daguillard**
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**Washington, DC**
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**From:** Lydia Mulvany (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:) [mailto:lmulvany2@bloomberg.net]
**Sent:** Thursday, August 16, 2018 5:47 PM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Dicamba lawsuit comments - Bloomberg

Hello,

I'm writing an article about dicamba which may go out overnight. There is mention of a lawsuit against the EPA for granting dicamba's registration. Please let me know if you have any comments on the following, and even if you can get back to me tomorrow morning, we will be able to update the story:

---Some organizations are suing EPA for granting dicamba's registration. It looks like oral arguments are scheduled for Aug. 29 in Seattle (National Family Farm Coalition v. EPA, 9th Cir., No. 17-70196, 6/20/18.)

It sounds like, among the complaints, that they're saying the EPA's label for dicamba was too complicated for farmers to follow, and that it violates Endangered Species Act.

---Do you have comment about whether or not EPA intends to renew dicamba's registration?

Thank you

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Lydia Mulvany
Bloomberg News

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**From:** "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Date:** August 16, 2018 at 5:46:45 PM EDT
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject: For Review: Washington Post - Glyphosate inquiry**

**From the program. Good to send?**

**Incoming:** looking for reference dose for glyphosate. Have seen everything from .1 mg/kg of bodyweight to 2mg/kg bw.

**Response:** **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

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**From:** Dewey, Caitlin [mailto:Caitlin.Dewey@washpost.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, August 16, 2018 4:51 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Glyphosate inquiry

Hey – again, looking for reference dose for glyphosate. Have seen everything from .1 mg/kg of bodyweight to 2mg/kg bw.

We want to be able to say what daily level of glyphosate consumption EPA considers safe – let me know if that's not the figure I should be using. Thanks!
Caitlin

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Caitlin Dewey
The Washington Post
@caitlindewey // 202-334-9325 (desk)

***Note:*** If I'm not available to take your call, email is best.

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**From:** "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Date:** August 16, 2018 at 5:02:00 PM EDT
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>

**Subject: For Review: Bloomberg News - Diesel Truck Follow-up - DDL ASAP**

Response to a follow-up inqiury on diesel trucks from Bloomberg News. Good to send?

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Follow up: **I guess my only follow-up question would be what makes up the other 49 percent of truck penetration in the U.S.?**

**Response:** Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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**From:** Brianna Jackson (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:) [mailto:bjackson125@bloomberg.net]
**Sent:** Thursday, August 09, 2018 11:26 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Reaching out...

Hi Robert,
Thanks for getting back to me on those numbers. I guess my only follow-up question would be what makes up the other 49 percent of truck penetration in the U.S.?

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**From:** "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Date:** August 16, 2018 at 4:34:31 PM EDT
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject: For Review:: Reuters News inquiry - dicamba**

From the program. OK to send for attribution?

**Incoming #1:** Can you please confirm that EPA plans to announce this month its decision on whether to extend the registration for dicamba? That is what Mike Goodis said in this DTN article:https://www.dtnpf.com/agriculture/web/ag/news/crops/article/2018/08/09/epa-listens-dicamba-discussion

**Response #1:** Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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**Incoming #2:** I am planning to report that EPA officials including Reuben Baris visited farms in Tennessee, Missouri and Arkansas in July for a first-hand look at damage from dicamba moving off target. Can you please tell me why EPA wanted to take that tour?

**Response #2:** Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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helped EPA better understand the impacts that are being reported formally and informally to state departments of agriculture.

**Incoming #3:** Can you please explain how EPA will make its decision about whether to extend the registration for dicamba?

**Response #3:** Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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**Incoming #4:** Does the agency have any comment on states such as Illinois, Indiana and North Dakota receiving more complaints this year than last year on dicamba damage?

**Response #4:** Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
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Cheers, R.

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**From:** Polansek, Tom (Reuters) [mailto:Thomas.Polansek@thomsonreuters.com]
**Sent:** Friday, August 10, 2018 5:51 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Reuters News inquiry - dicamba

Hi Robert, This is Tom Polansek from Reuters News in Chicago. Hope you are doing well!
I would like to ask for a comment for an article that I am writing about the herbicide called dicamba.
Can you please confirm that EPA plans to announce this month its decision on whether to extend the registration for dicamba? That is what Mike Goodis said in this DTN article:https://www.dtnpf.com/agriculture/web/ag/news/crops/article/2018/08/09/epa-listens-dicamba-discussion
I am planning to report that EPA officials including Reuben Baris visited farms in Tennessee, Missouri and Arkansas in July for a first-hand look at damage from dicamba moving off target. Can you please tell me why EPA wanted to take that tour?
Can you please explain how EPA will make its decision about whether to extend the registration for dicamba?
Does the agency have any comment on states such as Illinois, Indiana and North Dakota receiving more complaints this year than last year on dicamba damage?

Please get back to me by the end of the day on Tuesday, Aug. 14. Thank you!
Tom

**Tom Polansek**
Reporter
**Thomson Reuters**

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I'd direct her to the last part of our statement, that says:

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

Cheers, R.

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From: Mihir Zaveri [mailto:mihir.zaveri@nytimes.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 3:09 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov<mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov<mailto:Press@epa.gov>>
Subject: Re: Glyphosate and cereals, oats

Hello -- I'd like to add one more question, so both questions together:

-- Would the EWG report today make you question any of the findings that glyphosate is not likely carcinogenic to humans?
-- What do you think about the Environmental Working Group in general? Do they present fair arguments or counterpoints?

Mihir
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Now with Rich Yamada's edits. Please advise if this is OK to send.

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

Cheers, R.

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From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 3:55 PM
To: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov<mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov<mailto:block.molly@epa.gov>>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov<mailto:hewitt.james@epa.gov>>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov<mailto:abboud.michael@epa.gov>>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov<mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>>; Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov<mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov<mailto:lynn.tricia@epa.gov>>
Subject: RE: Open Inquiries, 8/14/18

Who in ORD approved this response: Response: The answer to both is yes. ORD was part of the team that developed the white paper for SAP review. ORD was also part of the team that developed the final charge questions that were used for the peer review.

You can say "yes" to the request to print AAW's photo. Please make sure they have the hi-res version.

Everything else is good to go.

Thank you Enesta!

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The program is recommending its general statement on pesticides. The reporter said she'd accept general information along those lines, as she's on a tight deadline and plans to file her story by the end of the day. OK to send?

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From: Vyas, Aditi X. -ND [mailto:Aditi.X.Vyas.-ND@abc.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 16, 2018 9:20 AM
To: Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov<mailto:Mears.Mary@epa.gov>>
Subject: Requesting an interview an expert

Hi Mary,

Hope this email finds you well. My name is Aditi Vyas and I'm a physician on the medical unit for ABC News. We are doing a digital story on a recent study that came out saying DDE (insecticide) is related to autism. (I've attached the study to this email).

I was wondering if you could put me in touch with an expert who might be able to give me some

comments regarding pesticides in general?

Thank you so much and I look forward to hearing from you,

Aditi

[ABCLOGO2]
Aditi Vyas MD, MHA | Resident Physician, Resident ABC NEWS Medical Unit | 47 West

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**From:** "Lynn, Tricia" <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
**Date:** August 16, 2018 at 11:02:56 AM EDT
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject: FOR REVIEW: Waterways Journal (Jim Meyers) RE: "How's My Waterway" app. (8/16)**

Reporter is asking about the "How's My Waterway" web app. Jim Meyers, Waterways DC.

**Suggested Response:**

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

**From:** Jim Myers [mailto: **Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)**
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 15, 2018 12:27 PM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Media inquiry on EPA link

Hello,

I received the link below as part of one of my news alerts. Not sure what to make of it? Is it a new link now open to the public? Any other information?

Thanks,

Jim Myers
The Waterways Journal

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**From:** Lynn, Tricia
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 15, 2018 3:30 PM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** FOR REVIEW: Hotel Management Magazine (Elliott Mest) RE: TV Recycling (8/16)

Reporter is asking about TV recycling. Elliott Mest, Hotel Management Magazine.

**Suggested Response:**

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**1. What are the dangers of improperly disposing of TV-related waste to the environment, and what are the legal ramifications?**

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**2. How are hotels recommended to dispose of electronic waste?**

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4. What are some common mistakes that hotel operators make during the disposal process?

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5. How can hotels go above and beyond during this process?

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# Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

**From:** Elliott Mest [mailto:emest@questex.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, August 09, 2018 5:07 PM
**To:** Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Press Inquiry: Hotel Management Magazine TV Recycling Article

Hi Tricia,

Great! My deadline for this story is next Thursday, August 16. Here are the questions I would like to ask:

1. What are the dangers of improperly disposing of TV-related waste to the environment, and what are the legal ramifications?

2. How are hotels recommended to dispose of electronic waste?

3. What should hotel operators know about the process before they begin?

4. What are some common mistakes that hotel operators make during the disposal process?

5. How can hotels go above and beyond during this process?

Thank you,
Elliott

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From: "Jones, Enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov<mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>>
Date: August 15, 2018 at 4:45:39 PM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov<mailto:Press@epa.gov>>
Subject: For Review: The Intercept (Sharon Lerner) re Chemours and HFCs (DDL: 8/15)
OAR-drafted response:

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From: Sharon Lerner
<sharon.lerner@theintercept.com<mailto:sharon.lerner@theintercept.com>>
Date: August 13, 2018 at 10:58:01 AM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov<mailto:Press@epa.gov>>
Subject: question about Chemours meeting
Hi EPA Press office -

I'm writing about a meeting between Chemours CEO Mark Vergnano and several EPA officials that took place in May of 2017. According to the record of the meeting, which was noted in Scott Pruitt's public calendar and was also requested in a letter from Vergnano that was included in EPA's production to the Sierra Club, Chemours asked EPA to "help protect U.S.
leadership in [the refrigerant] space and protect significant new U.S. investments the company has made." The company also asked for EPA to help ensure a "level playing field" against natural refrigerants.

I'm seeking a comment on what if anything the EPA has done to help protect Chemours investment and level the playing field against natural refrigerants. Also, I'd welcome any comments about how EPA generally sets policy around which refrigerant chemicals will be used to replace HFCs.

My deadline is 5 pm on Wednesday.

Thank you,
Sharon

Sharon Lerner
Reporter
The Intercept

**No Acknowledgement/Response:**

**From:** Bonnie Eslinger <bonnie.eslinger@law360.com>
**Date:** August 17, 2018 at 2:22:38 PM EDT
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject: Law360: "Coalition Of 23 States, Counties, And Cities In Opposing Trump EPA Plan To Censor Agency Science"**

My name is Bonnie Eslinger; I am a news reporter with Law360.

I am writing a story this afternoon on a tight deadline about a coalition lead by New York Attorney General Barbara D. Underwood are calling on EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler to withdraw the proposed "Strengthening Transparency in Regulatory Science" rule, **saying they stand ready to sue** if the scientific study publication rule isn't pulled.
https://ag.ny.gov/press-release/ag-underwood-leads-coalition-23-states-counties-and-cities-opposing-trump-epa-plan

Does the EPA wish to comment?
Please feel free to respond by email or phone, whichever is easiest for you.

Thank you,
Bonnie

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Bonnie Eslinger
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**From:** Gregory Meyer <gregory.meyer@ft.com>
**Date:** August 17, 2018 at 2:01:23 PM EDT
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject: RFS query from Financial Times**

I am a reporter at the Financial Times, writing with a query about the RFS.

The 2019 RVO proposed rulemaking states that EPA evaluated "petitions for exemption from 20 small refineries for the 2016 RFS standards (3 of which were owned by a small refiner) and 29 small refineries for the 2017 RFS standards (8 of which were owned by a small refiner)."

How many exemptions were granted for 2016 and 2017? Industry sources say all of the petitions were granted, and I would like to confirm this with EPA.

Also, I would like to know how EPA plans to address industry requests to 1) end or reallocate small refinery RVO exemptions and 2) allow year-round blending of E15.

Best regards.

Gregory Meyer
Markets reporter
Financial Times

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**From:** "Jennifer A. Dlouhy (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:)" <jdlouhy1@bloomberg.net>
**Date:** August 17, 2018 at 1:11:27 PM EDT
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject: Comment on CPP replacement prooposal?**
**Reply-To:** "Jennifer A. Dlouhy" <jdlouhy1@bloomberg.net>

We are preparing to report that the coming proposal to replace the Clean Power Plan (state guidelines for GHG emissions from existing electric utility generating units) would be modest by comparison to the sweeping reach of the CPP, focusing on heat-rate improvements at individual power plants.

And the structure -- given there's no ambient air quality standard for CO2 -- would be such that states would have broad latitude to write their own requirements.

Critics say that focusing on heat-rate improvements only would yield very limited reductions in CO2 emissions, and by improving efficiency, could inspire plant owners too run the facilities more, effectively reversing those gains and producing more emissions overall.

Does EPA want to respond to any of this?

Thanks,
Jen.

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**From:** "Jennifer A. Dlouhy (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:)" <jdlouhy1@bloomberg.net>
**Date:** August 17, 2018 at 12:52:21 PM EDT
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject: Guidance for event next Tuesday in WV?**
**Reply-To:** "Jennifer A. Dlouhy" <jdlouhy1@bloomberg.net>

Greetings, EPA press.

Do you have any for-planning-purposes-only information on CPP-related events (or any other events) and media availabilities next week, to include an appearance by the acting administrator in West Virginia on Tuesday?

Thanks,
Jen.

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**From:** Carolyn Kormann <carolyn_kormann@newyorker.com>
**Date:** August 17, 2018 at 12:48:33 PM EDT
**To:** "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject: Re: Subject: Re: Fact-checking question from the New Yorker--on deadline**

Hi again, Robert,
Could you (or one of your colleagues) confirm that the new proposal for regulating coal-burning power plants' carbon emissions will be announced, with a draft unveiled, next week? On Tuesday?

Also, regarding the proposed SAFE vehicles rule, does EPA have any comment about the memos released Tuesday that detailed EPA career staff objections to the NHTSA's cost-benefit analyses?

I can be reached at Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) if it'd be easier to discuss. My deadline is 4 PM. Thank you!
Best,
Carolyn

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**From:** "Vazquez, Jennifer (NBCUniversal)" <jennifer.vazquez@nbcuni.com>
**Date:** August 17, 2018 at 12:36:02 PM EDT
**To:** "daguillard.robert@epa.gov" <daguillard.robert@epa.gov>, "jones.enesta@epa.gov" <jones.enesta@epa.gov>, "lynn.tricia@epa.gov" <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>, "younes.lina@epa.gov" <younes.lina@epa.gov>, "valentine.julia@epa.gov" <valentine.julia@epa.gov>, "grantham.nancy@epa.gov" <grantham.nancy@epa.gov>
**Subject: NBC Media Inquiry**

Good afternoon,

By way of introduction, my name is Jennifer Vazquez. I am a digital editor with NBC 4 New York and Telemundo 47.

I attempted to contact Mr. Andrew Wheeler to get a comment, but his office voicemail was full. I am seeking comment on the multi-state letter sent Friday, Aug. 17 to Mr. Wheeler, calling on the EPA to withdraw its proposal to limit the use of scientific evidence in the agency's decision-making process. See the link to access the letter:https://nj.gov/oag/newsreleases18/Multi-State-County-City-Comment-Letter.pdf

I am on a tight deadline. If you could get back to me as soon as possible, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you in advance.

Jennifer Vazquez
Digital Editor

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**From:** John McGarrity [mailto:john.mcgarrity@energycensus.com]
**Sent:** Friday, August 17, 2018 12:21 PM
**To:** Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Chuck Grassley's meeting with Andrew Wheeler

Hi there Molly, I just want to get the EPA's view on whether the agency has indeed ditched plans on RINs and ethanol exports.

http://ethanolproducer.com/articles/15538/grassley-epa-not-pursuing-plan-to-attach-rins-to-biofuel-exports

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ethanolproducer.com

The U.S. EPA is no longer considering a plan would allow renewable identification numbers (RINs) to be applied to exported volumes of biofuels, according to remarks made by Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, during an Aug. 15 press

Thanks,

John

John McGarrity
Senior Editor

Energy Census

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**From:** Friedman, Lisa [mailto:lisa.friedman@nytimes.com]
**Sent:** Friday, August 17, 2018 9:47 AM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Clean Power Plan story

Hi folks - am doing a story for tomorrow with some details of the proposed new Clean Power Plan rule. Is anyone from EPA able to talk or send a statement?

Hoping to get a general comment on what this will achieve but also specifically hoping you can address how the agency has come to the number of projected premature deaths from rising emissions.

Also wondering if you can say anything on of off record about the rollout. Ty
Lisa

Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) today

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Lisa Friedman
Reporter, New York Times
(202) 862-0306 office
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) cell

Message

**From**: Jones, Enesta [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=65B8E6C6E5CA4A7A9AE85D98A4C8EEDB-EJONES02]
**Sent**: 9/16/2016 7:27:16 PM
**To**: StClair, Christie [StClair.Christie@epa.gov]; Julia Valentine (valentine.julia@epa.gov) [valentine.julia@epa.gov]
**CC**: Enesta Jones [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**Subject**: CHRISTIE/JULIA: exceptional events "holding" statement

**Christie: Another one that Janet is making edits to the reactive statement. The holding statement that I issued today is below – good to use until the rule has been signed and everything posted online. On 9/19. Feel free to use. No need for attribution, but if they push, use Melissa.**

**HOLDING STATEMENT ON EXCEPTIONAL EVENTS RULE:**

**EPA will have materials available online as soon as possible after signature at the following website:** https://www.epa.gov/air-quality-analysis/treatment-data-influenced-exceptional-events**.**

[redacted]**Admin didn't officially sign so no posting today; everything happens on Mon. 9/19). Edits below:**

[redacted]

~~**HAPPENING today (can be REMOVED):**~~

**Mon. 9/19:**

**DESK STATEMENT (OAR): (FIRM)** EPA is finalizing revisions to the 2007 Exceptional Events Rule. These revisions will clarify the process states follow when deciding whether air quality monitoring data influenced by an "exceptional event" should be included when determining if an area is meeting national air quality standards. Exceptional events include natural events such as wildfires, stratospheric ozone intrusions and volcanic and seismic activities. Given the possible influence of wildfires on ozone concentrations, EPA is also releasing a final, non-binding guidance document that provides states with additional information on preparing exceptional events

demonstrations for wildfires that could influence monitored ozone concentrations. Announcement includes fact sheet, updated web page and Qs/As.
Contacts: ~~Enesta~~ **Christie** and Monica

Message

**From:** Jones, Enesta [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=65B8E6C6E5CA4A7A9AE85D98A4C8EEDB-EJONES02]
**Sent:** 8/19/2016 7:39:04 PM
**To:** Valentine, Julia [Valentine.Julia@epa.gov]
**CC:** Perry, Dale [Perry.Dale@epa.gov]; Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]; Milbourn, Cathy [Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Re: DALE: EPA response to Harvard study

Circling with OW now.

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**U.S. EPA**
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**Desk: 202.564.7873**
**Cell:** Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

On Aug 19, 2016, at 3:29 PM, Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov> wrote:

+ Enesta for water

Julia P. Valentine
Acting Director
U.S. EPA, Ofc of Media Relations
202.564.2663 direct
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**From:** Perry, Dale
**Sent:** Friday, August 19, 2016 3:28 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov>; Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: DALE: EPA response to Harvard study

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Dale H. Perry, Ph.D
Science Advisor, Office of Public Affairs
Desk: 202.564.7338
Mobile: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

On Aug 19, 2016, at 3:19 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Still ORD? Or OW?

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Glynis Board <gboard@wvpublic.org>
**Date:** August 19, 2016 at 3:06:44 PM EDT
**To:** <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov>
**Subject: Re: Subject: FW: EPA response to Harvard study**

This is helpful - but more specifically - researchers say that EPA's advisory is inadequate to protect those with chronic exposure to these
chemicals; that telling people 70ppt is safe actually increases health
risks. Water systems are issuing statements telling people that their water is safe based on EPA's advisory. I see the volume of research EPA
looked at when crafting this advisory - but I don't know where "70 ppt"
really came from.

Does anyone want to talk about this? I report for radio so a voice would
be nice, but isn't absolutely required.

thanks,
Glynis

"Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> writes:

> Glynis, for attribution to U.S. EPA. Thanks, R.
>
> EPA Statement:
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> EPA is committed to using the best available data and science while
>
> continually seeking opportunities to improve our understanding regarding
>
> unregulated contaminants. EPA has been actively engaged in understanding
>
> and reviewing scientific data pertaining to PFOA and PFOS, and identified
>
> these compounds as potentially requiring regulation in 2009.
>
> Additionally, EPA required public water systems to collect occurrence
>
> data under the UCMR3and conducted a comprehensive health assessment. In
>
> May 2016, EPA issued a Health Advisory for these contaminants that
>
> provides technical information to state agencies and other public health
>
> officials on health effects, analytical methods and treatment
>
> technologies for PFOA and PFOS.

EPA will consider the occurrence data from UCMR 3, along with the peer

reviewed health effects assessments supporting the PFOA and PFOS Health

Advisories, to make a regulatory determination on whether to initiate the

process to develop a national primary drinking water regulation.

Research, such as the referenced paper, will add to our knowledge base

and may be useful as EPA considers the next appropriate steps.

EPA is committed to supporting states and public water systems as they

determine the appropriate steps to reduce exposure to PFOA and PFOS in

drinking water. As science on health effects of these chemicals evolves,

EPA will continue to evaluate new evidence.

EPA's Office of Research and Development, who contributedto the Harvard

study, continues to develop methods to advance the measurement of these

contaminants and technologies and tools to help drinking water and

wastewater treatment plants address new and emerging contaminants.

For more information on EPA's actions related to PFOA and PFOS in

drinking water please visit:[

https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/drinking-water-health-advisories-pfoa-and-pfos

]https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/drinking-water-health-advisories-pfoa-and-pfos

Message

**From:** Jones, Enesta [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=65B8E6C6E5CA4A7A9AE85D98A4C8EEDB-EJONES02]
**Sent:** 7/21/2016 1:41:34 PM
**To:** Abrams, Dan [Abrams.Dan@epa.gov]
**Subject:** RE: Hot Issues 7/20/2016

Cool.

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**From:** Abrams, Dan
**Sent:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 9:41 AM
**To:** Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Hot Issues 7/20/2016

You can come up here – nick will be at a mtng

Thanks

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**From:** Jones, Enesta
**Sent:** Thursday, July 21, 2016 7:52 AM
**To:** Abrams, Dan <Abrams.Dan@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Hot Issues 7/20/2016

Do you want to do the TIME call from your office or 2507?

**Enesta Jones**
**U.S. EPA**
**Office of Media Relations**
**Desk: 202.564.7873**
**Cell:** Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

On Jul 21, 2016, at 7:39 AM, Abrams, Dan <Abrams.Dan@epa.gov> wrote:

> Nope. George must have forgotten
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
> On Jul 21, 2016, at 7:39 AM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> > I submitted this one. Did you ask for it to be removed?
> >
> > **Week of 8/8:**
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> > **Mon. 8/8:**
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> > **BRIEF (OAR):** EPA Announces New Waste Tracking Feature in its Energy Star Portfolio Manager Tool, Helping Building Managers Save Money and Support a Healthy Environment
> > Contacts: Enesta and Dan

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Hull, George" <Hull.George@epa.gov>
**Date:** July 20, 2016 at 11:58:13 PM EDT
**To:** "Gaber, Noha" <Gaber.Noha@epa.gov>, "Conger, Nick" <Conger.Nick@epa.gov>, "Grantham, Nancy" <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>, "Coviello, Nancy" <Coviello.Nancy@epa.gov>, "Lee, Monica" <Lee.Monica@epa.gov>, "Ragland, Micah" <Ragland.Micah@epa.gov>, "Harrison, Melissa" <Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov>, "Younes, Lina" <Younes.Lina@epa.gov>, "Orquina, Jessica" <Orquina.Jessica@epa.gov>, "Benenati, Frank" <benenati.frank@epa.gov>, "Hart, Daniel" <Hart.Daniel@epa.gov>, "Abrams, Dan" <Abrams.Dan@epa.gov>, "Perry, Dale" <Perry.Dale@epa.gov>, "Widener, Charles" <Widener.Charles@epa.gov>, AO OPA Media Relations <AO_OPA_Media_Relations@epa.gov>
**Subject: Hot Issues 7/20/2016**

**Agency Releases/Advisories/Statements/Events:**

**Week of 7/18:**

**Thurs. 7/21:**

**PRESS CONFERENCE (OAR):** EPA Administrator will have a joint press conference with the Canadian Environmental Minister and Mexican Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources in Vienna, Austria. This press conference is on raising awareness and championing the adoption of the HFC phasedown Amendment to the Montreal Protocol at the Climate and Clean Air Coalition to Reduce Short-Lived Climate Pollutants' High Level Assembly (or CCAC HLA). This will be held at 8 a.m. EDT/2 p.m. Central European time. **Melissa will send information to the top-tiers.**
Contact: Melissa

**Week of 7/25:**

**OIG REPORT (OEE):** OIG said they anticipate issuing their final report on OEE's program "on or before July 31st."
Contact: Christie

**Mon. 2/25:**

**RELEASE (OAR): (TENTATIVE)** OTAQ finalizes its endangerment finding for aircraft.
Contact: Christie, Nick

**Wed. 7/27:**

**RELEASE (OCSPP)**: EPA Finalizes Rule to Protect the Public from Exposure to Formaldehyde from Certain Household and other Wood Products.
Contacts: Monica, Cathy

**STATEMENT (OW):** EPA is requesting public comment on the draft version of the updated national recommended aquatic life water quality criteria for copper in estuarine/marine waters. May attract trade press.
Contacts: Enesta, Monica

**Thur. 7/28**

**RELEASE (OAR):** EPA will issue the Climate Change Indicators Report, which is the indicators related to the causes and effects of climate change.
Contacts: Enesta and Melissa

**RELEASE (ORD):** EPA and NIEHS Award $30 Million to Fund Children's Centers at Five Universities across the United States
Contacts: Dale, Cathy

**Interviews:**

**Week of 7/18:**

**Fri. 7/22:**

**INTERVIEW (OAR):** David Cozzie will speak with Tom Temin of Federal News Radio about the agency's new methane/landfills rule.
Contact: Enesta

**Week of 7/25:**

**Fri. 7/29**

**INTERVIEW (OTAQ):** In person at the lab in Ann Arbor. Chris Grundler sits down with Bloomberg reporters John Lippert and Jeff Plungis for a long format profile piece. On Thurs., 7/28, David Haugen will take Lippert and Plungis on a tour of the lab. Nick will be in Ann Arbor for the tour and interview.
Contact: Nick, Julia

**Week of 8/1:**

**Tues. 8/2:**
**INTERVEW (OAR/VOLUNTARY):** Doug Anderson of Energy Star will do a taped-to-air interview with Katrina Madewell, host of Tampa Home Talk, about making your home energy efficient. – **9 a.m.**
Contact: Enesta

**Inquiries**:

**Center for Public Integrity, The Weather Channel and USA Today (OAR):** Reporter Jamie Hopkins is requesting an interview with the Administrator and Janet McCabe for a comprehensive piece looking at coal-fired power plants in Indiana, big emitters and whether reductions can be made without threatening taxpayers or reliability. Declined interview, but will answer follow-up in writing. Documentary and print stories will air and run in early September. Program working on follow-up responses in writing.
DDL: Week of 9/5.
Contacts: Enesta, Melissa

**Durango Herald (OA)**: Matt Fritz has been asked to discuss from a high-level perspective the agency's experience over the past year re GKM. Would cover the one-year retrospective report.
Embargo until Aug. 4. Contact: Christie, Nancy

**EHP (NIEHS) (OCSPP): interview request** Wants to discuss TSCA reform with Wendy Cleland Hamnet. Sent questions.
Contact: Monica and Cathy

**USA Today (OECA/OW):** Working on a story that focuses on public water systems across the U.S. – particularly smaller systems – that repeatedly fail to do tap sample tests for lead contamination. **Story scheduled to run this week (week of 7/18)**
Contact: Monica

**AP (OLEM):** Reporter Alicia Chang is researching a story about the global hazardous waste trade and is seeking information on international shipments of hazardous waste in and out of the U.S. in the last 10 years – company, what was shipped, locations involved. With program. DDL 12 pm 7/25.
Contacts: Mollie and George

Message

**From:** Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 1/15/2016 1:01:59 AM
**To:** timothy.nixon@thomsonreuters.com
**Subject:** Re: Green Infrastructure

I'm great. Yes I am!

**Enesta Jones**
U.S. EPA, Office of Media Relations
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On Jan 14, 2016, at 7:12 PM, "timothy.nixon@thomsonreuters.com" <timothy.nixon@thomsonreuters.com> wrote:

> Hi Enesta — all is well, but busy. How are you doing? Up for more collaboration this year?
>
> Tim
>
> Timothy E Nixon
>
> Managing Editor, Sustainability
>
> Corporate Responsibility & Inclusion
>
> Thomson Reuters
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> 610 Opperman Drive
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> Eagan, MN 55123
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> timothy.nixon@thomsonreuters.com
>
> Consider before printing email.

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**From:** Enesta Jones <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
**Date:** Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 2:05 PM
**To:** Timothy Nixon <timothy.nixon@thomsonreuters.com>
**Cc:** Sherah Beckley <Sherah.Beckley@thomsonreuters.com>, Enesta Jones <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Green Infrastructure

Happy New Year, Tim – and I hope all is well.

I never saw your piece about this. It was actually delayed quite a bit. It is being issued via a press release tomorrow.

**From:** timothy.nixon@thomsonreuters.com [mailto:timothy.nixon@thomsonreuters.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2015 9:40 PM
**To:** Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Sherah.Beckley@thomsonreuters.com; Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Green Infrastructure

Okay. No problem.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 10, 2015, at 5:11 PM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:

> Hi Tim- please hold on this until Monday. Robert just let me know we are not issuing the release until Monday.
>
> **Enesta Jones**
> U.S. EPA, Office of Media Relations
> **Desk:** 202.564.7873
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>
> On Dec 10, 2015, at 6:32 PM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:
>
>> Many thanks, Tim, for the continued promotion of EPA efforts in Reuters.
>>
>> Adding my colleague, Robert Daguillard, who is the lead press officer on water issues and this effort in particular. Any questions you may have on this policy, he can assist.
>>
>> **Enesta Jones**
>> U.S. EPA, Office of Media Relations
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>>
>> On Dec 10, 2015, at 6:30 PM, "timothy.nixon@thomsonreuters.com" <timothy.nixon@thomsonreuters.com> wrote:
>>
>>> Thanks Enesta!
>>>
>>> Sherah-- would you please load this as a Release tomorrow?
>>>
>>> Thanks.
>>> Tim
>>>
>>> Sent from my iPhone
>>>
>>> On Dec 10, 2015, at 2:38 PM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Tim-Hope all is well and you had a nice Holiday. This is under embargo until tomorrow.

**EPA Issues Policy to Increase Funding of Green Infrastructure Projects**

**WASHINGTON** — The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) today issued a Green Infrastructure Policy to support increased financing of green infrastructure projects under the Clean Water State Revolving Fund. The new policy supports the FY 2016 President's Budget, which would direct at least 20 percent of Clean Water SRF grants to projects involving green infrastructure or other environmentally innovative activities. The Clean Water SRF is ideally suited to serve as a source of financial assistance to a broad and diverse range of publicly and privately owned green infrastructure projects.

Green infrastructure addresses the water quality impacts of wet weather events by reducing polluted stormwater discharges and sewer overflows. It provides additional environmental and community benefits, including reducing urban heat island impacts, decreasing energy use, and improving air quality.

"Green infrastructure provides communities with a win-win-solution to stormwater challenges – improving environmental quality, saving money and supporting economic development and livability," said Joel Beauvais, EPA Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Water. "This policy will encourage and support states in leveraging SRF dollars to take full advantage of this opportunity."

EPA will work with its partners to continue building support for green infrastructure funding. The agency will track data on funding levels and will have an annual program that recognizes high-quality green infrastructure projects and state programs that successfully market and incentivize these projects. EPA is also recommending state Clean Water SRFs prioritize green infrastructure through outreach, financial incentives, and priority systems.

In recent years, Congress and EPA have taken steps to encourage green infrastructure implementation. In 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act established the Green Project Reserve, which directs Clean Water SRF programs to provide a variable percentage of financial assistance from their allotments to sustainable water infrastructure projects, including green infrastructure.

In 2010, EPA's Sustainability Policy for Clean Water and Drinking Water Infrastructure also encouraged Clean Water SRF investment in green infrastructure, and was the first policy statement that explicitly highlighted "natural or green systems" as an alternative to consider in planning sustainable water infrastructure.

Since 2010, the Clean Water SRF programs have provided $3.8 billion to Green Project Reserve projects, with $800 million, or 21 percent, going to green infrastructure. EPA believes that by undertaking several activities to incentivize and encourage green infrastructure projects this percentage can grow.

More information: http://www.epa.gov/wsr

f/green-infrastructure-policy-cwsrf-program

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Message

**From**: Jones, Enesta [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=65B8E6C6E5CA4A7A9AE85D98A4C8EEDB-EJONES02]
**Sent**: 2/23/2016 5:25:48 PM
**To**: Laura Allen (allen.laura@epa.gov) [allen.laura@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: Current Drafts of the ICR Materials
**Attachments**: OG ICR Key Points 2 22 16.docx; Draft Janet Blog on ICR_v10.2.22.CLEAN.docx; ICR press script jm 2 22 16.docx; Tick Tock_v1.docx

Materials say these times; which is correct?

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|---|---|
| 11:00 a.m. | Media advisory goes out, inviting reporters to a call on oil and natural gas issues. |
| 12:30 p.m. | Press call with Janet McCabe |
| | Janet Blog posted |

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**From:** Allen, Laura
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 23, 2016 12:23 PM
**Subject:** FW: Current Drafts of the ICR Materials

Here are the materials. Close hold (and they are still draft).

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**From:** Drinkard, Andrea
**Sent:** Monday, February 22, 2016 4:29 PM
**To:** Goffman, Joseph <Goffman.Joseph@epa.gov>; McCabe, Janet <McCabe.Janet@epa.gov>; Allen, Laura <Allen.Laura@epa.gov>; Harrison, Melissa <Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov>; Purchia, Liz <Purchia.Liz@epa.gov>; Fried, Becky <Fried.Becky@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Millett, John <Millett.John@epa.gov>; Davis, Alison <Davis.Alison@epa.gov>; DeLuca, Isabel <DeLuca.Isabel@epa.gov>; Knapp, Kristien <Knapp.Kristien@epa.gov>; Zenick, Elliott <Zenick.Elliott@epa.gov>; OAR Briefings <OAR_Briefings@epa.gov>; Stewart, Lori <Stewart.Lori@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Current Drafts of the ICR Materials

Hi all—

Below are the current drafts of the ICR roll-out materials. I suspect that they will change over the coming days, but these drafts represent our current thinking.

Joe, here's an updated version of the TPs for Dan. Please note the new 5th bullet, which attempts to respond to the ask in your email from last week.

OG ICR Key Points 2 22 16.d...

Laura/Liz/Melissa, Please take a look at these drafts and let me know if you have any comments on them. You can share them with the WH if they're asking for updates, or we can wait to share them tomorrow, which would give us a chance to incorporate any last minute edits. Up to you.

Draft Janet Blog on ICR_v10.2.22.CL...

ICR press script jm 2 22 16.docx

Tick Tock_v1.docx

Kristien (Cc OAR Briefings),

Please feel free to include the three files above (not the key points document) in the Administrator's book for tomorrow's 2pm meeting.

Others please let me know if you have additional edits or concerns.

Thanks!

-Andrea-

Message

**From**: Hannon, Arnita [Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 3/12/2017 3:09:02 PM
**To**: Millan Hupp [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]
**CC**: Richardson, RobinH [Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Bowles, Jack [Bowles.Jack@epa.gov]; Hale, Michelle [hale.michelle@epa.gov]; Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]; Bangerter, Layne [bangerter.layne@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: National League of Cities

Ok-glad you have that info. Thanks!

Arnita

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 12, 2017, at 10:52 AM, Millan Hupp <[Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]> wrote:
>
> Yes, I did. Looks great!
>
> Millan Hupp
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>
>> On Mar 12, 2017, at 10:47 AM, Hannon, Arnita <Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov> wrote:
>>
>> You're welcome. Did you also receive the contents of the Administrator's notebook I sent yesterday for your awareness?
>> Lastly, will update on any weather contingencies if there are any adjustments for Tuesday. Headed to the hotel soon for the EENR Committee meeting. Hit me as always for anything you need.
>>
>> Thanks everyone!
>>
>> Arnita
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>> Sent from my iPhone
>>
>>> On Mar 12, 2017, at 10:39 AM, Millan Hupp <[Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]> wrote:
>>>
>>> Very good. Thank you, Arnita.
>>>
>>> Millan Hupp
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>>>> On Mar 11, 2017, at 9:30 PM, Hannon, Arnita <Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov> wrote:
>>>>
>>>> Our pleasure.
>>>> I guess [Ex.] is one of our Security persons? He needs to reach out to NLC's Janice Pauline for Security follow up. Please share that NLC briefing memo with him.
>>>> Bios are included in the Administrator's briefing packet for all officials joining him for the Meet and Greet. Mayor Freeman-Wilson's bio is there too, although because she is the luncheon MC, she will miss the meet and greet. NLC President Mayor Matt Zone is introducing the Administrator at the luncheon.
>>>> Press: luncheon is Open Press but no q and a or press avails. Administrator exits the stage once he concludes his remarks.
>>>> Meet and Greet prior to luncheon: Closed press. Straight to luncheon close hold room after that. No press time.
>>>> Will send you the Administrator's internal briefing packet that came from our shop and that makes up his notebook. Sorry a copy of that did not get to you because all of this info is there.
>>>> No interviews or press interaction. Administrator met Mayor Freeman-Wilson recently at US Conference of Mayors Leadership Meeting. She is on EPA's Local Government Advisory Committee. Noted in his notebook the LGAC position.
>>>>
>>>> If you are traveling with the Administrator you will not need credentials. Just in and out with him. I do not know who the Administrator would like to go over with him so maybe you can check with John or Michelle. Our DAA for Intergovernmental Relations Layne Bangerter will be there for both segments but I am sure he would be happy to join the ride over with the Administrator if the Administrator would like.
>>>>
>>>> Ok I think that is it but keep questions coming if you need to!
>>>>
>>>> Arnita
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>>>> Sent from my iPhone
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>>>>> On Mar 11, 2017, at 5:08 PM, Millan Hupp <Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)> wrote:
>>>>>
>>>>> Thank you Robin and Arnita! Very much appreciate you all being so responsive on a Saturday!
>>>>>
>>>>> Arnita, the briefing document was very helpful. I do have a few questions that I wanted to present to you before calling Carolyn or Pauline.
>>>>>
>>>>> 1. Is Ex. 7(C) in contact with either NLC's security team or the Marriott's? Want to ensure they have everything they need here especially with it being open press.
>>>>>
>>>>> 2. Do we know if the Administrator has previously met any of the executive NLC members he'll be meeting with privately before the speech? If not, I'll want to get together very brief bios on each one. Same with Mayor Freeman - Wilson who appears to be introducing him.
>>>>>
>>>>> 3. Will any of our staff need credentials? Also, who had planned on attending with him? I assume John. I also will go ahead but anyone else?
>>>>>
>>>>> 4. Will he being doing any interviews or speaking with press at all?
>>>>>
>>>>> Millan Hupp
>>>>>
>>>>>
>>>>>> On Mar 11, 2017, at 4:30 PM, Hannon, Arnita <Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov> wrote:
>>>>>>
>>>>>> My pleasure!
>>>>>>
>>>>>> Sent from my iPhone
>>>>>>
>>>>>>> On Mar 11, 2017, at 4:13 PM, Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov> wrote:
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> Thank you Arnita!
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> Robin H Richardson
>>>>>>> PDAA, EPA/OCIR
>>>>>>> (202) 564-3358 (desk)
>>>>>>> Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) (cell)
>>>>>>> richardson.robinh@epa.gov
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>> On Mar 11, 2017, at 3:44 PM, Hannon, Arnita <Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov> wrote:
>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>> Thanks Robin!
>>>>>>>> Yes Milian has all she needs on the logistics and other ends per my providing today. Same with Konkus, who already has Draft Remarks in play. Anything else they need, they can let me know and happy to provide. Michelle was given briefing materials and logistics memo yesterday.
>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>> Thanks everyone.
>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>> Arnita
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>>>>>>>> Sent from my iPhone
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>>>>>>>>> On Mar 11, 2017, at 3:28 PM, Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov> wrote:
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>> Hi Millan -
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>> I've included Arnita, Jack, John and Michelle. Arnita is our primary EPA liaison with League of Cities and is coordinating closely with their staff. She can help you make all the right connections. Jack is her supervisor and also a good point of contact for coordination. I also added John and Michelle since I think we provided briefing materials to her on Friday and John had provided talking points for the Conference of Mayors and may doing the same for the League of Cities.
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>> I hope this helps. Please don't hesitate to let us know what more you may need or how we can assist.
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>> Best, Robin
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>> Robin H Richardson
>>>>>>>>> PDAA, EPA/OCIR
>>>>>>>>> (202) 564-3358 (desk)
>>>>>>>>> Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) (cell)
>>>>>>>>> richardson.robinh@epa.gov
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>> On Mar 11, 2017, at 8:33 AM, Millan Hupp <Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)> wrote:
>>>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>> Good morning! Could one of you kindly let me know who the contact would be here so that I may call them to work on logistics?
>>>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>> Also, are the speech topics being handled or should I request that info?

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>>>>>>>>>> Thank you!
>>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>> Millan Hupp
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Message

**From**: Lee, Monica [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=43A08FAB4A8948EAA3DAC902A97250D6-LEE, MONICA]
**Sent**: 1/10/2017 8:48:37 PM
**To**: Deegan, Dave [Deegan.Dave@epa.gov]; Loop, Travis [Loop.Travis@epa.gov]; Bravo, Antonio [Bravo.Antonio@epa.gov]; Dennis, Allison [Dennis.Allison@epa.gov]
**CC**: Gutro, Doug [Gutro.Doug@epa.gov]; Bender, Emily [Bender.Emily@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Agenda for today's OW Comms Mtg

Thanks for following up Dave.

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**From:** Deegan, Dave
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 10, 2017 3:32 PM
**To:** Loop, Travis <Loop.Travis@epa.gov>; Bravo, Antonio <Bravo.Antonio@epa.gov>; Lee, Monica <Lee.Monica@epa.gov>; Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Gutro, Doug <Gutro.Doug@epa.gov>; Bender, Emily <Bender.Emily@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Agenda for today's OW Comms Mtg

Hi Guys,

Thanks for the heads up on this. Just wanted to follow up – even though our RA received a flurry of letters on this when proposed, we did not have significant media interest and thus don't have any particular reporters or outlets that we'd recommend a special call or heads up to.

Best,
Dave

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**From:** Dennis, Allison
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 10, 2017 1:59 PM
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**Subject:** RE: Agenda for today's OW Comms Mtg

As promised on today's call, attached is the final EPA Connect Blog and rollout plan for tomorrow's drinking water PAG announcement. Blog will go up at 1 pm eastern. Please keep this info close hold.

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**Subject:** Agenda for today's OW Comms Mtg

Let's chat about what's going out this week and next!

Date: Tuesday, 1/3/17
Time: 1:00 – 1:30 PM (EST)
Dial In Number: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Conference Code: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Room: 2369B

**Agenda:**

Tues. Jan 10th- Final Promulgation of Aquatic Life Criteria for Cadmium in Oregon (STATEMENT)

Tues. Jan 10th- WIFIA Notice of Funding Availability (PRESS RELEASE- going out at 10 am EST- regions please amplify! )

Wed. Jan 11th- Drinking Water PAG (CONNECT BLOG)

Wed. Jan 11th- Final 2017 Construction General Permit (STATEMENT)

Thurs. Jan 12th- Animal Agriculture Education Project Launch (STATEMENT)

Thurs. Jan 12th- Release of Peer Review Materials of Modeling of Lead in Drinking Water (STATEMENT)

Fri. Jan 13th- Drinking Water Technical Assistance Grants Announcement (PRESS RELEASE) – see attached draft press release and rollout plan; regions please amplify!

Week of Jan 17th (tentative)- DWSRF Eligibility Handbook (STATEMENT)

Tues. Jan 17th - Ground Water Video Contest Launch (STATEMENT)

Tues. Jan 17th- Human Health Benchmarks for Pesticides Update (STATEMENT)

Mid-January- FDA-EPA Final Fish Consumption Advice

Message

**From**: Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 1/4/2017 10:46:30 PM
**To**: monicamarielee@gmail.com
**Subject**: Fwd: Memo to president
**Attachments**: FINAL - EPA Exit Memo.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Monica Lee
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Harrison, Melissa" <Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov>
**Date:** January 4, 2017 at 2:54:48 PM EST
**To:** Alex Guillen <aguillen@politico.com>
**Cc:** "Conger, Nick" <Conger.Nick@epa.gov>, "Lee, Monica" <Lee.Monica@epa.gov>
**Subject: RE: Memo to president**

Alex-attached is our memo. It's on embargo until 6am tomorrow morning. Thanks! Melissa

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**From:** Alex Guillen [mailto:aguillen@politico.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 03, 2017 12:57 PM
**To:** Harrison, Melissa <Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Conger, Nick <Conger.Nick@epa.gov>; Lee, Monica <Lee.Monica@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Memo to president

OK, I wondered if they might be staggered. I remain interested for when you do get there.

Thank you!

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**From:** Harrison, Melissa [mailto:Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 03, 2017 12:56 PM
**To:** Alex Guillen <aguillen@politico.com>
**Cc:** Conger, Nick <Conger.Nick@epa.gov>; Lee, Monica <Lee.Monica@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Memo to president

Alex-for planning purposes only, looks like tomorrow is not the day, so nothing to share at this time. Thanks! Melissa

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**From:** Harrison, Melissa
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 3, 2017 10:17:56 AM

**To:** Alex Guillen
**Cc:** Conger, Nick; Lee, Monica
**Subject:** Re: Memo to president

Hi Alex-let me check. Happy New Year!

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On Jan 3, 2017, at 9:22 AM, Alex Guillen <aguillen@politico.com> wrote:

> Hi guys,
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> I understand agencies are releasing exit memos to the president tomorrow morning. I'd love to include EPA's in Morning Energy. Any chance of getting the embargoed copy today? Please and thank you!
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Appointment

**From**: Olp, Kevin [Olp.Kevin@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 5/5/2015 6:21:55 PM
**To**: Olp, Kevin [Olp.Kevin@epa.gov]; Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]; Conger, Nick [Conger.Nick@epa.gov]

**Subject**: EJSCREEN Press Outreach
**Attachments**: DRAFT EJSCREEN Rollout Strategy 5-5-15.docx
**Location**: 3213B WJC South (Nick's Office)

**Start**: 5/6/2015 7:00:00 PM
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Message

**From**: Rowan, Anne [rowan.anne@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 9/10/2016 3:05:43 AM
**To**: Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]
**CC**: Kelley, Jeff [kelley.jeff@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Hawthorne interview

Hi Monica, sorry to get in touch so late but we did do a 20-min background interview today. Pretty much as expected, nothing surprising. Story won't run this weekend. He'll likely have some follow up questions on Monday and may want a quote for attribution. I can walk you through the questions and our responses on Monday. Have a good weekend!

Sent from my iPhone

Message

**From:** StClair, Christie [StClair.Christie@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 11/30/2016 12:02:09 AM
**To:** Rene Ebersole Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
**CC:** Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Re: U.S. recycling article for Organic Life magazine

Hi Rene,

You can attribute to press secretary Monica Lee. She's cc'd.

Thanks!
Christie

Christie St. Clair
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On Nov 29, 2016, at 7:00 PM, Rene Ebersole < Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) > wrote:

> Thank you, Christie.
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> Someone spent a lot of time answering my questions. I know you said I should attribute it to a spokesperson, but can I name one particular person? It's such great info, and it doesn't seem like there should be any reason to mask the source. Thanks for considering.
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> On Tue, Nov 29, 2016 at 4:06 PM, StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov> wrote:
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> > Rene, I hadn't seen those earlier – my fault, sorry! I just asked the SMEs to review for you.
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> > **Christie St. Clair**
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**From:** Rene Ebersole [mailto: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 29, 2016 4:01 PM
**To:** StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: U.S. recycling article for Organic Life magazine

Thank you, Christie. This is very helpful!

Is there someone who can take a quick look at that other text I sent (resin #s 1-7) to make sure it's factual? I pulled the info from multiple sources. Everything seems plausible, but it would be great to have an EPA expert give it a look to make sure we get it right.

Thanks again!

Rene

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 29, 2016, at 3:47 PM, StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Rene, thank you for your patience.

Please attribute to an agency spokesperson:

1. **The U.S. recycling rate is holding steady at 34%, while some European countries, such as Germany, Austria, and Belgium, are at much higher rates, 62%, 63%, and 58% respectively. Why is the U.S. so far behind these other countries?**

We cannot comment on the recycling practices of other countries and the varying factors in rates, but it is important to note the progress that Americans have made in regard to recycling practices. Although the growth in the nation's recycling rate has leveled off recently, the long term trend has been positive. For example, the recycling rate has increased from 16 percent in 1990 to 34.6 percent in 2014, the most recent year for which data is available. In addition, there are indicators in our current data that improvements are possible given the right circumstances. EPA and many other stakeholders are working to bring those improvements to fruition. Since the largest category of wastes disposed includes food and organics, initiatives like EPA's Sustainable Food Management (SFM) are helping lead the way to improve diversion rates. Another positive indicator is that leading municipalities have

reached very high recycling rates, including Seattle with a recycling rate of 57 percent[1], San Diego with a recycling rate of 68 percent [2], and San Francisco with a recycling rate of almost 80 percent[3].

Finally, the per capita generation rate of municipal solid waste has gone down. In fact, the 2014 generation rate of 4.4 pounds per person, is one of the lowest rates since before 1990. EPA's Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) Program and the Waste Management Hierarchy highlight the benefits of source reduction and reuse to reduce waste generation and minimize negative environmental impacts from the goods and services we all use.

2. **Paper, cardboard, and glass recycling in the U.S. has slightly declined in recent years. Why?**

Paper recycling declined from 44.6 million tons in 2010 to 44.4 million tons in 2014. However, from 2013 to 2014 paper recycling rose from 43.4 million tons to 44.4 million tons. (See Table 2 in the 2014 Data Tables at https://www.epa.gov/smm/advancing-sustainable-materials-management-facts-and-figures-report). Corrugated box recycling has risen most years from 2010 to 2014 (Table 24 in the 2014 Data Tables).

EPA has not been able to definitively study the reasons for specific commodity recycling rate changes. Each commodity's recycling rates reflect different aspects of generation, collection, processing, packaging and product market share. In addition, many communities have changed to single stream recycling and are collecting fewer items such as glass, which has impacted recycling rates. Industry groups like Glass Packaging Institute and American Forest and Paper Association may have more information on specific trends on these material categories.

3. **Plastic recycling is improving incrementally. For example, from 8.8 percent in 2012 to 9.2 percent in the most recently reported year by the EPA. Plastics are such a major source of waste, and highly recyclable. How can we improve the recycling rate of plastics? Are there any states that provide a good model?**

The recycling rate of plastics in 2014 was 9.5 percent. Many of the current material recovery facilities (MRF)s were not designed for plastics, and major technological and process improvements are underway to remedy this. Future MRF's will need to be designed for more material flexibility, process adaptability and resource efficiencies. Improving recycling rates in plastics will

involve the modernization of the recycling infrastructure in collection, processing and marketing into new products.

This will involve:

- the expansion of community programs into multi-family dwellings and greater accessibility of recycling at home, work and away from home;
- the adoption of best practices;
- the creation of better standardized measurements and metrics;
- broader awareness campaigns; and
- stronger and more consistent messaging of what can be recycled through local and regional waste shed programs to ensure recyclability.

Some innovative private and public sector initiatives include The Recycling Partnership, Keep America Beautiful's I Want to be Recycled campaign, and the Sustainable Packaging Coalition's How2Recycle Label.

We recommend contacting state recycling coalitions like the Southeast Recycling Development Council and the Northeast Recycling Council for more information on what specific states are doing.

4. **What role has the Blue Bin played in the successes or failures of recycling in the U.S.? Do we need to rethink the Blue Bin method?**

On background – not for attribution, EPA cannot comment on your specific question as the agency has not researched the issue.

What we can say on record, is that

EPA has not researched this issue and therefore has no comment on the Blue Bin method. However, EPA recommends businesses and communities take a Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) approach. SMM is a different way of thinking about how to use and reuse materials more productively over their entire lifecycle. It helps us look at materials, products and services in a holistic

way. EPA is using SMM as a way to expand the conversation on materials management from a cradle-to-grave approach to a cradle-to-cradle approach through its initiatives, including the Food Recovery Challenge, the 2030 U.S. Wasted Food Reduction Goal, the Electronics Challenge, and the Federal Green Challenge. The Agency has also applied Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) across the U.S. economy to identify materials, products and services that are potentially the most significant contributors to environmental impacts.

**6. How serious is the problem of contamination at Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs)?**

Small degrees of contamination are generally okay and recycling centers are designed to deal with such issues. Other types of contamination can cause larger issues. Understanding local recycling rules is important because putting the wrong things in the recycling stream can decrease the value of recyclables and even break the equipment at the recycling center.

With a majority of community programs converting to single stream recycling, there have been growing levels of contamination and moves to address and change MRF facilities to deal with it. From a SMM perspective, the life cycle of the particular material will determine if the wastes created and not returned for reuse/ recycling are lost materials. Generally, contamination shows a system problem that needs to be addressed.

**7. Would it help to have more of these facilities?**

In 2013, 747 materials recovery facilities (MRF) were open in the United States, with an estimated total daily throughput of over 140,000 tons per day. The most extensive recyclables processing throughput occurs in the South and West. (*Advancing Sustainable Materials Management: Facts and Figures 2013*, available at https://www.epa.gov/smm/advancing-sustainable-materials-management-facts-and-figures-report.)

The number of facilities is not as important as the geographic location, access to markets and the capabilities of the facilities themselves. Most facilities were built to handle paper and common recyclable containers. The material shift in type and quantity of most commonly sold packaging and products creates a need for modernization, technological enhancements and expansions of existing programs at these facilities.

**8. How much of the country's performance on this issue depends on governmental legislation at the state and national levels?**

This is difficult to quantify; however, policy drivers like Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), landfill and packaging bans, bottle bills, recycling goals and mandates, source separation or expanded service requirements, and pay as you throw (volume based pricing) programs (which are done primarily at the state and local level), all can contribute to a SMM future. It is also recognized that there needs to be significant investments in infrastructure (collection and processing) and communications, as well as creating more intuitive and useful SMM indicators, frameworks and best practices to bring about change.

In 2014:

- 23 states had waste diversion goals (Alabama, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Iowa, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New York, North Dakota, Oregon, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas and Washington);

- 30 states had some kind of recycling goals or mandates (Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia and Wisconsin);

- and three states had zero waste goals (Delaware, Massachusetts and Washington).

**9. A quarter of Americans lack access to proper bins for collecting recyclable material, and another quarter go without any curbside recycling at all. How can this be improved?**

In 2011, more than 9,800 curbside recyclables collection programs were reported in the United States. The extent of residential curbside recycling programs varies by geographic region, with the most extensive curbside collection occurring in the Northeast. (*Advancing Sustainable Materials Management: Fact and Figures 2013*)

While decisions about solid waste management, including curbside recycling, are made at the municipal level, EPA provides a myriad of tools and resources to illustrate the environmental and economic benefits of recycling. See

https://www.epa.gov/recycle, https://www.epa.gov/sustainability/mwiz and https://www.epa.gov/smm for more information.

**10. Industry analysts say $1.25 billion is needed to fully modernize America's recycling infrastructure. What's the EPA's response to that claim?**

EPA's Dialogue on Sustainable Financing of Recycling of Packaging at the Municipal Level led to a series of other dialogues --the AMERIPEN 100 cities study and Product Recovery Knowledge Map, the creation of the Closed Loop Fund, and expansion of The Recycling Partnership---which show a consensus on the need for significant infrastructure expansion, enhancement and improvement. The marketplace, industry, and state and local community investments will determine the actual dollars to be spent.

**11. Companies may demand more post-consumer material, but the supply still relies on municipalities and consumers, and there's no real incentive built in to maximize recovery or material value. What's the solution for providing incentives?**

Shifting to an SMM perspective will take time --- in industry, the marketplace, municipalities and with consumers. But the shift to a more resource efficient, closed-loop, recycling and reused based economy is already underway. Conventional incentives could expedite the transition but will not be a solution in of themselves. Classic marketplace economics of material supply and demand will eventually take hold if there are appropriate feedback mechanisms for all participants to allow for collaboration in creating more jobs, generating more wealth and protecting human health and the environment.

**12. According to The Economist, "Falling oil prices have lowered the price of virgin plastic against the recycled stuff, which has put off manufacturers and hurt recycling companies. Without a price on carbon, using recycled commodities does not necessarily help a company's bottom line." Agree or disagree?**

EPA does not collect data on this.

**13. Some cities, and other countries, are attempting zero waste targets. Is this realistic on a national scale in the U.S.?**

On a national level, the big picture effort involves identifying and creating the foundation for a SMM paradigm. In Europe, SMM is called the Circular

Economy. EPA has published multiple resources on SMM - including *Sustainable Materials Management: The Road Ahead* and the *SMM Program Strategic Plan*, which identifies three priority areas with significant opportunities for environmental, economic and social results.

In less than a decade a majority of state programs have adopted SMM in at least the naming of their programs. Statutory and regulatory structures limit the quick adoption of broader SMM analysis and programming. Oregon is leading the initial efforts to overcome those institutional and programmatic barriers to SMM. However, the paradigm shift from waste management to sustainable materials management can be seen throughout the paper, packaging and print industries. Consumer packaging giants, major retailers, various industrial sectors, NGOs and all levels of government are talking about and implementing zero waste and sustainability goals, as well as life-cycle analyses, measurements and initiatives.

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**From:** StClair, Christie
**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2016 11:30 AM
**To:** Rene Ebersole Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
**Cc:** Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: U.S. recycling article for Organic Life magazine

Hi Rene, I've been out of the office, just returned today. Believe we were pretty short-handed last week so sorry for the delay!

I'll look into this for you asap.

Christie

Christie St. Clair

EPA Public Affairs

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On Nov 28, 2016, at 11:25 AM, Rene Ebersole < Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) > wrote:

> Hi Julia and Christie,
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> I hope you both had a happy Thanksgiving.
>
> Sorry to be a pest--I hope you're getting my emails. But has there been any progress on those questions?
>
> Also, can I fact check these with you?
>
> Thank you!
>
> Rene
>
>> #1. PET (Polyethylene terephthalate).
>>
>> Found in many common household items, including beverage bottles, peanut butter jars, mouthwash bottles
>>
>> Recyclability: Widely Accepted

Becomes fiberfill for sleeping bags, carpet fibers, tote bags

#2. HDPE (High density polyethylene)

Found in milk jugs, butter tubs, detergent bottles, shampoo bottles, food containers

Recyclability: Widely Accepted

Becomes trashcans, flowerpots, traffic cones

#3. V (Polyvinyl chloride)

Found in plumbing tubing, fences, siding

Recyclability: Limited

Becomes irrigation and drainage pipes

#4. LDPE (Low density polyethylene)

Found in squeezable bottles, grocery bags, shrink wrap, bread bags.'

Recyclability: Not commonly recycled, but accepted at certain stores and drop-off locations

Becomes new grocery bags

#5. PP (Polypropylene)

Found in yogurt containers, Tupperware, prescription bottles, bottle caps, straws, plastic diapers

Recyclability: Increasingly accepted at curbside

Becomes plastic lumber, ice scrapers, rakes

#6. PS (Polystyrene) Commonly known as Styrofoam

Found in single-use plates and cups, carryout containers, egg crates, packaging peanuts, meat trays

Recyclability: Only at some drop-off sites

Becomes insulation, license plate frames, rulers

#7. Other (mixed plastic types)

Found in baby bottles, three- and five-gallon water bottles, compact discs, sunglasses

Recyclability: Difficult. Usually not recycled by municipalities. Look for take-back programs.

On Tue, Nov 22, 2016 at 12:43 PM, Rene Ebersole
<Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)> wrote:

Hi Julia and Christie,

I just want to make sure you received my email. Any progress on those answers?

Thanks for your help.

Rene

On Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 9:02 PM, Rene Ebersole
<Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)> wrote:

Hi Julia and Christie,

Did you receive any answers to my questions?

Thanks for your help!

Rene

On Fri, Nov 18, 2016 at 10:50 AM, Rene Ebersole
<Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) wrote:

Christine and Julia,

In the meantime, do you have fact sheets with the latest U.S. recycling data? 2015 numbers? I'd like to know how many plastic bottles, tin cans, etc. were recycled last year. If you can send something today I'd be grateful.

Thanks for your help!

Rene

On Thu, Nov 17, 2016 at 12:02 PM, Valentine, Julia
<Valentine.Julia@epa.gov> wrote:

Great, thanks, Rene.

Julia P. Valentine

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**From:** Rene Ebersole [mailto Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
**Sent:** Thursday, November 17, 2016 11:45 AM
**To:** Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: U.S. recycling article for Organic Life magazine

Ok, I'll count on whatever you can send by Monday. And then we can follow up on the rest.

Thanks,

Rene

On Thu, Nov 17, 2016 at 11:43 AM, Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Rene.

I don't want to be overly optimistic about Monday, I have a feeling it is going to be a challenge for them. That said, I will get you whatever we have on Monday and we can take it from there.

Julia P. Valentine

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**From:** Rene Ebersole [mailto: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
**Sent:** Thursday, November 17, 2016 11:16 AM
**To:** StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: U.S. recycling article for Organic Life magazine

Thank you, Christie.

And Julia, I really appreciate your help with this. Thank you for accommodating my deadline. I'm trying to wrap this up before the holiday, if possible. Responses by Monday should give me enough time.

Best,

Rene

On Thu, Nov 17, 2016 at 11:07 AM, StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Rene,

The program prefers to respond by email, and they say that they will try to get you something on Monday.

I'm out next week, so I'm cc'ing my supervisor, Julia Valentine, who will be sure to get you this info as soon as possible.

Christie

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**Subject:** Re: U.S. recycling article for Organic Life magazine

Ok, thanks for trying to set up an interview. Here are some questions:

The U.S. recycling rate is holding steady at 34%, while some European countries, such as Germany, Austria, and Belgium, are at much higher rates, 62%, 63%, and 58% respectively. Why is the U.S. so far behind these other countries?

Paper, cardboard, and glass recycling in the U.S. has slightly declined in recent years. Why?

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What role has the Blue Bin played in the successes or failures of recycling in the U.S.?

Do we need to rethink the Blue Bin method?

How serious is the problem of contamination at Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs)?

Would it help to have more of these facilities?

How much of the country's performance on this issue depends on governmental legislation at the state and national levels?

A quarter of Americans lack access to proper bins for collecting recyclable material, and another quarter go without any curbside recycling at all. How can this be improved?

Industry analysts say $1.25 billion is needed to fully modernize America's recycling infrastructure. What's the EPA's response to that claim?

Companies may demand more post-consumer material, but the supply still relies on municipalities and consumers, and there's no real incentive built in to maximize recovery or material value. What's the solution for providing incentives?

According to the Economist, "Falling oil prices have lowered the price of virgin plastic against the recycled stuff, which has put off manufacturers and hurt recycling companies. Without a price on carbon, using recycled commodities does not necessarily help a company's bottom line." Agree or disagree?

Some cities, and other countries, are attempting zero waste targets. Is this realistic on a national scale in the U.S.?

On Thu, Nov 17, 2016 at 10:01 AM, StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov> wrote:

> I don't know, it will depend on which person is the mnost appropriate given your questions, and their schedule. If we can't set up an interview we'll address them in writing.

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**Sent:** Thursday, November 17, 2016 9:55 AM
**To:** StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: U.S. recycling article for Organic Life magazine

Ok, will do shortly. Then can I talk to someone?

On Nov 17, 2016, at 9:05 AM, StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov> wrote:

> Hi Rene,
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> Please send your questions as quickly as possible, and we will do our best to meet your deadline.
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> Thanks,
> Christie
>
> **Christie St. Clair**
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**From:** Milbourn, Cathy
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 16, 2016 5:38 PM
**To:** Rene Ebersole <Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
**Cc:** StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: U.S. recycling article for Organic Life magazine

Thanks Rene, Christie will be back tomorrow, so please send questions to both of us.

Thank you!

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**From:** Rene Ebersole <Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 16, 2016 4:16 PM
**To:** Milbourn, Cathy
**Subject:** Re: U.S. recycling article for Organic Life magazine

Hi Cathy,

Thanks for your note. I'm currently teaching a class at NYU, so I can't send anything very specific until later. Mainly I'd like to talk to someone who can speak to our current recycling rate--34 percent, according to a number of sources I've found--the challenges that have made it tough to improve that rate, how/if we can, and anything consumers can do to be better recyclers. Make sense?

Thanks again,

Rene

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 16, 2016, at 3:29 PM, Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Rene,

Would you be able to send some specific questions? Christie will be back tomorrow, but I can move this along.

Best,

Cathy

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**From:** Rene Ebersole <Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 16, 2016 2:26 PM
**To:** Lynn, Tricia
**Cc:** StClair, Christie; Milbourn, Cathy
**Subject:** Re: U.S. recycling article for Organic Life magazine

Wonderful. Thank you for your swift response. I really appreciate it.

Best,

Rene

On Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 2:19 PM, Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Rene—

While Christie is out today, Cathy will be in touch in a little while to help you out.

Thanks so much,

Tricia

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Tricia Lynn

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**From:** Rene Ebersole [mailto: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 16, 2016 2:15 PM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Cc:** StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>

**Subject:** Fwd: U.S. recycling article for Organic Life magazine

Hello,
Since Christie is out of the office today, she asked that I forward this to you. I'd like to set up an interview for tomorrow or Friday, if possible.

Thank you in advance for your time and attention. I know this is a very busy time.

Best,

Rene

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: **Rene Ebersole**
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Date: Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 12:31 PM
Subject: U.S. recycling article for Organic Life magazine
To: stclair.christie@epa.gov

Hi Christie,

I'm a science and environment writer working on an article having to do with recycling for Organic Life. The goal of the article is to take the temperature of how we're doing nationally on this

topic, then direct readers toward actions that they can take to do better.

I've reviewed the materials on the EPA website and I'd like to set up an interview with someone who can talk about where we're at on this topic, and what consumers can do to improve the outlook. I'd like to discuss some of the successes and the challenges ahead.

Thanks for your time and attention. I have a fairly tight deadline to finish this article by the holiday, if possible. Can we set up an interview for tomorrow or Friday?

Look forward to hearing from you.

Best,

Rene

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[1] http://www.seattle.gov/util/cs/groups/public/@spu/@garbage/documents/webcontent/1_040673.pdf

[2] http://www.kpbs.org/news/2014/apr/23/report-shows-san-diego-residents-not-recycling-eno/

[3] https://www.epa.gov/transforming-waste-tool/less-waste-case-study-san-francisco-ca

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Message

**From:** StClair, Christie [StClair.Christie@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 11/30/2016 12:01:29 AM
**To:** Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]
**CC:** Valentine, Julia [Valentine.Julia@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Monica FYI - Fwd: U.S. recycling article for Organic Life magazine

I'll tell her to attribute to you, and cc you.

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Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** Rene Ebersole < Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
> **Date:** November 29, 2016 at 6:59:42 PM EST
> **To:** "StClair, Christie" <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>
> **Subject: Re: U.S. recycling article for Organic Life magazine**
>
> Thank you, Christie.
>
> Someone spent a lot of time answering my questions. I know you said I should attribute it to a spokesperson, but can I name one particular person? It's such great info, and it doesn't seem like there should be any reason to mask the source. Thanks for considering.
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> On Tue, Nov 29, 2016 at 4:06 PM, StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov> wrote:
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> > Rene, I hadn't seen those earlier – my fault, sorry! I just asked the SMEs to review for you.
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> > **Christie St. Clair**
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**From:** Rene Ebersole [mailto: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 29, 2016 4:01 PM
**To:** StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: U.S. recycling article for Organic Life magazine

Thank you, Christie. This is very helpful!

Is there someone who can take a quick look at that other text I sent (resin #s 1-7) to make sure it's factual? I pulled the info from multiple sources. Everything seems plausible, but it would be great to have an EPA expert give it a look to make sure we get it right.

Thanks again!

Rene

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 29, 2016, at 3:47 PM, StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov> wrote:

> Hi Rene, thank you for your patience.
>
> Please attribute to an agency spokesperson:
>
> 1. **The U.S. recycling rate is holding steady at 34%, while some European countries, such as Germany, Austria, and Belgium, are at much higher rates, 62%, 63%, and 58% respectively. Why is the U.S. so far behind these other countries?**
>
> We cannot comment on the recycling practices of other countries and the varying factors in rates, but it is important to note the progress that Americans have made in regard to recycling practices. Although the growth in the nation's recycling rate has leveled off recently, the long term trend has been positive. For example, the recycling rate has increased from 16 percent in 1990 to 34.6 percent in 2014, the most recent year for which data is available. In addition, there are indicators in our current data that improvements are possible given the right circumstances. EPA and many other stakeholders are working to bring those improvements to fruition. Since the largest category of wastes disposed includes food and organics, initiatives like EPA's Sustainable Food Management (SFM) are helping lead the way to improve diversion rates. Another positive indicator is that leading municipalities have

reached very high recycling rates, including Seattle with a recycling rate of 57 percent[1], San Diego with a recycling rate of 68 percent [2], and San Francisco with a recycling rate of almost 80 percent[3].

Finally, the per capita generation rate of municipal solid waste has gone down. In fact, the 2014 generation rate of 4.4 pounds per person, is one of the lowest rates since before 1990. EPA's Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) Program and the Waste Management Hierarchy highlight the benefits of source reduction and reuse to reduce waste generation and minimize negative environmental impacts from the goods and services we all use.

2. **Paper, cardboard, and glass recycling in the U.S. has slightly declined in recent years. Why?**

Paper recycling declined from 44.6 million tons in 2010 to 44.4 million tons in 2014. However, from 2013 to 2014 paper recycling rose from 43.4 million tons to 44.4 million tons. (See Table 2 in the 2014 Data Tables at https://www.epa.gov/smm/advancing-sustainable-materials-management-facts-and-figures-report). Corrugated box recycling has risen most years from 2010 to 2014 (Table 24 in the 2014 Data Tables).

EPA has not been able to definitively study the reasons for specific commodity recycling rate changes. Each commodity's recycling rates reflect different aspects of generation, collection, processing, packaging and product market share. In addition, many communities have changed to single stream recycling and are collecting fewer items such as glass, which has impacted recycling rates. Industry groups like Glass Packaging Institute and American Forest and Paper Association may have more information on specific trends on these material categories.

3. **Plastic recycling is improving incrementally. For example, from 8.8 percent in 2012 to 9.2 percent in the most recently reported year by the EPA. Plastics are such a major source of waste, and highly recyclable. How can we improve the recycling rate of plastics? Are there any states that provide a good model?**

The recycling rate of plastics in 2014 was 9.5 percent. Many of the current material recovery facilities (MRF)s were not designed for plastics, and major technological and process improvements are underway to remedy this. Future MRF's will need to be designed for more material flexibility, process adaptability and resource efficiencies. Improving recycling rates in plastics will

involve the modernization of the recycling infrastructure in collection, processing and marketing into new products.

This will involve:

- the expansion of community programs into multi-family dwellings and greater accessibility of recycling at home, work and away from home;
- the adoption of best practices;
- the creation of better standardized measurements and metrics;
- broader awareness campaigns; and
- stronger and more consistent messaging of what can be recycled through local and regional waste shed programs to ensure recyclability.

Some innovative private and public sector initiatives include The Recycling Partnership, Keep America Beautiful's I Want to be Recycled campaign, and the Sustainable Packaging Coalition's How2Recycle Label.

We recommend contacting state recycling coalitions like the Southeast Recycling Development Council and the Northeast Recycling Council for more information on what specific states are doing.

4. **What role has the Blue Bin played in the successes or failures of recycling in the U.S.? Do we need to rethink the Blue Bin method?**

On background – not for attribution, EPA cannot comment on your specific question as the agency has not researched the issue.

What we can say on record, is that

EPA has not researched this issue and therefore has no comment on the Blue Bin method. However, EPA recommends businesses and communities take a Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) approach. SMM is a different way of thinking about how to use and reuse materials more productively over their entire lifecycle. It helps us look at materials, products and services in a holistic

way. EPA is using SMM as a way to expand the conversation on materials management from a cradle-to-grave approach to a cradle-to-cradle approach through its initiatives, including the Food Recovery Challenge, the 2030 U.S. Wasted Food Reduction Goal, the Electronics Challenge, and the Federal Green Challenge. The Agency has also applied Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) across the U.S. economy to identify materials, products and services that are potentially the most significant contributors to environmental impacts.

**6. How serious is the problem of contamination at Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs)?**

Small degrees of contamination are generally okay and recycling centers are designed to deal with such issues. Other types of contamination can cause larger issues. Understanding local recycling rules is important because putting the wrong things in the recycling stream can decrease the value of recyclables and even break the equipment at the recycling center.

With a majority of community programs converting to single stream recycling, there have been growing levels of contamination and moves to address and change MRF facilities to deal with it. From a SMM perspective, the life cycle of the particular material will determine if the wastes created and not returned for reuse/ recycling are lost materials. Generally, contamination shows a system problem that needs to be addressed.

**7. Would it help to have more of these facilities?**

In 2013, 747 materials recovery facilities (MRF) were open in the United States, with an estimated total daily throughput of over 140,000 tons per day. The most extensive recyclables processing throughput occurs in the South and West. (*Advancing Sustainable Materials Management: Facts and Figures 2013*, available at https://www.epa.gov/smm/advancing-sustainable-materials-management-facts-and-figures-report.)

The number of facilities is not as important as the geographic location, access to markets and the capabilities of the facilities themselves. Most facilities were built to handle paper and common recyclable containers. The material shift in type and quantity of most commonly sold packaging and products creates a need for modernization, technological enhancements and expansions of existing programs at these facilities.

**8. How much of the country's performance on this issue depends on governmental legislation at the state and national levels?**

This is difficult to quantify; however, policy drivers like Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR), landfill and packaging bans, bottle bills, recycling goals and mandates, source separation or expanded service requirements, and pay as you throw (volume based pricing) programs (which are done primarily at the state and local level), all can contribute to a SMM future. It is also recognized that there needs to be significant investments in infrastructure (collection and processing) and communications, as well as creating more intuitive and useful SMM indicators, frameworks and best practices to bring about change.

In 2014:

- 23 states had waste diversion goals (Alabama, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Iowa, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New York, North Dakota, Oregon, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas and Washington);

- 30 states had some kind of recycling goals or mandates (Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia and Wisconsin);

- and three states had zero waste goals (Delaware, Massachusetts and Washington).

**9. A quarter of Americans lack access to proper bins for collecting recyclable material, and another quarter go without any curbside recycling at all. How can this be improved?**

In 2011, more than 9,800 curbside recyclables collection programs were reported in the United States. The extent of residential curbside recycling programs varies by geographic region, with the most extensive curbside collection occurring in the Northeast. (*Advancing Sustainable Materials Management: Fact and Figures 2013*)

While decisions about solid waste management, including curbside recycling, are made at the municipal level, EPA provides a myriad of tools and resources to illustrate the environmental and economic benefits of recycling. See

https://www.epa.gov/recycle, https://www.epa.gov/sustainability/mwiz and https://www.epa.gov/smm for more information.

**10. Industry analysts say $1.25 billion is needed to fully modernize America's recycling infrastructure. What's the EPA's response to that claim?**

EPA's Dialogue on Sustainable Financing of Recycling of Packaging at the Municipal Level led to a series of other dialogues --the AMERIPEN 100 cities study and Product Recovery Knowledge Map, the creation of the Closed Loop Fund, and expansion of The Recycling Partnership---which show a consensus on the need for significant infrastructure expansion, enhancement and improvement. The marketplace, industry, and state and local community investments will determine the actual dollars to be spent.

**11. Companies may demand more post-consumer material, but the supply still relies on municipalities and consumers, and there's no real incentive built in to maximize recovery or material value. What's the solution for providing incentives?**

Shifting to an SMM perspective will take time --- in industry, the marketplace, municipalities and with consumers. But the shift to a more resource efficient, closed-loop, recycling and reused based economy is already underway. Conventional incentives could expedite the transition but will not be a solution in of themselves. Classic marketplace economics of material supply and demand will eventually take hold if there are appropriate feedback mechanisms for all participants to allow for collaboration in creating more jobs, generating more wealth and protecting human health and the environment.

**12. According to The Economist, "Falling oil prices have lowered the price of virgin plastic against the recycled stuff, which has put off manufacturers and hurt recycling companies. Without a price on carbon, using recycled commodities does not necessarily help a company's bottom line." Agree or disagree?**

EPA does not collect data on this.

**13. Some cities, and other countries, are attempting zero waste targets. Is this realistic on a national scale in the U.S.?**

On a national level, the big picture effort involves identifying and creating the foundation for a SMM paradigm. In Europe, SMM is called the Circular

Economy. EPA has published multiple resources on SMM - including *Sustainable Materials Management: The Road Ahead* and the *SMM Program Strategic Plan*, which identifies three priority areas with significant opportunities for environmental, economic and social results.

In less than a decade a majority of state programs have adopted SMM in at least the naming of their programs. Statutory and regulatory structures limit the quick adoption of broader SMM analysis and programming. Oregon is leading the initial efforts to overcome those institutional and programmatic barriers to SMM. However, the paradigm shift from waste management to sustainable materials management can be seen throughout the paper, packaging and print industries. Consumer packaging giants, major retailers, various industrial sectors, NGOs and all levels of government are talking about and implementing zero waste and sustainability goals, as well as life-cycle analyses, measurements and initiatives.

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**From:** StClair, Christie
**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2016 11:30 AM
**To:** Rene Ebersole < Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
**Cc:** Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: U.S. recycling article for Organic Life magazine

Hi Rene, I've been out of the office, just returned today. Believe we were pretty short-handed last week so sorry for the delay!

I'll look into this for you asap.

Christie

Christie St. Clair

EPA Public Affairs

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On Nov 28, 2016, at 11:25 AM, Rene Ebersole < Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) > wrote:

> Hi Julia and Christie,
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> I hope you both had a happy Thanksgiving.
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> Sorry to be a pest--I hope you're getting my emails. But has there been any progress on those questions?
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> Also, can I fact check these with you?
>
> Thank you!
>
> Rene
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>> #1. PET (Polyethylene terephthalate).
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>> Found in many common household items, including beverage bottles, peanut butter jars, mouthwash bottles
>>
>> Recyclability: Widely Accepted

Becomes fiberfill for sleeping bags, carpet fibers, tote bags

#2. HDPE (High density polyethylene)

Found in milk jugs, butter tubs, detergent bottles, shampoo bottles, food containers

Recyclability: Widely Accepted

Becomes trashcans, flowerpots, traffic cones

#3. V (Polyvinyl chloride)

Found in plumbing tubing, fences, siding

Recyclability: Limited

Becomes irrigation and drainage pipes

#4. LDPE (Low density polyethylene)

Found in squeezable bottles, grocery bags, shrink wrap, bread bags.'

Recyclability: Not commonly recycled, but accepted at certain stores and drop-off locations

Becomes new grocery bags

#5. PP (Polypropylene)

Found in yogurt containers, Tupperware, prescription bottles, bottle caps, straws, plastic diapers

Recyclability: Increasingly accepted at curbside

Becomes plastic lumber, ice scrapers, rakes

#6. PS (Polystyrene) Commonly known as Styrofoam

Found in single-use plates and cups, carryout containers, egg crates, packaging peanuts, meat trays

Recyclability: Only at some drop-off sites

Becomes insulation, license plate frames, rulers

#7. Other (mixed plastic types)

Found in baby bottles, three- and five-gallon water bottles, compact discs, sunglasses

Recyclability: Difficult. Usually not recycled by municipalities. Look for take-back programs.

On Tue, Nov 22, 2016 at 12:43 PM, Rene Ebersole
<Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)> wrote:

Hi Julia and Christie,

I just want to make sure you received my email. Any progress on those answers?

Thanks for your help.

Rene

On Mon, Nov 21, 2016 at 9:02 PM, Rene Ebersole
<Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)> wrote:

Hi Julia and Christie,

Did you receive any answers to my questions?

Thanks for your help!

Rene

On Fri, Nov 18, 2016 at 10:50 AM, Rene Ebersole
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Christine and Julia,

In the meantime, do you have fact sheets with the latest U.S. recycling data? 2015 numbers? I'd like to know how many plastic bottles, tin cans, etc. were recycled last year. If you can send something today I'd be grateful.

Thanks for your help!

Rene

On Thu, Nov 17, 2016 at 12:02 PM, Valentine, Julia
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Great, thanks, Rene.

Julia P. Valentine

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Thanks,

Rene

On Thu, Nov 17, 2016 at 11:43 AM, Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Rene.

I don't want to be overly optimistic about Monday, I have a feeling it is going to be a challenge for them. That said, I will get you whatever we have on Monday and we can take it from there.

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How serious is the problem of contamination at Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs)?

Would it help to have more of these facilities?

How much of the country's performance on this issue depends on governmental legislation at the state and national levels?

A quarter of Americans lack access to proper bins for collecting recyclable material, and another quarter go without any curbside recycling at all. How can this be improved?

Industry analysts say $1.25 billion is needed to fully modernize America's recycling infrastructure. What's the EPA's response to that claim?

Companies may demand more post-consumer material, but the supply still relies on municipalities and consumers, and there's no real incentive built in to maximize recovery or material value. What's the solution for providing incentives?

According to the Economist, "Falling oil prices have lowered the price of virgin plastic against the recycled stuff, which has put off manufacturers and hurt recycling companies. Without a price on carbon, using recycled commodities does not necessarily help a company's bottom line." Agree or disagree?

Some cities, and other countries, are attempting zero waste targets. Is this realistic on a national scale in the U.S.?

On Thu, Nov 17, 2016 at 10:01 AM, StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov> wrote:

> I don't know, it will depend on which person is the mnost appropriate given your questions, and their schedule. If we can't set up an interview we'll address them in writing.

**Christie St. Clair**

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**From:** Rene Ebersole [mailto: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
**Sent:** Thursday, November 17, 2016 9:55 AM
**To:** StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: U.S. recycling article for Organic Life magazine

Ok, will do shortly. Then can I talk to someone?

On Nov 17, 2016, at 9:05 AM, StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov> wrote:

> Hi Rene,
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> Please send your questions as quickly as possible, and we will do our best to meet your deadline.
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> Thanks,
> Christie
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**From:** Milbourn, Cathy
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 16, 2016 5:38 PM
**To:** Rene Ebersole < Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
**Cc:** StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: U.S. recycling article for Organic Life magazine

Thanks Rene, Christie will be back tomorrow, so please send questions to both of us.

Thank you!

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**From:** Rene Ebersole < Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 16, 2016 4:16 PM
**To:** Milbourn, Cathy
**Subject:** Re: U.S. recycling article for Organic Life magazine

Hi Cathy,

Thanks for your note. I'm currently teaching a class at NYU, so I can't send anything very specific until later. Mainly I'd like to talk to someone who can speak to our current recycling rate--34 percent, according to a number of sources I've found--the challenges that have made it tough to improve that rate, how/if we can, and anything consumers can do to be better recyclers. Make sense?

Thanks again,

Rene

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 16, 2016, at 3:29 PM, Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Rene,

Would you be able to send some specific questions? Christie will be back tomorrow, but I can move this along.

Best,

Cathy

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**From:** Rene Ebersole <Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)>
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 16, 2016 2:26 PM
**To:** Lynn, Tricia
**Cc:** StClair, Christie; Milbourn, Cathy
**Subject:** Re: U.S. recycling article for Organic Life magazine

Wonderful. Thank you for your swift response. I really appreciate it.

Best,

Rene

On Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 2:19 PM, Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Rene—

While Christie is out today, Cathy will be in touch in a little while to help you out.

Thanks so much,

Tricia

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Tricia Lynn

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**From:** Rene Ebersole [mailto: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 16, 2016 2:15 PM
**To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
**Cc:** StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>

**Subject:** Fwd: U.S. recycling article for Organic Life magazine

Hello,
Since Christie is out of the office today, she asked that I forward this to you. I'd like to set up an interview for tomorrow or Friday, if possible.

Thank you in advance for your time and attention. I know this is a very busy time.

Best,

Rene

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: **Rene Ebersole**
<Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Date: Wed, Nov 16, 2016 at 12:31 PM
Subject: U.S. recycling article for Organic Life magazine
To: stclair.christie@epa.gov

Hi Christie,

I'm a science and environment writer working on an article having to do with recycling for Organic Life. The goal of the article is to take the temperature of how we're doing nationally on this

topic, then direct readers toward actions that they can take to do better.

I've reviewed the materials on the EPA website and I'd like to set up an interview with someone who can talk about where we're at on this topic, and what consumers can do to improve the outlook. I'd like to discuss some of the successes and the challenges ahead.

Thanks for your time and attention. I have a fairly tight deadline to finish this article by the holiday, if possible. Can we set up an interview for tomorrow or Friday?

Look forward to hearing from you.

Best,

Rene

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[2] http://www.kpbs.org/news/2014/apr/23/report-shows-san-diego-residents-not-recycling-eno/

[3] https://www.epa.gov/transforming-waste-tool/less-waste-case-study-san-francisco-ca

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**CC**: Loop, Travis [Loop.Travis@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Overview of RA interviews

Thanks

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**From:** Cassell, Peter
**Sent:** Thursday, November 17, 2016 4:57 PM
**To:** Rowan, Anne <rowan.anne@epa.gov>; Connors, Sandra <Connors.Sandra@epa.gov>; Benenati, Frank <benenati.frank@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Lee, Monica <Lee.Monica@epa.gov>; Senn, John <Senn.John@epa.gov>; Kelley, Jeff <kelley.jeff@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Loop, Travis <Loop.Travis@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Overview of RA interviews

Bob provided a five minute or so overview to five reporters, on background, not for attribution without prior approval of a proposed quote, and embargoed until 9 am Eastern time tomorrow. The reporters were Matt Dolan – Detroit Free Press, Jonathan Oosting – Detroit News, Jeff Karoub – AP, Steve Carmody – Michigan Radio, and Ron Fonger – Flint Journal. Bob was mostly asked about what is new in the order. Detroit Free Press asked questions about the city's compliance and performance on the original order and the current water quality status. AP asked if the city could do any of this and if they knew about it and the city's current water quality. Flint Journal had no major follow up questions. Michigan Radio asked hypotheticals about missing deadlines and has requested an on the record radio interview after the embargo lifts. Detroit News asked about the city's compliance with the current order. Steve (Michigan Radio) and Jonathan (Detroit News) asked about the backup sources of water, we referred them to the state. Bob did not comment on the compliance with the current order.

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**Cc:** Cassell, Peter <cassell.peter@epa.gov>; Loop, Travis <Loop.Travis@epa.gov>
**Subject:** this could be IT- FINAL DRAFT press release / Flint

A big thank you to OECA for catching an error in one bullet –it's been deleted (there are now only three).

This may actually be the final, FINAL draft. Seriously, I just want to make sure our press release is accurate so if you see something, say something. THANKS.

## FINAL DRAFT

## EPA AMENDS EMERGENCY ORDER ON FLINT DRINKING WATER

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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**Sent**: 11/8/2016 4:27:45 PM
**To**: Glasgow, David - OC [David.Glasgow@oc.usda.gov]; Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]
**Subject**: update - embargo

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

It would be easier than offering some form of interview due to time constraints and the calendar we're up against. We could send the materials before the long weekend and have an embargo until the call. Thoughts?

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**Sent**: 10/21/2016 2:22:14 PM
**To**: Abrams, Dan [Abrams.Dan@epa.gov]
**CC**: Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: 2030 Food Champions update

Argh – thanks for the typo catch.

I'll send around shortly.

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**From:** Abrams, Dan [mailto:Abrams.Dan@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Friday, October 21, 2016 10:18 AM
**To:** Glasgow, David - OC <David.Glasgow@oc.usda.gov>
**Cc:** Lee, Monica <Lee.Monica@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: 2030 Food Champions update

This looks good – should it "principle" or "principal" though? I'll forward to our program staff once you send around.

Can the three of us chat on Monday on to-dos?
-embargo interview pitch
-press call logistics
-press release
-socials/graphics

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**From:** Glasgow, David - OC [mailto:David.Glasgow@oc.usda.gov]
**Sent:** Friday, October 21, 2016 8:48 AM
**To:** Abrams, Dan <Abrams.Dan@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Lee, Monica <Lee.Monica@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: 2030 Food Champions update

No worries – just keeping track of my to-dos

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**From:** Abrams, Dan [mailto:Abrams.Dan@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Friday, October 21, 2016 8:47 AM
**To:** Glasgow, David - OC <David.Glasgow@oc.usda.gov>
**Cc:** Lee, Monica <Lee.Monica@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: 2030 Food Champions update

Sorry! Will review shortly. Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 21, 2016, at 8:44 AM, Glasgow, David - OC <David.Glasgow@oc.usda.gov> wrote:

> **Moving this back to the top**
>
> Monica & Dan – please take a quick look at the note below and let me know what I missed. Feel free to recommend edits – thanks Dave

2030 Champions Comms Team,

Thank you to those who were able to join the first planning call for the **U.S. Food Loss and Waste 2030 Champions** announcement.

The target date for the national announcement by USDA/EPA is Thursday, 11/10.

This will lay the groundwork for additional related local and regional events and media outreach across the country leading into the Thanksgiving holiday. Our fallback, should something happen, is the last week of November, leading local/regional stories in the run up to the holidays.

Participating Champion companies are invited to be included in a background materials being developed for media.

Items for the media kit include:

- A paragraph on the Company's 2030 commitment specifics
- Company media contact
- Quote from your principle
- Images, video or sound files that may provide interesting pictures, b-roll or background sound for print, TV or radio news.

USDA/EPA can host images, video links and sound files in one location for easy media access.

Champion companies are invited to send specific media contacts to be invited to join the national announcement media call and/or for targeted outreach.

We will circulate the draft media kit materials and help facilitate senior federal staff participation in local or regional media opportunities that Champion companies want to use for amplification in their HQ's local media market.

There will be at least one more planning call, probably the first week of November. We will get that nailed down shortly.

Please let us know if you have additional ideas for the roll-out plan, and share any local/regional plans you may also be working on to amplify the announcement.

Thank you for your help on the roll-out of this initiative.

Dave

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**Subject**: RE: East Chicago Talking Points

Thanks, Nancy. I'll check-in with you about the conversation I had on this issue.

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**Sent:** Thursday, September 01, 2016 11:08 AM
**To:** Pieh, Luseni <Pieh.Luseni@epa.gov>; Kelley, Jeff <kelley.jeff@epa.gov>; Lee, Monica <Lee.Monica@epa.gov>; Benenati, Frank <benenati.frank@epa.gov>
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Lou

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**Subject**: RE: East Chicago Talking Points
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Got it

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**Subject:** RE: East Chicago Talking Points

I think that's fine. They should keep it close hold though (as we want to know if others beyond our purview are asking for it)

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy
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**To:** Benenati, Frank <benenati.frank@epa.gov>; Lee, Monica <Lee.Monica@epa.gov>
**Subject:** FW: East Chicago Talking Points

Do we want to give them our document to talk from?

Thanks ng

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**Sent:** 7/20/2016 5:07:30 PM
**To:** Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]
**CC:** Fuld, John [Fuld.John@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Re: PFOA expert

Yup

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On Jul 20, 2016, at 1:04 PM, Lee, Monica <Lee.Monica@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks – Travis, I'm going to give them Joel's name for attribution if that's alright.

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**From:** Fuld, John
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 20, 2016 8:51 AM
**To:** Lee, Monica <Lee.Monica@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Loop, Travis <Loop.Travis@epa.gov>
**Subject:** FW: PFOA expert

Monica,

Here are the answers (see below)

Have a great day.

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**DATE:** July 20, 2016
**OUTLET:** Web MD REPORTER: Stacey Jones
**TOPIC: RE: PFOA**
**DEADLINE: 3:30**

## QUESTION: NOTE: I think you can use the Fact Sheet and cut and paste....

What is the current consensus, if any, regarding PFOA and its effects on human health?
Where in the nation is this chemical of most concern?
How do municipalities and individuals go about eliminating it from water supplies?
What are the next steps, if any, that EPA will be taking with regard to further examination of PFOA in the environment and in humans?

## ANSWER:

### What is the current consensus, if any, regarding PFOA and its effects on human health?

EPA's review of the best available peer-reviewed studies indicates that exposure to PFOA and PFOS over certain levels may result in adverse health effects, including developmental effects to fetuses during pregnancy or to breastfed infants (e.g., low birth weight, accelerated puberty, skeletal variations), cancer (e.g., testicular, kidney), liver effects (e.g., tissue damage), immune effects (e.g., antibody production and immunity), thyroid effects and other effects (e.g., cholesterol changes).

### Where in the nation is this chemical of most concern?

PFOA and PFOS have been used to make carpets, clothing, fabrics for furniture, paper packaging for food and other materials (e.g., cookware) that are resistant to water, grease or stains. They are also used for firefighting at air-fields and in a number of industrial processes. Because these chemicals have been used in an array of consumer products, most people have been exposed to them. Between 2000 and 2002, PFOS was voluntarily phased out of production in the U.S. by its primary manufacturer. In 2006, eight major companies voluntarily agreed to phase out their global production of PFOA and PFOA-related chemicals, although there are a limited number of ongoing uses. Scientists have found PFOA and PFOS in the blood of nearly all the people they tested, but these studies show that the levels of PFOA and PFOS in blood have been decreasing. While consumer products and food are a large source of exposure to these chemicals for most people, drinking water can be an additional source in the small percentage of communities where these chemicals have contaminated water supplies. Such contamination is typically localized and associated with a specific facility, for example, an industrial facility where these chemicals were produced or used to manufacture other products or an airfield at which they were used for firefighting.

### How do municipalities and individuals go about eliminating it from water supplies?

A number of options are available to drinking water systems to lower concentrations of PFOA and PFOS in their drinking water supply. In some cases, drinking water systems can reduce concentrations of perfluoroalkyl substances, including PFOA and PFOS, by closing contaminated wells or changing rates of blending of water sources. Alternatively, public water systems can treat source water with activated carbon or high pressure membrane systems (e.g., reverse osmosis) to remove PFOA and PFOS from drinking water. These treatment systems are used by some public water systems today, but should be carefully designed and maintained to ensure that they are effective for treating PFOA and PFOS. In some communities, entities have provided bottled water to consumers while steps to reduce or remove PFOA or PFOS from drinking water or to establish a new water supply are completed.

Home drinking water treatment units are typically certified by independent third party organizations against American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standards to verify their contaminant removal

claims. Some home filters remove impurities using activated carbon and reverse osmosis, which are the same tech-nologies utilized by public water supply systems to remove PFOA and PFOS. However, there currently are no ANSI protocols for testing home treatment systems to verify that these devices effectively remove PFOA and PFOS or how frequently the filters should be changed in order to maintain removal efficiency. NSF International is currently developing such protocols

**What are the next steps, if any, that EPA will be taking with regard to further examination of PFOA in the environment and in humans?**

EPA is evaluating PFOA and PFOS as drinking water contaminants in accordance with the process required by the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). To regulate a contaminant under SDWA, EPA must find that it: (1) may have adverse health effects; (2) occurs frequently (or there is a substantial likelihood that it occurs frequently) at levels of public health concern; and (3) there is a meaningful opportunity for health risk reduction for people served by public water systems.

EPA included PFOA and PFOS among the contaminants for which water systems are required to monitor under the third Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR 3) in 2012. Results of this monitoring effort can be found on the publicly-available National Contaminant Occurrence Database (NCOD). EPA updates the information approximately quarterly. In accordance with SDWA, EPA will consider the occurrence data from UCMR 3, along with the peer reviewed health effects assessments supporting the PFOA and PFOS Health Advisories, to make a regulatory determination on whether to initiate the process to develop a national primary drinking water regulation.

In addition, EPA plans to begin a separate effort to determine the range of perfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS – the group of chemicals of which PFOA and PFOS are a part) for which an Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) assessment is needed. The IRIS Program identifies and characterizes the health hazards of chemicals found in the environment. IRIS assessments inform the first two steps of the risk assessment process: hazard identification, and dose-response. As indicated in the 2015 IRIS Multi-Year Agenda, the IRIS Program will be working with other EPA offices to determine the range of PFAS compounds and the scope of assessment required to best meet Agency needs. More about this effort can be found at https://www.epa.gov/iris/iris-agenda.

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**From:** Loop, Travis
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 19, 2016 5:04 PM
**To:** Lee, Monica <Lee.Monica@epa.gov>; Fuld, John <Fuld.John@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: PFOA expert

Okay, John can work with the programs to pull that stuff out of the fact sheet. It can basically be cut and paste ☺

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**From:** Lee, Monica
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 19, 2016 5:01 PM

**To:** Loop, Travis <Loop.Travis@epa.gov>; Fuld, John <Fuld.John@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: PFOA expert

She'd like specific answers to these questions and for someone to attribute them to. I think Joel would make sense. If we have until COB tomorrow, could the program pull answers for these? I can help but today has been a little nuts and so is tomorrow. Let me know – thanks.

What is the current consensus, if any, regarding PFOA and its effects on human health?

Where in the nation is this chemical of most concern?

How do municipalities and individuals go about eliminating it from water supplies?

What are the next steps, if any, that EPA will be taking with regard to further examination of PFOA in the environment and in humans?

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**From:** Loop, Travis
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 19, 2016 9:16 AM
**To:** Lee, Monica <Lee.Monica@epa.gov>; Fuld, John <Fuld.John@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: PFOA expert

It's all in the fact sheet: https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-06/documents/drinkingwaterhealthadvisories_pfoa_pfos_updated_5.31.16.pdf

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**From:** Lee, Monica
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 19, 2016 9:02 AM
**To:** Fuld, John <Fuld.John@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Loop, Travis <Loop.Travis@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Fwd: PFOA expert

I'm going to see if I can get more specific questions, but in the interest of time, can you start to pull together some prelim info for her?

Monica Lee
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Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Jones, Stacey N" <stacey.jones@emory.edu>
> **Date:** July 19, 2016 at 12:23:32 AM EDT
> **To:** "Harrison, Melissa" <Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** "Lee, Monica" <Lee.Monica@epa.gov>
> **Subject: Re: PFOA expert**

Thanks, Melissa, for getting back to me. I have a fairly short turnaround for this, but I am sure my editor will grant me a little more time. I am looking for a summation regarding the current science on PFOA, information on how EPA came to its conclusion to issue a drinking water health advisory for it, what the next steps will be regarding regulation and/or evaluation of this chemical in the environment, and whether people should be highly concerned about any potential health effects of PFOA.

Because this article will be for a consumer audience, I really need them to hear an expert opinion. I hope this is helpful, and thank you again for your help.

All the best,
Stacey

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**From:** <Harrison>, Melissa <Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov>
**Date:** Monday, July 18, 2016 at 9:48 PM
**To:** Stacey Jones <stacey.jones@emory.edu>
**Cc:** "Lee, Monica" <Lee.Monica@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: PFOA expert

Hi Stacey-I've cc'd my colleague Monica who can help you with your request. Can you give a bit more insight into what you're looking for and what is your deadline? Thanks! Melissa

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On Jul 18, 2016, at 4:52 PM, Jones, Stacey N <stacey.jones@emory.edu> wrote:

> Ms. Harrison,
> I left a phone message for you early this afternoon. I am a freelance writer for WebMD and I am looking for an expert to quote on the current science regarding PFOA. I would great appreciate your assistance in helping me to talk with someone at EPA.
>
> Many thanks,
> Stacey Jones
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**From**: Gibbons, Dayna [Gibbons.Dayna@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 12/13/2016 1:16:24 PM
**To**: Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: Press conference

Thnx

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 13, 2016, at 8:15 AM, Lee, Monica <Lee.Monica@epa.gov> wrote:

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> > On Dec 12, 2016, at 2:41 PM, Lee, Monica <Lee.Monica@epa.gov> wrote:
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**From**: Gibbons, Dayna [Gibbons.Dayna@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 12/12/2016 7:58:06 PM
**To**: Osaka, Anna [Osaka.Anna@epa.gov]; Deener, Kathleen [Deener.Kathleen@epa.gov]; Hubbard, Carolyn [Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov]; Linkins, Samantha [Linkins.Samantha@epa.gov]; Burden, Susan [Burden.Susan@epa.gov]; Frithsen, Jeff [Frithsen.Jeff@epa.gov]
**CC**: Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: HF Materials UPDATED USE THIS
**Attachments**: HF Final Assessment Fact Sheet 20161212 jbf.docx; HFDWA-lsf-v3 copy.pdf; HFDWA QA Draft 20161212 master v5 jbf.docx; HFDWA Draft Comms and tick tock 12.8 v6_KCD.docx; HFDWA draft script for tom v2 clean (002)_KCD.docx; draft blog for HF release_KCD.docx

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**From:** Gibbons, Dayna
**Sent:** Monday, December 12, 2016 2:54 PM
**To:** Osaka, Anna <Osaka.Anna@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Lee, Monica <Lee.Monica@epa.gov>
**Subject:** HF Materials

Just waiting for updated QA

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**From**: Benenati, Frank [benenati.frank@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 12/9/2016 8:37:01 PM
**To**: Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]
**CC**: Harrison, Melissa [Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: HF materials

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**From:** Benenati, Frank
**Sent:** Friday, December 09, 2016 3:33 PM
**To:** Lee, Monica <Lee.Monica@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Harrison, Melissa <Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: HF materials

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The plan was to talk to the AP at 8 AM Tuesday morning – just give them 2 hours. You want to give more time?

**From:** Benenati, Frank
**Sent:** Friday, December 09, 2016 3:23 PM
**To:** Lee, Monica <Lee.Monica@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Harrison, Melissa <Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: HF materials

Will look at materials soon. As far as tick tick, can you put in when we will have the interview with AP? Think we should do Monday obvs.

Also move up the advisory to a bit earlier. Most press have their planning meetings at 830 so let's do 8am.

On Dec 9, 2016, at 3:17 PM, Lee, Monica <Lee.Monica@epa.gov> wrote:

Attached are the latest HF materials that reflect Dale and my most recent review. We're still looking at them in tandem with the Executive Summary but wanted to give you a chance to review before too late in the afternoon. By COB I think we just need to send the WH the tick tock. I moved everything up per our conversation this morning, but haven't been able to confirm with ORD that this works with them. I'll aim to do that before sending to the WH. LMK if you have edits – thanks.

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Message

**From**: Ragland, Micah [Ragland.Micah@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 4/26/2016 6:46:52 PM
**To**: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Pieh, Luseni [Pieh.Luseni@epa.gov]; Vargas, Melissa [vargas.melissa@epa.gov]
**CC**: Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]; Nowotarski, Allison [nowotarski.allison@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Church Flushing Rollout for Sunday

Hey NG, I am on my way back to command now so I will try to drop by your desk to discuss.

Melissa and Monica have locked in the local NBC 25 affiliate to cover Melissa's F3 rollout announcement at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church on Sunday. NBC's piece will focus on F3 and EPA's overall Latino rollout.

Since NBC 25 is already covering Our Lady of Guadalupe's services, I think it may make sense for us to identify just one more church that is willing to participate and invite the remaining local media to that church.

Below is a draft template of a possible run of show. Let me know how you guys feel about the church-press strategy (NBC at Our Lady of Guadalupe & other local media invited to the church TBD). Once we get consensus on the run of show, Lou and I can work to lock in the other church.

**Proposed Run of Show**

- EPA official gives overview on Flushing for Flint protocol during announcement portion of church service. Other EPA officials in attendance pass out F3 fliers to worshippers (5-minutes, open press).
- Following worship service, church official goes to their kitchen/bathroom sink to do a demonstration flush of the sink for 5-minutes (5-minutes, open press).
- After the 5-minute flushing of the pipes, EPA official and church official participate in media availability at church location (5-10 minutes)

NOTE: It may make for a better visual to have the EPA and church official do the media avail together in front of the sink as the water is running in the background.

Message

**From**: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 9/28/2016 2:06:46 PM
**To**: Hull, George [Hull.George@epa.gov]; Valentine, Julia [Valentine.Julia@epa.gov]; Benenati, Frank [benenati.frank@epa.gov]; Harrison, Melissa [Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov]; Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: Heads Up - San Jacinto CONFIDENTIAL
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Told david we assume he is handling from there unless we hear otherwise – or he needs help.

Thanks ng

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David

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Thanks and will do

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**Subject:** Re: From Kelly - Cole Hardware Details

Looping in Monica who's helping out in HQ!

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 18, 2016, at 3:14 PM, "Katz, John" <Katz.John@epa.gov> wrote:

Bill et al

Our contact at Cole Hardware is Julie Strzesieski, Marketing Coordinator, julia@colehardware.com, direct 415-674-8913 X4
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I confirmed today that she is the contact for the press advisory and press release, and for coordinating on the logistics, etc. Can you let me know what you need from us regarding quotes, run of show, logistics, etc? We have a large (6' tall) Safer Choice pop up as a backdrop.

Here is how I outlined the event with them, updated with the info you provided.

**Event:** EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy highlights Safer Choice program at Cole Hardware
**Date/Time:** Thursday, April 28th, 10:00, total about 30 min
**Desired Location: Cole Fox Hardware -** 4th Street @ Mission.
**Format:**

- Administrator and EPA representatives meet and greet with Cole Hardware representatives
- Prepared remarks to press by EPA and Cole Hardware, in an appropriate location (store front, aisle, etc.)
- Possible walk down the home-goods aisle, pointing out Safer Choice products, signage, etc.
- Q & A

**Key messages** (delivered by EPA, Cole or both)

- Look for the Safer Choice label for cleaning products that are safer for people, pets, and the planet
- Cole has a long history of environmental leadership, carries a number of labeled products, tries to educate its customers on buying green

**Press strategy:** Cole Hardware and EPA will coordinate on press outreach

**Likely EPA attendees:** EPA Administrator McCarthy, Regional Administrator Jared Blumenfeld, program and press staff
**Likely Cole attendees:** Rick Carp, owner

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Message

**From**: Strauss, Linda [Strauss.Linda@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 4/13/2016 11:06:34 PM
**To**: Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]; StClair, Christie [StClair.Christie@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: POY

Order of event same as last year.

4/... Jim and OGC OKed awardees
4/13 AM notify the Regions of the winners are – embargo list
4/13 PM or 4/14 notify the individual winners – request to embargo news UNTIL the time of the 4/25 press release on – press is also welcome at the ceremony.
4/25 press release announcing winners and ceremony
5/9 ceremony (Gina invited)

Call if questions.

Linda

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**From:** Lee, Monica
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 13, 2016 6:01 PM
**To:** Strauss, Linda <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov>; StClair, Christie StClair.Christie@epa.gov
**Subject:** Re: POY

What's the timing on this?

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**From:** Strauss, Linda
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 13, 2016 5:53 PM
**To:** StClair, Christie
**Cc:** Lee, Monica
**Subject:** Re: POY

Worked well last year. Gives local press choice to amplify at time of release or to come to the event and amplify then. Regions seemed to amplify both last year. Linda

Sent from my iPhone

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Safer Choice Partner
of the Year Toolkit
April 25
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Message

**From**: Durno, Mark [durno.mark@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 4/13/2016 10:07:57 PM
**To**: Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: Tomorrow's Media Event

Right on. That's Bob's primary concern too.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 13, 2016, at 6:05 PM, Lee, Monica <Lee.Monica@epa.gov> wrote:

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**From:** Durno, Mark
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 13, 2016 6:03 PM
**To:** Lee, Monica
**Subject:** Re: Tomorrow's Media Event

FYI - credits are about past bills - not related to flushing/future....

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 13, 2016, at 6:00 PM, Lee, Monica <Lee.Monica@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Kristin,

What information does the Mayor want to provide about water bill credits? Is there an agreement with MDEQ or the State on that front?

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Feel free to give me a call to discuss further. Definitely want to make sure we're all on the same page.

Thank you,
Monica

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**From:** Kristin Moore <kmoore@cityofflint.com>
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 13, 2016 5:43 PM
**To:** Durno, Mark; Lee, Monica
**Cc:** Steve Branch
**Subject:** Fwd: Tomorrow's Media Event

Hi Mark and Monica,

I just had a chance to speak with Mayor Weaver about tomorrow's press briefing.

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So, let me know what you all would like to do. Your willingness to help is appreciated.

FYI, presser is set for 10:30 a.m.

Thanks,

*Kristin Moore*

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(Flint, Mich) — The federal emergency declaration in the City of Flint has been extended by the Obama administration. The decision will allow residents affected by ...

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From: **Durno, Mark** <durno.mark@epa.gov>
Date: Wed, Apr 13, 2016 at 3:04 PM
Subject: Tomorrow's Media Event
To: Kristin Moore <kmoore@cityofflint.com>

One other question:

I talked to Steve Branch about this earlier. What capacity is the City interested in having EPA's staff present? Here are the options:

- Be there to answer water quality questions
- Be there to announce our public open house and answer water quality questions
- Provide a thorough update of EPA's current activities, including announcing the upcoming request to have residents run their water for set period of time on a daily basis. Also, to answer water quality questions and announce the open house.

EPA may want to make an announcement; although, we aren't sure yet....

My number: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Mark

**Mark Durno**

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**From:** Kristin Moore [mailto:kmoore@cityofflint.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 13, 2016 1:46 PM
**To:** JoLisa McDay <jmcday@cityofflint.com>; Cassell, Peter <cassell.peter@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Michael Glasgow <mglasgow@cityofflint.com>; Robert Bincsik <rbincsik@cityofflint.com>; Durno, Mark <durno.mark@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Hydrant Flusher Communications

I've been trying to get more info. about this, or the best person to direct questions to, and have not received much information.

I'm including our EPA contacts in this email. Maybe they can provide some info. on the flushers, or know who the questions should be directed to.

Thanks,

*Kristin Moore*

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On Wed, Apr 13, 2016 at 1:36 PM, JoLisa McDay <jmcday@cityofflint.com> wrote:

Good afternoon,

I have received calls from the following parties regarding the Hydrant Flushers:

Diana Kelley Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Briana Kingsley Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

If there is a FAQs sheet or statement for the public about these devices, please advise. I believe that our communications with the public should be consistent across all cost centers that would address these concerns.

Respectfully,

JoLisa McDay, Water Utility Supervisor

City of Flint

Water Treatment Plant

4500 N. Dort Highway

Flint, MI 48505

jmcday@cityofflint.com

Message

**From**: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 4/5/2016 2:47:48 PM
**To**: Michael, Gretchen (OS/ASPR/COO) [Gretchen.Michael@hhs.gov]; Johnson, Mark [johnson.mark@epa.gov]; Durno, Mark [durno.mark@epa.gov]; Kelley, Jeff [kelley.jeff@epa.gov]; Burke, Thomas [Burke.Thomas@epa.gov]; Abrams, Dan [Abrams.Dan@epa.gov]; Purchia, Liz [Purchia.Liz@epa.gov]; Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]
**CC**: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: DRAFT!!! -- close hold
**Attachments**: rashstatementapril5epaedits.docx

All – this is not final – being reviewed by cdc comms – however thought small group should take a look ..thanks ng

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**From:** Scheel, Christian (CDC/ONDIEH/NCEH) [mailto:bjn2@cdc.gov]
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 05, 2016 10:33 AM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: DRAFT!!!

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I've passed your edits up and will send our statement to our communications office for review and approval. I imagine that ASPA will want to take a look as well.

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy [mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 05, 2016 10:22 AM
**To:** Scheel, Christian (CDC/ONDIEH/NCEH) <bjn2@cdc.gov>
**Cc:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: DRAFT!!!

Hi Christian,

Attached is a version with suggested edits from here –
One question is whether we want to Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Don't know whether Tom and Pat discussed that.

Let me know what you think – I am not moving this around here too much as I think we need to be comfortable with it before sharing further.

Thanks ng

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**From:** Scheel, Christian (CDC/ONDIEH/NCEH) [mailto:bjn2@cdc.gov]
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 05, 2016 8:40 AM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
**Subject:** DRAFT!!!

This is what Pat and I came up with last night. This needs plain language and some additional massaging. Please take a look to make sure we're going in an agreeable direction. Additionally, CDC's communications office has not approved this for distribution yet.

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy [mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 05, 2016 7:10 AM
**To:** Scheel, Christian (CDC/ONDIEH/NCEH) <bjn2@cdc.gov>
**Subject:** Hi Christian -- just checking in to see if we have a draft of the statement we discussed yesterday so I can vet it with folks here ..thanks ng

Nancy Grantham
202-564-6879
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) (cell)

Message

**From**: Loop, Travis [Loop.Travis@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 3/31/2016 3:53:31 PM
**To**: Schollhamer, Mary [Schollhamer.Mary@epa.gov]
**CC**: Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]; Wadlington, Christina [Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: Politico request: water clusters

Sally Gutierrez is who you want

Travis Loop
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On Mar 31, 2016, at 11:16 AM, Schollhamer, Mary <Schollhamer.Mary@epa.gov> wrote:

> The program director is in ORD. Maybe they should talk to her? https://www.epa.gov/clusters-program/forms/contact-clusters-program
>
> Mary G Schollhamer
> Acting Deputy Director of Communications
> Office of Water
> U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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> Mobile: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
> schollhamer.mary@epa.gov
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> **From:** Lee, Monica
> **Sent:** Thursday, March 31, 2016 11:14 AM
> **To:** Schollhamer, Mary <Schollhamer.Mary@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Wadlington, Christina <Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov>; Loop, Travis <Loop.Travis@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: Politico request: water clusters
>
> This is the page: https://www.epa.gov/clusters-program
>
> **From:** Schollhamer, Mary
> **Sent:** Thursday, March 31, 2016 11:04 AM
> **To:** Lee, Monica <Lee.Monica@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Wadlington, Christina <Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov>; Loop, Travis <Loop.Travis@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: Politico request: water clusters
>
> Got it. So, I'm just not sure who to have him talk to. He's just wants to talk about water innovation and tech? (I'm not sure what a "water cluster" is.)
>
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**From:** Lee, Monica
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2016 5:51 PM
**To:** Schollhamer, Mary <Schollhamer.Mary@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Wadlington, Christina <Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov>; Loop, Travis <Loop.Travis@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Politico request: water clusters

Sorry for the delay on this – I can send this to him, but he really wants to talk to someone in the weeds on the water clusters. Just to understand the work. He's not really interested in the big overarching message. It would not be for attribution.

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**From:** Schollhamer, Mary
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2016 1:17 PM
**To:** Lee, Monica <Lee.Monica@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Wadlington, Christina <Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov>; Loop, Travis <Loop.Travis@epa.gov>
**Subject:** FW: Politico request: water clusters

Christina saved the day. Can you use the attached?

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**From:** Wadlington, Christina
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2016 12:40 PM
**To:** Schollhamer, Mary <Schollhamer.Mary@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Politico request: water clusters

This might help

Christina Wadlington
Communications Director
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Email: wadlington.christina@epa.gov

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**From:** Schollhamer, Mary
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2016 12:08 PM
**To:** Lee, Monica <Lee.Monica@epa.gov>

**Cc:** Wadlington, Christina <Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov>; Loop, Travis <Loop.Travis@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Politico request: water clusters

I'm trying to find someone who has it – because we don't have a share drive and Travis is the keeper of the info.

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**From:** Lee, Monica
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2016 10:41 AM
**To:** Schollhamer, Mary <Schollhamer.Mary@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Wadlington, Christina <Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov>; Loop, Travis <Loop.Travis@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Politico request: water clusters

Can you send over that language? Thx.

Monica Lee
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On Mar 29, 2016, at 5:04 PM, Lee, Monica <Lee.Monica@epa.gov> wrote:

> We can send that but he's requested to talk with someone so they can have a back and forth. So let's send Joel's overview and go from there. Thanks!
>
> Monica Lee
> Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
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> On Mar 29, 2016, at 5:02 PM, Schollhamer, Mary <Schollhamer.Mary@epa.gov> wrote:
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>> Ignore my email. Better thought – I don't know if Joel is going to want to do background. Would it be okay if we sent his usual big picture language?
>>
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>> **From:** Schollhamer, Mary
>> **Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2016 5:00 PM
>> **To:** Wadlington, Christina <Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov>; Lee, Monica <Lee.Monica@epa.gov>
>> **Cc:** Loop, Travis <Loop.Travis@epa.gov>
>> **Subject:** RE: Politico request: water clusters

Agreed. Thanks! Monica, when do you want this to happen?

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**From:** Wadlington, Christina
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2016 12:19 PM
**To:** Lee, Monica <Lee.Monica@epa.gov>; Schollhamer, Mary <Schollhamer.Mary@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Politico request: water clusters

Mary,

This might be best for Joel or someone in the OW Front office? Looking at their mission, they probably want a bigger water picture, not just DW?

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**From:** Lee, Monica
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 29, 2016 12:15 PM
**To:** Wadlington, Christina <Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Schollhamer, Mary <Schollhamer.Mary@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Politico request: water clusters

Hi ladies –

A Politico reporter wants to talk to someone in the water clusters office – he's working on a piece for a Politico series called "What Works." He's looking at Las Vegas and how it's turned into a place for innovative water technology.

The story is focused on WaterStart – or Center of Excellence until recently– which takes university/higher ed technology and tries to find big companies to test out that technology. He's writing a story on the process for proving that an innovative project works. He wants to talk to someone from the water clusters office about what they do.

This would be a ten minute background conversation – he's pretty informal and just wants some information that will inform his story, rather than be part of the reporting. Sometime today or tomorrow would be great.

Give me a call if you want to discuss further.

Thanks!

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Message

**From**: Schollhamer, Mary [Schollhamer.Mary@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 3/31/2016 1:42:41 PM
**To**: Senn, John [Senn.John@epa.gov]
**CC**: Skadowski, Suzanne [Skadowski.Suzanne@epa.gov]; Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]; Abrams, Dan [Abrams.Dan@epa.gov]; Loop, Travis [Loop.Travis@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act in Indian Country -- correction to McClatchy News story -- follow up Qs for HQ
**Attachments**: OW draft language.3.31.16.docx

Thanks, John. OW folks added some more edits. In the end, I think it's going to be an incredibly polished document. ☺ Are you okay with their attached changes?

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**From:** Senn, John
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2016 5:38 PM
**To:** Schollhamer, Mary <Schollhamer.Mary@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Abrams, Dan <Abrams.Dan@epa.gov>; Lee, Monica <Lee.Monica@epa.gov>; Skadowski, Suzanne <Skadowski.Suzanne@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act in Indian Country -- correction to McClatchy News story -- follow up Qs for HQ

Hey Mary—OECA data & tribal folks reviewed what you'd sent forward last week and had some comments (attached). Let's connect tomorrow or Wednesday about these and a plan to get back in touch with the reporter—thanks,
John

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**From:** Schollhamer, Mary
**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2016 5:34 PM
**To:** Senn, John <Senn.John@epa.gov>; Skadowski, Suzanne <Skadowski.Suzanne@epa.gov>; Lee, Monica <Lee.Monica@epa.gov>; Abrams, Dan <Abrams.Dan@epa.gov>; Southerland, Elizabeth <Southerland.Elizabeth@epa.gov>; Lalley, Cara <Lalley.Cara@epa.gov>; Loop, Travis <Loop.Travis@epa.gov>; Conger, Nick <Conger.Nick@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Holsman, Marianne <Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov>

**Subject:** RE: Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act in Indian Country -- correction to McClatchy News story -- follow up Qs for HQ

Thanks, all. Here is OW's contribution.

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**From:** Senn, John
**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2016 2:41 PM
**To:** Skadowski, Suzanne <Skadowski.Suzanne@epa.gov>; Lee, Monica <Lee.Monica@epa.gov>; Abrams, Dan <Abrams.Dan@epa.gov>; Schollhamer, Mary <Schollhamer.Mary@epa.gov>; Southerland, Elizabeth <Southerland.Elizabeth@epa.gov>; Lalley, Cara <Lalley.Cara@epa.gov>; Loop, Travis <Loop.Travis@epa.gov>; Conger, Nick <Conger.Nick@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Holsman, Marianne <Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act in Indian Country -- correction to McClatchy News story -- follow up Qs for HQ

Our Tribal & data teams here in OECA are going to work on the compliance numbers—Travis & Mary, I'm guessing that OW can address the surface water source Q?

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**From:** Skadowski, Suzanne
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 23, 2016 7:32 PM
**To:** Lee, Monica <Lee.Monica@epa.gov>; Abrams, Dan <Abrams.Dan@epa.gov>; Schollhamer, Mary <Schollhamer.Mary@epa.gov>; Southerland, Elizabeth <Southerland.Elizabeth@epa.gov>; Lalley, Cara <Lalley.Cara@epa.gov>; Loop, Travis <Loop.Travis@epa.gov>; Conger, Nick <Conger.Nick@epa.gov>; Senn, John <Senn.John@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Holsman, Marianne <Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act in Indian Country -- correction to McClatchy News story -- follow up Qs for HQ

Hi Folks,

Sorry to have to do this but we need to refer this follow-up inquiry to you for a response.

In reply to this reporter's previous inquiry, we provided detailed information on the status of Clean Water Act standards and programs on tribal lands in Region 10. We made it clear in phone conversations with this reporter that the information we provided were specifically related to the Clean Water Act, separate and distinct from the Safe Drinking Water Act. Unfortunately, the reporter's wire story ( http://www.mcclatchydc.com/news/nation-world/national/article66956752.html ) seemed to conflate and confuse surface water protection under the CWA with drinking water issues under the SDWA. We have attempted to clarify this important distinction with the reporter over the phone and in the email below.

This reporter is now asking EPA about public drinking water system compliance on tribal reservations nationwide. Note that the reporter asks how many tribes are in compliance. But the appropriate question is how many public drinking water systems on tribal lands are in compliance. As you know, there are a mix of privately owned and tribal owned drinking water systems located on many tribal reservations. EPA oversees SDWA compliance for all public drinking water systems on tribal lands, whether they are tribal or privately-owned.

Attached is our summary of public drinking water system compliance on tribal reservations in Region 10. Please feel free to use this information in your response to this reporter.

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Thanks for taking this on.

Suzanne

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**From:** Hotakainen, Rob [mailto:rhotakainen@mcclatchydc.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 22, 2016 10:55 AM
**To:** Skadowski, Suzanne <Skadowski.Suzanne@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act in Indian Country -- correction to McClatchy News story

Thanks, Suzanne. I'm cranking on a deadline on a daily store here but will get back to you tomorrow.

A lot to digest here, but I do have a couple of initial questions, just to help me understand your points.

**We talked about the Clean Water Act during our interview, not the Safe Water Drinking Act, so now I'm confused, too. If this is enforced by the EPA, can you tell me how many of the 565 tribes are now in compliance. I'm also curious how many of the tribes are using surface water for drinking water.**

Thanks.

Rob.

On Tue, Mar 22, 2016 at 1:29 PM, Skadowski, Suzanne <Skadowski.Suzanne@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Rob,

Following up on our phone call yesterday, I hope you will update your story with the information provided below, to clarify the significant omissions and subsequent confusion we identified. Please contact me if you have any questions -- and let me know when your story is updated. Thank you.

Suzanne Skadowski

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**Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act in Indian Country**

The recent McClatchy News story ("Is the water safe in Indian Country? EPA says it often doesn't know") may confuse and unnecessarily alarm readers because it doesn't draw a distinction between the Clean Water Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act. While the piece references several times, "the water supply," and the caption of the photo accompanying the story references the Flint drinking water problems, there is no reference in the story to the Safe Drinking Water Act, the statute that governs protection of drinking water. As a result, the piece infers that tribal lands are not subject to federal drinking water standards, which in fact they are.

The situation for surface water quality standards is different in that EPA can delegate the establishment of these standards for rivers, lakes and streams to tribes and tribes can adopt standards more stringent than state standards if they can show it is necessary under Clean Water Act requirements. As was noted in the story (and by the EPA Administrator in her recent remarks to the National Congress of American Indians), to date few tribes have established their own surface water quality standards.

In her remarks to the National Congress of American Indians, the EPA Administrator was referring to the Clean Water Act water quality standards intended to prevent pollution of lakes, streams and other surface waters. The Administrator was not referring to federal drinking water standards under the Safe Drinking Water Act, a separate program which regulates contaminants in public drinking water systems. Safe Drinking Water Act regulations apply to all public drinking water systems including on tribal lands. The Safe Drinking Water Act rules are in force on all tribal

reservation lands to protect public drinking water, regardless of whether tribes have adopted Clean Water Act programs.

**Safe Drinking Water Act Implementation in Indian Country**

EPA directly implements and enforces the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) regulations in Indian country. SDWA regulations require public water systems to monitor for contaminants, such as fecal coliform and metals, and report violations. National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWRs) are legally enforceable standards and requirements to protect public health by limiting the levels of contaminants in drinking water. These regulations apply to all public drinking water systems including on tribal lands. It is the responsibility of tribal governments and tribal utilities to maintain and operate their public drinking water systems in compliance with EPA's NPDWRs and other program requirements. EPA works with tribal governments and tribal utilities to help their systems comply with the SDWA to ensure access to safe drinking water. The Navajo Nation is the only tribe with SDWA Treatment as a State or TAS status and primacy over the public drinking water program. EPA Regional offices directly implement the public drinking water systems supervision program and enforces SDWA regulations for all other tribes that do not have SDWA primacy.

**Clean Water Act Implementation in Indian Country**

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Suzanne can you confirm you're leading this effort? Thanks

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On Mar 29, 2016, at 2:37 PM, Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov> wrote:

> I already reached out to him. But I can tell him Suzanne is his PoC going forward. Let me know if that is NOT what you want
>
> Julia P. Valentine
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> On Mar 29, 2016, at 2:28 PM, Abrams, Dan <Abrams.Dan@epa.gov> wrote:
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>> Wait yes I do. She is. Suzanne. Yes. So you don't need to do anything other than get her info.
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Just seeing this question now. Suzanne is our go to on this. She's leading the response to the article. Thanks

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**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2016 1:52 PM
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Have either of you guys been in touch with this reporter or are we filtering all of our info through Suzanne in R10?

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CWA programs on tribal reservation lands. Tribes are eligible for delegation of certain CWA programs, and some tribes have been approved to implement CWA programs.

On Mar 16, 2016, at 12:42 PM, Skadowski, Suzanne <Skadowski.Suzanne@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Rob,

Great, looking forward to speaking with you on Thurs. morning.

On the call will be our expert on this issue, Angela Chung, Water Quality Standards Manager for EPA's Pacific Northwest Region. You can attribute some of the info on this call to Angela, but I would appreciate a heads up on quotes you intend to use, so that we can check for accuracy. Our discussion will focus on our work with tribes in this region, we will not be able to address other states or national efforts or funding in any detail.

We'll call you at your desk number (202) 383-0009, yes?

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Thanks, 1130 on Thursday is good. Is it possible to put someone on the phone who can be quoted on this stuff for attribution? Our bosses resist when we try to include material if we can't attribute it. Thanks, rob

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Below is the info you were looking for, as part of your follow-up to the Administrator's address to the National Congress of American Indians, in particular regarding WQS issues for tribes in this region: WA, OR, ID. Please consider this as background info, not for attribution. I hope this is helpful to you.

After reviewing this info, if you still want to chat with us more about this topic, are you available for a phone call on Thurs. at 8:30 am PT/11:30 am ET? That's the best time this week for my program expert here.

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- ***Treatment as state process (TAS) and streamlining***

Under section 518 of the Clean Water Act, a federally recognized Indian tribe may apply to the EPA for approval to be treated in a similar manner as a state (Treatment as a State or TAS) to set water quality standards (WQS) and other CWA programs. To be eligible, a tribe must meet certain requirements set forth in the CWA and EPA regulations, including having substantial governmental powers and duties, having appropriate authority to regulate the quality of reservation waters, and being reasonably expected to have the capability to administer the program. Once a tribe has EPA approval for TAS, it must meet all the requirements that a state must meet in running the program, such as adopting scientifically-defensible water quality criteria and conducting reviews of their standards every three years. Since the 1987

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? ***Treatment as a state (TAS) process in WA, OR and ID***

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- ***Status of WQS approvals on tribal reservations in WA, OR and ID***

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| State | Number of Federally Recognized Tribes | Tribes with TAS for Water Quality Standards |
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| | | (* means tribe has adopted EPA-approved standards) |
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| Washington | 28 | 9 tribes: *Chehalis Reservation, *Kalispel Indian Comm Tribe, *Makah Indian Nation, *Port Gamble S'Klallam, * *Tulalip Tribes, *Spokane Tribe, Swinomish Communit |
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- ***Number of people on WA, OR, ID reservations without EPA approved WQS***

From the 2010 Census, see table below:

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| Oregon | 8 | 1,642 |
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|---|---|---|
| Washington | 28 | 9 tribes: *Chehalis Reservation, *Kalispel Indian Community, *I Tribe, *Makah Indian Nation, *Port Gamble S'Klallam, *Puyallu *Tulalip Tribes, *Spokane Tribe, Swinomish Community. |

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| Oregon | 9 | 2 tribes: *Umatilla Tribes, Warm Springs Reservation |
| Idaho | 4 | 2 tribes: *Coeur D'Alene Tribe, Shoshone-Bannock |

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From the 2010 Census, see table below:

| State | No. Federally Recognized Tribes without WQS | 2010 Population of Tribal Lands |
|---|---|---|
| Washington | 20 | 62,024 |
| Oregon | 8 | 1,642 |
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Hope that works for your story plans.

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Awesome, thanks Suzanne

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And nothing into the flint pio box

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> **From:** Grantham, Nancy
> **Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2016 6:09 PM
> **To:** Lee, Monica <Lee.Monica@epa.gov>; Purchia, Liz <Purchia.Liz@epa.gov>; Abrams, Dan <Abrams.Dan@epa.gov>
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> Fyi .. close hold – we can discuss tomorrow -- we have not received an inquiry on this from spengler – only the dolan person, right? Thanks ng
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> **Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2016 5:49 PM
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> **Cc:** Michael, Gretchen (OS/ASPR/COO) <Gretchen.Michael@hhs.gov>
> **Subject:** FW: from detroit free press - deadline question
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> Hi, Nancy. The press request I mentioned is below, as well as the draft TPs I mentioned. Our senior folks are still reviewing the TPs so please keep them close-hold. As of now, we plan to have Bernadette respond to the reporter via phone using these TPs as a guide. We think talking with the reporter will be more effective than a statement.

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**To:** Nordlund, Kristen (CDC/OID/NCIRD); Jones, Kamara (OS/ASPA); johnson.mark@epa.gov
**Cc:** Spangler, Todd
**Subject:** re: from detroit free press - deadline question

Kristen, Kamara, Mark—

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Given what we know now in Flint, should this have been a red flag? Should there have been follow up then and if not, why not? Story's probably going to go up in the next couple/few hours, so please get me a response as quickly as you can, if you can—and thanks

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I've found "Mark Johnson" who appears to be the Region 5 director for ATSDR, though he has an EPA (?) email. Any problem with me emailing him and other contacts at EPA/CDC/DHHS this email to ask them what if anything happened with this?

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Paul and I just read through another email dump I heard about only through a cryptic tweet from the governor earlier today (you can find them in DEQ10 at http://1.usa.gov/1MEf4JD; we think those are the only new ones despite the updated label on several).
No major headlines but Paul and I are going to do a quick for the record kind of piece about emails that caught our eye.
Any thoughts about this one below? It seems to be an early concern by EPA about the rash issue. It seems to pre-date the email timeline analysis you did (and it doesn't mention lead, so the connection is not as important) But it does seem to the first EPA involvement in Flint water that we've seen, right?
And I was wondering what happened after the email. Were the feds ATSDR (Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry) contacted? I think I remember correctly that they're involved in Flint now, right?
I'd be happy if you want to ask EPA/CDC about it and send me a feed. Or I can call them on my own.
Many thanks!
Matt

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**Attachments**: OW draft language 3 28 2016 oc.docx

Hey Mary—OECA data & tribal folks reviewed what you'd sent forward last week and had some comments (attached). Let's connect tomorrow or Wednesday about these and a plan to get back in touch with the reporter—thanks,
John

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Thanks, all. Here is OW's contribution.

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Attached is our summary of public drinking water system compliance on tribal reservations in Region 10. Please feel free to use this information in your response to this reporter.

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Thanks for taking this on.

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**We talked about the Clean Water Act during our interview, not the Safe Water Drinking Act, so now I'm confused, too. If this is enforced by the EPA, can you tell me how many of the 565 tribes are now in compliance. I'm also curious how many of the tribes are using surface water for drinking water.**

Thanks.

Rob.

On Tue, Mar 22, 2016 at 1:29 PM, Skadowski, Suzanne <Skadowski.Suzanne@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Rob,

Following up on our phone call yesterday, I hope you will update your story with the information provided below, to clarify the significant omissions and subsequent confusion we identified. Please contact me if you have any questions -- and let me know when your story is updated. Thank you.

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**Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act in Indian Country**

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On Mar 16, 2016, at 12:42 PM, Skadowski, Suzanne <Skadowski.Suzanne@epa.gov> wrote:

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Great, looking forward to speaking with you on Thurs. morning.

On the call will be our expert on this issue, Angela Chung, Water Quality Standards Manager for EPA's Pacific Northwest Region. You can attribute some of the info on this call to Angela, but I would appreciate a heads up on quotes you intend to use, so that we can check for accuracy. Our discussion will focus on our work with tribes in this region, we will not be able to address other states or national efforts or funding in any detail.

We'll call you at your desk number (202) 383-0009, yes?

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Suzanne is out today, so we will wait until Monday to send. Thanks all.

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We'll call you at your desk number (202) 383-0009, yes?

Thanks,

Suzanne

**From:** Rob Hotakainen [mailto:rhotakainen@mcclatchydc.com]
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2016 5:01 PM

**To:** Skadowski, Suzanne <Skadowski.Suzanne@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Tribal reservations WQS -- info and phone call

Thanks, 1130 on Thursday is good. Is it possible to put someone on the phone who can be quoted on this stuff for attribution? Our bosses resist when we try to include material if we can't attribute it. Thanks, rob

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On Mar 15, 2016, at 6:07 PM, Skadowski, Suzanne <Skadowski.Suzanne@epa.gov> wrote:

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> Below is the info you were looking for, as part of your follow-up to the Administrator's address to the National Congress of American Indians, in particular regarding WQS issues for tribes in this region: WA, OR, ID. Please consider this as background info, not for attribution. I hope this is helpful to you.
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> After reviewing this info, if you still want to chat with us more about this topic, are you available for a phone call on Thurs. at 8:30 am PT/11:30 am ET? That's the best time this week for my program expert here.
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> Thanks,
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> Suzanne
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Under section 518 of the Clean Water Act, a federally recognized Indian tribe may apply to the EPA for approval to be treated in a similar manner as a state (Treatment as a State or TAS) to set water quality standards (WQS) and other CWA programs. To be eligible, a tribe must meet certain requirements set forth in the CWA and EPA regulations, including having substantial governmental powers and duties, having appropriate authority to regulate the quality of reservation waters, and being reasonably expected to have the capability to administer the program. Once a tribe has EPA approval for TAS, it must meet all the requirements that a state must meet in running the program, such as adopting scientifically-defensible water quality criteria and conducting reviews of their standards every three years. Since the 1987 CWA amendments that created TAS, only 43 out of 300 federally recognized tribes have EPA-approved WQS. EPA is working to streamline the TAS to develop a more efficient process which uses less tribal resources to encourage more participation of those 257 tribes nationwide in WQS.

? ***Treatment as a state (TAS) process in WA, OR and ID***

To date, 13 tribes out of 41 in WA, OR, and ID have been approved for TAS for WQS and two applications are currently under EPA review. The current TAS process requires a significant time and resource investment by tribes, as does managing a major program such as WQS.

- ***EPA's efforts to establish Baseline WQS for reservations***

EPA's Baseline WQS proposal is a continuing commitment of EPA to address tribal sovereignty and EPA's tribal trust responsibility by providing EPA-promulgated WQS for tribes that do not yet have EPA-approved standards. It is EPA's goal for tribes to have their own WQS and the baseline standards are considered a foundation to help tribes move toward EPA-approved WQS.

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To date, 13 of the 41 tribes in WA, OR, and ID have obtained TAS approval to administer WQS programs. Of these, 10 have adopted EPA-approved standards. In the table below are WA, OR and ID tribes with TAS; most of those also have EPA-approved WQS. EPA promulgated WQS for the Colville Tribe in 1989.

| State | Number of Federally Recognized Tribes | Tribes with TAS for Water Quality Standards<br><br>(* means tribe has adopted EPA-approved standards) |
|---|---|---|
| Washington | 28 | 9 tribes: *Chehalis Reservation, *Kalispel Indian Comm Tribe, *Makah Indian Nation, *Port Gamble S'Klallam, *Tulalip Tribes, *Spokane Tribe, Swinomish Communit |
| Oregon | 9 | 2 tribes: *Umatilla Tribes, Warm Springs Reservation |
| Idaho | 4 | 2 tribes: *Coeur D'Alene Tribe, Shoshone-Bannock |

- ***Number of people on WA, OR, ID reservations without EPA approved WQS***

From the 2010 Census, see table below:

| State | No. Federally Recognized Tribes without WQS | 2010 Population of Tribal Lands |
|---|---|---|
| Washington | 20 | 62,024 |
| Oregon | 8 | 1,642 |
| Idaho | 3 | 31,402 |

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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 15, 2016 9:32 AM

**To:** Skadowski, Suzanne <Skadowski.Suzanne@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Tribal reservations WQS

great, thanks. yes, i reached out to the national folks, but mainly just to get their estimate on a total cost figure since gina mccarthy told the gathering last month it's something that should be fixed immediately. hoping you can still provide all the regional breakdowns and state-by-state info -- seemed like you better situated to do that than the DC office.

by the way, thursday interview works better for me than wednesday, if possible. i had to switch gears and will be covering a story on Capitol Hill tomorrow.

thanks again for all of your help.

On Tue, Mar 15, 2016 at 12:27 PM, Skadowski, Suzanne <Skadowski.Suzanne@epa.gov> wrote:

> Hi Rob,
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> Update: I'm making progress gathering some of the info you requested and hope to send to you today.
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> Then I'll work to schedule a call with our expert(s) on the issue, possibly Wed. or Thurs.
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> I also understand that you've been in touch with our HQ office, which is great, since they can help provide more details on WQS, TAS rulemaking and revisions, and overall $$ involved in this process and provided to tribes.
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> Hope that works for your story plans.

Thanks,

Suzanne

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**From:** Rob Hotakainen [mailto:rhotakainen@mcclatchydc.com]
**Sent:** Monday, March 14, 2016 4:38 PM
**To:** Skadowski, Suzanne <Skadowski.Suzanne@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Tribal reservations WQS

Awesome, thanks Suzanne

On Mar 14, 2016, at 7:03 PM, Skadowski, Suzanne <Skadowski.Suzanne@epa.gov> wrote:

> Hi Rob,
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> Just following up on our phone call.
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> I am tracking down the experts on this issue here in the regional office. I hope to be able to set up a phone call with you on Tues or Wed. But I'll let you know more tomorrow.
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> Thank you for again your interest in this issue, and for your patience while I round up the info.
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**To**: Abrams, Dan [Abrams.Dan@epa.gov]; Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Fwd: RESPONSE: US NEWS INQUIRY

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**Date:** March 18, 2016 at 2:20:19 PM EDT
**To:** "Loop, Travis" <Loop.Travis@epa.gov>, "Schollhamer, Mary" <Schollhamer.Mary@epa.gov>, "Wadlington, Christina" <Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov>
**Subject: RE: RESPONSE: US NEWS INQUIRY**

Attached are responses reviewed by Peter.

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**From:** Loop, Travis
**Sent:** Friday, March 18, 2016 12:56 PM
**To:** Greene, Ashley <Greene.Ashley@epa.gov>; Schollhamer, Mary <Schollhamer.Mary@epa.gov>; Wadlington, Christina <Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: RESPONSE: US NEWS INQUIRY

When can we expect it? Deadline for the reporter was yesterday and she is unhappy.

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**From:** Greene, Ashley
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Peter is reviewing.

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We need to send this ASAP. What's the status of clearance and edits?

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Any update on this? Thanks

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I've followed up with OGWDW this morning to get his review and sign off for attribution

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**Subject:** Re: RESPONSE: US NEWS INQUIRY

He will review in the AM

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On Mar 17, 2016, at 5:58 PM, Loop, Travis <Loop.Travis@epa.gov> wrote:

We need to get his permission to do that.

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On Mar 17, 2016, at 5:41 PM, Abrams, Dan <Abrams.Dan@epa.gov> wrote:

Travis – are you good with attributing to Peter? The original idea to put her on the phone w/ someone is that she's specifically looking for attribution.
Thanks

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U.S. News and World Report [Received 3/17] – IN REVIEW

Topic: Lead

Question: What are the different health effects of lead in drinking water for: pregnant women/fetuses, children and adults? Who is most vulnerable and why?

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Question: How can resources online help consumers find water quality reports?

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*Please see previous response*

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Thanks for sending this, Mary—I'll share this with our team.

Based on Suzanne's experience working with this reporter, it sounds like it may be a good idea to try to craft a narrative with specific numbers of systems and explanations of what those numbers mean—whether they're from SDWIS or ECHO—rather than have the reporter try to draw his own conclusions.

I'll see what our team's take is on this and circle back with this group next week—I'm out tomorrow, but Nick is in the office if anything is needed on this in the meantime.

Thanks,
John

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Thanks, all. Here is OW's contribution.

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Our Tribal & data teams here in OECA are going to work on the compliance numbers—Travis & Mary, I'm guessing that OW can address the surface water source Q?

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Hi Folks,

Sorry to have to do this but we need to refer this follow-up inquiry to you for a response.

In reply to this reporter's previous inquiry, we provided detailed information on the status of Clean Water Act standards and programs on tribal lands in Region 10. We made it clear in phone conversations with this reporter that the information we provided were specifically related to the Clean Water Act, separate and distinct from the Safe Drinking Water Act. Unfortunately, the reporter's wire story ( http://www.mcclatchydc.com/news/nation-world/national/article66956752.html ) seemed to conflate and confuse surface water protection under the CWA with drinking water issues under the SDWA. We have attempted to clarify this important distinction with the reporter over the phone and in the email below.

This reporter is now asking EPA about public drinking water system compliance on tribal reservations nationwide. Note that the reporter asks how many tribes are in compliance. But the appropriate question is how many public drinking water systems on tribal lands are in compliance. As you know, there are a mix of privately owned and tribal owned drinking water systems located on many tribal reservations. EPA oversees SDWA compliance for all public drinking water systems on tribal lands, whether they are tribal or privately-owned.

Attached is our summary of public drinking water system compliance on tribal reservations in Region 10. Please feel free to use this information in your response to this reporter.

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Thanks for taking this on.

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Thanks, Suzanne. I'm cranking on a deadline on a daily store here but will get back to you tomorrow.

A lot to digest here, but I do have a couple of initial questions, just to help me understand your points.

**We talked about the Clean Water Act during our interview, not the Safe Water Drinking Act, so now I'm confused, too. If this is enforced by the EPA, can you tell me how many of the 565 tribes are now in compliance. I'm also curious how many of the tribes are using surface water for drinking water.**

Thanks.

Rob.

On Tue, Mar 22, 2016 at 1:29 PM, Skadowski, Suzanne <Skadowski.Suzanne@epa.gov> wrote:

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**Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act in Indian Country**

The recent McClatchy News story ("Is the water safe in Indian Country? EPA says it often doesn't know") may confuse and unnecessarily alarm readers because it doesn't draw a distinction between the Clean Water Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act. While the piece references several times, "the water supply," and the caption of the photo accompanying the story references the Flint drinking water problems, there is no reference in the story to the Safe Drinking Water Act, the statute that governs protection of drinking water. As a result, the piece infers that tribal lands are not subject to federal drinking water standards, which in fact they are.

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**Sent:** Thursday, March 17, 2016 11:32 AM
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**Subject:** RE: your water inquiry

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**To:** Lee, Monica <Lee.Monica@epa.gov>
**Subject:** FW: your water inquiry

I know you guys are trying to bring Dan along, but inquiries are getting lost/delayed before they even get to us, inquiries are getting mixed up, and he is too eager to put officials like Joel on just to make reporters happy.

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This isn't an appropriate use of Joel's time and he isn't even the right person to talk about these consumer issues. Mary can ask if Eric Burneson can do this, otherwise it will have to be in writing.

OMR-OPA has to fix the system so we got this inquiry last Friday, not on the deadline day six days later.

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I didn't get this until yesterday and was thinking we would answer in writing but it would probably be easier for Joel to rattle these off real quick on the record to her so she's happy and we're happy.

LMK as soon as you can. Thanks

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Hi Sam: I don't think we will be able to get someone on the phone by your deadline. We can provide information by writing and will provide you someone to attribute them to. When is your absolute deadline? Thanks

-Dan

**From:** Costa, Sam [mailto:SCosta@usnews.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2016 1:57 PM
**To:** Abrams, Dan <Abrams.Dan@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: your water inquiry

Hi Dan,

Thanks for your reply. I followed up each day since Friday with Robert. My deadline is Thursday COB, so I'd like to have my interviews finished by tomorrow so I have time to write. The story is a consumer advice-angled health and wellness article. So, my peg isn't newsy – but more for the average consumer worried about their home water supply, with an emphasis on lead. Naturally, much of this info can be found online, but I need direct interview comments for my story. That's why I'd rather have a phone call or follow-up by phone call, at least. Thanks again! Here you go:

- What are the different health effects of lead in drinking water for: pregnant women/fetuses, children and adults? Who is most vulnerable and why?
- What kind of questions should people ask their water company if they're concerned about lead?
- How does lead get into a water supply?
- What are some practices (ie, drinking, showering, boiling water, etc.) people should avoid if they think there's lead in their water?
- How can resources online help consumers find water quality reports?
- Which contaminants should people be familiar with?
- What are the differences between the safety of well water and sewer water?
- How can people test their water at home?
- What are some other ways to find out if your water is safe?

**From:** Abrams, Dan [mailto:Abrams.Dan@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 16, 2016 11:25 AM
**To:** Costa, Sam <SCosta@usnews.com>
**Subject:** your water inquiry

Hi Sam:
Would you mind sending over your questions? Answering in writing will be easier, and if you're looking for attribution we're happy to discuss who we can attribute the answers to. When you send over the questions would you mind including your deadline?

Thanks!
-Dan

**Dan Abrams**

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**From:** Costa, Sam [mailto:SCosta@usnews.com]
**Sent:** Friday, March 11, 2016 4:01 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Press Inquiry about Drinking Water

Hi Robert,

I'm writing a consumer advice wellness article for U.S. News & World Report on what everyday consumers can do to make sure their water is safe for consumption and bathing. This is obviously going to piggyback off of the latest crisis in Flint. I'm looking for someone from EPA to answer a few general questions over the phone early next week, (Monday or Tuesday) if possible. I realize there are materials online, but I'd love to have a comment at least from someone there.

Thanks,

Samantha

**Samantha Costa**
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Message

**From:** Ragland, Micah [Ragland.Micah@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 2/26/2016 3:04:02 PM
**To:** Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Fwd: Head of EPA visit

FYI ... Will keep you posted

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Ragland, Micah" <Ragland.Micah@epa.gov>
> **Date:** February 26, 2016 at 9:50:23 AM EST
> **To:** "Enobakhare, Rosemary" <Enobakhare.Rosemary@epa.gov>, "Bluhm, Kate" <Bluhm.Kate@epa.gov>, "Purchia, Liz" <Purchia.Liz@epa.gov>, "Fritz, Matthew" <Fritz.Matthew@epa.gov>, "Herckis, Arian" <Herckis.Arian@epa.gov>
> **Subject: Fwd: Head of EPA visit**
>
> FYI we are a go for the Food Bank Tour and Media Avail stop. I am advancing the site at 1pm today and told them that security detail will need to come back through on Monday when they hit the ground. I will follow up with additional details after my visit.
>
> Additionally, Rosemary, is reaching out to faith leaders this morning regarding the proposed faith leaders meeting.
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
> Begin forwarded message:
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> > **From:** Kara D Ross <kross@feedingamerica.org>
> > **Date:** February 26, 2016 at 8:40:30 AM EST
> > **To:** "Gaskill-Clemons, Robert" <Robert.Gaskill-Clemons@redcross.org>
> > **Cc:** "Lasher, Tony P." <tony.lasher@redcross.org>, "Ragland.Micah@epa.gov" <Ragland.Micah@epa.gov>
> > **Subject: RE: Head of EPA visit**
> >
> > Thanks- I just spoke with Micah and we will be meeting today here at the Food Bank to discuss next Tuesday's visit. We will indeed host the event here on Tuesday. Thanks all.
> >
> > Kara-Lyn D. Ross
> > Vice President, Food Bank of Eastern Michigan
> > 2300 Lapeer Road - Flint, MI 48503 www.fbem.org
> > 810.396.0213 direct / 810.239.4441 main / Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) cell
> >
> > -----Original Message-----
> > From: Gaskill-Clemons, Robert [mailto:Robert.Gaskill-Clemons@redcross.org]
> > Sent: Friday, February 26, 2016 8:39 AM
> > To: Kara D Ross <kross@feedingamerica.org>

Cc: Lasher, Tony P. <tony.lasher@redcross.org>; Ragland.Micah@epa.gov
Subject: Head of EPA visit

Kara and Tony

The head of the EPA might be here early next week and would like to meet with some of the community partners. There is also some interest in a media event with the community partners, perhaps at the food bank or one of the community PODs. Micah (with the EPA) is looking into setting up these events during the visit. I told him I would pass this along to the two of you to initiate discussion.

Sent from my iPhone

Message

**From**: Abrams, Dan [Abrams.Dan@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 3/4/2016 7:33:18 PM
**To**: Gentile, Laura [Gentile.Laura@epa.gov]
**CC**: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Purchia, Liz [Purchia.Liz@epa.gov]; Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]; Nowotarski, Allison [nowotarski.allison@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: CLOSE HOLD - SRF letter

Same - can read fine on my phone

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On Mar 4, 2016, at 1:21 PM, Gentile, Laura <Gentile.Laura@epa.gov> wrote:

> I checked the attachment twice and am not seeing any problems.
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> Laura L. Gentile
> U.S EPA, Lead PIO, Flint Command Post
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> gentile.laura@epa.gov
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> **From:** Grantham, Nancy
> **Sent:** Friday, March 04, 2016 1:49 PM
> **To:** Purchia, Liz <Purchia.Liz@epa.gov>; Lee, Monica <Lee.Monica@epa.gov>; Abrams, Dan <Abrams.Dan@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Gentile, Laura <Gentile.Laura@epa.gov>; Nowotarski, Allison <nowotarski.allison@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: CLOSE HOLD - SRF letter
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> Laura and allison -- can you check the attachment before it is posted?
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> Thanks ng
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> **From:** Purchia, Liz
> **Sent:** Friday, March 04, 2016 12:45 PM
> **To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Lee, Monica <Lee.Monica@epa.gov>; Abrams, Dan <Abrams.Dan@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: CLOSE HOLD - SRF letter
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> There's something wrong with the attachment. Is it being posted on the web?
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> **From:** Grantham, Nancy
> **Sent:** Friday, March 04, 2016 12:44 PM
> **To:** Lee, Monica <Lee.Monica@epa.gov>; Abrams, Dan <Abrams.Dan@epa.gov>; Purchia, Liz <Purchia.Liz@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** FW: CLOSE HOLD - SRF letter
>
> fyi

**From:** Gentile, Laura
**Sent:** Friday, March 04, 2016 11:48 AM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
**Subject:** CLOSE HOLD - SRF letter

Signed letter attached.

We will distribute this to Grevatt, Ruppe, DiStefano, and a few others as soon as we get the green light from Deamer that Hill notifications have been made.
LG

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**From**: Gentile, Laura [Gentile.Laura@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 3/4/2016 6:52:06 PM
**To**: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
**CC**: Purchia, Liz [Purchia.Liz@epa.gov]; Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]; Abrams, Dan [Abrams.Dan@epa.gov]; Nowotarski, Allison [nowotarski.allison@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: CLOSE HOLD - SRF letter

Will do

Laura Gentile
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Message

**From**: Schollhamer, Mary [Schollhamer.Mary@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 1/19/2016 7:35:32 PM
**To**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**CC**: Loop, Travis [Loop.Travis@epa.gov]; Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: TRAVIS/MARY ACTION; DDL 1/22; WATER WORLD; UTILITY FUNDING

1 - Do you anticipate that your office will increase funding programs and/or amounts in 2016 for water and/or wastewater utilities? decrease them? or keep them about the same as in 2015?

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2 - In either case, are there any new funding programs you are introducing that may be of interest to water and/or wastewater utilities?

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3 - What is the current status of WIFIA? For example, is it expected to get Federal funding in the new budget?

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**From:** Loop, Travis
**Sent:** Thursday, January 07, 2016 4:59 PM
**To:** Fontaine, Tim <Fontaine.Tim@epa.gov>; Spraul, Greg <Spraul.Greg@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Schollhamer, Mary <Schollhamer.Mary@epa.gov>
**Subject:** FW: TRAVIS/MARY ACTION; DDL 1/22; WATER WORLD; UTILITY FUNDING

This reporter is looking at how current funding levels compare to last year. We explained there will be a new President's budget soon, but he still wants to do the piece. Can you assist? Sometime next week for the info will work. Thanks.

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At this point, though, I think any information that your office can provide about funding in general would be fine.

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert
**Sent:** Thursday, January 07, 2016 4:50 PM
**To:** Loop, Travis <Loop.Travis@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: TRAVIS/MARY ACTION; DDL 1/22; WATER WORLD; UTILITY FUNDING

From the reporter. Let me know what's feasible for you. If you'd just prefer to wait until after the BR, I'll tell the reporter as much.

"I wish I could, but the editor already has the piece slated for the March issue, and I need to get the article to her by late January.

At this point, though, I think any information that your office can provide about funding in general would be fine.

Then, maybe we can do a followup article in a few months as additional information becomes available."

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**From:** Loop, Travis
**Sent:** Thursday, January 07, 2016 4:34 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: TRAVIS/MARY ACTION; DDL 1/22; WATER WORLD; UTILITY FUNDING

My sense is that he is talking about the calendar year when he says 2016, and we work on fiscal. So I think he is talking about this year, which would be better to do when we have the new numbers.

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Follow-up: To make sure I understand, you want to include info on our proposed FY 2017 budget, right? Just to clarify, as the reporter is asking about funding this year.

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**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>; Schollhamer, Mary <Schollhamer.Mary@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Lee, Monica <Lee.Monica@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: TRAVIS/MARY ACTION; DDL 1/22; WATER WORLD; UTILITY FUNDING

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**Sent**: 1/7/2016 8:48:46 PM
**To**: Loop, Travis [Loop.Travis@epa.gov]; Schollhamer, Mary [Schollhamer.Mary@epa.gov]
**CC**: Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: TRAVIS/MARY ACTION; DDL 1/22; WATER WORLD; UTILITY FUNDING

Understood. Maybe he'll move his deadline.

Thanks, R.

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Message

**From:** Conger, Nick [Conger.Nick@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 12/30/2015 8:55:32 PM
**To:** Orquina, Jessica [Orquina.Jessica@epa.gov]
**CC:** Smith, Roxanne [Smith.Roxanne@epa.gov]; Purchia, Liz [Purchia.Liz@epa.gov]; Harrison, Melissa [Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov]; Allen, Laura [Allen.Laura@epa.gov]; Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]; Davis, Jay [Davis.Jay@epa.gov]; Hart, Daniel [Hart.Daniel@epa.gov]; Younes, Lina [Younes.Lina@epa.gov]; Ortiz, Julia [Ortiz.Julia@epa.gov]; Wade, James [Wade.James@epa.gov]; Hull, George [Hull.George@epa.gov]
**Subject:** RE: Daily Report: Scheduled Social Media - December 31 - January 4
**Attachments:** VW Complaint DRAFT release 12.30.15.doc

Thanks Jess. Proposing Facebook and Twitter posts about our VW news on Monday (close hold). Draft press release attached and drafts posts below. Timing would be mid-afternoon.

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Twitter: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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**From:** Orquina, Jessica
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 30, 2015 3:27 PM
**To:** Smith, Roxanne <Smith.Roxanne@epa.gov>; Purchia, Liz <Purchia.Liz@epa.gov>; Harrison, Melissa <Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov>; Allen, Laura <Allen.Laura@epa.gov>; Conger, Nick <Conger.Nick@epa.gov>; Lee, Monica <Lee.Monica@epa.gov>; Davis, Jay <Davis.Jay@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Hart, Daniel <Hart.Daniel@epa.gov>; Younes, Lina <Younes.Lina@epa.gov>; Ortiz, Julia <Ortiz.Julia@epa.gov>; Wade, James <Wade.James@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Daily Report: Scheduled Social Media - December 31 - January 4

Happy New Year!

**Thursday, December 31, 2015**

| Time | Content | Channel |
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| 10:45am | POST AS PHOTO (COP_21_square_English.jpg) WITH TEXT AS CAPTION: A recent high point for our #YearInReview, when we joined the global community to #ActOnClimate at #COP21. Read more about the #ParisAgreement here: http://go.wh.gov/ClimateTalks | Facebook |
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| | **Friday, January 1, 2016 - Jess or Danny will post** | |
| | It's hockey season again. Cheer for the NHL's efforts to keep unused food out of landfills! [POST GRAPHIC IN TWEET - GreenSports_square_4_v2.jpg] | Twitter |

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| | **Sunday, January 3, 2016** | |
| 7:00pm | Tonight @ 11pm ET: @GinaEPA on #StarTalkTV season finale w/@neiltyson to talk how we protect planet & #ActOnClimate. http://channel.nationalgeographic.com/startalk/episodes/gina-mccarthy/ | Twitter |
| 10:30pm | Starting soon! @GinaEPA is on #StarTalkTV with @neiltyson. Tune in at 11pm ET to watch. http://channel.nationalgeographic.com/startalk/episodes/gina-mccarthy/ | Twitter |
| 11:00pm | TUNE IN NOW: @GinaEPA on #StarTalkTV with @neiltyson.http://channel.nationalgeographic.com/startalk/episodes/gina-mccarthy/ | Twitter |
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| | **Monday, January 4, 2016** | |
| 11:05am | It's National Radon Action Month. #DYK radon is the leading cause of lung cancer in nonsmokers? Test your home: http://go.usa.gov/6FHx | Twitter |
| 11:05am | It's National Radon Action Month. Did you know radon is the leading cause of lung cancer in nonsmokers? Now is the time to #TestForRadon, fix and save a life. | Facebook |
| 2:15pm | The young environmental stewards in your community deserve recognition. Learn more about the President's Environmental Youth Award. Applications are due January 31st.http://go.usa.gov/3u7XB | Facebook |
| 4:10pm | #ICYMI: @GinaEPA was on #StarTalkTV last night on @natgeochannel w/@neiltyson, talking about protecting our planet. http://channel.nationalgeographic.com/startalk/episodes/gina-mccarthy/ | Twitter |

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Message

**From**: Younes, Lina [Younes.Lina@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 12/16/2015 8:11:28 PM
**To**: PADs and Alternates [PADs_and_Alternates@epa.gov]
**CC**: Weber, Gina [Weber.Gina@epa.gov]; Rodriguez, Elias [Rodriguez.Elias@epa.gov]; Reyes, Brenda [Reyes.Brenda@epa.gov]; Calvino, Maria Soledad [Calvino.Maria@epa.gov]
**Subject**: SPANISH TRANSLATION: UPDATED: 60 MINUTES: Automakers Beat Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards for Third Straight Year
**Attachments**: 121615 Automakers GHG Standards Rpt PR SPAN.docx

Please send the translated PR to your regional Hispanic media.

Lina Younes
Multilingual Communications Liaison
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Our Spanish blog: https://blog.epa.gov/blog/category/espanol/

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**From:** StClair, Christie
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 16, 2015 11:54 AM
**To:** AO OPA OMR 60 Minute Warning <AO_OPA_OMR_60_Minute_Warning@epa.gov>
**Subject:** UPDATED: 60 MINUTES: Automakers Beat Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards for Third Straight Year

The version below updates the Chris Grundler quote.

**Christie St. Clair**
Office of Public Affairs

Environmental Protection Agency
Washington, DC
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**From:** StClair, Christie
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**To:** AO OPA OMR 60 Minute Warning <AO_OPA_OMR_60_Minute_Warning@epa.gov>
**Subject:** 60 MINUTES: Automakers Beat Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards for Third Straight Year

The release below will be sent by HQ at 12:30 eastern today. This is close hold; please do not share the contents of this email.

Thanks,

Christie

**Christie St. Clair**
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**From:** U.S. EPA Media Relations [mailto:pradmin@vocus.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 16, 2015 11:33 AM
**To:** StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>
**Subject:** EPA Reports: Automakers Beat Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards for Third Straight Year

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December 16, 2015

# EPA Reports: Automakers Beat Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards for Third Straight Year

*Fuel economy steady at highest level ever recorded*

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) today announced that manufacturers have surpassed the more stringent 2014 standards for greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, while model year 2014 fuel economy remains steady at the highest level ever recorded.

The findings were included in two reports the agency released today: the annual report on fuel economy trends and a report on the auto industry's progress toward meeting greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions standards for cars and light trucks.

The Greenhouse Gas Manufacturer Performance Report concludes that for model year 2014, manufacturers are over-complying with the GHG standards by 13 grams of $CO_2$ per mile, or about 1.4 miles per gallon (mpg). The agency's annual "Light-Duty Automotive Technology, Carbon Dioxide Emissions and Fuel Economy Trends: 1975 through 2015" report shows that fleet-wide model year 2014 fuel economy remained steady at the highest recorded level, 24.3 mpg, with truck fuel economy reaching a record high of 20.4 mpg label average. In the last 10 years, fuel economy has increased significantly, improving 5 mpg or 26 percent overall.

“For the third year in a row, manufacturers have exceeded the GHG emissions standards by a wide margin,” said EPA’s director of the Office of Air Quality and Transportation, Christopher Grundler. “It’s clear that our standards are working, spurring technology and innovation, and we are on track to achieve significant greenhouse gas reductions."

EPA estimates that, through 2014, the GHG emissions standards have resulted in reducing cumulative emissions by roughly 60 million metric tons of CO2 – roughly the amount of GHGs emitted from electricity use from over 8 million homes in one year. These standards will ultimately save American families who purchase a new MY 2025 vehicle more than $8,000 in lifetime fuel costs. The program in total will save Americans $1.7 trillion in fuel costs, will reduce U.S. fuel use by 12 billion barrels of oil, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 6 billion metric tons.

In 2012, EPA and the Department of Transportation began implementing standards projected to double new vehicle fuel economy by 2025 and cut new vehicle GHG emissions by half. Because of this program, consumers have many more choices when shopping for vehicles with higher fuel economy and lower $CO_2$ emissions compared to just five years ago.

The Fuel Economy Trends report tracks average fuel economy of new cars and SUVs sold in the United States. While overall GHG emissions continued downward due to improvements in air conditioning and other advancements, this year’s report finds that overall fuel economy remains steady at 24.3 mpg in model year 2014. Truck fuel economy reached a record high of 20.4 mpg label average, a 0.6 mpg increase from last year and the second largest increase in 30 years. However, on a fleet wide basis, this higher truck fuel economy was offset by a 5 percent increase in truck market share. In addition, the report finds that the market is adopting fuel efficient technologies such as turbocharging and advanced transmissions at a faster pace than EPA projected when the standards were finalized.

EPA’s Manufacturer Performance Report assesses the automobile industry’s progress toward meeting GHG emissions standards for cars and light trucks in the 2014 model year – the third year of this 14-year program. For model year 2014, manufacturers are over-complying with the GHG standards, which means consumers continue to buy vehicles with lower GHG emissions than required by the EPA standards.

More information on Fuel Economy Trends: http://epa.gov/otaq/fetrends.htm

More information on the Manufacturer Performance Report: http://www.epa.gov/otaq/climate/ghg-report.htm

More information on Light Duty Vehicle Standards: http://www.epa.gov/otaq/climate/regs-light-duty.htm

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Message

**From**: Purchia, Liz [Purchia.Liz@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 12/14/2015 5:07:29 PM
**To**: Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: Flagging GAO report on CWA ruling of anti-lobbying law with CWA
**Attachments**: GAO Opinion-EPA Social Media-121415.pdf

Ugh I'm so sorry. I thought you were on this.

**From:** Purchia, Liz
**Sent:** Monday, December 14, 2015 11:50 AM
**To:** Loop, Travis <Loop.Travis@epa.gov>; Beauvais, Joel <Beauvais.Joel@epa.gov>; Harrison, Melissa <Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov>; Ragland, Micah <Ragland.Micah@epa.gov>; Vaught, Laura <Vaught.Laura@epa.gov>; Distefano, Nichole <DiStefano.Nichole@epa.gov>; Garbow, Avi <Garbow.Avi@epa.gov>; Mitchell, Stacey <Mitchell.Stacey@epa.gov>; Fritz, Matthew <Fritz.Matthew@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Flagging GAO report on CWA ruling of anti-lobbying law with CWA

Eric Lipton with the Times just called. A new GAO report is coming out this afternoon (attached) that says we violated anti-propaganda and anti-lobbying law with the CWA thunderclap and our work with the beer brewers association.

He was given the report ahead of time from the Hill and posting a story in the next 30-40 minutes. He's looking for a statement from us.

He'll be updating his story throughout the day.

He says it orders EPA to make a determination of how much money we spent on these activities to determine how much we violated the anti-deficiency act.

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

If folks can, we can meet in my office at 12:30.

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Message

**From**: Milbourn, Cathy [Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 11/30/2015 9:20:49 PM
**To**: Strauss, Linda [Strauss.Linda@epa.gov]
**CC**: Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: Jim is OK with this being "on the record"

are we still doing this today? I just called Trish off till tomorrow

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From: Strauss, Linda
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2015 4:19 PM
To: Milbourn, Cathy
Cc: Lee, Monica
Subject: Jim is OK with this being "on the record"

He wants to know her story and if we need to go to her editor.

-----Original Message-----
From: Milbourn, Cathy
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2015 4:09 PM
To: Strauss, Linda <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov>
Subject: Fw: Hi Trish. Can you talk to our folks at 4:35 today?

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From: Callahan, Patricia <pcallahan@chicagotribune.com>
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2015 4:02 PM
To: Milbourn, Cathy
Subject: Re: Hi Trish. Can you talk to our folks at 4:35 today?

If you have a response based on what you hear, I'm going to quote that response.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Nov 30, 2015, at 2:54 PM, Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> You said this was just to review your story so there aren't surprises for us-- You didn't say this would be for attribution.
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
>> On Nov 30, 2015, at 3:47 PM, "Callahan, Patricia" <pcallahan@chicagotribune.com> wrote:
>>
>> I don't go off the record in situations like this. Whoever is on the call needs to be on the record.
>>
>> Sent from my iPhone
>>
>>> On Nov 30, 2015, at 2:45 PM, Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov> wrote:
>>>
>>> And this us just to walk through your story and not for attribution. Correct?
>>>
>>> Thanks!
>>>
>>> Cathy
>>>
>>> Sent from my iPhone
>>

Message

**From:** Zito, Kelly [ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV]
**Sent:** 10/19/2015 9:30:39 PM
**To:** Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]
**Subject:** FW: Check in on Monday about Oct 28 briefing

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**From:** Zito, Kelly
**Sent:** Monday, October 19, 2015 11:07 AM
**To:** Jessica Lass <jessica.lass@aclimalabs.com>
**Cc:** Brown, Ann <Brown.Ann@epa.gov>; Kimberly Hunter <kim.hunter@aclima.io>
**Subject:** Re: Check in on Monday about Oct 28 briefing

Ex. 6 Personal Privacy

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 19, 2015, at 10:57 AM, "Jessica Lass" <jessica.lass@aclimalabs.com> wrote:

> Great, we'll call you and Ann at 1:30pm PT/ 4:30pm ET today. Kelly, what's the best number for you?
>
> On Mon, Oct 19, 2015 at 10:53 AM, Zito, Kelly <ZITO.KELLY@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> > I will make that time work!
> > Thanks-
> > Kelly
> >
> > Sent from my iPhone
> >
> > On Oct 19, 2015, at 10:40 AM, "Jessica Lass" <jessica.lass@aclimalabs.com> wrote:
> >
> > > Kelly, are you available at 1:30pm PT/ 4:30pm ET? That way we could have Ann on for 15 minutes. If not, we could look at a call tomorrow. Kim and I are available to talk at 11:30am PT and anytime after 1pm PT on Tuesday.
> > >
> > > Jessica
> > >
> > > On Mon, Oct 19, 2015 at 9:33 AM, Brown, Ann <Brown.Ann@epa.gov> wrote:
> > >
> > > > I have to leave at 4:45 p.m. ET so any time before that. Thanks.
> > > >
> > > > Best,
> > > >
> > > > Ann Brown

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**From:** Zito, Kelly
**Sent:** Monday, October 19, 2015 12:29 PM
**To:** Kimberly Hunter <kim.hunter@aclima.io>
**Cc:** Jessica Lass <jessica.lass@aclimalabs.com>; Brown, Ann <Brown.Ann@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Check in on Monday about Oct 28 briefing

I can't do 12 PT… 2 p.m. or later is best!

**From:** Kimberly Hunter [mailto:kim.hunter@aclima.io]
**Sent:** Monday, October 19, 2015 9:25 AM
**To:** Zito, Kelly <ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV>
**Cc:** Kimberly Hunter <kim.hunter@aclima.io>; Jessica Lass <jessica.lass@aclimalabs.com>; Brown, Ann <Brown.Ann@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Check in on Monday about Oct 28 briefing

Thanks Kelly. How does 12pm PT look for you? Ann - Please let us know if any of these times work. If needed, we can hop on the phone separately.

On Mon, Oct 19, 2015 at 9:20 AM, Zito, Kelly <ZITO.KELLY@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Kim – I think 3 p.m. works better for me, but not sure if that's too late for Ann on the East Coast...

Kelly

**From:** Kimberly Hunter [mailto:kim.hunter@aclima.io]
**Sent:** Monday, October 19, 2015 9:17 AM
**To:** Zito, Kelly <ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV>
**Cc:** Jessica Lass <jessica.lass@aclimalabs.com>; Brown, Ann <Brown.Ann@epa.gov>; Kimberly Hunter <kim.hunter@aclima.io>
**Subject:** Re: Check in on Monday about Oct 28 briefing

Hi Kelly -

1pm or 3pm PT would work for us. The call should only take 30 minutes.

Thanks so much,

Kim

On Mon, Oct 19, 2015 at 9:03 AM, Zito, Kelly <ZITO.KELLY@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Jessica – I am free this afternoon. Let me know a good time and we can move ahead.

Thanks!

Kelly

**From:** Jessica Lass [mailto:jessica.lass@aclimalabs.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, October 15, 2015 3:41 PM

**To:** Brown, Ann <Brown.Ann@epa.gov>; Zito, Kelly <ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV>
**Cc:** Kimberly Hunter <kim.hunter@aclima.io>
**Subject:** Check in on Monday about Oct 28 briefing

Hi Ann and Kelly,

Are you both free for a quick call on Monday to touch base about the upcoming Oct 28 briefing + media availability? We'd like to check in to make sure we're aligned on expectations before our call with Google PR on Monday to see what they'd like from the media event.

I'm out of the office tomorrow, but it looks like Kim and I are free noon-2pm PT on Monday.

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**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 10/16/2015 12:06:53 PM
**To**: Conger, Nick [Conger.Nick@epa.gov]; Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]
**Subject**: OPS ACTION: From EPA: Cooling Water Intakes
**Attachments**: 9-4-15 WaterWorld inquiry on water intake cooling.docx

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) The reporter (for whom I've worked for several inquiries before) is asking for a name for attribution. Questions and response attached. Please advise.

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**From:** Arthur Haddaway [mailto:ArthurH@Pennwell.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, October 15, 2015 6:30 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: From EPA: Cooling Water Intakes

Hi Robert, I don't recall if we clarified who I should attribute these quotes to – would you be able to tell me again? It's always good for us to attribute quotes to a particular person, if possible. Would it be you? Thanks!

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2015 2:15 PM
**To:** Arthur Haddaway
**Subject:** RE: From EPA: Cooling Water Intakes

Hullo Art, let me check on this. The person I've asked is in San Francisco and swamped, so it may take us a little time to get a response.

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**From:** Arthur Haddaway [mailto:ArthurH@Pennwell.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2015 3:13 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert
**Subject:** RE: From EPA: Cooling Water Intakes

Hi Robert, is there a way to attribute to a specific person? This just bodes well for an article-focus. Thanks.

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Friday, September 04, 2015 1:04 PM
**To:** Arthur Haddaway
**Subject:** From EPA: Cooling Water Intakes

Dear Arthur, please attribute to US EPA. Have a great Holiday weekend. Thanks, R.

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Message

**From**: Conger, Nick [Conger.Nick@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 8/17/2015 4:04:14 PM
**To**: Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]; Smith, Roxanne [Smith.Roxanne@epa.gov]; Valentine, Julia [Valentine.Julia@epa.gov]; Hull, George [Hull.George@epa.gov]; Purchia, Liz [Purchia.Liz@epa.gov]; Allen, Laura [Allen.Laura@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: FYI, OMR SENDING THIS RELEASE TODAY: Pennsylvania Water Utility to Reduce Sewage Discharges to Delaware River and Local Creeks

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

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**From:** Lee, Monica
**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2015 12:01 PM
**To:** Smith, Roxanne; Valentine, Julia; Hull, George; Purchia, Liz; Allen, Laura
**Cc:** Conger, Nick
**Subject:** RE: FYI, OMR SENDING THIS RELEASE TODAY: Pennsylvania Water Utility to Reduce Sewage Discharges to Delaware River and Local Creeks

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

Adding Nick in case there's anything else he'd like to add.

**From:** Smith, Roxanne
**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2015 11:53 AM
**To:** Valentine, Julia; Hull, George; Purchia, Liz; Lee, Monica; Allen, Laura
**Subject:** RE: FYI, OMR SENDING THIS RELEASE TODAY: Pennsylvania Water Utility to Reduce Sewage Discharges to Delaware River and Local Creeks
**Importance:** High

I recommend that this only go out from R3. I think we will be criticized putting this out in light of what is happening out West.

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**From:** Valentine, Julia
**Sent:** Monday, August 17, 2015 11:48 AM
**To:** AO OPA OMR 60 Minute Warning
**Subject:** FYI, OMR SENDING THIS RELEASE TODAY: Pennsylvania Water Utility to Reduce Sewage Discharges to Delaware River and Local Creeks

Exact time TBD. Close hold, please do not forward.

Thanks.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**
August 17, 2015

# Pennsylvania Water Utility to Reduce Sewage Discharges to Delaware River and Local Creeks

**WASHINGTON** -- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) today announced a settlement with the Delaware County Regional Water Quality Control Authority (DELCORA) resolving alleged Clean Water Act violations involving combined sewer overflows (CSOs) to the Delaware River and its tributaries. In a proposed consent decree, DELCORA has agreed to develop and implement a plan to control and significantly reduce overflows from its sewer system, which will improve the water quality of the Delaware River, Chester Creek and Ridley Creek near Philadelphia, Pa.

Based on information submitted by DELCORA, EPA estimates that the Authority could spend as much as $200 million to implement an overflow control plan that complies with the terms of the Clean Water Act. Once the specific pollution control measures are selected and approved, the settlement requires DELCORA to implement the plan as quickly as possible, with a 20-year deadline from when the settlement is filed in court to complete the necessary controls. DELCORA must also pay a $1.375 million penalty for prior violations, which will be split between the United States and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, a co-plaintiff in this case.

“This settlement means cleaner water for communities in the greater Philadelphia area, including many that have historically been overburdened by water pollution,” said Cynthia Giles, assistant administrator for EPA’s Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance. “These communities have demonstrated how effective long-term planning and public participation can protect clean water in a way that’s achievable and cost effective.”

“This important agreement will protect residents from sewers that discharge raw sewage and other contaminants into local waterways,” said Assistant Attorney General John C. Cruden for the Justice Department’s Environment and Natural Resources Division. “It is the latest in a series of settlements with municipalities across the country to address aging and inadequate sewer infrastructure, particularly in older communities where residents have had to deal with sewer overflows for generations. Agreements like this one are a victory for environmental justice.”

The settlement stands to address longstanding problems with DELCORA’s combined sewer system, which when inundated with stormwater, discharges raw sewage, industrial waste, nitrogen, phosphorus, and polluted stormwater into Chester Creek, Ridley Creek, and the Delaware River. According to DELCORA, the volume of combined sewage that overflows from the system is approximately 739 million gallons annually.

Exposure to raw sewage can cause a range of illnesses from stomach cramps and diarrhea to life-threatening ailments such as cholera, dysentery, infectious hepatitis, and severe gastroenteritis. Children, the elderly, people with weaker immune systems, and pregnant women face greater risks to the health impacts of exposure to sewage.

DELCORA's wastewater facilities serve approximately 500,000 people in the greater Philadelphia area, including many low-income communities. Once fully implemented, the settlement will help reduce the direct exposure of low-income and minority populations in the service area to raw sewage. DELCORA must also seek input from the public on the long-term control plan, including from Chester and surrounding communities that have historically been overburdened by pollution.

The consent decree also requires DELCORA to notify the public of CSO discharges using a visual notification system, including warning lights and flags at CSO outfalls, where a sewer empties into local waterways.

Keeping raw sewage and contaminated storm water out of the waters of the United States is one of EPA's National Enforcement Initiatives. EPA is working to reduce discharges from sewer overflows by securing commitments from cities to implement timely, affordable solutions.

The proposed consent decree is subject to a 30-day public comment period and court approval after it is published in the Federal Register.

For more information on this settlement or to read the proposed consent decree, go to:
http://www2.epa.gov/enforcement/delaware-county-regional-water-quality-control-authority-clean-water-act-settlement

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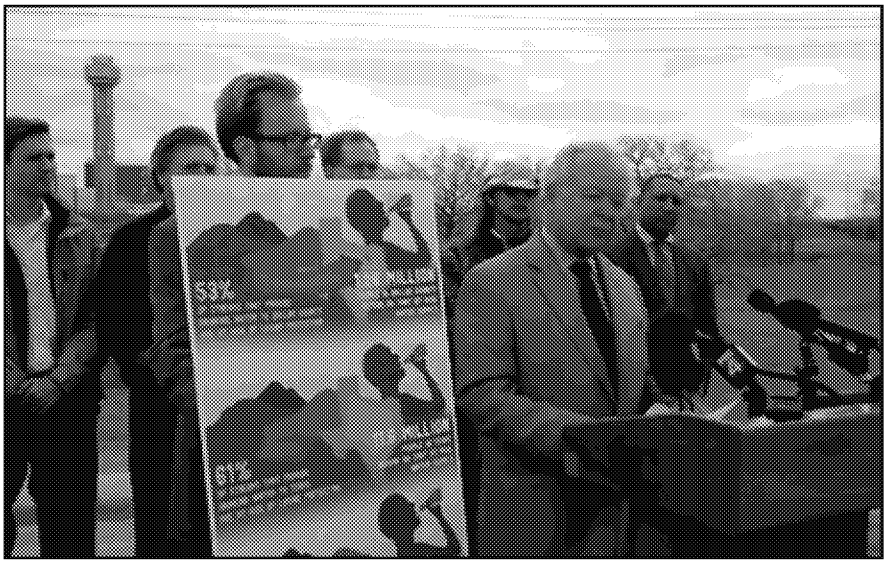
# In-the-Moment Videos

*Office of Multimedia [March 2015]*

## Capturing the moment

*Using short sound bites to tell your story*

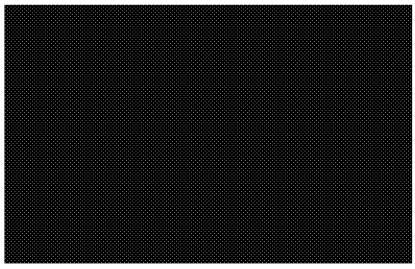


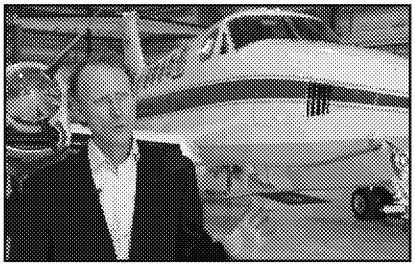
*Remember, when planning the event, think about the backdrop, lighting, background noise, props, etc. Determine the position for your camera/smartphone and block the space to have a guaranteed shot during the event. Tip: Do a practice video shoot after everything is set up.*

In-the-moment videos capture "on the spot" sound bites to promote your messages through social media within hours of an EPA press event, press conference, etc. Choose moments that stand on their own, with a full thought or explanation so viewers understand the context. The idea is to create an experience for a viewer who may have missed your event and give them a quick snippet of information to whet their appetite to learn more about your topic.

***Keep the clips short, 60 seconds or less. The clip is meant to highlight your event.***

## Types of Shots





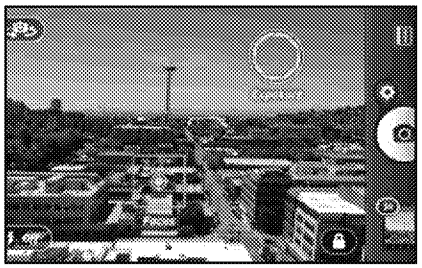
***Top:*** *Capture an in-the-moment sound bite at the podium.*
***Bottom:*** *Grab your subject for a quick sound bite at the event so you have greater control of the background, lighting, noise level, etc.*

During an emergency response situation, you ***must*** contact OPA to follow procedures set by the agency.

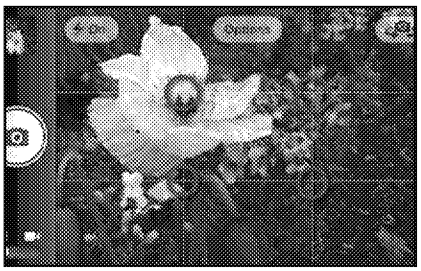
## KEY THINGS TO CONSIDER FOR IN-THE-MOMENT VIDEOS

- Must be of a person speaking "live" at an event. The subject can be at a podium, in a different part of the event venue, just outside the event venue, etc. They can look directly at the camera or off-camera depending on the look you want to achieve.
- Clip should be captured during or immediately after the event. ***Video should not be staged.*** For example, videos with scientists at a media event is appropriate; taping the same employees in their lab or on location (at a Superfund site for example) is not appropriate. Staged videos fall under the 48-hr category in PROTRAC and must be reviewed accordingly.
- Do not edit clips beyond trimming the front and end. Edited videos must be submitted through PROTRAC.
- Use the highest resolution available on your camera for capturing video.
- Use a good audio recording device and try to avoid capturing loud and distracting noises. In video, sound is key. If the viewer can't understand the speaker, the message is lost.
- Choose a good shooting location – get as close to the speaker as possible, make sure they are well lit, don't let things stick out of their heads (like trees or telephone poles) and make sure you don't cut off your speaker's head.
- Use smooth camera movements – don't do fast pans or zooms with your camera or smart phone when capturing in the moment video.

# TIPS AND TRICKS: SHOOTING WITH A **SMART PHONE**



***Focus control:*** *Tap on the screen to set focus. Hold down your finger to lock the focus point. There are apps available that give you greater control over the camera settings.*



***Rule of thirds:*** *Use the grid to set up your shot. When capturing images of people, use your subject's eyes as the focal point.*

✱ CAMERA ORIENTATION: Video is always shot in the landscape configuration so hold your camera in a horizontal position.

✱ ZOOM CONTROLS: Do not use the zoom feature on your smart phone. This artificially increases the size of the image, which will cause pixelation. If you need a closer shot, physically move in closer to your subject. Zoom with your feet, not the camera.

✱ FRAMING: Follow the rule of thirds when framing your shot. Even though you're shooting with a smart phone, the basics of good videography still apply. There are apps available for smart phones that will allow you to superimpose the rule of thirds grid on your screen. Don't worry, the lines won't show up in your recorded footage. They just serve as a guide to help you place your subject in the frame.

When framing, pay attention to the head room (the amount of space between your subject's head and the top of the frame). Make sure you leave enough space so if the subject shifts upward, you don't cut off his or her head. Excessive head room or dead space makes for an awkward shot. Remember, the focus should be their eyes, so try to place their face at one of the intersecting points of your grid.

Finally, leave enough lead room (space between the subject and the direction they're facing) so it doesn't appear as if they're falling off screen.

✱ STABILIZING YOUR SMART PHONE: Because of the weight and size of your phone, it's almost impossible to hold the phone absolutely steady when recording video. Ideally, you'll have a mini tripod that you can attach to your phone. If you don't, leverage your body to minimize the shaking. Instead of holding out your arms fully extended, rest your elbows against your body for a more stable shot. Lean against something, like a wall, pillar, etc. If you can rest the phone on a surface, like a table, that's the best way to stabilize a smart phone using things in your surrounding environment.

If you have a standard tripod available, you can purchase an accessory for your smart phone that will allow you to mount the phone to your tripod.

✱ EXPOSURE: This refers to how bright your image is -- if it's too dark or under exposed, the darkest parts of your shot will be black with no detail; if it's too bright or over exposed, the brightest spots of the shot will appear white with no detail. Exposure settings are adjusted automatically on most smart phones. If you want greater control, download apps that will allow you to further adjust exposure levels and lock your settings.

✱ FOCUS: This refers to the point in your frame that you want to appear in sharpest detail. On most smart phones, tapping on the screen will tell your camera where you want it to focus; usually holding down your finger on that spot will lock the focus point so changing the shot won't cause the focus to shift. Most smart phones use an auto focus feature. If you want greater control, download apps that will allow you to set multiple focus points and lock those points.

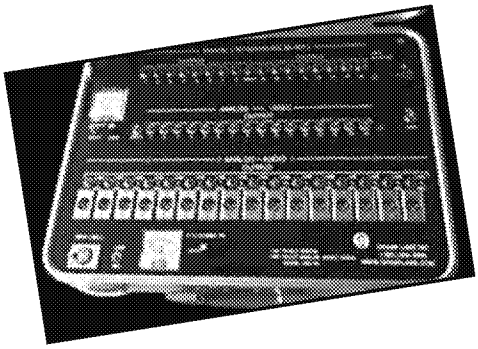
✱ AUDIO: Your audience wants to hear your message, but if they can't hear it clearly, they're not going to stick around to watch your video clip. The mic on your smart phone is an omni-directional mic, meaning it captures sound from all around the device. So, the background noise is going to overwhelm your speaker's voice.

Your best bet is to use an external lavalier or stick mic that you plug into the headphone jack on your phone. Make sure the connector is a 3.5 mm microphone/ multimedia plug so it fits snugly in the headphone input. Always monitor your sound using headphones while recording to ensure you don't have any technical issues with the audio. If you need equipment suggestions, contact the Office of Multimedia.

***Audio:*** *For best results, use an external device to capture high quality sound. If your viewer can't understand what's being said, then your message is lost.*

# TIPS AND TRICKS: SHOOTING WITH A **VIDEO/DSLR CAMERA**

✱ AUDIO: When setting up for your press event, make sure you put a mic on the podium or plug into a mult box to capture the best audio. Check your audio levels in advance of the event, but be prepared to adjust your levels when the event starts,



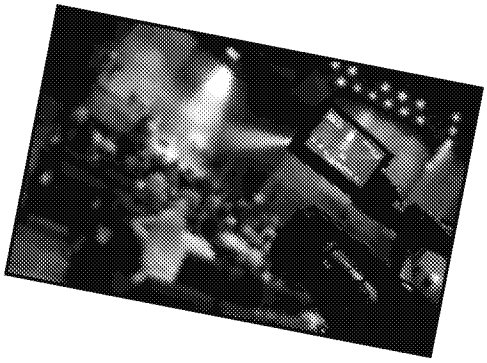
because each speaker may not talk at the same volume or distance from the mic.

✱ VIDEO: When framing your shot, remember that web videos include all of the content in your frame, including the areas outside the title safe zone. Make sure that every element of what you see in the frame should be included in the shot. Tighten up your shot to eliminate unnecessary elements. Watch out for things that may be sticking out of your speakers' heads like trees, light poles, etc. Think about your vantage point for the best angle.

Make sure you're shooting at eye level and not looking up your speakers' noses. If your tripod doesn't go up high enough, try to find a riser to set up on.

✱ FOCUS AND STABILIZE: Make sure you establish your shot before you hit record. Check the focus and make sure your subject is clear and centered in the frame. Stabilize yourself so the video isn't shaky, zooming in and out, rack focusing, etc. If you're standing on a riser, stand with your feet apart and avoid shifting your weight from side to side, as this will shake the tripod and camera.

✱ BATTERIES AND POWER: Before the event kicks off, make sure you have enough batteries to run



your equipment or plug into an AC outlet if the press conference is expected to last more than an hour.

**Use only EPA-issued devices to capture in the moment videos.**

If you need to use a personal device, make sure you email the video to your EPA email account, save it to your EPA computer or upload it to your OneDrive in SharePoint to generate an official record of the video.

*Remember, all EPA multimedia content, including videos, must be treated as an official record.*

## POSTING YOUR VIDEO ON YOUTUBE

Your program office/region must have an approved plan for posting in the moment videos. Coordinate with your communications director and appointed YouTube account holder to upload your clip. For each video you must provide:

✱ Title (100 character limit)

✱ Description: 3-5 line description of what the video is about. This must include the note for captions, the EPA website URL and the EPA comment policy.

✱ 5-10 tag words: Tagging will pull up your video in search engines based on the words you select. Separate the words with commas. Make sure to always include "epa," "usepa," "environment," and "us environmental protection agency."

✱ Thumbnail: As YouTube processes the video, the system will automatically generate 3 thumbnails. You can also upload your own image. Select the thumbnail before navigating away from the upload page.

✱ Captions: All videos uploaded to the YouTube channel must be captioned within 24 hours. The captions should include the name of the speaker (you can include the title if it isn't too long) and a verbatim description of what is happening on screen, to include any natural sounds like music, birds chirping, clapping, etc. Please refer to the Office of Multimedia's intranet site for detailed guides on YouTube uploads and captions.

(http://intranet.epa.gov/media/guidelines.html)

Message

**From:** Abrams, Dan [Abrams.Dan@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 7/30/2015 5:09:10 PM
**To:** Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Fwd: PPT for Hill briefing
**Attachments:** SCREENSHOTS_Thunderclap_ I Choose Clean Water.docx; ATT00001.htm; SCREENSHOTS_Proposal to Protect Clean Water _ Waters of the U.S.DOCX; ATT00002.htm; OPA Org Chart 2015.pptx; ATT00003.htm; OPA senior leadership PPT.pptx; ATT00004.htm

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Reynolds, Thomas" <Reynolds.Thomas@epa.gov>
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> **Subject: PPT for Hill briefing**
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> Dan is going to turn this into an actual PPT, but this is what I'd like to include
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> Briefing on EPA Office of Public Affairs and Social Media Engagement and Outreach
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> Role and Mission of Office of Public Affairs
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> EPA Office of Public Affairs responsible for ensuring that the public is informed about Agency's activities and about the environmental and public health priorities and policies of the Administrator and the President
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> Speeches
> Press releases
> Social media engagement
> Newsletters
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> Use of Social Media
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> Media landscape has changed drastically in recent years

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Adhering to E Government Directive Act of 2002 – "to enhance public participation in Government by electronic means"
And Office of Management and Budget from December 2009 – to "promote informed participation by the public" and "proactively use modern technology to disseminate useful information."

Slide
EPA Social Media Policy
Governs how agency uses social media to communicate with the public
Goal is more effective and transparent government, better engagement, and more collaboration

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[Insert here slides 7, 8, 9 from Senior Leadership PPT]

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[Insert screen shot from Proposal to Protect Clean Water]

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Message

**From**: Colaizzi, Jennifer C. [Colaizzi.Jennifer@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 8/3/2015 4:53:17 PM
**To**: Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]; Purchia, Liz [Purchia.Liz@epa.gov]; Hull, George [Hull.George@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: CPI story
**Attachments**: RE: External Compliance Program NPRM

The story also posted on NBCBLK.
http://www.nbcnews.com/news/nbcblk/environmental-racism-persists-epa-one-reason-why-n402716

This is the first in a seven-story series. The other stories are expected to post over the next two weeks. There is some social media play today, but I have not received media inquiries. We are working on a blog. I gave EJ a heads up, as the article mentions EJ and Matt Tejada spoke with the CPI intern for another story, which will appear probably this week.

I spoke with Lilian Dorka this morning. She didn't see a need to respond to this story (though I mentioned OCR is composed of 4 programs, not 1, reporters did not emphasize informal agreements and alternative dispute resolutions are efficient/quicker ways to resolve cases, and the majority – 95 cases - were rejected because EPA did not fund the establishment under complaint), but wants to be proactive with press release re our own good news story and highlighting our accountability (strategic plan, CRM, etc.) the day the Administrator signs the NPRM saying we are doing good stuff re External Compliance Program. For more on this, see attachment.

The positive part of this article is: OCR does have a voice in the article. Velveta is quoted. Without her voice, the article could have been much worse.

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**From:** Purchia, Liz
**Sent:** Monday, August 03, 2015 5:29 AM
**To:** Colaizzi, Jennifer C.; Lee, Monica; Hull, George
**Subject:** CPI story

http://www.publicintegrity.org/2015/08/03/17668/environmental-racism-persists-and-epa-one-reason-why

Environmental racism persists, and the EPA is one reason why | Center for Public Integrity

Many communities of color in America suffer environmental discrimination. The EPA office created to help them has done little.

Read more...

Message

**From**: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 7/27/2015 6:13:15 PM
**To**: Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]
**CC**: Han, Kaythi [Han.Kaythi@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: OPS/OW Action; Follow-up; Princeton U; Ammonia cleanup: EPA Inquiry

No name, then? OK. I'll tell him.

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**From:** Lee, Monica
**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2015 2:10 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert
**Cc:** Han, Kaythi
**Subject:** RE: OPS/OW Action; Follow-up; Princeton U; Ammonia cleanup: EPA Inquiry

I think general spokesperson is appropriate for this.

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert
**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2015 2:09 PM
**To:** Lee, Monica
**Cc:** Han, Kaythi
**Subject:** RE: OPS/OW Action; Follow-up; Princeton U; Ammonia cleanup: EPA Inquiry

Guys, a follow-up. Any thoughts on this?

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert
**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2015 10:43 AM
**To:** Lee, Monica
**Cc:** Han, Kaythi
**Subject:** OPS/OW Action; Follow-up; Princeton U; Ammonia cleanup: EPA Inquiry

All, thank you for this response. The reporter wants a name for attribution. He's not opposed to quoting a spokesman, but would prefer a staff scientist. Since he's writing about and quoting scientists, could we, maybe, quote someone from the program? That's what I'd recommend.

I told him I'd get back to him today. Please advise.

Thanks, R.

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**From:** John T. Sullivan
**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2015 10:29 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert
**Subject:** FW: EPA Inquiry

Hi,

thanks for exhaustive response below. It was helpful and informative. Do you have a minute to talk on the phone today about the best way I can incorporate it into the story -- it should be a pretty short conversation, about 10 minutes at most. Thanks.

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**From:** Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Friday, July 24, 2015 4:25 PM
**To:** John T. Sullivan
**Cc:** Jones, Enesta
**Subject:** Re: EPA Inquiry

John,
Here are our responses; please attribute to US EPA. Any follow up you have on Monday, please follow up with Robert Daguillard at Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov

**Specific Questions:**
**In general, what are the key benefits of removing ammonia from runoff before it gets to water supplies?**

**RESPONSE:** Ammonia in effluent and runoff imposes an oxygen demand on receiving waters, contributes to the eutrophication of surface waters, and can be toxic to aquatic life in water bodies. Because of the almost unlimited solubility of ammonia and ammonium salts in water, ammonia is not readily removed from water by conventional treatment systems. It cannot be filtered or precipitated out. Heating will drive off some of the free ammonia, but will not remove the dissolved or ionized forms. Ammonia can be removed or converted to other forms of nitrogen by break point chlorination, ion exchange, and biological methods such as biological nitrification or uptake by growing heterotrophs, algae, etc., or thru distillation or reverse osmosis, but such systems can be expensive. Therefore, removing ammonia from runoff before it gets to water supplies is likely to be more cost-effective than removing it from the water supplies.

**How beneficial might it be to remove ammonia from sewage without mixing in oxygen?**

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**How difficult is it to remove ammonium, Trichloroethylene, and Tetrachloroethylene from agricultural runoff?**

**RESPONSE:** The above responses are applicable to ammonium removal.
Trichloroethylene and tetrachloroethylene can be effectively removed by a number of treatment processes. Typically, air stripping or activated carbon are used. The two compounds are volatile and will leave the water phase when exposed to an air stream. The extent of removal is a function of temperature, air-to-water ratio, air concentration, and other factors. Activated carbon adsorbstrichloroethylene and tetrachloroethylene. The extent of adsorption is dictated by a number of factors, including activated carbon type, concentration, temperature, other co-adsorbing chemicals, and preloaded natural organic matter.

**How beneficial would it be to remove ammonium from wastewater?**

**RESPONSE:** The benefits identified above for ammonia removal are applicable to ammonium removal.

**Can certain techniques, like using bacteria to remove ammonium and other substances, save energy because sewage doesn't need to be stirred**?

**RESPONSE:** Biological treatment can be cost effective. The largest cost is the addition of oxygen for nitrification purposes, as discussed above for ammonia removal. Biological treatment does need to be well mixed, but this is usually taken care of by flow configurations and mixing due to air addition.

**Is research on the aforementioned issues already being done?**

**RESPONSE:** Yes, the EPA has work in a number of these areas; however, the basic mechanisms of removal are well known. Much of the current research concentrates on aspects such as determining inhibitory effects of other contaminants, developing nutrient trading programs, developing approaches for removing groups of contaminants, developing/evaluating low dissolved oxygen systems, etc.

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On Jul 24, 2015, at 10:54 AM, John T. Sullivan <js29@Princeton.EDU> wrote:

> I could probably push it back to Monday if no one is around today.
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> John Sullivan
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> phone: 609-258-4597
> mobile: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
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> **From:** Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
> **Sent:** Friday, July 24, 2015 10:41 AM

**To:** John T. Sullivan
**Subject:** Re: EPA Inquiry

Sorry, John. We have had folks out sick and in training. What's your hard deadline?

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On Jul 24, 2015, at 10:38 AM, John T. Sullivan <js29@Princeton.EDU> wrote:

> Hi,
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> I have heard from several press people but no one has found any expert-types. If you could suggest someone, that would be very helpful. Thanks.
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> John Sullivan
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> phone: 609-258-4597
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> **From:** Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
> **Sent:** Friday, July 24, 2015 10:36 AM
> **To:** John T. Sullivan
> **Cc:** Jones, Enesta
> **Subject:** EPA Inquiry
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> Hi John,
> I handling water today. Do you get everything you needed?
>
> **Enesta Jones**
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Message

**From:** Colaizzi, Jennifer C. [Colaizzi.Jennifer@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 7/21/2015 4:01:49 PM
**To:** Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]
**Subject:** ACTION: OEI: Chief Architect, Professional Services Council Vision Program
**Attachments:** removed.txt; 15 PSC Int Questions Civil Template.docx

Monica:
GTG?

The Professional Services Council Vision requested to interview "not for attribution" Pamar Soni, EPA, Chief Architect. Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

**From:** Michelle Jobse [mailto:jobse@pscouncil.org]
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 08, 2015 10:44 AM
**To:** Deitz, Rachel; Felver, Rachel
**Cc:** Soni, Param
**Subject:** Professional Services Council Vision Program

Ms. Deitz and Ms. Felver,

I'm contacting you to request approval for Mr. Pamar Soni, EPA, Chief Architect, to support the Professional Services Council Vision program by engaging in a "not for attribution" discussion designed to encourage greater government/industry communication.

This past February, the Professional Services Council (PSC) acquired the TechAmerica Foundation and its key work products, to include the annual Vision Forecast. The Vision Forecast is in its 51st year and delivers a comprehensive and widely referenced federal government budget, technology and services forecast. As we undertake this year's Vision Forecast, over the next several months hundreds of industry volunteers will be conducting market research and interviews of government executives, industry leaders, think tank experts, financial analysts and Congressional staffs.

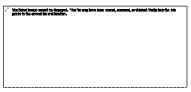
Last year over 300 executives participated in a one hour "not for attribution" interview to help us learn about your priorities and insights. Taken collectively, the results of these interviews and analyses result in the PSC forecast that provides important information for both government and industry.
The primary goals of the Vision Forecast are to:

- Provide government customers the opportunity to express their current and future needs and priorities
- Enable industry to understand and contribute to technology innovations, improve business practices, and better their customer relations
- Provide a forum for the Federal community as a whole to obtain a concise, quantifiable assessment of the budgets, programs, priorities, and issues in these rapidly changing environments (questions regarding on-going procurements are prohibited), and
- Encourage greater government/industry communication and interchange on issues, technology, programs and other areas of mutual interest.

We hope that we can count on your support of the Vision Forecast and that your staff will participate in the interview process. They will be conducted through September and the results of the PSC Vision Forecast will be presented at a two-day conference at the Fairview Park Marriott on November 18th and 19th. Additionally, I've attached a copy of the type of questions that will be discussed during this meeting.

Thank you again for your support of this important work. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me or PSC Senior Vice President David Wennergren, by email at wennergren@pscouncil.org or by phone at (703) 778-7557.

Sincerely,



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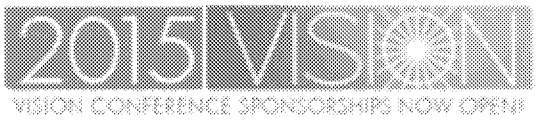

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**From**: Loop, Travis [Loop.Travis@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 4/27/2015 1:42:08 PM
**To**: Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]; Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: Final Documents for Fluoride
**Attachments**: FINAL Fluoride Internal Hot Button Qs and As.doc; Topline INTERNAL Flouride Talking Points FINAL 2015.doc; HHS Communications Leads for Fluoride.docx; Final Fluoride Press Release on HHS Template.docx; Final Final FINAL Media Advisory Fluoride 04.24.15.docx

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**From:** Greene, Ashley
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2015 7:43 AM
**To:** Rodgers-Jenkins, Crystal; Wang, Lili; Oshida, Phil
**Cc:** Loop, Travis; Brubaker, Sonia; Lalley, Cara; Conerly, Octavia
**Subject:** FW: Final Documents for Fluoride

FYI – Final HHS Fluoride documents

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**From:** Blair, Nicole (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP) [mailto:nbg5@cdc.gov]
**Sent:** Sunday, April 26, 2015 1:28 PM
**To:** Greene, Ashley
**Subject:** Fw: Final Documents for Fluoride

Here you go, plus a bit more

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**From**: Gianelli, Diane M (OASH)
**Sent**: Saturday, April 25, 2015 01:19 PM
**To**: Orgain, Linda S. (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP); Blair, Nicole (CDC/ONDIEH/NCCDPHP); Gianelli, Diane M (OASH); Broido, Tara (HHS/OASH); Sucher, Lauren (FDA/OC); Steigman, David (FDA/OC); daguillard.robert@epa.gov <daguillard.robert@epa.gov>; Flowers, Christine B (NIH/NIEHS) [E]; Mackar, Robin M (NIH/NIEHS) [E]; Vannier, Dave (NIH/NIDCR) [E]; Welch, Anthony (OS/OASH); Mazloomdoost, Yasmin (OS/OASH); Behm, Brittany (CDC/OD/OADC)
**Cc**: Robinson, Michael J (HHS/ASPA); Hunter, Leah (OS/ASPA); Hall, Bill (HHS/ASPA); Jackson, Veronica (HHS/ASPA)
**Subject**: FW: Final Documents for Fluoride

**Dear All:**

**The Secretary finally signed off on the new fluoride guidance, so we are going ahead with Monday's announcement and media call. Please feel free to call in. Remember, it is at 10 am ET on Monday. Call-in information is available on the attached media advisory.**

**Because we had to wait for the Secretary's sign-off, we couldn't send out the media advisory until Friday night, so we really don't know if we will get very many people on that call.**

**Meanwhile, here is (most of) our comms material in one place. We will send any calls germane to your agency directly to the person named on our "comms leads" list.**

**Rollout Date:** **Monday, April 27, 2015**

**Rollout Time:** **9 am CT /10 am ET Media Call + 10 - 11:30 am CT Formal Announcement**

**Topic: PHS Recommendation to Lower Fluoride Level**

The U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) will be updating and replacing its 1962 community water fluoridation drinking water standards. For community water systems that add fluoride, PHS now recommends an optimal fluoride concentration of 0.7 mg/liter. The earlier PHS recommendation ranged from 0.7–1.2 mg/liter. This updated guidance is based on considerations that include:

- Scientific evidence related to effectiveness of water fluoridation in caries prevention and control across all age groups.
- Fluoride in drinking water as one of several available fluoride sources.
- Trends in the prevalence and severity of dental fluorosis.
- Current evidence on fluid intake of children across various outdoor air temperatures.

**Spokesperson/Announcement/Time/Date:** Deputy SG RADM Boris Lushniak will announce the new PHS guidelines during a 10-11:30 am (CT) panel at the National Oral Health Conference in Kansas City, MO, on April 27, 2015, immediately following a media call on the topic.

**Media Call:** Dr. Lushniak will lead a media call at 9 am CT/10 am ET on April 27. He will be joined by Kathleen O'Loughlin, executive director of the American Dental Assn, which supports the new recommendations. They will be joined by CDC oral health SMEs.

**Materials**

Internal Talking Points – Attached
Internal Q and A + Hot Button – Attached
QA for Web – goes live 4/27
Media Advisory – Attached, sent out Friday night
Media Call – 9 am CT, before 10 am announcement on 4/27 National Oral Health Conference
Press Release – Attached, to be sent 4/27, 11:00 am ET, (Reporters on 9 am CT media call can email ashmedia@hhs.gov to request embargoed copy while on call)
Social Media Messages – CDC has sent to ASPA (Michael and Veronica), who will circulate to offices to amplify
Posters, 70th Anniversary Web Badge – on web already

**PHS Recommendation**

Approval Letter – signed Friday, April 24
Final Guidance published in Public Health Reports – online version April 27
Announcement of Final Guidance published in Federal Register, week of April 27

**Leads:**

**HHS/SG–** RAM Boris Lushniak, M.D., M.P.H., US Deputy Surgeon General.
**CDC –** Katherine Weno, DDS, JD, Director, Division of Oral Health, CDC; Barbara F. Gooch, DMD, MPH, Associate Director of Science, Division of Oral Health, CDC
**Communications –** Diane Gianelli (OASH); Nicole Blair (CDC), Linda Orgain (CDC)

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**HHS TOPLINE MESSAGES**

For 70 years, community water fluoridation has played a major role in improving our oral health.

- Community water fluoridation is a major public health success story. Because of its dramatic role in reducing tooth decay and improving oral health, the CDC identified it as "one of 10 great public health achievements of the 20th century."

- Community water fluoridation is one of the most practical, cost-effective, equitable and safe measures communities can take to prevent tooth decay and improve their oral health.

- Water fluoridation's biggest advantage is that it is the best method of delivering fluoride to all members of the community, regardless of age, education, income level or access to routine dental care.

- Fluoride's effectiveness in preventing tooth decay is not limited to children, but extends throughout life, resulting in fewer and less severe cavities. In fact, each generation born since the implementation of water fluoridation has enjoyed better dental health than the generation that preceded it.

**TOPLINE MESSAGES ON WHY FLUORIDE RECOMMENDATION IS CHANGING**

- We are now recommending that community water systems all use a single fluoride concentration of 0.7 milligrams of fluoride per liter of water to maintain cavity prevention benefits and reduce the risk of dental fluorosis. This new recommendation updates and replaces the previous recommended range (0.7 to 1.2 mg/L), last set in 1962 by the U.S. Public Health Service.

- We are updating our recommendation because Americans now have access to more sources of fluoride, such as toothpaste and mouth rinses, than they did when water fluoridation was first introduced in the United States. As a result, we have seen an increase in dental fluorosis, which, in most cases, manifests as barely visible lacy white marking or spots on the tooth enamel. A severe form of dental fluorosis, with staining and pitting of the tooth surface, is very rare in the United States. Dental fluorosis can occur when children younger than 8, whose permanent teeth are still forming, regularly ingest fluoride.

- This change will maintain the protective benefits of water fluoridation and reduce the occurrence of dental fluorosis. Teeth are only susceptible to dental fluorosis in early childhood when they are forming under the gums.

**PROCESS/FINDINGS**

- HHS convened a federal, inter-departmental, inter-agency panel of scientists to review the 1962 recommendations. The panel, which included physicians, epidemiologists, environmental health experts, dental professionals, toxicologists, health policy professionals, statisticians and economists, reviewed the scientific evidence.

- The panel affirmed community water fluoridation (CWF) as a recommended strategy for prevention and control of tooth decay.

    - CWF works because it provides frequent and consistent contact with low levels of fluoride.

    - CWF has been identified as the most cost-effective method of delivering fluoride to all members of the community, regardless of age, education, or income level. (Topline message, mentioned above.)

- The federal expert panel updated the 1962 PHS guidance on the recommended level of fluoride in drinking water to prevent tooth decay.

- The update sets the recommended level of fluoride in drinking water at a single level of 0.7 milligrams per liter for all water systems in the United States, the lowest concentration in the prior range of 0.7-1.2 mg/L.

- The final PHS recommendation takes into account increased availability of fluoride sources, and will maintain the decay prevention benefits of water fluoridation and reduce the risk of dental fluorosis, a change in the appearance of the tooth enamel.

- Even though fluoride is now available from other sources, including toothpaste, mouth rinses, and professionally applied products, CWF remains a very effective approach in preventing tooth decay.

    - In studies conducted after other fluoride products, such as toothpaste, were widely available, scientists found additional reductions in tooth decay – up to 25% - among people with community water fluoridation as compared to those without fluoridation.

    - Fluoridated water keeps a low level of fluoride in saliva and dental plaque all day. The much higher concentration of fluoride in toothpaste offers additional benefit. Together, the two sources offer more protection than using either one alone.

- Although we have experienced great improvements in tooth decay prevention and control, it is important to remember that we still face oral health challenges in our country.

- 1 of 5 people have untreated tooth decay.
- Tooth decay remains one of the most common chronic diseases of childhood, affecting up to two-thirds of adolescents.
- Children most at risk for tooth decay include those of some racial and ethnic minority groups (Hispanic, African American and American Indian/Alaska Native), and those from low-income families.

- HHS will continue to work collaboratively with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and other government agencies to address fluoride comprehensively in a way that protects the public's health.

**ADDITIONAL MESSAGES: REVISED RECOMMENDATION**

- Fluoride is a naturally occurring mineral that can protect against tooth decay. Nearly all water contains some level of fluoride, though often at levels too low to provide teeth with protective benefits.
- Community water fluoridation adjusts the level of fluoride in drinking water to the level known to reduce tooth decay and promote good oral health.

- The reasons for changing the recommended level of fluoride in water are:
  - Sources of fluoride have increased since the early 1960s. Before that time, nearly all of one's fluoride intake came from drinking water and food and beverages prepared with fluoridated water at home. Now, fluoride is available from a variety of sources, including toothpaste and mouth rinses, prescription fluoride supplements, and professionally applied fluoride products such as varnish and gels. In addition, commercial food and beverages can be prepared with fluoridated water. As a result, it now is possible to receive enough fluoride with slightly lower levels of fluoride in water.
  - The new recommendation was developed by a panel of scientists from several federal agencies. These scientists reviewed extensively the scientific literature on the relationship between fluoride and oral health. Their goal was to determine the optimal level – a level that will provide enough fluoride in drinking water to prevent tooth decay in children and adults while reducing the risk for children to develop dental fluorosis. Analyses of national survey data show a gradual decline in tooth decay as fluoride content in water increases from very low levels to the recommended level of 0.7 milligrams per liter. The effectiveness remained constant as the level of fluoride in drinking water increased to 1.2 milligrams per liter.
  - <u>However, as exposure to fluoride increases, the percentage of children with dental fluorosis also increases</u>. When implemented by public water systems, the updated recommendation should reduce the chance of dental fluorosis, which can occur when children regularly consume fluoride when the teeth are developing under the gums.

- Dental fluorosis is a change in the appearance of the tooth enamel. In the United States, the majority of dental fluorosis is very mild or mild and appears as white spots that may be barely noticeable and do not affect dental function. Tooth surface changes can be more extensive in the moderate and severe forms, which are far less common. In the rare, severe form of dental fluorosis, pits may form on the tooth's surface and the tooth's structure may be compromised. The severe form rarely occurs in communities where the level of fluoride in water is less than 2 mg per liter.

- When communities fluoridate their drinking water at the new recommended level, it is expected that children's fluoride intake from drinking water will be reduced by about 25 percent. Total fluoride intake among children – from both fluoridated water and other sources – will be reduced by about 14 percent.

- After the proposed change in the recommended optimal fluoride level was announced in 2011, HHS received about 19,000 comments. Nearly all came from the general public. Comments also were received from organizations, such as those representing dental, public health, and water suppliers. Of them, 96% were nearly identical and often originated from the website of an organization that opposes water fluoridation. Of the remaining 746 unique responses, most opposed the recommendation as still too high and presented multiple concerns. After a thorough review of the comments opposing the recommendation, the expert federal panel did not identify any compelling new information to change its assessment that the final recommendation for community water fluoridation (0.7 mg/L) will provide the best balance of benefit and reduce the chance of any potential unwanted effects.

- Following implementation of the new recommendation, CDC and NIH will continue to monitor the prevalence of dental caries (tooth decay) and dental fluorosis. Beginning in 2013, NHANES also includes questions about use of other fluoride products—specifically toothpaste and prescription fluoride drops or tablets—and tests the home water samples for fluoride content.

**ADDITIONAL MESSAGES: COMMUNITY WATER FLUORIDATION**

- Community water fluoridation is effective, inexpensive, and does not depend on access or availability of professional services. It has been the basis for the primary prevention of tooth decay for nearly 70 years. (Also a topline message above.)

- Evidence suggests that community water fluoridation improves oral health for all persons, regardless of socioeconomic status, because all people can benefit from community water fluoridation regardless of financial resources and access to dental services. (Also a topline message above.)

- The Community Preventive Services Task Force is an independent, nonfederal, unpaid panel of public health and prevention experts that provides evidence-based findings and recommendations about community preventive services, programs and

policies to improve health. The Task Force recently conducted a systematic review of the literature and came out in support of community water fluoridation, based on strong evidence of effectiveness in reducing tooth decay across populations.

**ADDITIONAL DETAIL RE: THE PANEL**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services convened a federal, inter-departmental, inter-agency panel of scientists to review the 1962 USPHS recommendations for CWF. This updated guidance represents the collective work of physicians, epidemiologists, environmental health and dental professionals, toxicologists, health policy experts, statisticians, economists, nutritionists—as well as other key disciplinary experts and peer-reviewers.

The Panel considered:

- Scientific evidence related to effectiveness of CWF in prevention and control of dental caries across all age groups.
- Fluoride in drinking water as one of several available sources of fluoride.
- Trends in the prevalence and severity of dental fluorosis.
- Current evidence on water intake of children across various outdoor air temperatures.
- An extensive review by the National Research Council (2006) of potential adverse effects of naturally-occurring fluoride in drinking water at 2-4 mg/L -- a level much higher than 0.7 mg/L.
- Public comments submitted, in response to a January 2011 *Federal Register* notice of the Panel's proposed recommendation: that community water systems that add fluoride to their water use a fluoride concentration of 0.7 mg/L (the lowest concentration in the prior range of 0.7-1.2 mg/L) to maintain caries prevention benefits and reduce the risk of dental fluorosis.

The Panel's review of current evidence concluded that:

- Community water fluoridation remains an effective public health strategy for delivering fluoride to prevent tooth decay and is the most feasible and cost-effective strategy for reaching entire communities.
- In addition to drinking water, other sources of fluoride exposure have contributed to the prevention of dental caries and an increase in dental fluorosis prevalence.
- Caries preventive benefits can be achieved and risk of dental fluorosis reduced at 0.7 mg/L, the lowest concentration in the range of the 1962 USPHS recommendations.
- Recent data do not show a convincing relationship between water intake and outdoor air temperature. Thus, recommendations for water fluoride concentrations that differ based on outdoor temperature are unnecessary.

**ADDITIONAL MESSAGES FOR PARENTS**

- Parents of children age 8 and younger should be aware that fluoride is beneficial for preventing decay, but if a child regularly takes in fluoride while their teeth are forming, there may be an increased chance for dental fluorosis.

- Dental fluorosis is a change in the appearance of the tooth's enamel. The majority of the fluorosis that we see in the U.S. is either very mild or mild and is seen as barely visible lacy white markings or spots on the teeth.

- As soon as the first tooth appears, parents should begin cleaning by brushing without toothpaste with a small, soft-bristled toothbrush and plain water after each feeding. Begin using toothpaste with fluoride when the child is 2 years old. Use toothpaste with fluoride earlier if your child's doctor or dentist recommends it.

- After age 2, children should begin, with their parents' help, brushing their teeth two times a day with fluoride toothpaste. Children younger than 6 years are more likely to swallow toothpaste, so monitor while they brush, use only a pea-sized amount of toothpaste, and make sure they spit out the excess toothpaste.

- All infant formulas, whether concentrates or ready-to-feed, contain some fluoride. Most infant formula manufacturers develop their products to ensure low levels of fluoride. A study by the American Dental Association confirmed that fluoride concentrations in commercially available infant formulas are very low. Most of the fluoride in infant formula mixed from liquid or powdered concentrate comes from water. You can use fluoridated water for preparing infant formula. However, if your child is exclusively consuming infant formula reconstituted with fluoridated water, there can be an increased chance for mild dental fluorosis. To lessen this chance, parents may choose to use low-fluoride bottled water some of the time to mix infant formula. Bottled water products labeled as de-ionized, purified or distilled have been treated in such a way that they contain no or only trace amounts of fluoride. When fluoride has been added to a bottled water product, it will be indicated on the label..

- Lowering the amount of fluoride in community water supplies to the updated recommended level should reduce children's fluoride intake from drinking water by about 25 percent. This should also lower the chance of children's teeth having dental fluorosis.

- Talk to your dentist or health care provider for additional information on the use of fluoride to prevent tooth decay.

**ADDITIONAL MESSAGES FOR STAKEHOLDERS/PROVIDERS:**

- The updated Public Health Service recommendation is that community drinking water be fluoridated at 0.7 milligrams of fluoride per liter of water. This represents the lowest level of the former range of 0.7–1.2 milligrams per liter, last set in 1962 by the U.S. Public Health Service. The recommendation was dropped to the lower end of the previous range because people now have multiple sources of fluoride and the assumption that children living in warmer regions drink more water is no longer valid.

- This change will maintain the protective benefits of water fluoridation and reduce the occurrence of dental fluorosis, a change to the surface of teeth. These changes range from barely visible lacy white markings in milder cases to staining and pitting of the teeth in the rare, severe form. Teeth are only susceptible to dental fluorosis in early childhood when they are forming under the gums.
- Fluoride supplements can be prescribed for children at high risk of tooth decay and whose primary drinking water has a low fluoride concentration. For children 8 years and younger, the dentist, doctor, or other health care provider should weigh the risk for decay without fluoride supplements, the decay prevention offered by supplements, and the potential for dental fluorosis.

- Counsel parents and caregivers to help their younger children brush their teeth. Fluoride is an effective way to reduce the prevalence of tooth decay, but children younger than 6 years are also more likely to swallow toothpaste. Children should be monitored while they brush, and only a pea-sized amount of toothpaste should be used.

- Bottled water products, such as spring water, can contain fluoride that is added or present in the original source of the water. For example, the source of some bottled water is a community water system. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) only requires bottled water manufacturers to list the fluoride content on the label if the manufacturer added fluoride as an ingredient. The following statement is permitted: "Drinking fluoridated water may reduce the risk of tooth decay," if the bottled water contains from 0.6 mg/L to 1.0 mg/L. If the fluoride content is not listed, consumers may contact the bottled water's manufacturer to ask about the fluoride content of a particular brand.

  - As set forth in 21 CFR 165.110, FDA has established standards for the maximum amount of naturally occurring fluoride or added fluoride allowed in bottled drinking water. The FDA has regulations on standards of quality, identity, and good manufacturing practices that bottled water must meet. Its regulations for governing the standards of "quality and identity" for bottled water are found in the Code of Federal Regulations at 21 CFR 165.110. The FDA standards of quality state that domestic bottled water with no added fluoride may contain between 1.4 and 2.4 milligrams per liter (mg/L) fluoride, depending on the annual average daily air temperatures at the location where the bottled water is sold. Domestic bottled water

with added fluoride can contain between 0.8 and 1.7 mg/L fluoride, depending on the annual average daily air temperatures where the bottled water is sold. Imported bottled water with no added fluoride may contain no more than 1.4 mg/L fluoride, and imported bottled water with added fluoride may not contain more than 0.8 mg/L fluoride.

- Over 400 million people in more than 60 countries worldwide live in communities where their water is fluoridated. Countries with more extensive water fluoridation include Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Columbia, Ireland, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom. The World Health Organization and the Pan American Health Organization have endorses fluoridation since 1964.

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**Subject: FW: Final Documents for Fluoride**

**Dear All:**

**The Secretary finally signed off on the new fluoride guidance, so we are going ahead with Monday's announcement and media call. Please feel free to call in. Remember, it is at 10 am ET on Monday. Call-in information is available on the attached media advisory.**

**Because we had to wait for the Secretary's sign-off, we couldn't send out the media advisory until Friday night, so we really don't know if we will get very many people on that call.**

**Meanwhile, here is (most of) our comms material in one place. We will send any calls germane to your agency directly to the person named on our "comms leads" list.**

**Rollout Date:** **Monday, April 27, 2015**

**Rollout Time:** **9 am CT /10 am ET Media Call + 10 - 11:30 am CT Formal Announcement**

**Topic: PHS Recommendation to Lower Fluoride Level**

The U.S. Public Health Service (PHS) will be updating and replacing its 1962 community water fluoridation drinking water standards. For community water systems that add fluoride, PHS now recommends an optimal fluoride concentration of 0.7 mg/liter. The earlier PHS recommendation ranged from 0.7–1.2 mg/liter. This updated guidance is based on considerations that include:

- Scientific evidence related to effectiveness of water fluoridation in caries prevention and control across all age groups.
- Fluoride in drinking water as one of several available fluoride sources.
- Trends in the prevalence and severity of dental fluorosis.
- Current evidence on fluid intake of children across various outdoor air temperatures.

**Spokesperson/Announcement/Time/Date:** Deputy SG RADM Boris Lushniak will announce the new PHS guidelines during a 10-11:30 am (CT) panel at the National Oral Health Conference in Kansas City, MO, on April 27, 2015, immediately following a media call on the topic.

**Media Call:** Dr. Lushniak will lead a media call at 9 am CT/10 am ET on April 27. He will be joined by Kathleen O'Loughlin, executive director of the American Dental Assn, which supports the new recommendations. They will be joined by CDC oral health SMEs.

**Materials**

Internal Talking Points – Attached
Internal Q and A + Hot Button – Attached
QA for Web – goes live 4/27
Media Advisory – Attached, sent out Friday night
Media Call – 9 am CT, before 10 am announcement on 4/27 National Oral Health Conference
Press Release – Attached, to be sent 4/27, 11:00 am ET, (Reporters on 9 am CT media call can email ashmedia@hhs.gov to request embargoed copy while on call)
Social Media Messages – CDC has sent to ASPA (Michael and Veronica), who will circulate to offices to amplify
Posters, 70th Anniversary Web Badge – on web already

**PHS Recommendation**

Approval Letter – signed Friday, April 24
Final Guidance published in Public Health Reports – online version April 27
Announcement of Final Guidance published in Federal Register, week of April 27

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Hi Christie,

Would be good to talk by phone tomorrow. David and I will be doing a walkthrough of the facility from 1:30-2:30 ET. How does 3:30 ET look?

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I'd like to touch base on the interview request process for the hearing.

When reporters request one-on-ones, it might be best for me to introduce them to David, Chris and Kris and let them handle directly. Thoughts?

Christie

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Laura,

Thanks so much. I've embedded responses to your questions/requests below.

Our Lead Press Officer for the RFS Hearing is David Bryan 913-551-7433. Kris Lancaster and Chris Whitley are on his press team.

Cheers,
Curtis

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**Subject:** RE: Draft Regional RFS Media Advisory

Curtis- sorry for the delay here. I made a few minor edits to the attached advisory. Thanks again for putting it together. Fine to put it out on June 23.

I know we discussed putting together a schedule for media for Chris. What do folks think of this? Erin- can you see if this schedule works for Chris G.? Please feel free to edit and send back any thoughts.

8:15am- Interview with AgriTalk and AgDay Interview (under 10 mins each)
9am- start of hearing- Chris G. opening remarks
11am- press avail with Chris G. (20 mins)

- The early press availability is great. Any chance we could schedule it for 10:00 a.m. instead of 11:00? This way reporters who arrive for opening remarks won't have to stay a couple of hours to get their interview questions answered. Only drawback is that Chris may not want to be pulled away from the hearing so early in the process.

1-2pm- schedule any additional 1:1 interviews during this hour, as needed.

**Additional questions-**

**RFS materials-** I know Kris just asked Monica for the most updated comms materials on RFS- Erin- can you send the press release, blog, and the most up to date QA doc? And can you also make sure to send Chris's opening statement to this group the day before the hearing so they are able to print and have copies available to reporters?

- Thanks!

**Media interview location-** Have we made any progress on a location (different from the staff room) where media avail/interviews can happen?

- We're still working to see if a separate room for reporters is possible. We have the EPA staff room we can use (will have to kick staff out during the interview windows).

**Media outreach-** Also, Curtis/Kris- I think it would be good if you all touch base with the local AP, NPR, Kansas City daily paper when the advisory goes out to see who is covering and what time they would be interested in chatting with Chris. For any national papers that arrive the day of, it would be good to make sure they have Chris's opening remarks or are asked when they arrive if they are interested in chatting with him.

- This sounds great. Here are our proposals:
  - NPR, Brian Thompson. Good chance it will get picked up nationally with him reporting. He is scheduled to be at the hearing.
  - Des Moines Register, Donelle Eller. We recommend an advance interview the day before the hearing with an embargo until morning print run on 25th.
  - We looked at the KC Star and just don't think it will drive much readership where we really need it (Iowa).

**Media requests-** Here are the two requests that we have received. Curtis/Kris, can you touch base with John and let him know we will be back in touch with more info (once we have confirmation from Erin on Chris's schedule)? I touched base last week with John but it would be good for him to have your contact info.

- Kris is reaching out to John Herath today.

**AgriTalk and AgDay Interview Requests**- Both requests came in through John Herath. He said they plan to broadcast AgriTalk live from the RFS hearing on the 25th. He would like 10 minutes with Chris G. before the hearing starts that morning, The interview would be with Mike Adams and about the RFS rule and the hearing. They also want Chris to chat with AgDay Television (Betsy Jibben).

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Thanks again all. Happy to jump on the phone again if it would be helpful.

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Thanks for such a product discussion today on the RFS Public Hearing. As discussed, attached is the Region 7 draft media advisory.

We plan to send this out early next week. Let us know if you have any recommended edits and if you'll send one out nationally. If so, we sink up release timing.

You mentioned the possibility of having a telephone line that reporters could call in to listen to the hearing. Is that still planned? If so, it would be great to add the numbers to the advisory.

Best,
Curtis

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Here is the current rsvp list

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Hi Brian,

Here is the list of RSVPs. This list is close hold but I'm happy to share to brief Administrator McCarthy.

Thanks!

Caitlin

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Hi Rachel,

I've attached the final draft EJ 2020 Framework here. Please keep this under embargo until tomorrow morning, April 15, at 11:00am ET.

If you'd like to speak with Charles Lee today, has has availability at 2pm and 4:45-6:00.

Best,
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Hi, all.

We'll hold off writing on the old EJ 2020 version. To be up front, accepting an embargoed version doesn't mean we won't write on this earlier version if there is news value in any changes that are made. If that's not acceptable to you, feel free to skip shooting us an early version.

Hope you all had a great holiday weekend.

Thanks and Best,
Rachel

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**Rachel Leven**
Reporter

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Appointment

**From**: Olp, Kevin [Olp.Kevin@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 5/5/2015 6:22:28 PM
**To**: Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]; Conger, Nick [Conger.Nick@epa.gov]

**Subject**: EJSCREEN Press Outreach
**Attachments**: DRAFT EJSCREEN Rollout Strategy 5-5-15.docx
**Location**: 3213B WJC South (Nick's Office)

**Start**: 5/6/2015 7:00:00 PM
**End**: 5/6/2015 7:30:00 PM
**Show Time As**: Tentative

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EJSCREEN Roll...

Message

**From**: Conger, Nick [Conger.Nick@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 5/5/2015 3:58:50 PM
**To**: Olp, Kevin [Olp.Kevin@epa.gov]
**CC**: Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: Press Strategy
**Attachments**: DRAFT EJSCREEN Rollout Strategy 5-5-15.docx

Kevin,

Can you set up a 30-minute meeting to include Monica Lee? Today is nuts for me, so tomorrow would be better. I will review this in the meantime.

Nick Conger
Communications Director
Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Office: (202) 564-6287
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**From:** Olp, Kevin
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 05, 2015 11:51 AM
**To:** Conger, Nick
**Subject:** Press Strategy

Hey Nick,

I took a stab at updating the comm plan. Can we meet at your earliest convenience to discuss the press component? Thanks!

Kevin Olp
US EPA | Office of Environmental Justice
Tel: 202.564.5423 | Cell: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
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Message

**From**: Loop, Travis [Loop.Travis@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 4/13/2015 12:17:50 AM
**To**: Purchia, Liz [Purchia.Liz@epa.gov]
**CC**: Zito, Kelly [ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV]; Bond, Brian [Bond.Brian@epa.gov]; Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: Surf league event - CWR

Yeah, waiting for Tom. But seems okay for r9 to contact Terry. I think Tom would be all for this.

Travis Loop
Communications Director for Water
U.S. EPA
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

On Apr 12, 2015, at 10:34 AM, Purchia, Liz <Purchia.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

I haven't heard much since we've been on the road. Are we waiting still for Tom to weigh in?

This is the person we talked w in the fall

Terry Hardy

ASP World Tour / Zosea Media

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Liz Purchia
U.S. EPA
202-564-6691
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

On Apr 12, 2015, at 7:37 AM, Loop, Travis <Loop.Travis@epa.gov> wrote:

Have we got contact info from Tom for Kelly yet? This is a terrific opportunity to engage the surfing community.

Travis Loop
Communications Director for Water
U.S. EPA
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

On Apr 7, 2015, at 2:47 PM, Zito, Kelly <ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV> wrote:

Hey Travis and Monica - I haven't heard back on this and our folks are hoping to start planning this event. Do you have additional info or a contact for us?
Thanks!
Kelly

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 1, 2015, at 1:54 PM, "Loop, Travis" <Loop.Travis@epa.gov> wrote:

> Nice. I'm jealous of whoever staffs this one.
>
> Travis Loop
> Communications Director for Water
> U.S. EPA
> Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
>
> On Apr 1, 2015, at 4:50 PM, Zito, Kelly <ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV> wrote:
>
>> Hi Tom –
>> Travis and I have been in touch about having Jared lead a CWR related roundtable/digital media event with surfers around the World Surf League qualifying event later this month in San Clemente.
>> Jared will be in SoCal on April 28, so we may be able to have him in San Clemente on that date. Any thoughts on how you'd like to shape this event? The local media market is pretty tiny, so a digital element would probably get us the most reach.
>> Let me know what you think and if you'd like to hop on the phone to discuss further.
>> Thanks-
>> Kelly
>>
>> _____
>> **Kelly Zito**
>> Director of Public Affairs
>> U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region 9
>> San Francisco, CA
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Message

**From**: Strauss, Linda [Strauss.Linda@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 2/3/2015 8:43:15 PM
**To**: Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]; Abrams, Dan [Abrams.Dan@epa.gov]; Davis, Jay [Davis.Jay@epa.gov]
**CC**: Dunton, Cheryl [Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov]
**Subject**: resending video script and comstrat
**Attachments**: Redesign Safer Choice Video Script v05 (2).docx; safer choice comstrat 1 30 15.docx

Message

**From**: Milbourn, Cathy [Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 4/2/2015 4:00:10 PM
**To**: Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: please check facts

**From:** Boffey, Philip [mailto:phboff@nytimes.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, April 02, 2015 11:21 AM
**To:** Milbourn, Cathy
**Cc:** Jordan, William
**Subject:** please check facts

Hi Cathy and Bill:

Please check the accuracy of the following statements in my editorial which I have to submit early this afternoon. My editors are pressing me for attribution to a named official, not just to the agency, so even though I agreed not to quote Bill I have taken the liberty of inserting his name. I hope you will agree to let me do that though I won't break our initial agreement without your permission.

Here's what my draft editorial currently says:

In 1991, the E.P.A. concluded that glyphosate was not carcinogenic for humans, based on a lack of convincing evidence in adequate animal studies. That judgment was buttressed in subsequent decades by the Agricultural Health Study, a huge investigation by federal scientists that has followed tens of thousands of farmers and their spouses from Iowa and North Carolina to assess what pesticides they were exposed to and how their health was affected in subsequent years. Federal scientists consider it the gold standard among epidemiological studies.

With respect to glyphosate, the study did not find that it caused a significant increase in risk for various cancers, including non-Hodgkin lymphoma, which is the focus of the new report from the I.A.R.C. The international group, which acknowledged that there is only limited evidence that glyphosate is carcinogenic in humans, cited three studies of occupational exposures in the United States, Canada and Sweden which found an increase in non-Hodgkin lymphoma. It noted that the Agricultural Health Study had not found such an increase but gave no explanation for why it felt the three studies it cited trumped the larger study.

By coincidence, the E.P.A,, which is required by law to re-evaluate every 15 years whether new evidence warrants revising its past judgments about a pesticide, last year reviewed 55 epidemiological studies about glyphosate, including the three cited by the I.A.R.C. It found nothing that would change its 1991 conclusions, according to William Jordan, deputy director for pesticide programs at the E.P.A.

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Message

**From**: Allen, Laura [Allen.Laura@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 4/2/2015 12:40:38 PM
**To**: Davis, Jay [Davis.Jay@epa.gov]
**CC**: Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]; Purchia, Liz [Purchia.Liz@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: PRESS RELEASE FOR APRIL 7: "CyAN Algal Bloom Network" -- Current Draft

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 1, 2015, at 5:50 PM, Davis, Jay <Davis.Jay@epa.gov> wrote:

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**From:** Allen, Laura
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 01, 2015 5:01 PM
**To:** Lee, Monica; Purchia, Liz; Davis, Jay
**Subject:** FW: PRESS RELEASE FOR APRIL 7: "CyAN Algal Bloom Network" -- Current Draft

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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 01, 2015 10:48 AM
**To:** Allen, Laura

**Cc:** Hubbard, Carolyn; Linkins, Samantha; Mattas-Curry, Lahne
**Subject:** FW: PRESS RELEASE FOR APRIL 7: "CyAN Algal Bloom Network" -- Current Draft

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> **Date:** April 1, 2015 at 10:16:22 AM EDT
> **To:** Ben Sherman - NOAA Federal <ben.sherman@noaa.gov>, "Mattas-Curry, Lahne" <Mattas-Curry.Lahne@epa.gov>, "Jon Campbell (joncampbell@usgs.gov)" <joncampbell@usgs.gov>, "Maguire, Megan" <Maguire.Megan@epa.gov>, Rick Stumpf <richard.stumpf@noaa.gov>
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> Steve
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> NASA Office of Communications
> Washington, DC 20546
> Tel. 202-358-0918

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Agreed. I'll send a revised version

Sent from my iPhone

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I like the idea of setting up the regional interviews.

I think we definitely need to play up the app in the release if we can at the top to explain that this data will be compiled to be readily accessible to people.

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**From**: Hedman, Susan [hedman.susan@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 4/1/2015 2:33:59 PM
**To**: Fritz, Matthew [Fritz.Matthew@epa.gov]
**CC**: Kelley, Jeff [kelley.jeff@epa.gov]; Loop, Travis [Loop.Travis@epa.gov]; Samy, Kevin [Samy.Kevin@epa.gov]; Purchia, Liz [Purchia.Liz@epa.gov]; Hunter-Pirtle, Ann [Hunter-Pirtle.Ann@epa.gov]; Rupp, Mark [Rupp.Mark@epa.gov]; Mathew, Jacklyn [Mathew.Jacklyn@epa.gov]; Distefano, Nichole [DiStefano.Nichole@epa.gov]; Vaught, Laura [Vaught.Laura@epa.gov]; Allen, Laura [Allen.Laura@epa.gov]; Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]; Aguirre, Amanda [Aguirre.Amanda@epa.gov]; Enobakhare, Rosemary [Enobakhare.Rosemary@epa.gov]; Ragland, Micah [Ragland.Micah@epa.gov]; Bond, Brian [Bond.Brian@epa.gov]; Fiscus, Taylor [Fiscus.Taylor@epa.gov]; Williams, Felicia [Williams.Felicia@epa.gov]; Martinez, Isidra [Martinez.Isidra@epa.gov]; Herckis, Arian [Herckis.Arian@epa.gov]; Bluhm, Kate [Bluhm.Kate@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: MWRD consent decree

I spoke to the MWRD Executive Director this morning about the possibility of doing an event on 4/10. MWRD is ready, willing and able to put together a 45 minute media event at 12:15 that highlights the District's work with US EPA to reduce CSOs by investing in green and gray infrastructure, to improve water quality by installing disinfection technology (Chicago was the only major city that didn't disinfect effluent -- until we made it happen in 2011) and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by developing biogas systems to power wastewater treatment. Do we have a green light to move ahead on this?

BTW -- Senator Durbin is a big supporter of the work going on at MWRD and he was a big help when we forced the previous MWRD Executive Director to allocate funding for disinfection. Is Senator Durbin still planning to join us on 4/10?

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 31, 2015, at 10:41 AM, Fritz, Matthew <Fritz.Matthew@epa.gov> wrote:

> Good afternoon everyone,
>
> I am just circling back on this visit.
>
> Here is my version of the day's sketch (as of 5 minutes ago):
>
> 8:15 AM – Open – could be an opportunity for a possibly meeting with folks, nothing public
>
> 9:30 AM – New Republic event – University of Chicago
>
> 10:45/11:00 AM Window – ALA Hollow Square (roundtable) – talk about public health during public health week – location TBD
>
> Quick Lunch?
>
> 12:30 PM – Local event – Wastewater Treatment Plant complex – tunnel/reservoir – unless folks have conjured up a different option for local media – location TBD
>
> 1:15/1:20 PM – Depart for the airport
>
> Some things to point out – a breakfast with ALA was not going to work (would have been a low turnout and less impactful) – we have a time slot early in the day that is more conducive for a meeting/etc so we

should consider possible options or we can leave it open – the ALA event and the local event could be interchangeable – however, it could be a difficult proposition to get local press no matter the time

I hope this stimulates some thinking. I would like us to start the work of confirming elements associated with this sketch as soon as possible. In particular, I want to lock down the time for the ALA meeting today, if possible, so they can begin to invite folks.

Thanks.

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**From:** Kelley, Jeff
**Sent:** Thursday, March 26, 2015 12:59 PM
**To:** Loop, Travis; Samy, Kevin; Purchia, Liz; Hunter-Pirtle, Ann; Rupp, Mark; Mathew, Jacklyn; Distefano, Nichole; Vaught, Laura; Allen, Laura; Lee, Monica; Aguirre, Amanda; Enobakhare, Rosemary; Ragland, Micah; Bond, Brian; Fiscus, Taylor; Williams, Felicia; Martinez, Isidra; Herckis, Arian; Bluhm, Kate; Fritz, Matthew
**Cc:** Hedman, Susan
**Subject:** MWRD consent decree

Susan Hedman asked me to share these images with the group prior to the call in a few minutes … she is planning to propose a visit to the MWRD treatment plant/tunnel/reservoir affected by our recent consent decree.

<image001.png>
<image002.jpg>

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*Jeff Kelley*
*Director, Office of External Communications*
*U.S. EPA Region 5*
*ph: 312-353-1159*

Message

**From**: Milbourn, Cathy [Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 3/31/2015 12:05:21 PM
**To**: Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]
**CC**: Hull, George [Hull.George@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: Attribution for the Reuters story

Thanks!

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**To**: Reynolds, Thomas [Reynolds.Thomas@epa.gov]
**CC**: Purchia, Liz [Purchia.Liz@epa.gov]; Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: CCR press call Transcript, participants list, audio
**Attachments**: 55550448Transcript.doc; 55550448Participants.xls; 55550448-12-19-2014.mp3

Tom, press call audio, transcript and participant list attached.

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**From:** Slotkin, Ron
**Sent:** Friday, December 19, 2014 4:16 PM
**To:** Allen, Laura; Deitz, Rachel
**Cc:** Smith, Roxanne
**Subject:** Transcript and participants list

Nothing more to come

*We all must work together to anticipate, prepare and adapt to a changing climate*
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**Ron Slotkin**
**Director, Office of Multimedia (OM)**
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**EPA**

**Moderator: Liz Purchia**
**December 19, 2014**
**1:15 p.m. ET**

Liz Purchia: Good afternoon. Thank you for joining us. Today we're holding a media conference call which is under embargo until 2:30 pm Eastern. That means no tweets, social media or reporting until 2:30. But we want to give press a chance to talk with the administrator and our assistant administrator in the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response.

Today we are holding a call to announce the first national regulations for coal ash disposal. And after the call, we'll take question and answer from reporters. We'll limit it to one question per reporter.

And I will now turn it over to our assistant administrator, Mathy Stanislaus.

Mathy Stanislaus: Thanks, Liz. So, this is a significant day for this agency; it's a major milestone for EPA and communities around the country. This rule is based on extensive study of coal ash disposal management and public health issues for years. We've assessed over 500 impoundments; we've done extensive review of science and data and information submitted to us by over 450,000 commenters. We believe the result is a strong rule/

I'm now going to hand over to Administrator McCarthy to walk through the elements of the rule.

Gina McCarthy: Excellent, OK. Thank you, Mathy. Thanks for joining the call.

In December 2008, a catastrophic failure at a coal ash plant in Kingston, Tennessee released 1.1 billion gallons of coal ash across 300 acres of land.

The disaster in Kingston cost over $1 billion to clean up and the community is still paying for it. It exposed residents to significant public health risks.

Coal ash is the waste that's produced from burning coal at power plants and it contains toxic elements like mercury, cadmium and arsenic. When impoundments fail or when coal ash dust is blown in to surrounding communities, it contaminates the water we drink and the air that we breathe. That's why EPA led an effort to ensure the safety of our nation's coal ash disposal facilities. And today, we're proud to announce the first ever national standards for the safe disposal of coal ash.

And I want to take this opportunity to thank Mathy and his team as well as our Office of General Counsel, our Office of Policy, our Office of Research and Development – all the state co-regulators and utilities and stakeholders who worked with us on this, providing us information, comments and advice. And I'm very proud that EPA has – is moving this over the finish line because this rule is a huge step forward in our effort to protect communities from coal ash impoundment failures as well as the improper management and disposal of coal ash in general. By establishing consistent requirements across the U.S., we can prevent costly risk to our health and our economy while taking steps to prevent groundwater contamination as well as harmful air emissions.

You know as always, EPA's job is to look at the facts, to assess the risks and then to identify a common sense path forward that protects public health and the environment. For this rule, that means protecting communities that live in the shadow of these facilities.

Today, coal ash is stored in impoundments without any national standards to make sure those impoundments are structurally sound. And it's not just about large-scale failures that we worry about. There are numerous documented cases of air and water contamination at coal ash facilities nationwide due to improper storage and handling. This rule sets a common sense, consistent baseline for industries and states to follow and that communities can rely on to prevent health risks as well as costly cleanups.

This final rule is a result of an open, transparent and deliberate process to look at all of the facts. EPA conducted a thorough risk assessment as well as a regulatory impact analysis. We looked at the structural integrity of more than 500 impoundments. We reviewed more than 450,000 comments in our proposed rule and we held dozens and dozens of meetings with industries, NGOs and the public to gather their input and to gather their advice. This rule is a pragmatic step forward that protects public health while allowing the industry the time it needs to be thoughtful about meeting these new requirements.

So, let me go through the basics of what those requirements are. It prevents catastrophic failure by setting structural integrity requirements for both new and existing surface impoundments. It requires the installation of effective groundwater monitoring systems to detect pollutants so that current problems can be addressed and future problems can be prevent. It restricts the location of new surface impoundments and landfills so they cannot be built in sensitive areas like wetlands, (aqua fields) or earthquake zones. New impoundments and landfills must also be designed with liners to prevent groundwater pollution.

And it's not just about water because this rule also protects communities from windblown coal ash dust that causes air pollution. And it requires immediate cleanup of current contamination that are – that are found, as well as the closure of unlined surface impoundments that are already identified as polluting groundwater above (health-based) standards. And importantly, it ensures responsibility and reliability even after an impoundment is closed.

And finally, the rule empowers the public. It requires facility operators to be transparent by posting detailed information online. The American public deserve to know that their communities are impacted by coal ash pollution and that we are on the job, protecting them from those impacts. And going forward, thanks to more information, states and federal agencies will be better positioned to solve problems more quickly and to prevent future catastrophic impoundment failures.

You know EPA recognizes that our states have a very crucial role in implementing this rule. And we are already working hand-in-hand with them to provide certainty, both to the utilities and the communities we serve by working with our state partners. We have every expectation that states will revise their solid waste management plans by adopting these new requirements through their usual public process, the same as they have for solid waste facilities across the United States. In the meantime, utilities will know that they're – what their obligations are and states and the public will have access to information that will allow them to track utility efforts to comply with these new federal standards.

You know today's final rule is a smart, very large step forward. It will help prevent pollution of our air and water, protect our families' health and provide industry with common sense, consistent and clear national standards for coal ash disposal.

With that, I'll turn it back over to Liz.

Liz Purchia: Thanks. And at this time, we'll just pause for a few moments to gather questions. Operator, could you let reporters know how to ask a question?

Operator: Yes. In order to ask a question, please press star one on your telephone keypad.

Liz Purchia: Thanks. And I'll let you know when we're ready to get started.

All right, operator, we're ready for the first question.

Operator: Your first question is from the line of Timothy Cama with "The Hill."

Timothy Cama: Hi, thanks for doing the call. Obviously a lot of environmentalists are not going to be very happy with this. They wanted the – the Subtitle C. My question is environmentalists have already – Subtitle D – these regulations eventually are the same as regulations on normal household trash. Is that true or are they more strict than that?

Gina McCarthy: Well, first of all, I think you – we're going to have to see how the environmental community actually responds to this because we took a very close look at the data. You know the decision to regulate under Subtitle D is what the full record, which is the available data in our risk analysis, actually supports. EPA didn't find that the record at this time supports the Subtitle C regulation.

But let's keep in mind that this rule does essentially what we – what we hoped to accomplish regardless of what subtitle we regulate under. This rule is going to ensure that the structural weaknesses that led to those – that Kingston failure and the failure in the Dan River are caught early and addressed before the damage is done. We are regulating new impoundments and landfills so that they're constructed with up-to-date technologies. We're going to make sure that the groundwater is monitored and contamination is addressed and cleaned up.

So, we are actually getting at the very issues that they had concerned about – concerns about in a very aggressive yet reasonable and pragmatic way. And lastly, the other thing I would point out is take a look at the public information that is going to be available, not just for the environmental community, but to our co-regulators as the states and take a look at opportunities for public engagement. People will be able to know on the basis of what we're requiring to be publicly reported whether or not these utilities are actually on track to comply with these standards.

So, let's not forget what we are achieving here is the first time we are having federal standards in place to ensure that coal ash is properly disposed and managed. This is a gigantic step forward and I am sure that our environmental constituents, as well as the utilities and the states will appreciate that we are in a much more certain position today than we were yesterday. And frankly, we're making up for decades of uncertainty. And so, I think it's great moving forward and I feel strongly that people, when they take a look at it, will agree.

Liz Purchia: Thanks. Operator, next question, please?

Operator: Your next question is from the line of Mark Drajem, "Bloomberg News."

Mark Drajem: Thank you. Administrator, what happens with the so-called legacy coal ponds? Does this address those? And will this be shutting down all coal ponds or just the ones that are already leaking?

Gina McCarthy: Well, you have to look at the rule – and I'll let Mathy also elaborate on this. But what we're regulating in this rule, what's happening with impoundments and landfills at active facilities – those are producing electricity today. So, there was some question when we put the proposal out about how we handle those inactive impoundments and landfills.

We are actually going to be very aggressively looking at those and you're going to see that if we identify that there is an inactive impoundment, that is – that is on the site in – that – at an active – at an active power facility, that those are actually going to have to be closed if they're impacting groundwater in a way that's impacting health. So, we are – we are actually going over at those inactive landfills at currently generating facilities; we're going to make sure that we close them in an – in an appropriate way but we're also going to make sure that they don't linger around if they're already having a groundwater contamination problem.

So, we think we did a good job in looking at the comments that came in and making sure that we didn't inappropriately use our authority under the act but we used it in aggressive and appropriate way that we think is going to be protective of public health.

Mathy Stanislaus: So, yes, I would just add – in terms of closure, we specifically looked at the risks. So, if an unlined impoundment results in exceedances of groundwater standards, those units will have to close. If there are units that exceed a structural integrity or safety requirements, those units will have to close.

Liz Purchia: Thanks. Next question, please?

Operator: Your next question is from the line of Dina Cappiello, "Associated Press."

Dina Cappiello: To follow up on Mark's question about unlined, so basically, as long as they're not leaking into groundwater and exceeding groundwater standards of violating the structural integrity, they can continue to operate? That's the first part of my question. And the second part of my question is what happens to the impoundments at inactive power plants that are just sitting there? How is cleaning those up?

Mathy Stanislaus: So, let me answer the first question. So, yes, unlined impoundments that exceed groundwater protection standards would be required to close. That is based on all the data that we have in terms of what are those risks that compromise public health. With respect to units that are at a plant that is no longer operating, we don't believe we have legal authority under that circumstance.

Liz Purchia: Next question, please.

Operator: Your next question is from the line of Cassandra Sweet with "Wall Street Journal."

Cassandra Sweet: Hi, thanks for taking my question. I had a question about enforcement. Who is going to enforce these rules? Is it the EPA or is it left up to the states? Hello?

Liz Purchia: Yes, one more time?

Cassandra Sweet: Oh, sorry. I was wondering who will enforce these rules. Will it be the EPA or will it – will it be left up to the states? And you know what if utilities violate these standards that you're setting today?

Gina McCarthy: Well, the standards – it – this is Gina. The standards actually will be in place in accordance with the timeline under the rule, so there will be requirements on those utilities. And the way that we are working the states is we anticipate, and we think the utilities and the states will want this level of certainty, is that the states have an ability now to then integrate the management of these facilities with other solid waste landfills and their solid waste master planning process, which is a public process in which these federal requirements will be a minimum requirement and they may – they may exceed if they so choose.

And then we'll have a regulatory process where the states will be enforcing these rules.

But we also have made sure that in the meantime, that anyone can track how well these facilities are complying with these standards because there will be publicly available information that will allow every community to know whether or not these facilities are actually doing the right thing and following these guidelines. But from the communication we've had with stakeholders, that includes utilities as well as the states, is they understand that the best way to do this, for the states to engage us with – and we are already in that engagement on how we can work together to make sure that the information is available for everybody – but in the meantime, that states are working hard to take over the regulatory authority over this program.

Liz Purchia: Thanks. Next question, please?

Operator: Your next question is from the line of Anne Thompson with "NBC News."

Anne Thompson: Hi, Administrator McCarthy. First of all, you say that this coal ash, and particularly in the situation in Kingston, Tennessee, posed a danger to the residents' health. And yet, it's not being – it's not being categorized as a hazardous waste. Can you explain the reason why it's not being categorized as a hazardous waste?

And then the other question is will these ponds still be allowed to be located near major rivers as many are in the Southeast? Thanks.

Gina McCarthy: Anne, thanks for joining the call. On your first question, the reason why we made the decision to regulate under Subtitle D is really because of the record, which is the available data and risk assessment at this point, really doesn't make the case that it would – that would support a Subtitle C regulation. But I want to assure you that you know we are protecting groundwater, both from solid waste facilities and have for a long time, as well as these facilities that would also be regulated under the same subtitle. So, we are still going to be able to manage the groundwater contamination.

And Anne, just to answer your question more directly, as contamination comes not just from hazardous waste but solid waste, there are always constituencies that can leak into the groundwater. And so, we're going to do what we've done for many years, which is to regulate this effectively with the states moving forward. And now I forgot the second half of your question.

(Mathy Stanislaus): (Rivers near)…

Gina McCarthy: The rivers, oh yes. Go ahead, Mathy. (Tell them about)…

Mathy Stanislaus: So, the rule has a comprehensive set of criteria to protect rivers and wetland. So, a utility will have to demonstrate that they will not compromise the quality of rivers, either because of leaching or because the potential of structural failure. If they cannot do that, they have to put in place engineering measures; if they cannot do that, they will have to close those units.

Liz Purchia: Thanks. Next question, please?

Operator: Your next question is from the line of (Ann Marie Heideman), "New York Times."

(Ann Marie Heideman): Hi, thank you. I was wondering, when I'm looking at the Subtitle D proposal that you originally put out, it looks like the EPA has actually deviated from that. It says it would've imposed new restrictions on existing surface impoundments to remove solids and retrofit those existing surface impoundments. And I'm wondering if you're saying now that this is only going to be applicable to those that don't meet your standards and that are built going forward. And I was wondering if you could talk a little bit about why you deviated from that original proposal.

Mathy Stanislaus: So, all these are technical requirements that (we articulate applies) to all of the units that are either impoundments or landfills. With respect to those units that will be required to close, it is correct; we follow the data and follow the risk. And those units that we require to close are those unlined impoundments that exceed groundwater protection standards.

Gina McCarthy: But I – this is Gina. Let me just make it clear that we are still regulating all of those other impoundments; we have not narrowed the scope. The difference is that there was a lot of discussion and comments about what should close and what should be retrofitted. So, if the – if you have impoundments that are unlined, we are still going to be requiring that those – the groundwater be tested even if there isn't signs of contamination that currently threatens public health. You will still need to retrofit those impoundments over time.

So, we have standards for new, we have standards for existing; and then we have a few criteria where if you – if they really dramatically impact public health today or they cannot be structurally soundly maintained, those are the ones where we need to take immediate closure. But beyond that, we'll retrofit; we'll work with these facilities in a timeline that allows them to be thoughtful about all of their regulatory requirements and we'll get them over time up to the standards that we need them.

Liz Purchia: Thanks. Next question, please?

Operator: Your next question is from the line of David LaRoss with "Inside EPA."

David LaRoss: Hi. I guess I'm still not entirely clear on how the enforcement scheme is going to work. There was a lot of debate in the (run up) to the rule about whether there – states would be able to craft their own rules based on the federal standards or whether these would be hard and fast standards that everybody has to follow. Is – and there would be a possibility of citizen suits to enforce that in addition to states procedures? Did you take one side or the other there?

Gina McCarthy: Well, actually, it's sort of a package deal when you decide what the data tells you, in terms of where we are. You have to make a determination as to whether you regulate it under C or under D. And the – under D, we chose to regulate it because that's what the data at this point tells is justified. So – and that tells us based on what risks we see.

So, let me be very clear. What we're trying to do is – these are without a doubt federal standards. The question that has been on the table is how do we make sure that the utilities are actually complying with those standards.

So, we're doing it in a couple of different ways. One is we're – we are requiring public reporting so that anybody can track whether or not the utilities are doing what they're supposed to do. Now, the thing you need to understand about this is that that will open the utilities up to liabilities. It will also allow public citizens to sue if they are not complying and following the law as we have outlined it, which has been carefully and clearly articulated in this rulemaking, so that it will be very clear if they're falling behind. Thirdly, the general way in which the federal government works with the states is to have the states enforce against utilities to make sure that they're meeting the standards with the federal government standards as the baseline – and states can add on top of that.

We are going to use the same process here. So, you are absolutely right. There has been a lot of discussion. We feel like public reporting, the work we're already doing with utilities where they clearly understand their obligations, our ability to work with states to integrate it into their solid waste master plan efforts which will allow them to regulate will provide the Web of protection that people should expect.

Liz Purchia: Thanks. Next question, please?

Operator: Your next question is from the line of David Zucchino, "Los Angeles Times."

David Zucchino: Coal ash impoundments have been around for years. So, Americans who read about these new standards are going to ask an obvious question – is why have they not been regulated by EPA years ago?

Gina McCarthy: Well, I mean, we have, I think, done the job that Congress gave us within our authority. It's been very clear recently, I think because of the Tennessee spill in particular, and there have been other spills, as well, recently. It has raised both a level of awareness and concern.

We now have information in hand that tell us – tells us what these risks are. We have documented cases where groundwater has been contaminated from these sites. So, rather than try to explain the 40 to 70 years of history here and what Congress has done with who gets what authority, I think the most

important thing to remember is this is a huge step forward where for the first time in our history, we have clear, concise federal standards for these facilities moving forward.

Liz Purchia: Thanks. Next question, please?

Operator: Your next question is from the line of Eric Wolff, "SNL Energy."

Eric Wolff: Yes, hi, Administrator. Thanks for hosting the call. I want to get some clarity on the word closure. Does closing a pond or an impoundment you know when there's a groundwater violation, does that mean that they have to go in and take all the ash out and do something with it and move it somewhere else? Or does that mean they just stop putting new ash in? Seems like a pretty important term, considering that's when the water is being polluted.

Mathy Stanislaus: So, the most important thing immediately is moving forward and cleaning up the groundwater. We have something called corrective action. In addition to corrective action, they're going to have to put in place all these engineering measures to protect (this) over the long term. A number of – it could be preventing all water migration to these units, preventing all migration from these units and putting in place an extensive long-term monitoring program to ensure its protected over time.

Gina McCarthy: But in terms of closure, Mathy, closure for an impoundment means it needs to be dewatered and it needs to be closed over. And the impoundments that are going to close are the ones that are already contaminating groundwater. They are going to be on the hook to not only stop it from migrating, but to clean it up. So, nobody from this point forward is going to be able to walk away from an impoundment or a landfill, active or inactive, that is at an ongoing power facility.

Liz Purchia: Thanks. And we have time for one last question.

Operator: Your last question is from the line of Manuel Quinones with "Greenwire."

Manuel Quinones: Yes, I know you mentioned the – that you expect states to begin working on implementing the regulation. Is there an estimate on how fast they have to or you expect them to start doing that?

Gina McCarthy: Well, I – all I – all I know is we've already had those conversations. And what our plan is to – is to really ramp up the discussions with states. Now, I think that both the states and utilities will see this as a very pragmatic and reasonable approach to try to get at what is a very longstanding problem. And now that we have it in the system, utilities know that they are on the hook and that there's liabilities here, they will want the certainty of going through a state process and working with EPA. So, we have an entire effort that we are kicking off to be able to work with states.

And so, it will take some time for the states to be able to integrate it into their plans and take over the regulatory job here. But it's not unfamiliar territory to them. Really, these solid waste impoundments and landfills are the exception, not the rule you know? We have – we know how to work together to manage our solid waste challenges; we will follow that same process.

But in the meantime, it doesn't mean that the utilities are off the hook from being responsible for implementing these federal standards that are still going to be their obligation.

And the great thing about it is that for the first time, you are going to have reporting requirements that we – will be available to the public that will talk about what water quality challenges currently exist, what is operating there, what do they have to do to clean it up.

And you're going to have an ongoing engagement that will, I think, continue to provide momentum for states to step up and take this over as quickly as possible.

Mathy Stanislaus: And I would just add we've gotten commitments from the states to formalize a state EPA working group and we're going to (stand that up) in January.

Liz Purchia: Thanks. And thanks to everyone for joining the call. This concludes the media conference call.

Mathy Stanislaus: Good job.

Gina McCarthy: Way to go.

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Message

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**Subject:** Coal Ash final rule- press release

Hi all, below you will find the coal ash final rule press release. Please feel free to send it to reporters asking about the rule. The Web site is also live; links below. Liz and I can assist if reporters need additional info.

Main: http://www2.epa.gov/coalash

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Release Date: 12/19/2014
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# EPA Announces First National Regulations to Safeguard Disposal of Coal Ash

**Common sense, pragmatic rules to protect against structural failure, water and air pollution**

**WASHINGTON** – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) today announced the first national regulations to provide for the safe disposal of coal combustion residuals (coal ash) from coal-fired power plants. The final rule establishes safeguards to protect communities from coal ash impoundment failures, like the catastrophic Kingston, Tenn., spill in 2008, and establishes safeguards to prevent groundwater contamination and air emissions from coal ash disposal.

"EPA is taking action to protect our communities from the risk of mismanaged coal ash disposal units, and putting in place safeguards to help prevent the next catastrophic coal ash impoundment failure, which can cost millions for local businesses, communities and states," said EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy. "These strong safeguards will protect drinking water from contamination, air from coal ash dust, and our communities from structural failures, while providing facilities a practical approach for implementation."

EPA has been studying the effects of coal ash disposal on the environment and public health for many years. In the wake of the failure of the TVA coal ash pond in Kingston, TN, EPA began a multi-year effort to help ensure the safety of the nation's coal ash disposal facilities, including assessing more than 500 facilities across the country. Improperly constructed or managed coal ash disposal units have been linked to nearly 160 cases of harm to surface or ground water or to the air. EPA carefully evaluated more than 450,000 comments on the proposed rule, testimony from eight public hearings, and information gathered from three notices soliciting comment on new data and analyses.

Improperly constructed or managed coal ash disposal units have resulted in the catastrophic failure of surface impoundments, damages to surface water, groundwater and the air. The first federal requirements for impoundments and landfills to address these risks include:

- The closure of surface impoundments and landfills that fail to meet engineering and structural standards and will no longer receive coal ash;
- Reducing the risk of catastrophic failure by requiring regular inspections of the structural safety of surface impoundments;
- Restrictions on the location of new surface impoundments and landfills so that they cannot be built in sensitive areas such as wetlands and earthquake zones;
- Protecting groundwater by requiring monitoring, immediate cleanup of contamination, and closure of unlined surface impoundments that are polluting groundwater;
- Protecting communities using fugitive dust controls to reduce windblown coal ash dust;
- Requiring liner barriers for new units and proper closure of surface impoundments and landfills that will no longer receive CCRs.

In response to comments received on the proposal, the final rule makes a number of changes by providing greater clarity on technical requirements for coal ash landfills and surface impoundments under Subtitle D of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), the nation's primary law for regulating solid waste.

Implementation of these technical requirements will be reported through comprehensive and regular disclosure to states, and communities to enable them to monitor and oversee these requirements. The rule requires that power plant owners and operators provide detailed information to citizens and states to fully understand how their communities may be impacted. The rule sets out new transparency requirements, including recordkeeping and reporting requirements, as well as the requirement for each facility to post specific information to a publicly-accessible website. This will provide the public with information such as annual groundwater monitoring results, and corrective action reports, coal ash fugitive dust control plans, and closure completion notifications.

This final rule also supports the responsible recycling of coal ash by distinguishing safe, beneficial use from disposal. In 2012, almost 40 percent of all coal ash produced was recycled (beneficially used), rather than disposed. Beneficial use of coal ash can produce positive environmental, economic and performance benefits such as reduced use of virgin resources, lower greenhouse gas emissions, reduced cost of coal ash disposal, and improved strength and durability of materials.

EPA is committed to working closely with our state partners on implementation of this rule. To ease implementation and harmonize the regulatory requirements for coal ash landfills and surface impoundments, EPA encourages states to adopt the federal minimum criteria, revise their Solid Waste Management Plans (SWMPs) and submit these revisions to EPA for approval. A revised and approved SMWP will signal EPA's opinion that the state SWMP meets the federal criteria.

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**From:** Allen, Laura
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**Subject:** Coal Ash final rule- press call advisory
**Importance:** High

Hi all, we just released the advisory below on the Administrator's press call announcing the coal ash final rule. Please feel free to forward this to media inquiring about the final rule. We will also forward the CCR press release later today.

The press call will happen at 1:15pm today but the embargo means that outlets should not report on the information presented on the call until 2:30pm. We wanted to do the press call in advance for reporters but everything will be posted online and available at 2:30pm.

Also, we're happy to address media inquiries from HQ—please forward them to me, Liz, Christie StClair (StClair.Christie@epa.gov) and Rachel Deitz (Deitz.Rachel@epa.gov). Let me know if you have any questions. Thank you!

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----------EMBARGOED UNTIL 2:30PM TODAY----------

# TODAY: EPA Administrator to Hold Press Call to Announce First National Regulations for Coal Ash Disposal

**WASHINGTON** – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Gina McCarthy will announce the first national regulations to provide for the safe disposal of coal ash from coal-fired power plants today on a press call. The pragmatic, commonsense final rule protects communities from coal ash impoundment failures and establishes safeguards to prevent groundwater contamination and air emissions from coal ash disposal.

**WHEN:** Friday, December 19, 1:15 p.m. EST
***This call is under an embargo until 2:30 p.m.***

**WHO:** EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy
EPA Assistant Administrator for the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response Mathy Stanislaus

**WHAT:** EPA Administrator to announce first national regulations for coal ash disposal

**HOW:** Members of the media interested in participating should dial in ten minutes prior to the beginning of the call. Please call Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) and give the conference ID number Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) The name of the call is "Coal Ash Final Rule Press Call."

*****THIS CALL IS FOR CREDENTIALED NEWS MEDIA ONLY*****

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**From:** Strauss, Linda
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**Subject:** meeting w/OPA on Safer Choice and Consumer Reports

Hi Bridget, great news below (close hold).

I just spoke to Monica, OPA. I can't tell by your schedule when you are available to meet to answer Monica's questions for Consumer Reports, etc. Like "Are antibacterials included?"

I set something up for 12:30.

Linda

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**From:** Lee, Monica
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 21, 2015 9:51 PM
**To:** Strauss, Linda
**Subject:** Fw: EPA conference call Friday morning

Here's some info from Sue Byrne to discuss tomorrow morning. Could we jump on the phone with one of the DfE folks and then try to give Sue a call to work out some of the particulars of her article?

Looks like they'll want to do an article for the magazine as well, so great news all around.

Monica Lee
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**From:** Susan Byrne <sbyrne@consumer.org>
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 21, 2015 6:47 PM
**To:** Lee, Monica
**Subject:** EPA conference call Friday morning

Monica,

It was good to talk to you today. Can you tell me what time I should call Friday morning?
Consumer Reports magazine is also interested in doing an article about the "Safer Choice" seal. The timing isn't as perfect because the April issue is devoted solely to cars, and that embargo is Feb. 26, so it's too early for you anyway. But the May issue of the magazine comes out at the end of March, which would be good timing for spring cleaning too.

Meanwhile, the Consumer Reports on Health newsletter (paid circulation of 700,000) is featuring an article in its April issue, which I'm writing, called "How safe are your cleaning products?" We ship that issue to the printer on Jan. 30. We would like to feature your "Safer Choice" logo in the sidebar, called "Where to find safer cleaning products." Our art department would like a 300 dpi image of the "Safer Choice" logo. Could you send me that?

Here's the text of the sidebar:

This spring, look for the new "Safer Choice" logo on the cleaning products you buy. It's the Environmental Protection Agency's seal of approval, guaranteeing that every ingredient has been evaluated for potential health concerns. [We are going to note that ingredients such as triclosan, formaldehyde, and formaldehyde-releasers will not be found in products with this label. Would you like to supply me with a quote about that?] The EPA says more than 2,800 products will carry the label in stores nationwide, including Costco, Home Depot, Walmart, and Staples. To learn more about what's in your cleaning products, go to the EPA's database at www.epa.gov/dfe.

Looking forward to talking to you tomorrow.

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Thanks! Anything still outstanding this evening or have you closed the loop with them?

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**From:** Lee, Monica
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**To:** Axelrad, Bob
**Subject:** RE: IMPORTANT: Draft quotes RE: Formaldehyde follow up

I wrote spelled it that way with the reporters every time! We should be good!

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EPA is proposing IPM adoption on a regional scale instead of a per farm basis, unlike past refuge requirements for Bt corn in which each farm was required to have a refuge. Though crop rotation is preferred as one of the most effective rootworm management tools, EPA recognizes that not every grower is capable of rotating to soybean and is not requiring rotation out of corn. For growers unable to rotate, several IPM approaches would be available to meet IPM goals, including the use of pyramided varieties of corn (with multiple rootworm traits) and non-Bt corn. EPA is allowing seed companies the flexibility to work with their customers in implementing these IPM measures. EPA is also open to other approaches that industry might use in addressing the IPM targets, which could include incentives and educational initiatives.

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resistance to single trait products. Therefore, building on the EPA's Scientific Advisory Panel's recommendations, EPA believes a more proactive approach is warranted. The Agency proactive approach will standardize and expand upon the industry's efforts to strengthen the overall resistance management program. As part of this process, EPA expects to work extensively with seed companies and is open to alternative approaches from seed companies and other stakeholders in addressing the mutual goal of maintaining the durability of Bt traits.

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-Jacob

-----Original Message-----
From: Milbourn, Cathy [mailto:Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, February 18, 2015 11:02 AM
To: Bunge, Jacob
Subject: Re: Hi Jacob.

Hi Jacob. The government was closed yesterday due to the weather. I'm still digging out from under emails. I will send these questions to Bill.

Cathy

Sent from my iPhone

> On Feb 18, 2015, at 11:59 AM, "Bunge, Jacob" <Jacob.Bunge@wsj.com> wrote:
>
> Cathy, did you receive this?
>
> -----Original Message-----
> From: Bunge, Jacob
> Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2015 1:43 PM
> To: 'Milbourn, Cathy'
> Subject: RE: Hi Jacob.
>
> Cathy, wanted to follow up on this, to make sure you received, etc--
>
>

> -----Original Message-----
> From: Bunge, Jacob
> Sent: Friday, February 13, 2015 5:06 PM
> To: 'Milbourn, Cathy'
> Subject: RE: Hi Jacob.
>
> Hi, Cathy, I wanted to follow up on a couple points from our chat
> early last week -- I do think we plan to write something about it, as
> it sounds like the industry is not so sure about some of the
> proposals. So I wanted to check a couple things--
>
> -Mr Jordan said the other day when we spoke that the EPA doesn't anticipate requiring farmers to rotate crops. The proposal talks about placing requirements on manufacturers of BT corn, which Mr Jordan said could set up programs incorporating such requirements (if adopted), as part of technology agreements, etc. I get that the point he was making was that the EPA's not going to be finding farmers in violation, but isn't requiring seed companies to place such requirements into technology agreements the same thing in the end, IE, ultimately a restriction on farmers' growing corn in areas where this resistant rootworms are found to be a problem? I just want to make sure I'm not missing something there.
>
> -I also wanted to check on which entity determines there's a problem that needs to be addressed through any of the proposals, ie, rotation out of corn or otherwise. Is it the farmer's responsibility to alert the seed company to the potential issue, which if confirmed would then require some response like rotation or shifting to multi-traited seeds, etc? Or is it the seed company's responsibility to check on farms in at-risk areas to see if there's a developing problem?
>
> -If it's part of the farmer's responsibility to watch for signs he's having problems with a resistant pest, I wanted to get any thoughts on the idea that there may then be some incentive for farmers to not report a problem -- so they could keep growing corn, for instance, rather than have to switch to a different crop that for whatever reason might not be as profitable. So, what would the EPA's thoughts be on that possibility.
>
> -One comment from some of the folks in the seed business to the proposals so far is that the EPA isn't acknowledging the efforts made by the seed companies and producer groups in addressing this problem over the past couple years, which includes encouraging rotation, they say, taking out magazine ads urging this, and refuge in a bag.
>
> I'll send back as well a comment or two from our chat to see if we could incorporate that on the record, as discussed. Do you think we could hear back by end of the day Monday? I hope you have a nice/long weekend.
> -Jacob
>
> Jacob Bunge
> Agriculture Reporter
> The Wall Street Journal
> 312 750 4117 (office)
> Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) (mobile)
> Jacob.bunge@wsj.com
> @jacobbunge
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Milbourn, Cathy [mailto:Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov]
> Sent: Wednesday, February 04, 2015 11:55 AM
> To: Bunge, Jacob
> Subject: RE: Hi Jacob.
>
> Yes, I will call you. You are an hour behind us, correct? So I will call you 11:30 your time.

>
> Catherine C. Milbourn
> U.S. EPA HQ
> Office of the Administrator
> Office of Media Relations
> 202-564-7849 (office)
> Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) (mobile)
> Milbourn.cathy@epa.gov
>
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Bunge, Jacob [mailto:Jacob.Bunge@wsj.com]
> Sent: Wednesday, February 04, 2015 12:37 PM
> To: Milbourn, Cathy
> Subject: RE: Hi Jacob.
>
> Alright, let's put it down. Will you be calling me? Office number will
> be best, 312 750 4117, if so--
>
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Milbourn, Cathy [mailto:Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov]
> Sent: Wednesday, February 04, 2015 11:36 AM
> To: Bunge, Jacob
> Subject: RE: Hi Jacob.
>
> For 30 minutes
>
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> Sent: Wednesday, February 04, 2015 12:36 PM
> To: Milbourn, Cathy
> Subject: RE: Hi Jacob.
>
> OK--how long will we be able to chat?
>
>
> -----Original Message-----
> From: Milbourn, Cathy [mailto:Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov]
> Sent: Wednesday, February 04, 2015 11:35 AM
> To: Bunge, Jacob
> Subject: RE: Hi Jacob.
>
> Jacob:

>
> Yes he has a small window unfortunately
>
> Catherine C. Milbourn
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Bunge, Jacob [mailto:Jacob.Bunge@wsj.com]
> Sent: Wednesday, February 04, 2015 12:28 PM
> To: Milbourn, Cathy
> Subject: RE: Hi Jacob.
>
> Cathy, I'm supposed to do a lunch at that time, but if that's the only
> time he has available, I can try to move it--so let me know Thanks
> -Jacob
>
>
> -----Original Message-----
> From: Milbourn, Cathy [mailto:Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov]
> Sent: Wednesday, February 04, 2015 11:15 AM
> To: Bunge, Jacob
> Subject: Hi Jacob.
>
> Hi Jacob. Bill Jordan the deputy in the pesticides shop has time on his calendar tomorrow 2\5 at 12:30 pm eastern standard time.
>
> Hoping that works for you. Cathy
>
> Sent from my iPhone

Message

**From**: Strauss, Linda [Strauss.Linda@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 10/9/2014 2:38:54 PM
**To**: Milbourn, Cathy [Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov]; Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]; Hull, George [Hull.George@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Newsbrief with Buffer zone language
**Attachments**: 24-D Enlist Newsbrief_10914 for RAs.docx

Monica -- With buffer zone language.

Message

**From**: Strauss, Linda [Strauss.Linda@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 10/8/2014 7:44:17 PM
**To**: Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]; Kaiser, Sven-Erik [Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Enlist Duo timing

I did ask Sven this Q in the meeting we just had – he said that when the embargo press release goes out to press call invitees at 10:50 then he would do his congressional notifications.

Feel free to connect w/each other anyway.

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**From:** Lee, Monica
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 08, 2014 3:05 PM
**To:** Strauss, Linda; Kaiser, Sven-Erik
**Subject:** Re: Enlist Duo timing

Sounds good

Monica Lee
202-564-0645 (o)
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) (c)

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**From:** Strauss, Linda
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 8, 2014 3:03 PM
**To:** Lee, Monica; Kaiser, Sven-Erik
**Subject:** RE: Enlist Duo timing

So sorry – Monica, I have a 3 pm and then may go home after that and work. Not feeling great. Please plan on chatting with Sven anyway on this. Thanks.

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**From:** Lee, Monica
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 08, 2014 2:58 PM
**To:** Kaiser, Sven-Erik
**Cc:** Strauss, Linda
**Subject:** RE: Enlist Duo timing

I think Linda has been tied up, so maybe we talk after you guys get out of meetings at 5. I'll circle back then.

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**From:** Kaiser, Sven-Erik
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 08, 2014 1:56 PM
**To:** Lee, Monica
**Cc:** Strauss, Linda
**Subject:** RE: Enlist Duo timing

Yes open now and after 5. Meetings from 3-5 pm (Linda's in same meetings). Call me if want to get it going now. Thanks,
Sven

Sven-Erik Kaiser
U.S. EPA
Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations
1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW (1305A)

Washington, DC 20460
202-566-2753

**From:** Lee, Monica
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 08, 2014 1:53 PM
**To:** Kaiser, Sven-Erik
**Cc:** Strauss, Linda
**Subject:** Enlist Duo timing

Hey Sven –

Do you have a few minutes this afternoon to hop on the phone with Linda and me to discuss congressional notifications for the Enlist Duo announcement on Friday?

Let us know – thanks!

Monica Lee
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Message

**From**: Strauss, Linda [Strauss.Linda@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 10/15/2014 2:32:53 PM
**To**: PADs and Alternates [PADs_and_Alternates@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Green Chemistry Awards -- longer summaries
**Attachments**: PGCC winners long summaries (14) final draft.docx

Regions 1, 5, and 9 --here's more information on the awards.

For the release tomorrow (Thursday).

Linda

Message

**From**: Loop, Travis [Loop.Travis@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 10/9/2014 3:06:17 PM
**To**: Allen, Laura [Allen.Laura@epa.gov]
**CC**: Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]; Purchia, Liz [Purchia.Liz@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: Updated WaterSense Press Release - to include Climate Action Plan

Embargoed is fine. They just can't contact the winners who don't know until EPA tells them on stage!

Travis Loop
Director of Communications
Office of Water
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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On Oct 9, 2014, at 10:36 AM, "Allen, Laura" <Allen.Laura@epa.gov> wrote:

> Travis, we are going to send this to the press list at 11:30am today with an embargo until 3:30pm. This will allow time for reporters to write on the award winners without the information being public until the time of the ceremony. Sound ok? Please give me a call if you want to discuss.
>
> **From:** Colaizzi, Jennifer C.
> **Sent:** Thursday, October 09, 2014 8:53 AM
> **To:** Allen, Laura
> **Cc:** Hull, George
> **Subject:** Updated WaterSense Press Release - to include Climate Action Plan
>
> Laura:
> The program office does not want to emphasize drought -- as water efficiency should be all the time, not just in times of drought. This release includes reference to Climate Action Plan.
>
> BTW – the following media registered for the awards event. I haven't researched the outlets yet.
>
> Chuck Bowen GIE Media
> Bobbi Harris Smart Water, Smart City
> Mike Reiber Axiom/TechnoDad
> Marty Schladen El Paso Times
> Cheers,
>
> *Jennifer Colaizzi*
> Press Officer
> Office of Public Affairs
> U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
> 202-564-7776 (o)
> Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) (c)
>
> <WaterSense 2014 Winners - JC-10-8-2014 A.docx>

Message

**From:** Purchia, Liz [Purchia.Liz@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 6/12/2014 6:08:42 PM
**To:** Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]; Allen, Laura [Allen.Laura@epa.gov]
**Subject:** FW: Society of Environmental Journalists June 12, 2014
**Attachments:** SEJ EPA response June 12 2014.pdf

Liz Purchia
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Cell: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

**From:** SEJ Office [mailto:sej@sej.org]
**Sent:** Thursday, June 12, 2014 1:07 PM
**To:** Reynolds, Thomas
**Cc:** Purchia, Liz; Mccarthy, Gina; Hull, George; tim.wheeler@baltsun.com; Don Hopey
**Subject:** Society of Environmental Journalists June 12, 2014

Tom Reynolds June 12, 2014
Associate Administrator for External Affairs
Environmental Protection Agency
William Jefferson Clinton Building 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.,
Mail Code: 1101A Washington, DC 20460

Mr. Reynolds,

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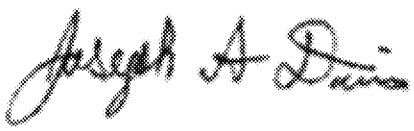

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Message

**From**: Julia Valentine [Valentine.Julia@epamail.epa.gov]
**Sent**: 6/20/2014 10:17:57 PM
**To**: Press [Press@epa.gov]
**CC**: Hull, George [Hull.George@epa.gov]; Purchia, Liz [Purchia.Liz@epa.gov]
**Subject**: (OAR) Politico re: RFS

Minus reporter

I sent the statement earlier but wanted to flag her follow ups since I didn't see a response go back on those.

Thanks.

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**From:** Talia Buford [mailto:tbuford@politico.com]
**Sent:** Friday, June 20, 2014 1:04 PM
**To:** Valentine, Julia; Press
**Cc:** Hull, George; Purchia, Liz
**Subject:** RE: Politico re: RFS

Thanks, Julia.

Can you guys give me anything more specific? Or let me know why the standard won't be released today? I just want to be able to give our readers something more than telling them that EPA is working on it. Anything else you can give me would be helpful.

Talia

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**From:** Valentine, Julia [Valentine.Julia@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Friday, June 20, 2014 1:02 PM
**To:** Talia Buford; Press
**Cc:** Hull, George; Purchia, Liz
**Subject:** RE: Politico re: RFS

Hi Talia,

For attribution to EPA rather than to my name in particular:

EPA is working on the 2014 final standard and we hope to have it out as soon as possible.

Also adding our press secretary Liz Purchia to this email. Feel free to let Liz or me know if you have any other questions.

Thanks,

Julia

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**From:** Talia Buford [mailto:tbuford@politico.com]
**Sent:** Friday, June 20, 2014 12:57 PM
**To:** Press
**Cc:** Valentine, Julia; Hull, George; Kika, Stacy
**Subject:** Politico re: RFS

I'm following up on an email I sent a little over an hour ago to several press officers on the RFS. My deadline is at 2 p.m.

We're following up on the RFS Volume Requirements for our Regulation Watch newsletter. I see that originally, EPA planned to release the final RFS volume requirements by today, but according to the OMB website, it hasn't been sent in for interagency review.

Can you tell me what the status is on this requirement? Has it been sent to OMB or do you have a timeline on when it will be sent to OMB or released to the public?

Again, if I could hear back from someone by 2 p.m., I'd appreciate it. I'm at tbuford@politico.com or Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Best,
Talia

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Energy Reporter
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Twitter: @TaliaBuford

Message

**From:** Bryan, David [Bryan.David@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 5/6/2014 1:10:07 PM
**To:** Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]
**CC:** Carey, Curtis [Carey.Curtis@epa.gov]
**Subject:** RE: Draft National Climate Assessment briefing/guidance materials

There was no fact sheet attached for Great Plains.

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**From:** Lee, Monica
**Sent:** Monday, May 05, 2014 5:51 PM
**To:** Gray, David; Taheri, Diane; McCorkhill, Michael; Durant, Jennah; Assunto, Carmen; Carey, Curtis; Bryan, David; Lancaster, Kris; Whitley, Christopher; Kessler, Martin; Washburn, Ben; Bond, Shannon; Smith, Paula; Faulk, Libby; Mylott, Richard; Allen, Matthew; McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa; Zito, Kelly; Keener, Bill; Mogharabi, Nahal; PerezSullivan, Margot; Higuchi, Dean; Ardito, Michael; Holsman, Marianne; Philip, Jeff; MacIntyre, Mark; Kader, Hanady; Skadowski, Suzanne; Schuster, Cindy
**Cc:** Allen, Laura; Purchia, Liz
**Subject:** Draft National Climate Assessment briefing/guidance materials

Hi Everyone -

Attached are guidance/briefing materials for tomorrow's National Climate Assessment release. **These documents are all pre-decisional/close hold until tomorrow at 8:30am, when the regional documents become public.**

Included is a background briefing document, Dr. Holdren's climate science talking points, and 8 regional fact sheets. I've also included draft tweets and Facebook posts from the Administrator and EPA. Please amplify any regional information and keep us in the loop on anything your RA is doing.

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**Moderator: Ron Slotkin**
**May 27, 2015**
**9:00 A.M. ET.**

Operator: This is Conference ID #: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

(Liz Perchio): Good morning. This is (Liz Perchio) with the EPA. Thank you for joining us. Today we are holding a media conference call that is under embargo until 10 AM Eastern. We are -- that means no posting of social media or stories until 10 AM. We today are holding a media conference call with EPA Administrator (Gina McCarthy), Assistant Secretary for the Arm for Civil Work, (Jo Ellen Darcy), and White House Senior Advisor, (Brian Dees).

At this time, I'm going to pass it over to the Administrator to give remarks, and when -- once we are done with remarks, we will take questions from reporters. We will have time for one question per reporter. And just a reminder that this is under embargo until 10 AM. Thank you.

(Gina McCarthy): Hi, everybody. It's (Gina McCarthy). And as (Liz) said, I'm here with Assistant Secretary of the Army of Civil Works, (Jo Ellen Darcy) and (Brian Dees), who is the senior advisor to the President. And we're here to talk today about the clean water rule the Administration will be finalizing, and that is happening today, as you know,

Our health, our economy and our way of life really depend on clean water. And we know that, for the lakes and rivers that we love to be clean, it's those

streams and wetlands that feed them that really need to be protected. They need to be clean, as well.

So, the Clean Water Act has protected our health for more than 40 years and helped our nation clean up hundreds of thousands of miles of polluted waterways, and that's been to the benefit of communities and businesses and individuals alike.

But, the Supreme Court cases in 2001 and 2006 really put protections of about 60 percent of our nation's streams and millions of acres of wetlands into question. So, members of Congress, the Supreme Court, farmers, ranchers, small business owners, hunters, anglers and lots of others called on EPA and the Army to make a rule that would clarify where the Clean Air Act applies.

So, today, we're answering that call. We're finalizing a clean water rule to protect the streams and the wetlands that one in three Americans rely on for drinking water, and we're doing that without creating any new permitting requirements and maintaining all previous exemptions and exclusions. Let me repeat that. We're doing that without creating any new permitting requirements and maintaining all previous exemptions and inclusions.

You know, I did that because it's a very important point that I want to make. This rule is about clarification. And in fact, we're adding exclusions for features like artificial lakes and ponds, water field depressions from constructions and grass wells. This rule will make it easier to identify protected waters and will make those protections consistent with the law as well as land.

This rule is based on science. This agency has received more than a million comments and held hundreds of meetings across the country, and all of that input helped shape the final version that we're releasing today.

So, I'd like to turn it over to (Mary Ellen) to give you -- (Jo Ellen) to give you more of the details.

(Jo Ellen Darcy): Good morning. I'd like to -- this is (Jo Ellen Darcy). I'd like to give you some context for why this rule -- today's rule is so important. It's an important reminder that the Clean Water Act, plain and simple, makes it legal -- makes it illegal for us to pollute or destroy our waters without a permit. If you're not doing either of those things, if you're not destroying or you're not polluting, you don't need a permit, no matter what the water status is.

But, for activities that do require a permit, we've had to operate under a lot of confusion since the (Slank) and the (Rapono) Supreme Court decision. For years now, when someone applied for a Clean Water Act permit, Corp of Engineers has too often had to go through a long expensive case by case process to determine whether the Clean Water Act applied, and that was before the permit application could even be processed.

This uncertainty in the process has left our waters vulnerable to pollution. It's created uncertainty and a lack of predictability for American taxpayers. Needless to say, it didn't make much sense. Again, that's what we've dealt with for too long, and it had to change.

So, our rule will make it clear which waters are covered and which ones aren't. We've always known streams and wetlands were important to downstream water quality. Today we have far better science that confirms how waters connect to each other. This science wasn't available when the Clean Water Act was passed more than 40 years ago.

In developing this clean water rule, the agency's reviewed more than 1,200 peer reviewed published scientific studies that clearly showed which waters are most important to protect. In short, clear protections mean cleaner water.

So, here's what the new rule does. Traditional navigable waters like rivers and lakes, interstate waters and territorial seas are covered as they always have been, no change. Tributaries, which science defines by the physical signs of flowing water, are included because they carry pollution downstream. Features that don't meet the scientific and legal definition of a tributary,

including (erosional) features like gullies and (rills) and ephemeral features like ephemeral streams are not covered.

The rule maintains the current practice on ditches. Only ditches that look, act and function like a tributary are covered because they carry pollution downstream. We've also provided certainty on how far safeguards extend to nearby waters. The rule sets physical measurable limits on covering nearby waters for the first time. For example, an adjacent water is protected if it's within the 100 year flood plain but not beyond 1,500 feet from a covered water way.

In particular regions of the country, there are unique water bodies that are also scientifically shown to influence the health of downstream waters and therefore may be protected under the clean water rule. Prairie potholes, Carolina and (Del Marva) Bays, (Pacosins), western vernal pools in California and Texas coastal prairie wetlands are protected when they impact downstream waters. These unique water bodies are critical resources for the surrounding communities, for fishing, for hunting, for recreation, for their ability to filter pollution to streams and waters as well as reduce flooding.

Using the best available science and listening very carefully to the public's reaction to the proposed rule, today's final rule provides clarity, consistency and predictability on which waters are covered under the Clean Water Act so these vital resources can be protected from pollution and destruction. The rule will ensure that, for generations to come, Americans will have the clean water necessary to sustain our way of life as well as our economy.

Thanks, and I'll turn it back over to (Gina).

(Gina McCarthy): Thanks, (Jo Ellen). And (Jo Ellen) got the fun part to tell you what is in the rule, and I'll tell you what's not regulated under the Clean Air Act, because -- I'm sorry -- Clean Water Act. Sorry about that.

So, let me point out a few things. Again, a Clean Water Act permit is only needed if a water is going to be polluted or destroyed, and that doesn't change

under the rule. The rule only protects waters that have been historically covered under the Clean Water Act.

As I mentioned before, the rule does not add any new requirements for agriculture, and it retains all the decades long exemptions and exclusions for farming, ranching and forestry. It does not interfere with private property rights or address land use. It does not regulate any ditches unless they function as tributaries. It does not apply to ground water or shallow subsurface water, covered tile drains or change policy on irrigation or water transfers. These are all important points that we have made crystal clear in this final rule.

The rule will not get in the way of agriculture. In fact, it specifically recognizes the crucial role farmers play. And like I said before, it adds exclusions for features like artificial lakes and ponds, water field depressions from construction and grass wells.

So, farmers, ranchers and forest -- and foresters are all original conservationists, and we recognize that. And agriculture activities like plowing, harvest and moving livestock across a stream have long been exempt from federal clean water regulations. This rule will not change that.

Beyond agriculture, our economy as a whole depends on clean water, major sectors from manufacturing and energy production to food service, tourism and recreation, they all depend on clean water to function and flourish, they all depend on clean water to function and flourish.

When drinking water in Toledo, Ohio became contaminated and was unsafe to drink for days last year, small businesses suffered. Maybe that's why a recent poll from the American Sustainable Business Council found that more than 80 percent of small business owners support federal rules to protect streams, and like to say a few words about climate change, namely that it makes protecting our water resources even more essential.

Impacts from climate change like more intense droughts, storms, fires and floods, not to mention warmer temperatures and sea level rise threaten our water supplies. But, healthy streams and wetlands can help protect communities by trapping flood waters, retaining moisture during droughts, recharging ground water supplies, filtering pollution and providing habitat for fish and wildlife. With states like California in the midst of historic droughts, it's more important than ever that we protect the clean water that we have.

With that, I'd like to hand it over to (Brian Dees). (Brian?)

(Brian Dees): Great, thank you. And I would like to start by thanking both the EPA and the Army Corps for their hard work in finalizing this rule. The clean water rule is an important win for public health and for our economy for all the reasons that (Gina) and (Jo Ellen) just outlined.

I just want to reinforce three quick points about this rule. The first is it's based on common sense, it is structured around existing practices, and it is built on the best science available. The second is this rule is about certainty. The status quo is ripe with unsustainable confusion over what's protected and what's not. This rule provides the certainty that businesses and industry need to keep our economy going, and this rule does it without getting in the way of farming, ranching or forestry, and in fact, giving them the potential to benefit from the certainty that this rule provides.

And the third is this rule is about clarity. You've heard -- (Jo Ellen) walked through what this rule does do, and (Gina) walked through what this rule doesn't do. And that's important because we're going to work to try to be as clear as possible about how this rule is actually implemented.

But, the -- there is a lot of misinformation about what this rule does and doesn't do, but I think what becomes clear and what is clear from this presentation is that the only people with reason to oppose the rule are polluters who knowingly threaten our clean water. And the law requires that we put a stop to that, and they will need to answer for their actions.

One final point is putting this rule in the context of President Obama's larger commitment to protect the vital natural resources that Americans depend on. This rule reinforces a commitment to action throughout this Administration on efforts to protect clean water and public health, which include revitalizing polluted urban waterways, preserving thousands of miles of rivers and other waters for future generations, historic investments to restore iconic ecosystems from the Gulf of Mexico to the Great Lakes, from the Chesapeake Bay to the California Bay Delta.

We're very excited about today's step in finalizing this rule. I think it reaffirms the President's commitment to clean water for all Americans and to ensuring a healthier more prosperous economy as we move forward.

So, with that, I'll turn it back to the moderator, and we can open up for questions.

(Liz Perchio): Thanks, (Brian). Operator, at this time, we're going to pause for a few moments to compile questions, and I'll let you know when we're ready to take the first question. And just a reminder that we have one question per person and that this call is under embargo until 10 AM. So, at this point, we'll just pause for a few moments.

Operator, we're ready to take the first question.

Operator: Your first question is from (Timothy Cana) with (The Hill).

(Timothy Cana): Hi, thanks. What has been changed in this rule from the proposal that came out last spring?

(Gina McCarthy): Well, I think (Jo Ellen) walked through some of those things. This is (Gina). Well, first of all, we defined tributaries much more clearly. There was confusion about what tributaries actually would be protected. We've used science to determine that, and we've actually identified the physical features that are required for a tributary to be protected. That's based on science, and it will provide tremendous clarity.

We've provided certainty on how far the safeguards extend to nearby waters. And this is the first time that we are going to both identify what waters must be protected and the waters that must be looked at from a case by case. So, there's no, again, open ended other waters category that would make people think that EPA is looking or the Corps is looking beyond waters that really will have a direct and significant connection to downstream waters. And we're really focusing and make sure to focus, in addition to providing that clarity, to be a lot clearer, as well, on what we're not looking at.

Take a look at what we did with the ditches in this issue, in this final rule. We made clear to only include ditches when they were actually tributaries, most of which would have been constructed in a tributary. And so, we specifically have excluded on farms any consideration that an ephemeral ditch might be a tributary are protected.

So, we've done, I think, a very good job at taking a look at the comments in both -- both to respond in terms of being clearer about what's in, but equally importantly, we learned that people had concerns about what we didn't say, what we didn't make clear about what was out. That is no longer going to be the case. We'll have great discussions on what's in, but I'm sure that this will provide needed clarity to ensure the agriculture community and others that we are not going to do anything to add regulatory or permitting burdens to the agriculture community, while at the same time, folks who care about clean water, which is all of us, will know that we've done our jobs in identifying the waters that absolutely need to be protected because 117 million people now don't have that clarity because they rely on streams that are now left unprotected.

(Liz Perchio): Thanks. And we're ready for the next question. And just a reminder to reporters, if you have a question, please press star, one. So, at this point, we'll take the next question.

Operator: Your next question is from (Mark Drasian) with (Bloomberg News).

(Mark Drasian): When you issued your proposal, you also said it was about clarity. And for those of us who tried to read it, it wasn't very clear. Do you have something specific in here that allows someone to determine whether the stream that's on their land is covered or not?

(Gina McCarthy): Let me jump in, and, (Jo Ellen), feel free to add. Yeah, I believe that we do. We have defined the tributaries that we believe would potentially be significant contributors to pollution to downstream waters. We have identified those by physical features, which are really characteristics of a flow and a duration of flow and a volume that would allow a stream upstream to actually move significant contaminants downstream. So, that definition will help.

But, we also have actually established boundaries so people will know what the rule is protecting. We also have made significant progress in taking a look at those unique features that have also been in this rule. The features like prairie potholes in (Del Marva Bays), those were teed up for consideration, and based on the comments we received, we realized that a lot of those unique water bodies, those unique features really are important to look at on a case-by-case basis so we can better understand if they act as system and would be essential to protect.

So, we are not -- so, I think you will look at this, you will be able to read this rule. It is actually fairly short, and it is very precise in its language. It provides physical clarity in terms of what the boundaries of the Clean Air Act -- Clean Water Act actually will be. And I have to get my head out of air and into water here, so I apologize.

But, it -- I think it's going to be very clear also to folks who generally don't read rules like the agriculture community. We're going to work with them to make sure that they understand that erosional features, which are important to them, are really not of interest to us because they don't meet our definition of tributary, and they aren't -- science tells us, we don't need to worry about those. So, you'll see much more clear language with clear boundaries.

(Liz Perchio): Thanks. Next question please.

Operator: Your next question is from (Mary Claire Juwonick) with Associated Press.

(Mary Claire Juwonick): Hi. I was just wondering what percentage of waterways in the country would be covered under the rule.

(Gina McCarthy): Well, I think that what we're trying to do here with this rule is to make sure that we use science to identify that and make sure that this is, again, only a relevant figure if somebody is going to either pollute or destroy a wetland. And right now, we are looking at our analysis. We realistically expect that the change to be below 3 percent in terms of what additional waterways might be brought into the system. But, again, that is both what we know to be necessary to protect, but more importantly, it's about capturing all of those tributaries, which really we need to capture in order to protect downstream waters.

So, we expect that there'll be, in some ways, more to look at. But, in many ways, this will provide clarity and reduce the need for folks to even ask questions and lower the cost associated with making determinations and eventually with looking at permitting.

(Liz Perchio): Okay, thank you. Next question please.

Operator: Your next question is from (Gary Hagstrom) with (The Hagstrom Report).

(Gary Hagstrom): What at this point do you make of the concern on Capitol Hill that you have had a campaign to skew the comments and that Senator (inaudible) is going to ask for a GAO investigation of your social media effort?

(Gina McCarthy): Well, we would welcome anyone to take a look at what we do. I will tell you, I did read that article, and I think at best, I found it baffling. I think the agency is doing what we have always done, and you -- and outreached. I thin one of the proudest things about this rule is that we've done over 400

individual meetings on this rule, and we generated a million comments on this rule. And I think that's to our credit.

The more we can get information out to the public and get them engaged, that is what we're supposed to do, and using social media is clearly a part of that effort unless someone wants us to go back into the Stone Age. This is how you reach people, and this is our job, and I think we've done a great job at it. And there is no way in the world that we have crossed any legal line or are doing anything inappropriate. So, I'd welcome anyone to take a look at it.

(Liz Perchio): Thanks. Next question.

Operator: Your next question is from (Annie Snyder) with (Green Wire).

(Annie Snyder): Yes, I'm wondering if you can talk a little bit more about this other waters category and the so called isolated wetlands. It sounds -- the conversation has kind of touched on a couple different things. It sounds like there are certain categories or maybe regions that would be included automatically, but it also sounded like there was still some case by case perhaps. Can you describe a little bit more and then maybe tell us about your conversations with folks from those regions and how you think that is going to be accepted locally?

(Gina McCarthy): (Jo Ellen), I don't know whether you want to jump in on this, but you're absolutely right. We have identified areas in particular along tributaries that really need to be protected, and we've identified boundaries about how far out a case by case review should be necessary.

One of the criticisms of the other waters category is that people felt it had no outside boundaries. And in fact, they're not wrong. Today, we could legitimately seek a case by case review of anywhere outside anywhere in the U.S., frankly. And so, we knew that people were questioning how far out that they need to be worried if they are intending to pollute or degrade or otherwise destroy a wetland or a water body. And we made it very clear in this rule to identify what we know for sure the science tells us is jurisdictional

and what for sure are the out of boundaries that we think case by case review is still necessary.

And then, we also in that other waters category just separated out those unique water features. And I think we all know what they are. They're the (Pacosins), the (Del Marva Bays), they're the…

(Brian Dees): Prairie potholes.

(Gina McCarthy): Prairie potholes.

(Brian Dees): Texas coastal wetland.

(Gina McCarthy): Oh, Texas coastal wetland.

(Brian Dees): California…

(Gina McCarthy): And California vernal pools. And we asked questions about what we should do with these. They are unique. And in many ways, they act to provide similar functions, and especially when they're close to one another, they can act as a system. And the Supreme Court recognized that, and so we were told both to look at the science to see what streams and tributaries we want to protect. But, they also made it clear that these unique features have to be recognized, as well.

So, we've identified those as also areas to do case by case review, and we have identified an opportunity for folks to take a look at how they function together as a system to make sure that, when case by case decisions are made, we're not losing significant functions like basically retention of water to prevent flooding, like allowing those features to act as basically filters for pollution. That doesn't mean that you can't have agriculture continuing to work all around and to ask questions about what else can be done within the prairie potholes, but it does ensure that we're going to take a close look at those, as people would expect us to, because they are genuinely rich in all kinds of

resources, and they provide some vital functions, particularly, frankly, in a changing climate.

We want to make sure that water is held, we want to make sure that flooding can be stopped, and want to mitigate pollutants that are going to damage the valuable drinking water supplies that we know are getting more valuable every day.

(Jo Ellen), did you want to add to any of that?

(Jo Ellen Darcy): I just wanted to add that I think the significance of the connectivity to these unique water bodies is something that we've addressed in this rule because the connectivity, as we say, is so important to the system being operated not only as a system, but the connectivity of how pollution can flow from water body to the other. So, the whole point of this rule is to prevent the pollution, so we need to be able to know what's connected to what in order to make a determination as to whether that water body needs to be protected.

(Gina McCarthy): I just -- oh, sorry -- can I just add, on what (Jo Ellen) said, because she's absolutely right - it's really important to remember that we relied on the science, and the science told us, first of all, that all waters are connected, but that's not sufficient to make a determination under the Clean Water Act as to what's jurisdictional. That's why we spent a lot of time to define tributaries more clearly, that's why we know what adjacent waters need to be protected, that's why we've made a determination about how far out and in what areas you need to do case by case review.

And going back to these unique features, I think people will know and take a look at this and I think be very at least happy that we spent so much time focused on the science, because clearly, these are unique enough features that need to be looked at. But, we did not make a determination in the rule that they were automatically jurisdictional. We are going to leave that out to case by case site assessment the way that we should.

(Liz Perchio): Thanks. Next question please.

Operator: Your next question is from (Amina Saed) with (Bloomberg B&A).

(Amina Saed): Good morning, Administrator (McCarthy). I think you answered one of my questions just now about whether these isolated wetlands or these special wetlands would be covered, automatically covered or not. But, I did want to know, you didn't talk about the streams. In the proposed rule, you all said that ephemeral, intermittent and perennial streams all would be covered. Has that changed in the final rule, or has that been tweaked somehow? If you could clarify that, I would be most grateful.

(Gina McCarthy): Well, all of those would be covered, but under the condition that they meet the definition of tributary. And so, we wanted to make sure that that was clear. If they are not meeting the definition of tributary, and we define it basically as a -- having a bed bank in ordinary high water mark, which really reflects that that stream or that tributary has the frequency and duration of volume of water that's necessary.

So hopefully, that takes off the table as well as specific exclusions we've put in the rule, as well, that -- so that farmers will know that an ephemeral stream, and some have asked, if it only runs every 50 years - of course, it doesn't. It needs to have the flow and duration that would make it a tributary. So, we have provided clarity here.

But, we've already provided -- also provided (inaudible) what is an adjacent water, and so -- and we've also provided clarity on the boundaries for case by case. Beyond that, the clarity is that they are simply not covered under the Clean Water Act.

And so, I can go through those -- the more specifics if anybody would like, but why don't I take the next question, and we'll see if folks want that specificity.

(Liz Perchio): Yeah, and we've time for one last question.

Operator: And your final question is from (Amy Harder) with Wall Street Journal.

(Amy Harder): Morning, and thanks for holding this call. You said (unintelligible) of the waters of the U.S. would be under this rule, but then you also said that it could be more, and (unintelligible) case by case analysis. So, how much more could it potentially be? I mean, it's not that helpful to say 3 percent but then say it could be more. So, can you give kind of a ceiling of how much it could be?

(Gina McCarthy): Well, (Amy), let me take a little bit of a step back here because I think the only thing that we're -- we're trying to cover what we believe to be the streams that have so far not been clearly identified as under the jurisdiction of the Clean Water Act because they're incredibly important to downstream waters for drinking and business and other issues.

And so, what we're talking about is 60 percent of our streams now flow seasonally. It's those that are most at risk. So, those are the ones that we are going to make sure that we identify a subset of that are going to be protected. I'm hoping that that helps you because those are the -- really what we're focusing on as we're narrowly defining tributaries to get a portion of the 60 percent of the streams that flow seasonally that feed 117 million people their drinking water. And so, it is a portion of those, and that is where those numbers are coming from.

(Liz Perchio): Thank you. And at this point, we are going to end the call. It's under embargo until 10 AM. Thanks.

Female: Thanks, everybody.

Operator: Thank you. This does conclude today's conference call. You may now disconnect your lines.

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**To:** Benenati, Frank <benenati.frank@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Harrison, Melissa <Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: HF materials

Fair enough, I guess I'm worried they'd call around and run the story based on what they'd get from others.. but everyone's a threat I suppose. It'd be helpful to make Tues. morning less hectic.

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**From:** Benenati, Frank
**Sent:** Friday, December 09, 2016 3:33 PM
**To:** Lee, Monica <Lee.Monica@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Harrison, Melissa <Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: HF materials

Eh that's okay. Just concerned it will leak Monday night

On Dec 9, 2016, at 3:31 PM, Lee, Monica <Lee.Monica@epa.gov> wrote:

> The plan was to talk to the AP at 8 AM Tuesday morning – just give them 2 hours. You want to give more time?
>
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>
> **From:** Benenati, Frank
> **Sent:** Friday, December 09, 2016 3:23 PM
> **To:** Lee, Monica <Lee.Monica@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Harrison, Melissa <Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: HF materials
>
> Will look at materials soon. As far as tick tick, can you put in when we will have the interview with AP? Think we should do Monday obvs.
>
> Also move up the advisory to a bit earlier. Most press have their planning meetings at 830 so let's do 8am.
>
> On Dec 9, 2016, at 3:17 PM, Lee, Monica <Lee.Monica@epa.gov> wrote:
>
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<HFDWA Q&A Draft 20161208 master_v3.docx>
<HFDWA Draft Comms and tick tock 12.8 v4.docx>

Message

**From**: Lee, Monica [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=43A08FAB4A8948EAA3DAC902A97250D6-LEE, MONICA]
**Sent**: 12/9/2016 8:17:28 PM
**To**: Benenati, Frank [benenati.frank@epa.gov]
**CC**: Melissa Harrison (Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov) [Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov]
**Subject**: HF materials
**Attachments**: draft blog for HF release.docx; HF Final Assessment Fact Sheet 20161208.docx; HFDWA draft script for tom v2 clean (002).docx; HFDWA Q&A Draft 20161208 master_v3.docx; HFDWA Draft Comms and tick tock 12.8 v4.docx

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Message

**From**: Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 4/25/2016 6:27:31 PM
**To**: Strauss, Linda [Strauss.Linda@epa.gov]
**CC**: Conger, Nick [Conger.Nick@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: See this from R9 - FW: Now on for Thursday - Safer Choice Partner of the Year Awardees BY REGION (embargoed)

I will

Monica Lee

Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

On Apr 25, 2016, at 10:48 AM, Strauss, Linda <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov> wrote:

Monica, you'll be on the call?

**From:** Keener, Bill
**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2016 1:46 PM
**To:** Strauss, Linda <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov>; Purchia, Liz <Purchia.Liz@epa.gov>; Zito, Kelly <ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV>
**Subject:** RE: Now on for Thursday - Safer Choice Partner of the Year Awardees BY REGION (embargoed)

We should discuss during the press call set for 5:00 pm EDT.

**Bill Keener**
Office of Public Affairs
U.S. EPA - Region 9
San Francisco, CA
Phone: (415) 972-3940

**From:** Strauss, Linda
**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2016 10:15 AM
**To:** Purchia, Liz <Purchia.Liz@epa.gov>; Zito, Kelly <ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV>; Keener, Bill <Keener.Bill@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Now on for Thursday - Safer Choice Partner of the Year Awardees BY REGION (embargoed)

Yes, and I'm assuming these R9 winners would not be included in the breakfast.

R9 Winners:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Region 9** | - <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]--**>Albertsons/Safeway (Retailer)**<br>5918 Stoneridge Mall Road<br>Pleasanton, CA 94588<br><br>- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]--**>Clorox (Formulator)**<br>1221 Broadway<br>Oakland, CA 94612 | - <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]--**>Albertsons/Safeway (Retailer)**<br>- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]--**>The Ashkin Group (Supporter)**<br>- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]--**>BASF (Innovator)**<br>- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]--**>Ecolab Inc. (Innovator)** |

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| | | - <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->**Environmental Defense Fund (Supporter)**<br>- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->**RB (Formulator)** |

**From:** Purchia, Liz
**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2016 12:45 PM
**To:** Zito, Kelly <ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV>; Strauss, Linda <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov>; Keener, Bill <Keener.Bill@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Now on for Thursday - Safer Choice Partner of the Year Awardees BY REGION (embargoed)

You should loop Monica in on this. I spoke with her about it last week.

I think it's ok that Cole's isn't a winner. I think the release can just reference the fact that the announcement was made on the same day she was out in SF doing a push around Safer Choice.

**From:** Zito, Kelly
**Sent:** Monday, April 25, 2016 12:41 PM
**To:** Strauss, Linda <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov>; Keener, Bill <Keener.Bill@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Purchia, Liz <Purchia.Liz@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Now on for Thursday - Safer Choice Partner of the Year Awardees BY REGION (embargoed)

Hey Linda - Can we chat about this? The Administrator's Thursday event is at Cole Hardware in SF, which is not one of the winners...
Kelly

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 25, 2016, at 7:03 AM, "Strauss, Linda" <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov> wrote:

> Good morning PADs. This announcement will now go Thursday. The Administrator will likely announce when she's in San Fran meeting on Safer Choice this Thursday. So please hold any coms until that goes. Also, we have notified the winners to embargo until then as well.
>
> Thanks.
>
> Linda
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> **From:** Strauss, Linda
> **Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2016 2:06 PM
> **To:** PADs and Alternates <PADs_and_Alternates@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>; Lee, Monica <Lee.Monica@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** Safer Choice Partner of the Year Awardees BY REGION (embargoed)
>
> Thanks again for your continued efforts to get the word out on Safer Choice!

Attached is the list of the Safer Choice Partner of the Year winners per Region that will be recognized for achievements in the design, manufacture, promotion, and use of Safer Choice-labeled products.

Please help amplify the news any time after the press release goes (currently scheduled for April 25). Feel free to reach out to the winners to coordinate press/events. We have just completed phone calls notifying them.

The actual Partner of the Year awards ceremony will be on Monday, May 9, from 2-4 pm, in the Rotunda Room of the Ronald Reagan Building, D.C. Registration is available for the winners and for EPA Regions and HQ until April 25. http://partneroftheyear.eventbrite.com.

Please see the email below just sent to Regional DDs that has more information.

Linda

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**From:** Widawsky, David
**Sent:** Thursday, April 14, 2016 1:48 PM
**To:** Armstead, John A. <Armstead.John@epa.gov>; Cunningham-HQ, Barbara <Cunningham-HQ.Barbara@epa.gov>; Filippelli, John <Filippelli.John@epa.gov>; Guerriero, Margaret <guerriero.margaret@epa.gov>; Libertz, Catherine <Libertz.Catherine@epa.gov>; Mitchell, Judy-Ann <Mitchell.Judy-Ann@epa.gov>; Scott, Jeff <Scott.Jeff@epa.gov>; Stenger, Wren <stenger.wren@epa.gov>; Studlien, Susan <Studlien.Susan@epa.gov>; Tennessee, Denise <Tennessee.Denise@epa.gov>; Weber, Rebecca <Weber.Rebecca@epa.gov>; Wood, MelanieL <Wood.MelanieL@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Davies, Clive <Davies.Clive@epa.gov>; Wen, Chen <Wen.Chen@epa.gov>; Strauss, Linda <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov>; Regional P2 Managers <RegionalP2Managers@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Safer Choice Partner of the Year Awards (embargoed for external release until after April 25)

Dear RDD Colleagues,

I am happy to announce that we have completed the judging process for the 2016 Safer Choice Partner of the Year Awards. Many of your staff participated, and I'd like to thank you and them for all the hard work. This year's winners include 24 entities in categories that include Purchaser and Distributor, Retailer, Supporter, Formulator, and Innovator.

Please see the attached lists of partners in your region and summaries of the accomplishments of each winner. ***Please do not release any information on the winners until the Agency issues its press release, now planned for April 25.***

We will hold the Partner of the Year awards ceremony on Monday, May 9, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., in the Rotunda Room of the Ronald Reagan Building here in the Federal Triangle in Washington, DC. If your travel plans allow for (or coincide with) attending the ceremony, we would love to have some of you in attendance to celebrate with the winners, and would do our best to seat you with winners from your region. If you can come, please register for the event at this link: http://partneroftheyear.eventbrite.com. Registration is available for the winners

and for EPA until April 25. The Partner of the Year website will go live on that date, and remaining space may fill quickly with trade associations and others from the DC area.

We plan a press release – now scheduled tentatively for April 25 – to announce the winners. We will encourage the winners and others to spread the word through social media and other means. Your region played an important role in our outreach. Your efforts in the April 4-8 timeframe were an important contribution to our Spring Cleaning Campaign; they encouraged outside organizations to engage in social media amplification, and (directly and through your influence) led to unique regional events and publications.

We would appreciate any additional outreach you can conduct associated with the Partner of the Year awards to improve awareness of the ceremony and of the Safer Choice label, in coordination with your PAD. I am available to discuss potential outreach opportunities. Chen Wen (wen.chen@epa.gov, 202-564-8849) is the best point of contact for your staff in coordinating outreach and learning more about Partner of the Year.

Thanks to all of you for your continuing support of the Safer Choice Program.

David

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David Widawsky, PhD
Director - Chemistry, Economics, and Sustainable Strategies Division
Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Washington DC 20460
(202) 566-2215
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Check out EPA's pollution prevention initiatives:
>> www.epa.gov/p2
>> www.epa.gov/greenchemistry
>> www.epa.gov/SaferChoice
>> www.E3.gov
>> www.epa.gov/epp

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<Safer Choice PoY 2016 Winners by Region v8.docx>

<2016 Partner of the Year Awards_Summaries v09.docx>

Message

**From**: Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 4/13/2016 10:00:54 PM
**To**: Strauss, Linda [Strauss.Linda@epa.gov]; StClair, Christie [StClair.Christie@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: POY

What's the timing on this?

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**From:** Strauss, Linda
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 13, 2016 5:53 PM
**To:** StClair, Christie
**Cc:** Lee, Monica
**Subject:** Re: POY

Worked well last year. Gives local press choice to amplify at time of release or to come to the event and amplify then. Regions seemed to amplify both last year. Linda

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 13, 2016, at 5:49 PM, StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov> wrote:

> I'm on metro but can call when I'm off. Sounds pretty straightforward though.
>
> Christie St. Clair
> U.S. EPA Office of Media Relations
> C: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
>
> On Apr 13, 2016, at 5:45 PM, Strauss, Linda <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov> wrote:
>
>> Christie, possible to give a call on my cell? Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) I wanted to explain how we will be pushing out the safer choice POY awards - same as last year. We put out a press release 2 weeks before the ceremony. Winners must embargo until the release goes. Local press has the option to cover when the release goes out or at the awards ceremony. It worked great last year. Let me know if you want to discuss. Linda Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
>> Sent from my iPhone
>>
>> Begin forwarded message:
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>>> **From:** "Strauss, Linda" <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov>
>>> **Date:** April 13, 2016 at 5:37:15 PM EDT
>>> **To:** "Davies, Clive" <Davies.Clive@epa.gov>
>>> **Cc:** "Flattery, Priscilla" <Flattery.Priscilla@epa.gov>, "Dunton, Cheryl" <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov>, "Wen, Chen" <Wen.Chen@epa.gov>, "Williams, Bridget"

<Williams.Bridget@epa.gov>
**Subject: Re: Toolkit for PoY**

Absolutely. Maybe I can send his note to PADs after he sends. Regions won't be happy if winners are notified before they know. We need clear direction on when they should amplify. Linda

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 13, 2016, at 5:34 PM, Davies, Clive <Davies.Clive@epa.gov> wrote:

> I will send you what I just sent to David W. I think he wants to be first in informing the regional DDs....
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>
> Clive Davies, P.E., Chief
> Design for the Environment Branch
> 202-564-3821 (phone)
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>
> **From:** Strauss, Linda
> **Sent:** Wednesday, April 13, 2016 5:30 PM
> **To:** Davies, Clive <Davies.Clive@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Flattery, Priscilla <Flattery.Priscilla@epa.gov>; Dunton, Cheryl <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov>; Wen, Chen <Wen.Chen@epa.gov>; Williams, Bridget <Williams.Bridget@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: Toolkit for PoY
>
> Actually, I want to send the pads the list of winners by region. Can you send me that? Will check in before I send. Linda
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
> On Apr 13, 2016, at 5:26 PM, Strauss, Linda <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov> wrote:
>
>> Can I please send to the regional PADs first tomorrow? They will want a heads up and maybe we'll get buy-in so they will amplify it more. Linda
>>
>> Sent from my iPhone
>>
>> On Apr 13, 2016, at 5:08 PM, Davies, Clive <Davies.Clive@epa.gov> wrote:
>>
>>> Hi Everyone.
>>>
>>> We would like to send this toolkit to the

winners this week. This version is based on the 2015 kit and references the spring cleaning materials at the end.

Any issues, or are we ok?

Clive

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Message

**From**: Lee, Monica [Lee.Monica@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 2/9/2016 2:54:10 PM
**To**: Conger, Nick [Conger.Nick@epa.gov]; Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
**CC**: Loop, Travis [Loop.Travis@epa.gov]; Schollhamer, Mary [Schollhamer.Mary@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: NICK ACTION: Follow-Up MEDIA INQUIRY: BNA (A. SAIYID); DDL 4 PM ; WIFIA

Good with me

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**From:** Conger, Nick
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 9, 2016 8:19 AM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert
**Cc:** Loop, Travis; Schollhamer, Mary; Lee, Monica
**Subject:** RE: NICK ACTION: Follow-Up MEDIA INQUIRY: BNA (A. SAIYID); DDL 4 PM ; WIFIA

Adding Monica who approves for OW.

Sent from my Windows Phone

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert
**Sent:** 2/9/2016 7:50 AM
**To:** Conger, Nick
**Cc:** Loop, Travis; Schollhamer, Mary
**Subject:** NICK ACTION: Follow-Up MEDIA INQUIRY: BNA (A. SAIYID); DDL 4 PM ; WIFIA

Good morning. GTG?

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**From:** Schollhamer, Mary
**Sent:** Monday, February 08, 2016 5:16 PM
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Loop, Travis <Loop.Travis@epa.gov>; Lee, Monica <Lee.Monica@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RESPONSE: Follow-Up MEDIA INQUIRY: BNA (A. SAIYID); DDL 4 PM ; WIFIA

Follow-Up Question: Can the EPA begin to issue WIFIA-backed loans to Michigan without these rules in place?
RESPONSE: We are actively engaged in developing all aspects of the program that need to be in place in order to comply with emergency legislation in a timely manner.

Question: When is the EPA planning to promulgate rules to have this program, read WIFIA, up and running? Can this program issue credit for loans without the rulemaking? In other words, is it ready to go?
RESPONSE: EPA is initiating the rulemaking process for the base WIFIA program and plans to have a proposed rule by the end of the current fiscal year. We are actively engaged in developing all aspects of the program and the rulemaking process will help inform the development of initial guidance for the launch of the program. EPA's goal is for the program to be ready for potential appropriations in FY17.

Mary G Schollhamer
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Office of Water
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Office: 202-564-5759
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schollhamer.mary@epa.gov

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**From:** Daguillard, Robert
**Sent:** Monday, February 08, 2016 2:03 PM
**To:** Schollhamer, Mary <Schollhamer.Mary@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Loop, Travis <Loop.Travis@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: MARY ACTION: BNA (A. SAIYID); DDL 4 PM ; WIFIA

Follow-up:

"Robert, this is the response you sent me in December for this year's outlook (See below). Can the EPA begin to issue WIFIA-backed loans to Michigan without these rules in place.
Amena

**From:** Daguillard, Robert
**Sent:** Thursday, December 03, 2015 10:44 AM
**To:** Saiyid, Amena
**Subject:** RE: follow up question on water infrastructure for outlook and today's daily story about wifia

Yes, EPA intends to begin developing a rule in 2016.

For attribution to the Agency as usual. Thanks, R.

Robert Daguillard
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**From:** Daguillard, Robert
**Sent:** Monday, February 08, 2016 1:15 PM
**To:** Schollhamer, Mary <Schollhamer.Mary@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Loop, Travis <Loop.Travis@epa.gov>
**Subject:** MARY ACTION: BNA (A. SAIYID); DDL 4 PM ; WIFIA

Can we meet the reporter's deadline?

"When is the EPA planning to promulgate rules to have this program, read WIFIA, up and running? Can this program issue credit for loans without the rulemaking? In other words, is it ready to go? I really need the answers by 4 pm today."

Robert Daguillard

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Message

**From**: Lee, Monica [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=43A08FAB4A8948EAA3DAC902A97250D6-LEE, MONICA]
**Sent**: 3/28/2016 10:39:17 PM
**To**: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Purchia, Liz [Purchia.Liz@epa.gov]; Abrams, Dan [Abrams.Dan@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: from detroit free press - deadline question

I haven't gotten anything from Todd, only Matt Dolan.

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**From:** Grantham, Nancy
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2016 6:09 PM
**To:** Lee, Monica <Lee.Monica@epa.gov>; Purchia, Liz <Purchia.Liz@epa.gov>; Abrams, Dan <Abrams.Dan@epa.gov>
**Subject:** FW: from detroit free press - deadline question

Fyi .. close hold – we can discuss tomorrow -- we have not received an inquiry on this from spengler – only the dolan person, right? Thanks ng

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**From:** Jones, Kamara (OS/ASPA) [mailto:Kamara.Jones@hhs.gov]
**Sent:** Monday, March 28, 2016 5:49 PM
**To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Michael, Gretchen (OS/ASPR/COO) <Gretchen.Michael@hhs.gov>
**Subject:** FW: from detroit free press - deadline question

Hi, Nancy. The press request I mentioned is below, as well as the draft TPs I mentioned. Our senior folks are still reviewing the TPs so please keep them close-hold. As of now, we plan to have Bernadette respond to the reporter via phone using these TPs as a guide. We think talking with the reporter will be more effective than a statement.

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

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**From:** Spangler, Todd [mailto:tspangler@freepress.com]
**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2016 3:52 PM
**To:** Nordlund, Kristen (CDC/OID/NCIRD); Jones, Kamara (OS/ASPA); johnson.mark@epa.gov
**Cc:** Spangler, Todd
**Subject:** re: from detroit free press - deadline question

Kristen, Kamara, Mark—

We're working on a story for today on emails from EPA R5 in June 2014 that raised concerns to CDC/ATSDR regarding rashes and other symptoms being seen in Flint at that time. According to the email string below, it seems that folks at CDC/ATSDR were clearly aware of it but it does not seem – from these emails – that there was any more follow up at the

time, and it seems that while some concerns about Ph were raised, your folks did not think it warranted immediate action.

Given what we know now in Flint, should this have been a red flag? Should there have been follow up then and if not, why not? Story's probably going to go up in the next couple/few hours, so please get me a response as quickly as you can, if you can—and thanks

**Todd Spangler**
Washington correspondent

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**From:** Dolan, Matthew
**Sent:** Thursday, March 24, 2016 3:35 PM
**To:** Spangler, Todd <tspangler@freepress.com>; Egan, Paul <pegan@freepress.com>
**Subject:** RE: EPA email from summer 2014 on Flint water

Yeah, sounds great. Go ahead. But here's a more complete chain after I searched the whole dump for Crooks' name. Looks like it was investigated and dismissed although some fed. Official called for more investigation at one point.

**From:** Busch, Stephen (DEQ)
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 24, 2014 9:02 AM
**To:** Johnson, Mark;Crooks, Jennifer
**Cc:** Poy, Thomas;Prysby, Mike (DEQ);Shoven, Heather;Murphy, Thomas
**Subject:** RE: Briefing -- Flint River for drinking water, Michigan

Finished water (plant tap) pH levels ranged from 7.1-7.7 for the entire month of May.

Stephen Busch, P.E.
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Office of Drinking Water and Municipal Assistance
MDEQ
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**From:** Johnson, Mark [mailto:johnson.mark@epa.gov]
**Sent:** Monday, June 23, 2014 6:24 PM
**To:** Crooks, Jennifer
**Cc:** Poy, Thomas; Prysby, Mike (DEQ); Busch, Stephen (DEQ); Shoven, Heather; Murphy, Thomas
**Subject:** FW: Briefing -- Flint River for drinking water, Michigan

Jennifer

Here is an initial response from Joe Carpenter, a water quality engineer at the CDC Waterborne Disease Prevention Program in Atlanta. His comments focus on the pH of the finished water as a possible contributor to the reports of skin rashes. In this files that were provided, there were pH measurements for the last week of April. Are there additional data available to determination if pH fluctuations in the distribution system may correspond to the complaints?

Just looking at it from a chemical perspective, I don't see anything in the analysis that would be of a health concern. We can have a follow-up discussion with CDC staff about other constituents if that would be helpful.

Mark

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**From:** Carpenter, Joe (CDC/OID/NCEZID) [mailto:jcc0@cdc.gov]
**Sent:** Saturday, June 21, 2014 4:46 PM
**To:** Beach, Michael J. (CDC/OID/NCEZID); Johnson, Mark
**Cc:** Yoder, Jonathan S. (CDC/OID/NCEZID); Robinson, Feleda (CDC/OID/NCEZID) (CTR); Gargano, Julia Marie W. (CDC/OID/NCEZID); Sarisky, John (CDC/ONDIEH/NCEH); Blake, Robert G. (CDC/ONDIEH/NCEH)
**Subject:** RE: Briefing -- Flint River for drinking water, Michigan



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Here is a recent article (06/12/2014) about the changes in lime addition at the Flint water plant. It might be a bit challenging to make pH adjustments quickly in the finished water if they had to make this significant lime addition adjustment. High pH from lime softening plants has been associated with consumer issues in the past. See below for a background document about lime softening and a WHO document about the health effects of both high and low pH values. Skin rashes are known to be caused by extreme pH variations in drinking water.

Hope some of this info is helpful.

Joe Carpenter

http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2014/06/treated_flint_river_water_meet.html

FLINT, MI -- Workers at the city's water treatment plant have bumped up their use of lime in an effort to cut down on both water hardness and rising customer complaints.

Daugherty Johnson, utilities administrator at Flint's water treatment plant, said today, June 12, that 75 percent of raw water is now being treated with lime compared to 25 percent treatment when the city made the initial switch from using Lake Huron to using the Flint River as a drinking water source on April 25.

**Background info about lime softening:**

http://www.nesc.wvu.edu/pdf/dw/publications/ontap/2009_tb/lime_softening_DWFSOM41.pdf

**Health Effects of pH -- WHO**

http://www.who.int/water_sanitation_health/dwq/chemicals/en/ph.pdf

**EFFECTS ON HUMANS**
Exposure to extreme pH values results in irritation to the eyes, skin, and mucous membranes. Eye irritation and exacerbation of skin disorders have been associated with pH values greater than 11. In addition, solutions of pH 10–12.5 have been reported to cause hair fibres to swell (*10*). In sensitive individuals, gastrointestinal irritation may also occur. Exposure to low pH values can also result in similar effects. Below pH 4, redness and irritation of the eyes have been reported, the severity of which increases with decreasing pH. Below pH 2.5, damage to the epithelium is irreversible and extensive (*10*). In addition, because pH can affect the degree of corrosion of metals as well as disinfection efficiency, it may have an indirect effect on health.

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**From:** Beach, Michael J. (CDC/OID/NCEZID)
**Sent:** Saturday, June 21, 2014 12:53 PM
**To:** Johnson, Mark (EPA) (CDC epa.gov)

**Cc:** Carpenter, Joe (CDC/OID/NCEZID); Yoder, Jonathan S. (CDC/OID/NCEZID); Robinson, Felecia (CDC/OID/NCEZID) (CTR); Beach, Michael J. (CDC/OID/NCEZID); Gargano, Julia Marie W. (CDC/OID/NCEZID); Sarisky, John (CDC/ONDIEH/NCEH); Blake, Robert G. (CDC/ONDIEH/NCEH)
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Mark,
Am ccing our water engineer, Joe Carpenter, for his take on this. We have heard of the rashes related to switch to chloramine (not happening here) w, which has become very activist oriented but not sure from the data here what this might be. Also including the EH services Branch for input
Michael

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Please only print this e-mail if necessary.

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**From:** Johnson, Mark (EPA) (CDC epa.gov)
**Sent:** Friday, June 20, 2014 5:57 PM
**To:** Beach, Michael J. (CDC/OID/NCEZID); Roberts, Virginia (CDC/OID/NCEZID)
**Subject:** FW: Briefing -- Flint River for drinking water, Michigan

Michael and Virginia

We were contacted by USEPA this week regarding complaints from residents of Flint, Michigan associated with the quality of their drinking water. There have been recent taste and odor complaints, but also claims of people developing rashes. The complaints seem to correspond to the timeframe the City of Flint switching from purchasing water from the City of Detroit to utilizing their own treatment system that takes water from the Flint River, which began in late April, 2014.

Although this is a regulatory compliance issue, ATSDR was contacted to assist in addressing health concerns in the community. Although the analytical testing does not indicate the presence of chemicals that appear to be a health concern, the fact that their raw water is coming from a new source raises questions about other constituents that have not been evaluated. We will be contacting the Michigan Dept. of Community Health, but we also wanted to contact your program to see if you get involved with these situations and can offer some advice.

Let me know what you think.

Mark

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Thank you for your time!

Jennifer

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Detroit Free Press

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I've found "Mark Johnson" who appears to be the Region 5 director for ATSDR, though he has an EPA (?) email. Any problem with me emailing him and other contacts at EPA/CDC/DHHS this email to ask them what if anything happened with this?

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Paul and I just read through another email dump I heard about only through a cryptic tweet from the governor earlier today (you can find them in DEQ10 at http://1.usa.gov/1MEf4JD; we think those are the only new ones despite the updated label on several).

No major headlines but Paul and I are going to do a quick for the record kind of piece about emails that caught our eye. Any thoughts about this one below? It seems to be an early concern by EPA about the rash issue. It seems to pre-date the email timeline analysis you did (and it doesn't mention lead, so the connection is not as important) But it does seem to the first EPA involvement in Flint water that we've seen, right?
And I was wondering what happened after the email. Were the feds ATSDR (Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry) contacted? I think I remember correctly that they're involved in Flint now, right?
I'd be happy if you want to ask EPA/CDC about it and send me a feed. Or I can call them on my own.
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Message

**From**: Lee, Monica [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=43A08FAB4A8948EAA3DAC902A97250D6-LEE, MONICA]
**Sent**: 9/27/2016 6:54:11 PM
**To**: Kelley, Jeff [kelley.jeff@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: Zone 3 cleanup work to begin this Friday

That's fine

Monica Lee
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

On Sep 27, 2016, at 2:53 PM, Kelley, Jeff <kelley.jeff@epa.gov> wrote:

> I've got some kind of Flint call at 3 your time … and then a PADS only call at 3:30 … maybe we can connect at 4?
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> .....
> *Jeff Kelley*
> *Director, Office of External Communications*
> *U.S. EPA Region 5*
> *ph: 312-353-1159*
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> **From:** Lee, Monica
> **Sent:** Tuesday, September 27, 2016 1:52 PM
> **To:** Kelley, Jeff <kelley.jeff@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: Zone 3 cleanup work to begin this Friday
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> I'll call after this wraps.
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> Monica Lee
> Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
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> On Sep 27, 2016, at 2:49 PM, Kelley, Jeff <kelley.jeff@epa.gov> wrote:
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>> Apparently we're going to start digging in zone 3 this Friday … let's touch base later to discuss a press strategy. Bob wants some kind of news release … I'm not too sure about that, but we should think about inviting press to come out on Friday and get a briefing from the RPM on the work that's being done, the steps we're taking to protect residents while we're working, etc.
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>> *Jeff Kelley*
>> *Director, Office of External Communications*
>> *U.S. EPA Region 5*
>> *ph: 312-353-1159*

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**Sent**: 10/15/2014 8:46:03 PM
**To**: Liz Purchia (Purchia.Liz@epa.gov) [Purchia.Liz@epa.gov]
**Subject**: event memo

This work?

# Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Message

**From:** Smith, Roxanne [Smith.Roxanne@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 12/4/2015 1:39:42 PM
**To:** Purchia, Liz [Purchia.Liz@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Re: request for a meeting

Let me find out.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 4, 2015, at 7:47 AM, Purchia, Liz <Purchia.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

Did someone report him to Justina?

Liz Purchia
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202-564-6691
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Fugh, Justina" <Fugh.Justina@epa.gov>
**Date:** December 3, 2015 at 5:39:29 PM EST
**To:** "Davis, Jay" <Davis.Jay@epa.gov>
**Cc:** "Smith, Roxanne" <Smith.Roxanne@epa.gov>
**Subject: request for a meeting**

Hi Jay,
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To that end, you should contact me by email or phone to schedule a meeting with me (and if she wants to attend, Roxanne Smith) so that I can explain your ethical obligations one more time.
Justina

Justina Fugh | Senior Counsel for Ethics | Office of General Counsel | US EPA | Mail Code 2311A | Room 4308 North, William Jefferson Clinton Federal Building | Washington, DC 20460 (for ground deliveries, use 20004 for the zip code) | phone 202-564-1786 | fax 202-564-1772

Message

**From:** Davis, Jay [Davis.Jay@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 12/4/2015 4:24:33 AM
**To:** Purchia, Liz [Purchia.Liz@epa.gov]
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Hey - can we talk about this in the morning? I have no idea what she's referring to.

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> To that end, you should contact me by email or phone to schedule a meeting with me (and if she wants to attend, Roxanne Smith) so that I can explain your ethical obligations one more time.
> Justina
>
> Justina Fugh | Senior Counsel for Ethics | Office of General Counsel | US EPA | Mail Code 2311A | Room 4308 North, William Jefferson Clinton Federal Building | Washington, DC 20460 (for ground deliveries, use 20004 for the zip code) | phone 202-564-1786 | fax 202-564-1772

Message

**From**: Davis, Jay [Davis.Jay@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 10/2/2015 6:04:22 PM
**To**: Purchia, Liz [Purchia.Liz@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: SAMMIES: Outreach Starting 10/7

For awareness, looks like Ron is planning to film a video with our Sammies winner on Monday. I only know what's below. I asked them to send me the photos for possible Admin use.

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**From:** Slotkin, Ron
**Sent:** Friday, October 02, 2015 1:41 PM
**To:** Orquina, Jessica; Ortiz, Julia; Davis, Jay; Hart, Daniel
**Subject:** RE: SAMMIES: Outreach Starting 10/7

Don't send bring please…Also does anyone have his background info...like the award write up…we need the story behind the award.

*We all must work together to anticipate, prepare and adapt to a changing climate*
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**Ron Slotkin**
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**From:** Orquina, Jessica
**Sent:** Friday, October 02, 2015 7:56 AM
**To:** Slotkin, Ron; Ortiz, Julia; Davis, Jay; Hart, Daniel
**Subject:** Fwd: SAMMIES: Outreach Starting 10/7

Ron, other than you, who should Julia send Jacob's photos to?

Jess

Jessica Ann Orquina
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Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Moss, Jacob" <Moss.Jacob@epa.gov>
> **Date:** October 1, 2015 at 9:41:19 PM EDT
> **To:** "Slotkin, Ron" <slotkin.ron@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** "Smith, Roxanne" <Smith.Roxanne@epa.gov>, "Jones, Enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>, "Millett, John" <Millett.John@epa.gov>, "Hart, Daniel" <Hart.Daniel@epa.gov>, "Orquina, Jessica" <Orquina.Jessica@epa.gov>, "Gaber, Noha" <Gaber.Noha@epa.gov>
> **Subject: Re: SAMMIES: Outreach Starting 10/7**
>
> Re stoves, I have 2 good stoves in my office that I can bring. I could also get a clean fuel stove from our partners, if you like -- this is a preferable message policy-wise, but not as compelling visually.
>
> Re pic, I sent Julia Ortiz a slew of pix earlier this week. Is she part of your team?
>
> Jacob E. Moss | Acting Deputy Director | Climate Protection Partnerships Division, EPA | moss.jacob@epa.gov | o: +1 202 343 9906 | c: + Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
>
> On Oct 1, 2015, at 7:54 PM, Slotkin, Ron <slotkin.ron@epa.gov> wrote:
>
>> Jacob. I will get you a time for Monday tomorrow. Will you be able to bring the cooks stoves and provide the photos on Monday too?
>>
>> Sent from my iPhone
>>
>> On Oct 1, 2015, at 5:50 PM, Moss, Jacob <Moss.Jacob@epa.gov> wrote:
>>
>>> Great. What time? Im in by 8:15am. I have a 10:15-11:00 mtg I'd like not to miss, but it's not do or die. Any other time is no conflict I couldn't move.
>>>
>>> Jacob E. Moss | Acting Deputy Director | Climate Protection Partnerships Division, EPA | moss.jacob@epa.gov | o: +1 202 343 9906 | c: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
>>>
>>> On Oct 1, 2015, at 5:40 PM, Slotkin, Ron <slotkin.ron@epa.gov> wrote:
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>>>> Jacob,
>>>>
>>>> We are hoping you can be available this Monday morning along with your favorite cook stove or two in EPA's video studio. We are planning to tell your story with video.

We can also use your best images from around the world of the cook stoves in use along with images of what they replaced.

Please do not feel pressured—this is a good thing and the video session will be very relaxed and fun.

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**Sent:** Thursday, October 01, 2015 5:34 PM
**To:** Smith, Roxanne
**Cc:** Jones, Enesta; Slotkin, Ron; Millett, John; Hart, Daniel; Orquina, Jessica; Gaber, Noha
**Subject:** Re: SAMMIES: Outreach Starting 10/7

But of course. Happy to do whatever you want. I have to say, I am just overwhelmed with all the love the agency is showing me for this. Thank you all.

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On Oct 1, 2015, at 5:29 PM, Smith, Roxanne <Smith.Roxanne@epa.gov> wrote:

> So, connecting a few folks on doing a video with Jacob that we can use both

externally and internally. Jacob, would you be willing to be interviewed for a video? Ron will get with you on your availability.

Roxanne Smith
Principal Deputy Associate Administrator
Office of Public Affairs
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**From:** Jones, Enesta
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 30, 2015 9:55 AM
**To:** Smith, Roxanne
**Cc:** Purchia, Liz; Ortiz, Julia; Orquina, Jessica; Sutton, Amanda; Millett, John; Gaber, Noha; Hull, George; Davis, Jay
**Subject:** Re: SAMMIES: Outreach Starting 10/7

Between us only please--Jacob Moss of OAR won. So this is a big deal!

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On Sep 30, 2015, at 9:52 AM, Smith, Roxanne <Smith.Roxanne@epa.gov> wrote:

> We really need to do the thunderclap. We have three EPA finalists for the Sammies and the winners will be announced in Oct. If any of our folks win, we'll be doing social media and a lot of internal comms about it. We always make a big deal about the Sammies because it is a way to engage employees and raise morale that what staff

do here at EPA makes a difference.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 30, 2015 9:49 AM
**To:** Ortiz, Julia; Jones, Enesta; Smith, Roxanne
**Cc:** Orquina, Jessica; Sutton, Amanda; Millett, John; Gaber, Noha; Hull, George; Davis, Jay
**Subject:** RE: SAMMIES: Outreach Starting 10/7

Adding Jay.

I don't think we need to do the thunderclap unless others can convince me we should.

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**From:** Ortiz, Julia
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 30, 2015 9:22 AM
**To:** Jones, Enesta; Smith, Roxanne
**Cc:** Purchia, Liz; Orquina, Jessica; Sutton, Amanda; Millett, John; Gaber, Noha; Hull, George
**Subject:** RE: SAMMIES: Outreach Starting 10/7

The thunderclap was approved yesterday, I will sign us up today.

**From:** Jones, Enesta
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 30, 2015 9:21 AM
**To:** Smith, Roxanne
**Cc:** Purchia, Liz; Orquina, Jessica; Ortiz, Julia; Sutton, Amanda; Millett, John; Gaber, Noha; Hull, George
**Subject:** Re: SAMMIES: Outreach Starting 10/7

PPS will send the embargoed news release on Friday afternoon.

They also want to see if we would still be willing to sign EPA's Twitter account up for their Sammies thunderclap. They have had great participation by many federal agencies thus far and we would love to have EPA included!

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On Sep 23, 2015, at 10:55 AM, Smith, Roxanne

<Smith.Roxanne@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks. Looping in Noha because we will need to do internal comms on this as well.

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**From:** Jones, Enesta
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 23, 2015

10:51 AM
**To:** Purchia, Liz; Orquina, Jessica; Ortiz, Julia; Sutton, Amanda; Millett, John
**Cc:** Smith, Roxanne; Hull, George; Jones, Enesta
**Subject:** SAMMIES: Outreach Starting 10/7

Hi All: I just had a conference call with the Partnership for the Public Service (PPS), to discuss media outreach on SAM MIES.

**The embargo will lift at 12:01 a.m. on Wed., Oct. 7 for us to issue a press release, do social and work with them on pitching and coordinating media interviews.**

This is a heads-up for now; I'll have more information from PPS next week.

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Message

**From**: Orquina, Jessica [Orquina.Jessica@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 6/3/2015 1:17:02 PM
**To**: McDermott, Marna [McDermott.Marna@epa.gov]; Loop, Travis [Loop.Travis@epa.gov]; Dickerson, Tom [Dickerson.Tom@epa.gov]; Frank, Joyce [Frank.Joyce@epa.gov]; Orvin, Chris [Orvin.Chris@epa.gov]; Rackoff, Jonathan [Rackoff.Jonathan@epa.gov]; Borum, Denis [Borum.Denis@epa.gov]; Mitchell, Stacey [Mitchell.Stacey@epa.gov]; Bond, Brian [Bond.Brian@epa.gov]; Reynolds, Thomas [Reynolds.Thomas@epa.gov]; Klasen, Matthew [Klasen.Matthew@epa.gov]; Minoli, Kevin [Minoli.Kevin@epa.gov]; Purchia, Liz [Purchia.Liz@epa.gov]; Maddox, Donald [Maddox.Donald@epa.gov]
**CC**: Vaught, Laura [Vaught.Laura@epa.gov]; Smith, Roxanne [Smith.Roxanne@epa.gov]; Hart, Daniel [Hart.Daniel@epa.gov]; Slotkin, Ron [slotkin.ron@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Pulling together the EPA response for 4 oversight letters related to social media outreach
**Attachments**: comm_internal.pdf; representing.pdf; should_i_respond_online_on_epas_behalf_final_march_2013.pdf; social_media_policy(1).pdf; comm_public.pdf

Hi Marna,

Below is the information about EPA social media guidance and what Thunderclap is. Let me know if you have any questions or would like me to make any changes.

We're still working on the moneys spent on producing videos for YouTube. I should be able to get that to you by the end of the week.

Thanks! Jess

**What is Thunderclap?**
Thunderclap is a free online tool that lets individuals and companies rally people together to spread a message. Any individual or organization can start a Thunderclap about a message they'd like to share. Then, if enough people sign up, that message is posted simultaneously to the social media accounts of everyone who signed up to support that Thunderclap.

**EPA social media policy and guidance**
The first sentence in EPA's Social Media Policy is this:
*It is EPA's policy to use social media where appropriate in order to meet its mission of protecting human health and the environment.*
Here are some of the social media policy and guidance documents we have published on our internal web guide:

- Policy: Social Media
  - File attached or viewable inside EPA's firewall here: http://www.epa.gov/irmpoli8/policies/social_media_policy.pdf
- Procedure: Using Social Media to Communicate with the Public
  - File attached or viewable inside EPA's firewall here: http://www.epa.gov/irmpoli8/policies/comm_public.pdf
- Procedure: Using Social Media Internally at EPA
  - File attached or viewable inside EPA's firewall here: http://www.epa.gov/irmpoli8/policies/comm_internal.pdf
- Procedure: Representing EPA Online Using Social Media
  - File attached or viewable inside EPA's firewall here: http://www2.epa.gov/home/procedure-representing-epa-online-using-social-media

**Government-wide guidance**
Open Government Executive Order:
https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2013/05/09/executive-order-making-open-and-machine-readable-new-default-government-
E-Government Act: http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/PLAW-107publ347/pdf/PLAW-107publ347.pdf

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**From:** McDermott, Marna
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 02, 2015 1:38 PM
**To:** Loop, Travis; Dickerson, Tom; Frank, Joyce; Orvin, Chris; Rackoff, Jonathan; Borum, Denis; Mitchell, Stacey; Bond, Brian; Reynolds, Thomas; Klasen, Matthew; Minoli, Kevin; Purchia, Liz; Maddox, Donald; Orquina, Jessica
**Cc:** Vaught, Laura
**Subject:** Pulling together the EPA response for 4 oversight letters related to social media outreach

Hi all,

To confirm the plan: We will start (response part 1) with a narrative response explaining the agency's use of social media and why it is not a violation of the anti-lobbying act. Response 1 will be to provide this narrative along with the applicable directives and policies.

To do this -

1. I am (today) drafting a narrative response to be edited by Reynolds and then shared with the group.
2. Jonathan is going to decide which of the various EO's and OLC opinions, etc. are most relevant to the response.
3. Jess has several assignments in the attached chart to pull policies we want to share and that will help me with drafting.
4. Chris should start the OEI process to pull Outlook documents because response part 2 or 3 to these letters is likely to include these.

More detailed list of assignments here:

<< File: assignment chart questions and documents.docx >>

THANKS!!!

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Message

**From**: Aguirre, Amanda [Aguirre.Amanda@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 3/9/2015 6:58:23 PM
**To**: Davis, Jay [Davis.Jay@epa.gov]; Purchia, Liz [Purchia.Liz@epa.gov]
**CC**: Bond, Brian [Bond.Brian@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: APHA - Twitter Chat with Administrator Public Health Week

Thanks for the quick feedback guys!

Jay- Nope, she would not be in attendance. We would ask that she not do anything outward facing for that hour. We would have her sign off on the script in advance and tweet for her when it goes live.

Liz, to answer your question. Yea, it is a little challenging, which is why I certainly want the comms teams support when proposing because we would hold the time on her trip schedule to make it work. We have done it in the past with her being on the road. We just ask that she do a closed press event during that time, or be in the air/road.. its worked out that she often does those regional "all hands" meetings at that time if I am remembering it correctly.

Minus, the scheduling pain I think it would be work out effort. APHA will be publicizing this heavily and it is their featured social media event for the week.

Amanda

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**From:** Davis, Jay
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2015 2:47 PM
**To:** Aguirre, Amanda; Purchia, Liz
**Cc:** Bond, Brian
**Subject:** RE: APHA - Twitter Chat with Administrator Public Health Week

I'm cool with it.

Will the Admin be in attendance, or are we looking to set a direction with her in advance?

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**From:** Purchia, Liz
**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2015 2:47 PM
**To:** Aguirre, Amanda; Davis, Jay
**Cc:** Bond, Brian
**Subject:** RE: APHA - Twitter Chat with Administrator Public Health Week

I'm good with it. I don't know if it makes things challenging bc she'll be in Minneapolis

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**From:** Aguirre, Amanda
**Sent:** Monday, March 09, 2015 2:37 PM
**To:** Purchia, Liz; Davis, Jay
**Cc:** Bond, Brian
**Subject:** APHA - Twitter Chat with Administrator Public Health Week

Liz & Jay-

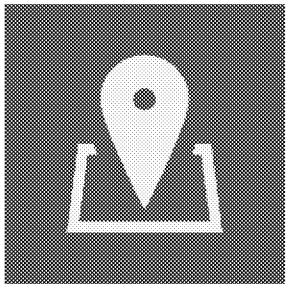
I wanted to let you know that I will be submitting a scheduling request for the Admin to "participate" and be the featured guest in a Public Health Twitter chat during public health week hosted by the American Public Health Association(APHA). Are ya'll cool with this?

I will pull together the details and have a priliminary call with them tomorrow to see what it will look like, role, partners, prep. Jay- This will likely run similarly to the AAP twitter chat so we would ask the Admin to not do an outward facing event, and we would rely on you and/or Jess to run it live. If APHA is also good with it we can also talk about doing spanish language element to this. Let me know what ya'll think!

Thanks!

Amanda

**Current Invite:** Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)



APHA's National Public Health Week Twitter Chat 2015 on Wed, Apr 8 @ 2pm. #NPHWchat

Wed, Apr 8 @ 2pm at | This year, APHA will host its fifth annual National Public Health Week

Twitter Chat.
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Message

**From**: Hanson, Brooke [Hanson.Brooke@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 1/30/2015 12:11:55 AM
**To**: Allen, Laura [Allen.Laura@epa.gov]
**CC**: Purchia, Liz [Purchia.Liz@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Re: budget press release- with quote

We will send this to OMB. Thanks.

On Jan 29, 2015, at 6:20 PM, "Allen, Laura" <Allen.Laura@epa.gov> wrote:

Hey Brooke, we added a quote from the Deputy to the press release. The language is mainly pulled from what was already in the release in other places, so hopefully OMB will not have to spend too much extra time reviewing.

The release with the updated quote is attached and below.

Thanks!

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**Sent:** Tuesday, January 27, 2015 6:46 PM
**To:** Hanson, Brooke
**Cc:** Allen, Laura; Hunter-Pirtle, Ann; Daguillard, Robert; Hull, George; Orquina, Jessica; Davis, Jay
**Subject:** RE: budget press release

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**To:** Allen, Laura; Purchia, Liz
**Subject:** RE: budget press release

That would be great – thank you!

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**Sent:** Tuesday, January 27, 2015 4:27 PM
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**Cc:** Richardson, Vickie; Le, Madison; Williams, Maria
**Subject:** Press release
**Importance:** High

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<FY_2016_CJ_Press_Release_ 1-29-15 (4).docx>

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**From**: Allen, Laura [Allen.Laura@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 12/31/2014 3:19:14 PM
**To**: Purchia, Liz [Purchia.Liz@epa.gov]
**CC**: Reynolds, Thomas [Reynolds.Thomas@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: State of the chesapeake bay report
**Attachments**: SOTBreportembargoed.pdf

**Flag**: Follow up

FYI, see Jeff's overview below, and state of the bay report attached. He says this is close hold but I'd like to send to the region. I'll ask Jeff to put together a draft statement. We can send it to region 3 to revise.

**From:** Corbin, Jeffrey
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 31, 2014 10:07 AM
**To:** Allen, Laura
**Cc:** DiPasquale, Nicholas
**Subject:** RE: State of the chesapeake bay report

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

I have attached the embargoed copy that I got from CBF's VP – but she asked for a very close hold on it. I haven't shared it with anyone except you and Nick (copied here) at this point.

Please share my summary as appropriate. I will not send directly to Gina or Stan since I was not included on Shawn's earlier alert to them.

Let me know if you need anything else.

jc

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**From:** Allen, Laura
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 31, 2014 9:03 AM
**To:** Corbin, Jeffrey
**Subject:** State of the chesapeake bay report

Hey Jeff, see note below. Have you seen a copy of the state of the chesapeake report Shawn mentions below?

Thanks!

**From:** Purchia, Liz <Purchia.Liz@epa.gov>
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 30, 2014 4:06 PM
**To:** Allen, Laura
**Subject:** Fw: Weekly Update

**From:** Garvin, Shawn
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 30, 2014 12:55 PM
**To:** Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) Meiburg, Stan; KeyesFleming, Gwendolyn; Beauvais, Joel; Vaught, Laura; Reynolds, Thomas; Fritz, Matthew; Rupp, Mark; Distefano, Nichole; Purchia, Liz; Kopocis, Ken
**Subject:** Weekly Update

Administrator et al. – Here are two quick updates:

**Administration Transitions in the mid-Atlantic Region** – Recently there are have been a couple of transition announcements in Maryland, the District of Columbia, and Pennsylvania. First, Maryland Governor-elect Hogan has tapped Ben Grumbles to head up Maryland's Department of the Environment. Grumbles most recently was the President of the US Water Alliance, before that he served as the Secretary of the Arizona Department of the Environment Quality, and of course, he was the EPA Assistant Administrator for Water in President George W. Bush's Administration. In the District of Columbia, Mayor-elected Bowser has appointed DC Councilman Tommy Wells to head up the District's Department of the Environment. Councilman Wells ran for Mayor, giving up his Council seat, but lost in the primary to Mayor-elect Bowser. He has served on the Committee on Transportation and the Environment, and has been a member of the Chesapeake Bay Local Government Advisory Committee. In Pennsylvania, Governor-elect Wolf has not named who he has chosen to head the PA Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP). However, whomever is selected will have plenty of help. In addition to former PADEP Secretary and head of CEQ Katie McGinty, who as you all well know was named as the Governor-elect's Chief of Staff, Jon Hanger, another former PADEP Secretary in the Rendell Administration, has been named as the Secretary of Policy and Planning. Both McGinty and Hanger were primary opponents of the Governor-elect (Hanger dropped out of the race, and McGinty lost in the primary). I am expecting the PADEP

Secretary to be named soon. I have a good relationship with Grumbles, Wells and Hanger, so I expect our ability to engage the new administrations to go smoothly.

**Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) to Release their State of the Bay Report** – The CBF is planning on releasing their State of the Bay Report on Monday. We are working on trying to get an advance, embargoed copy. The following is what appeared in their Press Advisory – "The Chesapeake Bay Foundation will release the 2014 State of the Bay report on January 5 at a 10:30 a.m. press conference at CBF headquarters in Annapolis. The biennial State of the Bay Report is a comprehensive measure of the Bay's health, evaluating the following indicators: oysters, shad, crabs, striped bass (rockfish), underwater grasses, wetlands, forested buffers, resource lands, toxics, water clarity, dissolved oxygen, and phosphorus and nitrogen pollution. CBF scientists compile and examine the best available historical and up-to-date information for each indicator and assign it an index score, between 1 and 100. Taken together, these indicators offer an assessment of Bay health. CBF will also discuss priorities for 2015. In Pennsylvania, CBF's priorities include:— Ensuring Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Protection, County Conservation Districts, and local partners work to assure robust outreach and education, technical and financial assistance, and compliance with state water quality laws and regulations by farmers in the Commonwealth. It is estimated that a substantial percentage of farms still are lacking required pollution prevention and reduction plans and have long waits for assistance. — Promoting new efforts to accelerate the planting of forest buffers and other core pollution reducing practices. In Pennsylvania forested stream buffers were established at a rate of six acres per day from 2009 to 2013, but must increase to a rate of fifty acres per day through 2017 to meet the goal the Commonwealth set.— Updating Pennsylvania's Phosphorus Index to reduce over-application of phosphorus fertilizer on farm fields that can pollute streams and the Bay." As they expressed to you in your meeting, it appears that Pennsylvania is still very much in their focus. I well let you know whatever information we can get before the announcement.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you - Shawn

**SPEAKER REQUEST FORM**
**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**

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| **Deadline for Acceptance:** | N/A |
| **Event Title:** | TBD |
| **Speech Date:** | Currently we are looking at 2015, but we would be happy to work with Administrator McCarthy's schedule. |
| **Is the Above Date Flexible:** | Yes |
| **Speech Time & Duration:** | We would be happy to work with Administrator McCarthy's schedule, however, we generally prefer to schedule programming around meals: Breakfast (8:00 to 9:30 a.m.), Lunch (12:00 to 1:30 p.m.), or Dinner (6:00 to 7:30 p.m.). There would be a reception for thirty minutes and the meeting itself would be an hour long—thirty minutes of conversation with the presider and thirty minutes of question-and-answer with the audience. |
| **Speaker Requested:** | Administrator Gina McCarthy |
| **Would You Consider a Surrogate:** | No |
| **Event Location:** | Council on Foreign Relations (CFR)<br>Washington Office<br>1777 F Street, NW<br>Washington, DC 20006 |
| **Open Press/Closed Press:** | We would be happy to accommodate Administrator McCarthy's preference regarding press. Traditionally, meetings at CFR are not for attribution and press do not attend. However, if the meeting is on the record, press would be invited to attend and transcripts, audio, and video of the event would be posted on CFR's website. CFR's not for attribution policy means that participants are welcome to make use of the information received at the meeting, but neither the identity of the speakers nor that of any other participants may be revealed; nor may one cite the meeting as the source of the information. |
| **Is Event Webcast/Recorded/Transcribed:** | CFR makes audio and/or video recordings of its meetings for archival purposes. If the meeting is on the record, the event may be live streamed and recordings would be posted on CFR's website. We would be happy to discuss the details with your office and can be flexible to meet your preferences. |
| **Purpose of the Event:** | Council on Foreign Relations members would value the opportunity to hear from Administrator McCarthy on one or more aspects of U.S. environmental policy. |
| **Speech Topic:** | We welcome Administrator McCarthy to discuss international aspects of the EPA's mission, but would be happy to frame the discussion around a specific topic that Administrator McCarthy would like to focus on. However, during the question-and-answer session, she could expect questions on climate change and creating a sustainable future. |
| **Requested Presentation Format:** | We encourage a format in which a moderator engages Administrator |

McCarthy in a conversation for thirty minutes before opening the discussion to questions from our members for the remainder of the time. If Administrator McCarthy would like to make prepared remarks, we would be happy to discuss.

**Dress Code:** Business professional

**Speech/Presentation Duration:** If Administrator McCarthy would like to make remarks, we suggest they last 5 to 10 minutes. However, we would be happy to discuss accommodations to duration. The meeting itself would be an hour long—thirty minutes of conversation with the presider and thirty minutes of question-and-answer with the audience.

**Audience:** Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) members include government officials, renowned scholars, business executives, acclaimed journalists, prominent lawyers, and distinguished nonprofit professionals. If the meeting is on the record, we would discuss nonmember invites with your team. Our invitation would go to around 1,400 CFR members in NY or DC.

**Event Web Site:** www.cfr.org

**Event Sponsor:** Council on Foreign Relations

**Relationship to the EPA:**

**Event Agenda/Program:**

We would be happy to work with Administrator McCarthy schedule, however, we generally prefer to schedule programing around meals: Breakfast (8:00 to 9:30 a.m.), Lunch (12:00 to 1:30 p.m.), or Dinner (6:00 to 7:30p.m.).

For example:
Lunch Reception: 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Meeting: 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**Honorable Guests Attending:** Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) members include government officials, renowned scholars, business executives, acclaimed journalists, prominent lawyers, and distinguished nonprofit professionals. If the meeting is on the record, we would discuss nonmember invites with your team.
We are happy to provide a list of attendees, including names and affiliations, once the invitation is sent.

**Notable Federal, State or Local Appointed or Elected officials attending:** Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) members include government officials, renowned scholars, business executives, acclaimed journalists, prominent lawyers, and distinguished nonprofit professionals. If the meeting is on the record, we would discuss nonmember invites with your team.
We are happy to provide a list of attendees, including names and affiliations, once the invitation is sent.

**Individual Introducing Administrator:** The presider would briefly introduce Administrator McCarthy at the start of the meeting. We would be happy to share a potential list of presiders once the meeting is confirmed.

**SPEAKER REQUEST FORM**
**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**

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| **Person to contact for speechwriting purposes:** | We encourage a format in which a moderator engages Administrator McCarthy in a conversation for thirty minutes before opening the discussion to questions from our members for the remainder of the time. If Administrator McCarthy would like to make prepared remarks, we would be happy to discuss.<br>If you have any additional questions, feel free to contact:<br>Hallie Tosher/ Program Associate, Washington Meetings<br>[ HYPERLINK "mailto:htosher@cfr.org" ]<br>tel 202.509.8558 |
| **Origin of Invitation:** | Richard N. Haass/ President<br>[ HYPERLINK "mailto:president@cfr.org" ]<br>tel 212.434.9540 |
| **Day of Event Point of Contact:** | Hallie Tosher/ Program Associate, Washington Meetings<br>[ HYPERLINK "mailto:htosher@cfr.org" ]<br>tel 202.509.8558 |

**Please return this form completed to [ HYPERLINK "mailto:scheduling@epa.gov" ] and refer any questions to the scheduling office at 202.564.1225.**

Message

**From**: Natarajan, Nitin [Natarajan.Nitin@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 11/12/2014 4:52:40 PM
**To**: Johnson, Barnes [Johnson.Barnes@epa.gov]; Arduino, Matthew J. DRPH (CDC/OID/NCEZID) [mja4@cdc.gov]; Tim Butters (tim.butters@dot.gov) [tim.butters@dot.gov]; Jordan Barab (Barab.Jordan@dol.gov) [Barab.Jordan@dol.gov]; Lamson, Glenn - OSHA [Lamson.Glenn@dol.gov]; sarah.feinberg@dot.gov; Reynolds, Thomas [Reynolds.Thomas@epa.gov]; Purchia, Liz [Purchia.Liz@epa.gov]; Abrams, Dan [Abrams.Dan@epa.gov]; Baldwin, Mark [Baldwin.Mark@epa.gov]; Levine, Carolyn [Levine.Carolyn@epa.gov]; Sayles, Gregory [Sayles.Gregory@epa.gov]; Lemieux, Paul [Lemieux.Paul@epa.gov]; Horton, Heather H. (CDC/OCOO/OGC) [hhh1@cdc.gov]
**CC**: Natarajan, Nitin [Natarajan.Nitin@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Slides/Notes from Waste Industry Meeting
**Attachments**: Ebola Waste Meeting Notes - 7 November 2014.docx; Autoclaves.docx; Ebola - Waste Meeting 11-07-14.pdf

Thanks again for your time and participation at last week's waste industry meeting. In follow-up, I wanted to make sure you had copies of our notes/slides from the meeting and an initial overview of the autoclave options. We expect these items to come up at the DC this Friday. Please don't distribute the docs widely as we are still working on further refining some of them, primarily the autoclave document.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out.

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Nitin Natarajan
Deputy Assistant Administrator
Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response
Environmental Protection Agency
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Message

**From**: Allen, Laura [Allen.Laura@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 8/7/2014 4:34:30 PM
**To**: Blackburn, Elizabeth [Blackburn.Elizabeth@epa.gov]
**CC**: Milbourn, Cathy [Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov]; Purchia, Liz [Purchia.Liz@epa.gov]
**Subject**: FW: Comment for Nature news story on imminent paper on pharmaceutical pollutant. Deadline this morning.
**Attachments**: Klaminder et. al..pdf

Hey Liz, I'd like to chat at some point about a standard set of information that is included in each interview request. I understand that this request is of a different nature since this is not our study, but it would be most helpful if the following items could be included in every interview request. Cathy, please feel free to add any additional items, but I believe this will greatly help in expediting the process of approving interviews.

Topic with one paragraph description
Any talking points the scientist plans to use
List of any flags the interview could raise
Name of scientist and their level of media experience
Overview of focus of story and hard deadline

Let me know if you have any additions or thoughts. Let's discuss further in our meeting in two weeks. Thank you!

**From:** Maguire, Megan
**Sent:** Thursday, August 07, 2014 12:12 PM
**To:** Allen, Laura
**Cc:** Milbourn, Cathy; Sauerhage, Maggie; Hull, George
**Subject:** RE: Comment for Nature news story on imminent paper on pharmaceutical pollutant. Deadline this morning.

Here's the paper that is currently embargoed until tomorrow if that helps. This is the abstract:

Standardized ecotoxicological tests still constitute the fundamental tools when doing riskassessment of aquatic contaminants. These protocols are managed towards minimal mortality in the controls, which is not representative for natural systems where mortality is often high. This methodological bias, generated from assays where mortality in the control group is systematically disregarded, makes it difficult to measure therapeutic effects of pharmaceutical contaminants leading to lower mortality. This is of concern considering that such effects on exposed organisms still may have substantial ecological consequences. In this paper, we illustrate this conceptual problem by presenting empirical data for how the therapeutic effect of Oxazepam—a common contaminant of surface waters—lower mortality rates among exposed Eurasian perch (Perca fluviatilis) from wild populations, at two different life stages. We found that fry hatched from roe that had been exposed to dilute concentrations ($1.1 \pm 0.3$ μg $l^{-1}$) of Oxazepam for 24 h 3–6 days prior to hatching showed lower mortality rates and increased activity 30 days after hatching. Similar effects, i.e. increased activity and lower mortality rates were also observed for 2-year old perch exposed to dilute Oxazepam concentrations ($1.2 \pm 0.4$ μg $l^{-1}$). We conclude that therapeutic effects from pharmaceutical contaminants need to be considered in risk assessment assays to avoid that important ecological effects from aquatic contaminants are systematically missed.

Megan Maguire
US EPA, Office of Research and Development
RRB 41261
O: (202)564-6636
C: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

**From:** Allen, Laura
**Sent:** Thursday, August 07, 2014 11:56 AM
**To:** Maguire, Megan
**Cc:** Milbourn, Cathy; Sauerhage, Maggie; Hull, George
**Subject:** Re: Comment for Nature news story on imminent paper on pharmaceutical pollutant. Deadline this morning.

Megan, can you call me and give me an overview of this topic?

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**From:** Maguire, Megan
**Sent:** Thursday, August 7, 2014 11:12 AM
**To:** Allen, Laura
**Cc:** Milbourn, Cathy; Sauerhage, Maggie; Hull, George
**Subject:** RE: Comment for Nature news story on imminent paper on pharmaceutical pollutant. Deadline this morning.

We just got another inquiry on the same paper that we recommend Gary respond to as well (this initially went to Christian Daughton who is not the appropriate point of contact on this, he said his paper that the reporter mentions does not address the same topic). Another short deadline. Please let us know as soon as possible if are going to be able to meet the reporters' deadlines. Thanks!
Reporter's email is below:
**From:** Jennifer Huizen [mailto:jhuizen@eenews.net]
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 06, 2014 2:30 PM
**To:** Daughton, Christian
**Subject:** API in aquatic enviro

Hello,

My name is Jennifer Huizen and I am reporter with ClimateWire, in Washington, DC, USA. I am writing a piece to be released on Friday regarding a new paper by Klaminder et. al, "The conceptual imperfection of aquatic risk assessment tests: highlighting the need for tests designed to detect therapeutic effects of pharmaceutical contaminants" and came across your piece from 2013, "The Matthew Effect and widely prescribed pharmaceuticals lacking environmental monitoring: Case study of an exposure-assessment vulnerability." I thought you would be fantastic person to ask some perspective from if possible.

I'd require roughly 10-20 minutes to ask your opinion on the work, which I will send along if you are able to help out (as it's embargoed I can't send it until I know you can comment). I'm looking to conduct calls tomorrow or tonight, virtually anytime. I know the deadline is very quick but unfortunately I just got the link and it is being released Friday so my editor put me on a tight deadline.

Thank you in advance for your time.

Best,
Jennifer Huizen
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**From:** Maguire, Megan
**Sent:** Thursday, August 07, 2014 10:29 AM
**To:** Allen, Laura
**Cc:** Milbourn, Cathy; Sauerhage, Maggie; Hull, George
**Subject:** RE: Comment for Nature news story on imminent paper on pharmaceutical pollutant. Deadline this morning.

He just sent me a basic summary of what he would say "It is an interesting observation, but not something likely to affect how testing or interpretation of tests currently is done. Further, it is not a particularly novel observation; hormetic (positive) effects of chemicals tested at low doses is commonly seen. Much ado about nothing"

-Megan

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**From:** Allen, Laura
**Sent:** Thursday, August 07, 2014 9:54 AM
**To:** Maguire, Megan
**Cc:** Milbourn, Cathy; Sauerhage, Maggie; Hull, George
**Subject:** RE: Comment for Nature news story on imminent paper on pharmaceutical pollutant. Deadline this morning.

Yes... what is the scientist planning to say?

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**From:** Maguire, Megan
**Sent:** Thursday, August 07, 2014 9:53 AM
**To:** Allen, Laura
**Cc:** Milbourn, Cathy; Sauerhage, Maggie; Hull, George
**Subject:** Re: Comment for Nature news story on imminent paper on pharmaceutical pollutant. Deadline this morning.

This is the request the reporter sent to Gary:
The work is from a Swedish group led by Jonaton Klaminder and claims to show that environmentally relevant doses of the benzodiazepine, Oxazepam, actually *reduces* mortality in a species of fish.

Their point (as I read it) is that standard methods of assessing impact are blind to possible *beneficial* effects on species fitness because they typically use zero mortality control groups and focus on harms.

This is not necessarily a good thing, of course, as influencing different species ability to compete can have knock on effects that are harmful to the ecosystem as a whole.

I haven't spoke to Jonaton yet, but that's my understanding at the moment.

I need to speak to one or two relevant experts who were not involved in the research for outside comment. Would you be able and willing to do this for me? Half an hour or so chatting

-Megan

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On Aug 7, 2014, at 9:48 AM, "Allen, Laura" <Allen.Laura@epa.gov> wrote:

What's the research? Send me the talking points and I'll have a look. Flag anything sensitive items that could come up

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**From:** Milbourn, Cathy
**Sent:** Thursday, August 07, 2014 9:35 AM
**To:** Maguire, Megan
**Cc:** Sauerhage, Maggie; Allen, Laura; Hull, George
**Subject:** Re: Comment for Nature news story on imminent paper on pharmaceutical pollutant. Deadline this morning.

Copying Laura here. A few if us are locked out of our computers.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 7, 2014, at 9:18 AM, "Maguire, Megan" <Maguire.Megan@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Cathy- see below. They would like to have Gary's thoughts on this paper this AM. Do you think there's any chance to get this approved before noon?
Thanks,
Megan

Megan Maguire
US EPA, Office of Research and Development
RRB 41261
O: 202-564-6636
C: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Begin forwarded message:

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**From:** Simon Makin [mailto: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) ]
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 06, 2014 3:37 PM
**To:** Ankley, Gerald
**Subject:** Comment for Nature news story on imminent paper on pharmaceutical pollutant

Dear Dr Ankley,

I've been commissioned to write a short news story for Nature on a paper being published in Environmental Research Letters this Friday.

The work is from a Swedish group led by Jonaton Klaminder and claims to show that environmentally relevant doses of the benzodiazepine, Oxazepam, actually *reduces* mortality in a species of fish.

Their point (as I read it) is that standard methods of assessing impact are blind to possible *beneficial* effects on species fitness because they typically use zero mortality control groups and focus on harms.

This is not necessarily a good thing, of course, as influencing different species ability to compete can have knock on effects that are harmful to the ecosystem as a whole.

I haven't spoke to Jonaton yet, but that's my understanding at the moment.

I need to speak to one or two relevant experts who were not involved in the research for outside comment. Would you be able and willing to do this for me? Half an hour or so chatting on skype usually does the trick.

The time difference could prove tricky as I'm in London, 6 hours ahead of Minnesota, and I have to file my story by 7pm tomorrow, so it would have to be either first thing tomorrow morning (for you), or later tonight (for me) - which is also tricky as you'd need time to read the paper and so on, and I won't be awake for more than another 2-3 hours.

If you'd be willing, let me know when you think might work. I attach the paper but note it's under embargo so please don't distribute or discuss until Friday.

Many thanks in advance for any help you're able to give me on this.

Best wishes,

Si.

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**Dr S J Makin**
*Freelance Science Journalist, Writer and Copy Editor*
**Heisenberg's Hamster**: http://simonmakin.me.uk/
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Selected Clippings:
http://www.nature.com/news/running-cures-blind-mice-1.15476
http://www.economist.com/news/science-and-technology/21601809-potent-source-genetic-variation-cognitive-ability-has-just-been
http://www.economist.com/news/science-and-technology/21597877-women-have-fewer-cognitive-disorders-men-do-because-their-bodies-are-better
http://www.newscientist.com/article/dn24705-dyslexias-roots-traced-to-bad-brain-connections
http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=new-theory-of-antidepressants-could-help-predict-patients-response
http://www.newscientist.com/article/mg22029430.500-the-man-who-weighed-thoughts
http://www.newscientist.com/article/dn24409-ketaminelike-drug-lifts-depression-without-the-trip
http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=can-brain-scans-diagnose-mental-illness
http://www.newscientist.com/article/mg21829170.300-why-we-need-to-stop-military-killer-robots-now

http://www.newscientist.com/article/dn23375-memory-drug-trialled-in-people-with-owns-syndrome.html
http://blogs.scientificamerican.com/guest-blog/2012/10/01/the-story-of-a-lonely-brain/
http://issuu.com/gurumag/docs/issue9/9

Message

**From:** Purchia, Liz [Purchia.Liz@epa.gov]
**Sent:** 12/8/2015 10:11:27 PM
**To:** Davis, Jay [Davis.Jay@epa.gov]
**Subject:** Re: request for a meeting

You should schedule a meeting. It will just be a conversation.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 8, 2015, at 11:01 PM, Davis, Jay <Davis.Jay@epa.gov> wrote:

> Fyi.
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> Sent from my iPhone
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> Begin forwarded message:
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> > **From:** "Fugh, Justina" <Fugh.Justina@epa.gov>
> > **Date:** December 8, 2015 at 5:00:02 PM EST
> > **To:** "Davis, Jay" <Davis.Jay@epa.gov>
> > **Cc:** "Smith, Roxanne" <Smith.Roxanne@epa.gov>, "Fritz, Matthew" <Fritz.Matthew@epa.gov>
> > **Subject: FW: request for a meeting**
> >
> > Hi Jay,
> > Just a reminder that I would like to hear from you about this message I sent you last week.
> > Thank you,
> > Justina
> >
> > Justina Fugh | Senior Counsel for Ethics | Office of General Counsel | US EPA | Mail Code 2311A | Room 4308 North, William Jefferson Clinton Federal Building | Washington, DC 20460 (for ground deliveries, use 20004 for the zip code) | phone 202-564-1786 | fax 202-564-1772
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> > **From:** Fugh, Justina
> > **Sent:** Thursday, December 03, 2015 5:39 PM
> > **To:** Davis, Jay <Davis.Jay@epa.gov>
> > **Cc:** Smith, Roxanne <Smith.Roxanne@epa.gov>
> > **Subject:** request for a meeting
> >
> > Hi Jay,

I understand that you recently used a personal social media account to establish and/or access an official EPA social media account. While I understand that the Agency has since taken steps to correct your error, I need to have a conversation with you to go over the rules. It is not appropriate under Agency social media policy and the Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch to conflate your personal activities with Agency business.

To that end, you should contact me by email or phone to schedule a meeting with me (and if she wants to attend, Roxanne Smith) so that I can explain your ethical obligations one more time.
Justina

Justina Fugh | Senior Counsel for Ethics | Office of General Counsel | US EPA | Mail Code 2311A | Room 4308 North, William Jefferson Clinton Federal Building | Washington, DC 20460 (for ground deliveries, use 20004 for the zip code) | phone 202-564-1786 | fax 202-564-1772

**To:** Schiermeyer, Corry[schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov]
**Cc:** McFaul, Jessica[mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
**From:** Drinkard, Andrea[/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=808A6B7B65BF447F93DAD2F510FEAF61-ADRINKAR]
**Sent:** Mon 4/15/2019 4:36:58 PM (UTC)
**Subject:** Re: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

I thought so, too, and am also not sure what happened here. I'll follow up to see if I can get more intel on where the disconnect happened.

On Apr 15, 2019, at 12:31 PM, Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov> wrote:

I thought they were working on this last week and had a plan? We had the meeting, and I thought we were clear about having someone background this issue with a reporter to get it correct. Just wondering what happened and where we need to hand hold next time.

Thank you!

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**From:** Schiermeyer, Corry
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 12:30 PM
**To:** Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>
**Cc:** McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

James hasn't been able to get ahold of Amena. I'm not pushing a press release without having a background call with a reporter.

So, if this has to go today, we will just post a press release and factsheet on the website. I would rather hold until Anna can get on the phone with someone, either Amena or Bloomberg Law (Jessica's contact).

Please let us know another block of time for Anna and we will work to get Amena or Bloomberg Law on the phone.

Thank you

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**From:** Dennis, Allison
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 12:13 PM
**To:** Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>
**Cc:** McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

**Corry and Jessica-** who will do the reach out to Amena now? Please note that we only have Anna until 1 pm.

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**From:** Schiermeyer, Corry
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 12:07 PM
**To:** Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>
**Cc:** McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

Thank you!

**From:** Dennis, Allison
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 12:06 PM
**To:** Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>
**Cc:** McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

That works!

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**From:** Schiermeyer, Corry
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 12:02 PM
**To:** Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>
**Cc:** McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

I was responding while you were typing…

If Anna could talk to Amena today around noon. Embargo until 2pm and then post the release on our website and send to reporters that ask.

Thank you

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**From:** Dennis, Allison
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 12:00 PM
**To:** Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>
**Cc:** McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

- Owen

I think we wanted to pitch this to the Bloomberg Law news editor – Jessica knows him/her.

Would you like us to hold on publishing the updated website until this background interview occurs?

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**From:** Hewitt, James
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 11:58 AM
**To:** Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>; Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>
**Cc:** McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; McDonough, Owen <mcdonough.owen@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

Amena Saiyid would be awesome.

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**Subject:** RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

+ Anna

Anna is available to do this between 12 – 1 today.

OGC (David F) is aware and ok with this backgrounder.

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**From:** Hewitt, James
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 11:43 AM
**To:** Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>
**Cc:** McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; McDonough, Owen <mcdonough.owen@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

We need to get Owen or someone from OW to walk a reporter through the intricacies of this.

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**From:** Schiermeyer, Corry
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 11:40 AM
**To:** Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>
**Cc:** McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

Adding James

Sent from my iPhone
On Apr 15, 2019, at 11:28 AM, Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov> wrote:

> Dropping Chris B
>
> Dave just got back from mtg and now is pivoting to his next meeting. Is it possible we just skip the embargo idea altogether and send the PR at noon just to any of the following reporters (who've written on this before ) :
> Amena Saiyid, Bloomberg BNA
> Ellen Gilmer, E&E News
> Timothy Cama, The Hill
> David LaRoss, Inside EPA
> Faegre Baker Daniels, JD Supra Or
> Perkins Coie, JD Supra Or
> Williams Mullen, JD Supra
> Alana Fortna, The Legal Intelligencer Or
> Steve Hann, The Legal Intelligencer Or
> Jilian Kirn, The Legal Intelligencer
> Daley Mohan Groble, Lexology
> Rachel Jacobsen, Mondaq Or
> Sarah Judkins, Mondaq
> S. Keith Garner, National Law Review or
> James Rusk, National Law Review or
> Amy P. Wang, National Law Review
> Annie Snider, Politico
> Lawrence Hurley, Reuters
> Ledyard King Or Richard Wolf, USA TODAY

Sent from my iPhone
On Apr 15, 2019, at 10:46 AM, Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov> wrote:

Please check with Dave. This would be on background only with the reporter.

Sent from my iPhone
On Apr 15, 2019, at 10:33 AM, Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov> wrote:

If desired, I can circle back with Dave when he gets out of his 10:30 with the Administrator.

If necessary, I'm sure we can get him to jump on the phone but on Thursday he asked if we could just send the reporter an embargoed copy of the PR and not offer an interview.

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**From:** Schiermeyer, Corry
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 10:27 AM
**To:** Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>
**Cc:** McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

We wouldn't have Matt do it anyway as he is the EPA Counsel. Is Dave or someone else that could do it?

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**From:** Dennis, Allison
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 10:23 AM
**To:** Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>
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**Subject:** RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

Since Matt L is away, we rather just send an embargoed PR to the Bloomberg Law news editor (no phone call interview for now) .

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**From:** Schiermeyer, Corry
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**To:** Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>
**Cc:** McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

That looks fine. Did anyone (or is anyone) getting on the phone with the Bloomberg Law reporter to discuss on background? That is what we had discussed last week. I want someone that can better shape this more than just the statement.

Thank you.

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**From:** Dennis, Allison

**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 10:16 AM
**To:** Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>
**Cc:** McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

Hi all,

Is it ok if we-purpose that content in the former to the following (see attached)? It had a lot of today's best msging in it so we hate to see if dropped entirely.

Also, did you all have any more tweaks to the release? -Allison

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**From:** Schiermeyer, Corry
**Sent:** Monday, April 15, 2019 8:22 AM
**To:** Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>; Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>
**Cc:** McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
**Subject:** RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

I don't think Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
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**Subject:** Re: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

I'm working on getting this approved.

Sent from my iPhone
On Apr 14, 2019, at 12:27 PM, Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov> wrote:

> See attached for our nearly final versions .
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> Anyway we can get the proposed AAW quote approved to use tomorrow ?
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> Sent from my iPhone
> Begin forwarded message:
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> > **From:** "Dennis, Allison" <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>
> > **Date:** April 14, 2019 at 12:25:35 PM EDT
> > **To:** "Ross, David P" <ross.davidp@epa.gov>, "Kramer, Jessica L." <kramer.jessical@epa.gov>
> > **Cc:** "Fotouhi, David" <fotouhi.david@epa.gov>,

"Leopold, Matt (OGC)" <Leopold.Matt@epa.gov>,
"Maher, Lauren" <Maher.Lauren@epa.gov>,
"Wildeman, Anna" <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>,
"Sawyers, Andrew" <Sawyers.Andrew@epa.gov>
**Subject: RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan**

Attached are the revised docs (word and PDF). Let me know if I missed anything! -Allison

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**From:** Ross, David P
**Sent:** Sunday, April 14, 2019 9:43 AM
**To:** Kramer, Jessica L. <kramer.jessical@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>; Fotouhi, David <Fotouhi.David@epa.gov>; Leopold, Matt (OGC) <Leopold.Matt@epa.gov>; Maher, Lauren <Maher.Lauren@epa.gov>; Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>; Sawyers, Andrew <Sawyers.Andrew@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

I just sent some polishing and consistency edits to Allison. Once those are in, I think we can get the materials out to the RAs later today.

Anna has my proxy if anything comes up before late afternoon today. I'm off to Milwaukee for a very cold soccer match.

Sent from my iPhone
On Apr 13, 2019, at 12:23 PM, Ross, David P <ross.davidp@epa.gov> wrote:

> Thanks. David's edits look good. We appreciate the thoughtful edits.
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> I will have a few additional edits to share later today when LAX games are done.
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> BTW. It's really cold in Wisconsin.....
>
> Sent from my iPhone
> On Apr 13, 2019, at 11:58 AM, Kramer, Jessica L. <kramer.jessical@epa.gov> wrote:
>
>> .pdfs attached.
>>
>> Jessica L. Kramer
>> Policy Counsel to the
>> Assistant Administrator
>> Office of Water
>> (202) 564-6322
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>> **From:** Ross, David P
>> **Sent:** Saturday, April 13, 2019 11:01 AM
>> **To:** Dennis, Allison

<Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Fotouhi, David <Fotouhi.David@epa.gov>; Leopold, Matt (OGC) <Leopold.Matt@epa.gov>; Maher, Lauren <Maher.Lauren@epa.gov>; Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>; Sawyers, Andrew <Sawyers.Andrew@epa.gov>; Kramer, Jessica L. <kramer.jessical@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

Hi all. Can someone on this chain convert OGC's redline to PDF so that I can quickly review later today or tomorrow? IPad doesn't support Word redline. Thanks.

DR

Sent from my iPhone
On Apr 12, 2019, at 10:24 PM, Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov> wrote:

> Hi David,
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> I'll need to check in Dave and Anna about your edits but I wanted to answer one your questions regarding the Q&As in the rollout:

Those Q&As won't be posted online and would serve as jumping off point for answer media inquires, etc.
-Allison

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**From:** Fotouhi, David
**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2019 7:53 PM
**To:** Ross, David P; Dennis, Allison
**Cc:** Leopold, Matt (OGC); Maher, Lauren; Wildeman, Anna; Sawyers, Andrew; Kramer, Jessica L.
**Subject:** RE: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

My suggestions are tracked in the

attached versions; let me know if you have any questions. Thanks!

**David Fotouhi**

Principal Deputy General Counsel

Office of General Counsel

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**From:** Ross, David P
**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2019 6:31 PM
**To:** Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Leopold,

Matt (OGC) <Leopold.Matt@epa.gov>; Fotouhi, David <Fotouhi.David@epa.gov>; Maher, Lauren <Maher.Lauren@epa.gov>; Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>; Sawyers, Andrew <Sawyers.Andrew@epa.gov>; Kramer, Jessica L. <kramer.jessical@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

This is great. We'll need to make a few tweaks to the way we characterize the petitions

before the Supreme Court, but subject to OGC review and a little clean up, I think we are in good shape for Monday. I think David is looking at the materials sometime later today or tomorrow, so we'll close out after we get his comments. Anna will take a look on Sunday to perform final clean up, and Sunday night I or Anna will transmit the materials to our Regional Administrators for awareness. Then we roll

out on Monday on your schedule.

Thanks for the great work this week on a variety of challenging and time sensitive topics.

Dave

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 12, 2019, at 4:15 PM, Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov> wrote:

Great feedback. Here's a revised version for the group to review.

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**From:** Ross, David P
**Sent:** Friday, April 12, 2019 4:26 PM
**To:** Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Leopold, Matt (OGC) <Leopold.Matt@epa.gov>; Fotouhi, David <Fotouhi.David@epa.gov>; Maher, Lauren <Maher.Lauren@epa.gov>; Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>; Sawyers, Andrew <Sawyers.Andrew@epa.gov>; Kramer, Jessica L.

<kramer.jessical@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

Thanks Allison. There are a few nits that we will need to clean up in the docs, but let's wait for OGC input before we polish.

I think the Fact Sheet needs to be restructured.

Opening paragraph is fine, but it needs to line up with the new formulation of those sentences in the press release. This paragraph Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

The second paragraph should focus on Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Next paragraph is Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Final section should be application. EPA recognizes that two

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

I think all of this is written already in the other materials. Just pull the relevant paragraphs together in this order.

Thanks!

Dave

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 12, 2019, at 1:52 PM, Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov> wrote:

Attached for Matt and David's review is the revised press release and rollout plan which reflect Dave and Anna's input. We have also prepared a fact sheet but Dave and Anna have not reviewed it yet.

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**From:** Ross, David P
**Sent:** Thursday, April 11, 2019 7:22 PM
**To:** Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Fotouhi, David <Fotouhi.David@epa.gov>; Maher, Lauren <Maher.Lauren@epa.gov>; Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>; Sawyers, Andrew <Sawyers.Andrew@epa.gov>; Kramer, Jessica L. <kramer.jessical@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Re: Revised Conduit PR and Rollout Plan

Thanks Allison. I need to turn my attention to a few other pressing matters, but will review this later tonight or first thing tomorrow morning.

Sent from my iPad

On Apr 11, 2019, at 5:18 PM, Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov> wrote:

Attached and pasted below is the updated PR, Rollout Plan, and map for your review. Please disregard our current RA TPs-- I will play catch with them once we settle on the PR language. Of note in the rollout plan, we have 2 new Q&As one addressing WOTUS and other addressing how states/ regions should use this guidance. Eager to hear your input. -Allison

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**Press Release:**

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**Comms Materials:**

- Rollout and Notification Plan
- Press Release sent to targeted outlets
- Q&As to be used for external purposes
- Talking Points to be used for external purposes
- Fact Sheet with map showing current litigation status across U.S.
- Website: https://www.epa.gov/npdes/releases-point-source-groundwater.

**Rollout and Notification Plan for Day of Announcement (Monday, April 15)**

- **A.M. Head's up calls** to key congressional stakeholders (notified by OCIR)

  - Congressional representatives from Hawaii, South Carolina, and Tennessee (due to relevant court cases)
  - T&I and SEPW (jurisdiction over CWA)
  - Senator John Barrasso (WY)

- **10 A.M.**: OPA sends embargoed press release to Bloomberg Law news editor

- **Noon:** OW-OWM adds signed pre-publication version to the FRN to website: https://www.epa.gov/npdes/releases-point-source-groundwater

- **Noon:** OPA issues press release to targeted list of outlets who have written on this topic (The Hill, Reuters, E&E, etc.) and adds release to the EPA online Newsroom

- **Upon PR going out,** stakeholder notifications take place (email pointing to the PR):

  - State, Water, and Intergovernmental Associations (notified by OCIR)

    - State Governments (Governor staff)

    - Water Associations (ACWA, NACWA, etc.)

▪ "Big Ten" intergovernmental associations (ex. NLC, ECOS, NACO, etc.)

○ Tribes (notified by Karen Gude, OW)

▪ Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission; National Tribal Water Council; Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa; Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency

○ Broad DHC/conduit theory listserve that includes industry, enviros, ag groups, associations, etc. (notified by OW-OWM)

**Q&As**

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Allison Dennis

Deputy Communications Director

Office of Water

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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Dennis.Allison@epa.gov

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Message

**From**: Dunn, Alexandra [dunn.alexandra@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 6/14/2019 5:54:04 PM
**To**: Darwin, Henry [darwin.henry@epa.gov]; Wehrum, Bill [Wehrum.Bill@epa.gov]; Bodine, Susan [bodine.susan@epa.gov]; Ross, David P [ross.davidp@epa.gov]; Bolen, Brittany [bolen.brittany@epa.gov]; Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]; Beach, Christopher [beach.christopher@epa.gov]; Wright, Peter [wright.peter@epa.gov]; Dunlap, David [dunlap.david@epa.gov]; Schiermeyer, Corry [schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov]
**Subject**: Reducing Animal Testing Across EPA - Input on Draft Measures -- Internal/Deliberative - Close Hold - Respond by Monday COB Please
**Attachments**: Animal Alternatives Memo DRAFT internal deliberative 61419.docx

Dear Colleagues:

Next week, EPA will observe the third anniversary of our implementation of amended TSCA. We have a number of deliverables and events planned - highlights include anticipated finalization of a rule that will reduce acceptable lead concentrations in dust in housing and child care facilities; anticipated proposal of our PBT rule; and holding the first meeting of the TSCA Scientific Advisory Committee on Chemicals.

We hope to have one further deliverable for which I need your review/input. During his March All Hands Address, the Administrator reiterated a commitment to move away from animal testing. We have prepared a short memorandum from the Administrator to Assistant Administrators directing Agency leadership to take this commitment to the next level. The third anniversary of TSCA is a good time to put this memo out, as the law makes reducing animal testing a requirement for EPA, and the memo connects TSCA's inspiration with the Administrator's commitment.

As a final edit to the memo, I have been asked to include a goal or baseline to make the directive concrete and measurable. Below, I propose TWO ideas for measurable goals. If you could let me know if one or both (or another) of these goals would work for your AA ship, I'd appreciate your feedback by COB Monday. I recognize not all programs conducts animal testing.

- **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**
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I'm attaching the memo in draft for your information, and close hold.

Thank you,

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Message

**From**: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
**Sent**: 10/22/2017 12:12:59 PM
**To**: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]; Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]; Dravis, Samantha [dravis.samantha@epa.gov]
**CC**: Ferguson, Lincoln [ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]; Baptist, Erik [baptist.erik@epa.gov]; Beck, Nancy [beck.nancy@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: UPDATED FOR APPROVAL; Response to Daily Caller re Lipton Piece

DRAFT – DELIBRATIVE – NOT FOR DISTRIBUTION – INTERNAL ONLY

I have been thinking about this all night and despite the fact that I am very frustrated with the way that Eric Lipton continues to manipulate the situation, I take full responsibility for letting Eric get under my skin and responding to him the way I did. I also have been thinking all night about the way that I responded and it really did bring out the worst in me. Moving forward, we will try to answer as many of these questions as we can, and we will do what the Administrator asked us to do a few weeks ago – which is develop a system for fact checking articles. We will do so in a way that is open, transparent, and respectful. I can't keep fighting reporters all day every day, but instead feel that we need to develop a better system that both political and career staff can help us with. With that said, I have updated my draft response for the Daily Caller below:

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

**From:** Bowman, Liz
**Sent:** Saturday, October 21, 2017 7:06 PM
**To:** Jahan Wilcox (wilcox.jahan@epa.gov) <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Samantha Dravis (dravis.samantha@epa.gov) <dravis.samantha@epa.gov>
**Cc:** Lincoln Ferguson (ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov) <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Baptist, Erik <baptist.erik@epa.gov>; Beck, Nancy <beck.nancy@epa.gov>
**Subject:** FOR APPROVAL; Response to Daily Caller re Lipton Piece

DRAFT – DELIBRATIVE – NOT FOR DISTRIBUTION – INTERNAL ONLY

I don't really want to keep this going; but if you all think we should respond, I suggest the following – thoughts and edits are welcome:

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1. The Office of Water, in a May 30 memo from Michael Shapiro that we have a copy of, raised concerns about changes made the procedures for chemical risk evaluation, related to the narrowing of uses, specifically, the removal of legacy uses, arguing that this could make it harder for the EPA Office of Water to properly regulate substances like PFOA, and potential related water contamination. But the rule was still changed, against the advice of the Office of Water. Why did this happen? Is this not a legitimate concern?

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2. Similarly, the General Counsel's office raised questions in a May 30 email written by Laurel Celeste, that the changes in definitions made Chemical Risk evaluation--urged by the ACC and by Nancy Beck, after she arrived at the EPA--represented a "logical outgrowth" problem that would leave the rule vulnerable to legal challenge. Why did the agency not address this? We also have this email.

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3. EPA staff were told in April 2017 time frame, after there had been a consensus among staff, after the public comment period ended, that the risk evaluation and prioritization rules were in good shape, that the two rules should be moved to OIRA for sign off as is. But they were then told to wait until Nancy Beck arrived. Dr. Beck arrived and in a series of meetings, asked for a number of changes to be made in both rules, changes that echoed comments ACC and Dr. Beck herself had made when she was at ACC, regarding narrowing uses and adding more specific definitions, like best available science. Certain EPA staff involved in the process strongly objected to these changes. Dr. Beck persisted and at one point was in fact re-writing parts of the proposal rule on her own. And the changes she wanted were incorporated into the draft and sent to OIRA and then adopted as the final rule. Employees involved with this were outraged. Was this ethically appropriate to allow Dr. Beck to play this role? Any comment on this summary of the events?

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4. During this process, before the two rules were sent to OIRA, we were told that EPA staff were instructed not to issue a "non concurrence" memo. They were allowed to raise issues but instructed not to actually do a non concur. Why was this done? Is that appropriate?

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5. Dr. Beck was hired in April 2017 under an administratively determined position, meaning she was exempt from the Trump ethics pledge. Was this done intentionally, so that she could intervene the way she did? Was it appropriate to give her a impartiality determination, given the intense and specific role she played in pushing the EPA on the exact rules she then helped redraft immediately after arriving at EPA?

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

6. When Dr. Beck worked at ORIA during the Bush administration, and the Renovation, Repair, and Painting Program Proposed Rule was moving toward final adoption, in the 2006 period, I was told by two people involved in this process that Dr. Beck raised concerns that the cardiovascular impacts associated with lead paint exposure were not sufficiently established and should be removed from the cost benefit analysis. The language in the report issued before the final rule was released reflected this change. I am fact checking this anecdote.

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

7. When Dr. Beck worked at OIRA during the Bush administration, she is listed as the author and point of contact for the OMB Proposed Risk Assessment Bulletin, which proposed new technical guidance on risk assessments produced by the federal government. The proposal was withdrawn after the National Academies of Science, among others, strongly criticized the proposal as fundamentally flawed. Any comment on this?

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

8. One person who worked with the EPA in this period said that Dr. Beck, during the Bush administration, while at OIRA, acted like she was trying to throw “sand in the gears” to slow or block restrictions on chemicals. Any reaction to this?

**Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

9. Dr. Beck has over the years frequently been critical of the way that EPA goes about defining risk. She has talked about weaknesses in the process that she believes result in “phantom” risks or unclear or exaggerated findings regarding risk. Can you elaborate on this please?

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

10. Is it the goal of the EPA, during the new administration, to bring better balance and accuracy to the way the EPA handles risk assessments? Can you explain this.

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

11. After President Obama was elected, Bob Sussman and Lisa Jackson went to the White House and specifically asked that OIRA no longer be allowed to "interfere" with EPA scientific assessments, pointing the blame on Dr. Beck's actions during the Bush administration. Sussman said he was given assurances that this request would be honored. Any reaction to this?

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

12. Dr. Beck grew up in Long Island. Can you tell me a bit about her family history? What part of Long Island? What did her parents do? Did she have an interest in science while in high school? Any details from that experience that you could share? The story discusses Dr. Beck's career and also her commitment to science. We want to make her into a real person and welcome any additional biographic details. I tried already to call almost everyone on your list you suggested. And did get some help, particularly from John Graham.

13. Dr. Beck worked at Estée Lauder from 1988 to 1990, in Melville, NY, where she helped develop preservatives used to extend the shelf life of cosmetics, and also designed laboratory tests to determine if products caused adverse reactions when applied to skin. Fact checking. Any additional description of this work you can provide?

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

14. During a June 1 meeting with an environmental group to discuss the final rules for TSCA, (DCRoomEast3156 1 p.m) the discussion turned to the consideration of adding specific definitions for terms like "best available science" The environmentalists objected to this change. Dr. Beck responded by saying "I just don't understand what the big deal is." Fact checking this.

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

15. Staff involved in the final drafting of the risk assessment and prioritization rules said that Nancy Beck handled herself during these processes as if she was Wendy Hamnett's boss, as she seemed to be the superior, not someone who reported to Ms. Hamnett. Any reaction to that?

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

16. A senior EPA official who was in charge of the toxic chemicals and pesticides program has told us that she was instructed in March 2017 by Ryan Jackson to change her position on chlorpyrifos petition, and that she had wanted to approve the petition, consistent with the recommendation of EPA staff, but was overruled. Any comment on this?

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

17. Two EPA staff members told us that Ms. Beck has made clear that she would like to see additional research and evaluation of the proposed January 2017 actions related to methylene chloride and TCE, as she feels like the agency is not ready to move ahead with the January 2017 recommended actions and that the recommendation needs to be reconsidered. Any comment on this?

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

18. An EPA staff member told us that when a conversation related to methylene chloride came up, with Dr. Beck, and concerns about deaths that have occurred during its use, Dr. Beck asked a point about whether this was a "1 percent" matter, meaning a very small percent of users, and also that the problem may be that users are not following the label that required ventilation, meaning it was perhaps a user problem, not a product flaw or product issue. Any comment on this?

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

19. Dr. Beck on June 8th was given an "impartiality determination" letter by Kevin S. Minoli. The memo specifically says: "Under the federal ethics regulations, you are permitted to participate in matters of general applicability (such as rulemaking) even if individual members of your former employer will be affected by that particular matter. Until now, you have recused yourself from participating personally and substantially in those comments to rulemaking that were offered by ACC. This impartiality determination confirms that you are permitted to participate in any discussions or consideration of comments submitted by ACC to rulemaking or other matters of general applicability. You may also attend meetings at which ACC is present or represented, but only if the following conditions are met: (a) the subject matter of the discussion is a particular matter of general applicability, (b) other interested non-federal entities are present besides only ACC, and (c) you are not the only Agency official at the meeting. This authorization will remain in effect for the remainder of your cooling off period." Here is my question. I am aware that

Dr. Beck participated in meeting at EPA prior to June 8 in which ACC comments on the TSCA implementation were discussed. For example, at at June 1 2017 meeting with Environmental Working Group, the discussion related to the proposed inclusion of new definitions in the final rule--a position advocated by ACC--was discussed, as was ACC's advocacy of this change. Was this a violation of the ethics rules? Any comment on this?

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

20. Why is it appropriate and ethical to have someone who just a few months ago was working for the ACC in a job in which she was trying to influence the outcome of the TSCA rulemaking process to now be in a position in which she is influencing as an EPA employee the TSCA implementation effort. Please address why this is not a conflict?

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

21. If someone suggested that Dr. Beck's presence at the EPA could end up saving the chemical industry billions of dollars, in reduced regulatory cost, given the more balance approach to TSCA implementation she will take, what would be her reaction to this?

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22. What are Dr. Beck's goals for reformed TSAC implementation?

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23. Why has she committed her life to working on chemical safety?

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24. Anything else you want to address?

# Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

**From:** Chris White [mailto:chris@dailycallernewsfoundation.org]
**Sent:** Saturday, October 21, 2017 5:45 PM
**To:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
**Subject:** NYT Eric Lipton on chemical regs

Hello, Liz

Christopher White, energy and environmental reporter at The Daily Caller News Foundation.

I stumbled on this piece today from the The New York Time's Eric Lipton. His report leans into the EPA considerably about the appointment of Nancy Beck to the agency's chemical regulations unit.

In particular, he notes that Beck was instrumental toward shifting the EPA's stance on some toxic chemicals. Lipton included a quote from you blasting him and TheNYT in general for their bias reporting on this subject and others.

Lipton also indicated in the article that you refused to explain why the agency is proposing to lift bans on certain pesticides. Curious if Lipton is giving us all the information here.

What is you and the EPA's response to the piece? Is the information complete or is missing several crucial pieces of the puzzle?

Thanks,

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Message

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**Sent**: 5/4/2017 10:04:00 PM
**To**: Freire, JP [Freire.JP@epa.gov]
**CC**: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
**Subject**: RE: Guidelines on social media
**Attachments**: Ethics Reminders for EPA Employees -- please distribute

Hey JP,
I'm actually leaving early today (hooray!) so will be out the door in about 10 minutes. Quickly, though, yes, there is a lot of extant information about social media and misuse of position/Hatch Act.

OFFICIAL EPA SOCIAL MEDIA
You can't ever use official sites for illegal or unethical purposes, including, for example, endorsement of products, services or enterprises; fundraising; or political activity. The Agency's existing social media policy includes those sorts of limitations. I did a quick check and found this document: http://intranet.epa.gov/ogc/2016ethicstraining/social_media_policy.pdf , but Jessica Orquina can tell you if that's the latest or not. She and Danny Hart always check in with OGC appropriately.

PERSONAL SOCIAL MEDIA
The OGC/Ethics intranet site has a lot of information about personal social media that you can view at http://intranet.epa.gov/ogc/ethics/resource.htm#hatch . Remember that how the Hatch Act applies depends on your type of appointment. What you and I can do may not be something that someone who is career SES can do at all. Our website include specific guidance documents for the various kinds of employees. In addition, some years ago, we did an entire training course about ethics and social media (see http://intranet.epa.gov/ogc/2010ethicstraining/10.html). Finally, in February of this year, I distributed the attached email reminder for Deputy Ethics Officials to send to their employees. It reminds people to "stay in their appropriate lanes" when using social media.

Let me know if you need anything further.
Cheers,
Justina

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**Cc:** Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
**Subject:** Guidelines on social media

Hey Justina,

Thanks for talking last night and being so jovial about it!

I wondered if we had any guidance on social media activity and what is and is not appropriate for official EPA affiliated accounts. Particularly useful for us would be examples of instances where something *did* happen and there was a consequence. I don't want to force you to live through past trauma, but having something tethered to an actual result is always easier to translate.

If there's already a resource somewhere, or something from which we need to pull, please let me know. Don't want to make your job any more complicated.

JP

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Message

**From**: Federal Communicators Network [FCN@LIST.NIH.GOV]
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**To**: FCN@LIST.NIH.GOV
**Subject**: Re: [FCN] Personal Use of Social Media

Glad Natale brought this up as it connects directly with a project I'm working on with the Federal Communicators Network. We're interested in identifying a set of federal communication standards and guidelines that can be considered interoperable, e.g. relatively reliable regardless of what agency you work for. (There will always be local variation, but this can take the form of a supplement rather than reinventing the wheel with the main guidance.)

Reading her note and the responses, it seems we would benefit from a single best practice guideline for personal use of social media across all agencies. Operationally this would reduce unnecessarily restrictive guidance from supervisors unfamiliar with existing policies. For another it would eliminate the tortuous, time consuming, duplicative agency-by-agency review process, which is frequently unnecessary as the same questions have been asked and answered satisfactorily by others over the past 5-10 years.

If anyone has any other ideas for topics applicable to communication guidelines and standards, please send them my way.

Thanks,

Dannielle

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**From:** SM Community of Practice [mailto:SM-COP@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV] **On Behalf Of** Goriel, Natale S.
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 26, 2016 1:28 PM
**To:** SM-COP@LISTSERV.GSA.GOV
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: Personal Use of Social Media

Hi Larry-

Thank you so much for your quick reply and very helpful guidance! : )

I have a meeting with our ethics attorneys tomorrow so it's nice to show them examples of what other agencies have done.

Many thanks!
-Natale

**From:** Gillick, Larry [mailto:larry_gillick@ios.doi.gov]
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 26, 2016 10:19 AM
**To:** Goriel, Natale S.
**Cc:** SM-COP@listserv.gsa.gov
**Subject:** Re: Personal Use of Social Media

Hi Natale,

Please feel free to swipe from our social media policy: https://www.doi.gov/notices/Social-Media-Policy

The non-official/personal section will probably be most useful.

Short version? We tell folks that what they chat about is up to them; but that if they speak with the "voice" of the government, things get more complicated. It's not helpful to tell a natural fan-base to not cheer for the home-team; but it's also not helpful for the fans to get too defensive, or forget to "speak" politely.

Good luck!

Larry
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On Tue, Jul 26, 2016 at 1:06 PM, Goriel, Natale S. <Natale.Goriel@sba.gov> wrote:

Greetings!

My agency has over 60 field offices across the country and we've been getting questions about whether employees can promote local events or jobs via their personal LinkedIn, Twitter or Facebook accounts. How does your agency deal with this type of request? Any guidance is greatly appreciated.

Many thanks,

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