From: MacCallum, Martha
Location: 1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036 - 17th Floor
Importance: Normal
Subject: Meeting with Administrator Pruitt
Start Date/Time: Wed 5/17/2017 5:45:00 PM
End Date/Time: Wed 5/17/2017 6:45:00 PM

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To: nanne.hartmeyer@foxnews.com[nanne.hartmeyer@foxnews.com]
From: Ferguson, Lincoln
Sent: Tue 5/16/2017 7:18:09 PM
Subject: Administrator Pruitt and Neil Cavuto

Good afternoon Nanne –

I wanted to reach out if Neil had any free time tomorrow afternoon to grab a cup of coffee or a late lunch with the Administrator.

Let me know if this would work and I can be sure it gets added to his schedule.

Thanks,
Lincoln

Lincoln Ferguson

Senior Advisor to the Administrator

Office of Public Affairs

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To: nanne.hartmayer@foxnews.com[nanne.hartmayer@foxnews.com]
From: Ferguson, Lincoln
Sent: Tue 5/16/2017 7:16:59 PM
Subject: Administrator Pruitt and Neil Cavuto

Good afternoon Nanne –

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Thanks,
Lincoln

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To: Ferguson, Lincoln[ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]
From: Nestande, Francesca
Sent: Tue 4/11/2017 9:28:30 PM
Subject: RE: Administrator Pruitt on Hannity

Hey! I'm sorry I probably won't be able to get you an answer until tomorrow. If that is too late we understand.

From: Ferguson, Lincoln [mailto:ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 5:23 PM
To: Nestande, Francesca
Subject: RE: Administrator Pruitt on Hannity

Sorry to bug you again – just checking to see if you heard anything on this. Trying to finalize the Administrator's schedule and want to work around the interview.

Thanks!

From: Ferguson, Lincoln
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 3:45 PM
To: 'Francesca.Nestande@foxnews.com' <Francesca.Nestande@foxnews.com>
Subject: Administrator Pruitt on Hannity

Francesca –

Great talking with you. Administrator Pruitt has been really eager to get in the studio with Hannity and talk about the accomplishments that have already taken place at EPA over his first few months. Let me know if there is a time tomorrow that will work – he will be in NY during the time of the taping, so anytime works for us.

He can discuss his "back-to-basics" approach to getting EPA back to its core mission – protecting the environment by engaging with state and local partners, in order to create sensible regulations that allow economic growth. Numerous issues: WOTUS, energy independence, chlorpyrifos, CAFÉ standards, RMP rule, ELG rule, regulatory reform task force…

Thanks so much,
Lincoln

Lincoln Ferguson

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To: Graham, Amy[graham.amy@epa.gov]
Cc: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]; Press[Press@epa.gov]
From: Josh Siegel
Sent: Tue 9/5/2017 9:31:59 PM
Subject: Re: Washington Examiner inquiry: Valero Benzene

Great, thanks, Amy. I appreciate your response. This is helpful.
Josh

On Tue, Sep 5, 2017 at 5:22 PM, Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Josh – Yes, we can confirm that is accurate. EPA continues to conduct ambient air monitoring in Houston, and is focusing on an area of potential concern associated with reported air emissions from a Valero facility in Houston. EPA has been on-scene conducting real-time air monitoring near the facility. None of the readings collected by EPA have been above first responder screening levels for volatile organic compounds in the air. EPA's Trace Atmospheric Gas Analyzer (TAGA) air monitoring bus is conducting air monitoring in southeast Houston around the Valero Refinery today, and will continue to conduct air monitoring around other refineries as they start back up. The TAGA is a self-contained mobile laboratory capable of real-time sampling and of outdoor air or emissions. The instrumentation refers both to the analytical instrument and the mobile laboratory built around it. EPA continues to investigate complaints in the area.

Thanks,

Amy

Amy Graham

Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Affairs

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Graham.amy@epa.gov

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202-306-5038 (cell)

From: Josh Siegel [mailto:jsiegel@washingtonexaminer.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2017 4:48 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Washington Examiner inquiry: Valero Benzene

I don't see anything attached to this email. Please respond when you are able.

Thanks,

Josh

On Tue, Sep 5, 2017 at 4:43 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

From: Josh Siegel [mailto:jsiegel@washingtonexaminer.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2017 4:38 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Washington Examiner inquiry: Valero Benzene

Hi Jahan,

It's Josh Siegel with the Washington Examiner. I wanted to see if you can confirm that the EPA is investigating the release of Benzene from the Valero Houston refinery.

I saw the WSJ reported this today: https://www.wsj.com/articles/after-oil-refinery-is-damaged-by-harvey-benzene-is-detected-in-the-air-in-houston-area-1504638772

Thank you for your help.

Josh

To: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Cc: Press[Press@epa.gov]
From: Josh Siegel
Sent: Tue 9/5/2017 8:48:25 PM
Subject: Re: Washington Examiner inquiry: Valero Benzene

I don't see anything attached to this email. Please respond when you are able.
Thanks,
Josh

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Thank you for your help.

Josh

To: Josh Siegel[jsiegel@washingtonexaminer.com]; Press[Press@epa.gov]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Tue 9/5/2017 8:43:49 PM
Subject: RE: Washington Examiner inquiry: Valero Benzene

From: Josh Siegel [mailto:jsiegel@washingtonexaminer.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2017 4:38 PM
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Thank you for your help.

Josh

To: Press[Press@epa.gov]
From: Darrah, Nicole
Sent: Sun 9/3/2017 11:54:49 PM
Subject: Request for comment -- AP story

Hello,

My name's Nicole Darrah, I'm a reporter with FoxNews.com. I'm seeking comment on the EPA's recent – now deleted – statement regarding a report by the Associated Press. What specific inaccuracies were found in the AP report? Why was only 1 of the 2 bylined reporters called out? Additionally, why was the news released removed from the EPA website?

Thanks in advance,

Nicole

Nicole Darrah

Breaking/Trending News Producer, FoxNews.com

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917-521-9724

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To: Press[Press@epa.gov]
From: Kyle Feldscher
Sent: Sun 9/3/2017 11:40:18 PM
Subject: Statement condemning AP reporting

To whom it may concern,
The statement from earlier condemning the AP's story about the Houston superfund sites appears to have been taken down - I'm getting a "restricted" notification when I visit it. Has the EPA retracted this statement or edited this statement? Can you provide some clarification as to why the statement is not available online?

Thanks,
Kyle

--
Kyle Feldscher
Breaking News Editor
Washington Examiner
Office: 202-459-4913
Cell: 202-794-4469
Twitter: @Kyle_Feldscher

To: Press[Press@epa.gov]
From: Vaughn, Hillary
Sent: Thur 8/31/2017 5:14:04 PM
Subject: FOX PRESS INQUIRY - URGENT / Statement on Arkema plant / Crosby, TX

Good afternoon,

Can you please send me your statement on the Arkema plant in Crosby, TX? Need ASAP for a live report. Thank you!

Hillary Vaughn
Correspondent
FOX News Channel / FOX Business Network
603.785.0283 (main)
603.660.2106 (secondary)
Twitter: @VaughnFNC
Instagram: @reportervaughn

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To: Press[Press@epa.gov]
From: Kerkman, Maggie
Sent: Wed 8/30/2017 10:12:00 PM
Subject: Fwd: Arkema: "...materials on site that could now explode and cause a subsequent intense fire..."

What are the potential environmental consequences of this? Should residents within what kind of radius worry about air-quality, water quality?

Maggie Kerkman
Fox News Channel
Dallas field producer
214-769-4758 cell

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Kerkman, Maggie" <Maggie.Kerkman@FOXNEWS.COM>
Date: August 30, 2017 at 18:04:14 EDT
To: 616-Harvey <616-Harvey@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Arkema: "...materials on site that could now explode and cause a subsequent intense fire..."

Following up on Russ's email...

Per Arkema:

"Our Crosby facility makes organic peroxides, a family of compounds that are used in everything from making pharmaceuticals to construction materials. But organic peroxides may burn if not stored and handled under the right conditions. At Crosby, we prepared for what we recognized could be a worst case scenario. We had redundant contingency plans in place. Right now, we have an unprecedented 6 feet of water at the plant. We have lost primary power and two sources of emergency backup power. As a result, we have lost critical refrigeration of the materials on site that could now explode and cause a subsequent intense fire. The high water and lack of power leave us with no way to prevent it. We have evacuated our personnel for their own safety. The federal, state and local authorities were contacted a few days ago, and we are working very closely with them to manage this matter. They have ordered the surrounding community to be evacuated, too.

We are setting up a call center to handle questions from neighbors and others affected, and a claims center to handle financial claims related to Arkema's Crosby situation. Also, we've reached out to local crisis leaders in Harris County and offered our support. Once more, we apologize for impacting their lives. We thank the governmental authorities who are working closely with us for their guidance and professionalism, and will continue to work with them until this situation is resolved. "

http://www.arkema-americas.com/en/social-responsibility/incident-news/

Sent from my iPhone

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To: Riha, Anne Marie[annemarie.riha@FOXNEWS.COM]; Press[Press@epa.gov]
From: Abboud, Michael
Sent: Wed 8/30/2017 7:18:59 PM
Subject: RE: Fox News Channel Inquiry

Anne Marie, this is the correct statement.

From: Riha, Anne Marie [mailto:annemarie.riha@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 3:07 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Fox News Channel Inquiry

To Whom It May Concern,

I'm checking on this quote that Liz Bowman gave to Reuters News Service. Is it possible to confirm it for Fox News Channel? We would like to use and would prefer not to quote a competitor. Many thanks.

~ Anne Marie

Quote:

"EPA is focused on the safety of those affected by Hurricane Harvey and providing emergency response support - not engaging in attempts to politicize an ongoing tragedy," said EPA spokeswoman Liz Bowman, responding to a question about comments from the climate scientists.

Anne Marie Riha

Producer

Fox News Channel

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To: Valentine, Julia[Valentine.Julia@epa.gov]
Cc: Press[Press@epa.gov]; Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
From: Josh Siegel
Sent: Wed 8/30/2017 12:25:37 AM
Subject: Re: New Energy Wash Examiner reporter press list

Great, I appreciate it

On Tue, Aug 29, 2017 at 6:53 PM, Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Josh -- happy to add you tomorrow. Thanks

Julia P. Valentine
Office of Media Relations
202.564.2663
Sent from USEPA iPhone

On Aug 29, 2017, at 5:51 PM, Josh Siegel <jsiegel@washingtonexaminer.com> wrote:

Hello Liz,

My name is Josh Siegel and I am a new energy and environment reporter with the Washington Examiner. Can you please include me on your email list going forward?

I appreciate it,
Josh

To: Josh Siegel[jsiegel@washingtonexaminer.com]
Cc: Press[Press@epa.gov]; Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
From: Valentine, Julia
Sent: Tue 8/29/2017 10:53:12 PM
Subject: Re: New Energy Wash Examiner reporter press list

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Office of Media Relations
202.564.2663
Sent from USEPA iPhone

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Josh

To: Press[Press@epa.gov]; Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
From: Josh Siegel
Sent: Tue 8/29/2017 9:49:57 PM
Subject: New Energy Wash Examiner reporter press list

Hello Liz,
My name is Josh Siegel and I am a new energy and environment reporter with the Washington Examiner. Can you please include me on your email list going forward?

I appreciate it,
Josh

To: Press[Press@epa.gov]
From: Boyer, EJ
Sent: Wed 8/9/2017 4:14:29 PM
Subject: Fox News Channel inquiry

Hello,

I'm a producer in Fox News Channel's DC Bureau. We will be broadcasting live shows from Denver this weekend, Sat 8/12 and Sun 8/13, with a heavy focus on the Western energy boom. I know it's a late request, but would Secretary Pruitt be available for an interview on the regulatory rollback and Trum Admin energy policies? We are live from 10 am – 12 PM Mountain time on Saturday // 11 am – 12 PM Mountain time on Sunday, but we could also pretape an interview.

Might he be available?

Thank you,

EJ

E.J. Boyer
"America's News HQ"
Fox News Channel | Washington, D.C.

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ej.boyer@foxnews.com

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To: jsiciliano@washingtonexaminer.com[jsiciliano@washingtonexaminer.com]
Cc: Press[Press@epa.gov]
From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Tue 8/8/2017 7:14:28 PM
Subject: FW: question

John,

Attributable to an EPA spokesperson:

We are reviewing the decision.

> On Aug 8, 2017, at 2:00 PM, John Siciliano <jsiciliano@washingtonexaminer.com> wrote:
>
> EPA have anything to say about court decision on HFCs?

To: Freire, JP[Freire.JP@epa.gov]
Cc: Press[Press@epa.gov]
From: Benjamin Wolfgang
Sent: Tue 8/8/2017 3:26:12 PM
Subject: Response to NYT report on climate study?

Hi folks,
Checking in to see if EPA/administration has any response to NYT report today on the climate change study. Will EPA sign off on the report as written, or will you seek to alter it in some way? More broadly, what should we make of government scientists releasing draft reports before they've been formally approved?

Thanks,

Ben

--
Ben Wolfgang
Energy & Environment Reporter
The Washington Times
bwolfgang@washingtontimes.com
cell: 717-571-1913

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To: John Siciliano[jsiciliano@washingtonexaminer.com]; Press[Press@epa.gov]; Graham, Amy[graham.amy@epa.gov]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Fri 8/4/2017 8:30:50 PM
Subject: RE: Gold King question

I'm sorry. Adding the press box.

From: John Siciliano [mailto:jsiciliano@washingtonexaminer.com]
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2017 12:16 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Gold King question

Do you have anything more on what the administrator will be doing in touring the Gold King Mine site? Is he going to meet with the Navajo leadership in New Mexico, etc.?

To: pstarr@breitbart.com[pstarr@breitbart.com]
Cc: Press[Press@epa.gov]
From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Mon 7/31/2017 2:41:04 PM
Subject: RE: climate change museum request

Hi Penny,

My colleague will be in touch.

Enesta Jones
U.S. EPA
Office of Media Relations
Office: 202.564.7873
Cell: 202.236.2426

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-----Original Message-----
From: pstarr@breitbart.com [mailto:pstarr@breitbart.com]
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 10:33 AM
To: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Subject: climate change museum request

Good morning Enesta,

Good to speak with you again! Please see following request:

I am inquiring to get an interview and tour of the climate change mini-museum in the Ronald Reagan building as reported on by the Washington Post.

Ideally, I would love to meet up with someone there later today, but I'm willing to accept another day and time if necessary.

I hope to speak to someone about what is there now (and I would like to take photos), and what changes, if any, will be made.

Thank you for your kind assistance and look forward to hearing back.

Penny Starr
Reporter at Breitbart News
843-263-9639

To: Bill McMorris[mcmorris@freebeacon.com]
Cc: Press[Press@epa.gov]
From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Mon 7/17/2017 6:23:10 PM
Subject: RE: Breaking Request for Comment

Hi Bill,

I am checking on this for you.

Enesta Jones

U.S. EPA

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Office: 202.564.7873

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From: Bill McMorris [mailto:mcmorris@freebeacon.com]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 2:21 PM
To: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Breaking Request for Comment

Hi Ms. Jones,

I spoke with Tricia Lynn about the request below and she said you were the person to speak with about it. I have a 3 p.m. deadline and wanted to make sure you had a copy of the original request. Thanks.

Best,

Bill

Bill McMorris

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---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: **Bill McMorris** <mcmorris@freebeacon.com>
Date: Mon, Jul 17, 2017 at 12:47 PM
Subject: Breaking Request for Comment
To: lynn.tricia@epa.gov

Hi Ms. Lynn,

This is Bill McMorris from the Washington Free Beacon. An AFGE Region leader just said that buyout notices were sent to 182 people in Region 5 and that the agency is seeking to 1,200 buyouts nationwide by September 2. We wanted to confirm if these figures were correct and to get the reasoning behind the notice. I look forward to working with you.

Best,

Bill

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To: John Siciliano[jsiciliano@washingtonexaminer.com]
Cc: Press[Press@epa.gov]
From: Valentine, Julia
Sent: Fri 7/7/2017 3:28:53 PM
Subject: RE: media question

Hi John,

Sorry about the delay, here is the information you asked about. If you are using for attribution please attribute to an EPA spokesperson.

The quote is referring to the "reset" trigger in the rule. The triggers for cellulosic and advanced volume standards have already been met, but not the total volume standard. A reset rule would be required within one year of meeting the statutory requirements for the reset rule. The Administrator has directed staff to begin conducting an analysis that could inform a future reset rule if and when the statutory requirements are met.

Also, a link to the proposed rule: https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-07/documents/rfs-2018-standards-nprm-2017-07-05.pdf

Thanks and hope that helps.

Julia P. Valentine

Assoc. Dir./Acting Dir.
U.S. EPA, Ofc of Media Relations

202.564.2663 direct

202.740.1336 m/txt

From: John Siciliano [mailto:jsiciliano@washingtonexaminer.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 11:16 AM
To: Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: media question

If you can get me something by 2 that would be great.

On Thu, Jul 6, 2017 at 10:53 AM, Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi John, what's your deadline for this?

From: John Siciliano <jsiciliano@washingtonexaminer.com>
Date: July 6, 2017 at 9:18:32 AM CDT
To: "Graham, Amy" <graham.amy@epa.gov>
Subject: media question

What does this mean? See below:

"The Clean Air Act requires EPA to reset volume targets when certain conditions are met. We expect those conditions to be met in the near future, so we are conducting technical analysis now, to inform future reset rules," said Administrator Pruitt.

It was the quote in yesterday's RFS announcement. What technical analysis is the agency doing that could reset the volume targets?

Also, is the full proposed rule available?

-John

Julia P. Valentine

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Sent from USEPA iPhone

To: jsiciliano@washingtonexaminer.com[jsiciliano@washingtonexaminer.com]
Cc: Press[Press@epa.gov]
From: Valentine, Julia
Sent: Thur 7/6/2017 2:53:23 PM
Subject: Re: media question

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Date: July 6, 2017 at 9:18:32 AM CDT
To: "Graham, Amy" <graham.amy@epa.gov>
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To: John Siciliano[jsiciliano@washingtonexaminer.com]
Cc: Press[Press@epa.gov]
From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Fri 6/30/2017 2:52:24 PM
Subject: Re: Your Story on Coal Jobs Court Decision

Thanks for updating with our statement, John.

Enesta Jones
U.S. EPA
Office of Media Relations
Office: 202.564.7873
Cell: 202.236.2426

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On Jun 30, 2017, at 10:50 AM, John Siciliano <jsiciliano@washingtonexaminer.com> wrote:

http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/trumps-epa-ignores-court-ruling-on-coal-jobs/article/2627544

On Friday, June 30, 2017, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:

Unclear.

From: John Siciliano [mailto:jsiciliano@washingtonexaminer.com]
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 10:35 AM
To: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Your Story on Coal Jobs Court Decision

No. Wrote another.

On Friday, June 30, 2017, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:

John, are you updating your story?

We have your latest request.

Enesta Jones

U.S. EPA

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From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Fri 6/30/2017 2:29:58 PM
Subject: Re: media question

Sent from my iPhone

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> Can I get something from EPA on Admin. Pruitt overseeing a red-team, blue-team climate science critique?
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Cc: Press[Press@epa.gov]
From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Fri 6/30/2017 2:23:59 PM
Subject: Re: Your Story on Coal Jobs Court Decision

John, are you updating your story?

We have your latest request.

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From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Fri 6/30/2017 11:00:37 AM
Subject: Re: media request The Washington Times

Hi Laura - My apologies for the delay. Please update your story with our statement below. It's attributable to an EPA spokesperson.

"This study attempts to draw a link that isn't supported by direct evidence. It uses an "all-cause mortality," which accounts for all deaths regardless of the cause, and does not attribute deaths related to a terminal disease, car crash or other factors. It also fails to take into account 'individual data on behavioral risk factors' such as smoking, obesity and income. Additionally, the study does not include the underlying data. The authors should release the data to better inform the public of the merits of its conclusions."

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Thanks,

Laura

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General Assignment/Health Reporter

The Washington Times

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Sent: Thur 6/29/2017 8:04:40 PM
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From: Rosenthal, Jessica
Sent: Tue 6/27/2017 7:39:36 PM
Subject: media inquiry

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California, my state, has just added it to its prop 65 cancer causing chemical list. Can someone call me back and forward any official statement?

Thank you,

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Cc: Press[Press@epa.gov]
From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Tue 6/27/2017 7:39:44 PM
Subject: RE: Press Inquiry about Pesticides

Hullo Jessica,

We have your question. What's your deadline, please?

Thanks, R.

Robert Daguillard

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From: Rosenthal, Jessica [mailto:jessica.rosenthal@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 3:36 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Press Inquiry about Pesticides

Hi there. I am writing to ask for a brief over the phone interview about glyphosate. The EPA is reviewing the pesticide correct? What is the process for doing this, and when might you have a decision? Can someone speak to me today to talk about what this pesticide is/does?

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Cc: Press[Press@epa.gov]
From: PerezSullivan, Margot
Sent: Tue 6/27/2017 7:38:40 PM
Subject: RE: media inquiry

Thanks for your note, Jessica. You question will be bested answered by our HQ office at press@epa.gov. A list of HQ press contacts can be found at https://www.epa.gov/newsroom/media-contacts#hq

Margot Perez-Sullivan
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
D: 415.947.4149

C: 415.412.1115

E: perezsullivan.margot@epa.gov

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Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 12:28 PM
To: PerezSullivan, Margot <PerezSullivan.Margot@epa.gov>; Glenn, William <Glenn.William@epa.gov>
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From: Chakraborty, Barnini
Sent: Tue 8/22/2017 7:22:05 PM
Subject: Re: Fox News request-Shale

That doesn't work for me unfortunately. I am in Texas now and going down to the Permian basin where cell service is spotty at best. I can send you over specific questions if you'd like, tied to the series of stories I am doing on the environmental impact shale drilling still has as on the environment as well as questions about how some producers in Texas say the Trump administration isn't moving fast enough on getting rid of Obama-era regulations,
Let me know if that works.
Thanks,
Barnini

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 22, 2017, at 2:16 PM, Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi, Barnini,

Can we give you a call in a few minutes?

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From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Fri 8/18/2017 3:21:56 PM
Subject: RE: media question

From: John Siciliano [mailto:jsiciliano@washingtonexaminer.com]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 11:20 AM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: media question

Is Admin Pruitt planning on doing anything today in response to the National Climate Assessment deadline for interagency review? Also, can I have EPA's formal comments, if any, on the report submitted as part of the interagency review?

-John

To: Freire, JP[Freire.JP@epa.gov]; Press[Press@epa.gov]
From: Brown, Kristin
Sent: Mon 5/8/2017 3:33:42 PM
Subject: Re: For Fox - statement on review board member shakeup?

Thanks very much!

From: Freire, JP <Freire.JP@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 8, 2017 11:29 AM
To: Brown, Kristin; Press
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From: King, Amanda
Sent: Fri 5/5/2017 6:40:52 PM
Subject: LIVE INTERVIEW WITH NEIL CAVUTO

Hello,

I work for Fox News Channel on the show "Your World" with host Neil Cavuto. I'm reaching out to see if Mr. Pruitt is available on Monday or Tuesday to join Neil for a one-on-one interview. Our show goes live from 4-5 PM et. Neil would love to have him on! Please let me know if he is free anytime during that hour. If he is traveling, we have many studios to accommodate him! The topic will focus around the Paris climate meeting next week.

Thank you!

-Amanda King

"Your World w/ Neil Cavuto"

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To: jsiciliano@washingtonexaminer.com[jsiciliano@washingtonexaminer.com]
Cc: Press[Press@epa.gov]
From: PerezSullivan, Margot
Sent: Fri 5/5/2017 6:35:24 PM
Subject: On the ground in Benicia

Hi John, I'm the PIO for EPA on the ground. We should have a statement shortly. Is there anything specifically you'd like to know?

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C: 415.412.1115

E: perezsullivan.margot@epa.gov

To: Russell, George[George.Russell@FOXNEWS.COM]
Cc: Press[Press@epa.gov]
From: StClair, Christie
Sent: Wed 5/3/2017 6:27:14 PM
Subject: Re: Press Inquiry about Fuel: ethanol, RFS, fuel efficiency

Hi George,

What is your deadline?

Christie

Christie St. Clair
EPA Public Affairs
C: 202-768-5780

On May 3, 2017, at 2:01 PM, Russell, George <George.Russell@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Dear Christie,

Greetings and I hope you are well. I'm a journalist at Fox News in New York who writes occasionally about EPA issues. Last August, in Inspector General's report 16-P-0275 regarding the environmental impact of the Renewable Fuel Standard, EPA undertook to "develop or identify the process for evaluating the science relevant to lifecycle analysis and determining whether revisiting the original greenhouse gas threshold determinations is necessary." The study was to be completed by September 30, 2018. I wondered if you could tell me whether this development is now underway, or, failing that, when it is anticipated that EPA would begin?

Thanks very much for your help.

Sincerely,

George Russell

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Cc: Shimmin, Kaitlyn[shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov]
From: Monger, Jon
Sent: Wed 9/13/2017 1:37:33 PM
Subject: RE: Please add to distribution list

Thank you.

From: Lyons, Troy [mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2017 9:36 AM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Monger, Jon <Jon.Monger@mail.house.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
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Thank you,

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Cc: Shimmin, Kaitlyn[shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov]
From: Lyons, Troy
Sent: Wed 9/13/2017 1:36:08 PM
Subject: RE: Please add to distribution list

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To: Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
Cc: Press[Press@epa.gov]
From: Cheryl Wetzstein
Sent: Fri 4/21/2017 4:44:55 PM
Subject: Re: Hi from Cheryl at Wash Times, op-ed invitation for Admin Pruitt for Energy section

Hi Liz,
Good Friday afternoon!

I am circling back to check in with you -- we are looking forward to receiving an op-ed from Secretary Pruitt for our ENERGY 2017 special section.

I am receiving copy Mon-Weds of next week (April 24-26) -- let me know what you think will work for you!

Many thanks!! Cheryl

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On Fri, Apr 7, 2017 at 1:44 PM, Cheryl Wetzstein <cwetzstein@washingtontimes.com> wrote:

Hi Liz,
This is wonderful news -- thank you!
I will be in touch later in April,
Best wishes, Cheryl

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On Thu, Apr 6, 2017 at 6:57 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Cheryl – This is something we would be interested in doing. I apologize if your call wasn't returned yet. We will work on getting you a draft by April 21st. If you don't hear back from us with a draft by the 20th/21st – please let me know! Thank you – Liz Bowman, 202-564-3293

From: Cheryl Wetzstein [mailto:cwetzstein@washingtontimes.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 6, 2017 4:32 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Hi from Cheryl at Wash Times, op-ed invitation for Admin Pruitt for Energy section

Hi!

I left a voice mail message today (we are not on deadline, but hope to hear back from you soon).

I am manager of special sections here at The Washington Times, and our advocacy department is preparing a special section on **ENERGY 2017**, which will address multiple energy sectors.

We want to include remarks from Administrator Pruitt in our section, and I would like to work with you to get a new op-ed, or some remarks that we can excerpt.

Some themes in the section are how an "all of the above" energy portfolio, innovation and deregulation are all part of America's energy independence.

Our copy deadline would be **April 21 to April 24**. We are looking for 600-700 words (more if needed). Our special section will publish in The Washington Times and its own online web portal in late April or the first week of May.

The **ENERGY 2017** special section, which is supported by advertisers, will include content from federal officials, Members of Congress and think tank scholars, as well as industry leaders.

I look forward to hearing back from your office. I can be reached at 202-636-3189.

Thanks so much,

Cheryl Wetzstein

Links to published special sections - we provide URLs for each article, as well as a PDF of the entire section.

U.S. Bill of Rights - 225th Anniversary

http://www.washingtontimes.com/specials/celebrating-freedom-225th-anniversary-us-bill-righ/

http://twt-media.washtimes.com/media/misc/2016/12/13/BillofRights_Final2.pdf

Salute to Rolling Thunder

http://twt-media.washtimes.com/media/misc/2016/05/26/RollingThunder_Final.pdf

http://www.washingtontimes.com/specials/rolling-thunder-2016-we-will-not-forget/

The President and Constitution Day

http://twt-media.washtimes.com/media/misc/2016/09/12/ConstitutionDay2016_F

http://www.washingtontimes.com/specials/president-and-constitution/

North Korea's Nuclear Threat

http://www.washingtontimes.com/specials/north-korea-nuclear-threat-assessment-global-respo/

http://twt-media.washtimes.com/media/misc/2016/04/04/NK-SectionFinal_v2.pdf

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To: Daguillard, Robert[Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]; Press[Press@epa.gov]
From: Schisler, Kate
Sent: Thur 4/20/2017 5:02:47 PM
Subject: RE: Please add to press release listserv

Thanks!

From: Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2017 1:02 PM
To: Schisler, Kate; Press
Subject: RE: Please add to press release listserv

Good afternoon Ms. Schisler,

We'll be happy to add you.

Warm regards, R.

Robert Daguillard

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To: Press[Press@epa.gov]
From: Steven Miller
Sent: Wed 4/19/2017 7:36:41 PM
Subject: Shutdown

Have there been any changes to EPA's contingency plans for a government shutdown since the last administration?
In general, what should the public expect at the agency if government funding runs out April 28?
Thanks.

--
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To: John Siciliano[jsiciliano@washingtonexaminer.com]; Freire, JP[Freire.JP@epa.gov]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Fri 4/7/2017 7:24:09 PM
Subject: RE:

Adding JP.

From: John Siciliano [mailto:jsiciliano@washingtonexaminer.com]
Sent: Friday, April 7, 2017 3:24 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject:

Can you confirm the reports of the 40 reassignments. What they are, etc.?

To: John Siciliano[jsiciliano@washingtonexaminer.com]
Cc: Freire, JP[Freire.JP@epa.gov]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Fri 3/31/2017 11:28:43 PM
Subject: Re: media question

Sorry, still learning everything. This is from EPA spokesman John Konkus.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 31, 2017, at 7:25 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

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From: Philip Wegmann
Sent: Tue 5/16/2017 9:37:41 PM
Subject: Re: Introduction

Thanks for the introduction JP! And looking forward to working closely with you in the future, Jahan. Our audience definitely has an appetite for EPA stories.

-Phil

To: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]; John Siciliano[jsiciliano@washingtonexaminer.com]
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Subject: RE:

Call me. 2023096781

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Subject: Introduction

Philip,

Just wanted to introduce you to Jahan on our Public Affairs team. He often has interesting tidbits of information he can share.

JP

J.P. Freire

Associate Administrator for Public Affairs

Environmental Protection Agency

Mobile: (202) 309-6781

To: John Siciliano[jsiciliano@washingtonexaminer.com]
Cc: Abboud, Michael[abboud.michael@epa.gov]; Graham, Amy[graham.amy@epa.gov]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Mon 9/25/2017 6:52:01 PM
Subject: RE: Sue & Settle

Yes.

From: John Siciliano [mailto:jsiciliano@washingtonexaminer.com]
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 2:36 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Sue & Settle

Definitely, can you put Josh Siegel and myself down, and we will figure out which ONE of us will attend.

On Monday, September 25, 2017, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

John –

Off-the-record, Administrator Pruitt will be holding a pen-and-pad regarding sue and settle at the EPA on **Wednesday, September 27 at 9:30 AM.** You or someone else from the Washington Examiner are welcome to attend. Please let me know if you on plan on attending (about 7 outlets are invited) and if there is anything else you need from me.

- **Wednesday, September 27 from 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM**

- **EPA Headquarters** (Please arrive by 9:15 AM and at the entrance above the Federal Triangle Metro)

Jahan Wilcox
EPA
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To: Graham, Amy[graham.amy@epa.gov]
Cc: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
From: Jeff Bechdel
Sent: Fri 6/30/2017 3:38:04 PM
Subject: Re: Re:

Here is a link: http://ntknetwork.com/epa-critics-claims-dont-hold-up-under-close-examination/
Let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thanks for flagging!

On Fri, Jun 30, 2017 at 10:13 AM, Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov> wrote:

"An EPA source" is perfect.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 30, 2017, at 9:53 AM, Jeff Bechdel <jbechdel@ntknetwork.com> wrote:

Hey Amy, question for you. Given that all of this info is on background/not for attribution, how would you prefer statements like the following to be attributed? Am I fine just saying some of this came from "an EPA source"?
Everyone with an expiring term has been invited to re-apply and EPA is working diligently to fill these spots. EPA is taking an inclusive approach to filling future BOSC appointments

Future meetings have not been canceled - BOSC meetings will be reconvened as soon as possible and EPA is working diligently to review and confirm nominations.

On Thu, Jun 29, 2017 at 5:41 PM, Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov> wrote:

Hey Jeff – Per our discussion, this is all on background and not for attribution.

Here is the link to the Rachel Maddow interview regarding the EPA Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC):
http://mms.tveyes.com/transcript.asp?StationID=205&DateTime=6/28/2017%209:43:31%20PM&playclip

MYTH: The Board used to be 68 members, and is now only going to be 11.

REALITY: This is intentionally misleading. It makes it sound like members of the board have been fired and won't be replaced. The fact of the matter is that no one was fired, their terms are simply expiring. Everyone with an expiring term has been invited to re-apply and EPA is working diligently to fill these spots. EPA is taking an inclusive approach to filling future BOSC appointments and welcome all applicants from all relevant scientific and technical fields as we work on restoring

the agency's core mission of protecting clean air, land, and water.

MYTH: Members were going to have a first-term renewal; the board has been kind of decimated.

REALITY: No one was fired or terminated. Member terms expire and no one was forced to leave prior to their terms being expired. The BOSC is not Congressionally mandated; it is a creation of EPA. All members are appointed by the Administrator and serve at his pleasure; no existing Member is guaranteed a renewal. No one at EPA had the authority to promise board members their term would be automatically renewed.

MYTH: Activities have been essentially suspended; future meetings have also been cancelled. Six meetings were scheduled in the fall, and we don't have enough bodies to keep the BOSC going.

REALITY: Future meetings have not been canceled - BOSC meetings will be reconvened as soon as possible and EPA is working diligently to review and confirm nominations. In the meantime, EPA research will continue and has continued. Furthermore, EPA scientists continue to conduct experiments, write papers and attend scientific meetings. BOSC members play no role in reviewing the science used by EPA for rulemaking.

MYTH: The Agency is replacing the role of the BOSC. It will take EPA six to nine months to probably get the group re-populated, get new meetings scheduled and actually do anything. A new BOSC will miss a year of valid, important, critical science advice.

REALITY: Again, this is simply not true. Future meetings have not been canceled - BOSC meetings will be reconvened as soon as possible and EPA is working diligently to review and confirm nominations. BOSC members play no role in reviewing the science used by EPA for rulemaking.

MYTH: The chief of staff sent intimidating emails prior to testifying and told Deborah Swackhamer to change her testimony. Deborah said she was testifying as an individual, not as an employee of EPA.

REALITY: Deborah Swackhamer testified at a hearing about the role that states play in U.S. rulemaking. Deborah was invited by the Democratic Minority, at which time she testified about a scientific board – which had nothing to do with the scope of the hearing. Documents obtained by the Committee demonstrate that

the true intent of this testimony was to criticize Administrator Pruitt's evaluation of the BOSC rather than discuss state involvement of EPA rulemaking.

As the Committee explains on their website: It is clear that Swackhamer failed to adhere to EPA processes for reviewing testimony and that Jackson sought to merely clarify a section of the testimony that would be provided to the Committee.

The email communications indicate that Swackhamer failed to adhere to established review practices set forth for testimony provided by EPA-affiliated witnesses when testifying before Congressional Committees, including submitting this testimony for review by the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations and the Office of General Counsel. Jackson attempted to discuss Swackhamer's testimony with her on the telephone, but was unable to reach her, thus prompting further email communications. Jackson sought only to clarify a point in Swackahmer's testimony regarding Administrator Pruitt's decision to evaluate the BOSC membership. Career EPA attorney and acting General Counsel was copied on all of the email communications sent to Swackhamer pertaining to this matter. The full email exchange between Jackson and Swackhamer, can be viewed here.

The written testimony included falsehoods. Congressional testimony can and should be updated to clarify inaccurate or false statements, either in oral or written testimony.

Let me know if you have any follow up questions.

Many thanks,

Amy

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To: Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
Cc: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>

Subject: Re:

Hey Amy, I'm at 412-979-1623

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Hi Jeff - What's a good phone number to reach you at?

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Subject:

Dear Mr. Jeff Bechdel -

I want to connect you with my colleague Amy Graham who has something that you or someone in your newsroom might be interested in writing about.

I hope you and your family have a safe 4th of July.

Best

Jahan

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Here is the link to the Rachel Maddow interview regarding the EPA Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC):
http://mms.tveyes.com/transcript.asp?StationID=205&DateTime=6/28/2017%209:43:31%20PM&playclip=true

MYTH: The Board used to be 68 members, and is now only going to be 11.

REALITY: This is intentionally misleading. It makes it sound like members of the board have been fired and won't be replaced. The fact of the matter is that no one was fired, their terms are simply expiring. Everyone with an expiring term has been invited to re-apply and EPA is working diligently to fill these spots. EPA is taking an inclusive approach to filling future BOSC appointments and welcome all applicants from all relevant scientific and technical fields as we work on restoring the agency's core mission of protecting clean air, land, and water.

MYTH: Members were going to have a first-term renewal; the board has been kind of decimated.

REALITY: No one was fired or terminated. Member terms expire and no one was forced to leave prior to their terms being expired. The BOSC is not Congressionally mandated; it is a creation of EPA. All members are appointed by the Administrator and serve at his pleasure; no existing Member is guaranteed a renewal. No one at EPA had the authority to promise board members their term would be automatically renewed.

MYTH: Activities have been essentially suspended; future meetings have also been cancelled. Six meetings were scheduled in the fall, and we don't have enough bodies to keep the BOSC going.

REALITY: Future meetings have not been canceled - BOSC meetings will be reconvened as soon as possible and EPA is working diligently to review and confirm nominations. In the meantime, EPA research will continue and has continued. Furthermore, EPA scientists continue to conduct experiments, write papers and attend scientific meetings. BOSC members play no role in reviewing the science used by EPA for rulemaking.

MYTH: The Agency is replacing the role of the BOSC. It will take EPA six to nine months to probably get the group re-populated, get new meetings scheduled and actually do anything. A new BOSC will miss a year of valid, important, critical science advice.

REALITY: Again, this is simply not true. Future meetings have not been canceled - BOSC meetings will be reconvened as soon as possible and EPA is working diligently to review and confirm nominations. BOSC members play no role in reviewing the science used by EPA for rulemaking.

MYTH: The chief of staff sent intimidating emails prior to testifying and told Deborah Swackhamer to change her testimony. Deborah said she was testifying as an individual, not as an employee of EPA.

REALITY: Deborah Swackhamer testified at a hearing about the role that states play in U.S. rulemaking. Deborah was invited by the Democratic Minority, at which time she testified about a scientific board – which had nothing to do with the scope of the hearing. Documents obtained by the Committee demonstrate that the true intent of this testimony was to criticize Administrator Pruitt's evaluation of the BOSC rather than discuss state involvement of EPA rulemaking.

As the Committee explains on their website: It is clear that Swackhamer failed to adhere to EPA processes for reviewing testimony and that Jackson sought to merely clarify a section of the testimony that would be provided to the Committee.

The email communications indicate that Swackhamer failed to adhere to established review practices set forth for testimony provided by EPA-affiliated witnesses when testifying before Congressional Committees, including submitting this testimony for review by the Office of

Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations and the Office of General Counsel. Jackson attempted to discuss Swackhamer's testimony with her on the telephone, but was unable to reach her, thus prompting further email communications. Jackson sought only to clarify a point in Swackahmer's testimony regarding Administrator Pruitt's decision to evaluate the BOSC membership. Career EPA attorney and acting General Counsel was copied on all of the email communications sent to Swackhamer pertaining to this matter. The full email exchange between Jackson and Swackhamer, can be viewed here.

The written testimony included falsehoods. Congressional testimony can and should be updated to clarify inaccurate or false statements, either in oral or written testimony.

Let me know if you have any follow up questions.

Many thanks,

Amy

From: Jeff Bechdel [mailto:jbechdel@ntknetwork.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 10:31 AM
To: Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
Cc: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Re:

Hey Amy, I'm at 412-979-1623

On Thu, Jun 29, 2017 at 10:29 AM, Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Jeff - What's a good phone number to reach you at?

-----Original Message-----
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 10:24 AM
To: jbechdel@ntknetwork.com; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
Subject:

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Jahan

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To: Graham, Amy[graham.amy@epa.gov]
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Jahan

To: Graham, Amy[graham.amy@epa.gov]
Cc: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
From: Elizabeth Harrington
Sent: Thur 6/29/2017 1:43:34 PM
Subject: RE: Connecting Amy with Liz

Hey. 240-315-4515

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Elizabeth Harrington
Staff Writer
Washington Free Beacon

On Jun 29, 2017 9:13 AM, "Graham, Amy" <graham.amy@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Liz – Wanted to give you a call about a potential story today. What's a good number to reach you at?

From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 9:12 AM
To: Elizabeth Harrington <elizabeth@freebeacon.com>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
Subject: Connecting Amy with Liz

Jahan Wilcox
EPA
Strategic Communications Advisor
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Work Email: wilcox.jahan@epa.gov

To: Discigil, Justin[Justin.Discigil@mail.house.gov]
Cc: Bushue, Riley[Riley.Bushue@mail.house.gov]; Hunter, Zach[Zach.Hunter@mail.house.gov]; Graham, Amy[graham.amy@epa.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Wed 5/3/2017 6:38:55 PM
Subject: Re: Follow-up

Draft below

CONTACT:
press@epa.gov

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 3, 2017

EPA Administrator Pruitt and Congressman Walden Discuss Environmental and Economic Issues important to Oregon and the Nation

WASHINGTON -- Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt met with U.S. Representative Greg Walden (Ore. R-2) on Wednesday in the Congressman's Washington, D.C., office. The two discussed environmental and economic issues important to both the nation and the people of the State of Oregon.

"I appreciated the opportunity to meet with Congressman Walden today and discuss the issues important to our nation and to the people of Oregon," said Administrator Pruitt. "The people of Oregon and their elected representatives deserve an EPA that is focused on the basics of protecting the environment, engaging with state and local partners, and ensuring sensible regulations for economic growth."

"Administrator Pruitt and I had a productive conversation today about the wide-ranging issues facing Oregonians," said Congressman Walden. "We discussed the need to ensure water quality standards don't bankrupt rural communities, a concern I heard about at town hall meetings in Ontario, Oregon, and the latest with the Portland Harbor Superfund plan.

"We can protect the clean air and water we enjoy in Oregon, without further burdening jobs and economic growth in our rural communities. I look forward to working with Administrator Pruitt and his team at the EPA to achieve these goals for Oregonians," Congressman Walden added.

Pictured: EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt and Congressman Greg Walden (OR-2) meet on Capitol Hill.

As they become available, more photos, B-roll video, and MP3 audio actualities of the meeting

will be at this link:https://www.epa.gov/newsroom/multimedia-administrator-scott-pruitts-meeting-rep-greg-walden

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Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Affairs

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On May 3, 2017, at 2:03 PM, Discigil, Justin <Justin.Discigil@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Thanks, John. Here's our quote:

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From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 03, 2017 1:42 PM
To: Discigil, Justin
Cc: Hunter, Zach; Schneider, Dan; Bushue, Riley
Subject: Re: Follow-up

Ok send the quote and I'll plug it in.

John Konkus

Environmental Protection Agency

Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Affairs

Mobile: (202) 365-9250

On May 3, 2017, at 1:40 PM, Discigil, Justin <Justin.Discigil@mail.house.gov> wrote:

> John – Good to meet you today and thanks for working with us on this. I'll be sending our quote over shortly. If you wouldn't mind sending over your release before you issue it that would be great. Talk to you soon.
>
> Justin
>
> **Justin Discigil – Communications Director**
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> Office of Rep. Greg Walden (OR-02)
>
> Direct: 202-226-0675
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> Cell: 202-297-7131
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To: bill.hemmer@foxnews.com[bill.hemmer@foxnews.com]; Paquette, Cherie[Cherie.Paquette@FOXNEWS.COM]
Cc: Graham, Amy[graham.amy@epa.gov]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Wed 9/20/2017 3:13:55 PM
Subject: OTR Coffee with Pruitt

Bill –

Would you be interested in an off-the-record coffee with Scott Pruitt on September 28th in NYC? Would you have any time available in the morning? If it doesn't work we can keep trying.

Jahan Wilcox
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To: pstarr@breitbart.com[pstarr@breitbart.com]; Abboud, Michael[abboud.michael@epa.gov]
Cc: Graham, Amy[graham.amy@epa.gov]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Thur 8/10/2017 4:16:40 PM
Subject: RE: travel inquiry

Absolutely.

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From: pstarr@breitbart.com [mailto:pstarr@breitbart.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 11:19 AM
To: Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
Cc: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: travel inquiry

Great. Look forward to hearing back!
Penny

-----Original Message-----
From: "Abboud, Michael" <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 9:58am
To: "pstarr@breitbart.com" <pstarr@breitbart.com>
Cc: "Wilcox, Jahan" <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>, "Graham, Amy" <graham.amy@epa.gov>
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Penny
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To: Murray, Andrew[Andrew.Murray@FOXNEWS.COM]
Cc: Graham, Amy[graham.amy@epa.gov]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Mon 9/18/2017 2:09:17 PM
Subject: Pruitt, FOX Houston Item ...

I know Pruitt might be on Fox and Friends tomorrow. Wanted to flag for you that we've been down to Texas twice now and this clip from FOX 26 (and your local affiliate and us) are hoping you might be able to use some of this tomorrow.

From: EPA Press Office [mailto:press=epa.gov@cmail20.com] **On Behalf Of** EPA Press Office
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2017 11:30 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Houston - Preview

FOX 26 Houston

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt Pledges Permanent Solution For Dioxin Pits

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NOTE: Community activists praised Pruitt's willingness to witness the threat and rapidly respond. "He said he would expedite the decision," said Scott Jones of the Galveston Bay Foundation. "We think that's great. EPA staff has already said removal is the right course." "As long as the waste pits stay in the river, our residents won't feel safe, especially in the storm situations that we have had recently and Administrator Pruitt made it clear, he understands that," said Jackie Young, leader of the Texas Health and Environment Alliance.

FOX 26 - Houston
Greg Groogan
September 15, 2017
http://www.fox26houston.com/news/epa-administrator-pledges-permanent-solution-for-dioxin-pits

Two weeks after Harvey floodwaters rampaged the notorious Dioxin dump known as the San Jacinto River Waste Pits, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt put his own boots on the ground and his own eyes on the problem, an inspection without precedent.

As dive teams searched for damage and evidence of leaks, EPA Administrator Pruitt spoke exclusively with FOX 26 News.

"When you have a temporary situation like this, when you take rock and put in on top of a site to secure it, you have a big enough storm, something like this, that could cause a disruption of that rock and a release could occur," said Pruitt. "We pray that it didn't happen here. That's what we are testing."

With much of the 17,000 truckloads of cancer-causing waste still submerged beneath the San Jacinto River, images captured by drone in the storm's wake offered evidence that the dump took a pounding.

Clearly troubled by the hurricane exposure, frequent flooding and gaping holes plaguing the Dioxin pits, Pruitt guaranteed quick action, but withheld, for the time, endorsing the EPA staff's recommendation of complete removal.

"Our team at Region 6, the EPA has really each year had to come in here and provide some kind of remedial effort to the site -- that's not good," added Pruitt. "You don't want that and that's absent a hurricane. So as we look to answers here, they need to be permanent, they need to provide confidence with the people of this area that it's going to be for the long haul and we fix this situation, so that anxiety goes away."

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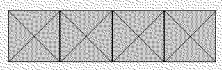

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Cc: Graham, Amy[graham.amy@epa.gov]; Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
From: Berger, Judson
Sent: Fri 10/6/2017 8:51:14 PM
Subject: Re: Amy -- Can your office confirm Clean Power Plan reports?

Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 6, 2017, at 4:44 PM, Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov> wrote:

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Cc: Graham, Amy[graham.amy@epa.gov]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Fri 6/2/2017 6:03:40 PM
Subject: Breitbart Radio

Can you loop me in with someone on Breitbart Radio or Podcast that we can do from 8:30a /10a. We can probably only do a 10 minute segment but that is the window that we have open.

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To: Graham, Amy[graham.amy@epa.gov]
Cc: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
From: Paquette, Cherie
Sent: Fri 6/2/2017 4:35:18 PM
Subject: Re: Cherie

Hey there! Thank you so much! So excited. Yes -let me work on that. What time works best for him?

Cherie Paquette
Fox News Channel
202-412-0049

On Jun 2, 2017, at 12:15 PM, Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov> wrote:

Congratulations Cherie!

Sent from my iPhone

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To: Graham, Amy[graham.amy@epa.gov]; Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
From: John Siciliano
Sent: Tue 7/18/2017 5:43:35 PM
Subject: media question

Hey there,
I am hearing that Pruitt is reaching out to Steve Koonin to lead the proposed Red & Blue Teams to debate climate change. Can you say anything about the process to set up the teams and if Koonin will lead it?

To: Andrew Murray (andrew.murray@foxnews.com)[andrew.murray@foxnews.com]
Cc: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]; Graham, Amy[graham.amy@epa.gov]
From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Tue 8/8/2017 2:59:03 PM
Subject: FW: ICYMI: Deep State Teams with Fake News: Email Evidence Proves New York Times Soliciting Anti-Trump Bureaucracy Leakers

Hi Andrew – want to make sure you all saw this – thanks, Liz Bowman, EPA

August 8, 2017

Breitbart

Exclusive — Deep State Teams with Fake News: Email Evidence Proves New York Times Soliciting Anti-Trump Bureaucracy Leakers

Emails from a reporter for the *New York Times* to government employees obtained exclusively by Breitbart News demonstrate that the newspaper's employees are not just on the receiving end of leaks, but are actually soliciting government employees to become leakers. What's more, the emails demonstrate the *Times* colluded with the president of government union to encourage and solicit these leaks—something that may become highly problematic for both institutions.

"Thanks again for taking the time to speak today," Coral Davenport, an "Energy and Environment Correspondent" for the *New York Times*, writes in an email to John J. O'Grady of the EPA workers' union. O'Grady is the president of the AFGE Council 238 in Chicago—which represents EPA workers.

"As I mentioned, I'm working on a story looking specifically at concrete examples of unusual secretary at E.P.A.," Davenport states, continuing:

I've heard a lot of second-hand rumors, but in order to report these incidents, I'd need to have first-hand or eyewitness accounts. I'm looking for examples of things like, information being communicated only verbally when it would historically have been put in writing, people being told not to bring phones, laptops or even take notes in meetings where they would in the past typically

have done so, eyewitness accounts of things like the administrator or top political appointees refusing to use official email, phones or computers, or any other specific, first-hand examples of practices that appear to demonstrate unprecedented secrecy or transparency.

The revelation of these emails comes as President Donald Trump and Attorney General Jeff Sessions crack down on leakers. It also comes as EPA administrator Scott Pruitt, the former attorney general of Oklahoma, has emerged as one of the most successful cabinet-level officials in the Trump administration, and Trump's political enemies throughout the left and media aim at targeting Pruitt.

The *Times* has come under significant scrutiny for a piece in late July by Lisa Friedman, one of Davenport's colleagues, for bashing Pruitt for traveling home regularly to Oklahoma.

"Scott Pruitt, the head of the Environmental Protection Agency, traveled to his home state, Oklahoma, 10 times over three months this year, largely at taxpayer expense, according to a report released Monday," Friedman wrote, adding:

The findings from the Environmental Integrity Project, a nonprofit group founded by former E.P.A. officials, are drawn from Mr. Pruitt's calendar and the travel expenses he has submitted for reimbursement. Obtained under the Freedom of Information Act, the documents show Mr. Pruitt spent 43 out of 92 days from March through May in Oklahoma or traveling to or from the state.

But, as she buries in the story several paragraphs in, the report she cites "does not assert" that anything about Pruitt's travels back to Oklahoma as EPA administrator is at all "improper."

In an editorial after the questionable *Times* piece on Pruitt, the *Tulsa World* newspaper in Oklahoma mocked the Gray Lady for making a mountain of a mole hill.

"If we were supposed to be shocked to learn that EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt is going home on weekends, we're not," the *Tulsa World*'s editorial board wrote under a

headline: “Heaven Forfend! Scott Pruitt is going home on weekends!”

What’s more, Trump himself has ripped the *New York Times* in recent days via his Twitter account—calling the newspaper “totally inept”:

A *Times* spokeswoman, Danielle Rhoades-Ha, told Breitbart News there is nothing abnormal about these emails.

“The email demonstrates the process of reporting and gathering facts,” Rhoades-Ha said in an email early Tuesday when seeking comment.

O’Grady, the union official with whom Davenport was colluding per these emails to solicit government leakers, has not responded to a request for comment.

Davenport continues in her written plea to O’Grady in the email by noting that if he successfully delivers her the government leakers she is soliciting, she will protect their identities.

“While I’d like to speak to staff about these examples, I DON’T need to quote them by name or with any sort of identifying details that could in any way reveal the source of the information,” Davenport writes. She continues:

We’re VERY sensitive to the need to protect career folks who speak to us, and we DO NOT want to endanger anyone’s employment. But, in order to ensure that our reporting is based on facts rather than rumors, we do need to feel sure that the examples we give are based on first-hand or eyewitness experiences rather than second and third-hand rumors.

Davenport then provides her contact information and encourages people to text, call, email, or contact her on the encrypted phone apps Signal or WhatsApp. She provides both her personal email address and her *Times* email address. Breitbart News has redacted that information from the emails published herein, as well as all personal

contact information in the emails.

She then continues her plea for leaks and explains the nuts and bolts of how she would go about consolidating leaks into becoming key revelations in a *New York Times* article down the road.

"Another way to do this might be through a combination of your interviews and my reporting," Davenport writes, adding:

If you gave put together multiple eyewitness accounts of a specific example of behavior that demonstrates an unprecedented lack of transparency, we could cite that. Or, if I speak to multiple people who describe, firsthand, such an example, I could cite that without needing any quotations. In general, the more folks I speak to who can offer specific, first-hand accounts of similar phenomena, the more I can write with authority in a broad way with no quotations or identifying details.

From there, she moves on to describe how she has already done this.

"We've already done this in a number of other stories this year," Davenport writes. "Below are four stories that I reported with the help of multiple interviews with current EPA employees. Since the employees gave multiple firsthand accounts but could not be quoted, I was able to describe what was going on without naming, quoting, or identifying any of them. The only employees quoted in these stories are those who specifically gave permission to do so — generally the union leaders. However, the accounts of employees who were not quoted helped to deeply inform the story and allowed me to write with more authority. So looking to do the same this time."

Davenport ends her note by telling O'Grady to "feel free to send this note around to folks who might be willing to chat," and then includes the links to the four aforementioned *Times* pieces built on leaks she solicited from inside the EPA.

The four pieces that Davenport links in the email are all critical of Pruitt and the Trump administration's using leakers she admittedly solicited from inside the federal bureaucracy to do so. The headlines of the four pieces she links to are:

- Counseled by Industry, Not Staff, E.P.A. Chief Is Off to a Blazing Start, published July 1
- E.P.A. Official Pressured Scientist on Congressional Testimony, published June 26
- E.P.A. Head Stacks Agency with Climate Change Skeptics, published March 7
- Senate Confirms Scott Pruitt as E.P.A. Head, published February 17

O'Grady then forwarded the email from Davenport to a large list of EPA employees. With Davenport's full message, O'Grady added a note of his own for EPA officials he was encouraging to leak to the *New York Times*.

"Below is an e-mail I received from Coral Davenport of the New York Times," O'Grady wrote to his colleagues. "She needs our assistance in verifying some information she has heard."

It includes two bullet points that use wording to describe what Davenport is looking for that is identical to her original email O'Grady. First, O'Grady wrote that Davenport is "looking for examples of things like, information being communicated only verbally when it would historically have been put in writing, people being told not to bring phones, laptops or even take notes in meetings where they would in the past typically have done so." Second, O'Grady wrote that Davenport was looking for "eyewitness accounts of things like the administrator or top political appointees refusing to use official email, phones or computers, or any other specific, first-hand examples of practices that appear to demonstrate unprecedented secrecy or transparency."

O'Grady wrapped up his email to EPA employees by encouraging them to reach out to Davenport.

"Please feel free to contact Coral directly," he wrote.

Ironically, the list of email addresses to which O'Grady forwarded Davenport's message included a number of personal email addresses of EPA employees—particularly rich since Davenport was seeking evidence of Trump administration EPA politically appointed officials mishandling government email protocol. Again, Breitbart News has redacted, in the images of the emails obtained, personal contact information, including the email addresses in the list

of names to which O'Grady forwarded Davenport's email.

The email chain obtained by Breitbart News chops off the original date and time that Davenport sent her email to O'Grady. But it does include the time and date that O'Grady forwarded the email to EPA career officials. The email O'Grady sent to a number of EPA officials was forwarded on Thursday, August 3, at 2:33 p.m.

The government employees to whom O'Grady forwarded this email—whose email addresses Breitbart News has redacted from this email chain published via PDFs here—include: Antony Tseng, Bethany Dreyfus, Britta Copt, Clovis Steib, Dennis Miller, Priscilla Oliver, Gary Morton, Lucretia Myers, Mark Coryell, Michael Mikulka, Natasha Greaves, Nate James, Shane Nelson, Silvia Saracco, Steve Calder, Thelma Estrada, Denise Morrison, Jeanne Schulze, Keith Fusinski, Russell Wiener, Sarah Perham, Steve Hopkins, Amer Al-Mudallal, Brent Maier, Destinee Cooper, Diane Lynne, Stephanie Doolan, Leah Oliver, Lesley Mills, Mark Sims, William McBride, Michael Ottlinger, Patrick Chan, and Ann Pitchford.

Approximately half of those—including O'Grady himself—were on personal email addresses, and many of them were fellow union officials. Some of them were on official EPA email addresses.

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Cc: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]; Graham, Amy[graham.amy@epa.gov]
From: Elizabeth Harrington
Sent: Tue 9/26/2017 11:10:25 PM
Subject: Re: Sue & Settle

No worries! Let me know if you reschedule

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Elizabeth Harrington
Staff Writer
Washington Free Beacon

On Sep 26, 2017 7:09 PM, "Abboud, Michael" <abboud.michael@epa.gov> wrote:

Liz-

We have to cancel the pen and pad session due to a scheduling issue. Sorry for the late notice.

Sent from my iPhone

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Great. See you on Wednesday!

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From: Barry Hart
Sent: Tue 4/18/2017 8:46:32 PM
Subject: EPA Administrator Pruitt to speak at Thomas Hill

http://www.moberlymonitor.com/news/20170418/epa-administrator-pruitt-to-speak-at-thomas-hill

Sent from my iPhone

To: rachel.millard@mail.house.gov[rachel.millard@mail.house.gov]; liz.friedlander@mail.house.gov[liz.friedlander@mail.house.gov]; tim.murtaugh@oc.usda.gov[tim.murtaugh@oc.usda.gov]; Michawn.Rich@oc.usda.gov[Michawn.Rich@oc.usda.gov]; Cline, Meghan (Agriculture)[Meghan_Cline@ag.senate.gov]; Graham, Amy[graham.amy@epa.gov]; Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]; Dewey, Amy[Dewey.Amy@epa.gov]
Cc: Paul Spooner[pspooner@usfraonline.org]
From: Mace Thornton
Sent: Thur 5/25/2017 8:21:47 PM
Subject: Proposed USFRA Smart Farm Event

House Ag, Senate Ag, USDA and EPA Communicators,

The U.S. Farmers and Ranchers Alliance is interested in having a DC (preferably with a location on The Hill) event to highlight the group's effort to tell the story of farmers and ranchers efforts to boost sustainability through the adoption of technology. This program is called Smart Farm.

If I have not sent this to the correct communications staffers at the House and Senate Agriculture Committees and the Agriculture Department, please share it.

This effort would be coordinated by Paul Spooner of USFRA, who is copied on this note.

Conceptually, USFRA would like to:

•□□□□□□□□ Have this event in either June or July, depending on availability.

•□□□□□□□□ We would like to make it a half-day event with a program for either an hour or 90 minutes.

•□□□□□□□□ Our goal is to make this a widely attended event and we would include food/beverage. It would be open to all audiences on The Hill (members, staff, interns) and USDA and EPA staff and interns.

•□□□□□□□□ The program would include remarks from USFRA CEO Randy Krotz about consumer perception of agriculture and research about food issues such as GMOs, animal-related issues and sustainability.

•□□□□□□□□ Additionally, he could discuss farmers, ranchers and our industry's effort to better communicate our sustainability message to the consumer and make ag more approachable. Other ag leaders may be invited to share a few remarks.

•□□□□□□□□ The focal point of the effort would be USFRA's Smart Farm Trade Show booth. This booth would showcase how technology is making agriculture more efficient and sustainable. It'll feature our 360-degree videos which gives you a one-of-a kind experience inside a modern pig farm. See how farmers are using new technologies to improve animal welfare, find out why animals are raised indoors, and learn how continuous improvement is helping build a smarter version of the American farm. USFRA could invite a few Faces of Farming & Ranching to interact with policymakers at the trade show booth.

•□□□□□□□□ We are hoping to make this a daytime event, rather than an evening event.

Would you have interest in this event and would you be willing to assist us with securing a room location on The Hill to ensure maximum participation? In 2014, we hosted a similar event to showcase the Farmland documentary.

Thanks for your consideration. Contact information for USFRA's Paul Spooner is as follows:
Paul J. Spooner | **U.S. Farmers & Ranchers Alliance** | (o) 636-449-5079 | (c) 515-975-6584.

Please let Paul or me know if you have an interest or if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Mace

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Cc: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
From: Graham, Amy
Sent: Fri 6/30/2017 2:13:12 PM
Subject: Re: Re:

"An EPA source" is perfect.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 30, 2017, at 9:53 AM, Jeff Bechdel <jbechdel@ntknetwork.com> wrote:

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To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Jackson, Joseph
Sent: Tue 6/20/2017 5:58:07 PM
Subject: RE: EPA Grant Release

Hi John,

I got your Office 365 document email but my computer will not let me open it. Is it possible for your to send it to me as an attachment or a scan?

Thanks,

Joe Jackson

Rep. Liz Cheney (WY-AL)

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
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$200,000.00 City of Norfolk- Norfolk Brownfields Thrive Planning Project

This project provides funding for the City of Norfolk to conduct area-wide planning for the brownfields in the Norfolk Brownfields Thrive area. The area-wide plan will inform subsequent brownfields assessment, cleanup and reuse activities. The recipient will conduct community involvement activities to identify priorities, research the existing conditions of the brownfields area, determine reuses for brownfield sites, and develop a detailed area-wide plan and implementation strategy. Reuse will incorporate flood-proofing technologies and strategies, create natural buffers and stormwater green infrastructure, and develop public access to open space.

Grant #: 96351001-0

$3,536.00 VA Dept of Environmental Quality- SACA - SALTVILLE WASTE DISPOSAL RA OU2

Funds will be used to provide support activities and management assistance during the Remedial Action at the Saltville Waste Disposal Operable Unit Two site.

Grant #: 96316901-5

$2,434.00 VA Dept of Environmental Quality -SACA - CULPEPER WOD PRESERVERS RIFS OU1

The work to be accomplished is to provide regulatory oversight, technical review and evaluation during the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study Phase at the Culpeper Wood NPL site.

Grant #: 96312701-4

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To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Moffet, Erin
Sent: Tue 8/15/2017 5:20:54 PM
Subject: RE: EPA Grant Press Release

We are about to hit send on our release announcing this, I'll make sure you get a copy. Thanks again John!

Erin M. Moffet | Communications Director
Congressman Charlie Crist (FL-13)
www.Crist.House.gov | (202) 225-5961

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 10:07 AM
To: Moffet, Erin <Erin.Moffet@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Grant Press Release

Yes. You can run with it.

From: Moffet, Erin [mailto:Erin.Moffet@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 10:05 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Grant Press Release

Oh that would be great! If we do that is it okay for us to go ahead and share the information with local stakeholders to have quotes to include in our release?

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Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 11:54 AM
To: Moffet, Erin <Erin.Moffet@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Grant Press Release

Another option Erin, you can take the info in our draft release and use it to put out your own release. We'd let you go out with yours first. We do this with Members all the time. Here's some recent examples:

Sen. Van Hollen: https://www.vanhollen.senate.gov/content/van-hollen-cardin-announce-more-300-million-clean-water-maryland

Rep. Curbello: https://curbelo.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=1499

Rep. Stefanik: https://stefanik.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/stefanik-applauds-great-lakes-restoration-initiative-grant

Thanks again,

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Such great news! Let me run by my boss, but I'm sure he'd like to include a quote. What is your

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Good morning Erin. Per my phone call, we are planning to send the attached release later this month and wanted to see if the Congressman would be interested in providing a quote to be included as noted.

Thank you for taking a look.

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Thur 6/22/2017 6:40:21 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$139,452 DE Dept of Health & Social Services- Delaware Lead-Based Paint and Renovation, Repair and Painting Programs

The purpose of this cooperative agreement is to assist Delaware in its ongoing efforts to: administer its lead program through certification and accreditation of lead-based paint professionals; monitor lead-based paint activities through inspections and notification procedures; issue enforcement actions to ensure compliance with requirements and to deter further violations; provide compliance assistance to the regulated community; provide education and lead regulations and lead issues to the public; perform outreach activities on various lead-based paint issues and regulatory requirements.
Grant No: 99319315-3

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To: Morrow, Seth[Seth.Morrow@mail.house.gov]; Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Milbourn, Cathy
Sent: Mon 5/15/2017 6:43:15 PM
Subject: RE: EPA Awards Grant to Mobile Bay National Estuary Program

Seth,

Thank you so much!

Cathy

From: Morrow, Seth [mailto:Seth.Morrow@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 2:29 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Awards Grant to Mobile Bay National Estuary Program

We did the below tweet: https://twitter.com/RepByrne/status/864181602859048960

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 2:14 PM
To: Morrow, Seth <Seth.Morrow@mail.house.gov>; Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Awards Grant to Mobile Bay National Estuary Program

If you all want to do a tweet about it, we'll retweet from the Administrator's account. And/or you can retweet ours. If that's helpful.

From: Morrow, Seth [mailto:Seth.Morrow@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 2:12 PM
To: Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
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Great! Thanks for including us.

-Seth

From: Milbourn, Cathy [mailto:Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov]
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Cathy

CONTACT:
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 15, 2017

EPA Awards Grant to Mobile Bay National Estuary Program: Protecting Natural Resources and Strengthening Local Economies

WASHINGTON – The Environmental Protection Agency announced today that the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program will receive approximately $344,000 in the form of a federal grant appropriated by Congress to conserve and improve working waterfronts and preserve fishing communities, within its 71,500 square mile watershed.

“Having a healthy Mobile Bay is vital to the environmental and economic health of America,” said **EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt.** “Productive fisheries are the foundation of many coastal communities and they need to be protected, and the National Estuary Program is a place-based program that is helping to protect and restore the water quality and ecological integrity of estuaries of national significance.”

“The National Estuary Program is very important to the ecosystem and economy in coastal Alabama. I applaud the EPA for their continued support of this program that allows local leaders to execute important conservation projects on Mobile Bay. Through this important partnership, we can continue to ensure Mobile Bay is vibrant and healthy,” said **U.S. Representative Bradley Byrne (AL-1)**.

Download B-Roll: https://www.dvidshub.net/video/521939/epa-awards-grant-mobile-bay-national-estuary-program – **Bernice Smith, PhD., EPA Costal Management Branch Chief,** “The Mobile Bay Grant will be used to improve and conserve water dependent businesses**;** working waterfronts as well as fisheries communities.”

“The Mobile Bay Watershed is critical to strengthening our state's economy and protecting our natural resources,” said **Roberta Swann, Director of the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program.** “These EPA funds will help continue the good work of the citizens of Alabama to preserve their watershed, the aquatic life that depends on clean water, and the many jobs that depend on a healthy Mobile Bay.”

"The Mobile Bay National Estuaries Program has a long history of bringing various stakeholders together to work collectively on implementing our local Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan," said **Mark Berte, the Executive Director of the Alabama Coastal Foundation** and Co-Chair of the NEP's Community Resources Committee. "This EPA grant will help further that Plan by improving both our environment and economy, which are intrinsically linked."

About the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program

Footage: https://youtu.be/aTyfRYKe90c – Mobile Bay National Estuary. Members of the media interested in down loading this footage should contact Bethany Dicky, bdickey@mobilebaynep.com, 251-459-8870.

Established in 1995, the Mobile Bay program has enhanced public awareness of key management challenges through community meetings and support for volunteer monitoring by citizens. Local governments and businesses have been active participants in supporting watershed activities to realize the valuable economic and environmental benefits being achieved. At present, Mobile Bay National Estuary Program is coordinating the development and implementation of watershed management plans for all of the tidally influenced watersheds covering drainage areas along the Alabama coast from Mississippi to Florida. For example, the stakeholder recommendations for the D’Olive Creek Watershed Management Plan has resulted in restoration of 9,520 linear feet of degraded streams, reduction of 4,700 tons/year of sediment delivery, 63 acres of restored riparian buffer and wetlands, and over a 90 percent reduction in sediment loads, positively impacting sea grass beds in D’Olive Bay and Mobile Bay.

Since 1987, the EPA National Estuary Program has made a unique and lasting contribution to the protection and restoration of estuaries on behalf of the nation’s environmental and economic interests. A network of 28 National Estuary Programs is located along the Atlantic, Gulf, and Pacific coasts and in Puerto Rico. The NEP employs a watershed approach, extensive public participation and collaborative problem-solving and science-based approaches to address watershed challenges.

To learn more about the Mobile Bay Program, visit: http://www.mobilebaynep.com/

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Assessment Grants

$200,000 for hazardous substances

$100,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission for two brownfields assessment

grants. Community-wide hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct three Phase I and four Phase II

environmental site assessments, and develop four cleanup plans. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be

used to conduct three Phase I and two Phase II environmental site assessments, and develop two cleanup plans.

Grant funds of both types also will be used to develop an inventory of brownfields and support community outreach

activities. Assessment activities will focus on the communities of Boscawen, Concord, Hillsborough, and Pittsfield.

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EPA has selected the Southwest Region Planning Commission for a brownfields assessment grant. Site-specific

hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct Phase II environmental site assessments at the former

Kingsbury Corporation site at 80 Laurel Street in Keene. The former industrial facility operated from the 1890s until

bankruptcy was filed in 2011. The facility produced parts and high production automatic machine tools for

automotive, business, appliance, hardware, plumbing, and sports equipment. Grant funds also will be used to

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$2,652,592.00 North Carolina DEQ -Water Pollution Control State and Interstate Program Support

This funding goes to the State of North Carolina for the implementation of its Clean Water Act Section 106 program. The funds will be used to administer programs for the prevention, reduction and elimination of water pollution and to protect the quality of rivers, lakes, and streams on a watershed basis and protect coastal and ocean waters.

Grant #: 95471717-1

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Grant No: 83577401-2

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$849,601 FOR WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY FOR VARIOUS STATEWIDE PROJECTS: EPA is making this grant award of $849,601 for the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality for various statewide projects as outlined in the project implementation plans. This award provides funding to promote the development and implementation of watershed-based plans which result in improved water quality in impaired waters.

Let me know what you think.

Thank you,

John Konkus

Environmental Protection Agency

Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Affairs

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<Arkansas water grant.docx>

To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]; Milbourn, Cathy[Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov]
From: Morrow, Seth
Sent: Mon 5/15/2017 6:29:19 PM
Subject: RE: EPA Awards Grant to Mobile Bay National Estuary Program

We did the below tweet: https://twitter.com/RepByrne/status/864181602859048960

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 2:14 PM
To: Morrow, Seth <Seth.Morrow@mail.house.gov>; Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Awards Grant to Mobile Bay National Estuary Program

If you all want to do a tweet about it, we'll retweet from the Administrator's account. And/or you can retweet ours. If that's helpful.

From: Morrow, Seth [mailto:Seth.Morrow@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 2:12 PM
To: Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Awards Grant to Mobile Bay National Estuary Program

Great! Thanks for including us.

-Seth

From: Milbourn, Cathy [mailto:Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov]
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To: Morrow, Seth <Seth.Morrow@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: EPA Awards Grant to Mobile Bay National Estuary Program

Hi Seth,

Here's our final release- it's out!

Cathy

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 15, 2017

EPA Awards Grant to Mobile Bay National Estuary Program: Protecting Natural Resources and Strengthening Local Economies

WASHINGTON – The Environmental Protection Agency announced today that the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program will receive approximately $344,000 in the form of a federal grant appropriated by Congress to conserve and improve working waterfronts and preserve fishing communities, within its 71,500 square mile watershed.

"Having a healthy Mobile Bay is vital to the environmental and economic health of America," said **EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt.** "Productive fisheries are the foundation of many coastal communities and they need to be protected, and the National Estuary Program is a place-based program that is helping to protect and restore the water quality and ecological integrity of estuaries of national significance."

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To learn more about the Mobile Bay Program, visit: http://www.mobilebaynep.com/

To learn more about the National Estuary Program, visit: https://www.epa.gov/nep

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To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
Cc: Hytha, Emily[Emily.Hytha@mail.house.gov]
From: Wilken, Mollie
Sent: Tue 5/2/2017 10:22:44 PM
Subject: Re: Draft release for tomorrow

Hi John,

Here is the quote for the release. Let us know if you have any questions.

"Today's meeting with Administrator Pruitt was a great step toward establishing an open dialogue with the EPA. There are many issues that still need to be addressed to help relieve rural America from burdensome regulations, but I am excited Administrator Pruitt is committed to addressing the concerns of America's farmers and ranchers. I look forward to working with him on these issues," said Congressman Conaway.

On May 2, 2017, at 2:53 PM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:

That all sounds good. I'll be there too. We're totally flexible and will roll with the punches.

From: Hytha, Emily [mailto:Emily.Hytha@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2017 1:35 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Wilken, Mollie <mollie.wilken@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Draft release for tomorrow

John,

Thanks so much for sending. I've looped in Mollie, who is the Press Secretary at the Agriculture Committee. She's working on a quote for you now.

After speaking with Chairman Conaway's scheduler, it looks like we'll have a short window after the meeting with Administrator Pruitt before his next meeting. If the camera is all set up, he should be able to give a brief comment, but likely not more than that.

I will plan on being there tomorrow, as will Mollie. Please let me know if there is anything additional you need from us in the meantime.

Thanks,

Emily Hytha

Communications Director

Congressman K. Michael Conaway (TX-11)

Phone: 202.225.3605

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 02, 2017 12:22 PM
To: Hytha, Emily
Subject: Draft release for tomorrow

Emily: Below is a DRAFT press release for tomorrow's meeting. Do you think you can get a quote from the Congressman today in advance? Thank you!

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DRAFT

EPA Administrator Pruitt and Representative Conaway meet to discuss environmental and economic issues important to Texas and the nation

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Washington, D.C. – Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt met with U.S. Representative Mike Conaway (TX-11) on Wednesday in the Congressman's Washington D.C. office. The two discussed environmental and economic issues important

to both the nation and the people of the State of Texas.

"I appreciated the opportunity to meet with Congressman Conaway today and discuss the issues important to our nation and to the people of Texas," said Administrator Pruitt. "The people of Texas and their elected representatives deserve an EPA that is focused on the basics of protecting the environment, engaging with state and local partners, and ensuring sensible regulations for economic growth."

<INSERT QUOTE FROM CONGRSSMAN>

Multimedia Assets:

<INSERT PHOTO OF MEETING>

Pictured: EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt and Congressman Mike Conaway (TX-11) meet on Capitol Hill.

Downloadable MP3 audio actuality, Congressman Conaway comments following the meeting: <INSERT LINK>

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To: brittany.comins@mail.house.gov[brittany.comins@mail.house.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Mon 7/24/2017 3:17:31 PM
Subject: Grant Release
Press Release South Dakota NPS cooperative agreement July 2017.docx

Brittany: Per the phone message I just left with your office, we are set to announce a substantial environmental grant to South Dakota tomorrow, Tuesday July 25. Our draft press release is attached. We would be pleased to include a quote from the Congresswoman if that is something you're interested in.

I'll follow up later this afternoon with another phone call.

Thank you and please let me know if you have any questions.

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Tue 5/30/2017 8:15:54 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Assessment Grants

$200,000 for hazardous substances

$100,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission for two brownfields assessment grants. Communitywide

hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct five Phase I and five Phase II environmental site

assessments, and develop two cleanup plans. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct three

Phase I and two Phase II environmental site assessments, and develop two cleanup plans. Grant funds of both

types also will be used to identify and prioritize sites, and support community outreach activities.

Assessment Grants

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$100,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Economic Development and Industrial Corporation of Lynn for two brownfields assessment

grants. Community-wide hazardous substances grant funds will be used to perform six Phase I and five Phase II

environmental site assessments, and prepare four cleanup plans. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be

used to perform four Phase I and three Phase II environmental site assessments, and prepare two cleanup plans.

Grant funds of both types also will be used to conduct community outreach activities and establish a brownfields

steering committee.

Cleanup Grant

$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Economic Development and Industrial Corporation of Lynn for a brownfields cleanup grant.

Petroleum grant funds will be used to clean up a former gas station and automotive service facility site at 870

Western Avenue. The cleanup site was formerly used for residences, a gas station, retail space, a hotel, and a

restaurant. Its soil and groundwater are contaminated with petroleum hydrocarbons. Grant funds also will be used

for community outreach activities and redevelopment planning.

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To: Shaw, Adam[Adam.Shaw@FOXNEWS.COM]
Cc: Press[Press@epa.gov]
From: Milbourn, Cathy
Sent: Tue 3/7/2017 4:32:51 PM
Subject: RE: Inquiry from FoxNews.com

Hi Adam,

I will make sure you are on our list to get our news releases when we make announcements.

Best,

Cathy

From: Shaw, Adam [mailto:Adam.Shaw@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, March 07, 2017 11:22 AM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Inquiry from FoxNews.com

To whom it may concern,

I am a reporter for FoxNews.com and wondering if the agency is looking to overturn any Obama-era regulations in the coming days or weeks?

Thanks so much,

Adam Shaw

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Thur 5/18/2017 9:59:42 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant for your state/ district has been signed:

$3,000.00 University of Maine System

The New England Environmental Finance Center

This cooperative agreement will fund the New England Environmental Finance Center (EFC) as part of the national EFC program run by EPA. The Environmental Finance Centers provide multi-media environmental finance expertise and outreach to regulated communities (e.g., states, tribes, local governments, and private sector entities) to help them meet environmental requirements. The objective is to help the regulated parties in these communities find effective and innovative ways to help address the growing costs of protecting public health and the environment in a sustainable and equitable manner. Under this program, EFC's will be established and supported in EPA regions across the nation to provide regulated parties with finance-related training, technical assistance, finance studies, and other analytical support (eligible services) to help them develop sustainable solutions to the critical "how-to-pay" issues associated with meeting environmental standards and goals. These regional EFCs will educate regulated parties on lowering costs, increasing investments, improving financial capacity, encouraging full cost pricing, and identifying and evaluating financing options.

Grant #: 00A00060-4

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To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Gagnon, Jason
Sent: Tue 5/2/2017 7:23:07 PM
Subject: Re: Draft release for tomorrow

Here is a statement from my boss:

"Today, I had a productive discussion with Administrator Pruitt about how we can keep our water and air clean while ensuring our economic engine continues to produce jobs for American workers. Riverside County continues to face tremendous challenges in maintaining its water infrastructure and addressing the air quality impacts of living in a major trade corridor. As the author of the bill that funds EPA, I've worked very closely with Scott since his confirmation and I am eager to partner with him to find new and innovative ways to meet our challenges in the months and years ahead."

Jason Gagnon
Communications Director
Rep. Ken Calvert (CA-42)

On May 2, 2017, at 12:00 PM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:

Thank you. I'll add him to our list.

From: Gagnon, Jason [mailto:Jason.Gagnon@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2017 12:37 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Draft release for tomorrow

Yes, should have something for you in a couple hours. Also, can you make sure our local congressional beat reporter at the Press Enterprise gets the release. His email is jhorseman@scng.com. Thanks.

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 02, 2017 9:34 AM
To: Gagnon, Jason
Subject: Draft release for tomorrow

Jason: Below is a DRAFT press release for tomorrow's meeting. Do you think you can get a quote from the Congressman today in advance? Thank you!

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DRAFT

EPA Administrator Pruitt and Representative Calvert meet to discuss environmental and economic issues important to California and the nation

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Washington, D.C. – Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt met with U.S. Representative Ken Calvert (CA-42) on Wednesday in the Congressman's Washington D.C. office. The two discussed environmental and economic issues important to both the nation and the people of the State of California.

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<INSERT QUOTE FROM CONGRSSMAN>

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Thanks so much,

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Tue 5/30/2017 8:14:04 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Assessment Grant

$350,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Lawrence for a brownfields assessment grant. Site-specific hazardous substances

grant funds will be used to conduct a Phase II environmental site assessment at Lot #2 of the Tombarello Site at 207

Marston Street. The 11.4-acre site is part of a 14-acre property that was formerly used as a scrap metal recycling

facility, soap manufacturer, and truck driving school. Grant funds also will be used to prepare a cleanup plan and

conduct community outreach activities, including two public meetings.

Cleanup Grant

$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Lawrence for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be

used to clean up Lot #1 of the Tombarello Site at 207 Marston Street. The 2.6-acre cleanup site is part of a 14-acre

property that was formerly used as a scrap metal recycling facility, soap manufacturer, and truck

driving school. It

is contaminated with PCBs, arsenic, barium, chromium, and mercury. Grant funds also will be used to conduct

community outreach activities, including three public meetings.

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Cc: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Mon 8/14/2017 9:06:21 PM
Subject: RE: EPA Grant Award

Yes—let me track it down for you.

Kaitlyn Shimmin

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From: Holyfield, Ainsley [mailto:Ainsley.Holyfield@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 2:58 PM
To: Shimmin, Kaitlyn <shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov>; Smith, Marcie <Marcie.Smith@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: EPA Grant Award

Hi everyone,

Thanks for your help on this. Is there a way to pull numbers specifically for this award then?

Thanks,

Ainsley

From: "Shimmin, Kaitlyn" <shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov>
Date: Monday, August 14, 2017 at 2:38 PM
To: Marcie Smith <Marcie.Smith@mail.house.gov>
Cc: "Konkus, John" <konkus.john@epa.gov>, Ainsley Holyfield <Ainsley.Holyfield@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Re: EPA Grant Award

I can double check but I think those are the total amounts the projects received not just for this year.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 14, 2017, at 2:32 PM, Smith, Marcie <Marcie.Smith@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Hi all,

Copying our comms director here. She is working on the release now and noticed that the numbers don't add up. Your first email states the whole state received $11,299,000 billion, but the D4 numbers you provide total $11,810,300.

Please let me know if we're missing something. Thanks!

Marcie Smith | Legislative Assistant

Congressman Mike Johnson (LA-04)

327 Cannon House Office Building | Washington, DC, 20515

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From: "Konkus, John" <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Date: Thursday, August 10, 2017 at 11:59 AM
To: "Shimmin, Kaitlyn" <shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov>, "Smith, Marcie" <Marcie.Smith@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Grant Award

If you would like us to do a first draft of a release, we'd be happy to assist.

Please let us know.

From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 3:42 PM
To: Smith, Marcie <Marcie.Smith@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
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Which is on their website …

http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/431/n/285

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Congressman Mike Johnson (LA-4)

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> **Date:** August 7, 2017 at 11:29:01 AM EDT
> **To:** "Holyfield, Ainsley" <Ainsley.Holyfield@mail.house.gov>, "Smith, Marcie" <Marcie.Smith@mail.house.gov>
> **Cc:** "Rybczyk, Rebecca" <Rebecca.Rybczyk@mail.house.gov>
> **Subject: FW: EPA Grant Award**

From: "Shimmin, Kaitlyn" <shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov>
Date: Monday, August 7, 2017 at 11:16 AM
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Grant No: 99696820-0

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Sent: Thur 5/18/2017 9:57:11 PM
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$60,500.00 University of Louisville -Operate the Environmental Sustainability Resource Center (ESRC)

The University of Louisville Kentucky Pollution Prevention Center supports the Environmental Sustainability Resource Center (ESRC) that serves EPA Regions 3 and 4. ESRC will conduct activities that further the national emphasis areas of climate change mitigation and prevention of greenhouse gas emissions as well as state approaches to hazardous waste source reduction. Tasks include webinars focused on the foundational approaches to energy savings as well as coaching and implementation assistance to attendees.

Grant: 96348201-1

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To: Morrow, Seth[Seth.Morrow@mail.house.gov]
Cc: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Milbourn, Cathy
Sent: Mon 5/15/2017 6:10:56 PM
Subject: EPA Awards Grant to Mobile Bay National Estuary Program

Hi Seth,

Here's our final release- it's out!

Cathy

CONTACT:
press@epa.gov

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 15, 2017

EPA Awards Grant to Mobile Bay National Estuary Program: Protecting Natural Resources and Strengthening Local Economies

WASHINGTON – The Environmental Protection Agency announced today that the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program will receive approximately $344,000 in the form of a federal grant appropriated by Congress to conserve and improve working waterfronts and preserve fishing communities, within its 71,500 square mile watershed.

"Having a healthy Mobile Bay is vital to the environmental and economic health of America," said **EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt.** "Productive fisheries are the foundation of many coastal communities and they need to be protected, and the National Estuary Program is a place-based program that is helping to protect and restore the water quality and ecological integrity of estuaries of national significance."

"The National Estuary Program is very important to the ecosystem and economy in coastal Alabama. I applaud the EPA for their continued support of this program that allows local leaders to execute important conservation projects on Mobile Bay. Through this important partnership, we can continue to ensure Mobile Bay is vibrant and healthy," said **U.S. Representative Bradley Byrne (AL-1)**.

Download B-Roll: https://www.dvidshub.net/video/521939/epa-awards-grant-mobile-bay-national-estuary-program – **Bernice Smith, PhD., EPA Costal Management Branch Chief,** "The Mobile Bay Grant will

be used to improve and conserve water dependent businesses; working waterfronts as well as fisheries communities."

"The Mobile Bay Watershed is critical to strengthening our state's economy and protecting our natural resources," said **Roberta Swann, Director of the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program.** "These EPA funds will help continue the good work of the citizens of Alabama to preserve their watershed, the aquatic life that depends on clean water, and the many jobs that depend on a healthy Mobile Bay."

"The Mobile Bay National Estuaries Program has a long history of bringing various stakeholders together to work collectively on implementing our local Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan," said **Mark Berte, the Executive Director of the Alabama Coastal Foundation** and Co-Chair of the NEP's Community Resources Committee. "This EPA grant will help further that Plan by improving both our environment and economy, which are intrinsically linked."

About the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program

Footage: https://youtu.be/aTyfRYKe90c – Mobile Bay National Estuary. Members of the media interested in down loading this footage should contact Bethany Dicky, bdickey@mobilebaynep.com, 251-459-8870.

Established in 1995, the Mobile Bay program has enhanced public awareness of key management challenges through community meetings and support for volunteer monitoring by citizens. Local governments and businesses have been active participants in supporting watershed activities to realize the valuable economic and environmental benefits being achieved. At present, Mobile Bay National Estuary Program is coordinating the development and implementation of watershed management plans for all of the tidally influenced watersheds covering drainage areas along the Alabama coast from Mississippi to Florida. For example, the stakeholder recommendations for the D'Olive Creek Watershed Management Plan has resulted in restoration of 9,520 linear feet of degraded streams, reduction of 4,700 tons/year of sediment delivery, 63 acres of restored riparian buffer and wetlands, and over a 90 percent reduction in sediment loads, positively impacting sea grass beds in D'Olive Bay and Mobile Bay.

Since 1987, the EPA National Estuary Program has made a unique and lasting contribution to the protection and restoration of estuaries on behalf of the nation's environmental and economic interests. A network of 28 National Estuary Programs is located along the Atlantic, Gulf, and Pacific coasts and in Puerto Rico. The NEP employs a watershed approach, extensive public participation and collaborative problem-solving and science-based approaches to address watershed challenges.

To learn more about the Mobile Bay Program, visit: http://www.mobilebaynep.com/

To learn more about the National Estuary Program, visit: https://www.epa.gov/nep

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Sent: Fri 6/16/2017 4:29:16 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

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$7,500 National Asian Pacific Center on Aging Senior Environmental Employment Program for NHEERL/ORD Corvallis OR

This cooperative agreement will provide funding to support Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program enrollees working with the Western Ecology Division, National Health and Environmental Effects Research Laboratory, Office of Research and Development, Corvallis, OR.

Grant No: 83626001-6

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Tue 6/6/2017 9:05:26 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$4,312,497.00 GA Dept of Natural Resources -Performance Partnership Grants

This action provides partial funding to The Georgia Department of Natural Resources to support the State of Georgia's environmental programs to protect citizens and the environment by reducing air and water pollution, improving air and water quality, protecting public water systems and ensuring safe drinking water, reducing hazardous waste, restoring contaminated facilities and land, and improving waste management practices.

Grant #: 96409617-2

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Cc: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Milbourn, Cathy
Sent: Tue 3/7/2017 1:47:50 AM
Subject: Re: CLOSE HOLD -- Points for Mr. Hannity

Will do!

Sent from my iPhone
Cathy Milbourn
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202-420-8648

On Mar 6, 2017, at 8:42 PM, Nestande, Francesca <Francesca.Nestande@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

No worries it happens- keep us posted on future opportunities!

From: Milbourn, Cathy [mailto:Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 06, 2017 8:36 PM
To: Nestande, Francesca <Francesca.Nestande@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: CLOSE HOLD -- Points for Mr. Hannity

Hi Francesca,

My apologies. We will have to reschedule the taping for Mr. Hannity's program tomorrow.

I will keep you posted. Again, I am very sorry we need to postpone.

Cathy

Sent from my iPhone

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On Mar 6, 2017, at 12:49 PM, Nestande, Francesca <Francesca.Nestande@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Thanks!

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Sent: Monday, March 06, 2017 12:31 PM
To: Nestande, Francesca <Francesca.Nestande@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: CLOSE HOLD -- Points for Mr. Hannity

Hi Francesca,

Please keep these close hold – tomorrow is the Administrator's two week anniversary, and we wanted you all to see what has been accomplished over those past few weeks. Mr. Hannity can use these top line points to guide the conversation tomorrow. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

Cathy

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Cc: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Holyfield, Ainsley
Sent: Mon 8/14/2017 6:57:50 PM
Subject: Re: EPA Grant Award

Hi everyone,

Thanks for your help on this. Is there a way to pull numbers specifically for this award then?

Thanks,

Ainsley

From: "Shimmin, Kaitlyn" <shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov>
Date: Monday, August 14, 2017 at 2:38 PM
To: Marcie Smith <Marcie.Smith@mail.house.gov>
Cc: "Konkus, John" <konkus.john@epa.gov>, Ainsley Holyfield <Ainsley.Holyfield@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Re: EPA Grant Award

I can double check but I think those are the total amounts the projects received not just for this year.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 14, 2017, at 2:32 PM, Smith, Marcie <Marcie.Smith@mail.house.gov> wrote:

> Hi all,
>
> Copying our comms director here. She is working on the release now and noticed that the numbers don't add up. Your first email states the whole state received $11,299,000 billion, but the D4 numbers you provide total $11,810,300.

Please let me know if we're missing something. Thanks!

Marcie Smith | Legislative Assistant

Congressman Mike Johnson (LA-04)

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From: "Konkus, John" <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Date: Thursday, August 10, 2017 at 11:59 AM
To: "Shimmin, Kaitlyn" <shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov>, "Smith, Marcie" <Marcie.Smith@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Grant Award

If you would like us to do a first draft of a release, we'd be happy to assist.

Please let us know.

From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 3:42 PM
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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Tue 5/30/2017 8:11:11 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Cleanup Grant

$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of New Bedford for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will

be used to clean up the nearly one-acre former Polyply Facility at 241 Duchaine Boulevard. The site was first

established in the early 1960s as a fiberglass composite manufacturing facility and has been vacant since 2006. It is

contaminated with PCBs from PCB-laden heat transfer oil that was employed in the production process at the

facility. Grant funds also will be used to finalize cleanup plans, prepare a health and safety plan, support community

outreach activities, and conduct one round of groundwater monitoring after the cleanup is completed.

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Thur 5/18/2017 9:49:49 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant for your state/ district has been signed:

$250,000.00b State of Delaware DNREC- Air Pollution Control Program

This agreement will provide assistance to the State of Delaware in its efforts to implement air pollution control programs throughout Delaware, including continuing development and implementation of stationary source regulations; continuing promulgation and update of enhanced mobile source regulations; improvement of emission inventories for modeling simulations; and to operate a monitoring network that collects air data. These activities are to improve and maintain the public's air quality.

Grant #: 98315517-2

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Cc: Lyons, Troy[lyons.troy@epa.gov]; Ringel, Aaron[ringel.aaron@epa.gov]; Palich, Christian[palich.christian@epa.gov]; Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Thur 6/22/2017 5:24:44 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$40000 Bois Forte Band of Chippewa- Performance Partnership Grant

This grant will continue to support the tribe's efforts to build environmental capacity by monitoring and assessing the natural resources. Specific activities during this grant period includes: Administrative oversight of the environmental programs, enhancing the Tribal Integrated Management Program; continue to establish the Water Quality Monitoring Program; develop a Title IV Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) 404g manage/regulate the lead and lead based paint activities in an effort to protect public health and environment in compliance with federal regulations.
Grant No: 96542212-7

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To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Jackson, Joseph
Sent: Mon 6/19/2017 3:04:46 PM
Subject: RE: EPA Grant Release

Hi John-

That sounds great. Would you also be able to send me a copy of the WY Implementation plan? Also, are there any other details that you guys have such as what the money will be used for? Where in Wyoming? What kind of projects?

Thanks for all your help.

Best,

Joe Jackson

Rep. Liz Cheney (WY-AL)

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Sunday, June 18, 2017 2:30 PM
To: Jackson, Joseph <Joseph.Jackson@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Re: EPA Grant Release

Next week, any day is fine.

John Konkus

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On Jun 18, 2017, at 2:24 PM, Jackson, Joseph <Joseph.Jackson@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Hi John,

Thank you for reaching out. We are working on a statement now. What day are you guys planning to announce the grant?

Best,

Joe Jackson
Rep. Liz Cheney (WY-AL)

On Jun 16, 2017, at 1:26 PM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:

> Joe: Per our phone conversation, below are the details of the grant. We would be pleased if Congressman Cheney would announce this grant from her office, or if she provides us with a quote, EPA can announce the grant. Attached is an example of the Arkansas Delegation announcing a similar grant. We worked with them on the details and they put out the release.
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> **$849,601 FOR WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY FOR VARIOUS STATEWIDE PROJECTS:** EPA is making this grant award of $849,601 for the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality for various statewide projects as outlined in the project implementation plans. This award provides funding to promote the development and implementation of watershed-based plans which result in improved water quality in impaired waters.
>
> Let me know what you think.
>
> Thank you,
>
> John Konkus
>
> Environmental Protection Agency

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<Arkansas water grant.docx>

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Cc: Lyons, Troy[lyons.troy@epa.gov]; Palich, Christian[palich.christian@epa.gov]; Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]; Ringel, Aaron[ringel.aaron@epa.gov]
From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Fri 8/25/2017 8:51:06 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$30,000 - Friends of Deckers Creek Inc Expanding Environmental Education Opportunities in Northern West Virginia
Friends of Deckers Creek, Inc. (FODC) will coordinate water quality workshops and field trips within the rural communities of Monongalia and Preston counties. These counties are home to large swaths of abandoned mine land that have contributed to local water impairment. FODC will lead tours of stream restoration projects, acid mine drainage remediation projects, water treatment facilities, and other areas within the watershed where environmental improvements are taking place.
Grant No: 96352501-0

$200,000 - City of Thomas BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT COMMUNITY-WIDE (HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES)
This assistance agreement will provide funding for the City of Thomas to inventory, characterize, assess, and conduct cleanup planning and community involvement related activities for Brownfields sites in the City of Thomas, WV.
Grant No: 96354101-0

$200,000 - Upshur County Commission BROWNFIELDS CLEANUP (HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES)
This assistance agreement will provide funding to Upshur County Commission to cleanup a Brownfields site: Upshur County Youth Camp Tar Pit. The cleanup of the Tar Pit site will expand recreational opportunities to the camp, and to the broader community. The Commission plans for the site to be used as open space, as well as an archery range.
Grant No: 96354301-0

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To: Milbourn, Cathy[Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov]
Cc: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Morrow, Seth
Sent: Mon 5/15/2017 4:40:40 PM
Subject: Re: EPA Awards Grant to Mobile Bay National Estuary Program: Protecting Natural Resources and Strengthening Local Economies

Here you go:

"The National Estuary Program is very important to the ecosystem and economy in coastal Alabama. I applaud the EPA for their continued support of this program that allows local leaders to execute important conservation projects on Mobile Bay. Through this important partnership, we can continue to ensure Mobile Bay is vibrant and healthy." – Congressman Bradley Byrne (R-AL)

Seth Morrow
Deputy Chief of Staff
Rep. Bradley Byrne
O: 202-225-4931
C: 251-259-2681

On May 15, 2017, at 12:13 PM, Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov> wrote:

Thank you Seth!

From: Morrow, Seth [mailto:Seth.Morrow@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 12:06 PM
To: Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Awards Grant to Mobile Bay National Estuary Program: Protecting Natural Resources and Strengthening Local Economies

I did. I am awaiting an approval from the Congressman on a quote. Should have it to you in the next 30 mintues.

From: Milbourn, Cathy [mailto:Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 12:04 PM
To: Morrow, Seth <Seth.Morrow@mail.house.gov>

Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: EPA Awards Grant to Mobile Bay National Estuary Program: Protecting Natural Resources and Strengthening Local Economies

Hi Seth,

Just making sure you received my earlier email.

Cathy

Sent from my iPhone

Cathy Milbourn

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On May 15, 2017, at 11:29 AM, Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov> wrote:

Hello Seth,

The press release regarding the Mobile Bay grant is attached below. We are putting the release out today.

Thank you in advance for Congressman Byrne's quote.

Best,

Cathy Milbourn

EPA Awards Grant to Mobile Bay National Estuary Program: Protecting Natural Resources and Strengthening Local Economies

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 15, 2017

WASHINGTON – The Environmental Protection Agency announced today that the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program will receive approximately $344,000 in the form of a federal grant appropriated by Congress to conserve and improve working waterfronts and preserve fishing communities, within its 71,500 square mile watershed.

"Having a healthy Mobile Bay is vital to the environmental and economic health of America," said **EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt.** "Productive fisheries are the foundation of many coastal communities and they need to be protected, and the National Estuary Program is a place-based program that is helping to protect and restore the water quality and ecological integrity of estuaries of national significance."

Download B-Roll: https://www.dvidshub.net/video/521939/epa-awards-grant-mobile-bay-national-estuary-program – **Bernice Smith, PhD., EPA Costal Management Branch Chief,** "The Mobile Bay Grant will be used to improve and conserve water dependent businesses**;** working waterfronts as well as fisheries communities."

"The Mobile Bay Watershed is critical to strengthening our state's economy and protecting our natural resources," said **Roberta Swann, Director of the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program.** "These EPA funds will help continue the good work of the citizens of Alabama to preserve their watershed, the aquatic life that depends on clean water, and the many jobs that depend on a healthy Mobile Bay."

"The Mobile Bay National Estuaries Program has a long history of bringing various stakeholders together to work collectively on implementing our local Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan," said **Mark Berte, the Executive Director of the Alabama Coastal** Foundation and Co-Chair of the NEP's Community Resources Committee. "This EPA grant will help further that Plan by improving both our environment and economy, which are intrinsically linked."

About the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program

Footage: https://youtu.be/aTyfRYKe90c – Mobile Bay National Estuary. Members of the media interested in down loading this footage should contact Bethany Dicky, bdickey@mobilebaynep.com, 251-459-8870.

Established in 1995, the Mobile Bay program has enhanced public awareness of key management challenges through community meetings and support for volunteer monitoring by citizens. Local governments and businesses have been active participants in supporting watershed activities to realize the valuable economic and environmental benefits being achieved. At present, Mobile Bay National Estuary Program is coordinating the development and implementation of watershed management plans for all of the tidally influenced watersheds covering drainage areas along the Alabama coast from Mississippi to Florida. For example, the stakeholder recommendations for the D'Olive Creek Watershed Management Plan has resulted in restoration of 9,520 linear feet of degraded streams, reduction of 4,700 tons/year of sediment delivery, 63 acres of restored riparian buffer and wetlands, and over a 90 percent reduction in sediment loads, positively impacting sea grass beds in D'Olive Bay and Mobile Bay.

Since 1987, the EPA National Estuary Program has made a unique and lasting contribution to

the protection and restoration of estuaries on behalf of the nation's environmental and economic interests. A network of 28 National Estuary Programs is located along the Atlantic, Gulf, and Pacific coasts and in Puerto Rico. The NEP employs a watershed approach, extensive public participation and collaborative problem-solving and science-based approaches to address watershed challenges.

With this additional funding, the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program has received over $2.5 million in federal funding since 2013. The Mobile Bay National Estuary Program successfully leverages approximately $9 for every $1 dollar provided by EPA.

To learn more about the Mobile Bay Program, visit: http://www.mobilebaynep.com/

To learn more about the National Estuary Program, visit: https://www.epa.gov/nep

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From: Wilbur, Tom
Sent: Tue 5/2/2017 7:04:54 PM
Subject: Re: Draft release for tomorrow

Sounds like this off for tomorrow....

Sent from my iPhone

On May 2, 2017, at 12:35 PM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:

Tom: Below is a DRAFT press release for tomorrow's meeting. Do you think you can get a quote from the Congressman today in advance? Thank you!

DRAFT

EPA Administrator Pruitt and Representative Upton meet to discuss environmental and economic issues important to Michigan and the nation

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Washington, D.C. – Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt met with U.S. Representative Fred Upton (MI-6) on Wednesday in the Congressman's Washington D.C. office. The two discussed environmental and economic issues important to both the nation and the people of the State of Michigan.

"I appreciated the opportunity to meet with Congressman Upton today and discuss the issues important to our nation and to the people of Michigan," said Administrator Pruitt. "The people of Michigan and their elected representatives deserve an EPA that is focused on the basics of protecting the environment, engaging with state and local partners, and ensuring sensible regulations for economic growth."

<INSERT QUOTE FROM CONGRSSMAN>

Multimedia Assets:

<INSERT PHOTO OF MEETING>

Pictured: EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt and Congressman Fred Upton (MI-6) meet on Capitol Hill.

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Fri 6/16/2017 4:28:03 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$75,000 University of Cincinnati-Ohio Sensible Home II

In Phase I the project developed a prototype of a micro-environmental control (MEC) system consisting of a wearable module, a central control module, and an outdoor weather module intended to increase both indoor energy use efficiency and personal comfort. The objectives of Phase II are to improve the performance of the system components and to test the MEC at a retirement community.

Grant No: 83694001-0

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Tue 6/6/2017 9:01:15 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$19,350.00 FL Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission- Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Data Management

This action approves a new award to Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to continue efforts to recommend priority corrective actions and compliance schedules addressing point and nonpoint sources of pollution to restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the Florida Keys Sanctuary. The project will provide a data integration system that takes into account the varying levels of data produced by individual monitoring projects and the needs of the managers and researchers. The project is comprised of two data components: data archive and data integration.

Grant #: 00D39415-3

$200,000.00 Florida International University - Seagrass Monitoring in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary

This action approves a new award to Florida International University to continue with long term monitoring of seagrass beds in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary which has been funded by EPA since 1995. The project will evaluate the status of the seagrasses, conduct monitoring at 40 permanent sites, determine the relationship between water quality and benthic community, as well as address the importance of seagrass production to the overall health of the Keys.

Grant #: 00D39015-2

$250,500.00 Florida International University- Water Quality Monitoring

This action provides funding to Florida International University to continue to support the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Water Quality Protection Program through measuring the status and trends of water quality parameters to evaluate progress toward achieving and maintaining water quality standards and protecting and restoring the living marine resources of the Sanctuary.

Grant #: 00D49716-1

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To: Milbourn, Cathy[Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov]
Cc: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Nestande, Francesca
Sent: Tue 3/7/2017 1:42:06 AM
Subject: RE: CLOSE HOLD -- Points for Mr. Hannity

No worries it happens- keep us posted on future opportunities!

From: Milbourn, Cathy [mailto:Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 06, 2017 8:36 PM
To: Nestande, Francesca <Francesca.Nestande@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: CLOSE HOLD -- Points for Mr. Hannity

Hi Francesca,

My apologies. We will have to reschedule the taping for Mr. Hannity's program tomorrow.

I will keep you posted. Again, I am very sorry we need to postpone.

Cathy

Sent from my iPhone

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On Mar 6, 2017, at 12:49 PM, Nestande, Francesca <Francesca.Nestande@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Thanks!

From: Milbourn, Cathy [mailto:Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 06, 2017 12:31 PM
To: Nestande, Francesca <Francesca.Nestande@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: CLOSE HOLD -- Points for Mr. Hannity

Hi Francesca,

Please keep these close hold – tomorrow is the Administrator's two week anniversary, and we wanted you all to see what has been accomplished over those past few weeks. Mr. Hannity can use these top line points to guide the conversation tomorrow. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

Cathy

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Cc: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]; Holyfield, Ainsley[Ainsley.Holyfield@mail.house.gov]
From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Mon 8/14/2017 6:38:55 PM
Subject: Re: EPA Grant Award

I can double check but I think those are the total amounts the projects received not just for this year.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 14, 2017, at 2:32 PM, Smith, Marcie <Marcie.Smith@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Hi all,

Copying our comms director here. She is working on the release now and noticed that the numbers don't add up. Your first email states the whole state received $11,299,000 billion, but the D4 numbers you provide total $11,810,300.

Please let me know if we're missing something. Thanks!

Marcie Smith | Legislative Assistant

Congressman Mike Johnson (LA-04)

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From: "Konkus, John" <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Date: Thursday, August 10, 2017 at 11:59 AM

To: "Shimmin, Kaitlyn" <shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov>, "Smith, Marcie" <Marcie.Smith@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Grant Award

If you would like us to do a first draft of a release, we'd be happy to assist.

Please let us know.

From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 3:42 PM
To: Smith, Marcie <Marcie.Smith@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Grant Award

Hi Marcie- We would love for your office to do a press release. I've done a little digging and we have identified the following projects through the Louisiana Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund Program (DWRLF) that are located in Congressional District 4. These projects would benefit from the FFY 2017/SFY 2018 capitalization grant that we are in the process of awarding.

DeSoto Parish WWD #1, $1,977,300

Rocky Branch WWD, $963,000

Union Parish WWD #1, $990,000

Town of Coushatta, $5,000,000

Vernon Parish Water/Sewer Commission #1, $2,330,000

Town of Sunset, $550,000

More detail on these projects are on the LA DWRLF Comprehensive List of Applicants …

http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/assets/oph/Center-EH/DrinkWaterRevolve/DWRLF_Financial/Comprehensive_list_of_applicants_7_17_17.pdf

Which is on their website …

http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/431/n/285

Please let me know if I can provide any additional information and please forward the release we'd love to see it!

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From: Smith, Marcie [mailto:Marcie.Smith@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 7, 2017 3:14 PM
To: Shimmin, Kaitlyn <shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: EPA Grant Award

Hey Kaitlyn!

Thanks for the info. Our office wants to do a press release about this so hoping you can provide me a little bit more info about how and where the funding will be dispersed. Will any directly impact the 4th district?

Any extra info you can provide would be helpful. Thank you!

Marcie

Congressman Mike Johnson (LA-4)

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Hodges, Josh" <Josh.Hodges@mail.house.gov>
Date: August 7, 2017 at 11:29:01 AM EDT
To: "Holyfield, Ainsley" <Ainsley.Holyfield@mail.house.gov>, "Smith, Marcie" <Marcie.Smith@mail.house.gov>
Cc: "Rybczyk, Rebecca" <Rebecca.Rybczyk@mail.house.gov>
Subject: FW: EPA Grant Award

From: "Shimmin, Kaitlyn" <shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov>
Date: Monday, August 7, 2017 at 11:16 AM
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Cc: "Lyons, Troy" <lyons.troy@epa.gov>, "Ringel, Aaron" <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>, "Palich, Christian" <palich.christian@epa.gov>, "Konkus, John" <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$11299000 Louisiana Department of Health LDH Drinking Water RLF Capitalization Grant FY17
This award provides federal funds to the State of Louisiana for loan assistance to eligible public water systems for infrastructure improvements needed to ensure safe drinking water and to provide funds for the following activities: Administration, Small Systems Technical Assistance, Local Assistance and State Programs Management.
Grant No: 99696820-0

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Tue 5/30/2017 8:08:32 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Assessment Grant

$350,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Town of Seekonk for a brownfields assessment grant. Site-specific hazardous substances

grant funds will be used to update a Phase I environmental site assessment and conduct a Phase II environmental

site assessment at the former Attleboro Dye Works site at 37 Maple Avenue. The site was formerly occupied by the

Attleboro Dyeing and Finishing Corporation, whose operations included the dyeing and finishing of textiles until the

1980s. Various other commercial and industrial operations occupied the site from the 1980s through the 2000s. The

site caught fire in 2012, leaving behind damaged buildings and burned debris. Grant funds also will be used to

develop a cleanup plan, and support community involvement activities, including a Brownfields Steering Committee

that will engage the community.

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Thur 5/18/2017 9:46:06 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant for your state/ district has been signed:

$67,818.00 Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

Performance Partnership Grant

This action will provide funding via a Performance Partnership Grant (PPG) to the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community in support of environmental protection programs managed by the tribe on the reservation. Funds being provided include Clean Water Act Section 106, Brownfields Tribal Response program 128(a) and General Assistance Program.

Grant #: 01E01328-3

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Thur 6/22/2017 5:23:38 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$134,662 Michigan Dept of Environmental Quality- Michigan DEQ FY 17-19 Air Program Section 105

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) will continue to manage and operate an Air Pollution Control Program which includes ambient air monitoring, attainment strategy, regulatory development, air permitting, air toxics, enforcement and compliance, and public outreach activities to improve air quality in the State of Michigan.
Grant No: 00571110-4

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To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Jackson, Joseph
Sent: Sun 6/18/2017 6:23:47 PM
Subject: Re: EPA Grant Release

Hi John,

Thank you for reaching out. We are working on a statement now. What day are you guys planning to announce the grant?

Best,

Joe Jackson
Rep. Liz Cheney (WY-AL)

On Jun 16, 2017, at 1:26 PM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:

Joe: Per our phone conversation, below are the details of the grant. We would be pleased if Congressman Cheney would announce this grant from her office, or if she provides us with a quote, EPA can announce the grant. Attached is an example of the Arkansas Delegation announcing a similar grant. We worked with them on the details and they put out the release.

$849,601 FOR WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY FOR VARIOUS STATEWIDE PROJECTS: EPA is making this grant award of $849,601 for the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality for various statewide projects as outlined in the project implementation plans. This award provides funding to promote the development and implementation of watershed-based plans which result in improved water quality in impaired waters.

Let me know what you think.

Thank you,

John Konkus

Environmental Protection Agency

Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Affairs

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<Arkansas water grant.docx>

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Thur 6/1/2017 4:47:23 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Assessment Grants

$150,000 for hazardous substances

$150,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected Burke County for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous substances

grant funds will be used to conduct at least five Phase I and at least two Phase II environmental site assessments,

and prepare two cleanup plans. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct at least five Phase I

and at least three Phase II environmental site assessments, and prepare two cleanup plans. Grant funds of both

types also will be used to support community involvement activities, including press releases and social media

announcements. Assessment activities will focus on the Urban Corridor that is comprised of the communities of

Morganton, Glen Alpine, Drexel, Valdese, Rutherford College, and Hildebran.

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Cc: Deeley, Blake[Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov]
From: Stapleton, John
Sent: Wed 3/15/2017 9:05:53 PM
Subject: Tomorrow

Hey John,

Congressman McKinley is looking forward to the meeting tomorrow with Administrator Pruitt. Afterwards, we'd like to put out a statement explaining that the two men had a very productive conversation about many of the issues that impact the economy, environment, and West Virginia. We'd also like to thank Administrator Pruitt for his leadership. Would that be cool with you? If so, would your office be interested in providing a similar quote? Hope you are enjoying things over at EPA.

Thanks,

John

John O. Stapleton | *Communications Director*

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Fri 8/25/2017 8:49:05 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$55,000 Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Council Indian General Assistance Program
This action will provide General Assistance Program (GAP) funds to the Lac Courte Orreilles Tribal Council (LCO) in support of environmental capacity building activities. The funds will enable the tribe to assess, monitor and develop strategies for protection of human health and the environment. Specific activities during this period include: administrative oversight of the GAP program, legislative and regulatory capacities, and data analysis of the Reservation's water resources .
Grant No: 97580407-1

$87,000 Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Council Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
Under the Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 106 Program, Lac Courte Oreilles (LCO) is proposing to improve regulatory authority and water quality standards to protect the quality of the groundwater, wetlands, lakes, and streams on the Reservation. LCO will also administer its water management program to ensure clean and safe water resources in Indian Country.
Grant No: 00E57505-2

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To: Morrow, Seth[Seth.Morrow@mail.house.gov]
Cc: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Milbourn, Cathy
Sent: Mon 5/15/2017 4:13:39 PM
Subject: RE: EPA Awards Grant to Mobile Bay National Estuary Program: Protecting Natural Resources and Strengthening Local Economies

Thank you Seth!

From: Morrow, Seth [mailto:Seth.Morrow@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 12:06 PM
To: Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Awards Grant to Mobile Bay National Estuary Program: Protecting Natural Resources and Strengthening Local Economies

I did. I am awaiting an approval from the Congressman on a quote. Should have it to you in the next 30 mintues.

From: Milbourn, Cathy [mailto:Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 12:04 PM
To: Morrow, Seth <Seth.Morrow@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: EPA Awards Grant to Mobile Bay National Estuary Program: Protecting Natural Resources and Strengthening Local Economies

Hi Seth,

Just making sure you received my earlier email.

Cathy

Sent from my iPhone

Cathy Milbourn

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On May 15, 2017, at 11:29 AM, Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov> wrote:

Hello Seth,

The press release regarding the Mobile Bay grant is attached below. We are putting the release out today.

Thank you in advance for Congressman Byrne's quote.

Best,

Cathy Milbourn

EPA Awards Grant to Mobile Bay National Estuary Program: Protecting Natural Resources and Strengthening Local Economies

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 15, 2017

WASHINGTON – The Environmental Protection Agency announced today that the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program will receive approximately $344,000 in the form of a federal grant appropriated by Congress to conserve and improve working waterfronts and preserve fishing communities, within its 71,500 square mile watershed.

"Having a healthy Mobile Bay is vital to the environmental and economic health of America," said **EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt.** "Productive fisheries are the foundation of many coastal communities and they need to be protected, and the National Estuary Program is a place-based program that is helping to protect and restore the water quality and ecological integrity of estuaries of national significance."

Download B-Roll: https://www.dvidshub.net/video/521939/epa-awards-grant-mobile-bay-national-estuary-program – **Bernice Smith, PhD., EPA Costal Management Branch Chief,** "The Mobile Bay Grant will be used to improve and conserve water dependent businesses; working waterfronts as well as fisheries communities."

“The Mobile Bay Watershed is critical to strengthening our state's economy and protecting our natural resources,” said **Roberta Swann, Director of the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program.** “These EPA funds will help continue the good work of the citizens of Alabama to preserve their watershed, the aquatic life that depends on clean water, and the many jobs that depend on a healthy Mobile Bay.”

"The Mobile Bay National Estuaries Program has a long history of bringing various stakeholders together to work collectively on implementing our local Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan," said **Mark Berte, the Executive Director of the Alabama Coastal** Foundation and Co-Chair of the NEP's Community Resources Committee. "This EPA grant will help further that Plan by improving both our environment and economy, which are intrinsically linked."

About the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program

Footage: https://youtu.be/aTyfRYKe90c – Mobile Bay National Estuary. Members of the media interested in down loading this footage should contact Bethany Dicky, bdickey@mobilebaynep.com, 251-459-8870.

Established in 1995, the Mobile Bay program has enhanced public awareness of key management challenges through community meetings and support for volunteer monitoring by citizens. Local governments and businesses have been active participants in supporting watershed activities to realize the valuable economic and environmental benefits being achieved. At present, Mobile Bay National Estuary Program is coordinating the development and implementation of watershed management plans for all of the tidally influenced watersheds covering drainage areas along the Alabama coast from Mississippi to Florida. For example, the stakeholder recommendations for the D’Olive Creek Watershed Management Plan has resulted in restoration of 9,520 linear feet of degraded streams, reduction of 4,700 tons/year of sediment delivery, 63 acres of restored riparian buffer and wetlands, and over a 90 percent reduction in sediment loads, positively impacting sea grass beds in D’Olive Bay and Mobile Bay.

Since 1987, the EPA National Estuary Program has made a unique and lasting contribution to the protection and restoration of estuaries on behalf of the nation’s environmental and economic interests. A network of 28 National Estuary Programs is located along the Atlantic, Gulf, and Pacific coasts and in Puerto Rico. The NEP employs a watershed approach, extensive public participation and collaborative problem-solving and science-based approaches to address watershed challenges.

With this additional funding, the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program has received over $2.5 million in federal funding since 2013. The Mobile Bay National Estuary Program successfully leverages approximately $9 for every $1 dollar provided by EPA.

To learn more about the Mobile Bay Program, visit: http://www.mobilebaynep.com/

To learn more about the National Estuary Program, visit: https://www.epa.gov/nep

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Thur 6/8/2017 8:06:21 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$387313 Minnesota Pollution Control Agency- Voluntary Cleanup Program & AMP (Asbestos Management Plan); Brownfields Assessment

This project is for the continued development and enhancement of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's state response program, the Voluntary Investigation and Cleanup Program. This grant will support a state-wide cooperative effort to investigate, remediate and redevelop brownfields sites.

Grant #: 96529811-0

$175716 White Earth Band of Chippewa- Performance Partnership Grant

This action will award a Performance Partnership Grant (PPG) to the White Earth Band of Chippewa (White Earth) and consists of funds from the General Assistance Program (GAP) and the Brownfields Section 128a Program. This project will support the tribe in their continued efforts to develop and establish environmental management capacity in order to protect human health and the environment on the reservation. During this grant period the tribe will conduct administrative oversight, expand their recycling program, and conduct timely surveys and inventory of brownfields sites.

Grant #: 15E00919-0

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Fri 6/16/2017 4:24:36 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$100,000 The NELAC institute Support the National Environmental Monitoring Conference (NEMC) as Part of the Env Mea Symposium

EPA is providing financial support to The NELAC Institute (TNI) to manage the National Environmental Monitoring Conference (NEMC) as part of the Environmental Measurement Symposium for the next five (5) years. TNI is responsible for conference design and management and outreach; location/hotel contract negotiations; and logistics.

Grant No: 83589901-2

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Tue 6/6/2017 8:32:04 PM
Subject: RE: EPA Grant Award

Sorry one more!

$4,419.00 National Older Worker Career Center

Senior Environmental Employment Program for Office of Pollution Prevention

This cooperative agreement will provide funding to support Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program enrollees working at the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Washington, DC.

Grant #: 83800001-1

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Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$102,333.00 National Older Worker Career Center

Senior Environmental Employment Program Region 8 Operations

This cooperative agreement will provide funding to support Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program enrollees working with Region VIII Operations, Denver, CO.

Grant #: 83710001-1

$71,000.00 National Older Worker Career Center

Senior Environmental Employment Program for the Office of Pesticides

This cooperative agreement will provide support for Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program enrollees to work with the Office of Pesticide Programs, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Washington, DC.

Grant #: 83568401-3

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Cc: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Milbourn, Cathy
Sent: Tue 3/7/2017 1:35:42 AM
Subject: Re: CLOSE HOLD -- Points for Mr. Hannity

Hi Francesca,

My apologies. We will have to reschedule the taping for Mr. Hannity's program tomorrow.

I will keep you posted. Again, I am very sorry we need to postpone.

Cathy

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On Mar 6, 2017, at 12:49 PM, Nestande, Francesca <Francesca.Nestande@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Thanks!

From: Milbourn, Cathy [mailto:Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 06, 2017 12:31 PM
To: Nestande, Francesca <Francesca.Nestande@FOXNEWS.COM>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: CLOSE HOLD -- Points for Mr. Hannity

Hi Francesca,

Please keep these close hold – tomorrow is the Administrator's two week anniversary, and we wanted you all to see what has been accomplished over those past few weeks. Mr. Hannity can use these top line points to guide the conversation tomorrow. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

Cathy

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Cc: Holyfield, Ainsley[Ainsley.Holyfield@mail.house.gov]
From: Smith, Marcie
Sent: Mon 8/14/2017 6:31:45 PM
Subject: Re: EPA Grant Award

Hi all,

Copying our comms director here. She is working on the release now and noticed that the numbers don't add up. Your first email states the whole state received $11,299,000 billion, but the D4 numbers you provide total $11,810,300.

Please let me know if we're missing something. Thanks!

Marcie Smith | Legislative Assistant

Congressman Mike Johnson (LA-04)

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From: "Konkus, John" <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Date: Thursday, August 10, 2017 at 11:59 AM
To: "Shimmin, Kaitlyn" <shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov>, "Smith, Marcie" <Marcie.Smith@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Grant Award

If you would like us to do a first draft of a release, we'd be happy to assist.

Please let us know.

From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 3:42 PM
To: Smith, Marcie <Marcie.Smith@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Grant Award

Hi Marcie- We would love for your office to do a press release. I've done a little digging and we have identified the following projects through the Louisiana Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund Program (DWRLF) that are located in Congressional District 4. These projects would benefit from the FFY 2017/SFY 2018 capitalization grant that we are in the process of awarding.

DeSoto Parish WWD #1, $1,977,300

Rocky Branch WWD, $963,000

Union Parish WWD #1, $990,000

Town of Coushatta, $5,000,000

Vernon Parish Water/Sewer Commission #1, $2,330,000

Town of Sunset, $550,000

More detail on these projects are on the LA DWRLF Comprehensive List of Applicants …

http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/assets/oph/Center-EH/DrinkWaterRevolve/DWRLF_Financial/Comprehensive_list_of_applicants_7_17_17.pdf

Which is on their website …

http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/431/n/285

Please let me know if I can provide any additional information and please forward the release we'd love to see it!

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From: Smith, Marcie [mailto:Marcie.Smith@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 7, 2017 3:14 PM
To: Shimmin, Kaitlyn <shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: EPA Grant Award

Hey Kaitlyn!

Thanks for the info. Our office wants to do a press release about this so hoping you can provide me a little bit more info about how and where the funding will be dispersed. Will any directly impact the 4th district?

Any extra info you can provide would be helpful. Thank you!

Marcie

Congressman Mike Johnson (LA-4)

Sent from my iPhone

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Cc: "Rybczyk, Rebecca" <Rebecca.Rybczyk@mail.house.gov>
Subject: FW: EPA Grant Award

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Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$11299000 Louisiana Department of Health LDH Drinking Water RLF Capitalization Grant FY17

This award provides federal funds to the State of Louisiana for loan assistance to eligible public water systems for infrastructure improvements needed to ensure safe drinking water and to provide funds for the following activities: Administration, Small Systems Technical Assistance, Local Assistance and State Programs Management.
Grant No: 99696820-0

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Tue 5/30/2017 8:06:51 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Assessment Grants:

$200,000 for hazardous substances

$100,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission for two brownfields assessment grants.

Community-wide hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct three Phase I and three to four Phase II

environmental site assessments, and prepare one cleanup plan. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be

used to conduct two Phase I and one to two Phase II environmental site assessments, and prepare one cleanup

plan. Grant funds of both types also will be used to inventory, evaluate, and prioritize brownfield sites, and support

community outreach activities. Assessment activities will focus on the Cities of Pittsfield and North Adams.

Cleanup Grants:

$600,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Chicopee for three brownfields cleanup grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will

be used to clean up Buildings 15, 27, and 42 at the 28-acre former Uniroyal Tire Complex located at 154 Grove

Street. The site was previously utilized as a lumber yard and as a manufacturing site for tires, bicycles, and

adhesives. Building 15 was used as the power generation station for the Uniroyal Tire Complex and houses large

turbines and transformers that utilized coal and oil to produce energy. The building is contaminated with arsenic,

polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons, inorganic contaminants, and metals. Buildings 27 and 42 are connected and

encompass a combined 77,750 square feet of vacant industrial manufacturing space. All three buildings are

contaminated with mercury, PCBs, and hazardous substances. Grant funds also will be used to conduct community

outreach, cleanup planning activities, and air monitoring following completion of the cleanup.

Assessment Grants:

$200,000 for hazardous substances

$100,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Town of Great Barrington for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide

hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct two Phase I and two or three Phase II environmental site

assessments, and develop two cleanup plans. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct one

or two Phase II environmental site assessments, and develop one cleanup plan. Grant funds of both types also will

be used to support community involvement activities, including public meetings, outreach materials, and site fact

sheets. Assessment activities will target sites within the Village of Housatonic in Great Barrington.

Assessment Grants:

$200,000 for hazardous substances

$100,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of North Adams for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous

substances grant funds will be used to conduct two Phase I and three Phase II environmental site assessments,

and prepare two cleanup plans. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct one Phase I and

one Phase II environmental site assessment, and prepare one cleanup plan. Grant funds of both types also will be

used to support community outreach activities.

Cleanup Grant:

$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Town of Williamstown for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds

will be used to clean up the nearly five-acre former Photech Imaging Systems property at 330 Cole Avenue. The now

vacant property was initially developed in 1865 as a textile mill known as the Williamstown Mill and was later used

by photographic paper and film manufacturing companies until 1989. The site is contaminated with polycyclic

aromatic hydrocarbons, heavy metals, and inorganic contaminants. Grant funds also will be used for air monitoring

and community engagement activities.

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Thur 6/22/2017 5:22:18 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$87,500 Jena Band of Choctaw Indians- Jena Band of Choctaw Indians GAP FY17-18

The objectives of this project are to develop the capability to manage specific programs and establish a core program for environmental protection. The specific project activities include expanding and enhancing environmental reform, management of the environmental office, and development of an air quality management program.
Grant No: 01F13101-1

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Thur 5/18/2017 9:32:50 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant for your state/ district has been signed:

$11,000.00 Weber State University- National Internet-Based OBD Information Exchange

Work to be accomplished in this project includes maintaining, updating, and improving on an Internet-based information clearinghouse to facilitate the accurate and timely exchange of technical information related to on-board diagnostics (OBD) between state inspections and maintenance (I/M) programs, the automotive industry, and the general public.

Grant #: 83523201-8

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To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Byerly, Michael
Sent: Fri 6/16/2017 6:45:38 PM
Subject: Automatic reply: Kansas Grant

Hello,

I am out of the office this weekend, and will be back on Monday. If this is a press emergency, please contact Lee Modesitt at Lee.Modesitt@mail.house.gov or call 785-234-5966.

Best,

Michael

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Thur 6/1/2017 4:45:19 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Assessment Grants

$200,000 for hazardous substances

$100,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Randleman for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous

substances grant funds will be used to complete five Phase I and three Phase II environmental site assessments.

Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to complete four Phase I and two Phase II environmental site

assessments. Grant funds of both types also will be used to prepare a city-wide inventory of brownfields properties

and three cleanup plans.

Assessment Grants

$182,250 for hazardous substances

$117,750 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Dunn for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous substances

grant funds will be used to conduct up to six Phase I and up to four Phase II environmental site assessments.

Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct up to four Phase I and up to two Phase II

environmental site assessments. Grant funds of both types also will be used to develop up to three cleanup plans

and support community involvement activities, including the production of large-scale maps and informational

handouts. Assessment activities will focus on the Abandoned Railroad Zone, Historic Industrial Zone, and Spring

Branch Road Corridor.

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Fri 8/25/2017 8:47:58 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$240,657 Samish Indian Nation Indian General Assistance Program, 106 and 319 Funding for 2017-18
Work under this two-year proposal will include tasks under GAP, CWA319, and CWA106. Tasks will be aimed at building capacity, community outreach, maintaining and improving the Tribe's Environmental Office, and work on tasks authorized under the CWA319 and 106 Programs.
Grant No: 00J53002-6

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To: Milbourn, Cathy[Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov]
Cc: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Morrow, Seth
Sent: Mon 5/15/2017 4:05:40 PM
Subject: RE: EPA Awards Grant to Mobile Bay National Estuary Program: Protecting Natural Resources and Strengthening Local Economies

I did. I am awaiting an approval from the Congressman on a quote. Should have it to you in the next 30 mintues.

From: Milbourn, Cathy [mailto:Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 12:04 PM
To: Morrow, Seth <Seth.Morrow@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: EPA Awards Grant to Mobile Bay National Estuary Program: Protecting Natural Resources and Strengthening Local Economies

Hi Seth,

Just making sure you received my earlier email.

Cathy

Sent from my iPhone

Cathy Milbourn

Office of Media Relations

202-564-7849

202-420-8648

On May 15, 2017, at 11:29 AM, Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov> wrote:

Hello Seth,

The press release regarding the Mobile Bay grant is attached below. We are putting

the release out today.

Thank you in advance for Congressman Byrne's quote.

Best,

Cathy Milbourn

EPA Awards Grant to Mobile Bay National Estuary Program: Protecting Natural Resources and Strengthening Local Economies

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 15, 2017

WASHINGTON – The Environmental Protection Agency announced today that the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program will receive approximately $344,000 in the form of a federal grant appropriated by Congress to conserve and improve working waterfronts and preserve fishing communities, within its 71,500 square mile watershed.

"Having a healthy Mobile Bay is vital to the environmental and economic health of America," said **EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt.** "Productive fisheries are the foundation of many coastal communities and they need to be protected, and the National Estuary Program is a place-based program that is helping to protect and restore the water quality and ecological integrity of estuaries of national significance."

Download B-Roll: https://www.dvidshub.net/video/521939/epa-awards-grant-mobile-bay-national-estuary-program – **Bernice Smith, PhD., EPA Costal Management Branch Chief,** "The Mobile Bay Grant will be used to improve and conserve water dependent businesses; working waterfronts as well as fisheries communities."

"The Mobile Bay Watershed is critical to strengthening our state's economy and protecting our natural resources," said **Roberta Swann, Director of the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program.** "These EPA funds will help continue the good work of the citizens of Alabama to preserve their watershed, the aquatic life that depends on clean water, and the many jobs that depend on a healthy Mobile Bay."

"The Mobile Bay National Estuaries Program has a long history of bringing various stakeholders together to work collectively on implementing our local Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan," said **Mark Berte, the Executive Director of the Alabama Coastal** Foundation and Co-Chair of the NEP's Community Resources Committee. "This EPA grant will help further that Plan by improving both our environment and economy, which are intrinsically linked."

About the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program

Footage: https://youtu.be/aTyfRYKe90c – Mobile Bay National Estuary. Members of the media

interested in down loading this footage should contact Bethany Dicky, bdickey@mobilebaynep.com, 251-459-8870.

Established in 1995, the Mobile Bay program has enhanced public awareness of key management challenges through community meetings and support for volunteer monitoring by citizens. Local governments and businesses have been active participants in supporting watershed activities to realize the valuable economic and environmental benefits being achieved. At present, Mobile Bay National Estuary Program is coordinating the development and implementation of watershed management plans for all of the tidally influenced watersheds covering drainage areas along the Alabama coast from Mississippi to Florida. For example, the stakeholder recommendations for the D'Olive Creek Watershed Management Plan has resulted in restoration of 9,520 linear feet of degraded streams, reduction of 4,700 tons/year of sediment delivery, 63 acres of restored riparian buffer and wetlands, and over a 90 percent reduction in sediment loads, positively impacting sea grass beds in D'Olive Bay and Mobile Bay.

Since 1987, the EPA National Estuary Program has made a unique and lasting contribution to the protection and restoration of estuaries on behalf of the nation's environmental and economic interests. A network of 28 National Estuary Programs is located along the Atlantic, Gulf, and Pacific coasts and in Puerto Rico. The NEP employs a watershed approach, extensive public participation and collaborative problem-solving and science-based approaches to address watershed challenges.

With this additional funding, the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program has received over $2.5 million in federal funding since 2013. The Mobile Bay National Estuary Program successfully leverages approximately $9 for every $1 dollar provided by EPA.

To learn more about the Mobile Bay Program, visit: http://www.mobilebaynep.com/

To learn more about the National Estuary Program, visit: https://www.epa.gov/nep

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Mon 7/10/2017 8:17:48 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$90,600 North Dakota Department of Health - 2017 North Dakota PM 2.5 Grant Application
With this project, the North Dakota Department of Health plans, develops, maintains and improves a network to study fine particulates and their distribution in several areas of the state. This award provides funding to the State to operate and maintain a network to monitor ambient levels at sites within the State, maintain a database and report results to the Environmental Protection Agency. Increase of Funds.
Grant No: 96837701-1

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To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Hall, Travis
Sent: Thur 7/27/2017 6:58:12 PM
Subject: RE: Grant Release

Thanks, John. Would you mind if we repurpose your release after yours goes out? I'll run a draft by you first.

I really appreciate your patience.

Travis

Travis Hall

Communications Director

Congressman Greg Gianforte, MT-AL

202.225.3211 (o)

202.603.0439 (c)

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 2:08 PM
To: Hall, Travis <Travis.Hall@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Grant Release

Thank you Travis! This will go out tomorrow or Monday to Montana press. I'll make sure you're on the list.

Thank you again,

John

From: Hall, Travis [mailto:Travis.Hall@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 2:02 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Grant Release

Hi, John. Below is a statement attributable to Congressman Gianforte:

"I look forward to seeing the Montana Department of Environmental Quality use this funding to protect the quality of Montana's treasured lakes, streams, and rivers," said Montana Congressman Greg Gianforte. "These grants will also help ensure Montanans, particularly those in our rural communities, have access to healthier drinking water."

Apologies for the delay.

Will you please add me to your distribution? Is this going to MT press?

Thanks, John.

Travis

Travis Hall

Communications Director

Congressman Greg Gianforte, MT-AL

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From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 5:03 PM
To: Hall, Travis <Travis.Hall@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Grant Release

Yes that is fine. Thank you Travis.

From: Hall, Travis [mailto:Travis.Hall@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 5:01 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Grant Release

We've been jammed up today with wildfires in MT and FEMA. I will get something to you asap, but it may be tomorrow. Is that okay? Apologies, John.

Travis Hall

Communications Director

Congressman Greg Gianforte, MT-AL

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From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:41 AM
To: Hall, Travis <Travis.Hall@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Grant Release

We can wait as long as it take to get a quote from the Congressman. Our target way today, but we can wait.

From: Hall, Travis [mailto:Travis.Hall@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:39 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Grant Release

Hi, John. Working on this now. Going through our still-growing policy shop. Will get back to you asap. What's your timing here? Thanks, John.

Travis Hall

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Congressman Greg Gianforte, MT-AL

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From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 12:00 PM
To: Hall, Travis <Travis.Hall@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Grant Release

Travis: Per the phone message I just left with your office, we are set to announce a substantial environmental grant to Montana this week on, Wednesday July 26. Our draft press release is attached. We would be pleased to include a quote from the Congressman if that is something you're interested in.

I'll follow up tomorrow with another phone call.

Thank you and please let me know if you have any questions.

John Konkus

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Thur 6/8/2017 8:02:11 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$500005 Michigan Dept of Environmental Quality- Brownfields CERCLA Section 128(a)

This project provides funding for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's (MDEQ) Brownfields 128(a) Response Program that includes timely survey and inventory of brownfield sites; and the enhancement of oversight and enforcement authorities to ensure that response actions protect human health and the environment; resources to provide meaningful public involvement; mechanisms for approval of a cleanup plans and verification of complete responses. Additionally their work includes the maintenance of the public record, which includes institutional controls. The MDEQ will also perform site assessment work on Brownfields properties.

Grant #: 96507711-0

$173086 Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians- Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians Performance Partnership Grant

This action will award a Performance Partnership Grant (PPG) to the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians (GTB) and consists of funds from the General Assistance Program (GAP), the Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 106 Program, CWA Section 319 Program, and the Brownfields Section 128a Program. This project will enable the Tribe to plan, develop, and

establish the capability for implementing environmental protection programs. The Tribe will continue to monitor and assess water quality and develop and enhance capacity building in inventory, assessment, and prioritizing of Brownfields sites.

Grant #: 98504214-0

$67134 Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians- Developing a response program at the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

This project provides funding for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians response program that includes timely survey and inventory of brownfield sites; oversight and enforcement authorities to ensure that response actions protect human health and the environment; resources to provide meaningful public invovlement; mechanisms for approval of a cleanup plan and verification of complete responses.

Grant #: 05E01086-0

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Sent: Fri 6/16/2017 3:01:16 PM
Subject: FW: RELEASE: Arkansas Delegation Announces Grant for State Drinking Water Program

FYI

From: Creamer, Patrick (Boozman) [mailto:Patrick_Creamer@boozman.senate.gov]
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 10:53 AM
To: Creamer, Patrick (Boozman)
Subject: RELEASE: Arkansas Delegation Announces Grant for State Drinking Water Program

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Arkansas Delegation Announces Grant for State Drinking Water Program

WASHINGTON - U.S. Senators John Boozman and Tom Cotton, along with Congressmen Rick Crawford, French Hill, Steve Womack and Bruce Westerman today announced that the Arkansas Department of Health will receive $361,120 from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to support drinking water systems across the state.

"Arkansans deserve access to safe, clean drinking water. This funding will help ensure people across the state have healthy and reliable sources of water," members said.

The grant will go to the Arkansas Department of Health which supervises the state's public water system, including maintaining and evaluating drinking water systems.

Under the Safe Drinking Water Act, EPA assists with public water system supervision programs and providing reliable, safe drinking water to consumers and comply with national drinking water standards.

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Cc: Wilken, Mollie[mollie.wilken@mail.house.gov]
From: Hytha, Emily
Sent: Tue 5/2/2017 5:34:38 PM
Subject: RE: Draft release for tomorrow

John,

Thanks so much for sending. I've looped in Mollie, who is the Press Secretary at the Agriculture Committee. She's working on a quote for you now.

After speaking with Chairman Conaway's scheduler, it looks like we'll have a short window after the meeting with Administrator Pruitt before his next meeting. If the camera is all set up, he should be able to give a brief comment, but likely not more than that.

I will plan on being there tomorrow, as will Mollie. Please let me know if there is anything additional you need from us in the meantime.

Thanks,

Emily Hytha

Communications Director

Congressman K. Michael Conaway (TX-11)

Phone: 202.225.3605

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 02, 2017 12:22 PM
To: Hytha, Emily
Subject: Draft release for tomorrow

Emily: Below is a DRAFT press release for tomorrow's meeting. Do you think you can get a quote from the Congressman today in advance? Thank you!

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DRAFT

EPA Administrator Pruitt and Representative Conaway meet to discuss environmental and economic issues important to Texas and the nation

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Washington, D.C. – Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt met with U.S. Representative Mike Conaway (TX-11) on Wednesday in the Congressman's Washington D.C. office. The two discussed environmental and economic issues important to both the nation and the people of the State of Texas.

"I appreciated the opportunity to meet with Congressman Conaway today and discuss the issues important to our nation and to the people of Texas," said Administrator Pruitt. "The people of Texas and their elected representatives deserve an EPA that is focused on the basics of protecting the environment, engaging with state and local partners, and ensuring sensible regulations for economic growth."

<INSERT QUOTE FROM CONGRSSMAN>

Multimedia Assets:

<INSERT PHOTO OF MEETING>

Pictured: EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt and Congressman Mike Conaway (TX-11) meet on

Capitol Hill.

Downloadable MP3 audio actuality, Congressman Conaway comments following the meeting: <INSERT LINK>

Downloadable B-Roll, Administrator Pruitt and Congressman Conaway meet: <INSERT LINK>

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Tue 6/6/2017 8:30:27 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$102,333.00 National Older Worker Career Center

Senior Environmental Employment Program Region 8 Operations

This cooperative agreement will provide funding to support Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program enrollees working with Region VIII Operations, Denver, CO.

Grant #: 83710001-1

$71,000.00 National Older Worker Career Center

Senior Environmental Employment Program for the Office of Pesticides

This cooperative agreement will provide support for Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program enrollees to work with the Office of Pesticide Programs, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Washington, DC.

Grant #: 83568401-3

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From: Nestande, Francesca
Sent: Mon 3/6/2017 5:49:25 PM
Subject: RE: CLOSE HOLD -- Points for Mr. Hannity

Thanks!

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Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: CLOSE HOLD -- Points for Mr. Hannity

Hi Francesca,

Please keep these close hold – tomorrow is the Administrator's two week anniversary, and we wanted you all to see what has been accomplished over those past few weeks. Mr. Hannity can use these top line points to guide the conversation tomorrow. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

Cathy

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From: Kelly, Melissa
Sent: Thur 5/18/2017 9:29:59 PM
Subject: RE: Draft release

Thank you John,

Here you go:

"Improving air and water quality while growing our economy is critical in a city like Houston that has vibrant communities alongside our nation's energy and petrochemical powerhouse," Rep. Pete Olson said. "Administrator Pruitt understands this, and as a former state regulator he also understands the importance of the federal government working with our states and local communities on issues like ozone. I look forward to working with him as he charts a new, constructive path forward at the EPA."

Melissa Kelly
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Rep. Pete Olson
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From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 3:13 PM
To: Kelly, Melissa
Subject: Draft release

DRAFT – Do you all want to give a quote now, or I can use the audio I capture after the meeting.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 19, 2017

EPA Administrator Pruitt and U.S. Representative Pete Olson Discuss Issues Facing Texas' Environment and Economy

WASHINGTON — EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt and Texas Congressman Pete Olson (TX-22) met on Friday to discuss clean air policy and other issues vitally important to Texas, its environment, and its economy.

"Congressman Olson understands how important it is for EPA to work with municipalities and states across Texas and America to help them reach compliance under the Clean Air Act," **said Administrator Scott Pruitt.** "In addition to our discussion on national clean air policy, it was good to speak with the Congressman about environmental issue important to the people of Brazoria, Fort Bend and Harris Counties."

Congressman Pete Olson said, "INSER QUOTE."

Download an HD audio clip of Congressman Olson here: INSERT LINK

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EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt (R) and Congressman Pete Olson (L) Meet in Washington, D.C.

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Tue 5/30/2017 8:01:43 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Assessment Grants:

$200,000 for hazardous substances

$100,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Worcester for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous

substances grant funds will be used to conduct five Phase I and five Phase II environmental site assessments, and

develop five cleanup plans. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct three Phase I and two

Phase II environmental site assessments, and develop two cleanup plans. Grant funds of both types also will be

used to support community outreach activities.

Cleanup Grant:

$400,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Belchertown Economic Development and Industrial Corporation for two brownfields cleanup

grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up Lots 1 and 2 of the former Belchertown State

School located at 9 Berkshire Avenue. These lots are part of an 845-acre school complex that

was founded in 1922

and closed in December 1992. It has been idle since then. The site is contaminated with PCBs and inorganic

contaminants. Grant funds also will be used to support community engagement activities.

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Sent: Thur 6/22/2017 5:21:17 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$499,009 Kansas Department of Health and Environment- Kansas Air Pollution Control Program 2016-2017

These funds will be used statewide to improve air quality. Activities include, but are not limited to, compliance and enforcement for industry, emission inventory (all sources including mobile sources, off-road, on-road and stationary sources), air planning activities for air toxins, regional haze, ozone and particulate matter. The term planning activities includes, but is not limited to, attending meetings to examine data and how data is related to air quality and health trends, working with other regions to initiate projects to protect air quality, implementing more stringent ozone, particulate matter and other National Ambient Air Quality Standards by providing assistance to write State Implementation Plans, or to provide technical assistance to write meteorological modeling. These funds are also used to train state personnel.

This amendment provides incremental funding and revises administrative terms and conditions. Grant No: 00796209-7

$101,250 Kansas State University- Kansas Partners Identify and Implement Pollution Prevention Strategies

Kansas State University's Pollution Prevention Institute will partner with Kansas Department of Health and Environment to bring together technical expertise and outreach capabilities to businesses and communities to complement the coordination and integration of pollution prevention into regulatory environmental programs. The project includes technical assistance through the Pollution Prevention Institute, trichloroethylene round tables, sustainability sessions at the Kansas Environmental Conference, a semi-annual newsletter, pollution prevention awards, and training and placement of pollution prevention interns who will provide technical assistance to food manufacturers and food processors in Kansas.

Grant No: 97759101-1

$69,540 Kansas Department of Health and Environment- KDHE 604(b) Continuation of State Surface Water Quality Monitoring Programs

This agreement funds the State's ongoing point and nonpoint source control measures through water quality monitoring and database management.

This awards a partial amount of federal funds, further funding may be provided at a later date.
Grant No: 99783817-0

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From: Konkus, John
Sent: Fri 6/16/2017 5:23:47 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Release
Arkansas water grant.docx

Joe: Per our phone conversation, below are the details of the grant. We would be pleased if Congressman Cheney would announce this grant from her office, or if she provides us with a quote, EPA can announce the grant. Attached is an example of the Arkansas Delegation announcing a similar grant. We worked with them on the details and they put out the release.

$849,601 FOR WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY FOR VARIOUS STATEWIDE PROJECTS: EPA is making this grant award of $849,601 for the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality for various statewide projects as outlined in the project implementation plans. This award provides funding to promote the development and implementation of watershed-based plans which result in improved water quality in impaired waters.

Let me know what you think.

Thank you,

John Konkus

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Sent: Thur 6/1/2017 4:39:16 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Assessment Grants

$200,000 for hazardous substances

$100,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Columbus Consolidated Government for two brownfields assessment grants. Communitywide

hazardous substances and petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct 14 Phase I and eight Phase II

environmental site assessments, and prepare four cleanup plans. Grant funds also will be used to support

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Fri 8/25/2017 8:46:58 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$170,000 VTDOH - Vermont D.O.H. Vermont Toxic Substances (Lead) Compliance Monitoring Fiscal Year 2017 & 2018
The Vermont Department of Health's Lead Program will: 1) maintain a lead accreditation certification program for individuals and contractors; 2) audit state certified lead training providers; 3) provide lead based paint education awareness to the regulated community; and 4) Apply for Renovation Repair and Painting (RRP) Authorization under 40 CFR 745. These efforts support Title IV, Section 404(g) of the Toxic Substances Control Act as well as Goal 4 of the EPA's Strategic Plan. The assigned Program Results Code is consistent with Goal 4 of the EPA's Strategic Plan.
Grant No: 99156011-1

$530,420 VTDEC - Vermont D.E.C. Vermont Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund Program Cooperative Agreement
This agreement provides assistance to the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Program for Fiscal Years 2017 and 2018. Funds will be used to assist the State in identifying sites contaminated by petroleum and hazardous substance releases from underground storage tanks (USTs) and in overseeing the remediation of soils and groundwater at these sites. This award is the Fiscal Year 2017 allocation.
Grant No: 00A00223-0

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From: Milbourn, Cathy
Sent: Mon 5/15/2017 4:03:58 PM
Subject: Re: EPA Awards Grant to Mobile Bay National Estuary Program: Protecting Natural Resources and Strengthening Local Economies

Hi Seth,

Just making sure you received my earlier email.

Cathy

Sent from my iPhone
Cathy Milbourn
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On May 15, 2017, at 11:29 AM, Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov> wrote:

Hello Seth,

The press release regarding the Mobile Bay grant is attached below. We are putting the release out today.

Thank you in advance for Congressman Byrne's quote.

Best,

Cathy Milbourn

EPA Awards Grant to Mobile Bay National Estuary Program: Protecting Natural Resources and Strengthening Local Economies

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 15, 2017

WASHINGTON – The Environmental Protection Agency announced today that the Mobile Bay

National Estuary Program will receive approximately $344,000 in the form of a federal grant appropriated by Congress to conserve and improve working waterfronts and preserve fishing communities, within its 71,500 square mile watershed.

"Having a healthy Mobile Bay is vital to the environmental and economic health of America," said **EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt.** "Productive fisheries are the foundation of many coastal communities and they need to be protected, and the National Estuary Program is a place-based program that is helping to protect and restore the water quality and ecological integrity of estuaries of national significance."

Download B-Roll: https://www.dvidshub.net/video/521939/epa-awards-grant-mobile-bay-national-estuary-program – **Bernice Smith, PhD., EPA Costal Management Branch Chief,** "The Mobile Bay Grant will be used to improve and conserve water dependent businesses**;** working waterfronts as well as fisheries communities."

"The Mobile Bay Watershed is critical to strengthening our state's economy and protecting our natural resources," said **Roberta Swann, Director of the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program.** "These EPA funds will help continue the good work of the citizens of Alabama to preserve their watershed, the aquatic life that depends on clean water, and the many jobs that depend on a healthy Mobile Bay."

"The Mobile Bay National Estuaries Program has a long history of bringing various stakeholders together to work collectively on implementing our local Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan," said **Mark Berte, the Executive Director of the Alabama Coastal** Foundation and Co-Chair of the NEP's Community Resources Committee. "This EPA grant will help further that Plan by improving both our environment and economy, which are intrinsically linked."

About the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program

Footage: https://youtu.be/aTyfRYKe90c – Mobile Bay National Estuary. Members of the media interested in down loading this footage should contact Bethany Dicky, bdickey@mobilebaynep.com, 251-459-8870.

Established in 1995, the Mobile Bay program has enhanced public awareness of key management challenges through community meetings and support for volunteer monitoring by citizens. Local governments and businesses have been active participants in supporting watershed activities to realize the valuable economic and environmental benefits being achieved. At present, Mobile Bay National Estuary Program is coordinating the development and implementation of watershed management plans for all of the tidally influenced watersheds covering drainage areas along the Alabama coast from Mississippi to Florida. For example, the stakeholder recommendations for the D'Olive Creek Watershed Management Plan has resulted in restoration of 9,520 linear feet of degraded streams, reduction of 4,700 tons/year of sediment delivery, 63 acres of restored riparian buffer and wetlands, and over a 90 percent reduction in sediment loads, positively impacting sea grass beds in D'Olive Bay and Mobile Bay.

Since 1987, the EPA National Estuary Program has made a unique and lasting contribution to the protection and restoration of estuaries on behalf of the nation's environmental and economic interests. A network of 28 National Estuary Programs is located along the Atlantic, Gulf, and Pacific coasts and in Puerto Rico. The NEP employs a watershed approach, extensive public participation and collaborative problem-solving and science-based approaches to address watershed challenges.

With this additional funding, the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program has received over $2.5 million in federal funding since 2013. The Mobile Bay National Estuary Program successfully leverages approximately $9 for every $1 dollar provided by EPA.

To learn more about the Mobile Bay Program, visit: http://www.mobilebaynep.com/

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Mon 7/10/2017 8:16:45 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$146,000 Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians - Performance Partnership Grants
This action provides partial funding to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) efforts to establish an environmental presence and build capacity to management environmental programs through staff training, ordinance and permitting development, compliance assistance, education, and outreach in the area of non-point source restoration, pollution prevention, and pesticide and chemical safety.
Grant No: 00D50016-1

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Thur 6/8/2017 8:00:58 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$166000 Resighini Rancheria- General Assistance Program

This assistance agreement will support the planning, development and establishment of the Tribe's environmental program. Activities include applying for grants, training staff, developing a waste stream tracking sheet, assessing two waste streams, refining one solid waste ordinance, addressing illegally dumped waste, and developing an air quality strategic plan.

Grant #: 99T57301-0

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From: Gagnon, Jason
Sent: Tue 5/2/2017 4:36:54 PM
Subject: RE: Draft release for tomorrow

Yes, should have something for you in a couple hours. Also, can you make sure our local congressional beat reporter at the Press Enterprise gets the release. His email is jhorseman@scng.com. Thanks.

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 02, 2017 9:34 AM
To: Gagnon, Jason
Subject: Draft release for tomorrow

Jason: Below is a DRAFT press release for tomorrow's meeting. Do you think you can get a quote from the Congressman today in advance? Thank you!

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DRAFT

EPA Administrator Pruitt and Representative Calvert meet to discuss environmental and economic issues important to California and the nation

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Washington, D.C. – Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt met with U.S. Representative Ken Calvert (CA-42) on Wednesday in the Congressman's Washington D.C. office. The two discussed environmental and economic issues important to both the nation and the people of the State of California.

"I appreciated the opportunity to meet with Congressman Calvert today and discuss the issues important to our nation and to the people of California," said Administrator Pruitt. "The people of California and their elected representatives deserve an EPA that is focused on the basics of

protecting the environment, engaging with state and local partners, and ensuring sensible regulations for economic growth."

<INSERT QUOTE FROM CONGRSSMAN>

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Pictured: EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt and Congressman Ken Calvert (CA-42) meet on Capitol Hill.

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Sent: Fri 6/16/2017 2:27:27 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$100,000 University of New Mexico New Mexico Environmental Finance Center Grant

The Environmental Finance Center Grant Program provides funding to support university and non-profit organization based Environmental Finance Centers (EFCs) that provide multi-media environmental finance expertise and outreach to the regulated communities. The EFCs work with state and tribal governments, local governments, and the private sector to address the growing costs of environmental protection. The EFCs provide finance-related training, education, and analytical studies to help these regulated parties develop solutions to the difficult "how-to-pay" issues associated with meeting environmental standards.

Grant No: 01F13901-1

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Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$102,333.00 National Older Worker Career Center

Senior Environmental Employment Program Region 8 Operations

This cooperative agreement will provide funding to support Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program enrollees working with Region VIII Operations, Denver, CO.

Grant #: 83710001-1

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Best,

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EPA has selected the Town of Framingham for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous

substances grant funds will be used to conduct up to eight Phase I and three Phase II environmental site

assessments. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct up to six Phase I and one Phase II

environmental site assessments. Grant funds of both types also will be used to conduct cleanup planning and

support community outreach activities.

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Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$108,400.00 Chesapeake Stormwater Network Inc -Chesapeake Stormwater Network; Stormwater Tech Coordinator

This action awards federal funds for CSN to provide technical information to local, state, and federal stormwater managers to accelerate the implementation of the most cost-effective nutrient and sediment load reduction practices at existing development, new development, and redevelopment sites.

Grant #: 96350901-0

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Sent: Thur 6/22/2017 5:18:45 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$125,000 Village of Chefornak- Village of Chefornak GAP

The Village of Chefornak will build tribal environmental capacity by conducting community outreach and education, collaborating with the city government to make landfill improvements and conduct recycling and backhaul, and partner with city and other local entities to properly dispose of hazardous wastes.
Grant No: 01J14101-1

$30,000 Qawalangin Tribe of Unalaska- Qawalangin Tribe FY18 IGAP Program

1. Environmental, Technical and Administrative Capacity Building to strengthen the Tribe's environmental program. 2. Community Clean Up as Part of an Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan. 3. Facilitate/Mentor Youth Environmental Leadership Council activities. 4. Develop a Community Environmental Baseline Assessment strategy. 5. Begin to Develop a Water Quality Management Program. 6. Hazardous Waste Collection, Backhaul and Recycling in collaboration with the City of Unalaska.
Grant No: 01J15601-2

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Thur 6/1/2017 4:37:27 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Cleanup Grant

$150,103 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Sandersville for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will

be used to clean up the Downtown Café site at 123 South Harris Street. The cleanup site was used as a railroad

depot from 1908 to 1938, and later as a gas station and several restaurants. The 0.4-acre site, which is now vacant,

is contaminated with benzene, xylene, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, and metals. Grant funds also will be used

to remove four underground storage tanks and conduct community outreach activities.

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Fri 8/25/2017 8:45:40 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$30,000 Boxerwood Education Association Boosting Community Well-Being through Youth Green Teams
Boxerwood Education Association (BEA) will develop and pilot a replicable model to advance citizen-level environmental stewardship in under-resourced, rural or small-town populations. The pilot will target the town of Buena Vista, a former manufacturing town in economic decline with little access to recycling resulting in plastics polluting local waterways. A primary component of the model is the creation of youth action teams who collaborate with small-scale, local community institutions such as churches, volunteer fire stations, and pre-schools.
Grant No: 96352401-0

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From: Ringel, Aaron
Sent: Tue 5/23/2017 1:55:59 PM
Subject: Re: Thank You

Our pleasure!

Sent from my iPhone

On May 23, 2017, at 9:52 AM, Deeley, Blake <Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov> wrote:

All,

Thanks again for your help with yesterday's Coal Caucus meeting. We really appreciate the Administrator's willingness to meet and work with the coal caucus. I hope he found the meeting as productive as the members did. I've received a lot of positive feedback.

-Blake

Blake Deeley| *Policy Advisor*

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To: taryn.fenske@mail.house.gov[taryn.fenske@mail.house.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Mon 5/15/2017 4:03:29 PM
Subject: Quote
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Taryn: Per our phone conversation, attached is a draft release that we plan on issuing as early as tomorrow announcing some local jobs grants. Would you all be interested in providing a quote?

Thank you for taking a look.

Let me know if you have any questions.

John Konkus

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Mon 7/10/2017 8:13:54 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$259,850 MT Department of Environmental Quality - Particulate Matter 2.5 (PM2.5)
With this project, the Montana Department of Environmental Quality plans, develops, maintains and improves a network to study fine particulates and their distribution in several areas of the state. This award provides funding to the State to operate and maintain a network to monitor ambient levels at sites within the State, maintain a database and report results to the Environmental Protection Agency. Increase of Funds.
Grant No: 96839001-1

$120,465 Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes - Brownfield Tribal Response Program
This project provides funding for the Confederaed Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) response program that includes timely survey and inventory of brownfield sites; oversight and enforcement authorities to ensure that response actions protect human health and the environment; resources to provide meaningful public involvement; mechanisms for approval of a cleanup plans and verification of complete responses.
Grant No: 98881314-5

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To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Hall, Travis
Sent: Thur 7/27/2017 6:02:01 PM
Subject: RE: Grant Release

Hi, John. Below is a statement attributable to Congressman Gianforte:

"I look forward to seeing the Montana Department of Environmental Quality use this funding to protect the quality of Montana's treasured lakes, streams, and rivers," said Montana Congressman Greg Gianforte. "These grants will also help ensure Montanans, particularly those in our rural communities, have access to healthier drinking water."

Apologies for the delay.

Will you please add me to your distribution? Is this going to MT press?

Thanks, John.

Travis

Travis Hall

Communications Director

Congressman Greg Gianforte, MT-AL

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202.603.0439 (c)

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 5:03 PM

To: Hall, Travis <Travis.Hall@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Grant Release

Yes that is fine. Thank you Travis.

From: Hall, Travis [mailto:Travis.Hall@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 5:01 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Grant Release

We've been jammed up today with wildfires in MT and FEMA. I will get something to you asap, but it may be tomorrow. Is that okay? Apologies, John.

Travis Hall

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Congressman Greg Gianforte, MT-AL

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From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:41 AM
To: Hall, Travis <Travis.Hall@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Grant Release

We can wait as long as it take to get a quote from the Congressman. Our target way today, but we can wait.

From: Hall, Travis [mailto:Travis.Hall@mail.house.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:39 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Grant Release

Hi, John. Working on this now. Going through our still-growing policy shop. Will get back to you asap. What's your timing here? Thanks, John.

Travis Hall

Communications Director

Congressman Greg Gianforte, MT-AL

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From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 12:00 PM
To: Hall, Travis <Travis.Hall@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Grant Release

Travis: Per the phone message I just left with your office, we are set to announce a substantial environmental grant to Montana this week on, Wednesday July 26. Our draft press release is attached. We would be pleased to include a quote from the Congressman if that is something you're interested in.

I'll follow up tomorrow with another phone call.

Thank you and please let me know if you have any questions.

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Thur 6/8/2017 7:59:40 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$80000 Chickaloon Native Village- Chickaloon Native Village TRP FY17

This project provides funding for the Native Village of Chickaloon response program that includes timely survey and inventory of brownfield sites; oversight and enforcement authorities to ensure that response actions protect human health and the environment; resources to provide meaningful public involvement; mechanisms for approval of cleanup plans and verification of complete responses.

Grant #: 01J24602-0

$4750 Chignik Bay Tribal Council- Indian General Assistance Program

Adds to the already approved/funded Emergency Preparedness work in the 2018 award to secure supplies and conduct training that build capacity to better prepare the community for the increasing likelihood of wildfire events.

Grant #: 01J09001-3

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To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Haverly , Jordan
Sent: Tue 5/2/2017 4:01:58 PM
Subject: Re: Draft release for tomorrow

John –

Here is a quote from Congressman Shimkus for the release. Happy to make changes if there's anything you have an issue with, but it's pretty consistent with what he's been saying.

"It's exciting to have an EPA Administrator who recognizes that environmental protection and economic prosperity are not mutually exclusive goals," said Shimkus. "I look forward to working with my colleagues and Administrator Pruitt to refocus EPA on its core responsibilities, and restore principles of cooperative federalism to environmental policymaking."

See you tomorrow,

Jordan

Jordan Haverly

Communications Director

Congressman John Shimkus (IL-15)

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From: "Konkus, John" <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Date: Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 10:55 AM
To: "Haverly , Jordan" <Jordan.Haverly@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Draft release for tomorrow

Jordan: Below is a DRAFT press release for tomorrow's meeting. Do you think you can get a quote from the Congressman today in advance? Thank you!

EPA Administrator Pruitt and Representative Shimkus meet to discuss environmental and economic issues important to Illinois and the nation

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Washington, D.C. – Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt met with U.S. Representative John Shimkus (IL-15) on Wednesday in the Congressman's Washington D.C. office. The two discussed environmental and economic issues important to both the nation and the people of the State of Illinois.

"I appreciated the opportunity to meet with Congressman Shimkus today and discuss the issues important to our nation and to the people of Illinois," said Administrator Pruitt. "The people of Illinois and their elected representatives deserve an EPA that is focused on the basics of protecting the environment, engaging with state and local partners, and ensuring sensible regulations for economic growth."

<INSERT QUOTE FROM CONGRSSMAN>

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Pictured: EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt and Congressman John Shimkus (IL-15) meet on Capitol Hill.

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Fri 6/16/2017 2:26:05 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$100,000 Illinois Environmental Protection Agency IEPA - NL Industries/Taracorp Site

The work to be accomplished is to provide Remediation of Residential Sites, Restoration of lawn areas for remedial residential properties, Pre-Final/Final Inspections, Final Inspection Report, Project Management Support, and Implementation of Contingency Measures.

Grant No: 00E02120-0

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Tue 6/6/2017 8:24:12 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$458,234.00 AL Dept of Environmental Management

Performance Partnership Grant This action approves an award to support the State of Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) efforts to protect citizens and the environment by reducing air pollution, improving water quality through permitting and enforcement and compliance efforts, reducing hazardous waste and improving waste management, preserving underground drinking water sources, and returning Brownfields safely to productive use.

Grant #: 96464617-4

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Tue 5/30/2017 7:04:39 PM
Subject: US EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Cleanup Grant:

$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Town of Berwick for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be

used to clean up the Prime Tanning Company's Blue Sort Building at 35 Sullivan Street. Tannery operations

occurred at the site from approximately 1930 until 2008, when the mill closed and the Prime Tanning owners filed

for bankruptcy protection. The site previously had various manufacturing uses, including wool pulling, sash and

door manufacturing, laundry operations, shoe manufacturing, and lumber activities. The site is contaminated with

polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons. Grant funds also will be used for cleanup planning and community involvement

activities.

Assessment Grants:

$200,000 for hazardous substances

$100,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Hallowell for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide

hazardous

substances grant funds will be used to conduct four Phase I and four Phase II environmental site assessments, and

develop four cleanup plans. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct four Phase I and three

Phase II environmental site assessments, and develop three cleanup plans. Grant funds of both types also will be

used to support community outreach activities. Assessment activities will focus on downtown Hallowell, the

riverfront, and surrounding neighborhoods.

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From: Konkus, John
Sent: Thur 5/18/2017 8:22:58 PM
Subject: FW: EPA Grant Award

Allen: Our folks notified your office earlier today about this grant below. Would you all be interested in working with us on a press release? We are happy to write one and send it with a quote from the Congressman or we can provide you the information on the grant and a quote from the Administrator if you like.

Thank you for considering,

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Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$23,709.00 Clemson University- Pollution Prevention Incentives States

This action provides funding to Clemson University for a pollution prevention effort that will focus on economy, energy, and environmental issues working with manufacturers. The project will provide technical assistance by customized, hands-on assessment of production processes to reduce energy consumption, minimize carbon footprints and prevent pollution.

Grant #: 00D41717-1

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Thur 6/1/2017 4:33:08 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Cleanup Grant

$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Pensacola for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be

used to clean up the Community Maritime Park property on the 300 Block West Main Street. The cleanup site is a 35-

acre submerged area of Pensacola Bay, which historically housed commercial piers, an industrial repair dry dock

for commercial ships, and a railroad freight terminal. It contains more than 500 creosote-treated poles and is also

contaminated with polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons. Grant funds also will be used to implement a Brownfields

Advisory Council and support other community outreach activities.

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Sent: Wed 6/21/2017 9:34:29 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$568,867 PA Dept of Environmental Protection- Pennsylvania Public Water System Supervision

This agreement provides support for and implementation of a public water system supervision program adequate to enforce the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
Grant No: 00336517-2

$27,000 Darby Creek Valley Association- TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT - LOWER DARBY CREEK SUPERFUND SITE

This project will enable the recipient to receive technical assistance from one or more technical advisors to interpret and review technical information related to the Lower Darby Creek Superfund site. By interpreting, analyzing, and evaluating the information, the technical advisor(s) will aid the recipient in commenting more productively and effectively on remedial

activities at the site.
Grant No: 97318001-9

$68,300 The Pennsylvania State University- Watershed Modeling

Provides modeling support for the Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) partnership to inform decision-making on the implementation of the most cost-effective, efficient, and targeted nutrient and sediment reduction actions. Objectives include developing a plan for the next generation CB Watershed Model; developing and refining Bay Watershed Model calibration, verification and uncertainty tools; developing Bay Watershed Model application and analysis; and carrying out team and work group support.
Grant No: 96351401-1

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Cc: Jackson, Ryan[jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
From: Deeley, Blake
Sent: Tue 5/23/2017 1:51:37 PM
Subject: Thank You

All,

Thanks again for your help with yesterday's Coal Caucus meeting. We really appreciate the Administrator's willingness to meet and work with the coal caucus. I hope he found the meeting as productive as the members did. I've received a lot of positive feedback.

-Blake

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Sent: Fri 8/25/2017 8:44:35 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$1312000 TX TCEQ - Texas Commission on Environmental Quality TCEQ FY18 LUST Prevention Program

This agreement provides assistance to the recipient to operate a state program to protect against

leaks from underground storage tank systems. Activities include: Energy Policy Act (EPAct) related release prevention activities such as secondary containment and operator training; supporting states with inspections (including training inspectors), enforcement, and compliance assurance activities related for federally-regulated underground storage tank (UST) systems; and database management activities related to release prevention.
Grant No: 00640512-0

$50000 TX RRCTX - Railroad Commission of Texas TX RRC Brownfields 128a State Response Program
This project provides funding for the Railroad Commission of Texas's response program that includes timely survey and inventory of brownfield sites; oversight and enforcement authorities to ensure that response actions protect human health and the environment; resources to provide meaningful public involvement; mechanisms for approval of a cleanup plans and verification of complete responses. Additionally RRCTX plans to conduct site specific assessment and/or cleanup activities, outreach activities and technical assistance.
Grant No: 00F68001-7

$175000 TX TCEQ - Texas Commission on Environmental Quality TCEQ Brownfields 128a State Response Program
This project provides funding for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's response program that includes timely survey and inventory of brownfield sites; oversight and enforcement authorities to ensure that response actions protect human health and the environment; resources to provide meaningful public involvement; mechanisms for approval of a cleanup plans and verification of complete responses.
Grant No: 00F67501-8

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Cc: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Milbourn, Cathy
Sent: Mon 5/15/2017 3:29:32 PM
Subject: EPA Awards Grant to Mobile Bay National Estuary Program: Protecting Natural Resources and Strengthening Local Economies

Hello Seth,

The press release regarding the Mobile Bay grant is attached below. We are putting the release out today.

Thank you in advance for Congressman Byrne's quote.

Best,

Cathy Milbourn

EPA Awards Grant to Mobile Bay National Estuary Program: Protecting Natural Resources and Strengthening Local Economies

CONTACT:
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 15, 2017

WASHINGTON – The Environmental Protection Agency announced today that the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program will receive approximately $344,000 in the form of a federal grant appropriated by Congress to conserve and improve working waterfronts and preserve fishing communities, within its 71,500 square mile watershed.

"Having a healthy Mobile Bay is vital to the environmental and economic health of America," said **EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt.** "Productive fisheries are the foundation of many coastal communities and they need to be protected, and the National Estuary Program is a place-based program that is helping to protect and restore the water quality and ecological integrity of estuaries of national significance."

Download B-Roll: https://www.dvidshub.net/video/521939/epa-awards-grant-mobile-bay-national-estuary-program **– Bernice Smith, PhD., EPA Costal Management Branch Chief,** "The Mobile Bay Grant will be used to improve and conserve water dependent businesses**;** working waterfronts as well as fisheries communities."

"The Mobile Bay Watershed is critical to strengthening our state's economy and protecting our natural resources," said **Roberta Swann, Director of the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program.** "These EPA funds will help continue the good work of the citizens of Alabama to preserve their watershed, the aquatic life that depends on clean water, and the many jobs that depend on a healthy Mobile Bay."

"The Mobile Bay National Estuaries Program has a long history of bringing various stakeholders together to work collectively on implementing our local Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan," said **Mark Berte, the Executive Director of the Alabama Coastal** Foundation and Co-Chair of the NEP's Community Resources Committee. "This EPA grant will help further that Plan by improving both our environment and economy, which are intrinsically linked."

About the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program

Footage: https://youtu.be/aTyfRYKe90c – Mobile Bay National Estuary. Members of the media interested in down loading this footage should contact Bethany Dicky, bdickey@mobilebaynep.com, 251-459-8870.

Established in 1995, the Mobile Bay program has enhanced public awareness of key management challenges through community meetings and support for volunteer monitoring by citizens. Local governments and businesses have been active participants in supporting watershed activities to realize the valuable economic and environmental benefits being achieved. At present, Mobile Bay National Estuary Program is coordinating the development and implementation of watershed management plans for all of the tidally influenced watersheds covering drainage areas along the Alabama coast from Mississippi to Florida. For example, the stakeholder recommendations for the D'Olive Creek Watershed Management Plan has resulted in restoration of 9,520 linear feet of degraded streams, reduction of 4,700 tons/year of sediment delivery, 63 acres of restored riparian buffer and wetlands, and over a 90 percent reduction in sediment loads, positively impacting sea grass beds in D'Olive Bay and Mobile Bay.

Since 1987, the EPA National Estuary Program has made a unique and lasting contribution to the protection and restoration of estuaries on behalf of the nation's environmental and economic interests. A network of 28 National Estuary Programs is located along the Atlantic, Gulf, and Pacific coasts and in Puerto Rico. The NEP employs a watershed approach, extensive public participation and collaborative problem-solving and science-based approaches to address watershed challenges.

With this additional funding, the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program has received over $2.5 million in federal funding since 2013. The Mobile Bay National Estuary Program successfully leverages approximately $9 for every $1 dollar provided by EPA.

To learn more about the Mobile Bay Program, visit: http://www.mobilebaynep.com/

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Sent: Mon 7/10/2017 8:11:34 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$1,247,200 Kansas Department of Health and Environment - Kansas Nonpoint Source Pollution Control 2016-2018
This agreement supports implementation activities intended to eliminate or prevent water quality issues due to non-point source pollution.

Grant No: 00740523-2

$455,054 Kansas Department of Health and Environment - Kansas Hazardous Waste Management Program 2017
This funds Kansas' preventive program reducing and eliminating hazardous waste

Grant No: 00796417-1

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Thur 6/8/2017 7:28:21 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$62050 Sokaogon Chippewa Community- Performance Partnership Grant

This is a Performance Partnership Grant (PPG) to the Sokaogon Chippewa Community (SCC) consisting of funds for the Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 106 and Section 319. This award will enable SCC to continue to promote the development and implementation of watershed based plans focusing on watersheds with water quality impairments caused by nonpoint sources. The activities will result in improved water quality in impaired waters and to ensure all Tribal waters are clean and safe.

Grant #: 13E01028-4

$91000 Wisconsin Wildlife Federation- F.I.E.L.D. Corps: Supporting Hands On, Feet Wet Education

The Fostering Inquiry and Empowering Learners through Discover Corps (F.I.E.L.D.) project will help students develop a land ethic. This project will engage the students in meaningful academic learning implemented through community-based environmental stewardship projects that are an integrated part of the regular school curricula to advance educational reform.

Grant #: 00E02096-0

$84500 Oneida Nation- Performance Partnership Grant

This is a Performance Partnership Grant (PPG) to the Oneida Nation consisting of funds from the Clean Water Act Section 106 and Section 319. This award will enable Oneida Nation to continue to build tribal environmental capacity, and implement the water resource and nonpoint source programs. The activities are to protect human health and the environment.

Grant #: 01E02103-0

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Sent: Tue 5/2/2017 3:06:12 PM
Subject: Re: Draft release for tomorrow

Thanks, John. I'll get you a quote ASAP.

Jordan Haverly

Communications Director

Congressman John Shimkus (IL-15)

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Date: Tuesday, May 2, 2017 at 10:55 AM
To: "Haverly , Jordan" <Jordan.Haverly@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Draft release for tomorrow

Jordan: Below is a DRAFT press release for tomorrow's meeting. Do you think you can get a quote from the Congressman today in advance? Thank you!

EPA Administrator Pruitt and Representative Shimkus meet to discuss environmental and economic issues important to Illinois and the nation

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Washington, D.C. – Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt met with U.S. Representative John Shimkus (IL-15) on Wednesday in the Congressman's Washington D.C. office. The two discussed environmental and economic issues important to both the nation and the people of the State of Illinois.

"I appreciated the opportunity to meet with Congressman Shimkus today and discuss the issues important to our nation and to the people of Illinois," said Administrator Pruitt. "The people of Illinois and their elected representatives deserve an EPA that is focused on the basics of protecting the environment, engaging with state and local partners, and ensuring sensible regulations for economic growth."

<INSERT QUOTE FROM CONGRSSMAN>

Multimedia Assets:

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Pictured: EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt and Congressman John Shimkus (IL-15) meet on Capitol Hill.

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Sent: Tue 5/30/2017 7:00:45 PM
Subject: US EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Assessment Grant:

$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments for a brownfields assessment grant.

Community-wide hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct up to six Phase I and up to four Phase

II environmental site assessments, and prepare four cleanup plans. Grant funds also will be used to support

community outreach activities. The target areas will be the Cities of Lewiston and Auburn, and Towns of Rumford

and Wilton, which are along the Androscoggin River.

Assessment Grant:

$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Bangor for a brownfields assessment grant. Community-wide hazardous substances

grant funds will be used to conduct five Phase I and four Phase II environmental site assessments. Grant funds also

will be used to update a brownfields inventory, prepare four cleanup plans, and support community outreach

activities.

Assessment Grants:

$200,000 for hazardous substances

$100,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Maine Department of Environmental Protection for two brownfields assessment grants.

Community-wide hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct seven Phase I and six Phase II

environmental site assessments, and develop three cleanup plans. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be

used to conduct three Phase I and three Phase II environmental site assessments, and develop two cleanup plans.

Grant funds of both types also will be used to support community outreach activities, including three public

meetings. Assessment activities will focus on the Towns of Millinocket, East Millinocket, and Lincoln.

Cleanup Grant:

$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected Our Katahdin for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to

clean up the 10,000-square foot former Miller's Department Store building at 230 Penobscot Avenue in Millinocket,

which has been vacant since 2008. Previous uses of the cleanup site include a bowling alley, cigar factory, jewelry

store, and department store. The site is contaminated with PCBs, heavy metals, and organic and inorganic

contaminants. Grant funds also will be used to conduct community outreach activities.

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From: Moffet, Erin
Sent: Fri 8/11/2017 2:04:49 PM
Subject: RE: EPA Grant Press Release

Oh that would be great! If we do that is it okay for us to go ahead and share the information with local stakeholders to have quotes to include in our release?

Erin M. Moffet | Communications Director
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From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 11:54 AM
To: Moffet, Erin <Erin.Moffet@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Grant Press Release

Another option Erin, you can take the info in our draft release and use it to put out your own release. We'd let you go out with yours first. We do this with Members all the time. Here's some recent examples:

Sen. Van Hollen: https://www.vanhollen.senate.gov/content/van-hollen-cardin-announce-more-300-million-clean-water-maryland

Rep. Curbello: https://curbelo.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=1499

Rep. Stefanik: https://stefanik.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/stefanik-applauds-great-lakes-restoration-initiative-grant

Thanks again,

John

From: Moffet, Erin [mailto:Erin.Moffet@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 11:20 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Grant Press Release

Such great news! Let me run by my boss, but I'm sure he'd like to include a quote. What is your deadline on this?

Best,

Erin

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Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 11:13 AM
To: Moffet, Erin <Erin.Moffet@mail.house.gov>
Subject: EPA Grant Press Release

Good morning Erin. Per my phone call, we are planning to send the attached release later this month and wanted to see if the Congressman would be interested in providing a quote to be included as noted.

Thank you for taking a look.

John Konkus

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Sent: Thur 5/18/2017 7:46:20 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant for your state/ district has been signed:

$240,952.00 WV Dept of Environmental Protection -State Response Program

This amendment provides funding to the State of West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) for their State Response Program includes timely survey and inventory of brownfield sites; oversight and enforcement authorities to ensure that response actions protect human health and the environment; resources to provide meaningful public involvement; mechanism for approval of a cleanup plan and verification of complete responses. Additionally, their work includes enhancement of their public record and site-specific assessment activities.

Grant #: 97384602-2

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Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Cleanup Grants

$400,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of DeLand for two brownfields cleanup grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be

used to clean up the 20-acre former Needle Park parcel at 1777 Langley Avenue and the 70-acre Navy Dump parcel

at 163 Old Daytona Road. Both parcels were part of the former Naval Training Center operation during World War II

and are contaminated with metals from non-regulated dumping activities. Grant funds for both sites also will be

used to conduct community involvement and outreach activities, including publishing materials in Spanish.

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Sent: Wed 6/21/2017 9:30:37 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$174,814 OK Dept of Agriculture Food and Forestry- FY17 FIFRA Cooperative Agreement for ODAFF

This cooperative agreement aids the State of Oklahoma's implementation of pesticide regulatory and enforcement programs. This agreement will result in reduced pesticide exposure to agricultural workers and handlers, protection of water resources from pesticides, and protection of endangered species.
Grant No: 00635417-1

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Fri 8/25/2017 8:43:30 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$52,518,000 PA Infrastructure Investment Authority Clean Water State Revolving Fund
To continue capitalizing the Pennsylvania Clean Water State Revolving Fund to provide a long term source of financing for construction of projects and other water quality management activities eligible under Section 603 (c) of the Clean Water Act as amended by the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014.
Grant No: 42000117-0

$30,000 Women for a Healthy Environment A Community Education Campaign: Lead in Pittsburgh
This project will provide education and outreach to community residents of Pittsburgh about public health risks associated with lead exposure and will provide solutions for reducing such risk. The project will develop a comprehensive educational awareness campaign on the sources of lead, its health impacts, strategies that can be taken to reduce those risks, and community training that focuses on equipping citizens with tools and resources to engage with decision-makers and advance policies and plans that address lead exposures.
Grant No: 96352301-0

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To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Hall, Travis
Sent: Wed 7/26/2017 9:01:00 PM
Subject: RE: Grant Release

We've been jammed up today with wildfires in MT and FEMA. I will get something to you asap, but it may be tomorrow. Is that okay? Apologies, John.

Travis Hall

Communications Director

Congressman Greg Gianforte, MT-AL

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202.603.0439 (c)

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:41 AM
To: Hall, Travis <Travis.Hall@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Grant Release

We can wait as long as it take to get a quote from the Congressman. Our target way today, but we can wait.

From: Hall, Travis [mailto:Travis.Hall@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:39 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Grant Release

Hi, John. Working on this now. Going through our still-growing policy shop. Will get back to you asap. What's your timing here? Thanks, John.

Travis Hall

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From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 12:00 PM
To: Hall, Travis <Travis.Hall@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Grant Release

Travis: Per the phone message I just left with your office, we are set to announce a substantial environmental grant to Montana this week on, Wednesday July 26. Our draft press release is attached. We would be pleased to include a quote from the Congressman if that is something you're interested in.

I'll follow up tomorrow with another phone call.

Thank you and please let me know if you have any questions.

John Konkus

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Mon 7/10/2017 8:09:44 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$335,100 CO Department of Public Health and Environment - Colorado PM2.5 Monitoring Program
With this project the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment plans, develops, maintains and improves a network to study fine particulates and their distribution in several areas of the state. This award provides funding to the State to operate and maintain a network to monitor ambient levels at sites within the State, maintain a database and report on results to the Environmental Protection Agency. Increase of Funds.
Grant No: 96837501-1

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To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Wilbur, Tom
Sent: Tue 5/2/2017 2:13:49 PM
Subject: RE: Wednesday

Hey John –

All of this sounds great. Let's stay in touch.

Thanks,

Tom

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 01, 2017 4:57 PM
To: Wilbur, Tom <Tom.Wilbur@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Wednesday

Tom: Good to talk with your earlier today. As discussed we would like to send a press release following the meeting with the Administrator on Wednesday. We will send it to a press list targeted in your state to try and get some play back home for you and get some outside the beltway pick-up. We will enhance the press release with the following multimedia components:

*Quote from both the Administrator and Member. I'll send you a draft quote if you can also send me a draft of your Member's quote in advance.

*Photograph and b-roll video of the start (first 30 seconds) of the meeting.

*Audio/radio actuality from the Member following the meeting.

*Video clip b-roll of Member's comments following the meeting.

*For these last two points, we would set up in the Member's outer office or hallway (up to you where we set up so we're out of the way) and, standing off camera, ask him two questions to

prompt a good response we can clip and use. This entire Q&A won't last more than 60-90 seconds. Questions would be: How did the meeting with the new EPA Administrator go? What does this meeting mean for your constituents back home?

*NOTE: These enhancements greatly increase the likelihood of local pick-up as local TV, radio and print will be able to use these components to easily build a package.

My crew of four will arrive at your office about 5 -10 mins in advance of the Administrator. We will set up in the office for the initial photo and video of the first 30 seconds of the meeting. Then we'll leave the Member's office and go and set up for the brief interview immediately following the meeting.

Please let me know if you have any questions and thank you for helping make this a great meeting that your home state media will be happy to cover!

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Thur 6/8/2017 7:26:34 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$369000 NV Dept of Cons & Ntrl Res- NDEP State Response Program Cooperative Agreement

This Cooperative Agreement's project objective is to support Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) by providing funding for the further development and enhancement of their State Response Program/Brownfield Program and the associated public record, as well as supporting their ability to conduct site-specific activities such as site assessments requested by citizens. This program support will strengthen NDEP's ability to respond to contaminated sites.

Grant #: 99T41601-1

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From: Bastomski, Gabriel
Sent: Thur 6/15/2017 9:07:56 PM
Subject: Release: Reps. Russell, Moulton Issue Joint Statement in Response to Virginia Shooting

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE CONTACT: Gabriel Bastomski
June 15, 2017 202.225.2132

Reps. Russell, Moulton Issue Joint Statement in Response to Virginia Shooting

Washington, DC – Today, Congressmen Steve Russell (R-OK) and Seth Moulton (D-MA) issued a joint statement in response to the June 14 shooting at the Republican congressional baseball practice in Alexandria, VA. Russell and Moulton serve as chairmen of the Congressional Warrior Caucus, a bipartisan group of combat veterans and warriors committed to rising above partisan politics to address national security issues.

Their joint statement: "As former combat veterans, we understand the trauma our colleagues are going through and our thoughts and prayers are with them, their staff, families, and all those impacted by yesterday's tragic event. Our nation was founded under the principle of e pluribus unum--out of many, one. Whether it is playing baseball together as one Congress, or eagerly working to share and debate our ideas, we must use a level of civility that should serve as an example for the nation, united in purpose to serve the American people. The Congressional Warrior Caucus remains committed – now more than ever – to rising above partisan politics and division to improve our great republic."

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Tue 5/30/2017 6:56:26 PM
Subject: US EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Assessment Grant

$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Shelton for a brownfields assessment grant. Community-wide hazardous substances

grant funds will be used to update three Phase I environmental site assessments, conduct three Phase II

environmental site assessments, and prepare three cleanup plans. Grant funds also will be used to support

community outreach activities, including community meetings and updates to the city's brownfields website.

Assessment activities will focus on the Shelton Canal and Industrial District.

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To: Kelly, Melissa[Melissa.Kelly@mail.house.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Thur 5/18/2017 7:13:12 PM
Subject: Draft release

DRAFT – Do you all want to give a quote now, or I can use the audio I capture after the meeting.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 19, 2017

EPA Administrator Pruitt and U.S. Representative Pete Olson Discuss Issues Facing Texas' Environment and Economy

WASHINGTON — EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt and Texas Congressman Pete Olson (TX-22) met on Friday to discuss clean air policy and other issues vitally important to Texas, its environment, and its economy.

"Congressman Olson understands how important it is for EPA to work with municipalities and states across Texas and America to help them reach compliance under the Clean Air Act," **said Administrator Scott Pruitt.** "In addition to our discussion on national clean air policy, it was good to speak with the Congressman about environmental issue important to the people of Brazoria, Fort Bend and Harris Counties."

Congressman Pete Olson said, "INSER QUOTE."

Download an HD audio clip of Congressman Olson here: INSERT LINK

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EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt (R) and Congressman Pete Olson (L) Meet in Washington, D.C.

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Thur 8/10/2017 8:25:10 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$56,000 National Older Worker Career Center - Senior Environmental Employment Program for the Office of the Administrator
This cooperative agreement will provide support for Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program enrollees to work with the Office of the Administrator, Washington, DC,
Grant No: 83562701-9

$100,000 Environmental Council of the States - Interstate Technology Regulatory Council (2014 - 2019)
The recipient will support interstate teams that evaluate innovative and alternative treatment and characterization technologies for hazardous site remediation. These teams of state agency personnel will develop technical and regulatory analyses and guidance for alternative and innovative remediation and also develop site assessment technologies and strategies and convey that information to the states.
Grant No: 83577001-4

$155,551 National Older Worker Career Center - Senior Environmental Employment Program for Office of Radiation and Indoor Air
This cooperative agreement will provide funding to support Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program enrollees working at the Office of Radiation and Indoor Air, Office of Air and Radiation, Washington, DC.
Grant No: 83697701-2

$204,400 National Older Worker Career Center - Senior Environmental Employment Program OCEFT, Enforcement Compliance
This cooperative agreement will provide funding to support Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program enrollees working with the Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Washington, DC.
Grant No: 83750001-2

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Sent: Thur 6/1/2017 3:49:18 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Assessment Grants

$200,000 for hazardous substances

$100,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Bowling Green for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous

substances and petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct 12 Phase I and eight Phase II environmental site

assessments, and prepare four cleanup plans. Grant funds also will be used to update a brownfields inventory, and

support community outreach activities.

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 6/21/2017 9:25:16 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$25,800 Ohio Environmental Protection Agency- Federal Fiscal Year 2017 Underground Injection Control

This project will allow the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to continue administering their Underground Injection Control (UIC) Program to regulate Class I, II, IV, and V wells, and to ensure that underground sources of drinking water are protected from endangering injection activities. The anticipated work activities include administration, permitting, compliance monitoring, field surveillance and inspection, education and outreach, training, data management, mechanical integrity testing and land ban coordination.
Grant No: 01E01587-2

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Fri 8/25/2017 8:42:09 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$125,000 Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma GAP FY15-18
The objectives of this project are to develop the capability to manage specific programs and establish a core program for environmental protection. The specific project activities include building environmental capacity to manage an environmental department, build wetland program, manage solid/hazardous waste, and staff training.
Grant No: 00F86401-2

$150,400 Osage Nation Osage Nation Underground Injection (UIC) Program
The Osage Nation will carry out activities necessary to permit and monitor the construction and operation of underground Injection wells in a manner that protects human health & underground sources of drinking water in the Osage Nation, Oklahoma. The Osage Nation will conduct well testing and inspecting, enforcement and compliance, and permitting of injection wells.
Grant No: 01F23501-4

$10,712,000 OK WRB - Oklahoma Water Resources Board Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF)
These funds will be used by the State of Oklahoma to provide loans and other types of financial assistance (not grants) to local communities and intermunicipal and interstate agencies for wastewater improvements. The effect of the financing will be improved water quality in streams, lakes, rivers and bays, with resulting benefits to aquatic life and for use as drinking water sources; and/or elimination of disease from health hazards like raw sewage discharges.
Grant No: 40000217-0

$100,000 OK DEQ - OK Dept of Env Quality Superfund Tar Creek Operable Unit (OU-2) Remedial Design (RD)
This project provides funding for conducting site characterization activities at potential or confirmed hazardous waste sites. Also, undertakes response planning and implementation actions at referenced sites listed on the National Priorities List (NPL).
Grant No: 00F95901-4

$65,200 Oklahoma Corporation Commission OCC Brownfields 128a State Response Program
This project provides funding for the Oklahoma Corporation Commission's response program that includes timely survey and inventory of brownfield sites; oversight and enforcement authorities to ensure that response actions protect human health and the environment; resources to provide meaningful public involvement; mechanisms for approval of a cleanup plans and verification of complete responses.
Grant No: 00F69301-7

$145,000 OK DEQ - OK Dept of Env Quality ODEQ Brownfields 128a State Response Program
This project provides funding for the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality's response program that includes timely survey and inventory of Brownfields sites; oversight and enforcement authorities to ensure that response actions protect human health and the environment; resources to provide meaningful public involvement; mechanisms for approval of a cleanup plans and verification of complete responses.
Grant No: 00F70401-7

$339,500 OK DEQ - OK Dept of Env Quality Superfund Consolidated 3
This project provides funding to ODEQ to supplement their Core, Site Assessment, and Management Assistance Programs, to conduct site characterization activities at potential hazardous waste sites, and to effectively implement the statutory requirement of CERCLA 121(f) which mandates substantial and meaningful State involvement. This award will also extend the project and budget period to 06/30/2018.
Grant No: 01F02701-4

$13,279,000 OK DEQ - OK Dept of Env Quality Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)
To provide federal funds to the State of Oklahoma for the purpose of providing loan assistance to eligible public water systems for infrastructure improvements needed to ensure safe drinking water and to provide funds for the following types of set-aside activities: Administrative, Small

Systems Technical Assistance, Local Assistance and State Programs Management.
Grant No: 98681417-0

$25,000 Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma Kickapoo Tribe of OK 128a Tribal Response Program
This project provides funding for the Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma's response program that includes timely survey and inventory of brownfield sites; oversight and enforcement authorities to ensure that response actions protect human health and the environment; resources to provide meaningful public involvement; mechanisms for approval of a cleanup plans and verification of complete responses.
Grant No: 01F07501-3

$45,656 Absentee Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma Absentee Shawnee 128a Tribal Response Program
This project provides funding for the Absentee Shawnee Tribe's response program that includes timely survey and inventory of brownfield sites; oversight and enforcement authorities to ensure that response actions protect human health and the environment; resources to provide meaningful public involvement; mechanisms for approval of a cleanup plans and verification of complete responses.
Grant No: 00F74701-7

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Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$29,967 TN Dept of Environment and Conservation Toxic Substances Compliance Monitoring
This action provides partial funding to the State of Tennessee 's ongoing program to conduct compliance and monitoring inspections on behalf of Environmental Protection Agency at facilities using high concentrated polyclorinated biphenyls (PCBs) --including users, transporters, commercial storers and disposers of PCB to insure comnpliance with EPA rules, guidance, and policies.
Grant Number: 96412017-1

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Sent: Mon 7/10/2017 8:08:11 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$158,000 Native Village of Chignik Lagoon - Indian General Assistance Program
Maintain environmental office, ensure compliant implementation of workplan; collaborate to develop IGAP desk guide. Collect materials for recycle/repurpose-reduce waste stream; extend life of landfill; assist with landfill operations. Document observations of climate/weather changes; research alternative energy & educate community; develop Small Community Emergency Response Plan (SCERP); develop/adopt weather data Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP). Assess indoor/outdoor air pollution sources (airport/road dust/wood smoke/mold); collaborate to find solutions. Renovate recycling center.
Grant No: 01J16401-1

$120,000 Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium - ANTHC Brownfields Tribal Response Program FY 16-17
This project provides funding for Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium Response Program that includes timely survey and inventory of brownfield sites; oversight and enforcement authorities to ensure that response actions protect human health and the environment; resources to provide meaningful public involvement; mechanisms for approval of cleanup plans and verification of complete responses.
Grant No: 00J26507-1

$108,000 Sitka Tribe of Alaska - Sitka Tribe of Alaska Tribal Response Program
This project provides funding for a Sitka Tribe response program that includes timely survey and inventory of brownfield sites; oversight and enforcement authorities to ensure that response actions protect human health and the environment; resources to provide meaningful public involvement; mechanisms for approval of cleanup plans and verification of complete responses. The Sitka Tribe of Alaska will partner with federal and state agencies to evaluate the impacts of historic mine site contamination..
Grant No: 01J05302-1

$5,000 Yupiit of Andreafski - Indian General Assistance Program (IGAP)
Yupiit of Andreafski will build capacity in managing environmental issues through training and building relationships with other communities. The tribe will prioritize the environmental issues, publish news and host community education meetings and seminars. The tribe will work with

other entities for solid waste

solutions. Landfill issues will be addressed and the recycling department will continue to prevent unnecessary items from filling the landfill.
Grant No: 01J03701-3

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From: Hunter, Zach
Sent: Mon 5/1/2017 9:59:32 PM
Subject: Re: Wednesday

Thank you, John.

We'll work through this on our end and get back to you ASAP.

Best,
Zach

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From: "Konkus, John" <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Date: Monday, May 1, 2017 at 4:46 PM
To: "Hunter, Zach" <Zach.Hunter@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Wednesday

Zach: Good to talk with your earlier today. As discussed we would like to send a press release following the meeting with the Administrator on Wednesday. We will send it to a press list targeted in your state to try and get some play back home for you and get some outside the beltway pick-up. We will enhance the press release with the following multimedia components:

*Quote from both the Administrator and Member. I'll send you a draft quote if you can also send me a draft of your Member's quote in advance.

*Photograph and b-roll video of the start (first 30 seconds) of the meeting.

*Audio/radio actuality from the Member following the meeting.

*Video clip b-roll of Member's comments following the meeting.

*For these last two points, we would set up in the Member's outer office or hallway (up to you where we set up so we're out of the way) and, standing off camera, ask him two questions to prompt a good response we can clip and use. This entire Q&A won't last more than 60-90 seconds. Questions would be: How did the meeting with the new EPA Administrator go? What does this meeting mean for your constituents back home?

*NOTE: These enhancements greatly increase the likelihood of local pick-up as local TV, radio and print will be able to use these components to easily build a package.

My crew of four will arrive at your office about 5 -10 mins in advance of the Administrator. We will set up in the office for the initial photo and video of the first 30 seconds of the meeting. Then we'll leave

the Member's office and go and set up for the brief interview immediately following the meeting.

Please let me know if you have any questions and thank you for helping make this a great meeting that your home state media will be happy to cover!

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Sent: Thur 6/8/2017 7:24:36 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$19,736 Fond Du Lac Band of Chippewa- Fond du Lac Band Performance Partnership

This award is a Performance Partnership Grant (PPG) combining funds under the Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 105, Clean Water Act Section (CWA) Section 106, CWA Section 319, and the Indian General Assistance Program (GAP). This project will enable the Fond du Lac Band to plan, develop, and establish the capability for implementing environmental protection programs. The Band will also sustain the programmatic activities of the Tribal Air Program and continue to implement the water resource and nonpoint source programs.

Grant #: 96556211-1

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Thur 5/18/2017 4:47:50 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grants from your state/district has been signed:

$353,866.00 SD Department of Environment and Natural Resources

State and Tribal Response Program/Brownfields funding for FFY-2017

This project provides funding for the SD DENR response program that includes timely survey and inventory of brownfield sites; oversight and enforcement authorities to ensure that response actions protect human health and the environment; resources to provide meaningful public involvement; mechanisms for approval of a cleanup plans and verification of complete responses. Increase of Funds.

Grant #: 97895701-3

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$2,636,347 CA State Water Res Ctrl Brd - FY17 Public Water System Supervision
The objectives of this project are to ensure the full and effective administration of the public water system supervision program. The purpose of this program is to protect the public health of residents and visitors to the State of California by ensuring that public water systems provide safe drinking water through compliance with the national primary drinking water regulations. The recipient will utilize the grant to fund the Division of Drinking Water drinking water related program activities such as regulation adoption, regulation implementation, enforcement, data management, plan and specification review and permitting of new and renovated public water systems, etc., to protect public health and maintain primary enforcement authority.

This assistance agreement provides an additional partial funding in the amount of $2,636,347 to fully fund this grant. The budget and project period remains the same.
Grant No: 00909917-1

$115,100 Mooretown Rancheria - GENERAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
The project will expand grantee's program to include amending the environmental inventory, finalizing a hazardous waste ordinance, and testing as well as evaluating outreach strategies targeting youth at the tribal day care and youth group as well as general administrative and financial management of this grant.
Grant No: 99T56801-1
Districts: CA-1, CA-3

$60,000 Fort Bidwell Indian Community - FY-18 WATER POLLUTION CONTROL
The grantee's activities include establishing water quality standards, conducting water quality monitoring, training environmental staff, and educating the tribal community on the importance of water quality. This award provides federal funding in the amount of $60,000.
Grant No: 00T87618-0

Districts: CA-1

$32,443 National Older Worker Career Center - Senior Environmental Employment Program for Region 9 Operations
This cooperative agreement will provide funding to support Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program enrollees working at Region 9 Operations, San Francisco, CA.
Grant No: 83790001-1
Districts: CA-12

$102,115 Bay Area AQMD - CAA 103 Special Purpose Activities - National Air Toxics Trends Site (NATTS) Program
The purpose of this project is to monitor ambient concentration of air toxic compounds and address ambient air monitoring in San Jose, California.

The National Air Toxics Trends Site (NATTS) monitoring program was developed to monitor the ambient concentration of air toxic compounds and address the needs of the ambient air monitoring community.

This assistance agreement provides full federal funding in the amount of $156,500.00 which includes $54,385.00 for EPA In-kind for sampling and analysis services and extends the budget and project period end dates to 6/30/18.
Grant No: 99T39801-1
Districts: CA-19, CA-17

$888,293 South Coast AQMD - FY-2017 Air Pollution Control Program
This assistance agreement provides partial federal funding in the amount of $3,814,170. The purpose of this program is to provide continuing support for activities which include strategic planning and evaluation, compliance assistance, developing state implementation plans, monitoring air and emissions, rule making, operating permits and all other program related activities. This program provides funding in the amount of $161,000 to support four positions for four months to support of monitoring efforts at the city of Paramount and other communities and $100,000 for partial support for a Scanning Electron Microscope for metals analysis at Paramount and other communities. The program will protect and improve the air quality in the South Coast Air Basin and reduce the risks to human health and the environment.
Grant No: 00909417-1
Districts: CA-35, CA-39

$69,000 Table Mountain Rancheria - CAA 103 - Tribal Air Quality
The objective of this project is to help build the tribe's capacity to assess air quality conditions and to develop strategies to address air quality issues. The tribe will continue strategic planning and evaluation, compliance assistance, monitoring air emissions, rulemaking, and other program activities.

Grant No: 99T61201-0
Districts: CA-4, CA-16, CA-22

$30,000 Vista Community Clinic - ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PROGRAM - Empowering Domestic Workers to Address Environmental Quality
This project addresses the risks domestic workers face in the daily use of household cleaning and air freshening products related to the toxicity of these products, and their secondary negative environmental impact. The project focuses on educating domestic workers, identifying opportunities for reducing risks through precautionary measures and substitution of less toxic cleaning substances. Project includes training social service providers and peer outreach workers, and developing educational tools and needs assessment activities.

Grant No: 99T66901-0
Districts: CA-49, CA-50

$279,040 Air Resources Board - PM2.5 Monitoring Network
This project will monitor fine particulate matter with the diameter equal to or smaller than 2.5 micrometers (PM 2.5) in order to determine compliance with the PM 2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standards and determine deductions in air emissions.
Grant No: 00T41301-6
Districts: CA-6

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I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

Assessment Grant

$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Brea for a brownfields assessment grant. Site-specific hazardous substances grant

funds will be used to conduct Phase I and Phase II environmental site assessments at the Tracks at Brea, West End

Segment site. The site has been used by railroad companies for over 100 years as a rail line for transportation

commerce, and currently sits on an active railroad right-of-way. Grant funds also will be used to support community

involvement and cleanup planning activities.

Assessment Grant

$598,312 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Grass Valley for a brownfields assessment coalition grant. Community-wide hazardous

substances grant funds will be used to conduct at least three Phase I and five Phase II environmental site

assessments, and prepare at least three cleanup plans and two cleanup plan amendments for mine-scarred lands.

Grant funds also will be used to support public participation activities. Assessment activities will focus on minescarred

lands in northern California and western Nevada County. Coalition partners are the City of Nevada City and

Nevada County.

Cleanup Grant

$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation, and Conservation District for a brownfields cleanup grant.

Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up the Redwood Marine Terminal II site located at 1 TCF

Drive in Samoa. The site is a former pulp mill that operated from 1964 to 2008, and is contaminated with heavy

metals. Grant funds also will be used to support community involvement activities.

Assessment Grants

$150,000 for hazardous substances

$150,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Imperial County Transportation Commission for two brownfields assessment grants.

Community-wide hazardous substances and petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct 14 Phase I and eight

Phase II environmental site assessments. Grant funds also will be used to support cleanup planning and community

involvement activities. Assessment activities will focus on the City of Brawley.

Assessment Grant

$300,000 for hazardous substances

$300,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Yreka for a brownfields assessment coalition grant. Community-wide hazardous

substances and petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct 15 Phase I and eight Phase II environmental site

assessments. Grant funds also will be used to develop eight cleanup plans, inventory sites, and support community

involvement and area-wide planning activities. Assessment activities will focus on underutilized and abandoned

properties in the Cities of Yreka and Weed, and Siskiyou County. Coalition partners are the City of Weed and

Siskiyou County.

Assessment Grant

$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Plumas County Community Development Commission for a brownfields assessment grant.

Site-specific hazardous substances grant funds will be used to perform an ecological risk assessment, conduct a

soil characterization, and develop cleanup plans for the Crescent Mills, former LP Mill site at 15690 Highway 89 in

Crescent Mills. The 28-acre site was formerly a sawmill, operating until its closure in the mid-1980s. Grant funds

also will be used to support community outreach activities.

Assessment Grants

$200,000 for hazardous substances

$100,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Sacramento for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous

substances and petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct Phase I and Phase II environmental site

assessments, and develop cleanup plans. Grant funds also will be used to support community involvement

activities, and screen and prioritize sites.

Cleanup Grants

$348,204 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department for two brownfields

cleanup grants.

Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up Parcels 3A and 3B at the 900 Innes property, which was

historically a boat building and repair facility. Parcel 3A is the site of the Shipwright's Cottage, which was a

residential unit from 1875 to 1961, and then served as a boat yard office. It is contaminated with metals and

inorganic contaminants. Parcel 3B was a boat building and repair facility for 120 years, particularly through the era

of marine-based cargo transportation in the city, and was most recently used for construction equipment storage.

The .8-acre site is contaminated with heavy metals such as nickel, zinc, and copper; and biocides. Grant funds for

both sites also will be used to conduct environmental monitoring and support community outreach activities.

Assessment Grants

$150,000 for hazardous substances

$150,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Arcata for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous

substances and petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct up to eight Phase I and up to six Phase II

environmental site assessments, and prepare up to two cleanup plans. Grant funds also will be used to support

community involvement activities.

Assessment Grant

$300,000 for hazardous substances

$300,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Association of Bay Area Governments for a brownfields assessment coalition grant.

Community-wide hazardous substances and petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct 20 Phase I and six

Phase II environmental site assessments. Grant funds also will be used to establish an inventory of priority

brownfield sites and support community engagement activities. Assessment activities will focus on the East Bay

Corridor of the San Francisco Bay Area, within the Cities of El Cerrito and Richmond, and unincorporated Contra

Costa County. Coalition partners are the Cities of El Cerrito and Richmond, Contra Costa County, and San

Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District.

Assessment Grants

$150,000 for hazardous substances

$150,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Bakersfield for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous

substances grant funds will be used to conduct four Phase I and three Phase II environmental site assessments,

and prepare one cleanup plan. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct the same tasks at

sites with potential petroleum contamination. Grant funds of both types also will be used to support community

outreach and develop a brownfields inventory, including creating a GIS database of brownfields.

Assessment Grants

$150,000 for hazardous substances

$150,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Pittsburg for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous

substances and petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct nine Phase I and nine Phase II environmental site

assessments, and prepare up to five cleanup cleans. Grant funds also will be used to support community

involvement activities, develop an area-wide plan, and maintain and update a brownfields site inventory.

Assessment Grants

$200,000 for hazardous substances

$100,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Los Angeles for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous

substances and petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct seven Phase I and four Phase II environmental site

assessments, and prepare up to four cleanup plans. Grant funds of both types also will be used to support

community involvement activities, screen and prioritize brownfield sites, and develop GIS maps of the identified

brownfields.

Assessment Grant

$300,000 for hazardous substances

$300,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the California High-Speed Rail Authority for a brownfields assessment coalition grant.

Community-wide hazardous substances and petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct 24 Phase I and eight

Phase II environmental site assessments, and prepare eight cleanup plans. Grant funds also will be used to

prioritize brownfield sites, and support community engagement activities, including five focus group meetings.

Assessment activities will focus on the Los Angeles Union Station area. Coalition partners are the Los Angeles

County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the Los Angeles-San Diego-San Luis Obispo Rail Corridor

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Sent: Wed 6/21/2017 9:23:54 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$24,000 NC Dept of Health and Human Services- Training and Technical Assistance Progam to Advance Evidence-based In-Home Asthma Interventions

This action approves an award to the State of North Carolina toward the development of a statewide network of public health professionals, community health workers, and allied health personnel to provide evidence based in-home asthma interventions in North Carolina. The proposed project targets children at high risk for exposure to indoor asthma triggers and contaminants and provides education to families and educators on these triggers as well as practical strategies for reducing them.
Grant No: 00D56117-0

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Thur 6/1/2017 3:45:21 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Cleanup Grant

$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected Discover Downtown Middlesboro for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant

funds will be used to clean up the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Home property at 2022 Cumberland

Avenue. The cleanup site formerly served as a convalescent home for the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks

from 1911 to 1919. From 1919 through the 1950s, the property housed a hospital, followed by offices, apartments,

and various storefronts until the building was vacated in 2012. The site is contaminated with metals and inorganic

contaminants. Grant funds also will be used to support community involvement activities.

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Fri 8/25/2017 8:39:10 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$160,000 NM ED - New Mexico Environment Department NMED 128a State and Tribal Response Program
This project provides funding for the New Mexico Environment Department's response program that includes timely survey and inventory of brownfield sites; oversight and enforcement authorities to ensure that response actions protect human health and the environment; resources to provide meaningful public involvement; mechanisms for approval of a cleanup plans and verification of complete responses.
Grant No: 00F68101-7

$130,920 Pueblo of Pojoaque Pojoaque Pueblo GAP 2017-18
The objectives of this project are to develop the capability to manage specific programs and establish a core program for environmental protection. The specific project activities include building environmental capacity to manage an environmental department, continue recycling/solid program, and outreach.
Grant No: 00F88801-3

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Cc: Shimmin, Kaitlyn[shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov]
From: Discigil, Justin
Sent: Tue 7/18/2017 12:07:33 AM
Subject: Re: EPA grant for your district

Hey John - Apologies for the delayed response. I will circle back with you on this tomorrow and thanks for sending along.

Justin

On Jul 14, 2017, at 10:46 AM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:

Justin just circling back on this. Let us know what you think. Thank you!

From: Konkus, John
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 5:14 PM
To: justin.discigil@mail.house.gov
Cc: Shimmin, Kaitlyn <shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA grant for your district

Justin: Per our conversation earlier today, below is a draft outline of press releases with more information on this grant. Please let me know if you have any questions. I'll check back in on Friday or Monday.

EPA provides $200k to Grants Pass for Spalding Mill cleanup, development

The U.S Environmental Protection Agency will provide $200,000 in "brownfields" grant funds to Grants Pass, Oregon to help the city develop a plan for the cleanup, restoration, and future development of the area around the old Spalding Mill site in eastern Grants Pass.

A brownfield is a property where the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant may complicate its expansion, redevelopment, or reuse.

“EPA is committed to working with communities like Grants Pass to redevelop brownfields sites that have can contribute to local growth in both the economy and quality of life,” said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. “EPA’s area-wide planning grants leverage considerable infrastructure and other investments, improving local economies and creating an environment where jobs can grow.”

The Spalding Mill site

Grants Pass has long eyed the Spalding Mill area for redevelopment, and the 61-acre site was chosen by the EPA due to environmental concerns, proximity to transportation corridors and sensitive

populations, history of disinvestment, reuse potential, and community need for economic development.

The mostly vacant former Spalding & Son sawmill site contains relics of former lumber operations such as drying kilns, lumber sheds, dust collection blowers, foundations, and an abandoned plywood factory.

While the Spalding Mill site was historically used for industrial purposes, it is surrounded by natural features: Jones Creek, essential habitat for the endangered Coho salmon, flows through the site, and the Rogue River, one of the west's premier recreational assets, lies less than a quarter-mile south. At the far edge of the Grants Pass urban area, directly abuts verdant pastures, treed mountainsides, and a 100- acre park long popular with the community. Finally, the Rogue River Greenway, a 30-mile emerald necklace of parks and public access areas along the Rogue River linked by a ribbon of greenway trail between Grants Pass and Central Point, abruptly terminates at the eastern edge of the project area.

The city’s key partners on this project include:

•□□□□□□□□ Southern Oregon Regional Economic Development, Inc., a community-based organization;

•□□□□□□□□ Business Oregon, through both its Brownfields and economic development divisions;

•□□□□□□□□ Oregon Department of Environmental Quality;

•□□□□□□□□ Grants Pass Urban Renewal Agency;

•□□□□□□□□ Josephine County Solid Waste Agency; and Oregon Health Authority

From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 8:39 AM
To: justin.discigil@mail.house.gov
Cc: Shimmin, Kaitlyn <shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov>
Subject: EPA grant for your district

Justin: I hope you and the Congressman are doing well. We have a $200K brownfields grant we'd like to announce next week for the City of Grants Pass in Congressman Walden's district. Details about the grant are below. We'd be happy to help you put together a release on this that you can put out, or we can put it out and include a quote from Congressman Walden.

6/2/2017	New Award	01J33301 10	Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Cooperative Agreements (BF)	City of Grants Pass	Municipality	200,000.00	Grants Pass Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Grant	Funding is provided for the City of Grants Pass, Oregon to conduct area-wide planning for brownfields. The grantee will conduct community involvement activities to identify priorities, determine reuses for brownfield sites, develop a detailed brownfields plan and design implementation strategy. Planning activities will focus around the Spalding Mill area in the eastern part of Grants Pass. The 61-acre area was selected due to environmental concerns, proximity to transportation corridors and sensitive populations, history of disinvestment, reuse

[redacted] potential, and community need for economic development.

Please let me know what you think. We'd like to go out with this next Thursday, July 20.

Thank you!

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 7/26/2017 8:48:46 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$293,665 WY Department of Environmental Quality Wyoming LUST Prevention 2017 & 2018
This award provides funds to the Wyoming DEQ to ensure that owners and operators routinely and correctly monitor all regulated tanks and piping in accordance with the regulations.
Grant Number: 96840901-1

$104,818 WY Department of Environmental Quality Wyoming Nonpoint Source Section 205(j) FY17 and FY18
This award provides funding to assist States to carryout water quality management planning, giving priority to watershed restoration planning.
Grant Number: 00856816-0

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From: Ali Meyer
Sent: Fri 2/24/2017 4:55:20 PM
Subject: Media Query - Purchase card program

Hi - my name is Ali Meyer and I'm a reporter at the Washington Free Beacon.
I was wondering if you had a response to this report which finds that the purchase card program warrants an audit.

"We assessed that the risk for the EPA's purchase card and convenience check program is high enough to warrant an audit because of noncompliance with existing controls.Two of the 18 transactions, totaling $14,985, were for fitness memberships improperly paid for in advance."

Thanks so much! Ali

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Thur 6/8/2017 7:15:20 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$162,396 ID Dept. of Environmental Quality- Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Program - Solid Waste Disposal

The State develops guidance for the investigation and clean up of releases from underground storage tanks which consists of petroleum and/or hazardous materials that have contaminated soil and/or groundwater. The State provides outreach to facility owners, operators, responsible parties, and to the general public regarding release investigation and clean up. Where appropriate, the State will conduct necessary investigation and clean up. In addition, the State will evaluate expenditures and financial abilities of responsible parties and cost recover expended federal dollars as appropriate; will complete clean ups at abandoned sites; and will provide training to the staff to accomplish work plan objectives. These tasks are necessary for this environmental program to be successful in the clean up of petroleum releases to the soil and ground water.

Grant #: 01J17901-2

$39,913 ID Dept. of Environmental Quality- IDEQ-UST-LUST Prevention 2018

The federal Energy Policy Act of 2005 required that States receiving funding for Underground Storage Tank (UST) Program activities via the federal Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Trust Fund mechanism perform certain activities, under the portion of the new legislation designated as the Underground Storage Tank Compliance Act (USTCA). The State of Idaho is undertaking the following acitivities: (1) Continue 3 year inspection cycles for all UST sites, (2) program management, and (3) database management.

Grant #: 01J18201-1

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Thur 5/18/2017 3:58:11 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$23,709.00 Clemson University- Pollution Prevention Incentives States

This action provides funding to Clemson University for a pollution prevention effort that will focus on economy, energy, and environmental issues working with manufacturers. The project will provide technical assistance by customized, hands-on assessment of production processes to reduce energy consumption, minimize carbon footprints and prevent pollution.

Grant #: 00D41717-1

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From: Smith, Marcie
Sent: Thur 8/10/2017 8:09:54 PM
Subject: Re: EPA Grant Award

John – that would be great. Our Comms director is on vacation right now so a draft will certainly help move this along! We can edit and add a quote once she is back. Appreciate it!

Marcie Smith | Legislative Assistant

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From: "Konkus, John" <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Date: Thursday, August 10, 2017 at 11:59 AM
To: "Shimmin, Kaitlyn" <shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov>, "Smith, Marcie" <Marcie.Smith@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Grant Award

If you would like us to do a first draft of a release, we'd be happy to assist.

Please let us know.

From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 3:42 PM

To: Smith, Marcie <Marcie.Smith@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Grant Award

Hi Marcie- We would love for your office to do a press release. I've done a little digging and we have identified the following projects through the Louisiana Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund Program (DWRLF) that are located in Congressional District 4. These projects would benefit from the FFY 2017/SFY 2018 capitalization grant that we are in the process of awarding.

DeSoto Parish WWD #1, $1,977,300

Rocky Branch WWD, $963,000

Union Parish WWD #1, $990,000

Town of Coushatta, $5,000,000

Vernon Parish Water/Sewer Commission #1, $2,330,000

Town of Sunset, $550,000

More detail on these projects are on the LA DWRLF Comprehensive List of Applicants …

http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/assets/oph/Center-EH/DrinkWaterRevolve/DWRLF_Financial/Comprehensive_list_of_applicants_7_17_17.pdf

Which is on their website …

http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/431/n/285

Please let me know if I can provide any additional information and please forward the release we'd love to see it!

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Subject: Fwd: EPA Grant Award

Hey Kaitlyn!

Thanks for the info. Our office wants to do a press release about this so hoping you can provide me a little bit more info about how and where the funding will be dispersed. Will any directly impact the 4th district?

Any extra info you can provide would be helpful. Thank you!

Marcie

Congressman Mike Johnson (LA-4)

Sent from my iPhone

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Subject: FW: EPA Grant Award

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Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$11299000 Louisiana Department of Health LDH Drinking Water RLF Capitalization Grant FY17
This award provides federal funds to the State of Louisiana for loan assistance to eligible public water systems for infrastructure improvements needed to ensure safe drinking water and to provide funds for the following activities: Administration, Small Systems Technical Assistance, Local Assistance and State Programs Management.
Grant No: 99696820-0

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 6/21/2017 9:22:07 PM
Subject: RE: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$27,198 Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians- Sault Ste Marie Air Quality Project

The Tribe will develop a database of tribal diesel vehicles, and a board proposal for the diesel emission and reduction act program. They will also collaborate with the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan with their air monitoring program to assist in the interpretation of air quality data. The Tribe will develop a woodstove assessment program and investigate the use of cooking oil for an Environmental Program field vehicle. They will develop and implement an outreach program for the Tribal community on air quality issues.
Grant No: 01E01472-0

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Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$59,853 Inter Tribal Council of Michigan Inc.- Air Monitoring

The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan will provide comprehensive air quality monitoring for particulate matter less than 2.5 microns in diameter, meteorological conditions, and ozone to assess local Tribal ambient air quality conditions and impact of sources in the area. The monitoring data will be uploaded to EPA's Air Quality System. The Inter-Tribal Council will update its current continuous fine particulate matter monitor to operate as a federal equivalent monitor. The Inter-Tribal Council will continue to provide Tribal education and outreach on air quality issues. The Inter-Tribal Council will continue its participation in activities to address emissions from area sources and pollution reduction activities. The Inter-Tribal Council will continue to represent and participate in local, Tribal, regional, national, and international air quality groups, such as the National Tribal Forum on Air Quality, Region 5 Tribal Air Contacts, and the Michigan Tribal Environmental Group.
Grant No: 97522906-0

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Tue 6/6/2017 2:19:23 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

Assessment Grant

$195,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Port of Skagit for a brownfields assessment grant. Site-specific hazardous substances grant

funds will be used to conduct environmental site assessments and develop cleanup plans for the former Northern

State Hospital site at 1890 Hub Drive in Sedro-Woolley. The hospital, located on 225 acres, operated from 1912 until

1973, when it was closed due to funding cuts. Grant funds also will be used to support community outreach

activities.

Assessment Grants

$150,000 for hazardous substances

$150,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected Skamania County for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous

substances grant funds will be used to conduct four Phase I and three Phase II environmental site assessments.

Grant funds also will be used to support community involvement activities, and inventory and prioritize brownfield

sites. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct the same tasks at sites with potential

petroleum contamination.

Cleanup Grants

$600,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Spokane for three brownfields cleanup grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will

be used to clean up Havermale Island, Canada Island, and the North Bank Development Area, three sites in

Riverfront Park at 610 West Spokane Boulevard. The 1.7-acre Havermale Island site was originally used for

commercial businesses and railroad tracks. It is contaminated with arsenic and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons.

The two-acre Canada Island site was historically used for a water pumping plant, lumber storage yards, and a dry

cleaning facility. It is contaminated with arsenic and other metals. The four-acre North Bank Development Area

consists of three parcels that were formerly used as lumber storage yards and railroad tracks. It is contaminated

with mercury, cadmium, and other metals. All three cleanup sites became part of Riverfront Park, the location of the

1974 World's Fair.

Assessment Grant

$300,000 for hazardous substances

$300,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Grays Harbor Council of Governments for a brownfields assessment coalition grant.

Community-wide hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct nine Phase I and six Phase II

environmental site assessments, and prepare three cleanup plans. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be

used to conduct the same tasks at sites with potential petroleum contamination. Grant funds of both types also will

be used to update the current brownfields inventory, create up to two area-wide plans, and support community

outreach and involvement activities. Assessment activities will focus on the economically distressed areas of Fry

Creek in East Hoquiam and West Aberdeen, Downtown Aberdeen, and Downtown Cosmopolis. Coalition partners

are the Cities of Aberdeen, Hoquiam, and Cosmopolis.

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substances grant funds will be used to conduct five Phase I and three Phase II environmental site assessments, and

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involvement activities, maintain and update a brownfields site inventory, and develop one area-wide plan.

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Mon 7/17/2017 8:35:14 PM
Subject: RE: EPA Selects Miami- Dade County to Apply for WIFA Loan

Great! Let us know if you need anything on our end!

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Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 4:26 PM
To: Shimmin, Kaitlyn <shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: EPA Selects Miami- Dade County to Apply for WIFA Loan

We're in. Will have a quote for you tomorrow. We'll also plan to do our own release Wednesday morning.

As always, thanks for thinking of us.

From: "Shimmin, Kaitlyn" <shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov>
Date: Monday, July 17, 2017 at 12:30 PM
To: "Shimmin, Kaitlyn" <shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov>
Subject: EPA Selects Miami- Dade County to Apply for WIFA Loan

*****EMBARGOED UNTIL 6AM ET WEDNESDAY JULY 19, 2017*****

Hello,

I wanted to let you know that later this week, EPA will be announcing that it has selected 12 projects to be invited to apply for a Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) loan. The following project in your state/district has been chosen:

$79 million - Miami- Dade County
Ocean Outfall Discharge Reduction and Resiliency Enhancement Project
Miami - Dade Water and Sewer Department will construct new injection wells at a series of wastewater treatment plants to allow for the redirecting of effluent discharges from the ocean outfalls to these wells. The project is required to be completed by 2025 in order to comply with the State of Florida ocean outfall legislation. The project will increase availability of reclaimed water for potential reuse, reduce sanitary sewer overflows, increase capacity for the management of peak wet weather flows, and meet the advanced wastewater treatment levels.

The Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act, enacted in 2014, accelerates investment in our nation's water infrastructure by providing long-term, low-cost supplemental loans for regionally and nationally significant water projects. The EPA received funding to implement the program earlier this year and invited communities to submit Letters of Interest to EPA this spring for WIFIA funding. EPA received 43 Letters of Interest and, after an extensive review, EPA is inviting 12 projects, including the Ocean Outfall Discharge Reduction and Resiliency Enhancement Project, to submit a formal application. In total, these 12 projects are expected to leverage more than a billion dollars in private capital and other funding sources, including EPA's State Revolving Fund (SRF) loans, to help finance a total of $5.1 billion in water infrastructure investments.

Inviting these projects to apply for a WIFIA loan indicates that EPA believes the selected projects will be able to attain a loan, but does not guarantee the project a loan. Each of the 12 projects are now invited to submit a formal application for WIFIA credit assistance, and EPA will work closely with each community on the next steps of the WIFIA process.

Attached to this message is a project-specific fact sheet for this project as well as an overview of EPA's announcement this week. Additional information on EPA's WIFIA program is available

at www.epa.gov/wifia.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like any additional information.

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Sent: Fri 8/25/2017 8:38:01 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$25,000 HRA - Health Resources in Action Building Capacity in New England
The applicant is proposing to build the capacity in individual states to address the impact of extreme weather events on vulnerable populations. The applicant will showcase innovative tools, practices and/or projects from both within New England (NE) and other parts of the country (e.g., University of Michigan School of Public Health Heat Stress Vulnerability Analysis). The applicant will also convene a regional capacity-building summit focused on asthma and impacts from extreme weather events, and will coordinate a learning community for the Center for

Disease Control (CDC) funded NE Asthma Program for the six NE States. The applicant provided adequate information to demonstrate the approach they will use.
Grant No: 00A00226-0

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 7/26/2017 8:47:22 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$510,075 WV Dept of Environmental Protection RCRA 3011 Hazardous Waste Management Program
To support the development/implementation of the West Virginia's program controlling the generation, transport, treatment, storage and disposal of hazardous waste, which will reduce waste generation, increase hazardous waste recycling, and ensure proper management of waste and petroleum products at facilities.
Grant Number: 00323311-3

$128,000 WV Dept of Environmental Protection Unified Tanks Database, Software, and Web Portal
The state is creating a unified Tanks database and software system with a web interface.The project unites the data collection and data flow for four programs: the Underground Storage Tank Program, the Aboveground Storage Tank Program, the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Program, and the Leaking Aboveground Storage Tank Program. A mobile inspection tool will enhance data collection and reporting, and the creation of web portals will facilitate data exchange to numerous stakeholders.
Grant Number: 83921301-0

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From: Konkus, John
Sent: Mon 5/1/2017 8:57:12 PM
Subject: Wednesday

Tom: Good to talk with your earlier today. As discussed we would like to send a press release following the meeting with the Administrator on Wednesday. We will send it to a press list targeted in your state to try and get some play back home for you and get some outside the beltway pick-up. We will enhance the press release with the following multimedia components:

*Quote from both the Administrator and Member. I'll send you a draft quote if you can also send me a draft of your Member's quote in advance.

*Photograph and b-roll video of the start (first 30 seconds) of the meeting.

*Audio/radio actuality from the Member following the meeting.

*Video clip b-roll of Member's comments following the meeting.

*For these last two points, we would set up in the Member's outer office or hallway (up to you where we set up so we're out of the way) and, standing off camera, ask him two questions to prompt a good response we can clip and use. This entire Q&A won't last more than 60-90 seconds. Questions would be: How did the meeting with the new EPA Administrator go? What does this meeting mean for your constituents back home?

*NOTE: These enhancements greatly increase the likelihood of local pick-up as local TV, radio and print will be able to use these components to easily build a package.

My crew of four will arrive at your office about 5 -10 mins in advance of the Administrator. We will set up in the office for the initial photo and video of the first 30 seconds of the meeting. Then we'll leave the Member's office and go and set up for the brief interview immediately following the meeting.

Please let me know if you have any questions and thank you for helping make this a great meeting that your home state media will be happy to cover!

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Thur 6/8/2017 7:10:52 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$94300 Elem Indian Colony- General Assistance Program

This cooperative agreement provides funding to further develop the Tribe's Environmental Program. Activities include: managing their environmental office; attending environmental themed conferences and meetings for training, developing environmental education and outreach materials; and, building capacity to develop a tribal air quality program.

Grant #: 99T58001-0

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Fri 5/26/2017 8:10:28 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$200,000.00 Near East Renewal INC- Sherman Park Indy East Promise Zone

This project provides funding for NEAR (Near East Area Renewal) to conduct area-wide planning for the brownfields in Sherman Park, a 45 acre park on the near East side. The grantee will conduct community involvement activities to identify community priorities, research the existing conditions of the brownfields area, determine reuses for brownfield sites, and develop a detailed brownfields area-wide plan and plan implementation strategy. Area is to be redeveloped for economic opportunities. This important work will lead to the community's enhanced ability to assess, cleanup and reuse brownfield sites and improve public health and the environment; better understand, recognize and address local environmental justice concerns; incorporate a variety of sustainable and equitable development approaches to brownfields cleanup and redevelopment and area revitalization efforts; increase capacity of residents and stakeholders from the IEPZ to participate in, take ownership of, and benefit from brownfields cleanup and revitalization in their community; and further the network of local, regional, state, and federal partnerships that will help facilitate brownfields cleanup and redevelopment.

Grant #: 00E02097-0

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Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$201,027.00 Railroad Commission of Texas -TX RRC FY2017 UIC grant

Mechanical Integrity tests will be performed on Class III wells; technical assistance will be

provided to injection well operators concerning the drilling, completion, and reporting of injection wells.

Grant #: 00622617-2

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 6/21/2017 9:20:48 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$59,853 Inter Tribal Council of Michigan Inc.- Air Monitoring

The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan will provide comprehensive air quality monitoring for particulate matter less than 2.5 microns in diameter, meteorological conditions, and ozone to assess local Tribal ambient air quality conditions and impact of sources in the area. The monitoring data will be uploaded to EPA's Air Quality System. The Inter-Tribal Council will update its current continuous fine particulate matter monitor to operate as a federal equivalent monitor. The Inter-Tribal Council will continue to provide Tribal education and outreach on air quality issues. The Inter-Tribal Council will continue its participation in activities to address emissions from area sources and pollution reduction activities. The Inter-Tribal Council will continue to represent and participate in local, Tribal, regional, national, and international air quality groups, such as the National Tribal Forum on Air Quality, Region 5 Tribal Air Contacts, and the Michigan Tribal Environmental Group.
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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Tue 6/6/2017 2:05:32 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

Assessment Grants

$150,000 for hazardous substances

$150,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of St. Helens for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous

substances grant funds will be used to conduct up to four Phase I and three Phase II environmental site

assessments, and complete one cleanup plan. Grant funds also will be used to support community involvement

activities, and expand and prioritize the city's inventory of brownfield sites. Community-wide petroleum grant funds

will be used to conduct the same tasks at sites with potential petroleum contamination.

Assessment Grant

$300,000 for hazardous substances

$300,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Ontario for a brownfields assessment coalition grant. Community-wide hazardous

substances grant funds will be used to conduct 12 Phase I and six Phase II environmental site assessments, and

prepare two cleanup plans. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to perform the same tasks at sites

with potential petroleum contamination. Grant funds of both types also will be used to create a brownfields

inventory, prioritize sites, conduct area-wide planning, and support community outreach activities. Assessment

activities will focus on downtown areas and commercial corridors in the Cities of Ontario, Nyssa, and Vale, and highpriority

brownfields in unincorporated areas of Malheur County. Coalition partners are the Cities of Nyssa and Vale,

and Malheur County.

Assessment Grant

$300,000 for hazardous substances

$300,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Rogue Valley Council of Governments for a brownfields assessment coalition grant.

Community-wide hazardous substances grant funds will be used to perform up to 10 Phase I and seven Phase II

environmental site assessments, and prepare two cleanup plans. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be

used to conduct the same tasks at sites with potential petroleum contamination. Grant funds of both types also will

be used to create a brownfields inventory, prioritize brownfields, prepare two area-wide plans, and conduct

community involvement activities. Assessment activities will focus on the Medford and Grants Pass Metropolitan

Areas, including the City of Central Point and the unincorporated community of White City. Coalition partners are

the Cities of Medford, Central Point, and Grants Pass, and Jackson County.

Assessment Grant

$300,000 for hazardous substances

$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Eugene for a brownfields assessment coalition grant. Community-wide hazardous

substances grant funds will be used to conduct 10 Phase I and seven Phase II environmental site assessments, and

prepare four cleanup plans. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct seven Phase I and five

Phase II environmental site assessments, and prepare two cleanup plans. Grant funds of both types also will be

used to update the current brownfields inventory, prioritize sites, and support community involvement activities.

Assessment activities will focus on the Cities of Eugene and Springfield, and surrounding areas of Lane County,

including the Bethel, Trainsong, and Whiteaker neighborhoods, and the Glenwood and Springfield West

neighborhoods. Coalition partners are the City of Springfield and Lane County.

Assessment Grant

$300,000 for hazardous substances

$300,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments for a brownfields assessment coalition

grant. Community-wide hazardous grant funds will be used to conduct up to 10 Phase I and five Phase II

environmental site assessments, and prepare two cleanup plans. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be

used to perform the same tasks at sites with potential petroleum contamination. Grant funds of both types also will

be used to prioritize brownfield sites on the current inventory, create two area-wide plans, and support community

involvement activities. Assessment activities will focus on developed areas within the Yaquina River watershed in

Newport and Toledo, and unincorporated areas of Lincoln County. Coalition partners are the Cities of Newport and

Toledo, the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians, and Lincoln County.

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Sent: Mon 5/22/2017 11:06:55 PM
Subject: RE: Coordination

Hi John,

Love seeing the new title.

We would love to put out a coordinated press release following tomorrow's lunch.

We will send something around to our members asking for quotes first thing in the morning.

Have been working with Aaron Ringel over there on topics etc.

Looping in Kelly Roberson who is the Communications Director for the Caucus. Her and I will work something up and we also plan to do social media posts tomorrow.

Let us know if you need anything else.

Sincerely,

Jeff Small

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Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 7:01 PM
To: Small, Jeff
Subject: Coordination

Jeff: This is the release we did for the Administrator's meeting with the Coal Caucus today:

https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-administrator-meets-congressional-coal-caucus. We would love to coordinate with you on a similar release for his meeting with the Western Caucus tomorrow.

Thank you,

John Konkus

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Sent: Fri 8/25/2017 8:37:09 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$311,946 NC DAg&CS - NC Dept of Agriculture & Consumer Services Performance Partnership Grants
This action approves a partial award in the amount of $117,413 to the State of North Carolina in support of a comprehensive program of registration, labeling, training, certification, inspections and enforcement will prevent unnecessary exposure to humans and the land and water by ensuring that pesticides are used and disposed of in the manner specified on each product. Inspections and enforcement will deter non-compliance with product requirements.
Grant No: 98409217-2

$750,000 NC DEQ - North Carolina DEQ State Underground Storage Tanks Program
This action approves an award in the amount of $750,000 to the State of North Carolina to assist in the development and maintenance of an effective underground storage tank (UST) program by implementing specified provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. Funds will support inspections and other release prevention and compliance assurance activities for federally-regulated Underground Storage Tank (UST) systems, as well as for enforcement activities related to release prevention.
Grant No: 95414317-0

$3,766,800 NC DEQ - North Carolina DEQ Nonpoint Source Implementation
This action approves funding in the amount of $3,766,800 to the State of North Caroline Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) for the implementation of programs and projects designed to reduce non point source pollution to achieve and maintain beneficial use of water in the State.
Grant No: 99465717-0

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 7/26/2017 8:46:15 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$393,750 Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Council Inc Protecting Aquatic Ecosystems on Tribal Lands
The Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Council (WTCAC) will employ four tribal civilian conservation corps, will work with eleven tribes to prevent degradation of subsistence fish and wild rice resources and manage aquatic, wetland, and terrestrial invasive species on over 500 acres of tribal lands.
Grant Number: 00E02253-0

$33,4434 Wisconsin Department of Health & Family Services Lead Accreditation, Certification and Enforcement Program Administration
The Wisconsin Department of Health Services is seeking funds under the Toxic Substances Control Act to administer and enforce activities for the Lead Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP) program, the Pre-renovation Education (PRE) program, and the Lead abatement program. Additional support from will allow the programs to conduct work site inspections, training class audits, and follow-up compliance assistance as part of the state's program enforcement efforts.
Grant Number: 96583610-2

$16,604 Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Red Cliff Air Quality Project
Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa will continue to gather data and build capacity to address air quality issues. The Tribe will complete basic air quality assessments, and will educate tribal members on air quality issues. Further, the tribe will complete necessary training and development of an emission inventory.
Grant Number: 00E98903-3

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Thur 6/8/2017 7:08:24 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$80,000 Qawalangin Tribe of Unalaska- FY17-18 Qawalangin Tribal Response Program.

This project provides funding for the Qawalangin's FY17-18 tribal response program that includes timely survey and inventory of brownfield sites; oversight and enforcement authorities to ensure that response actions protect human health and the environment; resources to provide meaningful public involvement; mechanisms for approval of cleanup plans and verification of complete responses. Additionally their work will focus on sites not in their Formerly Used Defense Sites or Native American Lands Environmental Mitigation Programs.

Grant #: 01J26502-0

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 6/21/2017 9:19:43 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$65,000 National Older Worker Career Center- Senior Environmental Employment Program for Region VII Operations

This cooperative agreement will provide funding to support Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program enrollees working with Region VII Operations, Lenexa, KS.
Grant No: 83810001-0

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From: Konkus, John
Sent: Mon 5/1/2017 8:46:01 PM
Subject: Wednesday

Zach: Good to talk with your earlier today. As discussed we would like to send a press release following the meeting with the Administrator on Wednesday. We will send it to a press list targeted in your state to try and get some play back home for you and get some outside the beltway pick-up. We will enhance the press release with the following multimedia components:

*Quote from both the Administrator and Member. I'll send you a draft quote if you can also send me a draft of your Member's quote in advance.

*Photograph and b-roll video of the start (first 30 seconds) of the meeting.

*Audio/radio actuality from the Member following the meeting.

*Video clip b-roll of Member's comments following the meeting.

*For these last two points, we would set up in the Member's outer office or hallway (up to you where we set up so we're out of the way) and, standing off camera, ask him two questions to prompt a good response we can clip and use. This entire Q&A won't last more than 60-90 seconds. Questions would be: How did the meeting with the new EPA Administrator go? What does this meeting mean for your constituents back home?

*NOTE: These enhancements greatly increase the likelihood of local pick-up as local TV, radio and print will be able to use these components to easily build a package.

My crew of four will arrive at your office about 5 -10 mins in advance of the Administrator. We will set up in the office for the initial photo and video of the first 30 seconds of the meeting. Then we'll leave the Member's office and go and set up for the brief interview immediately following the meeting.

Please let me know if you have any questions and thank you for helping make this a great meeting that your home state media will be happy to cover!

John Konkus

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Sent: Thur 5/18/2017 3:46:45 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant for your state/ district has been signed:

$340,231.00 Iowa Department of Natural Resources -Iowa 2017 - 2018 128(a) State Response Program

This project provides funding for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources response program that includes enhancement of timely survey and inventory of brownfield sites; oversight and enforcement authorities to ensure that response actions protect human health and the environment; resources to provide meaningful public involvement; and mechanisms for approval of cleanup plans and verification of completed response actions.

Grant #: 98736706-1

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Sent: Wed 5/31/2017 9:48:49 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Cleanup Grant

$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected Estill County 21st Century Inc. for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up the Mack Theater at 114 Main Street in Irvine. The cleanup site formerly operated as a livery, steam laundry, garage, and a movie theater. The site is contaminated with metals, solvent organic compounds, and inorganic contaminants. Grant funds also will be used to support community involvement activities.

Cleanup Grant

$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Kentucky River Foothills Development Council Inc. for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up the former Parker Seal Rubber Plant at 103 Lewis Street in Berea. The six-acre cleanup site housed a facility that manufactured rubber O-rings from 1950 to 2001 and has been unoccupied since then. The site is contaminated with trichloroethene and debris. Grant funds also will be used to support community outreach activities.

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Subject: Coordination

Jeff: This is the release we did for the Administrator's meeting with the Coal Caucus today: https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-administrator-meets-congressional-coal-caucus. We would love to coordinate with you on a similar release for his meeting with the Western Caucus tomorrow.

Thank you,

John Konkus

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Sent: Fri 5/26/2017 8:00:21 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$2,640,600.00 Ohio Environmental Protection Agency- Ohio EPA FFY17 319(h) Nonpoint Source Grant

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will use Federal Fiscal Year 2017 Clean Water Act Section 319(h) funding to support the Section 319(h) nonpoint pollution control program for the following priorities.

1.) Implementation of Ohio EPA's Non-Point Source (NPS) Management Program including supporting active Total Maximum Daily Load reports and studies for watersheds;

2.) Overseeing and providing funding for the implementation of Best Management Practices conducted by 16 subgrantees;

3.) Providing technical assistance for 9-element watershed planning;

4.) Coordinating with U.S. EPA Region 5 staff for approvals of 9-element watershed plans;

5.) Engaging awareness and education of NPS activities amongst the general public, landowners, and other interested parties.

Grant #: 97550017-0

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Sent: Mon 7/17/2017 6:20:27 PM
Subject: RE: EPA Selects Maine Water Company To Apply for WIFIA Loan

Thanks, Kaitlyn.

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Subject: EPA Selects Maine Water Company To Apply for WIFIA Loan

*****EMBARGOED UNTIL 6AM ET WEDNESDAY JULY 19 2017*****

Hello,

I wanted to let you know that later this week, EPA will be announcing that it has selected 12 projects to be invited to apply for a Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) loan. The following project in your state/district has been chosen:

$25 million- Maine Water Company
Saco River Water Treatment Facility
The privately held Maine Water Company will construct a new 20 MGD water treatment facility to replace the existing facility that has been providing service to the communities of Biddeford, Saco, Old Orchard Beach, and Scarborough, Maine since 1884. This project would provide public water service to the coastal municipalities in York County, ME; provide an opportunity for process improvements, automation, safety enhancements, redundancy, resiliency, and sustainability for the next century of service; and allow for expansion to serve neighboring water systems in southern Maine, consistent with Southern Maine Regional Water Council master plan.

The Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act, enacted in 2014, accelerates investment in our nation's water infrastructure by providing long-term, low-cost supplemental loans for regionally and nationally significant water projects. The EPA received funding to implement the program earlier this year and invited communities to submit Letters of Interest to EPA this spring for WIFIA funding. EPA received 43 Letters of Interest and, after an extensive review, EPA is inviting 12 projects, including the Saco River Water Treatment Facility, to submit a formal application. In total, these 12 projects are expected to leverage more than a billion dollars in private capital and other funding sources, including EPA's State Revolving Fund (SRF) loans, to help finance a total of $5.1 billion in water infrastructure investments.

Inviting these projects to apply for a WIFIA loan indicates that EPA believes the selected projects will be able to attain a loan, but does not guarantee the project a loan. Each of the 12 projects are now invited to submit a formal application for WIFIA credit assistance, and EPA will work closely with each community on the next steps of the WIFIA process.

Attached to this message is a project-specific fact sheet for this project as well as an overview of EPA's announcement this week. Additional information on EPA's WIFIA program is available at www.epa.gov/wifia.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like any additional information.

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Subject: EPA Grant Award

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$14,747,000 MN PFA - Minnesota Public Facilities Authority 2017 DWSRF Capitalization Grant
This agreement provides funding under the Safe Drinking Water Act to the state of Minnesota to capitalize its drinking water state revolving loan fund, which provides financing for the construction of drinking water treatment facilities, drinking water storage facilities, and drinking water transmission and distribution systems. This agreement will also set aside funds for wellhead protection, public water system supervision, and technical assistance activities.
Grant No: 97581417-0

$37,750 Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Mille Lacs Tribal UST Program
Through this agreement the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe will administer an Underground Storage Tank Program. The project will help ensure underground storage tank systems are installed properly; monitored for a release; protected from spills, overfills, and corrosion; and properly closed. The funds will be used to improve compliance through inspections, compliance assistance and other related activities within the boundaries of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe and other participating tribal reservations.
Grant No: 00E94504-1

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Subject: EPA Grant Award

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$319,438 VA Dept of Environmental Quality PRE-REMEDIAL RESPONSE (FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES)
The purpose of this assistance agreement is to address current and newly discovered Formerly Used Defense Sites. The work to be accomplished in this project are as follows: conduct site characterization activities, preliminary assessments, site inspections, and remedial investigations at potential sites for the National Priority List (NPL) in order to clean up the hazadous waste sites that are found to pose hazards to human health.
Grant Number: 96348901-1

$96,000 Virginia Department of Health VDH SDWIS Prime Transition
The Virginia Department of Health proposes to transition Safe Drinking Water Information System State to SDWIS Prime.
Grant Number: 83921101-0

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Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$134,662 Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources 2016 - 2017 Section 105 Grant

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) will implement an air pollution control program in the State of Wisconsin. WDNR will improve air quality by taking measures to reduce stationary, area and mobile sources of air pollution especially in Wisconsin counties that have not met the national air quality standards for ozone, sulfur dioxides, nitrogen oxides, air toxics and fine particles. The air quality improvements will be made by WDNR through regulatory, monitoring, permitting, and enforcement activities.

Grant #: 00521215-A

$180,815 Oneida Nation- PERFORMANCE PARTNERSHIP GRANT

This award is a performance partnership grant that combines funds from the Indian General Assistance Program and the Brownfields Section 128(a) Program. Specifically, the Oneida Nation will plan, develop, and establish the capability for implementing environmental protection programs. The Nation will also continue to conduct all relevant Brownfields inventory work and enforcement activities.

Grant #: 00E02115-0

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Sent: Thur 7/6/2017 8:37:11 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$388,386 OK Dept of Env Quality - Superfund Site Cleanup - Oklahoma Refining Company, Operable Unit - 2 (OU-2)
This program helps the State of Oklahoma conduct site characterization activities at a confirmed hazardous waste site, undertake response planning and implementation actions to clean up the hazardous waste site that poses hazards to human health. This amendment increases funding by $388,386 for Remedial Design (RD) activities, $242,259 for a landfill geotechnical investigation and $146,127 for storm water management design work.
Grant No: 00F81801-7

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 6/21/2017 9:14:49 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$214,002 Sac & Fox Nation of Missouri- Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri FY 16-18 Performance Partnership Grant

This Performance Partnership Grant provides administrative flexibility and support to the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska. Funding will be used to continue building the Tribe's capability to protect human health and the environment, including solid waste management, staff development and training. Other workplan activities include water monitoring, assessment, planning and outreach.
Grant No: 98725804-1

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To: emily.hytha@mail.house.gov[emily.hytha@mail.house.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Mon 5/1/2017 8:44:43 PM
Subject: Wednesday

Emily: Good to talk with your earlier today. As discussed we would like to send a press release following the meeting with the Administrator on Wednesday. We will send it to a press list targeted in your state to try and get some play back home for you and get some outside the beltway pick-up. We will enhance the press release with the following multimedia components:

*Quote from both the Administrator and Member. I'll send you a draft quote if you can also send me a draft of your Member's quote in advance.

*Photograph and b-roll video of the start (first 30 seconds) of the meeting.

*Audio/radio actuality from the Member following the meeting.

*Video clip b-roll of Member's comments following the meeting.

*For these last two points, we would set up in the Member's outer office or hallway (up to you where we set up so we're out of the way) and, standing off camera, ask him two questions to prompt a good response we can clip and use. This entire Q&A won't last more than 60-90 seconds. Questions would be: How did the meeting with the new EPA Administrator go? What does this meeting mean for your constituents back home?

*NOTE: These enhancements greatly increase the likelihood of local pick-up as local TV, radio and print will be able to use these components to easily build a package.

My crew of four will arrive at your office about 5 -10 mins in advance of the Administrator. We will set up in the office for the initial photo and video of the first 30 seconds of the meeting. Then we'll leave the Member's office and go and set up for the brief interview immediately following the meeting.

Please let me know if you have any questions and thank you for helping make this a great meeting that your home state media will be happy to cover!

John Konkus

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Thur 5/18/2017 3:35:09 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant for your state/ district has been signed:

$6,759.00 Colorado State University- Colorado School IPM Newsletter

This award provides funds for reducing the amount of pesticides used in the United States through outreach and education on Integrated Pest Management thereby reducing environmental and human health risks.

Grant #: 96841401-2

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Tue 6/6/2017 1:53:31 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

Assessment Grants

$150,000 for hazardous substances

$150,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Municipality of Anchorage for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide

hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct four Phase I and three Phase II environmental site

assessments, and prepare one cleanup plan. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct the

same tasks at sites with potential petroleum contamination. Grant funds also will be used to support community

involvement activities, maintain and update a brownfields site inventory, and develop one area-wide plan.

Assessment Grant

$300,000 for hazardous substances

$300,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Kodiak Island Borough for a brownfields assessment coalition grant. Community-wide

hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct up to nine Phase I and six Phase II

environmental site

assessments, and prepare three cleanup plans. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct the

same tasks at sites with potential petroleum contamination. Grant funds of both types also will be used to update

the current brownfields inventory, prioritize sites, create two area-wide plans, and support community outreach and

involvement activities. Assessment activities will focus on the Kodiak Island Borough, the second largest island in

the United States. Coalition partners are the Natives of Kodiak Inc. and the City of Kodiak.

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To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
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Sent: Mon 5/22/2017 10:17:42 PM
Subject: RE: EPA Administrator Meets With Congressional Coal Caucus

Thank you thank you!

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 6:17 PM
To: Stapleton, John
Subject: EPA Administrator Meets With Congressional Coal Caucus

John use the quote below please…

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 22, 2017

EPA Administrator Meets With Congressional Coal Caucus

Carries message from the President that the war on coal is over and highlights pro-environment, pro-energy independence agenda at EPA

WASHINGTON – EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt met with the Congressional Coal Caucus on Monday and carried with him the message from President Donald Trump that the war on coal is over. Additionally, Administrator Pruitt highlighted many of the changes EPA has made from the last administration including:

- On March 28, President Donald Trump visited EPA headquarters where he signed the Executive Order on Energy Independence, which calls for a review of the Clean Power Plan. The event signaled a commitment to the rule of law, cooperative federalism, and sound scientific rulemaking at EPA.

- Following the signing of the Executive Order, Administrator Pruitt sent a letter informing governors that EPA does not expect the states to dedicate resources to complying with the Clean Power Plan rule, a rule that has been stayed by the Supreme Court of the United States.

- On April 13, Administrator Pruitt toured the Harvey Mine, in Sycamore, Pennsylvania, the largest underground mine in the United States. Administrator Pruitt went underground to tour the mine and met

with minors to learn firsthand about their work.

- On the same day he visited the Harvey Mine, EPA announced the agency's decision to review the final rule that amends the effluent limitations guidelines and standards for the steam electric power generating category under the Clean Water Act (ELG Rule), which has been estimated to cost $480 million per year and has a reported average cost of $1.2 billion per year during the first five years of compliance.

- Shortly thereafter, on April 20, Administrator Pruitt visited the Thomas Hill Energy Center in Missouri, a rural electric cooperative that supplies energy to a vast swath of Missouri, Arkansas and Oklahoma.

These actions and others by the Trump Administration and the new EPA provide coal-producing states more certainty and assurance that the United States will rely on a diversified portfolio of energy production to achieve greater energy independence and grow America's economy.

"The war on coal is over," **proclaimed EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt** after meeting with the Congressional Coal Caucus. "Those that generate energy across America are doing so with a commitment to being pro-environment and pro-growth. The days of having to choose between those two things are over. This administration says we can and we will achieve both a healthy environment and a growing economy."

These changes in policy and the new attitude at the EPA have been enthusiastically welcomed by Members of Congress and the Congressional Coal Caucus.

"After eight years of devastating attacks on the coal industry from the Obama administration, it is a great relief to have a leader like Scott Pruitt in charge of the EPA. He understands that we can protect our air, land, and water without picking winners and losers in our economy," **said Congressman David McKinley (WV-01).** "In our meeting with Administrator Pruitt, he articulated his vision to pursue environmentally friendly policies that won't attack the tens of thousands of coal miners who work so hard to power this great country. We are grateful for his willingness to work with our caucus and we look forward to strengthening our partnership on a wide range of issues that impact the coal industry." |

"I look forward to working with Administrator Pruitt, and others at the EPA, to make the EPA more efficient and to recognize that we can work towards cleaner air, cleaner water, and cleaner coal use without killing as many jobs in coal and other industries," **said Congressman Morgan Griffith (VA-09)** following Monday's meeting.

"Administrator Pruitt's eagerness to engage with lawmakers has been a breath of fresh air here on Capitol Hill," **commented Congressman John Shimkus (IL-15**). "I appreciate his willingness to meet with the Coal Caucus today, and to listen to our stories about the communities in our districts that have been devastated by the previous administration's anti-coal agenda. Working together both legislatively and through administrative actions, I'm optimistic that this Congress and this Administration can and will protect our air and water without sacrificing jobs and affordable energy."

EPA Administrator Pruitt (L) speaks with Members of the Congressional Coal Caucus in the U.S. Capitol on Monday.

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Sent: Wed 5/31/2017 9:06:03 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Cleanup Grants

$400,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Tarrant for two brownfields cleanup grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up the Bethel Avenue Clow at 1834 Bethel Avenue and the Georgia Street Clow at 1804 Georgia Street, both of which are part of the Tarrant Industrial Complex. The Tarrant Industrial Complex has an industrial history dating back to 1912, when it was developed as a cast iron pipe foundry. It later was a manufacturing facility for cast iron pipes and fittings for the water works industry. Soil and groundwater at both sites are contaminated with semi-volatile organic compounds and metals. Grant funds also will be used to continue participation in the state's Voluntary Cleanup Program, develop cleanup plans, and conduct community outreach and education activities.

Assessment Grants

$150,000 for hazardous substances

$150,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Selma for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous substances grant funds will be used to prioritize brownfield sites, update a GIS database, conduct 10 Phase I and three Phase II environmental site assessments, and create a cleanup plan. Grant funds also will be used to support public outreach activities, which will include workshops and community meetings. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct the same tasks at sites with potential petroleum contamination.

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Fri 5/26/2017 7:32:15 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$112,635.00 Harvard School of Public Health

Regional Air Pollution Mixtures: Past and Future Air Quality and Health

The center will investigate the sources, composition, trends, and effects of regional air pollutant mixtures across the US over a period spanning past and future years (2000- 2040), and will examine the influence of climate, socioeconomic factors, policy decisions, and control strategies on air pollution, human health and economic outcomes.

Grant #: 83587201-3

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Mon 7/17/2017 6:20:25 PM
Subject: EPA Selects City of Oak Ridge to Apply for WIFIA Loan
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*****EMBARGOED UNTIL 6AM ET WEDNESDAY JULY 19 2017*****

Hello,

I wanted to let you know that later this week, EPA will be announcing that it has selected 12 projects to be invited to apply for a Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) loan. The following project in your state/district has been chosen:

$22 million - City of Oak Ridge
Water Treatment Plant Design and Construction
The City of Oak Ridge will design and construct a new 16 MGD membrane treatment plant and associated assets to replace the existing 80 - year old conventional treatment plant, which is currently at capacity and beyond its useful life. This project will provide sufficient capacity to meet the City's water needs by continuing the production and delivery of safe potable drinking water to its customers.

The Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act, enacted in 2014, accelerates investment in our nation's water infrastructure by providing long-term, low-cost supplemental loans for regionally and nationally significant water projects. The EPA received funding to implement the program earlier this year and invited communities to submit Letters of Interest to EPA this spring for WIFIA funding. EPA received 43 Letters of Interest and, after an extensive review, EPA is inviting 12 projects, including the Water Treatment Plant Design and Construction, to submit a formal application. In total, these 12 projects are expected to leverage more than a billion dollars in private capital and other funding sources, including EPA's State Revolving Fund (SRF) loans, to help finance a total of $5.1 billion in water infrastructure investments.

Inviting these projects to apply for a WIFIA loan indicates that EPA believes the selected projects will be able to attain a loan, but does not guarantee the project a loan. Each of the 12 projects are now invited to submit a formal application for WIFIA credit assistance, and EPA will work closely with each community on the next steps of the WIFIA process.

Attached to this message is a project-specific fact sheet for this project as well as an overview of EPA's announcement this week. Additional information on EPA's WIFIA program is available at www.epa.gov/wifia.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like any additional information.

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Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$52,181 Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Sault Ste Marie (SSM) Tribe of Chippewa Indians Section 106

The project will assist the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe (SSM) to continue efforts in developing their capacity and infrastructure to manage environmental programs on the reservation. The Tribe will 1) continue to conduct surface water quality sampling; 2) prioritize the Tribe's water resource needs to better address environmental issues; 3) grow its understanding of CWA 303, 319, 401 and 404 programs to eventually develop those programs; 4) draft a TAS application for the CWA 319 program; 5) review their QAPP; 6) continue communicating with federal, tribal, state and local water resource managers; 7) build capacity of the environmental program for water resource management; 8) continue education and outreach, including Clean Boats Clean Waters events and storm drain markers.
Grant No: 00E77005-1

$41,850 Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi Performance Partnership Grant

This Performance Partnership Grant with the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi Indians and consists of funds from the General Assistance Program (GAP), the Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 106 and CWA 319, and the Brownfields Section 128a Program. Specific activities during this grant period includes: Administrative oversight of the environmental program, continued establishment or enhancement of a site response program, water quality monitoring

and data collection activities, ensure ambient and indoor air quality reduce waste, and manage pesticides on the reservation.
Grant No: 96580012-5

$137,351 Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Performance Partnership Grant
This action will provide funding in the Performance Partnership Grant (PPG) to the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians in support of environmental protection programs managed on the reservation. Funds being provided include Clean Water Act Section 106, Brownfields Tribal Response program Section 128(a) and General Assistance Program Funds.
Grant No: 96552408-4

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Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$126141 UT Department of Environmental Quality CERCLA 128(a) Response Program CA for UDEQ
This project provides funding for the UDEQ DERR response program that includes timely survey and inventory of brownfield sites; oversight and enforcement authorities to ensure that response actions protect human health and the environment; resources to provide meaningful public involvement; mechanisms for approval of a cleanup plans and verification of complete responses. Increase of Funds.
Grant Number: 96829616-3

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Sent: Thur 6/8/2017 4:45:54 PM
Subject: RE: EPA Grant Award

Kaitlyn,

Thank you for the notification. Greatly appreciated.

Best,

Jason

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I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been

signed:

$147800 Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe- General Assistance Program

This cooperative agreement will further develop Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe's Environmental Program. Activities include: updating a Renewable Energy Plan and an Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan; developing a Water Quality Baseline Predictive Model; implementing a sustainable recycling program; as well as general administrative and financial management of this grant.

Grant #: 99T18301-2

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Subject: RE: EPA Grant Press Release

Such great news! Let me run by my boss, but I'm sure he'd like to include a quote. What is your deadline on this?

Best,

Erin

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Subject: EPA Grant Press Release

Good morning Erin. Per my phone call, we are planning to send the attached release later this month and wanted to see if the Congressman would be interested in providing a quote to be included as noted.

Thank you for taking a look.

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Thur 7/6/2017 8:36:21 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$270,400 Ohio Environmental Protection Agency - AIR POLLUTION CONTROL SECTION 105 COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT
The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) will implement a comprehensive two-year Air Pollution Control Program for the state of Ohio. OEPA will improve air quality by implementing measures to reduce stationary, area and mobile sources of air pollution in Ohio with the goal of meeting the national ambient air quality standards. In addition, OEPA will address air toxics, and administer the state's air quality monitoring, enforcement, and permitting programs.
Grant No: 01E01503-A

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$7,425,000 City of Lorain - Lower Black River Area of Concern (AOC) Remediation and Restoration Program
This project supports the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative and the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement, pursuant to Public Law 113-235. This project will address habitat-related beneficial use impairments (BUIs) in the Black River Area of Concern (AOC), including loss of fish and

wildlife populations, degradation of fish and wildlife habitat, and degradation of benthos. By removing and remediating 24 acres of impacted material within the flood plain and creating in-stream habitat, the proposed project will address these BUIs and advance the delisting of the Black River AOC. In addition, over 500,000 cubic yards of steel mill by-product material will be removed from the flood plain. This project proposes two years of post-construction biological monitoring (river mile 0-6) to assess the biological conditions for AOC delisting.
Grant No: 00E01523-2

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 6/21/2017 9:12:31 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$33,100 Nez Perce Tribe- CERCLA activities at the Portland Harbor and McCormick and Baxter NPL Sites.

Cooperative Agreement for Government-to-Government participation of the Nez Perce Tribe in CERCLA activities of USEPA at the Portland Harbor and McCormick and Baxter NPL Sites. Grant No: 97002502-B

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To: jordan.haverly@mail.house.gov[jordan.haverly@mail.house.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Mon 5/1/2017 8:39:55 PM
Subject: Wednesday

Jordan: Good to talk with your earlier today. As discussed we would like to send a press release following the meeting with the Administrator on Wednesday. We will send it to a press list targeted in your state to try and get some play back home for you and get some outside the beltway pick-up. We will enhance the press release with the following multimedia components:

*Quote from both the Administrator and Member. I'll send you a draft quote if you can also send me a draft of your Member's quote in advance.

*Photograph and b-roll video of the start (first 30 seconds) of the meeting.

*Audio/radio actuality from the Congressman following the meeting.

*Video clip b-roll of Congressman's comments following the meeting.

*For these last two points, we would set up in the Member's outer office or hallway and, standing off camera, ask him two questions to prompt a good response we can clip and use. This entire Q&A won't last more than 60-90 seconds. Questions would be: How did the meeting with the new EPA Administrator go? What does this meeting mean for your constituents back home?

*NOTE: These enhancements greatly increase the likelihood of local pick-up as local TV, radio and print will be able to use these components to easily build a package.

My crew of four will arrive at your office about 5 -10 mins in advance of the Administrator. We will set up in the office for the initial photo and video of the first 30 seconds of the meeting. Then we'll leave the Member's office and go and set up for the brief interview with us immediately following the meeting.

Please let me know if you have any questions and thank you for helping make this a great meeting that your home state media will be happy to cover!

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Thur 5/18/2017 3:31:40 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant for your state/ district has been signed:

$419,746.00 Department of Public Health and Environment

CERCLA Section 128(a) Brownfields Funding for State Response Programs

This project provides funding for CO Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) response program that includes timely survey and inventory of brownfield sites; oversight and enforcement authorities to ensure that response actions protect human health and the environment; resources to provide meaningful public involvement; mechanisms for approval of a cleanup plans and verification of complete responses. Additionally their work includes the Colorado Voluntary Cleanup Program.

Grant #: 98898903-4

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Tue 6/6/2017 1:45:43 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Assessment Grant

$420,000 for hazardous substances

$180,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected Nye County for a brownfields assessment coalition grant. Community-wide hazardous

substances and petroleum grant funds will be used to update a brownfields inventory, and perform up to 10 Phase I

and up to eight Phase II environmental site assessments. Grant funds also will be used to create eight cleanup

plans, prepare an area-wide plan, monitor institutional controls, and conduct community outreach activities.

Assessment activities will be conducted in Nye County and the locations of the following coalition partners:

Esmeralda, Lincoln, Mineral, and White Pine Counties in Nevada; Inyo County in California; and the Duckwater

Shoshone Tribe in Nevada.

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From: Stapleton, John
Sent: Mon 5/22/2017 10:13:26 PM
Subject: RE: Tweet by David B. McKinley on Twitter

Ok cool. We really appreciate the social media. We would like to send out our statement now. Without nagging too much, are you guys good with the quote?

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 6:10 PM
To: Stapleton, John
Subject: RE: Tweet by David B. McKinley on Twitter

Here are our posts: https://twitter.com/epa/status/866770635950829568

https://www.facebook.com/EPA/posts/10155359548162229

And we RTed yours.

From: Stapleton, John [mailto:John.Stapleton@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 5:36 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: Tweet by David B. McKinley on Twitter

David B. McKinley (@RepMcKinley)
5/22/17, 5:30 PM Glad to welcome @EPAScottPruitt to our Coal Caucus meeting to discuss issues that impact the coal industry all across America. #energy pic.twitter.com/Oe3IZ5vXRS

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 5/31/2017 8:15:06 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Assessment Grants

$150,000 for hazardous substances

$150,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Bay Minette for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct seven Phase I environmental site assessments and prepare two cleanup plans. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct the same tasks at sites with potential petroleum contamination. Grant funds of both types also will be used to conduct five Phase II environmental site assessments and support community involvement activities, including the development and distribution of informational handouts and brochures. Assessment activities will focus on the Douglassville Neighborhood Area.

Assessment Grants

$150,000 for hazardous substances

$150,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Dothan for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous substances and petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct 10 Phase I and six Phase II environmental site assessments. Grant funds also will be used to develop four cleanup plans and support community outreach activities, including the production of large-scale maps and informational handouts. Assessment activities will focus on Census Tracts 406, 412, and 414.

Cleanup Grant

$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Sheffield Redevelopment Authority for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up the Lady Ensley Furnace/Old Dump/Former Shooting Range site, located south of Treatment Plant Road and West 20th Avenue. The 61-acre cleanup site was originally developed with a blast furnace, and later used as an unregulated dump and shooting range until 2013. The site, now vacant, is contaminated with arsenic, cadmium, toluene, and metals. Grant funds also will be used to prepare a deed restriction and environmental covenant.

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Fri 5/26/2017 7:27:03 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$63,972.00 National Older Worker Career Center- Senior Environmental Employment for Region 6

This cooperative agreement will provide funding to support Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program enrollees working with Region VI Operations, Dallas, TX.

Grant #: 83820001-0

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Sent: Mon 7/17/2017 6:17:15 PM
Subject: EPA Selects City of Morro Bay to Apply for WIFIA Loan
11_Morro Bay_WIFIAProjectFactsheet.pdf

*****EMBARGOED UNTIL 6AM ET WEDNESDAY JULY 19 2017*****

Hello,

I wanted to let you know that later this week, EPA will be announcing that it has selected 12 projects to be invited to apply for a Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) loan. The following project in your state/district has been chosen:

$82 million- City of Morro Bay
Water Reclamation Project
The City of Morro Bay, a small community, will replace its 62 - year - old Morro Bay - Cayucos Wastewater Treatment Plant with a new water reclamation facility. This project will remove from operation the existing, outdated wastewater treatment plant, which discharges into the estuary. The new replacement will recycle wastewater to help supplement the City water supply and reduce reliance on imported water; improve groundwater quality with the addition of highly treated water; and move a critical piece of infrastructure to reduce flood risk.

The Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act, enacted in 2014, accelerates investment in our nation's water infrastructure by providing long-term, low-cost supplemental loans for regionally and nationally significant water projects. The EPA received funding to implement the program earlier this year and invited communities to submit Letters of Interest to EPA this spring for WIFIA funding. EPA received 43 Letters of Interest and, after an extensive review, EPA is inviting 12 projects, including the Water Reclamation Project, to submit a formal application. In total, these 12 projects are expected to leverage more than a billion dollars in private capital and other funding sources, including EPA's State Revolving Fund (SRF) loans, to help finance a total of $5.1 billion in water infrastructure investments.

Inviting these projects to apply for a WIFIA loan indicates that EPA believes the selected projects will be able to attain a loan, but does not guarantee the project a loan. Each of the 12 projects are now invited to submit a formal application for WIFIA credit assistance, and EPA will work closely with each community on the next steps of the WIFIA process.

Attached to this message is a project-specific fact sheet for this project as well as an overview of EPA's announcement this week. Additional information on EPA's WIFIA program is available at www.epa.gov/wifia.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like any additional information.

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Sent: Fri 8/25/2017 8:32:46 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$450,289 MDE - MD Dept of the Environment LUST PROGRAM
To assist recipient in implementing an effective leaking underground storage tank regulatory program as set forth in Subtitle I of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended.
Grant No: 00338319-3

$30,000 NAIB - National Aquarium Inc. Patapsco Latino Action Network: Empowering Community Anchors to Combat Marine Debris (PLAN)
The Patapsco Latino Action Network (PLAN) project seeks to clean-up marine debris in the local Baltimore neighborhoods of Brooklyn and Curtis Bay. These neighborhoods are in close proximity to high levels of industrial activity and the impaired Patapsco River branch of Baltimore Harbor. The project will expand the use of PLAN's community-led conservation model.
Grant No: 96352601-0

$285,000 U MD CP - University of Maryland - Office of Research Adminstration Mid-Atlantic Finance Program
This project will provide communities throughout the Mid-Atlantic technical assistance and training to develop financing strategies designed to efficiently, sufficiently, and sustainably support local resource protection and restoration goals across three primary initiatives: Water Resources Management, Energy Efficiency and Climate Adaptation and Resiliency, and Community Sustainability. Funds in the amount of $4,475,000 are contingent upon availability.

Grant No: 96342801-3

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$116,134 SD Department of Environment and Natural Resources State and Tribal Response Program/Brownfields funding for FFY-2017
This project provides funding for the SD DENR response program that includes timely survey and inventory of brownfield sites; oversight and enforcement authorities to ensure that response actions protect human health and the environment; resources to provide meaningful public involvement; mechanisms for approval of a cleanup plans and verification of complete responses. Increase of Funds.
Grant Number: 97895701-4

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Subject: EPA Grant Press Release
PinellasCounty2017airgrant.docx

Good morning Erin. Per my phone call, we are planning to send the attached release later this month and wanted to see if the Congressman would be interested in providing a quote to be included as noted.

Thank you for taking a look.

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Subject: EPA Grant Award

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$131,000 VA Dept of Environmental Quality- FY2017-FY2019 LUST PREVENTION APPLICATION

To assist the recipient's program in implementing an effective underground storage tank regulatory program as set forth in Subtitle I of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended.

Grant #: 97367804-3

$5,0000 VA Dept of Environmental Quality- FY2017-FY2019 LEAKING UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK APPLICATION

To assist the recipient's program in implementing an effective leaking underground storage tank regulatory program as set forth in Subtitle I of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended.

Grant #: 00339119-4

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Subject: EPA Grant Award

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$30,250 Bd of Regents NSHE obo Univ of NV Reno - Pollution Prevention Information Network - Western Sustainability & Pollution Prevention Network
The goal for the Western Sustainability and Pollution Prevention Network (WSPPN) is to help state and local source reduction and pollution prevention (P2) programs maximize the effectiveness of their limited resources. By providing training, networking opportunities, and up-to-date information to those technical assistance programs, who in turn provide direct assistance to business and industry, WSPPN encourages and supports the further dissemination of multi-media information to reduce the creation of pollutants and reduce or eliminate the use of toxic materials. Project activities include providing support and technical information into the national network of P2 information centers; holding regional and national webinars on pollution prevention on topics of interest to businesses; and coordinating and expanding green business programs across the country.
Grant No: 99T53501-2

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Subject: RE: Draft Release

Hi John,

Yes, the materials arrived this morning. I really appreciate you sending them over. I will work on the quote and release tonight and will have something back to you guys tomorrow.

Thanks for all of your help, it is greatly appreciated.

Best,

Joe Jackson

Rep. Liz Cheney (WY-AL)

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 4:21 PM
To: Jackson, Joseph <Joseph.Jackson@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Draft Release

Joe: Did the materials get delivered to you today? Attached is a draft release for your review. If you want to take this release and make it your own, please feel free. Or we can plug in your quote and we'll send it out.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you!

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To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Weldon, Scott
Sent: Thur 5/18/2017 2:41:34 PM
Subject: RE: Quote

"Our district, and the commonwealth at large, has an abundance of natural resources that are vitally important to the environmental and economic wellbeing of local communities. The National Estuary Program ensures that these ecosystems are preserved and maintained, while protecting the local economies they support."

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 10:32 AM
To: Weldon, Scott <Scott.Weldon@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote

Scott just following up on this…

Scott: Attached is the draft release we discussed this morning. We would like to have a quote included from the Congressman. If you all are interested please feel free to take this information and repurpose it for your own release to echo ours. We'll do social media too.

The plan is to send it tomorrow (Thursday) by noon.

Thank you for taking a look.

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From: Stapleton, John
Sent: Mon 5/22/2017 9:36:52 PM
Subject: Photos
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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Tue 6/6/2017 1:43:40 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Assessment Grants

$200,000 for hazardous substances

$100,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation for two brownfields assessment grants.

Community-wide hazardous substances and petroleum grant funds will be used to update up to 99 existing Phase I

environmental site assessments, conduct three Phase II environmental site assessments, and prepare up to three

cleanup plans. Tasks will focus on the five-mile City Center Section of the Honolulu rail transit project corridor.

Cleanup Grants

$600,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation for three brownfields cleanup grants. Hazardous

substances grant funds will be used to clean up Tax Map Key 1-5-007-023 Areas A, B, and C at 533 and 537 Kaaahi

Street. The three cleanup sites were historically an ancient Hawaiian fishpond and then filled with soil for railway

use until the 1950s, when they were used for light industrial purposes. The sites are contaminated with arsenic and

metals.

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 5/31/2017 7:37:21 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Cleanup Grant

$100,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Town of Bath for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used

to clean up the Railroad Depot Complex at 107 Williams Street and Route 552 in Berkeley Springs. The cleanup will

focus on the 0.4-acre CSX site (Lot 3) within the complex, which was formerly used as a railroad yard and is

contaminated with polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons and arsenic. Grant funds also will be used to conduct

community involvement and redevelopment planning activities.

Cleanup Grant

$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Upshur County Commission for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant

funds will be used to clean up the Upshur County Youth Camp Tar Pit on Second Avenue in Selbyville. The 25,000-

square-foot cleanup site was first used by the Buckhannon Chemical Company starting in 1908 to manufacture

charcoal, wood alcohol (methanol), and calcium acetate and to dispose of associated waste. Contaminants at the

site include volatile organic compounds, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, and arsenic. Grant funds also will be

used to support community involvement activities.

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Mon 7/17/2017 6:13:44 PM
Subject: EPA Selects Maine Water Company To Apply for WIFIA Loan
10_Maine_WIFIAProjectFactsheet.pdf

*****EMBARGOED UNTIL 6AM ET WEDNESDAY JULY 19 2017*****

Hello,

I wanted to let you know that later this week, EPA will be announcing that it has selected 12 projects to be invited to apply for a Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) loan. The following project in your state/district has been chosen:

$25 million- Maine Water Company
Saco River Water Treatment Facility
The privately held Maine Water Company will construct a new 20 MGD water treatment facility to replace the existing facility that has been providing service to the communities of Biddeford, Saco, Old Orchard Beach, and Scarborough, Maine since 1884. This project would provide public water service to the coastal municipalities in York County, ME; provide an opportunity for process improvements, automation, safety enhancements, redundancy, resiliency, and sustainability for the next century of service; and allow for expansion to serve neighboring water systems in southern Maine, consistent with Southern Maine Regional Water Council master plan.

The Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act, enacted in 2014, accelerates investment in our nation's water infrastructure by providing long-term, low-cost supplemental loans for regionally and nationally significant water projects. The EPA received funding to implement the program earlier this year and invited communities to submit Letters of Interest to EPA this spring for WIFIA funding. EPA received 43 Letters of Interest and, after an extensive review, EPA is inviting 12 projects, including the Saco River Water Treatment Facility, to submit a formal application. In total, these 12 projects are expected to leverage more than a billion dollars in private capital and other funding sources, including EPA's State Revolving Fund (SRF) loans, to help finance a total of $5.1 billion in water infrastructure investments.

Inviting these projects to apply for a WIFIA loan indicates that EPA believes the selected projects will be able to attain a loan, but does not guarantee the project a loan. Each of the 12 projects are now invited to submit a formal application for WIFIA credit assistance, and EPA

will work closely with each community on the next steps of the WIFIA process.

Attached to this message is a project-specific fact sheet for this project as well as an overview of EPA's announcement this week. Additional information on EPA's WIFIA program is available at www.epa.gov/wifia.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like any additional information.

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Fri 5/26/2017 7:10:02 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$322,800.00 Virginia Department of Health dba Office of Drinking Water

Public Water System Supervision Program

This funding is mission critical and is in the operating plan. It provides support for implementation of a Public Water Supervision Program adequate to enforce the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Grant #: 00311417-2

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 7/26/2017 8:36:45 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$111,600 Senior Service America Inc. Senior Environmental Employment Program for AED/ORD Narragansett, RI
This cooperative agreement will provide funding to support Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program enrollees working with the Atlantic Ecology Division, Office of Research and Development, Narragansett, RI.
Grant Number: 83634001-3

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Fri 8/25/2017 8:31:37 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$667,000 KDHE - Kansas Department of Health and Environment Kansas Leaking Underground Storage Tank Cooperative Agreement
Program funds will provide resources for the oversight/monitoring and cleanup of petroleum releases from Underground Storage Tanks (USTs). States have the authority to monitor and administer funds for UST corrective action using Leaking Underground Storage Tanks trust funds.
Grant No: 00744709-1

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Thur 6/8/2017 4:41:36 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$147800 Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe- General Assistance Program

This cooperative agreement will further develop Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe's Environmental Program. Activities include: updating a Renewable Energy Plan and an Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan; developing a Water Quality Baseline Predictive Model; implementing a sustainable recycling program; as well as general administrative and financial management of this grant.

Grant #: 99T18301-2

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Thur 7/6/2017 8:31:38 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$23,343 Palm Beach County Health Department - Palm Beach County PM2.5 Ambient Air Monitoring
This project supports Palm Beach County's compliance with National Ambient Air Quality Standards by continuing the ongoing collection of data on the ambient air concentrations of fine particulate matter in Palm Beach County, Florida.
Grant No: 96496215-3

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Subject: Draft Release
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From: Maxwell, Chloe
Sent: Thur 5/18/2017 1:34:14 PM
Subject: Re: Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality

Thanks for the email.

I'm out of the office today, but I've added our communication director, mike, to this email.

Thank you,

Chloe

Chloe Maxwell

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On May 18, 2017, at 8:26 AM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:

Chloe and Team: Please let me know a good time to jump on the phone today to discuss.

Thank you!

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Cc: Jumde, Anushree <Anushree.Jumde@mail.house.gov>; Frost, Dylan <Dylan.Frost@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality

Hi Chloe,

Great speaking with you this morning I've CCed John Konkus who handles all of the press for EPA grants. He will be happy to help you and your comms team on announcements. Please include him on any e-mails and continue to let us know how we can be of assistance.

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Cc: Jumde, Anushree <Anushree.Jumde@mail.house.gov>; Frost, Dylan <Dylan.Frost@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality

Good afternoon,

I was wondering if you could answer two questions for me.

1. Is this info embargoed?
2. When will EDEQ be informed that they have been awarded this grant money?

Thank you,

Chloe

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I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant for your state/ district has been signed:

$651,709.00 Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality

ADEQ FY17 106 Surface & Groundwater

This funding is to assist the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality in administering the State's base water quality and ground water programs. This project aims to prevent, reduce, and eliminate water pollution through monitoring, standard-setting, TMDL development, permitting, surface and ground water enforcement and compliance activities, program management and other water quality related activities.

Grant #: 00605016-2

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Subject: Tweet by David B. McKinley on Twitter

David B. McKinley
(@RepMcKinley)

5/22/17, 5:30 PM
Glad to welcome @EPAScottPruitt to our Coal Caucus meeting to discuss issues that impact the coal industry all across America. #energy
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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Mon 6/5/2017 9:58:08 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Assessment Grants

$150,000 for hazardous substances

$150,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Regional Planning Commission for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide

hazardous substances and petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct six Phase I and four Phase II

environmental site assessments, and prepare four cleanup plans. Grant funds also will be used to support

community outreach activities. Assessments will focus on properties along the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal in the

City of New Orleans.

Assessment Grants

$100,000 for hazardous substances

$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Acadiana Planning Commission for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide

hazardous substances and petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct 20 Phase I and 10 Phase II environmental

site assessments, build and maintain an inventory of brownfields, and produce cost estimates for cleanup plans.

Grant funds also will be used to support community outreach activities. Assessment activities will focus on the

Four Corners Neighborhood of Lafayette.

Assessment Grants

$150,000 for hazardous substances

$150,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Bastrop for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous

substances grant funds will be used to prioritize brownfield sites, conduct 10 Phase I and three Phase II

environmental site assessments, and prepare a cleanup plan and cleanup cost estimate. Community-wide

petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct the same tasks at sites with potential petroleum contamination.

Grant funds of both types also will be used to support community outreach activities.

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Assessment Grants

$200,000 for hazardous substances

$100,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct eight Phase I and six Phase II environmental site assessments, and prepare six cleanup plans. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct four Phase I and three Phase II environmental site assessments, and prepare three cleanup plans.

Grant funds of both types also will be used to prepare a brownfields inventory and prioritize sites, and support

community involvement activities. Assessment activities will focus on the Towns of Rainelle and Rupert.

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Mon 7/17/2017 6:05:56 PM
Subject: EPA Selects Baltimore City Department of Public Works to Apply for WIFIA Loan
9_Baltimore_WIFIAProjectFactsheet.pdf

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Hello,

I wanted to let you know that later this week, EPA will be announcing that it has selected 12 projects to be invited to apply for a Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) loan. The following project in your state/district has been chosen:

$200 million - Baltimore City Department of Public Works
Comprehensive Infrastructure Repair, Rehabilitation and Replacement Program
The City of Baltimore will complete a set of projects to repair, rehabilitate, replace, and upgrade its wastewater collection and treatment, water treatment and distribution, and stormwater management systems. These projects would improve the sanitary sewer collection system; ensure the reliability and performance of the pumping stations and Maryland's two largest wastewater treatment plants; improve the drinking water distribution system to address reliability and performance, which provides direct public health benefits; and meet Clean Water Act permit requirements and obligations through stormwater improvements.

The Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act, enacted in 2014, accelerates investment in our nation's water infrastructure by providing long-term, low-cost supplemental loans for regionally and nationally significant water projects. The EPA received funding to implement the program earlier this year and invited communities to submit Letters of Interest to EPA this spring for WIFIA funding. EPA received 43 Letters of Interest and, after an extensive review, EPA is inviting 12 projects, including the Comprehensive Infrastructure Repair, Rehabilitation and Replacement Program, to submit a formal application. In total, these 12 projects are expected to leverage more than a billion dollars in private capital and other funding sources, including EPA's State Revolving Fund (SRF) loans, to help finance a total of $5.1 billion in water infrastructure investments.

Inviting these projects to apply for a WIFIA loan indicates that EPA believes the selected projects will be able to attain a loan, but does not guarantee the project a loan. Each of the 12 projects are now invited to submit a formal application for WIFIA credit assistance, and EPA will work closely with each community on the next steps of the WIFIA process.

Attached to this message is a project-specific fact sheet for this project as well as an overview of EPA's announcement this week. Additional information on EPA's WIFIA program is available at www.epa.gov/wifia.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like any additional information.

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Sent: Wed 6/28/2017 8:57:56 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$303452 Washington State Dept. of Commerce- Administration of the lead based paint accreditation and certification programs
Washington State requests funding under section 404(g) of the Toxic Substances Control Act to administer a certification, accreditation, compliance and enforcement program for lead-based paint activities, renovation and pre-renovation work. The program's goal is to eliminate childhood lead poisoning by ensuring and enforcing compliance with the lead environmental laws and regulations. Washington State is authorized to run the Lead Abatement, Renovation, Repair and Painting and the Pre-Renovation Education Programs. Funding supports the Washington State Authorized Lead Programs.
Grant No. 01J30801-0

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Fri 5/26/2017 6:51:17 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$300,000.00 AK Dept of Environ Conserv- ADEC PPG: CAA 105, Radon, Multipurpose, and Pesticide

This Performance Partnership grant amendment provides environmental program funding for state fiscal year 2017's Pesticide, Radon, and Multipurpose programs, and for ADEC's state fiscal years 2017 and 2018 Clean Air 105 program.

Grant #: 96079704-9

$125,243.00 Native Village of Napaimute- Indian General Assistance Program

The Native Village of Napaimute will build tribal environmental capacity by developing a strategic plan, sharing environmental and resource management information with tribal members, including local environmental issues into school district summer science curriculum, conducting baseline water quality monitoring, maintenance and improvements to landfill, and conduct backhaul of solid and hazardous wastes.

Grant #: 01J17301-1

$6,850.00 Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation

Research, Development, Monitoring, Public Education, Training, Demonstrations, and Studies

The grantee will help Alaska rural communities develop effective pest control (bed bug) management. Funding in year one will be used to create a state-wide advisory group, develop tool kits with IPM supplies and informational material, purchase supplies to build homemade hot boxes, and provide on-site training.

Grant #: 01J11201-4

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Sent: Fri 8/25/2017 8:30:38 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$501,441 LADCO - Lake Michigan Air Directors Consortium LADCO Member State Technical, programmatic and training support
This grant will support state air pollution control programs, conducting data analysis to enhance understanding of air pollution problems, including updating conceptual models for ozone, PM 2.5, and regional haze; conducting energy related projects; serving on local, state, federal, and national committees; and other activities to help its member states better understand air pollution and air quality problems in the Great Lakes Region. It will also provide air pollution control training.
Grant No: 96500804-9

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Sent: Thur 7/6/2017 8:30:12 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$40000 Environmental Law Institute - Toward More Effective CWA 303(d) Program Implementation
To assist States, Tribes, and Territories in their work to restore and protect watersheds and aquatic ecosystems, ELI will over five years collaboratively develop a series of electronic reports on and compendia of best practices supporting effective implementation of CWA 303(d) Program responsibilities, consistent with the Program "Vision." ELI will disseminate these materials and enhance the transfer of ideas among States, Tribes, and Territories through an online resource that is also available to non-governmental stakeholders.
Grant No: 83592101-2

$33216 Environmental Law Institute - The Policy and Practice of Stream Mitigation: A Webinar Series
ELI proposes to develop a webinar series on the policy, practice, and science of stream mitigation for states, tribes, and local governments and other interested agencies, organizations, and institutions. The goal of the current project is to continue to support the development and refinement of science-based stream mitigation programs by providing a forum for information exchange and discussion of the best science-based policies and practices in stream restoration. To support this goal, ELI will: assemble a Stream Mitigation Advisory Committee, develop and host a series of stream mitigation webinars, and publish an article on stream mitigation guidelines, practice, and science.
Grant No: 83692301-1

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Sent: Wed 6/21/2017 8:04:12 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant for your state/ district has been signed:

$109,116 Iowa Department of Natural Resources- Pollution Prevention in Iowa: Assessments, Internships and Workshops

Iowa Department of Natural Resources will conduct pollution prevention assessments, pollution prevention internships with businesses interested in environmental management systems, and environmental management system workshops. These activity types will assist in reducing green house gas emissions, the use of hazardous materials, and assist food manufacturers in the reduction of environmental impacts while producing significant cost savings.

This award provides incremental funding.
Grant No: 97757301-1

$85,041 Iowa Department of Natural Resources- Continuing Economy, Energy and Environment (E3) in Iowa

Iowa Department of Natural Resources will identify, train and provide six pollution prevention internships for an Iowa Economy, Energy and Environment (E3) project and/or source reduction assistance to Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) reporters in Iowa. They will also hold a TRI presentation as part of a Pollution Prevention/Compliance-based workshop. These activities will be used to reduce environmental impacts while producing significant cost savings.

This award provides incremental funding.
Grant No: 97758801-1

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Sent: Wed 7/26/2017 8:35:42 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$1,498,400 Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Ohio EPA FFY17 Clean Water Act Section 106 Grant
The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Federal Fiscal Year 2017 Clean Water Act, Section 106 grant will implement funding to strategize the protection of public health through safe drinking water programs and activities. Outputs involved with this project include activities related to Ohio's Ambient Ground Water Quality Monitoring Network, inspecting hundreds of dischargers, reviewing National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits, maintaining various databases within the Division of Drinking and Ground Waters, and developing Geographic Information Systems capabilities.
Grant Number: 17E01490-4

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From: Stapleton, John
Sent: Mon 5/22/2017 9:31:01 PM
Subject: Re: Are you in the room?

Great. Thanks. Just tweeted 2 photos.

Sent from my iPhone

> On May 22, 2017, at 5:30 PM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> Yes. Just got sign off. Making edits and will send it to you.
>
> -----Original Message-----
> From: Stapleton, John [mailto:John.Stapleton@mail.house.gov]
> Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 5:21 PM
> To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
> Subject: Re: Are you in the room?
>
> Was there any movement on a quote?
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
>> On May 22, 2017, at 5:12 PM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:
>>
>> No. I'm at my desk LOL
>>
>> -----Original Message-----
>> From: Stapleton, John [mailto:John.Stapleton@mail.house.gov]
>> Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 5:11 PM
>> To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
>> Subject: Are you in the room?
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>> I am standing in the corner - red tie.
>>
>> Sent from my iPhone

To: Maxwell, Chloe[Chloe.Maxwell@mail.house.gov]; Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
Cc: Jumde, Anushree[Anushree.Jumde@mail.house.gov]; Frost, Dylan[Dylan.Frost@mail.house.gov]
From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Thur 5/18/2017 1:19:33 PM
Subject: RE: Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality

Hi Chloe,

Great speaking with you this morning I've CCed John Konkus who handles all of the press for EPA grants. He will be happy to help you and your comms team on announcements. Please include him on any e-mails and continue to let us know how we can be of assistance.

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Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 5:23 PM
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Cc: Jumde, Anushree <Anushree.Jumde@mail.house.gov>; Frost, Dylan <Dylan.Frost@mail.house.gov>

Subject: Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality

Good afternoon,

I was wondering if you could answer two questions for me.

1. Is this info embargoed?
2. When will EDEQ be informed that they have been awarded this grant money?

Thank you,

Chloe

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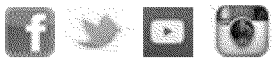

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant for your state/ district has been signed:

$651,709.00 Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality

ADEQ FY17 106 Surface & Groundwater

This funding is to assist the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality in administering the State's base water quality and ground water programs. This project aims to prevent, reduce, and eliminate water pollution through monitoring, standard-setting, TMDL development, permitting, surface and ground water enforcement and compliance activities, program management and other water quality related activities.

Grant #: 00605016-2

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Sent: Thur 6/8/2017 4:40:19 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$505,981 Illinois Environmental Protection Agency- ILLINOIS EPA BROWNFIELDS 128A - FY18

This Cooperative Agreement supports the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency voluntary Site Remediation Program, the Office of Site Evaluation, and the Office of Brownfields Assistance. The Brownfields funding is for the continued development and enhancement of the State's response program, which consists of Federal and State programs under the jurisdiction of Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Division of Remediation Management.

Grant #: 96507913-0

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Mon 6/5/2017 9:49:27 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Cleanup Grant

$600,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the White Mountain Apache Tribe Housing Authority for three brownfields cleanup grants.

Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up 11 housing units at the White Mountain Apache Tribe

Reservation in Cibecue; 17 housing units at the White Mountain Apache Tribe Reservation in Whiteriver; and five

housing units at the White Mountain Apache Tribe Reservation in McNary. The cleanup sites are all former lowincome

housing units contaminated with methamphetamine and its precursors. Grant funds also will be used to

support community engagement activities.

Assessment Grants

$200,000 for hazardous substances

$100,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of South Tucson for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous

substances grant funds will be used to conduct 16 Phase I and four Phase II environmental site assessments, and

prepare two cleanup plans. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct nine Phase I and three

Phase II environmental site assessments, and prepare one cleanup plan. Grant funds of both types also will be used

to support community involvement activities.

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Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Assessment Grant

$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Thomas for a brownfields assessment grant. Community-wide hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct five Phase I and at least three Phase II environmental site assessments, and develop up to five cleanup plans. Grant funds also will be used to prioritize sites and support community involvement activities. Assessment activities will focus on the city's historic commercial downtown, riverfront property, and adjacent residential neighborhoods.

Cleanup Grant

$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Vienna for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up the former Johns Manville site at 2905 2nd Avenue. The 19-acre cleanup site was used to treat cut wood in the late 19th century. From 1914 to 1950, the Meyercord Carter Company operated its Vitrolite plant on the site to make structural pigmented glass. In 1950, production shifted to fiberglass yarns and insulation. The site was then operated until 2006 by the Johns Manville Corporation, and now sits vacant. It is contaminated with metals and inorganic contaminants. Grant funds also will be used to support community engagement activities.

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Subject: EPA Selects King County to Apply for WIFIA Loan
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Hello,

I wanted to let you know that later this week, EPA will be announcing that it has selected 12 projects to be invited to apply for a Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) loan. The following project in your state/district has been chosen:

$129 million- King County
Georgetown Wet Weather Treatment Station
King County will construct a new Wet Weather Treatment Station conveyance pipelines, and outfall structure to treat combined sewer overflows prior to discharge into the Lower Duwamish Waterway. This project will control two existing combined sewer overflows to meet the Washington State control standard.

The Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act, enacted in 2014, accelerates investment in our nation's water infrastructure by providing long-term, low-cost supplemental loans for regionally and nationally significant water projects. The EPA received funding to implement the program earlier this year and invited communities to submit Letters of Interest to EPA this spring for WIFIA funding. EPA received 43 Letters of Interest and, after an extensive review, EPA is inviting 12 projects, including the Georgetown Wet Weather Treatment Station, to submit a formal application. In total, these 12 projects are expected to leverage more than a billion dollars in private capital and other funding sources, including EPA's State Revolving Fund (SRF) loans, to help finance a total of $5.1 billion in water infrastructure investments.

Inviting these projects to apply for a WIFIA loan indicates that EPA believes the selected projects will be able to attain a loan, but does not guarantee the project a loan. Each of the 12 projects are now invited to submit a formal application for WIFIA credit assistance, and EPA will work closely with each community on the next steps of the WIFIA process.

Attached to this message is a project-specific fact sheet for this project as well as an overview of EPA's announcement this week. Additional information on EPA's WIFIA program is available at www.epa.gov/wifia.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like any additional information.

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Sent: Wed 6/28/2017 8:56:49 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$140320 VA Dept of Health- Lead Safe Virginia's mission is to eliminate lead as a health hazard for VA children.
The purpose of this cooperative agreement is to assist Virginia in its ongoing efforts to: administer its lead program through certification and accreditation of lead-based paint professionals; monitor lead-based paint activities through inspections and notification procedures; issue enforcement actions to ensure compliance with requirements and to deter further violations; provide compliance assistance to the regulated community; provide education and lead regulations and lead issues to the public; perform outreach activities on various lead-based paint issues and regulatory requirements.
Grant No. 99318914-4

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Sent: Fri 5/26/2017 6:17:12 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$23,709.00 Georgia Tech Research Corporation- Pollution Prevention Incentives States

This action provides funding to Georgia Tech Research Corporation for a project that will focus on pollution prevention assessments and training to reach green principles to achieve process improvements and enhance environmental performance through energy efficiency and improved resource utilization to further sustainability.

Grant #: 00D52617-1

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Sent: Wed 6/21/2017 8:01:15 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$61,600 National Caucus & Center on Black Aging Inc- Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program Region 4 SEE Program

This cooperative agreement will provide funding to support Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program enrollees working with Region IV Operations, Atlanta, GA.
Grant No: 83730001-2

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Sent: Thur 7/6/2017 8:29:19 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$122,884 Bay Area AQMD - PM 2.5 Monitoring Network
The purpose of this grant is to provide funding to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) to monitor fine particulate matter with the diameter equal to or smaller than 2.5 micrometers (PM 2.5) in order to determine compliance with the PM 2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standards and determine deductions in air emissions.

This assistance agreement fully funds this grant by increasing the federal funding amount by $122,884. The total funding amount is $1,222,991 which includes $211,336 in EPA in-kind. The budget and project period remains the same.
Grant No: 99T08001-7

$60,000 The Regents of the University of CA - Davis - STEPS 2015-2018: Understanding Critical Dynamics for Sustainable Transportation
The Inistitue of Transportation Studies at the University of California - Davis, through the study "STEPS 2015-2018: Understanding Critical Transition Dynamics for Sustainable Transportation," is to conduct a four-year multi-disciplinary research and outreach program leading to a better understanding of the critical factors and dynamics for making a transition to a sustainable transportation system.

Research conducted under this study will produce research reports, email briefings, and blog postings. Additionally, the program will host annual symposiums and workshops to review research outputs from the program (note: EPA funding will not be used for conference funding.)

EPA funding will be part of a consortium of sponsors that includes other federal agencies (DOT, DOE), state/local government agencies, and major automotive/energy companies.
Grant No: 83587001-2

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Sent: Mon 5/22/2017 9:21:01 PM
Subject: Re: Are you in the room?

Was there any movement on a quote?

Sent from my iPhone

> On May 22, 2017, at 5:12 PM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:
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> No. I'm at my desk LOL
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> -----Original Message-----
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> Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 5:11 PM
> To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
> Subject: Are you in the room?
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> I am standing in the corner - red tie.
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> Sent from my iPhone

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Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$1,900,000 FL DEP Wst - FL Dept of Environmental Protection Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund Program

This action approves an award in the amount of $1,900,000 to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to assist the State of Florida in developing, implementing and maintaining an effective Underground Storage Tank Program for the remediation of leaking underground storage tanks containing petroleum. Funds will be used for information technology needs including staff augmentation and to augment site management and technical staffing needs.

Grant No: 00D30017-0

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Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$569,994 NYS Dept of Environmental Conservation NYSDEC Brownfields State Response Program FY16

The objective of this project is to assist in remediating and redeveloping brownfields sites through the expansion of the State's current response program. Specifically, the State will perform an inventory of brownfields sites, conduct targeted brownfields site assessments, and enhance the public record system. The activities to be performed will result in increased environmental benefits, specifically cleaning up and putting back into use contaminated sites. Grant Number: 96269017-0

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Sent: Mon 6/5/2017 9:42:47 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Assessment Grants

$200,000 for hazardous substances

$100,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Laramie for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous

substances grant funds will be used to conduct up to six Phase I and up to three Phase II environmental site

assessments, and prepare two cleanup plans. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct up to

nine Phase I and up to two Phase II environmental site assessments, and prepare one cleanup plan. Grant funds of

both types also will be used to inventory the city's brownfield sites and support community outreach activities.

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Subject: EPA Grant Award

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$68,037 Air Resources Board- Pollution Prevention Grants - Compounding the Effects of the California Green Business Network

CA Air Resources Board in partnership with CA Green Business Network, will provide technical assistance and training to small businesses throughout CA. This project will establish a new green business program in one new jurisdiction, with a preference for a large county that has a disadvantaged community where programs do not currently exist. A new sector, food manufacturers, will be targeted to become certified green businesses. Marketing efforts will also be leveraged and increased to add new businesses and increase certification program efficacy in all CA Green Business Network programs across the state.

Grant #: 99T53201-1

$161,700 Tule River Tribal Council- General Assistance Program

This cooperative agreement provides funding to further develop the Tribe's Environmental Program. Activities include managing their environmental office, managing and developing outreach activities for waste reduction and proper storage/disposal, working on the development of a tribal environmental plan, and building the capacity to develop an air quality program for the Tribe.

Grant #: 99T59201-0

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Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Assessment Grant

$395,000 for hazardous substances

$205,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Brooke-Hancock Regional Planning and Development Council for a brownfields assessment coalition grant. Community-wide hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct 10 Phase I and seven Phase II environmental site assessments, and create cleanup plans for five sites. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct seven Phase I and four Phase II environmental site assessments, and create cleanup

plans for three sites. Grant funds of both types also will be used to inventory and prioritize sites, and support community outreach activities. Assessment activities will focus on the Weirton-Steubenville Metropolitan Statistical Area in Brooke and Hancock Counties, WV, and Jefferson County, OH. Coalition partners are the Business Development Corporation of the Northern Panhandle, and Jefferson County Port Authority.

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Subject: EPA Selects Indiana Finance Authority to Apply for WIFIA Loan
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Hello,

I wanted to let you know that later this week, EPA will be announcing that it has selected 12 projects to be invited to apply for a Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) loan. The following project in your state/district has been chosen:

$436 million- Indiana Finance Authority
Indiana Finance Authority FY2017
The Indiana Finance Authority (IFA) will fund the entirety of its Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Project Priority Lists. WIFIA credit assistance would expand the reach of the SRF programs and allow IFA to fund dozens of projects in communities across the state.

The Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act, enacted in 2014, accelerates investment in our nation's water infrastructure by providing long-term, low-cost supplemental loans for regionally and nationally significant water projects. The EPA received funding to implement the program earlier this year and invited communities to submit Letters of Interest to EPA this spring for WIFIA funding. EPA received 43 Letters of Interest and, after an extensive review, EPA is inviting 12 projects, including the Indiana Finance Authority FY2017, to submit a formal application. In total, these 12 projects are expected to leverage more than a billion dollars in private capital and other funding sources, including EPA's State Revolving Fund (SRF) loans, to help finance a total of $5.1 billion in water infrastructure investments.

Inviting these projects to apply for a WIFIA loan indicates that EPA believes the selected projects will be able to attain a loan, but does not guarantee the project a loan. Each of the 12 projects are now invited to submit a formal application for WIFIA credit assistance, and EPA will work closely with each community on the next steps of the WIFIA process.

Attached to this message is a project-specific fact sheet for this project as well as an overview of EPA's announcement this week. Additional information on EPA's WIFIA program is available at www.epa.gov/wifia.

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Sent: Wed 6/28/2017 8:56:08 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$30000 Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation- NONPOINT SOURCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
The purpose of this project is to train environmental staff to assess nonpoint source pollution issues on tribal land which will help the tribe identify activities to reduce water pollution from sedimentation on the reservation. In addition, activities include attending training workshops and compiling a written assessment of nonpoint source degradation to increase awareness and reduce pollution.
Grant No. 99T41101-1

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 6/21/2017 8:00:07 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$1,616,000 DE Dept of Nat Res and Env Control dba Div of Management Section - Water Resources- DNREC; CBIG II

This grant agreement funds the implementation of multi-faceted plans that will result in the reduction of nutrient and sediment loads from the Delaware headwaters of the Chesapeake Bay watershed to achieve Delaware's total maximum daily loads (TMDL) and cap-load allocations.
Grant No: 96334201-3

$820,465 State of Delaware DNREC- DE DNREC CBRAP II

To ensure through regulatory and accountability measures that Delaware meets its cap load allocations for Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) for nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment to help restore the water quality in the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries by supporting programs and initiatives that provide assurance to EPA that the state has measures in place to meet the TMDL and Watershed Implementation Plan goals and to maintain them.
Grant No: 96345701-1

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From: Stapleton, John
Sent: Mon 5/22/2017 9:12:57 PM
Subject: Re: Are you in the room?

Haha. Ok!

Sent from my iPhone

> On May 22, 2017, at 5:12 PM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:
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> No. I'm at my desk LOL
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Stapleton, John [mailto:John.Stapleton@mail.house.gov]
> Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 5:11 PM
> To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
> Subject: Are you in the room?
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Sent: Fri 5/26/2017 6:07:45 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

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$10,000.00 New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission

Training and Technical Assistance to Advance CWA Section 303(d) Program Implementation

NEIWPCC will provide training and technical assistance to advance CWA Section 303(d) Program implementation by sharing issues/innovations in implementing the program while enhancing communication among program stakeholders. This will be achieved through a series

of conference calls or webinars focusing on technical information exchange among non-governmental program stakeholders and state and federal program personnel. NEIWPCC will provide the overall leadership for the training, identify appropriate timeframes, develop training agendas and materials, and select presenters.

Grant #: 83592701-2

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Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$165,000 Org. for Economic Coop. and Dev. OECD Work on the Environment, Health, and Safety Programme
The objective of this grant is to provide financial support to the Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development's (OECD's) work on the environment, health, and safety programme. The effort will support work on test guidelines; the assessment of chemicals and nanomaterials; capacity building; facilitation of risk reduction; chemical accidents and pollutant release and transfer registers.
Grant No: 83678601-1

$64,000 Ozone Transport Commission Support for states in preparing regional haze and criteria pollutant State Implementation Plans.
This grant funds the Ozone Transport Commission in its capacity as the Mid-Atlantic/Northeast Visibility Union (MANE-VU) to assess and design strategies to reduce Regional Haze in the Northeastern United States with an emphasis on Class I areas, and to achieve the new and newly revised NAAQS for all criteria air pollutants via multi-pollutant SIP planning. The Ozone Transport Commission works with States and Tribes to provide model State Implemention Plans for Regional Haze
Grant No: 96343201-4

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Sent: Wed 7/26/2017 8:32:56 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$56,835 National Caucus & Center on Black Aging Inc Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program for APPCD/ORD
This cooperative agreement will provide funding to support Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program enrollees working with the Air Pollution, Prevention and Control Division, Office of Research and Development, Research Triangle Park, NC.
Grant Number: 83925601-0

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Sent: Mon 6/5/2017 9:30:32 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Cleanup Grant

$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Spirit Lake Tribe for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be

used to clean up the Sheyenne Re-locatable Homes site at 7591 35th Street in Sheyenne. The approximately twoacre

cleanup site was formerly used for houses that had been transferred from the Minot Air Force Base. It is

contaminated with mold, metals, and inorganic contaminants. Grant funds also will be used to conduct community

involvement activities.

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Sent: Thur 6/8/2017 4:36:23 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

$212,343 Chalkyitsik Village Council- Chalkyitsik Diesel Generator Replacement

To replace two Tier 0 stationary diesel generators located in the power plant in Chalkyitsik, Alaska, with two new certified Tier 3 marine generators.

Grant #: 01J29601-0

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Sent: Wed 5/31/2017 6:11:31 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Assessment Grants

$200,000 for hazardous substances

$100,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Norfolk for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous

substances grant funds will be used to conduct six Phase I and seven Phase II environmental site assessments.

Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct four Phase I and four Phase II environmental site

assessments. Grant funds of both types also will be used for cleanup planning and community involvement

activities. Assessments will focus on 218 acres in four key neighborhoods in the downtown and coastal areas along

the Elizabeth River: East Downtown/Harbor Park, Tidewater Gardens/St. Paul's Quadrant, Fort Norfolk and

surrounding Ghent Neighborhood area, and the South Elizabeth River Waterfront.

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Subject: EPA Selects City of Omaha to Apply for WIFIA Loan
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Hello,

I wanted to let you know that later this week, EPA will be announcing that it has selected 12 projects to be invited to apply for a Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) loan. The following project in your state/district has been chosen:

$55 million- City of Omaha
Saddle Creek Combined Sewer Overflow Retention Treatment Basin
The City of Omaha will construct of a new retention treatment basin to address combined sewer overflows in the Saddle Creek Basin as required by the city's consent decree, Clean Water Act permit, and long term control plan. This project will address water quality concerns in Papillion Creek and the Missouri River by removing 1.2 billion gallons of combined sewage discharged into the Little Papillion Creek, and removing floatables and other solids from combined sewer overflows.

The Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act, enacted in 2014, accelerates investment in our nation's water infrastructure by providing long-term, low-cost supplemental loans for regionally and nationally significant water projects. The EPA received funding to implement the program earlier this year and invited communities to submit Letters of Interest to EPA this spring for WIFIA funding. EPA received 43 Letters of Interest and, after an extensive review, EPA is inviting 12 projects, including the Saddle Creek Combined Sewer Overflow Retention Treatment Basin, to submit a formal application. In total, these 12 projects are expected to leverage more than a billion dollars in private capital and other funding sources, including EPA's State Revolving Fund (SRF) loans, to help finance a total of $5.1 billion in water infrastructure investments.

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will work closely with each community on the next steps of the WIFIA process.

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$56,520 National Older Worker Career Center- Senior Environmental Employment Program for Office of Criminal Enforcement

This cooperative agreement will provide support for Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program enrollees to work with the Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Washington, DC.
Grant No: 83562501-D

$42,600 Natl Asian Pacific Center on Aging- Senior Environmental Employment Program for Office of Environmental Information

This cooperative agreement will provide support for Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program enrollees to work with the Office of Environmental Information, Washington, DC.
Grant No: 83589501-A

$6,000,000 National Fish & Wildlife Foundation- NFWF; Innovative Nutrient and Sediment Reduction

Development and implementation of the Chesapeake Bay Innovative Nutrient and Sediment Reduction grant program.
Grant No: 96331101-5

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Subject: EPA Grant Award

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$164,564 MT Department of Environmental Quality MT - State Response / Brownfields
This project provides funding for the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (MTDEQ) response program that includes timely survey and inventory of brownfield sites; oversight and enforcement authorities to ensure that response actions protect human health and the environment; resources to provide meaningful public involvement; mechanisms for approval of a cleanup plans and verification of complete responses. Increase of Funds.
Grant Number: 98881114-5

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Grant No: 98934917-0

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Mon 6/5/2017 9:26:03 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Cleanup Grant

$132,800 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Colorado Department of Local Affairs for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances

grant funds will be used to clean up Fort Lyon Buildings 501, 306, and 310 located at 30999 County Road 15 in Las

Animas. Buildings 501, 306 and 310 are part of the 512-acre Fort Lyon campus. Currently used for housing for

homeless citizens, the campus has previously been used as an army post, residential care facility for Veterans

Affairs, and correctional facility. Buildings 501, 306, and 310 are currently vacant and are contaminated with

hazardous substances. Grant funds also will be used to support community engagement activities.

Assessment Grants

$200,000 for hazardous substances

$100,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Montrose for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous

substances grant funds will be used to conduct five Phase I and five Phase II environmental site assessments, and

prepare two cleanup plans. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct four Phase I and two

Phase II environmental site assessments, and prepare one cleanup plan. Grant funds of both types also will be used

to inventory the city's brownfields, prepare a GIS-based map of the sites, and support community outreach

activities.

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Sent: Wed 5/31/2017 6:04:19 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Assessment Grant

$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Roanoke for a brownfields assessment grant. Community-wide hazardous substances

grant funds will be used to conduct seven Phase I and three Phase II environmental site assessments, and develop

two cleanup plans. Grant funds also will be used to support community involvement activities, including

preparation of information sheets, project brochures, and a webpage. Assessment activities will focus on the

Roanoke Rail Corridor and the brownfield corridor between the industrial Norwich neighborhood and the City of

Salem.

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Sent: Wed 6/21/2017 7:50:12 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$131,759 Ute Mountain Ute Tribe- Ute Mtn Ute 128a

This project provides funding for the Ute Mountain Ute response program that includes timely survey and inventory of brownfield sites; oversight and enforcement authorities to ensure that response actions protect human health and the environment; resources to provide meaningful public involvement; mechanisms for approval of a cleanup plans and verification of complete responses. Increase of Funds.
Grant No: 96839101-3

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From: Stapleton, John
Sent: Mon 5/22/2017 8:25:08 PM
Subject: RE: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Ok… thanks!

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 4:10 PM
To: Stapleton, John
Subject: RE: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Stand by. Thanks!

From: Stapleton, John [mailto:John.Stapleton@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 4:08 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

John, do you have a quote I can include in our release? Please let me know when you have a chance. Thanks.

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 11:41 AM
To: Stapleton, John
Subject: Re: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Yes. I'll send you our draft release shortly.

John Konkus

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On May 22, 2017, at 11:22 AM, Stapleton, John <John.Stapleton@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Hey John,

Great to work with you again. We will be putting together and sending over quote in a bit. Just need to get sign off from Congressman McKinley. He is on a plane right now but will be in the office in the early afternoon. We will be putting a release together ourselves. Can we use your quote in our release for the WV papers. Would you mind? Thanks!

John

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 10:58 AM
To: Paska, Jessica; Deeley, Blake; Haverly , Jordan
Cc: Stapleton, John
Subject: RE: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Fantastic! Thank you!

From: Paska, Jessica [mailto:Jessica.Paska@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 10:40 AM
To: Deeley, Blake <Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov>; Haverly , Jordan <Jordan.Haverly@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Stapleton, John <John.Stapleton@mail.house.gov>
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Here is a quote from Congressman Griffith, let me know if it works for you. Thanks!

"I look forward to working with Administrator Pruitt, and others at the EPA, to make the EPA more efficient and to recognize that we can work towards cleaner air, cleaner water,

and cleaner coal use without killing as many jobs in coal and other industries."

Jessica Paska

Communications Director

Congressman Morgan Griffith (VA-09)

202-225-3861

From: Deeley, Blake
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 10:09 AM
To: Paska, Jessica; Haverly , Jordan
Cc: Konkus, John; Stapleton, John
Subject: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Jordan and Jessica: Thanks for your willingness to submit a quote to EPA for their press release about today's coal caucus meeting. I want to introduce you to John Konkus w/ EPA (cc'd) who will be putting together EPA's communications on this meeting.

John K.: Really appreciate all of your help with this meeting. The folks in this email are with the following offices…

John Stapleton w/ Congressman McKinley (Coal Caucus Chairman)

Jessica Paska w/ Congressman Griffith

Jordan Haverly w/ Congressman Shimkus

Will let you all take it from there.

-Blake

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Sent: Wed 7/26/2017 8:28:40 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$14,225 MD Dept of the Environment P2 - Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE)
The Pollution Prevention (P2) program addresses the reduction and elimination of pollution across air, land, and water. This grant will assist MD businesses by helping to establish green teams that set and meet annual P2 goals; provide P2 assistance to food processors; provide tech assistance to manufacturers through an internship program or site visits; and recognize business P2 activities through the Maryland Green Registry.
Grant Number: 96345001-2

$10,000 MD Dept of the Environment PRE-REMEDIAL RESPONSE (FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES)
Funds will be used to address outstanding sites on the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Inventory of Sites and identify new sites that warrant further investigation. Funds will also be used to evaluate site conditions and determine whether sites should be proposed for the National Priority List.
Grant Number: 96324701-4

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Sent: Fri 5/26/2017 5:44:13 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you of the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state:

$128,000.00 Native Village of Kobuk- Native Village of Kobuk Environmental Program

This grant will assist the Native Village of Kobuk in building capacity through training on mitigating the tribes environmental priorities outlined in the EPA Tribal Environmental Plan. Attending training, and finding solutions to water quality issues, solid and hazardous waste remediation, and future planning. The tribe will maintain and update plans and expand the environmental planning for the future 5 years. Equipment is necessary for sorting, stacking and compacting the landfill for the tribal human health, safety and environment.

Grant #: 00J93801-3

$128,000.00 Organized Village of Kwethluk - Indian General Assistance Program

This project will build Tribal government's capacity to maintain community and environmental health by conducting community education and outreach to assess source reduction options and alternatives for managing household hazardous wastes, recycling, composting, and the use of green materials in construction. Tribe will receive training which will enable staff to asses air pollution sources and concerns such as road dust, wood smoke, diesel emissions and indoor air quality.

Grant #: 01J09501-3

$125,000.00 Native Village of Scammon Bay - Indian Environmental General Assistance Program - FY 18

Scammon Bay's IGAP program will build capacity through their environmental program for the tribal community with solid waste management, management of the environmental office, and gaining technical knowledge from training and conferences. The program will continue to address backhaul and recycling and water quality testing for the surrounding watershed.

Grant #: 01J19901-1

$125,000.00 Village of Stony River- Indian General Assistance Program

The Village of Stony River will build tribal environmental capacity by developing a joint EPA-Tribal Environmental Plan, conducting environmental education with residents and school-aged children; conducting recycling, trash collection and backhaul of hazardous materials; seek air quality technical assistance and conduct healthy homes assessments with tribal members.

Grant #: 01J26701-1

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$125,000.00 Yupiit of Andreafski - Capacity Building and Environmental Enhancement

Yupiit of Andreafski will build capacity in managing environmental issues through training and building relationships with other communities. The tribe will prioritize the environmental issues, publish news and host community education meetings and seminars. The tribe will work with other entities for solid waste solutions. Landfill issues will be addressed and the recycling department will continue to prevent unnecessary items from filling the landfill.

Grant #: 01J03701-2

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Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant for your state/ district has been signed:

$651,709.00 Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality

ADEQ FY17 106 Surface & Groundwater

This funding is to assist the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality in administering the State's base water quality and ground water programs. This project aims to prevent, reduce, and eliminate water pollution through monitoring, standard-setting, TMDL development, permitting, surface and ground water enforcement and compliance activities, program management and other water quality related activities.

Grant #: 00605016-2

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Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Assessment Grant

$445,400 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Panhandle Area Development District for a brownfields assessment coalition grant.

Community-wide hazardous substances grant funds will be used to perform 35 Phase I and 12 Phase II

environmental site assessments. Grant funds also will be used to support cleanup planning and community

outreach activities. Assessment activities will focus on the communities of the Nebraska Panhandle. Coalition

partners are the Cities of Crawford, Gordon, Kimball, Mitchell, and Scottsbluff.

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From: Conley, Brendan
Sent: Wed 6/7/2017 9:23:07 PM
Subject: RE: Quote

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Thank you for your help with all this!

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I'm glad they asked! Brownfield grants will continue. President Trump's budget continues funding for EPA's Brownfields program. President Trump and Administrator Pruitt are committed to cleaning up and reusing contaminated sites.

From: Conley, Brendan [mailto:Brendan.Conley@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 4:06 PM
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Second Congressional District of Maine

For Immediate Release **Contact:** Brendan Conley

June 7, 2017 (202) 225-6306

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To: Conley, Brendan
Subject: Quote

Importance: High

Brendan: Would Congressman Poliquin be interested in providing a quote for us to include in the attached draft press release? We plan to release this tomorrow. If you all would like to send your own release, we would let you go first and provide a quote from Administrator Pruitt if you're interested.

Thank you,

John Konkus

Environmental Protection Agency

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Sent: Wed 5/31/2017 6:02:18 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Assessment Grants

$200,000 for hazardous substances

$100,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Town of Pulaski for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous

substances grant funds will be used to conduct seven Phase I and three Phase II environmental site assessments,

and prepare three cleanup plans. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct three Phase I and

two Phase II environmental site assessments, and prepare two cleanup plans. Grant funds of both types also will be

used to update a brownfields inventory, prioritize sites, and support community outreach activities. Assessment

activities will focus on the Third Street Corridor.

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 6/21/2017 7:48:19 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$128,700 Robinson Rancheria's Environmental Program- General Assistance Program

This cooperative agreement provides federal funding to further develop the Robinson Rancheria's Environmental Program. Activities include managing their environmental office, development of an air quality program, implementation of solid and hazardous waste activities and the development of environmental outreach and education materials.
Grant No: 99T41901-1

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From: Stapleton, John
Sent: Mon 5/22/2017 8:08:01 PM
Subject: RE: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

John, do you have a quote I can include in our release? Please let me know when you have a chance. Thanks.

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 11:41 AM
To: Stapleton, John
Subject: Re: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Yes. I'll send you our draft release shortly.

John Konkus

Deputy Associate Administrator

Office of Public Affairs

Cell: (202) 365-9250

On May 22, 2017, at 11:22 AM, Stapleton, John <John.Stapleton@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Hey John,

Great to work with you again. We will be putting together and sending over quote in a bit. Just need to get sign off from Congressman McKinley. He is on a plane right now but will be in the office in the early afternoon. We will be putting a release together ourselves. Can we use your quote in our release for the WV papers. Would you mind? Thanks!

John

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 10:58 AM
To: Paska, Jessica; Deeley, Blake; Haverly , Jordan

Cc: Stapleton, John
Subject: RE: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Fantastic! Thank you!

From: Paska, Jessica [mailto:Jessica.Paska@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 10:40 AM
To: Deeley, Blake <Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov>; Haverly , Jordan <Jordan.Haverly@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Stapleton, John <John.Stapleton@mail.house.gov>
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Here is a quote from Congressman Griffith, let me know if it works for you. Thanks!

"I look forward to working with Administrator Pruitt, and others at the EPA, to make the EPA more efficient and to recognize that we can work towards cleaner air, cleaner water, and cleaner coal use without killing as many jobs in coal and other industries."

Jessica Paska

Communications Director

Congressman Morgan Griffith (VA-09)

202-225-3861

From: Deeley, Blake
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 10:09 AM
To: Paska, Jessica; Haverly , Jordan
Cc: Konkus, John; Stapleton, John
Subject: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Jordan and Jessica: Thanks for your willingness to submit a quote to EPA for their press release about today's coal caucus meeting. I want to introduce you to John Konkus w/ EPA (cc'd) who will be putting together EPA's communications on this meeting.

John K.: Really appreciate all of your help with this meeting. The folks in this email are with the following offices…

John Stapleton w/ Congressman McKinley (Coal Caucus Chairman)

Jessica Paska w/ Congressman Griffith

Jordan Haverly w/ Congressman Shimkus

Will let you all take it from there.

-Blake

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 7/26/2017 8:27:23 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$70,000 KY Energy and Environment Cabinet Water Quality Management Planning
This action approves an award in the amount of $100,000 to assist the Commonwealth of Kentucky with implementing the Clean Water Act Section 604 Water Quality Management Program. The funding will be used to support the existing Water Quality Management Planning Program including the administration of the state water quality standards, assessment of water quality conditions and related data management functions. The oversight of related water quality planning work, including nutrient criterial development.

Please note this is the first of two payments.

Grant Number: 00475617-1

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 5/17/2017 7:41:50 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that a US EPA grant has been signed in your state/ district:

$200,000.00 County of Wayne- BROWNFIELD AREA-WIDE PLANNING

This project provides funding for Wayne County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority to conduct area-wide planning for the brownfields in the City of River Rouge's downtown area, the area of the DTE Energy Rouge River Power Plant, and the neighborhood in between these two sites. The area-wide plan will inform subsequent brownfields assessment, cleanup and reuse activities. Wayne County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority will conduct community involvement activities to identify community priorities, research the existing conditions of the brownfields area, determine reuses for brownfield sites, and develop a detailed brownfields area-wide plan and plan implementation strategy.

Grant #: 00E02090-0

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Cleanup Grant

$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Hardesty Renaissance Economic Development Corporation for a brownfields cleanup grant.

Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up the former Hardesty Federal Complex at 607 Hardesty

Avenue in Kansas City. The cleanup site formerly served as a storage facility for military posts in Missouri and

nearby states, and later as an office for several federal agencies. It is currently vacant. The site is contaminated with

metals, inorganic contaminants, and other hazardous substances. Grant funds also will be used to support

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Grant No: 99T68801-0

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Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 8:41 AM
To: Conley, Brendan
Subject: RE: Quote

Super. We'll take it and put it in our release. The plan is to send it a noon.

Thank you Brendan!

From: Conley, Brendan [mailto:Brendan.Conley@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 8:39 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote

Hey John,

So sorry to just get back to you. If you have not released, I would be happy to get you a quote from the Congressman ASAP.

Thank you!

Brendan Conley

Press Secretary

Rep. Bruce Poliquin (ME-02)

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From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 3:45 PM
To: Conley, Brendan
Subject: Quote
Importance: High

Brendan: Would Congressman Poliquin be interested in providing a quote for us to include in the attached draft press release? We plan to release this tomorrow. If you all would like to send your own release, we would let you go first and provide a quote from Administrator Pruitt if you're interested.

Thank you,

John Konkus

Environmental Protection Agency

Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Affairs

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 5/31/2017 6:00:04 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Assessment Grants

$200,000 for hazardous substances

$100,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Town of Bedford for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous

substances grant funds will be used to conduct six Phase I and three Phase II environmental site assessments, and

develop three cleanup plans. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct four Phase I and three

Phase II environmental site assessments, and develop two cleanup plans. Grant funds of both types also will be

used to support community outreach activities.

Assessment Grant

$354,000 for hazardous substances

$236,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Industrial Development Authority of Halifax County for a brownfields assessment coalition

grant. Community-wide hazardous substances and petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct approximately 20

Phase I and approximately eight Phase II environmental site assessments. Grant funds also will be used to prepare

an inventory of brownfields, prioritize sites, prepare eight cleanup plans, and support community involvement

activities. Assessment activities will focus on the Towns of Halifax and South Boston. Coalition partners are Halifax

County and the Towns of Halifax and South Boston.

Kaitlyn Shimmin

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To: Paska, Jessica[Jessica.Paska@mail.house.gov]; Haverly , Jordan[Jordan.Haverly@mail.house.gov]; Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]; Deeley, Blake[Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov]
From: Stapleton, John
Sent: Mon 5/22/2017 6:43:03 PM
Subject: RE: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Awesome… Thanks! And for anyone who wants to do the same… here is the quote from McKinley.

"After eight years of devastating attacks on the coal industry from the Obama administration, it is a great relief to have a leader like Scott Pruitt in charge of the EPA. He understands that we can protect our air, land, and water without picking winners and losers in our economy," said **McKinley**.

"In our meeting with Administrator Pruitt he articulated his vision to pursue environmentally friendly policies that won't attack the tens of thousands of coal miners who work so hard to power this great country. We are grateful for his willingness to work with our caucus and we look forward to strengthening our partnership on a wide range of issues that impact the coal industry," **McKinley** said.

From: Paska, Jessica
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 2:42 PM
To: Stapleton, John; Haverly , Jordan; Konkus, John; Deeley, Blake
Subject: RE: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Yes, thanks!

Jessica Paska

Communications Director

Congressman Morgan Griffith (VA-09)

202-225-3861

From: Stapleton, John
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 2:41 PM
To: Haverly , Jordan; Konkus, John; Deeley, Blake
Cc: Paska, Jessica
Subject: RE: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Is that also cool with you, Jessica?

From: Haverly , Jordan
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 1:28 PM
To: Stapleton, John; Konkus, John; Deeley, Blake
Cc: Paska, Jessica
Subject: Re: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Don't mind at all!

I plan for toward the EPA release to our folks back home.

From: "Stapleton, John" <John.Stapleton@mail.house.gov>
Date: Monday, May 22, 2017 at 1:18 PM
To: "Konkus, John" <konkus.john@epa.gov>, "Haverly , Jordan" <Jordan.Haverly@mail.house.gov>, "Deeley, Blake" <Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov>
Cc: "Paska, Jessica" <Jessica.Paska@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

All, we are in the process of finalizing our own quote and will be sure to send it around when complete. We were going to send our own press release to local WV outlets. I spoke with John earlier about this…. Jordan/Jessica, do you mind if we use your boss's quotes in our release as well? Thanks.

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]

Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 12:35 PM
To: Haverly , Jordan; Deeley, Blake
Cc: Paska, Jessica; Stapleton, John
Subject: RE: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Thank you Jordan.

From: Haverly , Jordan [mailto:Jordan.Haverly@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 12:27 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Deeley, Blake <Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Paska, Jessica <Jessica.Paska@mail.house.gov>; Stapleton, John <John.Stapleton@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Re: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Here is a statement from Rep. Shimkus.

"Administrator Pruitt's eagerness to engage with lawmakers has been a breath of fresh air here on Capitol Hill. I appreciate his willingness to meet with the Coal Caucus today, and to listen to our stories about the communities in our districts that have been devastated by the previous administration's anti-coal agenda. Working together both legislatively and through administrative actions, I'm optimistic that this Congress and this Administration can and will protect our air and water without sacrificing jobs and affordable energy."

Thanks!

Jordan Haverly

Communications Director & Policy Adviser

Congressman John Shimkus (IL-15)

(202) 225-5271 | Cell: (217) 820-9812

From: "Konkus, John" <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Date: Monday, May 22, 2017 at 11:21 AM
To: "Deeley, Blake" <Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov>
Cc: "Paska, Jessica" <Jessica.Paska@mail.house.gov>, "Haverly , Jordan" <Jordan.Haverly@mail.house.gov>, "Stapleton, John" <John.Stapleton@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Re: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Thank you. Keep them coming!

John Konkus

Environmental Protection Agency

Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Affairs

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On May 22, 2017, at 11:20 AM, Deeley, Blake <Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov> wrote:

> Thanks Jessica!
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> John we should be getting something to you soon
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> **From:** Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
> **Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2017 10:58 AM
> **To:** Paska, Jessica; Deeley, Blake; Haverly , Jordan
> **Cc:** Stapleton, John
> **Subject:** RE: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes
>
> Fantastic! Thank you!
>
> **From:** Paska, Jessica [mailto:Jessica.Paska@mail.house.gov]
> **Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2017 10:40 AM

To: Deeley, Blake <Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov>; Haverly , Jordan <Jordan.Haverly@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Stapleton, John <John.Stapleton@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Here is a quote from Congressman Griffith, let me know if it works for you. Thanks!

"I look forward to working with Administrator Pruitt, and others at the EPA, to make the EPA more efficient and to recognize that we can work towards cleaner air, cleaner water, and cleaner coal use without killing as many jobs in coal and other industries."

Jessica Paska

Communications Director

Congressman Morgan Griffith (VA-09)

202-225-3861

From: Deeley, Blake
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 10:09 AM
To: Paska, Jessica; Haverly , Jordan
Cc: Konkus, John; Stapleton, John
Subject: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Jordan and Jessica: Thanks for your willingness to submit a quote to EPA for their press release about today's coal caucus meeting. I want to introduce you to John Konkus w/ EPA (cc'd) who will be putting together EPA's communications on this meeting.

John K.: Really appreciate all of your help with this meeting. The folks in this email are with the following offices…

John Stapleton w/ Congressman McKinley (Coal Caucus Chairman)

Jessica Paska w/ Congressman Griffith

Jordan Haverly w/ Congressman Shimkus

Will let you all take it from there.

-Blake

Blake Deeley| *Policy Advisor*

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 6/21/2017 7:46:21 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$150,609 AZ Dept of Env Quality- PM2.5 MONITORING NETWORK

The purpose of this grant is to provide Fiscal Year 2017 funding to the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) to monitor fine particulate matter with the diameter equal to or smaller than 2.5 micrometers (PM2.5) in order to determine compliance with the PM 2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standards and determine reductions in air emissions.
Grant No: 99T08701-6

$74,547 Maricopa County Air Quality Department- PM 2.5 Monitoring Network

The purpose of this grant is to provide Fiscal Year 2017 funding to the Maricopa County Air Quality Department (MCAQD) to monitor fine particulate matter with the diameter equal to or smaller than 2.5 micrometers (PM2.5) in order to determine compliance with the PM 2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standards and determine reductions in air emissions.
Grant No: 99T08801-6

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Fri 5/26/2017 5:11:43 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

$280,000.00 CA Dept of Toxic Subs Control- Superfund Multi-Site Cooperative Agreement (MSCA)

This agreement will support the State by providing funding for review and input on evaluations, technical analysis, and remedial decisions (including remedial investigations and feasibility studies), risk assessments and coordination and regulatory agencies and facility owners/operators for the above mentioned activities.

Grant: 99T41301-2

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To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Kelly, Melissa
Sent: Wed 5/17/2017 7:21:17 PM
Subject: RE: Hello

Sounds good, thanks John!

Melissa Kelly
Deputy Chief of Staff
Rep. Pete Olson
202-225-5951

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 11:09 AM
To: Kelly, Melissa
Subject: RE: Hello

After the meeting I'd like to capture some audio of the Congressman. I do this with my handheld recorder and I ask him two generic questions to elicit a good 10 second clip we can push to radio and TV. The two questions are:

- How did you meeting with the new EPA Administrator go today?

- What does it mean for the folk back in your district?

You can listen to the clips I've put together from past meetings here:
https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-04/sandoval-april262017.mp3

And here: https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-05/pruitt-scott.mp3

From: Konkus, John
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 4:44 PM
To: 'Kelly, Melissa' <Melissa.Kelly@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Hello

I think I saw the Congressman is set to meet with the Administrator soon?

From: Kelly, Melissa [mailto:Melissa.Kelly@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 4:40 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: Hello

Great to run into you in Rayburn and welcome back to DC!

Hope all is well and I'm glad we are reconnected! I'm sure we will run into each other again. My boss is on the Environment Subcommittee so we pay a lot of attention to EPA☺

Melissa Kelly
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Assessment Grants

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EPA has selected the City of Topeka for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous

substances and petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct 12 Phase I and six Phase II environmental site

assessments, and prepare three cleanup plans. Grant funds also will be used to inventory and prioritize the city's

brownfield sites, and support community outreach activities.

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To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Conley, Brendan
Sent: Wed 6/7/2017 8:04:57 PM
Subject: RE: Quote

Sorry, just saw this email. Please see below—

Congressman
Bruce Poliquin
Second Congressional District of Maine

For Immediate Release **Contact:** Brendan Conley

June 7, 2017 (202) 225-6306

Rep. Poliquin Announces $1.1 Million in EPA Grants for Brownfields Clean Up in Oxford, Kennebec, Waldo and Somerset Counties

The support will help continue efforts in cleaning up contaminated Brownfield properties

WASHINGTON – Today, Congressman Bruce Poliquin (ME-02) announced the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has selected two existing Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) recipients in Maine to receive $1.1 million in supplemental funding, supporting work in Oxford, Kennebec, Waldo and Somerset counties. This additional support will help continue efforts in cleaning up contaminated Brownfield properties.

The grants awarded by the EPA include:

•□□□□□□□□ The Kennebec Valley Council of Governments in Kennebec, Somerset and Waldo counties — $500,000 in supplemental funds

•□□□□□□□□ The Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission (SMPDC) in Oxford county — $600,000 in supplemental funds

"These Brownfields grants are welcome news for our communities in Oxford, Kennebec, Waldo and Somerset counties and will help lay the groundwork for economic development, more jobs and continued stewardship of Maine's environment," **said Congressman Poliquin**. "I applaud the EPA for this important support and I will continue to push for sensible environmental policies, which are critical not only to our health and recreation, but also for job creation in our State."

Said Rosie Vanadestine, Kennebec Valley Council of Governments executive director, "Kennebec Valley Council of Governments is sincerely grateful for the opportunity to continue our Brownfields program through supplemental funding. In our district of Kennebec, Somerset and western Waldo counties, our Revolving Loan Fund Program has enabled the reuse of a contaminated schoolhouse as a food hub, the development of a disused tannery as a small manufacturing space, the creation of new medical building on the site of a contaminated and deserted steel manufacturing business, and the creation of housing in a former hospital building.

She continued, "The Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission (SMPDC) is deeply appreciative of the supplemental funding for our Revolving Loan Fund Program, which will enable us to continue with our active clean-up efforts in communities both large and small all over York and southern Oxford County. To date the funding has resulted in 18 loan and grant awards for clean-up, accounting for 140 new jobs created, 52 million in leveraged private and public sector dollars and 240 units of new housing. We look forward to continuing with these efforts."

Background:

According to the EPA, the Brownfields RLF program supports EPA's commitment to help environmentally overburdened communities address their local priorities. The funds will help

communities reuse vacant and abandoned properties and turn them into community assets such as housing, recreation and open space, health facilities, social services, transportation options, infrastructure and commerce opportunities.

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From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 2:52 PM
To: Conley, Brendan
Subject: RE: Quote

Can you send me a copy of your release when it goes? Thanks!

From: Conley, Brendan [mailto:Brendan.Conley@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 12:27 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote

Thanks! I will be sending ours shortly

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 11:57 AM
To: Conley, Brendan
Subject: RE: Quote

Thank you Brendan. Attached is our final release FYI.

From: Conley, Brendan [mailto:Brendan.Conley@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 11:51 AM

To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote

Thanks John!

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 11:51 AM
To: Conley, Brendan
Subject: RE: Quote

You can use the quote and it's all attributable to Rosie Vanadestine.

From: Conley, Brendan [mailto:Brendan.Conley@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 11:44 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote

Would I be permitted to use this quote in our office's press release?

"Kennebec Valley Council of Governments is sincerely grateful for the opportunity to continue our Brownfields program through supplemental funding. In our district of Kennebec, Somerset and western Waldo counties, our Revolving Loan Fund Program has enabled the reuse of a contaminated schoolhouse as a food hub, the development of a disused tannery as a small manufacturing space, the creation of new medical building on the site of a contaminated and deserted steel manufacturing business, and the creation of housing in a former hospital building," said executive director Rosie Vanadestine.

"The Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission (SMPDC) is deeply appreciative of the supplemental funding for our Revolving Loan Fund Program, which will enable us to continue with our active clean-up efforts in communities both large and small all over York and southern Oxford County. To date the funding has resulted in 18 loan and grant awards for clean-up, accounting for 140 new jobs created, 52 million in leveraged private and public sector dollars and 240 units of new housing. We look forward to continuing with these efforts."

And, to clarify, this entire quote is from Ms. Vanadestine?

Thank you, John!

Brendan C.

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To: Conley, Brendan
Subject: RE: Quote

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Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 11:33 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote

Hey John,

Apologies to hold you so close to your deadline. Please find the Congressman's quote below. Please let me know if there are any issues.

"These Brownfields grants are welcome news for our communities in Oxford, Kennebec, Waldo and Somerset counties and will help lay the groundwork for economic development, more jobs and continued stewardship of Maine's environment," **said Congressman Poliquin**. "I applaud the EPA for this important support and I will continue to push for sensible environmental

policies, which are critical not only to our health and recreation, but also for job creation in our State."

Thank you so much!

Brendan Conley

Press Secretary

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brendan.conley@mail.house.gov

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 8:41 AM
To: Conley, Brendan
Subject: RE: Quote

Super. We'll take it and put it in our release. The plan is to send it a noon.

Thank you Brendan!

From: Conley, Brendan [mailto:Brendan.Conley@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 8:39 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote

Hey John,

So sorry to just get back to you. If you have not released, I would be happy to get you a quote from the Congressman ASAP.

Thank you!

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From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 3:45 PM
To: Conley, Brendan
Subject: Quote
Importance: High

Brendan: Would Congressman Poliquin be interested in providing a quote for us to include in the attached draft press release? We plan to release this tomorrow. If you all would like to send your own release, we would let you go first and provide a quote from Administrator Pruitt if you're interested.

Thank you,

John Konkus

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Cc: Lyons, Troy[lyons.troy@epa.gov]; Ringel, Aaron[ringel.aaron@epa.gov]; Palich, Christian[palich.christian@epa.gov]; Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Fri 8/25/2017 8:21:31 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$8,661,000 Arkansas Natural Resources Commission Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Capitalization Grant
This agreement is for a capitalization grant which provides funds for Arkansas's Clean Water State Revolving Fund program to provide low interest financing to recipients for costs associated with the planning, design, and construction of eligible water quality improvement and protection projects throughout the State of Arkansas. The objectives are to establish and manage an effective comprehensive Water Pollution and Control Revolving Funds program and to maintain a self-sustaining revolving fund so as to improve and protect water quality and public health.
Grant No: 05000217-0

$134,554 Arkansas State Plant Board ASPB State FIFRA Spray Drift Project FY17
This cooperative agreement continues implementation of pesticide regulatory and enforcement programs in the State of Arkansas that will include, but are not limited to, activities such as, compliance monitoring, enforcement, certification and training for pesticide applicators, worker protection safety, and outreach and education.
Grant No: 00635117-2

$404,116 Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality FY17 RCRA Cooperative Agreement
This program provides financial support to the state of Arkansas for the following activities: enforcement, facility hazardous waste inspections, corrective actions, RCRA permiting, state authorization, program management, and providing program information.
Grant No: 00625117-1

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From: Paska, Jessica
Sent: Mon 5/22/2017 6:41:30 PM
Subject: RE: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Yes, thanks!

Jessica Paska

Communications Director

Congressman Morgan Griffith (VA-09)

202-225-3861

From: Stapleton, John
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 2:41 PM
To: Haverly , Jordan; Konkus, John; Deeley, Blake
Cc: Paska, Jessica
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From: Haverly , Jordan
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Cc: "Paska, Jessica" <Jessica.Paska@mail.house.gov>
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All, we are in the process of finalizing our own quote and will be sure to send it around when complete. We were going to send our own press release to local WV outlets. I spoke with John earlier about this…. Jordan/Jessica, do you mind if we use your boss's quotes in our release as well? Thanks.

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Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 12:35 PM
To: Haverly , Jordan; Deeley, Blake
Cc: Paska, Jessica; Stapleton, John
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Thank you Jordan.

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Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 10:58 AM
To: Paska, Jessica; Deeley, Blake; Haverly , Jordan
Cc: Stapleton, John
Subject: RE: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Fantastic! Thank you!

From: Paska, Jessica [mailto:Jessica.Paska@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 10:40 AM
To: Deeley, Blake <Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov>; Haverly , Jordan <Jordan.Haverly@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Stapleton, John <John.Stapleton@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Here is a quote from Congressman Griffith, let me know if it works for you. Thanks!

"I look forward to working with Administrator Pruitt, and others at the EPA, to make the EPA more efficient and to recognize that we can work towards cleaner air, cleaner water, and cleaner coal use without killing as many jobs in coal and other industries."

Jessica Paska

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Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 10:09 AM
To: Paska, Jessica; Haverly , Jordan
Cc: Konkus, John; Stapleton, John
Subject: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Jordan and Jessica: Thanks for your willingness to submit a quote to EPA for their press release about today's coal caucus meeting. I want to introduce you to John Konkus w/ EPA (cc'd) who will be putting together EPA's communications on this meeting.

John K.: Really appreciate all of your help with this meeting. The folks in this email are with the following offices…

John Stapleton w/ Congressman McKinley (Coal Caucus Chairman)

Jessica Paska w/ Congressman Griffith

Jordan Haverly w/ Congressman Shimkus

Will let you all take it from there.

-Blake

Blake Deeley| *Policy Advisor*

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 5/31/2017 5:53:29 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Assessment Grants

$200,000 for hazardous substances

$100,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Washington County Redevelopment Authority for two brownfields assessment grants.

Community-wide hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct three Phase I and six Phase II

environmental site assessments, and prepare six cleanup plans. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be

used to conduct two Phase I and two Phase II environmental site assessments, and prepare two cleanup plans.

Grant funds of both types also will be used to update an online database of brownfields and support community

outreach activities, including the dissemination of marketing materials and brochures. Assessment activities will

focus on 21 municipalities in the Monongahela River Valley.

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To: Bastomski, Gabriel[Gabriel.Bastomski@mail.house.gov]
From: Bastomski, Gabriel
Sent: Wed 7/26/2017 7:59:31 PM
Subject: Release: Congressman Russell Cost Cutting Bills Move Forward in Senate

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE CONTACT: Gabriel Bastomski
July 26, 2017 202.225.2132

Congressman Russell Cost Cutting Bills Move Forward in Senate

Washington, DC – Today, the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee approved 13 bills, including two cost cutting bills introduced by Congressman Steve Russell (OK-5) this Congress, the *Federal Register Printing Savings Act of 2017* and the *Federal Agency Mail Management Act of 2017*. Clearing this hurdle puts them on a favorable path to becoming law.

The *Federal Register Printing Savings Act of 2017* prohibits the Government Publishing Office from providing a printed copy of the Federal Register to a Member of Congress or any other office unless the Member or office requests a printed copy of a specific issue, or the Member or office requests a one year subscription of printed copies of the Federal Register. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that enacting this bill would reduce government spending by $1 million annually.

The *Federal Agency Mail Management Act of 2017* amends the *Presidential and Federal Records Act Amendments of 2014* to clarify that the General Services Administration has responsibility for promoting and recommending efficient mail processing practices among federal agencies.

For every million dollars that is wasted, 96 Oklahomans have to work all year long to pay their taxes so we can waste it. Cutting government waste has been a core objective of Congressman

Russell, whose legislation has saved $4 billion thus far. Russell has introduced 11 cost cutting bills this Congress, which if enacted would save the taxpayer $28.5 billion. Since coming to Congress he has published seven editions of his *Waste Watch* report highlighting a total of more than $300 billion in wasteful government spending.

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Cc: Lyons, Troy[lyons.troy@epa.gov]; Ringel, Aaron[ringel.aaron@epa.gov]; Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]; Palich, Christian[palich.christian@epa.gov]
From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 6/21/2017 7:43:58 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$126,303 Arkansas State Plant Board- ASPB State FIFRA Spray Drift Project FY17

This cooperative agreement is designed to continue implementation of pesticide regulatory and enforcement programs in the State of Arkansas that will include, but are not limited to, activities such as, compliance monitoring, enforcement, certification and training for pesticide applicators, worker protection safety, and outreach and education. This agreement will result in enhanced protection of human health and the environment (e.g. reduced pesticide exposure to agricultural workers and handlers, protection of water resources from pesticides, and protection of endangered species).
Grant No: 00635117-1

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Cc: Lyons, Troy[lyons.troy@epa.gov]; Ringel, Aaron[ringel.aaron@epa.gov]; Palich, Christian[palich.christian@epa.gov]; Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 5/17/2017 3:59:13 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$45,650.00 Board of Trustees University of Illinois - Urbana-Champaign

University of Illinois - Pollution Prevention Information Network

This project outlines how The Great Lakes Regional Pollution Prevention Round table will advance pollution prevention information exchange by developing and promoting information resources and training for and facilitating networking among pollution prevention technical assistance providers in the Great Lakes region and beyond.

Grant #: 00E02048-1

$4,560.00 Natl Asian Pacific Center on Aging -Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) program for EPA Region V.

This cooperative agreement will provide support for Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program enrollees to work with Region V, Chicago, IL.

Grant #: 83588801-G

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Mon 6/5/2017 6:45:45 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Cleanup Grant

$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Dubuque for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be

used to clean up the Blum Property at 411 East 15th Street. The 0.3-acre cleanup site was occupied by a coffin

company from 1884 until 1909, and later operated as a junkyard and metal recycling center from the 1950s until

2016. The site is contaminated with metals, PCBs, arsenic, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons. Grant funds also

will be used to conduct community outreach activities.

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Cc: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 8/9/2017 7:41:55 PM
Subject: RE: EPA Grant Award

Hi Marcie- We would love for your office to do a press release. I've done a little digging and we have identified the following projects through the Louisiana Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund Program (DWRLF) that are located in Congressional District 4. These projects would benefit from the FFY 2017/SFY 2018 capitalization grant that we are in the process of awarding.

DeSoto Parish WWD #1, $1,977,300

Rocky Branch WWD, $963,000

Union Parish WWD #1, $990,000

Town of Coushatta, $5,000,000

Vernon Parish Water/Sewer Commission #1, $2,330,000

Town of Sunset, $550,000

More detail on these projects are on the LA DWRLF Comprehensive List of Applicants …

http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/assets/oph/Center-EH/DrinkWaterRevolve/DWRLF_Financial/Comprehensive_list_of_applicants_7_17_17.pdf

Which is on their website …

http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/431/n/285

Please let me know if I can provide any additional information and please forward the release we'd love to see it!

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Sent: Monday, August 7, 2017 3:14 PM
To: Shimmin, Kaitlyn <shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: EPA Grant Award

Hey Kaitlyn!

Thanks for the info. Our office wants to do a press release about this so hoping you can provide me a little bit more info about how and where the funding will be dispersed. Will any directly impact the 4th district?

Any extra info you can provide would be helpful. Thank you!

Marcie

Congressman Mike Johnson (LA-4)

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Hodges, Josh" <Josh.Hodges@mail.house.gov>
Date: August 7, 2017 at 11:29:01 AM EDT
To: "Holyfield, Ainsley" <Ainsley.Holyfield@mail.house.gov>, "Smith, Marcie" <Marcie.Smith@mail.house.gov>
Cc: "Rybczyk, Rebecca" <Rebecca.Rybczyk@mail.house.gov>
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From: "Shimmin, Kaitlyn" <shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov>
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To: "chris_gillott@cassidy.senate.gov" <chris_gillott@cassidy.senate.gov>, "chris_stanley@kennedy.senate.gov" <chris_stanley@kennedy.senate.gov>, "Seale, John" <John.Seale@mail.house.gov>, "Hunter, Peter" <Peter.Hunter@mail.house.gov>, Ward Cormier <Ward.Cormier@mail.house.gov>, "Hodges, Josh" <Josh.Hodges@mail.house.gov>, "Verrill, Ted" <Ted.Verrill@mail.house.gov>, "Bennitt, Ian" <Ian.Bennitt@mail.house.gov>
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$11299000 Louisiana Department of Health LDH Drinking Water RLF Capitalization Grant FY17
This award provides federal funds to the State of Louisiana for loan assistance to eligible public water systems for infrastructure improvements needed to ensure safe drinking water and to provide funds for the following activities: Administration, Small Systems Technical Assistance, Local Assistance and State Programs Management.
Grant No: 99696820-0

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$1,122,000 AL Dept of Environmental Management Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund Program
This action approves an award inthe amount of $1,122,000 to the State of Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) to assist in developing, implementing and maintaining an effective Underground Storage Tank (UST) program for the remediation of leaking USTs containing petroleum in the state.
Grant No: 00D34617-0

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> **Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2017 10:58 AM
> **To:** Paska, Jessica; Deeley, Blake; Haverly , Jordan
> **Cc:** Stapleton, John
> **Subject:** RE: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes
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Communications Director

Congressman Morgan Griffith (VA-09)

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Cc: Konkus, John; Stapleton, John
Subject: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Jordan and Jessica: Thanks for your willingness to submit a quote to EPA for their press release about today's coal caucus meeting. I want to introduce you to John Konkus w/ EPA (cc'd) who will be putting together EPA's communications on this meeting.

John K.: Really appreciate all of your help with this meeting. The folks in this email are with the following offices…

John Stapleton w/ Congressman McKinley (Coal Caucus Chairman)

Jessica Paska w/ Congressman Griffith

Jordan Haverly w/ Congressman Shimkus

Will let you all take it from there.

-Blake

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From: Paul Spooner
Sent: Wed 5/31/2017 5:37:30 PM
Subject: RE: Proposed USFRA Smart Farm Event

Thank you for that introduction, Mace!

USFRA looks forward to engaging with The Hill, USDA and EPA staff about how farmers and ranchers utilize technology to be more efficient and sustainable. In showcasing SMART Farm and our 360-degree videos, it's an opportunity to see how technology is continually improving animal welfare and enhancing agriculture's environmental footprint. Additionally, USFRA CEO Randy Krotz can address major insights on consumers' perception of agriculture and research about food issues such as GMOs, animal-related issues and crop inputs/pesticides.

As Mace noted, would any of you have interest in this event and be willing to assist us with securing a room location on The Hill to ensure maximum participation? In 2014, we hosted a similar event to showcase the FARMLAND documentary.

Thank you,

Paul Spooner

Paul J. Spooner

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Cc: Paul Spooner <pspooner@usfraonline.org>
Subject: Proposed USFRA Smart Farm Event
Importance: High

House Ag, Senate Ag, USDA and EPA Communicators,

The U.S. Farmers and Ranchers Alliance is interested in having a DC (preferably with a location on The Hill) event to highlight the group's effort to tell the story of farmers and ranchers efforts to boost sustainability through the adoption of technology. This program is called Smart Farm.

If I have not sent this to the correct communications staffers at the House and Senate Agriculture Committees and the Agriculture Department, please share it.

This effort would be coordinated by Paul Spooner of USFRA, who is copied on this note.

Conceptually, USFRA would like to:

- Have this event in either June or July, depending on availability.
- We would like to make it a half-day event with a program for either an hour or 90 minutes.
- Our goal is to make this a widely attended event and we would include food/beverage. It would be open to all audiences on The Hill (members, staff, interns) and USDA and EPA staff and interns.

- The program would include remarks from USFRA CEO Randy Krotz about consumer perception of agriculture and research about food issues such as GMOs, animal-related issues and sustainability.
- Additionally, he could discuss farmers, ranchers and our industry's effort to better communicate our sustainability message to the consumer and make ag more approachable. Other ag leaders may be invited to share a few remarks.
- The focal point of the effort would be USFRA's Smart Farm Trade Show booth. This booth would showcase how technology is making agriculture more efficient and sustainable. It'll feature our 360-degree videos which gives you a one-of-a kind experience inside a modern pig farm. See how farmers are using new technologies to improve animal welfare, find out why animals are raised indoors, and learn how continuous improvement is helping build a smarter version of the American farm. USFRA could invite a few Faces of Farming & Ranching to interact with policymakers at the trade show booth.
- We are hoping to make this a daytime event, rather than an evening event.

Would you have interest in this event and would you be willing to assist us with securing a room location on The Hill to ensure maximum participation? In 2014, we hosted a similar event to showcase the Farmland documentary.

Thanks for your consideration. Contact information for USFRA's Paul Spooner is as follows: *Paul J. Spooner* | **U.S. Farmers & Ranchers Alliance** | (o) 636-449-5079 | (c) 515-975-6584.

Please let Paul or me know if you have an interest or if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Mace

Mace Thornton

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 6/21/2017 7:43:00 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$128,000 Algaaciq Native Village (St. Marys)- Algaaciq FY18 IGAP

Algaaciq's IGAP program will continue to build capacity through their administrative activities and through managing backhaul and recycling. They will continue to address issues regarding healthy homes by educating the community about indoor air quality and participate in the LEO network.
Grant No: 00J84901-5

$80,000 Native Village of Eyak- Native Village of Eyak BF TRP FY16-17

This project provides funding for Native Village of Eyak Response Program that includes timely survey and inventory of brownfield sites; oversight and enforcement authorities to ensure that response actions protect human health and the environment; resources to provide meaningful public involvement; mechanisms for approval of cleanup plans and verification of complete responses.
Grant No: 01J04202-1

$128,000 Native Village of Kipnuk- Indian General Assistance Program

The Native Village of Kipnuk will build tribal environmental capacity by developing a joint EPA Tribal Environmental Plan, conducting community and youth environmental outreach and education, and collect and properly dispose of hazardous wastes and recyclables.
Grant No: 01J20301-1

$128,000 Akiak Native Community- Indian General Assistance Program (IGAP)

Akiak will continue to develope programatic capacity by maintaining their staff and office. Staff will participate in environmental training. Akiak will continue it's solid waste and recycling efforts, as well as leverage supplemental funding to further their backhaul efforts. Staff will start researching Climate Change and potential grants to address their climate change needs.
Grant No: 01J04701-2

$128,000 Native Village of Belkofski- Indian General Assistance Program (IGAP)

Maintain/enhance Tribal environmental program capacity through training, networking, information sharing. Identify water quality training & assess water resource concerns; develop water quality program Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP). Improve joint efforts with Agdaagux Tribe for managing community solid & hazardous waste; assess sustainable recycling strategy; develop successful backhaul project. Attend training, research technical assistance & resources available to remove abandoned oil drums from Belkofski Village; develop inventory of drums & plan a staging area for removal.
Grant No: 01J32101-0

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 5/17/2017 3:49:59 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$35,018.00 New Hampshire D.E.S. - Beede Waste Oil Superfund Site Five Year Review

This Cooperative Agreement is to provide funding for the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) in order to support the ongoing Five Year Review at the Beede Waste Oil Superfund Site (the "Site"), including performing select interviews and a Site inspection, support in modeling and reviewing protective cleanup levels and ARARs, reviewing and completing the first Five Year Review report which will document the protectiveness of the remedy implemented at the Site and identify any issues/ make recommendations as required.

Grant #: 00A00031-0

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Mon 6/5/2017 6:43:52 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Assessment Grants

$200,000 for hazardous substances

$100,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Norwalk for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous

substances grant funds will be used to conduct seven Phase I and four Phase II environmental site assessments.

Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct four Phase I and two Phase II environmental site

assessments. Grant funds of both types will be used to develop six cleanup plans. Grant funds also will be used to

support community outreach activities, including four kickoff meetings and 36 stakeholder meetings; and inventory

and prioritize brownfield sites, which is expected to result in identifying an estimated 100 brownfields.

Cleanup Grant

$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Piqua for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used

to clean up the former Mo's Lounge at 111 South Main Street. The cleanup site was formerly used as a bottling

facility, laundry, meeting lodge, and restaurant, and is contaminated with metals and inorganic contaminants. Grant

funds also will be used to support community involvement activities.

Assessment Grant

$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Youngstown for a brownfields assessment grant. Community-wide petroleum grant

funds will be used to update the current inventory of petroleum brownfields, prioritize brownfield sites, conduct at

least 24 Phase I and about 16 Phase II environmental site assessments, and prepare cleanup plans for up to three

high-priority sites.

Assessment Grants

$200,000 for hazardous substances

$100,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Painesville for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous

substances grant funds will be used to conduct nine Phase I and four Phase II environmental site assessments, and

prepare two cleanup plans. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct six Phase I and three

Phase II environmental site assessments, and prepare two cleanup plans. Grant funds of both types also will be

used to update a brownfields inventory and support community involvement activities.

Cleanup Grant

$200,000 hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Freddie J. Dixon Foundation for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant

funds will be used to clean up the former Ungemach Pottery Property at 26 Potters Lane in Roseville. The cleanup

site was home to a number of commercial potteries from the early 1900s to 1997 and is contaminated with heavy

metals.

Assessment Grants

$200,000 for hazardous substances

$100,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Newark for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous

substances grant funds will be used to conduct eight Phase I and five Phase II environmental site assessments.

Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct four Phase I and three Phase II environmental site

assessments. Grant funds of both types also will be used to maintain a brownfields inventory, prepare four cleanup

plans, and support community involvement activities. Assessment activities will focus on the Union Street Corridor

and Census Tract 7590.

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From: Conley, Brendan
Sent: Wed 6/7/2017 4:27:18 PM
Subject: RE: Quote

Thanks! I will be sending ours shortly

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 11:57 AM
To: Conley, Brendan
Subject: RE: Quote

Thank you Brendan. Attached is our final release FYI.

From: Conley, Brendan [mailto:Brendan.Conley@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 11:51 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote

Thanks John!

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 11:51 AM
To: Conley, Brendan
Subject: RE: Quote

You can use the quote and it's all attributable to Rosie Vanadestine.

From: Conley, Brendan [mailto:Brendan.Conley@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 11:44 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote

Would I be permitted to use this quote in our office's press release?

"Kennebec Valley Council of Governments is sincerely grateful for the opportunity to continue our Brownfields program through supplemental funding. In our district of Kennebec, Somerset and western Waldo counties, our Revolving Loan Fund Program has enabled the reuse of a contaminated schoolhouse as a food hub, the development of a disused tannery as a small manufacturing space, the creation of new medical building on the site of a contaminated and deserted steel manufacturing business, and the creation of housing in a former hospital building," said executive director Rosie Vanadestine.

"The Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission (SMPDC) is deeply appreciative of the supplemental funding for our Revolving Loan Fund Program, which will enable us to continue with our active clean-up efforts in communities both large and small all over York and southern Oxford County. To date the funding has resulted in 18 loan and grant awards for clean-up, accounting for 140 new jobs created, 52 million in leveraged private and public sector dollars and 240 units of new housing. We look forward to continuing with these efforts."

And, to clarify, this entire quote is from Ms. Vanadestine?

Thank you, John!

Brendan C.

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 11:37 AM
To: Conley, Brendan
Subject: RE: Quote

Thank you!

From: Conley, Brendan [mailto:Brendan.Conley@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 11:33 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote

Hey John,

Apologies to hold you so close to your deadline. Please find the Congressman's quote below. Please let me know if there are any issues.

"These Brownfields grants are welcome news for our communities in Oxford, Kennebec, Waldo and Somerset counties and will help lay the groundwork for economic development, more jobs and continued stewardship of Maine's environment," **said Congressman Poliquin**. "I applaud the EPA for this important support and I will continue to push for sensible environmental policies, which are critical not only to our health and recreation, but also for job creation in our State."

Thank you so much!

Brendan Conley

Press Secretary

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From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 8:41 AM
To: Conley, Brendan
Subject: RE: Quote

Super. We'll take it and put it in our release. The plan is to send it a noon.

Thank you Brendan!

From: Conley, Brendan [mailto:Brendan.Conley@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 8:39 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote

Hey John,

So sorry to just get back to you. If you have not released, I would be happy to get you a quote from the Congressman ASAP.

Thank you!

Brendan Conley

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From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 3:45 PM
To: Conley, Brendan
Subject: Quote
Importance: High

Brendan: Would Congressman Poliquin be interested in providing a quote for us to include in the attached draft press release? We plan to release this tomorrow. If you all would like to send your own release, we would let you go first and provide a quote from Administrator Pruitt if you're interested.

Thank you,

John Konkus

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To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Shockey, Joni
Sent: Thur 8/24/2017 7:19:00 PM
Subject: RE: Grant Release

Thank so much!

Sincerely,

Joni Shockey

Communications Director

U.S. Rep. Dennis A. Ross (FL-15)

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From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 3:19 PM
To: Shockey, Joni <Joni.Shockey@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Grant Release

Joni: This is out.

Thank you and Congressman Ross for the quote!

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Sent: Mon 5/22/2017 6:31:52 PM
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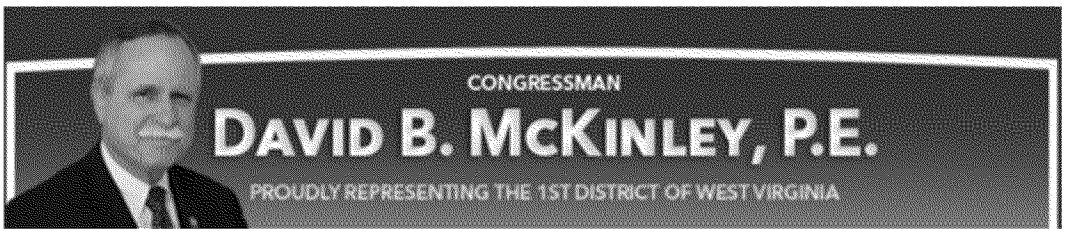

For Immediate Release: May 22, 2017

Contact: John Stapleton, (202) 225-4172

McKinley, Coal Caucus Members Welcome Administrator Pruitt

Washington, D.C. – Chairman of the Coal Caucus Congressman David B. McKinley, P.E., (WV-1) welcomed EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt to a meeting of the Coal Caucus to discuss ways to curtail the bureaucratic overreach of the former Obama administration while advancing policies that environment without hurting our domestic market for coal.

"After eight years of devastating attacks on the coal industry from the Obama administration, it is a great relief to have a leader like Scott Pruitt in charge of the EPA. He understands that we can protect our air, land, and water without picking winners and losers in our economy," said **McKinley**.

"In our meeting with Administrator Pruitt he articulated his vision to pursue environmentally friendly policies that won't attack the tens of thousands of coal miners who work so hard to power this great country. We are grateful for his willingness to work with our caucus and we look forward to strengthening our partnership on a wide range of issues that impact the coal industry," **McKinley** said.

Pruitt quote

"Administrator Pruitt's eagerness to engage with lawmakers has been a breath of fresh air here on Capitol Hill. I appreciate his willingness to meet with the Coal Caucus today, and to listen to our stories about the communities in our districts that have been devastated by the previous administration's anti-coal agenda. Working together both legislatively and through administrative actions, I'm optimistic that this Congress and this Administration can and will protect our air and water without sacrificing jobs and affordable energy," said **Congressman John Shimkus**

"I look forward to working with Administrator Pruitt, and others at the EPA, to make the EPA more efficient and to recognize that we can work towards cleaner air, cleaner water, and cleaner coal use without killing as many jobs in coal and other industries," said **Congressman Morgan Griffith**

Background

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The goal of the Congressional Coal Caucus is to speak with one united voice for coal communities all across America. Congressman McKinley is the Chairman of the Congressional Coal Caucus and Vice Chairman of the Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Environment. Congressman McKinley met with Administrator Pruitt in March to discuss how to stop bureaucratic overreach that devastated the coal industry during the Obama administration. To read Congressman McKinley's op-ed in support of Administrator's Pruitt's nomination to the EPA, click here.

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Yes. I'll send you our draft release shortly.

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On May 22, 2017, at 11:22 AM, Stapleton, John <John.Stapleton@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Hey John,

Great to work with you again. We will be putting together and sending over quote in a bit. Just need to get sign off from Congressman McKinley. He is on a plane right now but will be in the office in the early afternoon. We will be putting a release together ourselves. Can we use your quote in our release for the WV papers. Would you mind? Thanks!

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Congressman Morgan Griffith (VA-09)

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Jessica Paska w/ Congressman Griffith

Jordan Haverly w/ Congressman Shimkus

Will let you all take it from there.

-Blake

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Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your district:

Assessment Grant

$400,000 for hazardous substances

$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Westmoreland County Redevelopment Authority for a brownfields assessment coalition grant.

Community-wide hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct 10 Phase I and six Phase II

environmental site assessments. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct five Phase I and

three Phase II environmental site assessments. Grant funds of both types also will be used to support community

outreach activities. Assessment activities will focus on the Cities of Jeannette and Latrobe and the Borough of

Mount Pleasant, which also serve as the Redevelopment Authority's coalition partners.

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 7/26/2017 7:08:42 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$360,625 National Older Worker Career Center Senior Environmental Employment Program for Region VII Operations
This cooperative agreement will provide funding to support Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program enrollees working with Region VII Operations, Lenexa, KS.
Grant Number: 83810001-2

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Cc: Starks, Maggie[maggie.starks@mail.house.gov]; Ringel, Aaron[ringel.aaron@epa.gov]
From: Roman, Mark
Sent: Thur 5/25/2017 7:46:19 PM
Subject: RE: communications

Thank you!!

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 3:30 PM
To: Bennett, Tate; Roman, Mark
Cc: Starks, Maggie; Ringel, Aaron
Subject: RE: communications

Here you go…

John Konkus

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From: Bennett, Tate
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Adding Konkus

On May 25, 2017, at 2:18 PM, Roman, Mark <Mark.Roman@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Tate, can you connect Maggie with your communications people who would have a photo post event? Thanks!

Mark Roman

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To: Jackson, Joseph[Joseph.Jackson@mail.house.gov]
Cc: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tue 6/20/2017 9:56:32 PM
Subject: RE: ProjectNarrativeAttachments-Attachments-1234-PRJ17 Program Narrative EMAIL 3 of 3

Thanks much

Nancy Grantham

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From: Jackson, Joseph [mailto:Joseph.Jackson@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 5:54 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: ProjectNarrativeAttachments-Attachments-1234-PRJ17 Program Narrative EMAIL 3 of 3

Hi Nancy,

I really appreciate it. Our office is Cannon HOB 416 and my number is 202-225-2311.

Thanks again!

Best,

Joe Jackson

Rep. Liz Cheney (WY-AL)

From: Grantham, Nancy [mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 5:24 PM
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Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: ProjectNarrativeAttachments-Attachments-1234-PRJ17 Program Narrative EMAIL 3 of 3

Hi Joe,

We are going to need to deliver this to your office tomorrow morning . as it is too large to send via email – even in small chunks.

Can you send your office location and your desk phone number?

Thanks ng

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Subject: RE: ProjectNarrativeAttachments-Attachments-1234-PRJ17 Program Narrative EMAIL 3 of 3

Hi Nancy,

I got this email and I see the email traffic from below but I didn't receive the actual emails with the attachments from Kerry.

Thanks for all your help.

Best,

Joe Jackson

Rep. Liz Cheney (WY-AL)

From: Grantham, Nancy [mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 4:29 PM
To: Jackson, Joseph <Joseph.Jackson@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: ProjectNarrativeAttachments-Attachments-1234-PRJ17 Program Narrative EMAIL 3 of 3

Hi Joe,

Can you confirm that you got the 3 emails? Thanksng

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 4:18 PM
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Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: ProjectNarrativeAttachments-Attachments-1234-PRJ17 Program Narrative EMAIL 3 of 3

This is the 3rd of 3 emails.

Thanks ng

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From: Neal, Kerry
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 3:52 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Hageman, James <hageman.james@epa.gov>
Cc: Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: ProjectNarrativeAttachments-Attachments-1234-PRJ17 Program Narrative EMAIL 3 of

All, I've split this large file into three separate smaller files.

This is email 3 of 3.

Please reach out with any questions.

Thanks,

Kerry

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Kerry K. Neal

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 1:06 PM
To: Hageman, James <hageman.james@epa.gov>

Cc: Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: need to grant james Hageman in region 8 immediate access to our opa sharepoint site -- he needs to upload something time sensitive for John Konkus

Thanks .. will check for it now

Nancy Grantham

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From: Hageman, James
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 1:05 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: need to grant james Hageman in region 8 immediate access to our opa sharepoint site -- he needs to upload something time sensitive for John Konkus

Ma'am – I was able to upload the document to the OPA Sharepoint Site at the following link:

https://usepa.sharepoint.com/sites/OA/publicaffairs/Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx?viewpath=%2Fsites%2FO

As you will see, I created a folder in the Documents section entitled "Mr Konkus Inquiry Documents". The requested document is contained therein. Please let me know if this doesn't work.

I cc'd Mr Konkus on this e-mail.

Very Respectfully,

Jim

James A. Hageman

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Email: Hageman.james@epa.gov

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 9:50 AM
To: Hageman, James <hageman.james@epa.gov>
Cc: Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: need to grant james Hageman in region 8 immediate access to our opa sharepoint site -- he needs to upload something time sensitive for John Konkus

Hi James,

Understand you now have access to the opa sharepoint site—can you ping me when you have posted the grant document?

Thanks much

Ng

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Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 11:48 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: need to grant james Hageman in region 8 immediate access to our opa sharepoint site -- he needs to upload something time sensitive for John Konkus

He now has access and is in working on posting. - George

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 11:26 AM
To: Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: need to grant james Hageman in region 8 immediate access to our opa sharepoint site -- he needs to upload something time sensitive for John Konkus

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Working on this now. - George

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Please let me know when this is done.

Thanks ng

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Cc: Lyons, Troy[lyons.troy@epa.gov]; Ringel, Aaron[ringel.aaron@epa.gov]; Palich, Christian[palich.christian@epa.gov]; Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 5/17/2017 3:40:27 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$86,700.00 National Caucus & Center on Black Aging Inc

Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program Region 4 SEE Program

This cooperative agreement will provide funding to support Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program enrollees working with Region IV Operations, Atlanta, GA.

Grant #: 83730001-0

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Cc: Lyons, Troy[lyons.troy@epa.gov]; Ringel, Aaron[ringel.aaron@epa.gov]; Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]; Palich, Christian[palich.christian@epa.gov]
From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Mon 6/5/2017 6:35:23 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Assessment Grants

$150,000 for hazardous substances

$150,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Bloomington for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous

substances grant funds will be used to conduct six to eight Phase I and three to five Phase II environmental site

assessments. Community-wide petroleum funds will be used to conduct the same tasks at sites with potential

petroleum contamination. Grant funds of both types also will be used to inventory and prioritize brownfields,

develop five to 10 cleanup plans, and support community outreach activities.

Assessment Grant

$300,000 for hazardous substances

$300,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Logansport for a brownfields assessment coalition grant. Community-wide hazardous

substances grant funds will be used to perform from seven to 10 Phase I and from six to 12 Phase II environmental

site assessments. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct the same tasks at sites with

potential petroleum contamination. Grant funds of both types also will be used to update the brownfields inventory,

prioritize sites, prepare from five to 10 cleanup plans, and support community outreach and involvement activities.

Assessment activities will focus on the Logansport core, Market Street corridor, downtown Rochester, and small

rural towns in Fulton County. Coalition partners are Eel Township and Fulton County.

Assessment Grant

$380,000 for hazardous substances

$95,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission for a brownfields assessment coalition

grant. Community-wide hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct 12 Phase I and eight Phase II

environmental site assessments. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct three Phase I and

two Phase II environmental site assessments. Grant funds of both types also will be used to create and maintain a

brownfields inventory; prepare six cleanup plans; and support community outreach activities, including six public

meetings, 36 stakeholder meetings, and media releases for newspaper and radio. Assessment activities will focus

on the Greensburg Industrial-Commercial District, Madison's Ohio River District, North Vernon Downtown District,

and Shelbyville Miller Corridor. Coalition partners are the Cities of Greensburg, Madison, North Vernon, and

Shelbyville.

Assessment Grants

$200,000 for hazardous substances

$100,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Connersville for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous

substances grant funds will be used to conduct seven Phase I and four Phase II environmental site assessments.

Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct four Phase I and two Phase II environmental site

assessments. Grant funds of both types also will be used to prepare four cleanup plans, support community

outreach activities, and inventory, prioritize, and maintain the city's brownfields inventory.

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To: Bastomski, Gabriel[Gabriel.Bastomski@mail.house.gov]
From: Bastomski, Gabriel
Sent: Wed 6/7/2017 4:10:41 PM
Subject: Release: Congressman Russell Statement on Oklahoma City Receiving $500,000 Grant from EPA

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE CONTACT: Gabriel Bastomski
June 7, 2017 202.225.2132

Congressman Russell Statement on Oklahoma City Receiving $500,000 Grant from EPA

Today, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) selected Oklahoma City to receive $500,000 to help continue its work cleaning up contaminated brownfield properties. Brownfields are defined by Oklahoma law as abandoned, idled or underused industrial or commercial facilities or other property at which expansion or redevelopment is complicated by environmental contamination caused by pollution. In general, a brownfield can be thought of as property that has lost value because it is believed to be contaminated.

Congressman Russell commented on Oklahoma City receiving this grant, stating "Ultimately, actions such as these help us be good stewards of the environment and can even save money before a situation becomes worse."

"These supplemental funds help provide communities with resources to help clean up contamination, and turn blighted land into opportunities that can generate jobs and spur economic growth," said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt.

"Oklahoma City has one of the most robust and successful brownfields programs in the country,' said Acting Regional Administrator Sam Coleman. "We are eager to put these

supplemental funds to work and watch them generate jobs and spur economic growth."

Oklahoma City has an impressive record of cleaning up brownfields and turning them into meaningful, sustained opportunities that can even add to economic health. Brownfields funds were used to turn Oklahoma City's Bricktown from a decaying, contaminated industrial area to an inner city entertainment district boasting $40 million in property value and $40 million in annual wages. Historic city landmarks such as the Skirvin Hotel and others were restored with help from EPA assessment and cleanup grants.

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 8/9/2017 7:18:59 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$306,779 AZ Dept of Env Quality - STATE RESPONSE PROGRAM
The grantee will develop, implement, and maintain their program, including maintenance of a public record and conducting site-specific activities such as site assessments requested by citizens and mechanisms for approval of a cleanup plans and verification of complete responses. It also provides funding for workshops for stakeholders to educate them on the state and federal Brownfields programs, and provide communities with information on how to obtain Brownfields funding.
Grant No: 00T21601-7

$290,000 Navajo Nation - TRIBAL LEAKING UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK PROGRAM - LUST PREVENTION
This agreement provides assistance to the recipient to operate a tribal program to prevent against leaks from underground storage tank systems. Activities include: EPAct-related release prevention activities such as secondary containment and operator training; supporting tribes with inspections (including training inspectors), enforcement, and compliance assurance activities related to Federally regulated UST systems; and database management activities related to release prevention.

Grant No: 99T22101-3

$480,561 Gila River Indian Community - PERFORMANCE PARTNERSHIP GRANT
The grantee's major activities include: water quality monitoring and analysis; development and

implementation of water quality ordinances, reduction of nonpoint source pollutant deposits, control of illegal dumping in wetland areas, and development of a wetlands program plan and rapid assessment methodology. These funds support further development and administration of the Tribe's Water Pollution Control, Nonpoint Source, and Wetland Programs.
Grant No: 99T31116-2

$135,000 Tohono O'Odham Nation - FY18 WATER POLLUTION CONTROL
The purpose of this project is to continue development and implementation of the Tohono O'odham Nation's water pollution control program. The program includes monitoring the Tribe's water bodies, development of the Tribe's Annual Water Quality Assessment Report, and outreach to the community.

Grant No: 98987918-0

$153,000 Tohono O'Odham Nation - TRIBAL RESPONSE PROGRAM
The grantee's activities includes: timely survey and inventory of brownfield sites; oversight and enforcement authorities to ensure that response actions protect human health and the environment; resources to provide meaningful public involvement; mechanisms for approval of a cleanup plans and verification of complete responses. Additionally, their work will include Site Specific work on sites to be determined.
Grant No: 99T32601-2

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Cc: Paska, Jessica[Jessica.Paska@mail.house.gov]
From: Stapleton, John
Sent: Mon 5/22/2017 5:36:45 PM
Subject: RE: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

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From: Haverly , Jordan
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 1:28 PM
To: Stapleton, John; Konkus, John; Deeley, Blake
Cc: Paska, Jessica
Subject: Re: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Don't mind at all!

I plan for toward the EPA release to our folks back home.

From: "Stapleton, John" <John.Stapleton@mail.house.gov>
Date: Monday, May 22, 2017 at 1:18 PM
To: "Konkus, John" <konkus.john@epa.gov>, "Haverly , Jordan" <Jordan.Haverly@mail.house.gov>, "Deeley, Blake" <Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov>
Cc: "Paska, Jessica" <Jessica.Paska@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

All, we are in the process of finalizing our own quote and will be sure to send it around when complete. We were going to send our own press release to local WV outlets. I spoke with John earlier about this…. Jordan/Jessica, do you mind if we use your boss's quotes in our release as well? Thanks.

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 12:35 PM
To: Haverly , Jordan; Deeley, Blake
Cc: Paska, Jessica; Stapleton, John
Subject: RE: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Thank you Jordan.

From: Haverly , Jordan [mailto:Jordan.Haverly@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 12:27 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Deeley, Blake <Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Paska, Jessica <Jessica.Paska@mail.house.gov>; Stapleton, John <John.Stapleton@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Re: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Here is a statement from Rep. Shimkus.

"Administrator Pruitt's eagerness to engage with lawmakers has been a breath of fresh air here on Capitol Hill. I appreciate his willingness to meet with the Coal Caucus today, and to listen to our stories about the communities in our districts that have been devastated by the previous administration's anti-coal agenda. Working together both legislatively and through administrative actions, I'm optimistic that this Congress and this Administration can and will protect our air and water without sacrificing jobs and affordable energy."

Thanks!

Jordan Haverly

Communications Director & Policy Adviser

Congressman John Shimkus (IL-15)

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From: "Konkus, John" <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Date: Monday, May 22, 2017 at 11:21 AM
To: "Deeley, Blake" <Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov>
Cc: "Paska, Jessica" <Jessica.Paska@mail.house.gov>, "Haverly , Jordan" <Jordan.Haverly@mail.house.gov>, "Stapleton, John" <John.Stapleton@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Re: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Thank you. Keep them coming!

John Konkus

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On May 22, 2017, at 11:20 AM, Deeley, Blake <Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov> wrote:

> Thanks Jessica!
>
> John we should be getting something to you soon
>
> **From:** Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
> **Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2017 10:58 AM
> **To:** Paska, Jessica; Deeley, Blake; Haverly , Jordan
> **Cc:** Stapleton, John
> **Subject:** RE: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes
>
> Fantastic! Thank you!
>
> **From:** Paska, Jessica [mailto:Jessica.Paska@mail.house.gov]
> **Sent:** Monday, May 22, 2017 10:40 AM
> **To:** Deeley, Blake <Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov>; Haverly , Jordan <Jordan.Haverly@mail.house.gov>
> **Cc:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Stapleton, John <John.Stapleton@mail.house.gov>

Subject: RE: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Here is a quote from Congressman Griffith, let me know if it works for you. Thanks!

"I look forward to working with Administrator Pruitt, and others at the EPA, to make the EPA more efficient and to recognize that we can work towards cleaner air, cleaner water, and cleaner coal use without killing as many jobs in coal and other industries."

Jessica Paska

Communications Director

Congressman Morgan Griffith (VA-09)

202-225-3861

From: Deeley, Blake
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 10:09 AM
To: Paska, Jessica; Haverly , Jordan
Cc: Konkus, John; Stapleton, John
Subject: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Jordan and Jessica: Thanks for your willingness to submit a quote to EPA for their press release about today's coal caucus meeting. I want to introduce you to John Konkus w/ EPA (cc'd) who will be putting together EPA's communications on this meeting.

John K.: Really appreciate all of your help with this meeting. The folks in this email are with the following offices…

John Stapleton w/ Congressman McKinley (Coal Caucus Chairman)

Jessica Paska w/ Congressman Griffith

Jordan Haverly w/ Congressman Shimkus

Will let you all take it from there.

-Blake

Blake Deeley| *Policy Advisor*

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Cc: Lyons, Troy[lyons.troy@epa.gov]; Ringel, Aaron[ringel.aaron@epa.gov]; Palich, Christian[palich.christian@epa.gov]; Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 7/26/2017 6:39:14 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$78,232 Indiana State Department of Health State Indoor Radon
The Indiana State Department of Health will implement the State Indoor Radon abatement program. The primary program activities include: 1. Partnering with five (5) local County Health Departments and the American Lung Association of the Upper Midwest (ALA-UP) in the execution of various Radon education and prevention activities; 2. Certification of Radon testers, mitigators and laboratories; and 3. Increasing awareness and public outreach concerning radon gas and the hazards associated with high levels of radon gas in homes, schools or the workplace. Grant Number: 00E13110-1

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Cc: Lyons, Troy[lyons.troy@epa.gov]; Ringel, Aaron[ringel.aaron@epa.gov]; Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]; Palich, Christian[palich.christian@epa.gov]
From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 5/31/2017 5:19:07 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Assessment Grant

$425,000 for hazardous substances

$175,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the North Side Industrial Development Company for a brownfields assessment coalition grant.

Community-wide hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct 12 Phase I and seven Phase II

environmental site assessments. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct four Phase I and

three Phase II environmental site assessments. Grant funds of both types also will be used to support community

outreach activities. Assessment activities will focus on the communities of Clairton, Hazelwood,

Larimer/Homewood, Manchester, and McKees Rocks/Stowe. Coalition partners are the Redevelopment Authority of

Allegheny County, City of Clairton, and Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh.

Assessment Grants

$200,000 for hazardous substances

$100,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Turtle Creek Valley Council of Governments for two brownfields assessment grants.

Community-wide hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct five Phase I and two Phase II

environmental site assessments, and develop two cleanup plans. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be

used to conduct three Phase I and two Phase II environmental site assessments, and develop one cleanup plan.

Grant funds of both types also will be used to update the current inventory of brownfields and support community

outreach activities. Assessment activities will focus on the area from West Homestead Borough to Forward

Township along the Monongahela River, and from North Braddock Borough to Pitcairn and Wall Boroughs along

Turtle Creek.

Assessment Grant

$400,000 for hazardous substances

$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Westmoreland County Redevelopment Authority for a brownfields assessment coalition grant.

Community-wide hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct 10 Phase I and six Phase II

environmental site assessments. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct five Phase I and

three Phase II environmental site assessments. Grant funds of both types also will be used to support community

outreach activities. Assessment activities will focus on the Cities of Jeannette and Latrobe and the Borough of

Mount Pleasant, which also serve as the Redevelopment Authority's coalition partners.

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To: Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Cc: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Jackson, Joseph
Sent: Tue 6/20/2017 9:54:17 PM
Subject: RE: ProjectNarrativeAttachments-Attachments-1234-PRJ17 Program Narrative EMAIL 3 of 3

Hi Nancy,

I really appreciate it. Our office is Cannon HOB 416 and my number is 202-225-2311.

Thanks again!

Best,

Joe Jackson

Rep. Liz Cheney (WY-AL)

From: Grantham, Nancy [mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 5:24 PM
To: Jackson, Joseph <Joseph.Jackson@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: ProjectNarrativeAttachments-Attachments-1234-PRJ17 Program Narrative EMAIL 3 of 3

Hi Joe,

We are going to need to deliver this to your office tomorrow morning . as it is too large to send via email – even in small chunks.

Can you send your office location and your desk phone number?

Thanks ng

Nancy Grantham

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From: Jackson, Joseph [mailto:Joseph.Jackson@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 4:35 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: ProjectNarrativeAttachments-Attachments-1234-PRJ17 Program Narrative EMAIL 3 of 3

Hi Nancy,

I got this email and I see the email traffic from below but I didn't receive the actual emails with the attachments from Kerry.

Thanks for all your help.

Best,

Joe Jackson

Rep. Liz Cheney (WY-AL)

From: Grantham, Nancy [mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 4:29 PM
To: Jackson, Joseph <Joseph.Jackson@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: ProjectNarrativeAttachments-Attachments-1234-PRJ17 Program Narrative EMAIL 3 of 3

Hi Joe,

Can you confirm that you got the 3 emails? Thanksng

Nancy Grantham

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 4:18 PM
To: 'joseph.jackson@mail.house.gov' <joseph.jackson@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: ProjectNarrativeAttachments-Attachments-1234-PRJ17 Program Narrative EMAIL 3 of 3

This is the 3rd of 3 emails.

Thanks ng

Nancy Grantham

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From: Neal, Kerry
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 3:52 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Hageman, James <hageman.james@epa.gov>
Cc: Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: ProjectNarrativeAttachments-Attachments-1234-PRJ17 Program Narrative EMAIL 3 of 3

All, I've split this large file into three separate smaller files.

This is email 3 of 3.

Please reach out with any questions.

Thanks,

Kerry

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Kerry K. Neal

Deputy Director

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 1:06 PM
To: Hageman, James <hageman.james@epa.gov>
Cc: Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: need to grant james Hageman in region 8 immediate access to our opa sharepoint site -- he needs to upload something time sensitive for John Konkus

Thanks .. will check for it now

Nancy Grantham

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From: Hageman, James
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 1:05 PM

To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: need to grant james Hageman in region 8 immediate access to our opa sharepoint site -- he needs to upload something time sensitive for John Konkus

Ma'am – I was able to upload the document to the OPA Sharepoint Site at the following link:

https://usepa.sharepoint.com/sites/OA/publicaffairs/Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx?viewpath=%2Fsites%2FO

As you will see, I created a folder in the Documents section entitled "Mr Konkus Inquiry Documents". The requested document is contained therein. Please let me know if this doesn't work.

I cc'd Mr Konkus on this e-mail.

Very Respectfully,

Jim

James A. Hageman

Director – Grants, Audit and Procurement Office, Office of Technical and Management Services

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Email: Hageman.james@epa.gov

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 9:50 AM
To: Hageman, James <hageman.james@epa.gov>

Cc: Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: need to grant james Hageman in region 8 immediate access to our opa sharepoint site -- he needs to upload something time sensitive for John Konkus

Hi James,

Understand you now have access to the opa sharepoint site—can you ping me when you have posted the grant document?

Thanks much

Ng

Nancy Grantham

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From: Hull, George
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 11:48 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: need to grant james Hageman in region 8 immediate access to our opa sharepoint site -- he needs to upload something time sensitive for John Konkus

He now has access and is in working on posting. - George

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 11:26 AM
To: Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: need to grant james Hageman in region 8 immediate access to our opa sharepoint site -- he needs to upload something time sensitive for John Konkus

Thanks

Nancy Grantham

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From: Hull, George
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 11:26 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: need to grant james Hageman in region 8 immediate access to our opa sharepoint site -- he needs to upload something time sensitive for John Konkus

Working on this now. - George

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 11:16 AM
To: Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Subject: need to grant james Hageman in region 8 immediate access to our opa sharepoint site -- he needs to upload something time sensitive for John Konkus

Please let me know when this is done.

Thanks ng

Nancy Grantham

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To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Bastomski, Gabriel
Sent: Wed 6/7/2017 4:11:23 PM
Subject: RE: Quote

Sent!

Thanks again for this. Quote is included for your use.

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 11:58 AM
To: Bastomski, Gabriel <Gabriel.Bastomski@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote

No problem at all. Just shoot me your release when it goes out. Thanks.

From: Bastomski, Gabriel [mailto:Gabriel.Bastomski@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 11:55 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Quote

Looking like it'll be 12:10, hope that's ok.

Getting quote from him right now.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 7, 2017, at 11:23 AM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:

Confirming noon ET

From: Bastomski, Gabriel [mailto:Gabriel.Bastomski@mail.house.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 11:02 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote

Ok- I will shoot for noon. To be clear this would be 12pm ET.

Thanks again!

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 11:01 AM
To: Bastomski, Gabriel <Gabriel.Bastomski@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote

Whatever works for you. If you go at 11, I'll go at noon. If you go at noon, I'll go at 1.

From: Bastomski, Gabriel [mailto:Gabriel.Bastomski@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 10:59 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote

Perfect. Thank you!

The Congressman is wrapping up at a hearing right now but should be back shortly. There should be no problem in meeting your deadline.

So if I am going first, should I shoot for releasing at noon or before noon?

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 10:57 AM
To: Bastomski, Gabriel <Gabriel.Bastomski@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote

Yes you can lift whatever you want. Also you can use this updated quote from Administrator Pruitt:

New Administrator's quote to be updated in all releases please: "These supplemental funds help provide communities with resources to help clean up contamination, and turn blighted land into opportunities that can generate jobs and spur economic growth," said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt.

From: Bastomski, Gabriel [mailto:Gabriel.Bastomski@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 10:49 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote

Thank you, I appreciate it.

I might just take you up on that! Would it be alright to pull some of the language from your draft?

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 10:29 AM
To: Bastomski, Gabriel <Gabriel.Bastomski@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote

Please do! We would let you go first if you like.

From: Bastomski, Gabriel [mailto:Gabriel.Bastomski@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 10:26 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote

Thanks John- working on getting that quote for you by noon.

We might do a release on this as well.

Regards,

Gabriel M. Bastomski

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From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 10:07 AM
To: Bastomski, Gabriel <Gabriel.Bastomski@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Quote

Gabriel: Per our conversation, attached is the draft release. Thanks to you and the Congressman for adding a quote.

John Konkus

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Cc: Lyons, Troy[lyons.troy@epa.gov]; Ringel, Aaron[ringel.aaron@epa.gov]; Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]; Palich, Christian[palich.christian@epa.gov]
From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Mon 6/5/2017 4:57:12 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Assessment Grants

$200,000 for hazardous substances

$100,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Austin for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous

substances grant funds will be used to conduct four Phase I and five Phase II environmental site assessments, and

create two cleanup plans. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct four Phase I and two

Phase II environmental site assessments, and create two cleanup plans. Grant funds of both types also will be used

to carry out community outreach activities, including meeting announcements and the production of brochures,

handouts, and project signs.

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Cc: Lyons, Troy[lyons.troy@epa.gov]; Ringel, Aaron[ringel.aaron@epa.gov]; Palich, Christian[palich.christian@epa.gov]; Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 8/9/2017 7:15:44 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$222,091 AL Dept of Environmental Management - Remedial Action Cooperative Agreement for Annual Groundwater Monitoring at American Bass
This action approves funds in the amount of $222,091 to the State of Alabama Department of Environmental Managmenet (ADEM). These funds will be used by the American Brass Superfund Site in Headland, Henry County to improve or enhance the State's abiltiy to control risks to human health and/or the environment by collecting and analyzing groundwater samples that lead to proper site stabilization, cleanup or other actions to make this site available for reuse.
Grant No: 00D35917-0

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To: Stapleton, John[John.Stapleton@mail.house.gov]; Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]; Deeley, Blake[Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov]
Cc: Paska, Jessica[Jessica.Paska@mail.house.gov]
From: Haverly , Jordan
Sent: Mon 5/22/2017 5:27:36 PM
Subject: Re: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Don't mind at all!

I plan for toward the EPA release to our folks back home.

From: "Stapleton, John" <John.Stapleton@mail.house.gov>
Date: Monday, May 22, 2017 at 1:18 PM
To: "Konkus, John" <konkus.john@epa.gov>, "Haverly , Jordan" <Jordan.Haverly@mail.house.gov>, "Deeley, Blake" <Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov>
Cc: "Paska, Jessica" <Jessica.Paska@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

All, we are in the process of finalizing our own quote and will be sure to send it around when complete. We were going to send our own press release to local WV outlets. I spoke with John earlier about this…. Jordan/Jessica, do you mind if we use your boss's quotes in our release as well? Thanks.

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 12:35 PM
To: Haverly , Jordan; Deeley, Blake
Cc: Paska, Jessica; Stapleton, John
Subject: RE: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Thank you Jordan.

From: Haverly , Jordan [mailto:Jordan.Haverly@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 12:27 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Deeley, Blake <Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Paska, Jessica <Jessica.Paska@mail.house.gov>; Stapleton, John

<John.Stapleton@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Re: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Here is a statement from Rep. Shimkus.

"Administrator Pruitt's eagerness to engage with lawmakers has been a breath of fresh air here on Capitol Hill. I appreciate his willingness to meet with the Coal Caucus today, and to listen to our stories about the communities in our districts that have been devastated by the previous administration's anti-coal agenda. Working together both legislatively and through administrative actions, I'm optimistic that this Congress and this Administration can and will protect our air and water without sacrificing jobs and affordable energy."

Thanks!

Jordan Haverly

Communications Director & Policy Adviser

Congressman John Shimkus (IL-15)

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From: "Konkus, John" <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Date: Monday, May 22, 2017 at 11:21 AM
To: "Deeley, Blake" <Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov>
Cc: "Paska, Jessica" <Jessica.Paska@mail.house.gov>, "Haverly , Jordan" <Jordan.Haverly@mail.house.gov>, "Stapleton, John" <John.Stapleton@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Re: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Thank you. Keep them coming!

John Konkus

Environmental Protection Agency

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On May 22, 2017, at 11:20 AM, Deeley, Blake <Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Thanks Jessica!

John we should be getting something to you soon

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 10:58 AM
To: Paska, Jessica; Deeley, Blake; Haverly , Jordan
Cc: Stapleton, John
Subject: RE: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Fantastic! Thank you!

From: Paska, Jessica [mailto:Jessica.Paska@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 10:40 AM
To: Deeley, Blake <Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov>; Haverly , Jordan <Jordan.Haverly@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Stapleton, John <John.Stapleton@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Here is a quote from Congressman Griffith, let me know if it works for you. Thanks!

"I look forward to working with Administrator Pruitt, and others at the EPA, to make the EPA more efficient and to recognize that we can work towards cleaner air, cleaner water, and cleaner coal use without killing as many jobs in coal and other industries."

Jessica Paska

Communications Director

Congressman Morgan Griffith (VA-09)

202-225-3861

From: Deeley, Blake
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 10:09 AM
To: Paska, Jessica; Haverly , Jordan
Cc: Konkus, John; Stapleton, John
Subject: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Jordan and Jessica: Thanks for your willingness to submit a quote to EPA for their press release about today's coal caucus meeting. I want to introduce you to John Konkus w/ EPA (cc'd) who will be putting together EPA's communications on this meeting.

John K.: Really appreciate all of your help with this meeting. The folks in this email are with the following offices…

John Stapleton w/ Congressman McKinley (Coal Caucus Chairman)

Jessica Paska w/ Congressman Griffith

Jordan Haverly w/ Congressman Shimkus

Will let you all take it from there.

-Blake

Blake Deeley| *Policy Advisor*

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To: Roman, Mark[Mark.Roman@mail.house.gov]
Cc: Starks, Maggie[maggie.starks@mail.house.gov]; Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]; Ringel, Aaron[ringel.aaron@epa.gov]
From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Thur 5/25/2017 7:15:40 PM
Subject: Re: communications

Adding Konkus

On May 25, 2017, at 2:18 PM, Roman, Mark <Mark.Roman@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Tate, can you connect Maggie with your communications people who would have a photo post event? Thanks!

Mark Roman

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Cc: Lyons, Troy[lyons.troy@epa.gov]; Ringel, Aaron[ringel.aaron@epa.gov]; Palich, Christian[palich.christian@epa.gov]; Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Repko, Mary Frances (EPW)
Sent: Wed 7/26/2017 6:27:05 PM
Subject: RE: EPA Grant Award

Thank you Kaitlyn, We have received it. –Mary Frances

Mary Frances Repko

Minority Deputy Staff Director

U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works

From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn [mailto:shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 2:26 PM
To: Spain, Emily (Carper) <Emily_Spain@carper.senate.gov>; Stahler, Jonathan (Coons) <Jonathan_Stahler@coons.senate.gov>; Repko, Mary Frances (EPW) <mary_frances_repko@epw.senate.gov>; elizabeth.connolly@mail.house.gov
Cc: Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>; Palich, Christian <palich.christian@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$137,000 State of Delaware DNREC Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Hazardous Waste Management Program
To support the development/implementation of the Delaware's program controlling the generation, transport, treatment, storage and disposal of hazardous waste, which will reduce waste generation, increase hazardous waste recycling, and ensure proper management of waste and petroleum products at facilities.
Grant Number: 98315611-3

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Cc: Lyons, Troy[lyons.troy@epa.gov]; Ringel, Aaron[ringel.aaron@epa.gov]; Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]; Palich, Christian[palich.christian@epa.gov]
From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 5/31/2017 5:08:52 PM
Subject: US EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Assessment Grants

$200,000 for hazardous substances

$100,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Borough of Greenville for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous

substances and petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct eight Phase I environmental site assessments.

Community-wide hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct four Phase II environmental site

assessments. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct two Phase II environmental site

assessments. Grant funds of both types also will be used to update the borough's brownfield site inventory and

support community involvement activities.

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To: Jackson, Joseph[Joseph.Jackson@mail.house.gov]
Cc: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tue 6/20/2017 9:24:28 PM
Subject: RE: ProjectNarrativeAttachments-Attachments-1234-PRJ17 Program Narrative EMAIL 3 of 3

Hi Joe,

We are going to need to deliver this to your office tomorrow morning . as it is too large to send via email – even in small chunks.

Can you send your office location and your desk phone number?

Thanks ng

Nancy Grantham

Office of Public Affairs

US Environmental Protection Agency

202-564-6879 (desk)

202-253-7056 (mobile)

From: Jackson, Joseph [mailto:Joseph.Jackson@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 4:35 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: ProjectNarrativeAttachments-Attachments-1234-PRJ17 Program Narrative EMAIL 3 of 3

Hi Nancy,

I got this email and I see the email traffic from below but I didn't receive the actual emails with the attachments from Kerry.

Thanks for all your help.

Best,

Joe Jackson

Rep. Liz Cheney (WY-AL)

From: Grantham, Nancy [mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 4:29 PM
To: Jackson, Joseph <Joseph.Jackson@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: ProjectNarrativeAttachments-Attachments-1234-PRJ17 Program Narrative EMAIL 3 of 3

Hi Joe,

Can you confirm that you got the 3 emails? Thanksng

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 4:18 PM
To: 'joseph.jackson@mail.house.gov' <joseph.jackson@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: ProjectNarrativeAttachments-Attachments-1234-PRJ17 Program Narrative EMAIL 3 of 3

This is the 3rd of 3 emails.

Thanks ng

Nancy Grantham

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From: Neal, Kerry
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 3:52 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Hageman, James <hageman.james@epa.gov>
Cc: Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: ProjectNarrativeAttachments-Attachments-1234-PRJ17 Program Narrative EMAIL 3 of 3

All, I've split this large file into three separate smaller files.

This is email 3 of 3.

Please reach out with any questions.

Thanks,

Kerry

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Kerry K. Neal

Deputy Director

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202-564-3766 (direct dial)

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 1:06 PM
To: Hageman, James <hageman.james@epa.gov>
Cc: Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: need to grant james Hageman in region 8 immediate access to our opa sharepoint site -- he needs to upload something time sensitive for John Konkus

Thanks .. will check for it now

Nancy Grantham

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From: Hageman, James
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 1:05 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: need to grant james Hageman in region 8 immediate access to our opa sharepoint site -- he needs to upload something time sensitive for John Konkus

Ma'am – I was able to upload the document to the OPA Sharepoint Site at the following link:

https://usepa.sharepoint.com/sites/OA/publicaffairs/Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx?viewpath=%2Fsites%2FO

As you will see, I created a folder in the Documents section entitled "Mr Konkus Inquiry Documents". The requested document is contained therein. Please let me know if this doesn't work.

I cc'd Mr Konkus on this e-mail.

Very Respectfully,

Jim

James A. Hageman

Director – Grants, Audit and Procurement Office, Office of Technical and Management Services

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Email: Hageman.james@epa.gov

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 9:50 AM
To: Hageman, James <hageman.james@epa.gov>
Cc: Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: need to grant james Hageman in region 8 immediate access to our opa sharepoint site -- he needs to upload something time sensitive for John Konkus

Hi James,

Understand you now have access to the opa sharepoint site—can you ping me when you have posted the grant document?

Thanks much

Ng

Nancy Grantham

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From: Hull, George
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 11:48 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: need to grant james Hageman in region 8 immediate access to our opa sharepoint site -- he needs to upload something time sensitive for John Konkus

He now has access and is in working on posting. - George

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 11:26 AM
To: Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: need to grant james Hageman in region 8 immediate access to our opa sharepoint site -- he needs to upload something time sensitive for John Konkus

Thanks

Nancy Grantham

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From: Hull, George
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 11:26 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: need to grant james Hageman in region 8 immediate access to our opa sharepoint site -- he needs to upload something time sensitive for John Konkus

Working on this now. - George

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 11:16 AM
To: Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Subject: need to grant james Hageman in region 8 immediate access to our opa sharepoint site -- he needs to upload something time sensitive for John Konkus

Please let me know when this is done.

Thanks ng

Nancy Grantham

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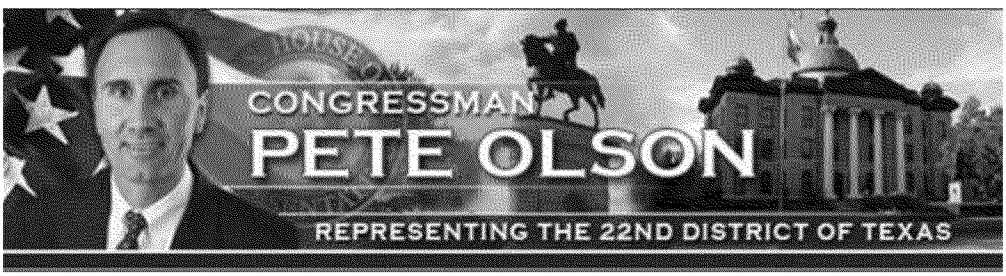
To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Kelly, Melissa
Sent: Wed 6/7/2017 4:06:35 PM
Subject: RE: OLSON STATEMENT ON EPA ACTION TO GIVE STATES TIME TO IMPLEMENT AIR QUALITY RULES

Thank you guys! ☺

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 12:06 PM
To: Kelly, Melissa
Subject: RE: OLSON STATEMENT ON EPA ACTION TO GIVE STATES TIME TO IMPLEMENT AIR QUALITY RULES

Thank you Melissa!

From: Kelly, Melissa [mailto:Melissa.Kelly@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 11:59 AM
Subject: OLSON STATEMENT ON EPA ACTION TO GIVE STATES TIME TO IMPLEMENT AIR QUALITY RULES



For Release:
Immediate
Contact: Melissa Kelly

Wednesday, June 07, 2017
202-225-5951

olson Statement on EPA ACTION TO GIVE STATES TIME TO IMPLEMENT AIR QUALITY RULES

Washington, DC – Today Rep. Pete Olson (TX-22) released the following statement in response to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announcement to provide additional time for states to implement the 2015 ground-level ozone standard:

"EPA Administrator Pruitt is right to grant a one year extension for next steps on the 2015 ozone rule. Clean air is critically important, but we need to get this right. I'm equally pleased the Administrator is taking time to review some of the issues around air quality that I've been working on for years, like exceptional events, international emissions, and background levels. At the same time, the Administrator needs new statutory authority to address these issues properly, which is why my bill H.R. 806, on air quality standards is still needed. It provides common-sense reforms while still allowing us to improve air quality in a meaningful way. I will continue every effort to move this bill forward in Congress and get it signed into law by President Trump."

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Melissa Kelly
Deputy Chief of Staff
Communications Director
Rep. Pete Olson
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Cc: Lyons, Troy[lyons.troy@epa.gov]; Ringel, Aaron[ringel.aaron@epa.gov]; Palich, Christian[palich.christian@epa.gov]; Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 5/17/2017 3:35:39 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$70,000.00 National Caucus & Center on Black Aging Inc

Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program for GED/NHEERL/ORD Gulf Breeze, FL

This cooperative agreement will provide funding to support Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program enrollees working with the Gulf Ecology Division, National Health and Environmental Effects Research Laboratory, Office of Research and Development, Gulf Breeze, FL.

Grant #:83675201-4

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Cc: Lyons, Troy[lyons.troy@epa.gov]; Ringel, Aaron[ringel.aaron@epa.gov]; Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]; Palich, Christian[palich.christian@epa.gov]
From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Mon 6/5/2017 4:34:14 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Assessment Grant

$89,100 for hazardous substances

$89,100 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Denton County Transportation Authority for a brownfields assessment grant. Site-specific

hazardous substances and petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct a Phase II environmental site assessment

at the Denton County Transportation Authority site at 640 Texas 121 Business in Lewisville. Assessment activities

will focus on 46 acres of the site that are currently vacant and formerly were used as farmland, a gravel mine,

landfill, and junkyard.

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 8/23/2017 5:11:51 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$4,426,440 VA Dept of Environmental Quality Performance Partnership Grant
This agreement provides funding for the operation of theVirginia Department of Environmental Quality's (VADEQ) continuing environmental programs while giving it greater flexibility to address its highest environmental priorities, improve environmental performance, achieve administrative savings and strengthen the partnership between VADEQ and EPA. This agreement funds statewide programs to: increase the number of people breathing cleaner air; reduce risk from toxic air pollutants; improve water quality; reduce waste generation and increase recycling; cleanup and reuse contaminated land; manage hazardous waste; increase wetlands; assess and cleanup brownfields; and promote environmental stewardship. The work includes outputs and outcomes associated with managing continuing environmental programs which include activities to protect and maintain air, water, land and data quality; pollution prevention; and Brownfields.
Grant No: 98392505-G

$590,000 Industrial Development Authority of Halifax County Virginia FY17 Brownfields Coalition Assessment Program
This assistance agreement will provide funding to inventory, characterize, assess, and conduct cleanup planning and community involvement related activities for Brownfields sites in the Halifax County, Virginia. The Community-Wide Brownfields Assessment Program will be managed by the Industrial Development Authority (IDA) of Halifax County, Virginia as lead agency for a coalition of three communities: Halifax County and the two incorporated towns of Halifax and South Boston.

Grant No: 96354001-0

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To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]; Haverly , Jordan[Jordan.Haverly@mail.house.gov]; Deeley, Blake[Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov]
Cc: Paska, Jessica[Jessica.Paska@mail.house.gov]
From: Stapleton, John
Sent: Mon 5/22/2017 5:18:53 PM
Subject: RE: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

All, we are in the process of finalizing our own quote and will be sure to send it around when complete. We were going to send our own press release to local WV outlets. I spoke with John earlier about this…. Jordan/Jessica, do you mind if we use your boss's quotes in our release as well? Thanks.

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 12:35 PM
To: Haverly , Jordan; Deeley, Blake
Cc: Paska, Jessica; Stapleton, John
Subject: RE: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Thank you Jordan.

From: Haverly , Jordan [mailto:Jordan.Haverly@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 12:27 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Deeley, Blake <Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Paska, Jessica <Jessica.Paska@mail.house.gov>; Stapleton, John <John.Stapleton@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Re: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Here is a statement from Rep. Shimkus.

"Administrator Pruitt's eagerness to engage with lawmakers has been a breath of fresh air here on Capitol Hill. I appreciate his willingness to meet with the Coal Caucus today, and to listen to our stories about the communities in our districts that have been devastated by the previous administration's anti-coal agenda. Working together both legislatively and through administrative actions, I'm optimistic that this Congress and this Administration can and will protect our air and water without sacrificing jobs and affordable energy."

Thanks!

Jordan Haverly

Communications Director & Policy Adviser

Congressman John Shimkus (IL-15)

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From: "Konkus, John" <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Date: Monday, May 22, 2017 at 11:21 AM
To: "Deeley, Blake" <Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov>
Cc: "Paska, Jessica" <Jessica.Paska@mail.house.gov>, "Haverly , Jordan" <Jordan.Haverly@mail.house.gov>, "Stapleton, John" <John.Stapleton@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Re: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Thank you. Keep them coming!

John Konkus

Environmental Protection Agency

Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Affairs

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On May 22, 2017, at 11:20 AM, Deeley, Blake <Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov> wrote:

> Thanks Jessica!
>
> John we should be getting something to you soon

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 10:58 AM
To: Paska, Jessica; Deeley, Blake; Haverly , Jordan
Cc: Stapleton, John
Subject: RE: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Fantastic! Thank you!

From: Paska, Jessica [mailto:Jessica.Paska@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 10:40 AM
To: Deeley, Blake <Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov>; Haverly , Jordan <Jordan.Haverly@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Stapleton, John <John.Stapleton@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Here is a quote from Congressman Griffith, let me know if it works for you. Thanks!

"I look forward to working with Administrator Pruitt, and others at the EPA, to make the EPA more efficient and to recognize that we can work towards cleaner air, cleaner water, and cleaner coal use without killing as many jobs in coal and other industries."

Jessica Paska

Communications Director

Congressman Morgan Griffith (VA-09)

202-225-3861

From: Deeley, Blake
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 10:09 AM

To: Paska, Jessica; Haverly , Jordan
Cc: Konkus, John; Stapleton, John
Subject: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Jordan and Jessica: Thanks for your willingness to submit a quote to EPA for their press release about today's coal caucus meeting. I want to introduce you to John Konkus w/ EPA (cc'd) who will be putting together EPA's communications on this meeting.

John K.: Really appreciate all of your help with this meeting. The folks in this email are with the following offices…

John Stapleton w/ Congressman McKinley (Coal Caucus Chairman)

Jessica Paska w/ Congressman Griffith

Jordan Haverly w/ Congressman Shimkus

Will let you all take it from there.

-Blake

Blake Deeley| *Policy Advisor*

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Thur 5/25/2017 11:49:54 AM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the US EPA has signed the following grant for your district:

$490,500.00 District of Columbia Govt of dba -Department of Energy and Environment

DC Non-Point Source Management Program

This award provides Federal assistance of $500,500 (including $10,000 EPA In-Kind) to assist the recipient in implementing their EPA-approved CWA Section 319 nonpoint source (NPS) pollution control program activities.

Grant #: 00349617-0

$68,467.00 District of Columbia Govt of dba-Department of Energy and Environment

Source Reduction; Automotive Pollution

This action funds the grant to continue the Districtct's Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) to influence mechanic behavior and practices at auto body and repair shops in the DC area. The program will continue to offer a clear, unified message about how to reduce pollution through source reduction and develop source reduction plans, consisting of workshops, onsite technical assistance, newsletters, and a green certification program.

Grant #: 96348401-2

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Sent: Wed 7/26/2017 6:26:11 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$137,000 State of Delaware DNREC Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Hazardous Waste Management Program
To support the development/implementation of the Delaware's program controlling the generation, transport, treatment, storage and disposal of hazardous waste, which will reduce waste generation, increase hazardous waste recycling, and ensure proper management of waste and petroleum products at facilities.
Grant Number: 98315611-3

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 5/31/2017 4:58:18 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Cleanup Grants

$600,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Earth Conservancy for three brownfields cleanup grants. Hazardous substances grant funds

will be used to clean up Parcels E and F of the Bliss Bank in Hanover Township. The parcels are located in a 200-

acre tract of mine-scarred land that was used for anthracite mining and coal waste disposal until the mid-1970s.

They produce acid mine drainage that affects Espy Run and the Nanticoke Creek watershed. Hazardous substances

grant funds also will be used to clean up Segment B of Espy Run in Nanticoke. The 2.4-mile-long stream runs

through an area that has been used for anthracite mining. The stream has been impacted by historic mining activity

and acid mine drainage. Grant funds for all three sites also will be used to conduct community outreach and

engagement activities.

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To: Jackson, Joseph[Joseph.Jackson@mail.house.gov]
Cc: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tue 6/20/2017 8:41:28 PM
Subject: RE: ProjectNarrativeAttachments-Attachments-1234-PRJ17 Program Narrative EMAIL 3 of 3

Checking on this now – sorry

Nancy Grantham

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From: Jackson, Joseph [mailto:Joseph.Jackson@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 4:35 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: ProjectNarrativeAttachments-Attachments-1234-PRJ17 Program Narrative EMAIL 3 of 3

Hi Nancy,

I got this email and I see the email traffic from below but I didn't receive the actual emails with the attachments from Kerry.

Thanks for all your help.

Best,

Joe Jackson

Rep. Liz Cheney (WY-AL)

From: Grantham, Nancy [mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 4:29 PM
To: Jackson, Joseph <Joseph.Jackson@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: ProjectNarrativeAttachments-Attachments-1234-PRJ17 Program Narrative EMAIL 3 of 3

Hi Joe,

Can you confirm that you got the 3 emails? Thanksng

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 4:18 PM
To: 'joseph.jackson@mail.house.gov' <joseph.jackson@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: ProjectNarrativeAttachments-Attachments-1234-PRJ17 Program Narrative EMAIL 3 of 3

This is the 3rd of 3 emails.

Thanks ng

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From: Neal, Kerry
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 3:52 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Hageman, James <hageman.james@epa.gov>
Cc: Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: ProjectNarrativeAttachments-Attachments-1234-PRJ17 Program Narrative EMAIL 3 of 3

All, I've split this large file into three separate smaller files.

This is email 3 of 3.

Please reach out with any questions.

Thanks,

Kerry

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Kerry K. Neal

Deputy Director

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 1:06 PM
To: Hageman, James <hageman.james@epa.gov>
Cc: Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: need to grant james Hageman in region 8 immediate access to our opa sharepoint site -- he needs to upload something time sensitive for John Konkus

Thanks .. will check for it now

Nancy Grantham

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From: Hageman, James
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 1:05 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: need to grant james Hageman in region 8 immediate access to our opa sharepoint site -- he needs to upload something time sensitive for John Konkus

Ma'am – I was able to upload the document to the OPA Sharepoint Site at the following link:

https://usepa.sharepoint.com/sites/OA/publicaffairs/Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx?viewpath=%2Fsites%2FO

As you will see, I created a folder in the Documents section entitled "Mr Konkus Inquiry Documents". The requested document is contained therein. Please let me know if this doesn't work.

I cc'd Mr Konkus on this e-mail.

Very Respectfully,

Jim

James A. Hageman

Director – Grants, Audit and Procurement Office, Office of Technical and Management Services

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Email: Hageman.james@epa.gov

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 9:50 AM
To: Hageman, James <hageman.james@epa.gov>
Cc: Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: need to grant james Hageman in region 8 immediate access to our opa sharepoint site -- he needs to upload something time sensitive for John Konkus

Hi James,

Understand you now have access to the opa sharepoint site—can you ping me when you have posted the grant document?

Thanks much

Ng

Nancy Grantham

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From: Hull, George
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 11:48 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: need to grant james Hageman in region 8 immediate access to our opa sharepoint site -- he needs to upload something time sensitive for John Konkus

He now has access and is in working on posting. - George

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 11:26 AM
To: Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: need to grant james Hageman in region 8 immediate access to our opa sharepoint site -- he needs to upload something time sensitive for John Konkus

Thanks

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Working on this now. - George

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 11:16 AM
To: Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Subject: need to grant james Hageman in region 8 immediate access to our opa sharepoint site -- he needs to upload something time sensitive for John Konkus

Please let me know when this is done.

Thanks ng

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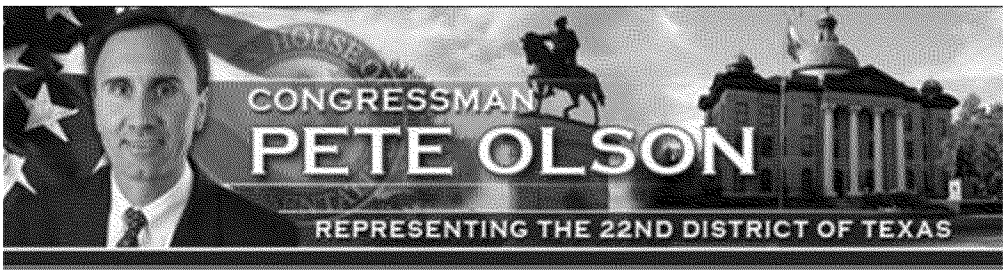
From: Kelly, Melissa
Sent: Wed 6/7/2017 3:59:03 PM
Subject: OLSON STATEMENT ON EPA ACTION TO GIVE STATES TIME TO IMPLEMENT AIR QUALITY RULES



For Release:
Immediate
Contact: Melissa Kelly

Wednesday, June 07, 2017
202-225-5951

olson Statement on EPA ACTION TO GIVE STATES TIME TO IMPLEMENT AIR QUALITY RULES

Washington, DC – Today Rep. Pete Olson (TX-22) released the following statement in response to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announcement to provide additional time for states to implement the 2015 ground-level ozone standard:

"EPA Administrator Pruitt is right to grant a one year extension for next steps on the 2015 ozone rule. Clean air is critically important, but we need to get this right. I'm equally pleased the Administrator is taking time to review some of the issues around air quality that I've been working on for years, like exceptional events, international emissions, and background levels. At the same time, the Administrator needs new statutory authority to address these issues properly, which is why my bill H.R. 806, on air quality standards is still needed. It provides common-sense reforms while still allowing us to improve air quality in a meaningful way. I will continue every effort to move this bill forward in Congress and get it signed into law by President Trump."

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Melissa Kelly

Deputy Chief of Staff
Communications Director
Rep. Pete Olson
202-225-5951

To: scott.weldon@mail.house.gov[scott.weldon@mail.house.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Wed 5/17/2017 3:25:09 PM
Subject: Quote
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Scott: Attached is the draft release we discussed this morning. We would like to have a quote included from the Congressman. If you all are interested please feel free to take this information and repurpose it for your own release to echo ours. We'll do social media too.

The plan is to send it tomorrow (Thursday) by noon.

Thank you for taking a look.

John Konkus

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Cc: Lyons, Troy[lyons.troy@epa.gov]; Ringel, Aaron[ringel.aaron@epa.gov]; Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]; Palich, Christian[palich.christian@epa.gov]
From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Mon 6/5/2017 4:13:23 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Cleanup Grants

$600,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Green Era Educational NFP for three brownfields cleanup grants. Hazardous substances

grant funds will be used to clean up three sites that comprise the approximately nine-acre parcel of vacant land for

the Anaerobic Digester/Renewable Energy Biogas facility at 650 West 83rd Street in Chicago. The areas of the three

sites are 3.7 acres, 1.2 acres, and 4.1 acres. They have been vacant since 1988 and were formerly used for storage

of industrial, lumber, and paint products, and as an impounded automotive storage yard. Soils are contaminated

with volatile organic compounds, metals, and polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons, and groundwater is

contaminated with metals. Grant funds also will be used to support community outreach activities.

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Cc: Lyons, Troy[lyons.troy@epa.gov]; Ringel, Aaron[ringel.aaron@epa.gov]; Palich, Christian[palich.christian@epa.gov]; Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 8/23/2017 5:10:36 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$158,000 Border Environment Cooperation Comm. U.S-Mexico Border Grant - Border 2020
The purpose of the Border Environment Cooperation Commission's (BECC) amendment is to continue implementing environmental activities that protect communities in the U.S. facing environmental challenges in the U.S.-Mexico border region.
Grant No: 99T28001-3

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To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Haverly , Jordan
Sent: Mon 5/22/2017 5:02:01 PM
Subject: Re: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

John –

I should have added – I'm happy to make any edits to this if there's something else from today's meeting you'd all particularly like to highlight.

Thanks again,

Jordan

From: "Haverly , Jordan" <Jordan.Haverly@mail.house.gov>
Date: Monday, May 22, 2017 at 12:26 PM
To: "Konkus, John" <konkus.john@epa.gov>, "Deeley, Blake" <Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov>
Cc: "Paska, Jessica" <Jessica.Paska@mail.house.gov>, "Stapleton, John" <John.Stapleton@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Re: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Here is a statement from Rep. Shimkus.

"Administrator Pruitt's eagerness to engage with lawmakers has been a breath of fresh air here on Capitol Hill. I appreciate his willingness to meet with the Coal Caucus today, and to listen to our stories about the communities in our districts that have been devastated by the previous administration's anti-coal agenda. Working together both legislatively and through administrative actions, I'm optimistic that this Congress and this Administration can and will protect our air and water without sacrificing jobs and affordable energy."

Thanks!

Jordan Haverly

Communications Director & Policy Adviser

Congressman John Shimkus (IL-15)

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From: "Konkus, John" <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Date: Monday, May 22, 2017 at 11:21 AM
To: "Deeley, Blake" <Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov>
Cc: "Paska, Jessica" <Jessica.Paska@mail.house.gov>, "Haverly , Jordan" <Jordan.Haverly@mail.house.gov>, "Stapleton, John" <John.Stapleton@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Re: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Thank you. Keep them coming!

John Konkus

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On May 22, 2017, at 11:20 AM, Deeley, Blake <Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov> wrote:

> Thanks Jessica!
>
> John we should be getting something to you soon
>
> **From:** Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]

Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 10:58 AM
To: Paska, Jessica; Deeley, Blake; Haverly , Jordan
Cc: Stapleton, John
Subject: RE: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Fantastic! Thank you!

From: Paska, Jessica [mailto:Jessica.Paska@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 10:40 AM
To: Deeley, Blake <Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov>; Haverly , Jordan <Jordan.Haverly@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Stapleton, John <John.Stapleton@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Here is a quote from Congressman Griffith, let me know if it works for you. Thanks!

"I look forward to working with Administrator Pruitt, and others at the EPA, to make the EPA more efficient and to recognize that we can work towards cleaner air, cleaner water, and cleaner coal use without killing as many jobs in coal and other industries."

Jessica Paska

Communications Director

Congressman Morgan Griffith (VA-09)

202-225-3861

From: Deeley, Blake
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 10:09 AM
To: Paska, Jessica; Haverly , Jordan
Cc: Konkus, John; Stapleton, John

Subject: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Jordan and Jessica: Thanks for your willingness to submit a quote to EPA for their press release about today's coal caucus meeting. I want to introduce you to John Konkus w/ EPA (cc'd) who will be putting together EPA's communications on this meeting.

John K.: Really appreciate all of your help with this meeting. The folks in this email are with the following offices…

John Stapleton w/ Congressman McKinley (Coal Caucus Chairman)

Jessica Paska w/ Congressman Griffith

Jordan Haverly w/ Congressman Shimkus

Will let you all take it from there.

-Blake

Blake Deeley| *Policy Advisor*

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Cc: Lyons, Troy[lyons.troy@epa.gov]; Ringel, Aaron[ringel.aaron@epa.gov]; Palich, Christian[palich.christian@epa.gov]; Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Thur 5/25/2017 11:42:12 AM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

$154,440.00 Ely Shoshone Tribe - General Assistance Program

This assistance agreement provides federal funding for the Ely Shoshone Tribe to plan, develop and establish the capability for developing environmental protection programs administered by EPA to include developing a green purchasing program, conducting community outreach on climate change and waste reduction, implementing a recycling program, establishing a Tribal Emergency Response Committee, developing a climate change adapatation plan and providing general administrative and financial management of the GAP grant.

Grant #: 99T57601-0

$94,196.00 NV Dept of Cons & Ntrl Res

SFY 16-18 WATER POLLUTION CONTROL

This agreement provides funding to the State of Nevada to carry out its program to maintain, protect and improve water quality of its rivers, lakes, streams, ground water and other waterbodies. The environmental benefits of this program include preventing degradation of unimpaired waterbodies and reducing the number of impaired waterbodies in the State. Activities include storm water inspections and technical assistance to storm water permittees and direct public outreach and education.

Grant #: 97933716-2

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Cc: Lyons, Troy[lyons.troy@epa.gov]; Ringel, Aaron[ringel.aaron@epa.gov]; Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]; Palich, Christian[palich.christian@epa.gov]
From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 5/31/2017 4:47:23 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Assessment Grant

$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Baltimore for a brownfields assessment grant. Community-wide hazardous substances

grant funds will be used to conduct Phase I and II environmental site assessments on brownfields throughout the

city, and prepare three to four cleanup plans. Grant funds also will be used to support community outreach

activities.

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 7/26/2017 6:24:01 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$138000 National Caucus & Center on Black Aging Inc Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program NERL/NCEA/ORD
This cooperative agreement will provide funding to support Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program enrollees working with the National Exposure Research Laboratory and National Center for Environmental Assessment, Office of Research and Development, Washington, DC.
Grant Number: 83693201-2

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To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Bastomski, Gabriel
Sent: Wed 6/7/2017 3:55:03 PM
Subject: Re: Quote

Looking like it'll be 12:10, hope that's ok.

Getting quote from him right now.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 7, 2017, at 11:23 AM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:

Confirming noon ET

From: Bastomski, Gabriel [mailto:Gabriel.Bastomski@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 11:02 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote

Ok- I will shoot for noon. To be clear this would be 12pm ET.

Thanks again!

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 11:01 AM
To: Bastomski, Gabriel <Gabriel.Bastomski@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote

Whatever works for you. If you go at 11, I'll go at noon. If you go at noon, I'll go at 1.

From: Bastomski, Gabriel [mailto:Gabriel.Bastomski@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 10:59 AM

To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote

Perfect. Thank you!

The Congressman is wrapping up at a hearing right now but should be back shortly. There should be no problem in meeting your deadline.

So if I am going first, should I shoot for releasing at noon or before noon?

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 10:57 AM
To: Bastomski, Gabriel <Gabriel.Bastomski@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote

Yes you can lift whatever you want. Also you can use this updated quote from Administrator Pruitt:

New Administrator's quote to be updated in all releases please: "These supplemental funds help provide communities with resources to help clean up contamination, and turn blighted land into opportunities that can generate jobs and spur economic growth," said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt.

From: Bastomski, Gabriel [mailto:Gabriel.Bastomski@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 10:49 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote

Thank you, I appreciate it.

I might just take you up on that! Would it be alright to pull some of the language from your draft?

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 10:29 AM
To: Bastomski, Gabriel <Gabriel.Bastomski@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote

Please do! We would let you go first if you like.

From: Bastomski, Gabriel [mailto:Gabriel.Bastomski@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 10:26 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote

Thanks John- working on getting that quote for you by noon.

We might do a release on this as well.

Regards,

Gabriel M. Bastomski

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From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 10:07 AM
To: Bastomski, Gabriel <Gabriel.Bastomski@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Quote

Gabriel: Per our conversation, attached is the draft release. Thanks to you and the Congressman for adding a quote.

John Konkus

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To: Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Cc: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Jackson, Joseph
Sent: Tue 6/20/2017 8:35:15 PM
Subject: RE: ProjectNarrativeAttachments-Attachments-1234-PRJ17 Program Narrative EMAIL 3 of 3

Hi Nancy,

I got this email and I see the email traffic from below but I didn't receive the actual emails with the attachments from Kerry.

Thanks for all your help.

Best,

Joe Jackson

Rep. Liz Cheney (WY-AL)

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To: Jackson, Joseph <Joseph.Jackson@mail.house.gov>
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Subject: RE: ProjectNarrativeAttachments-Attachments-1234-PRJ17 Program Narrative EMAIL 3 of 3

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Subject: FW: ProjectNarrativeAttachments-Attachments-1234-PRJ17 Program Narrative EMAIL 3 of 3

This is the 3rd of 3 emails.

Thanks ng

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From: Neal, Kerry
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 3:52 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Hageman, James <hageman.james@epa.gov>
Cc: Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>

Subject: ProjectNarrativeAttachments-Attachments-1234-PRJ17 Program Narrative EMAIL 3 of 3

All, I've split this large file into three separate smaller files.

This is email 3 of 3.

Please reach out with any questions.

Thanks,

Kerry

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 1:06 PM

To: Hageman, James <hageman.james@epa.gov>
Cc: Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: need to grant james Hageman in region 8 immediate access to our opa sharepoint site -- he needs to upload something time sensitive for John Konkus

Thanks .. will check for it now

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From: Hageman, James
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 1:05 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Neal, Kerry <neal.kerry@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: need to grant james Hageman in region 8 immediate access to our opa sharepoint site -- he needs to upload something time sensitive for John Konkus

Ma'am – I was able to upload the document to the OPA Sharepoint Site at the following link:

https://usepa.sharepoint.com/sites/OA/publicaffairs/Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx?viewpath=%2Fsites%2FO

As you will see, I created a folder in the Documents section entitled "Mr Konkus Inquiry Documents". The requested document is contained therein. Please let me know if this doesn't work.

I cc'd Mr Konkus on this e-mail.

Very Respectfully,

Jim

James A. Hageman

Director – Grants, Audit and Procurement Office, Office of Technical and Management Services

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Email: Hageman.james@epa.gov

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 9:50 AM
To: Hageman, James <hageman.james@epa.gov>
Cc: Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: need to grant james Hageman in region 8 immediate access to our opa sharepoint site -- he needs to upload something time sensitive for John Konkus

Hi James,

Understand you now have access to the opa sharepoint site—can you ping me when you have posted the grant document?

Thanks much

Ng

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From: Hull, George
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 11:48 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: need to grant james Hageman in region 8 immediate access to our opa sharepoint site -- he needs to upload something time sensitive for John Konkus

He now has access and is in working on posting. - George

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 11:26 AM
To: Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: need to grant james Hageman in region 8 immediate access to our opa sharepoint site -- he needs to upload something time sensitive for John Konkus

Thanks

Nancy Grantham

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From: Hull, George
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 11:26 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: need to grant james Hageman in region 8 immediate access to our opa sharepoint site -- he needs to upload something time sensitive for John Konkus

Working on this now. - George

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 11:16 AM
To: Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Subject: need to grant james Hageman in region 8 immediate access to our opa sharepoint site -- he needs to upload something time sensitive for John Konkus

Please let me know when this is done.

Thanks ng

Nancy Grantham

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 5/17/2017 3:18:38 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$277,033.00 State of Delaware DNREC- Delaware CERCLA 128(a)

This assistance agreement provides funding to the State of Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) in the amount of $458,673 for their State Response Program includes timely survey and inventory of brownfield sites; oversight and enforcement authorities to ensure that response actions protect human health and the environment; resources to provide meaningful public involvement; mechanism for approval of a cleanup plan and verification of complete responses. Additionally, their work includes enhancement of their public record and site-specific assessment activities. It has been determined that this Cooperative Agreement is mission critical and the funding is contained in the operating plan.

Grant #: 97379702-2

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Mon 6/5/2017 4:11:42 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Assessment Grants

$150,000 for hazardous substances

$150,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Danville for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous

substances and petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct 15 Phase I and up to eight Phase II environmental

site assessments, and prepare four cleanup plans. Grant funds also will be used to support community involvement

activities.

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 8/23/2017 5:07:27 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$300,000 City of Walterboro Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Cooperative Agreements
This action approves an award in the amount of $300,000 to the City of Walterboro, South Carolina which will enable the City to conduct community-wide assessments at Brownfields sites potentially contaminated with hazardous substances and/or petroleum products. The recipient may also develop a site inventory, prioritize sites and conduct Phase I and/or Phase II assessments. Funds may also be used for public outreach, community involvement, and cleanup/reuse planning activities.
Grant No: 00D61717-0

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To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]; Deeley, Blake[Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov]
Cc: Paska, Jessica[Jessica.Paska@mail.house.gov]; Stapleton, John[John.Stapleton@mail.house.gov]
From: Haverly , Jordan
Sent: Mon 5/22/2017 4:26:32 PM
Subject: Re: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Here is a statement from Rep. Shimkus.

"Administrator Pruitt's eagerness to engage with lawmakers has been a breath of fresh air here on Capitol Hill. I appreciate his willingness to meet with the Coal Caucus today, and to listen to our stories about the communities in our districts that have been devastated by the previous administration's anti-coal agenda. Working together both legislatively and through administrative actions, I'm optimistic that this Congress and this Administration can and will protect our air and water without sacrificing jobs and affordable energy."

Thanks!

Jordan Haverly

Communications Director & Policy Adviser

Congressman John Shimkus (IL-15)

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From: "Konkus, John" <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Date: Monday, May 22, 2017 at 11:21 AM
To: "Deeley, Blake" <Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov>
Cc: "Paska, Jessica" <Jessica.Paska@mail.house.gov>, "Haverly , Jordan" <Jordan.Haverly@mail.house.gov>, "Stapleton, John" <John.Stapleton@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Re: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Thank you. Keep them coming!

John Konkus

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On May 22, 2017, at 11:20 AM, Deeley, Blake <Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Thanks Jessica!

John we should be getting something to you soon

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 10:58 AM
To: Paska, Jessica; Deeley, Blake; Haverly , Jordan
Cc: Stapleton, John
Subject: RE: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Fantastic! Thank you!

From: Paska, Jessica [mailto:Jessica.Paska@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 10:40 AM
To: Deeley, Blake <Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov>; Haverly , Jordan <Jordan.Haverly@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Stapleton, John <John.Stapleton@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Here is a quote from Congressman Griffith, let me know if it works for you. Thanks!

"I look forward to working with Administrator Pruitt, and others at the EPA, to make the

EPA more efficient and to recognize that we can work towards cleaner air, cleaner water, and cleaner coal use without killing as many jobs in coal and other industries."

Jessica Paska

Communications Director

Congressman Morgan Griffith (VA-09)

202-225-3861

From: Deeley, Blake
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 10:09 AM
To: Paska, Jessica; Haverly , Jordan
Cc: Konkus, John; Stapleton, John
Subject: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Jordan and Jessica: Thanks for your willingness to submit a quote to EPA for their press release about today's coal caucus meeting. I want to introduce you to John Konkus w/ EPA (cc'd) who will be putting together EPA's communications on this meeting.

John K.: Really appreciate all of your help with this meeting. The folks in this email are with the following offices…

John Stapleton w/ Congressman McKinley (Coal Caucus Chairman)

Jessica Paska w/ Congressman Griffith

Jordan Haverly w/ Congressman Shimkus

Will let you all take it from there.

-Blake

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 5/31/2017 4:42:39 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Assessment Grant

$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Municipality of Cataño for a brownfields assessment grant. Community-wide hazardous

substances grant funds will be used to prepare an inventory of brownfield sites, conduct at least 10 Phase I and at

least three Phase II environmental site assessments, and prepare at least one cleanup plan. Grant funds also will be

used to support community engagement and outreach activities. Assessment activities will focus on the entire

urban zone of the municipality, particularly the residential areas near the Ciénaga Las Cucharillas.

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 7/26/2017 6:23:11 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$43,241 Ute Mountain Ute Tribe Ute Mtn Ute 128a
This project provides funding for the Ute Mountain Ute response program that includes timely survey and inventory of brownfield sites; oversight and enforcement authorities to ensure that response actions protect human health and the environment; resources to provide meaningful public involvement; mechanisms for approval of a cleanup plans and verification of complete responses. Increase of Funds.
Grant Number: 96839101-4

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To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Conley, Brendan
Sent: Wed 6/7/2017 3:51:12 PM
Subject: RE: Quote

Thanks John!

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 11:51 AM
To: Conley, Brendan
Subject: RE: Quote

You can use the quote and it's all attributable to Rosie Vanadestine.

From: Conley, Brendan [mailto:Brendan.Conley@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 11:44 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote

Would I be permitted to use this quote in our office's press release?

"Kennebec Valley Council of Governments is sincerely grateful for the opportunity to continue our Brownfields program through supplemental funding. In our district of Kennebec, Somerset and western Waldo counties, our Revolving Loan Fund Program has enabled the reuse of a contaminated schoolhouse as a food hub, the development of a disused tannery as a small manufacturing space, the creation of new medical building on the site of a contaminated and deserted steel manufacturing business, and the creation of housing in a former hospital building," said executive director Rosie Vanadestine.

"The Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission (SMPDC) is deeply appreciative of the supplemental funding for our Revolving Loan Fund Program, which will enable us to continue with our active clean-up efforts in communities both large and small all over York and southern Oxford County. To date the funding has resulted in 18 loan and grant awards for clean-up, accounting for 140 new jobs created, 52 million in leveraged private and public sector dollars and 240 units of new housing. We look forward to continuing with these efforts."

And, to clarify, this entire quote is from Ms. Vanadestine?

Thank you, John!

Brendan C.

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 11:37 AM
To: Conley, Brendan
Subject: RE: Quote

Thank you!

From: Conley, Brendan [mailto:Brendan.Conley@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 11:33 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote

Hey John,

Apologies to hold you so close to your deadline. Please find the Congressman's quote below. Please let me know if there are any issues.

"These Brownfields grants are welcome news for our communities in Oxford, Kennebec, Waldo and Somerset counties and will help lay the groundwork for economic development, more jobs and continued stewardship of Maine's environment," **said Congressman Poliquin**. "I applaud the EPA for this important support and I will continue to push for sensible environmental

policies, which are critical not only to our health and recreation, but also for job creation in our State."

Thank you so much!

Brendan Conley

Press Secretary

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From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 8:41 AM
To: Conley, Brendan
Subject: RE: Quote

Super. We'll take it and put it in our release. The plan is to send it a noon.

Thank you Brendan!

From: Conley, Brendan [mailto:Brendan.Conley@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 8:39 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote

Hey John,

So sorry to just get back to you. If you have not released, I would be happy to get you a quote from the Congressman ASAP.

Thank you!

Brendan Conley

Press Secretary

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From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 3:45 PM
To: Conley, Brendan
Subject: Quote
Importance: High

Brendan: Would Congressman Poliquin be interested in providing a quote for us to include in the attached draft press release? We plan to release this tomorrow. If you all would like to send your own release, we would let you go first and provide a quote from Administrator Pruitt if you're interested.

Thank you,

John Konkus

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 5/17/2017 3:12:41 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grants from your district has been signed:

$361,518.00 District of Columbia Govt of dba Department of Energy and Environment - CBRAP II

The funding under this agreement will support the District's Chesapeake Bay coordination to enhance DOEE's stormwater and erosion/sediment control inspection activities and help implement new stormwater regulations. This funding will also support the development of an illicit discharge detection program and support a new pollution prevention program targeting government facilities.

Grant #: 96344701-1

$179,243.00 Senior Service America Inc. - Senior Environmental Employment Program for OPPT/OCSPP/DC

This cooperative agreement will provide funding to support Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program enrollees working at the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Washington, DC.

Grant #: 83696801-2

$126,800.00 National Caucus & Center on Black Aged Inc - Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program for Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

This cooperative agreement will provide funding to support Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program enrollees working at the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Washington, DC.

Grant #: 83675801-5

$19,500.00 National Council on Aging - Senior Environmental Employment Program for Office of General Counsel

This cooperative agreement will provide support for Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program enrollees to work in the Office of General Counsel, Washington, DC.

Grant #: 83589101-3

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Mon 6/5/2017 3:57:54 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Assessment Grant

$300,000 for hazardous substances

$300,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected Washington County for a brownfields assessment coalition grant. Community-wide hazardous

substances and petroleum grant funds will be used to perform 24 Phase I and at least 16 Phase II environmental site

assessments, prepare eight cleanup plans, and create three area-wide plans. Grant funds of both types also will be

used to update the current brownfields inventory, prioritize sites, and support community involvement activities.

Assessment activities will focus on the North Downtown Revitalization Area of the City of Hartford, Historic

Downtown-Railroad Corridor of the Village of Jackson, Central Downtown of the Village of Slinger, Northeast

Corridor Area of the Village of Richfield, Barton Village Area of the City of West Bend, and the South Eisenbahn Trail

Area of the City of West Bend. Coalition partners are the Cities of Hartford and West Bend, and Villages of Jackson,

Richfield, and Slinger.

Assessment Grant

$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Wauwatosa for a brownfields assessment grant. Community-wide hazardous

substances grant funds will be used to conduct up to eight Phase I and eight Phase II environmental site

assessments. Grant funds also will be used to expand and update the current inventory of brownfields throughout

the city, and support community outreach activities.

Assessment Grants

$200,000 for hazardous substances

$100,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected Sheboygan County for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous

substances and petroleum grant funds will be used to complete 10 Phase I and eight Phase II environmental site

assessments, and prepare four cleanup plans. Grant funds also will be used to update a brownfields inventory,

prioritize sites throughout the county, and conduct community involvement activities.

Assessment Grants

$150,000 for hazardous substances

$150,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Green Bay for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous

substances and petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct 14 Phase I and nine Phase II environmental site

assessments, and prepare two cleanup plans. Grant funds also will be used to inventory and prioritize sites, and

support community outreach activities.

Cleanup Grants

$400,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Blugold Real Estate Foundation Inc. for two brownfields cleanup grants. Hazardous

substances grant funds will be used to clean up the former County Materials Corporation properties at 1061 and

1111 Menomonie Street in Eau Claire. The 13.2-acre site at 1016 Menomonie Street and 7.8-acre site at 1111

Menomonie Street were formerly used for offices, warehousing, and retail sales of manufactured products,

including concrete blocks. They are contaminated with arsenic, selenium, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons.

Grant funds for both sites also will be used to conduct community involvement activities.

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 8/23/2017 5:06:23 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$125,000 Wyandotte Nation of Oklahoma Wyandotte Nation GAP FY15-18
This program provides general assistance program (GAP) grants to Indian tribal governments and intertribal consortia to build capacity to administer environmental regulatory programs on Indian lands, and provide technical assistance from EPA to Indian tribal governments and intertribal consortia in the development of multimedia programs to address environmental issues on Indian lands.
Grant No: 00F82101-3

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From: Stapleton, John
Sent: Mon 5/22/2017 3:21:35 PM
Subject: RE: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Hey John,

Great to work with you again. We will be putting together and sending over quote in a bit. Just need to get sign off from Congressman McKinley. He is on a plane right now but will be in the office in the early afternoon. We will be putting a release together ourselves. Can we use your quote in our release for the WV papers. Would you mind? Thanks!

John

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Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 10:58 AM
To: Paska, Jessica; Deeley, Blake; Haverly , Jordan
Cc: Stapleton, John
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Congressman Morgan Griffith (VA-09)

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Jordan Haverly w/ Congressman Shimkus

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-Blake

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 7/26/2017 6:21:36 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$162275 Native Village of Eyak Native Village of Eyak 2018 IGAP Project
The workplan for base GAP funding for the Native Village of Eyak will build environmental capacity through administrative and environmental training, create a business plan for plastic recycling, GIS development, gather baseline data on hydrologic changes and marine debris that may impact their watershed and traditional resources. The supplemental fund request is for assessment and cleanup of marine debris (solid waste) that impacts the shoreline. There is a supplemental request for ETEP funding as well.
Grant Number: 01J32401-0

$154326 Native Village of Tetlin Indian General Assistance Program
Tetlin's main goals include: Improve efficiency of programmatic and administrative functions. Provide training for environmental staff, incorporating sustainable practices into activities. Continue to educate community, council members and students in the village, exploring new environmental topics and areas of concern. Continue to expand and upgrade the solid waste management program per the Tetlin Solid Waste Management Plan, focusing on making the program self-sustaining. Continue to explore funding sources to address ETEP priorities.
Grant Number: 01J35001-0

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 5/31/2017 4:37:47 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Assessment Grants

$200,000 for hazardous substances

$100,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected Niagara County for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous substances

grant funds will be used to conduct eight Phase I and three Phase II environmental site assessments. Communitywide

petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct six Phase I and two Phase II environmental site assessments.

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To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Gillespie, Maura
Sent: Wed 6/7/2017 3:50:41 PM
Subject: RE: Quote

Quote from Rep. Kinzinger:

"I'm thrilled by the news that Rockford will receive the Brownsfield RLF grant for FY17. This is great for the City of Rockford and incredibly important to the health of our environment. Restoring the Colman Village space expands economic opportunity and provides a huge benefit to Rockford property development, especially as it continues to be an industrial leader in the United States. I look forward to seeing the progress this grant brings to the Stateline."

THANK YOU!!

Maura Gillespie

Communications Director

Congressman Adam Kinzinger (IL-16)

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Sign up for updates from Congressman Kinzinger

From: Gillespie, Maura
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 11:30 AM
To: 'Konkus, John' <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote

Hi John! Will have a quote to you ASAP! Thanks for your patience.

Maura Gillespie

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Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 10:27 AM
To: Gillespie, Maura <Maura.Gillespie@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Quote

Maura: EPA is planning on pushing out the attached draft release today (target noon). But we

wanted to ask if the Congressman would like to add a quote first?

Thank you for considering. I'll follow up with a call.

John Konkus

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 5/17/2017 3:07:34 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$277,033.00 Commonwealth of Penn Dept of Environmental Protection- PADEP CERCLA 128(a)

This provides funding to the State of Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) for their State Response Program, which includes timely survey and inventory of brownfield sites; oversight and enforcement authorities to ensure that response actions protect human health and the environment; resources to provide meaningful public involvement; mechanism for approval of a cleanup plan and verification of complete responses. Additionally, their work includes enhancement of their public record and site-specific assessment activities. It has been determined that this Cooperative Agreement is mission critical and the funding is contained in the operating plan.

Grant #: 97385002-2

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Sent: Mon 6/5/2017 3:20:30 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Cleanup Grant

$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant

funds will be used to clean up the former gymnasium building on the 15-acre Secondary Tribal Complex located 2.2

miles north of McLoud on State Highway 102 in Lincoln County. Built in the 1960s, the building served as a

gymnasium and a community hub where traditional dancing, sports, and cultural practices routinely occurred until

its closure in 2010. The building now sits in disrepair and is contaminated with both organic and inorganic

contaminants. Grant funds also will be used for community involvement activities including, public meetings,

bulletins, and newspaper advertisements.

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to support community involvement activities.

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 8/23/2017 5:05:05 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$100,493 Public Health-Dayton & Montgomery County REGIONAL AIR POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY (RAPCA) TWO-YEAR POLLUTION CONTROL PROGRAM
The Regional Air Pollution Control Agency (RAPCA) will implement a comprehensive Air Pollution Control Program in Clark, Drake, Greene, Miami, Montgomery, and Preble counties. RAPCA will improve air quality by implementing measures to reduce stationary, area and mobile sources of air pollution in the RAPCA service counties with the goal of meeting the national ambient air quality standards. In addition, RAPCA will address air toxics, and support the State's air quality monitoring, enforcement, and permitting efforts.
Grant No: 00526415-A

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To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Small, Jeff
Sent: Tue 5/23/2017 8:52:41 PM
Subject: RE: Western Caucus and EPA Administrator Pruitt Meet to Return Accountability to the People

Likewise John. Really appreciate your efforts as well as those of the Administrator and your team. Have a good rest of the week.

Sincerely,

Jeff Small

Executive Director | Congressional Western Caucus
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Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 4:51 PM
To: Small, Jeff
Subject: RE: Western Caucus and EPA Administrator Pruitt Meet to Return Accountability to the People

Thank you Jeff. A pleasure working with you as always.

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Cc: Roberson, Kelly <Kelly.Roberson@mail.house.gov>; Van Flein, Tom <Tom.VanFlein@mail.house.gov>
Subject: FW: Western Caucus and EPA Administrator Pruitt Meet to Return Accountability to the People

Below is our press release that went out about the meeting. Thank you all again!

The Members really appreciated the opportunity to visit with the Administrator. He did an

excellent job.

Sincerely,

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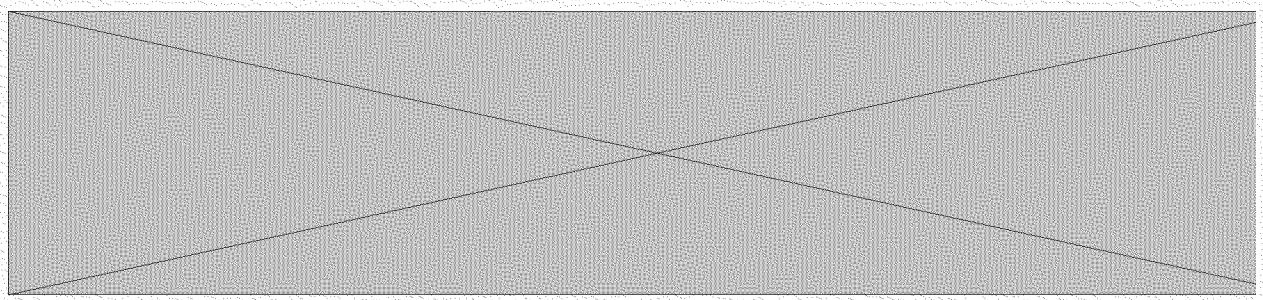
To: Small, Jeff
Subject: Western Caucus and EPA Administrator Pruitt Meet to Return Accountability to the People



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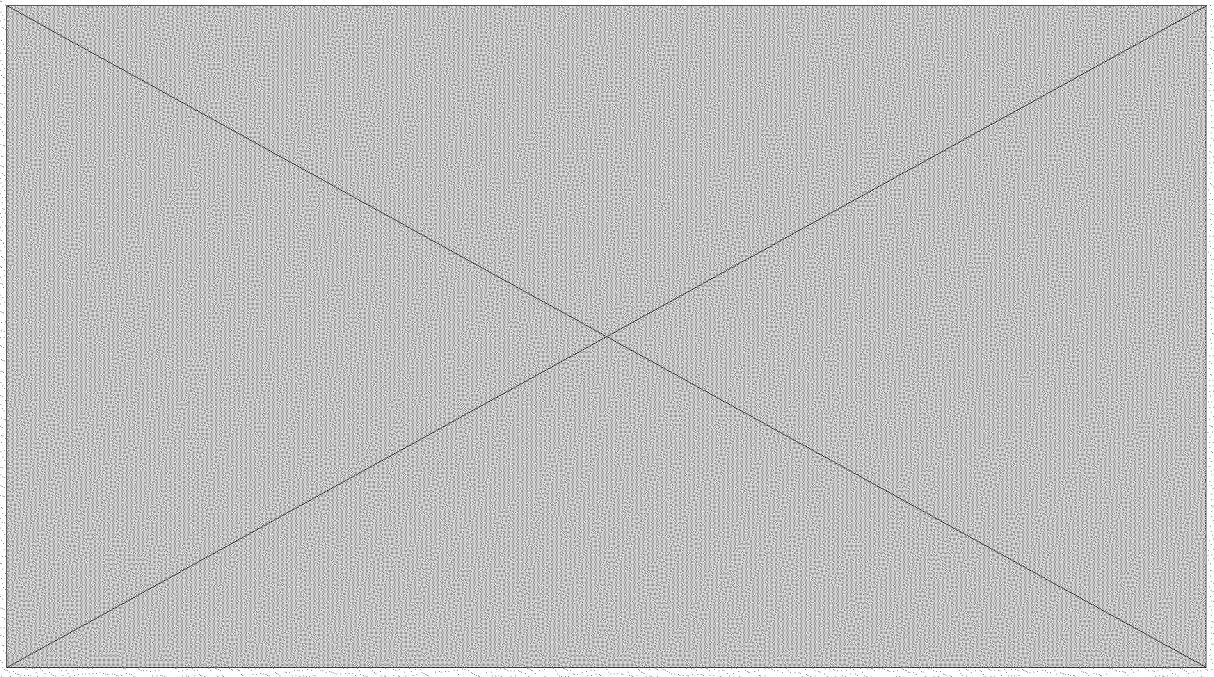

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) **Administrator Scott Pruitt,** Congressional Western Caucus **Chairman Paul A. Gosar D.D.S. (AZ-04)** and **Vice-Chairman for Indian Affairs and Oceans Don Young (AK-At Large)** and Western Caucus members **Rep. Doug LaMalfa (CA-01)** and **Rep. Blake Farenthold (TX-27)** released the following statements after a roundtable discussion between Western Caucus members and Administrator Pruitt:

"I look forward to working together with the Western Caucus on issues unique to western states and their constituencies. Locally elected officials and the citizens they represent are the best stewards of their own natural resources. They want to protect their environment and grow their economies, and EPA is going to help them do that by improving our partnership with states," said **EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt.**

"The hallmark of the Obama Administration's EPA was blatant misinformation, bold-faced lies and a hell-bent determination to drive our economy and jobs into the ground in order to curry favor with extremist special-interest groups," said **Chairman Gosar**. "Prior to leading the EPA, Scott Pruitt led the charge to defeat some of the most onerous and particularly spiteful regulations promulgated by an out-of-control agency with a power trip verging on megalomania. Today's meeting was a welcome breath of fresh air and I look forward to working with Administrator Pruitt on fact-based and commonsense policies that promote an all of-the-above energy strategy, provide sensible protections, return to the Rule of Law, and foster economic prosperity."

"Alaskans demand an EPA that is a partner of the people, not a relentless adversary," said **Congressman Don Young.** "After eight long years, we need an Administrator that will take seriously the rule of law, recognize the social and economic impacts of their decisions, and

place value on local voices rather than extreme environmentalist. I'm pleased to continue our work with Administrator Pruitt and to begin addressing a number of critical issues facing the Alaskan people."

Congressman LaMalfa stated, "I appreciate Administrator Pruitt taking the time to meet with us to discuss important issues that we must tackle in the upcoming months. I urged him to look into the Duarte case, in which a farmer in my district is being heavily penalized under the Clean Water Act because his furrows are characterized as 'miniature mountain ranges.' I look forward to working with Administrator Pruitt on policy reforms that will peel back unnecessary regulations and allow farmers to simply plow their fields."

Congressman Farenthold said, "I am pleased to know that Administrator Pruitt recognizes the importance of a sound regulatory framework and the dangers that sue and settle agreements can pose to it. I look forward to working with him to end this practice and restore transparency to our government. The Subcommittee on Interior, Energy, and Environment, will lead a hearing tomorrow to further discuss sue and settle agreements."

Background:

Today, the Congressional Western Caucus hosted EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt for the Monthly Member Meeting and Speaker Series.

The Congressional Western Caucus currently has 71 bipartisan members. Click HERE to see the full membership list.

At today's meeting Administrator Pruitt discussed the 22 regulatory actions taken by the agency since he took over that have positively impacted 1.4 million jobs. The Administrator also made clear that he adamant defends the Rule of Law, supports restructuring the agency to get employees closer to people on the ground, and favors a restoration of process at the EPA as "regulations should make things regular."

The group also discussed President Trump's Executive Order on Energy Independence and the EPA's review of the job-killing Clean Power Plan and Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rules put forth by the Obama Administration, amongst other pressing issues.

(Scott Pruitt Bio Courtesy of the Environmental Protection Agency)

Scott Pruitt was confirmed as the 14th Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on February 17, 2017.

Administrator Pruitt believes that promoting and protecting a strong and healthy environment is among the lifeblood priorities of the government, and the EPA is vital to that mission.

Pruitt is committed to ensuring the EPA gets back to the basics of managing our environment

by engaging with state, local and tribal partners to create sensible regulations that enhance – rather than inhibit – economic growth.

Within the first two months of his leadership, Pruitt has spearheaded over two dozen significant regulatory reform actions including the review of the Waters of the United States rule and the Clean Power Plan.

Prior to serving on President Trump's cabinet, Pruitt served as Oklahoma's Attorney General where he became a national leader through a career of advocating to keep power in the hands of hard-working Americans. He has a proven track record of working with others – including industry, farmers, ranchers, landowners and small business owners - who want to do the right thing by the environment.

Pruitt also served eight years in the Oklahoma State Senate in addition to co-owning and managing Oklahoma City's Triple-A minor league baseball affiliate.

Pruitt played baseball for the University of Kentucky, earned his bachelor's degree from Georgetown College and graduated from the University of Tulsa College of Law. He and Marlyn, his wife of 27 years proudly raised their two children in Tulsa.

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Sent: Wed 6/7/2017 3:43:56 PM
Subject: RE: Quote

Would I be permitted to use this quote in our office's press release?

"Kennebec Valley Council of Governments is sincerely grateful for the opportunity to continue our Brownfields program through supplemental funding. In our district of Kennebec, Somerset and western Waldo counties, our Revolving Loan Fund Program has enabled the reuse of a contaminated schoolhouse as a food hub, the development of a disused tannery as a small manufacturing space, the creation of new medical building on the site of a contaminated and deserted steel manufacturing business, and the creation of housing in a former hospital building," said executive director Rosie Vanadestine.

"The Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission (SMPDC) is deeply appreciative of the supplemental funding for our Revolving Loan Fund Program, which will enable us to continue with our active clean-up efforts in communities both large and small all over York and southern Oxford County. To date the funding has resulted in 18 loan and grant awards for clean-up, accounting for 140 new jobs created, 52 million in leveraged private and public sector dollars and 240 units of new housing. We look forward to continuing with these efforts."

And, to clarify, this entire quote is from Ms. Vanadestine?

Thank you, John!

Brendan C.

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
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Thank you!

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Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 11:33 AM
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Hey John,

Apologies to hold you so close to your deadline. Please find the Congressman's quote below. Please let me know if there are any issues.

"These Brownfields grants are welcome news for our communities in Oxford, Kennebec, Waldo and Somerset counties and will help lay the groundwork for economic development, more jobs and continued stewardship of Maine's environment," **said Congressman Poliquin**. "I applaud the EPA for this important support and I will continue to push for sensible environmental policies, which are critical not only to our health and recreation, but also for job creation in our State."

Thank you so much!

Brendan Conley

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Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 8:41 AM
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Super. We'll take it and put it in our release. The plan is to send it a noon.

Thank you Brendan!

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Hey John,

So sorry to just get back to you. If you have not released, I would be happy to get you a quote from the Congressman ASAP.

Thank you!

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Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 3:45 PM
To: Conley, Brendan
Subject: Quote
Importance: High

Brendan: Would Congressman Poliquin be interested in providing a quote for us to include in the attached draft press release? We plan to release this tomorrow. If you all would like to send your own release, we would let you go first and provide a quote from Administrator Pruitt if you're interested.

Thank you,

John Konkus

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 5/31/2017 4:35:33 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Assessment Grant

$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Village of Valley Falls for a brownfields assessment grant. Site-specific hazardous substances

grant funds will be used to conduct Phase I and Phase II environmental site assessments at the Old Thompson Mill

at 273 Poplar Street. The 23-acre site was an active textile mill for over 100 years, employing processes such as

fabric dyeing and manufacturing until 1992, when the site was abandoned. A major fire in 2009 damaged the

remaining buildings. Grant funds also will be used to prepare a cleanup plan and conduct community outreach

activities.

Assessment Grant

$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected Sullivan County for a brownfields assessment grant. Community-wide hazardous substances

grant funds will be used to conduct 10 Phase I and four Phase II environmental site assessments, and develop three

cleanup plans. Grant funds also will be used to prepare an inventory of brownfields and support community

outreach activities, including the preparation of posters, brochures, and educational materials in English and

Spanish.

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 5/17/2017 3:05:31 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

$39,543.00 North Carolina DEQ- Pollution Prevention Incentives State

This action provides funding in the amount of $75,000 to the North Carolina Department of Environment Quality for the Environmental Stewardship Initiative. The project promotes and encourages superior environmental performance by North Carolina's regulated community and provides technical assistance to participants on pollution prevention, environmental management system, implementing Lean and Green tools, compliance assistance and regulatory issues.

Grant #: 00D52417-1

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Mon 6/5/2017 3:13:06 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Assessment Grants

$200,000 for hazardous substances

$100,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Walterboro for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous

substances grant funds will be used to conduct six Phase I and four Phase II environmental site assessments, and

prepare three cleanup plans. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct four Phase I and three

Phase II environmental site assessments, and prepare two cleanup plans. Grant funds of both types also will be

used to complete two endangered species surveys and two cultural resource surveys, and support community

outreach activities.

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To: Deeley, Blake[Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov]; Haverly , Jordan[Jordan.Haverly@mail.house.gov]
Cc: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]; Stapleton, John[John.Stapleton@mail.house.gov]
From: Paska, Jessica
Sent: Mon 5/22/2017 2:39:35 PM
Subject: RE: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Here is a quote from Congressman Griffith, let me know if it works for you. Thanks!

"I look forward to working with Administrator Pruitt, and others at the EPA, to make the EPA more efficient and to recognize that we can work towards cleaner air, cleaner water, and cleaner coal use without killing as many jobs in coal and other industries."

Jessica Paska

Communications Director

Congressman Morgan Griffith (VA-09)

202-225-3861

From: Deeley, Blake
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 10:09 AM
To: Paska, Jessica; Haverly , Jordan
Cc: Konkus, John; Stapleton, John
Subject: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Jordan and Jessica: Thanks for your willingness to submit a quote to EPA for their press release about today's coal caucus meeting. I want to introduce you to John Konkus w/ EPA (cc'd) who will be putting together EPA's communications on this meeting.

John K.: Really appreciate all of your help with this meeting. The folks in this email are with the following offices…

John Stapleton w/ Congressman McKinley (Coal Caucus Chairman)

Jessica Paska w/ Congressman Griffith

Jordan Haverly w/ Congressman Shimkus

Will let you all take it from there.

-Blake

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 8/23/2017 5:03:49 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$228,377 Nevada Department of Health and Human Services State of Nevada Radon Program
The radon program works with the Nevada Cooperative Extension to provide education and public awareness of radon and the associated risk for developing lung cancer, promote testing and mitigation of existing housing stock, promote radon resistant new construction, and provide measurement and mitigation advice to home owners.

Under the current grant cycle, Nevada State Health Division (NSHD) will continue with this core program work and will also expand work on "problem response" to seek out and establish new cooperative partnerships that will increase public awareness and action regarding radon. They will also increase emphasis on Program Management and Public Response.

Grant No: 96963518-0

$20,000 NV Dept of Cons & Ntrl Res Support Agency Cooperative Agreement - Preliminary Assessment/Site Inspections
This Cooperative Agreement's project objective is to support Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) by providing funding for its Preliminary Assessment and Site Inspection (PA/SI) activities, including assessing and prioritizing Abandoned Mine Lands (AML) sites for potential clean-up.
Grant No: 99T41401-3

$136,913 Washoe Cnty Dist Hlth Dept FY-2017 Air Pollution Control Program
This assistance agreement provides partial federal funding in the amount of $547,651. The purpose of this program is to provide continuing support for activities which include strategic planning and evaluation, compliance assistance, developing state implementation plans, monitoring air and emissions, rule making, operating permits and all other program related activities. In addition, projects under this program will be implemented to reduce criteria air emissions. These projects will result in significant, near- and long-term emissions reductions in Washoe County. This program will protect and improve the air quality in the state of Nevada and reduce the risks to human health and the environment.
Grant No: 00905417-1

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To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Conley, Brendan
Sent: Wed 6/7/2017 3:33:25 PM
Subject: RE: Quote

Hey John,

Apologies to hold you so close to your deadline. Please find the Congressman's quote below. Please let me know if there are any issues.

"These Brownfields grants are welcome news for our communities in Oxford, Kennebec, Waldo and Somerset counties and will help lay the groundwork for economic development, more jobs and continued stewardship of Maine's environment," **said Congressman Poliquin**. "I applaud the EPA for this important support and I will continue to push for sensible environmental policies, which are critical not only to our health and recreation, but also for job creation in our State."

Thank you so much!

Brendan Conley

Press Secretary

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From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 8:41 AM
To: Conley, Brendan
Subject: RE: Quote

Super. We'll take it and put it in our release. The plan is to send it a noon.

Thank you Brendan!

From: Conley, Brendan [mailto:Brendan.Conley@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 8:39 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote

Hey John,

So sorry to just get back to you. If you have not released, I would be happy to get you a quote from the Congressman ASAP.

Thank you!

Brendan Conley

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From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 3:45 PM
To: Conley, Brendan
Subject: Quote
Importance: High

Brendan: Would Congressman Poliquin be interested in providing a quote for us to include in the attached draft press release? We plan to release this tomorrow. If you all would like to send your own release, we would let you go first and provide a quote from Administrator Pruitt if you're interested.

Thank you,

John Konkus

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To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Shuckerow, Matt
Sent: Tue 5/16/2017 4:04:15 PM
Subject: RE: Quote

John,

I really appreciate you reaching out to us on this. Unfortunately, it wasn't something we could make happen today. But please feel free to reach out in the future!

Thanks,

Matt

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 9:58 AM
To: Shuckerow, Matt
Subject: RE: Quote

Matt: Circling back on this. We plan on releasing at noon EST today. Thank you!

From: Konkus, John
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 3:52 PM
To: matt.shuckerow@mail.house.gov
Subject: Quote

Matt: Per our phone conversation, attached is a draft release that we plan on issuing tomorrow announcing some local jobs grants. Would you all be interested in providing a quote?

Thank you for taking a look.

Let me know if you have any question.

John Konkus

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Mon 6/5/2017 3:05:04 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Assessment Grants

$150,000 for hazardous substances

$150,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Southern Ohio Port Authority for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide

hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct six Phase I and four Phase II environmental site

assessments, and prepare four cleanup plans. Grant funds also will be used to support community outreach

activities. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct the same tasks at sites with potential

petroleum contamination. Assessment activities will focus on the City of Portsmouth.

Assessment Grants

$200,000 for hazardous substances

$100,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority for two brownfields assessment grants.

Community-wide hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct eight Phase I and

four Phase II

environmental site assessments, and create three cleanup plans. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be

used to conduct five Phase I and three Phase II environmental site assessments, and create two cleanup plans.

Grant funds of both types also will be used to maintain and update an inventory of brownfield sites, and support

community outreach activities, including translating materials for stakeholders, as needed.

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Cc: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]; Stapleton, John[John.Stapleton@mail.house.gov]
From: Deeley, Blake
Sent: Mon 5/22/2017 2:08:55 PM
Subject: Coal Caucus - EPA Meeting Quotes

Jordan and Jessica: Thanks for your willingness to submit a quote to EPA for their press release about today's coal caucus meeting. I want to introduce you to John Konkus w/ EPA (cc'd) who will be putting together EPA's communications on this meeting.

John K.: Really appreciate all of your help with this meeting. The folks in this email are with the following offices…

John Stapleton w/ Congressman McKinley (Coal Caucus Chairman)

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Jordan Haverly w/ Congressman Shimkus

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 8/23/2017 5:02:05 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$493,521 Eight Northern Indian Pueblo Council ENIPC Water Quality, Assessments, and Continuous Data Sharing Project
This project will provide improved exchange of, and access to, water quality data between tribes and the EPA. The project will provide for further enhancements for quality assurance, data analysis, and reporting capabilities of our hosted WQX compatible database to meet requirements of the EPA National Strategic Plan and tribe-specific reporting needs.
Grant No: 83921501-0

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From: Small, Jeff
Sent: Tue 5/23/2017 6:44:17 PM
Subject: RE: Quote for your release

He did today. Just wanted to confirm I had the numbers right since I wrote down quickly. Thanks again!

From: Ringel, Aaron [mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 2:42 PM
To: Small, Jeff; Konkus, John
Subject: RE: Quote for your release

I've heard him use this line at basically every meeting we've done I just can't recall whether he stated it today or not.

From: Small, Jeff [mailto:Jeff.Small@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 1:57 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote for your release

Thanks John! Will do. We are finishing up now and adding in the member quotes. Below is the background section

Can you all confirm this line he stated at the meeting?
At today's meeting Administrator Pruitt discussed the 22 regulatory actions taken by the agency since he took over that have positively impacted 1.4 million jobs.

Let me know if you see anything else below that should be changed.

We would like to send in a few minutes if possible.

Thanks again.

Jeff

"I look forward to working together with the Western Caucus on issues unique to western states and their constituencies. Locally elected officials and the citizens they represent are the best stewards of their own natural resources. They want to protect their environment and grow their economies, and EPA is going to help them do that by improving our partnership with states," said **EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt.**

Background:

Today, the Congressional Western Caucus hosted EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt for the Monthly Member Meeting and Speaker Series.

The Congressional Western Caucus currently has 71 bipartisan members. Click HERE to see the full membership list.

At today's meeting Administrator Pruitt discussed the 22 regulatory actions taken by the agency since he took over that have positively impacted 1.4 million jobs. The Administrator also made clear that he adamant defends the Rule of Law, supports restructuring the agency to get employees closer to people on the ground, and favors a restoration of process at the EPA as "regulations should make things regular."

The group also discussed President Trump's Executive Order on Energy Independence and the EPA's review of the job-killing Clean Power Plan and Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rules put forth by the Obama Administration, amongst other pressing issues.

(Scott Pruitt Bio Courtesy of the Environmental Protection Agency)

Scott Pruitt was confirmed as the 14th Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on February 17, 2017.

Administrator Pruitt believes that promoting and protecting a strong and healthy environment is among the lifeblood priorities of the government, and the EPA is vital to that mission.

Pruitt is committed to ensuring the EPA gets back to the basics of managing our environment by engaging with state, local and tribal partners to create sensible regulations that enhance – rather

than inhibit – economic growth.

Within the first two months of his leadership, Pruitt has spearheaded over two dozen significant regulatory reform actions including the review of the Waters of the United States rule and the Clean Power Plan.

Prior to serving on President Trump's cabinet, Pruitt served as Oklahoma's Attorney General where he became a national leader through a career of advocating to keep power in the hands of hard-working Americans. He has a proven track record of working with others – including industry, farmers, ranchers, landowners and small business owners - who want to do the right thing by the environment.

Pruitt also served eight years in the Oklahoma State Senate in addition to co-owning and managing Oklahoma City's Triple-A minor league baseball affiliate.

Pruitt played baseball for the University of Kentucky, earned his bachelor's degree from Georgetown College and graduated from the University of Tulsa College of Law. He and Marlyn, his wife of 27 years proudly raised their two children in Tulsa.

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 1:52 PM
To: Small, Jeff
Subject: RE: Quote for your release

Jeff please send me your release once it goes out. Thank you.

From: Small, Jeff [mailto:Jeff.Small@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 11:34 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote for your release

Great quote. Thanks John!

Jeff Small

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From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 11:30 AM
To: Small, Jeff
Subject: Quote for your release

"I look forward to working together with the Western Caucus on issues unique to western states and their constituencies. Locally elected officials and the citizens they represent are the best stewards of their own natural resources. They want to protect their environment and grow their economies, and EPA is going to help them do that by improving our partnership with states," said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt.

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To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Bastomski, Gabriel
Sent: Wed 6/7/2017 3:30:36 PM
Subject: RE: Quote

Perfect. Confirmed.

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 11:23 AM
To: Bastomski, Gabriel <Gabriel.Bastomski@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote

Confirming noon ET

From: Bastomski, Gabriel [mailto:Gabriel.Bastomski@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 11:02 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote

Ok- I will shoot for noon. To be clear this would be 12pm ET.

Thanks again!

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 11:01 AM
To: Bastomski, Gabriel <Gabriel.Bastomski@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote

Whatever works for you. If you go at 11, I'll go at noon. If you go at noon, I'll go at 1.

From: Bastomski, Gabriel [mailto:Gabriel.Bastomski@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 10:59 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote

Perfect. Thank you!

The Congressman is wrapping up at a hearing right now but should be back shortly. There should be no problem in meeting your deadline.

So if I am going first, should I shoot for releasing at noon or before noon?

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 10:57 AM
To: Bastomski, Gabriel <Gabriel.Bastomski@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote

Yes you can lift whatever you want. Also you can use this updated quote from Administrator Pruitt:

New Administrator's quote to be updated in all releases please: "These supplemental funds help provide communities with resources to help clean up contamination, and turn blighted land into opportunities that can generate jobs and spur economic growth," said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt.

From: Bastomski, Gabriel [mailto:Gabriel.Bastomski@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 10:49 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote

Thank you, I appreciate it.

I might just take you up on that! Would it be alright to pull some of the language from your draft?

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 10:29 AM
To: Bastomski, Gabriel <Gabriel.Bastomski@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote

Please do! We would let you go first if you like.

From: Bastomski, Gabriel [mailto:Gabriel.Bastomski@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 10:26 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote

Thanks John- working on getting that quote for you by noon.

We might do a release on this as well.

Regards,

Gabriel M. Bastomski

Communications Director | Rep. Steve Russell (OK-5)

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From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 10:07 AM
To: Bastomski, Gabriel <Gabriel.Bastomski@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Quote

Gabriel: Per our conversation, attached is the draft release. Thanks to you and the Congressman for adding a quote.

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To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Anzur, Jon
Sent: Tue 5/16/2017 2:27:51 PM
Subject: RE: DRAFT BF Job Training Grant PR R3 5-15-17.docx

Hey John – here's a quote from the congressman. Thanks again for reaching out.

"This grant will allow residents of the 11th District, including our veterans, to obtain the skills necessary to fill good-paying jobs," Barletta said. "What better way to prepare our workers than to train them to reclaim abandoned mine lands, improve our environment, and strengthen our local economy."

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 4:37 PM
To: Anzur, Jon <Jon.Anzur@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: DRAFT BF Job Training Grant PR R3 5-15-17.docx

Great. We plan to send tomorrow by noon.

From: Anzur, Jon [mailto:Jon.Anzur@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 4:35 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: DRAFT BF Job Training Grant PR R3 5-15-17.docx

Hi John,

Thanks for reaching out. We would like to provide a quote. When do you plan to send this out?

Thanks,

Jon

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 3:03 PM
To: Anzur, Jon <Jon.Anzur@mail.house.gov>
Subject: DRAFT BF Job Training Grant PR R3 5-15-17.docx

Jon: Per the message I left with your office, attached is a draft release we are putting out tomorrow. Would the Congressman be interested in providing a quote for the release?

Thank you and please let me know if you have any questions.

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Cc: Lyons, Troy[lyons.troy@epa.gov]; Ringel, Aaron[ringel.aaron@epa.gov]; Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]; Palich, Christian[palich.christian@epa.gov]
From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Mon 6/5/2017 2:55:20 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Assessment Grant

$433,600 for hazardous substances

$166,400 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Tuscola County Economic Development Corporation for a brownfields assessment coalition

grant. Community-wide hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct 17 Phase I and 11 Phase II

environmental site assessments. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct seven Phase I and

four Phase II environmental site assessments. Grant funds of both types also will be used to create and maintain a

brownfields inventory that will result in the identification of an estimated 60 sites; prioritize sites; prepare six

cleanup plans; and support community engagement activities, including five kickoff and 24 stakeholder meetings.

Assessment activities will focus on the communities of Caro, Harbor Beach, Marlette, Sebewaing, and Vassar.

Coalition partners are Huron and Sanilac Counties.

Assessment Grant

$275,000 for hazardous substances

$125,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the St. Clair County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for a brownfields assessment coalition

grant. Community-wide hazardous substances grant funds will be used to perform 13 Phase I and 10 Phase II

environmental site assessments, and prepare two cleanup plans. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be

used to perform eight Phase I and four Phase II environmental site assessments, and prepare one cleanup plan.

Grant funds of both types also will be used to update the current brownfields inventory and support community

outreach activities. Assessment activities will focus on the coastal communities of the Cities of Marysville and Port

Huron, and Port Huron Township. Coalition partners are the St. Clair County Land Bank Authority, Cities of

Marysville and Port Huron, and Port Huron Township.

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To: Haverly , Jordan[Jordan.Haverly@mail.house.gov]
Cc: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Deeley, Blake
Sent: Mon 5/22/2017 1:47:32 PM
Subject: RE: Coal Caucus Meeting

Great. Thanks Jordan!

As for deadline…. I've copied John Konkus, with EPA. John what time do you want the quote by?

From: Haverly , Jordan
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 9:45 AM
To: Harris, Molly; Deeley, Blake
Subject: Re: Coal Caucus Meeting

No problem. When do you need it by?

Jordan Haverly

Communications Director & Policy Adviser

Congressman John Shimkus (IL-15)

(202) 225-5271 | Cell: (217) 820-9812

From: "Harris, Molly" <Molly.Harris@mail.house.gov>
Date: Monday, May 22, 2017 at 9:41 AM
To: "Deeley, Blake" <Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov>
Cc: "Haverly , Jordan" <Jordan.Haverly@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Coal Caucus Meeting

Looping in Jordan to see if that is possible…

From: Deeley, Blake
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 9:32 AM
To: Harris, Molly <Molly.Harris@mail.house.gov>
Subject: FW: Coal Caucus Meeting
Importance: High

Hey Molly,

Would your office be willing to send me a quote for EPA to put in a release about today's Coal Caucus meeting?

-Blake

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 9:07 AM
To: Deeley, Blake
Subject: Coal Caucus Meeting
Importance: High

Blake: As you know the Administrator is meeting with the coal caucus this evening. Couple of PR things I could use your help with:

1) I'll be sending our photographer Eric Vance to the meeting so we have photos for a release and some social media.

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Thank you as always for all of your help!

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 8/23/2017 5:00:34 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$2,379,420 New Hampshire D.E.S. Federal Fiscal Year 2016/2017/2018 Performance Partnership Grant
The State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services will administer environmental programs for air, water, and waste with flexibility to direct resources where they are most needed to address environmental and public health priorities.
Grant No: 99127311-6

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To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: O'Reilly, Andrew
Sent: Wed 7/26/2017 2:01:58 PM
Subject: RE: Article

Story should be updated in a few minutes.

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:59 AM
To: O'Reilly, Andrew <Andrew.Oreilly@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: Article

Thanks Andrew.

From: O'Reilly, Andrew [mailto:Andrew.Oreilly@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:51 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Article

John,

Unfortunately my editors will put any video that is even remotely related to the topic into a story (for some reason related to Ad sales). I will replace it now with a photo that better fits the story. Thanks for checking in and talk soon.

Andrew

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 26, 2017, at 9:47 AM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:

> Andrew: Thank you for still reporting on the Superfund Taskforce despite your car accident! I did want to point out that the article is linked to an out of date video clip that speaks of the EPA wanting to tax any company making $200M of profits per year. The clip is very misleading and confusing due to its age, and does not mention any of our recommendations released by the EPA yesterday. Is there any way you all can unlink that

video from the article about the Task Force as the two are completely unrelated?

http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2017/07/25/epa-task-force-recommends-speeding-up-long-languishing-cleanup-superfund-sites.html

Thank you,

John Konkus

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To: Small, Jeff[Jeff.Small@mail.house.gov]; Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Ringel, Aaron
Sent: Tue 5/23/2017 6:41:51 PM
Subject: RE: Quote for your release

I've heard him use this line at basically every meeting we've done I just can't recall whether he stated it today or not.

From: Small, Jeff [mailto:Jeff.Small@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 1:57 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote for your release

Thanks John! Will do. We are finishing up now and adding in the member quotes. Below is the background section

Can you all confirm this line he stated at the meeting?
At today's meeting Administrator Pruitt discussed the 22 regulatory actions taken by the agency since he took over that have positively impacted 1.4 million jobs.

Let me know if you see anything else below that should be changed.

We would like to send in a few minutes if possible.

Thanks again.

Jeff

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and their constituencies. Locally elected officials and the citizens they represent are the best stewards of their own natural resources. They want to protect their environment and grow their economies, and EPA is going to help them do that by improving our partnership with states," said **EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt.**

Background:

Today, the Congressional Western Caucus hosted EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt for the Monthly Member Meeting and Speaker Series.

The Congressional Western Caucus currently has 71 bipartisan members. Click HERE to see the full membership list.

At today's meeting Administrator Pruitt discussed the 22 regulatory actions taken by the agency since he took over that have positively impacted 1.4 million jobs. The Administrator also made clear that he adamant defends the Rule of Law, supports restructuring the agency to get employees closer to people on the ground, and favors a restoration of process at the EPA as "regulations should make things regular."

The group also discussed President Trump's Executive Order on Energy Independence and the EPA's review of the job-killing Clean Power Plan and Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rules put forth by the Obama Administration, amongst other pressing issues.

(Scott Pruitt Bio Courtesy of the Environmental Protection Agency)

Scott Pruitt was confirmed as the 14th Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on February 17, 2017.

Administrator Pruitt believes that promoting and protecting a strong and healthy environment is among the lifeblood priorities of the government, and the EPA is vital to that mission.

Pruitt is committed to ensuring the EPA gets back to the basics of managing our environment by engaging with state, local and tribal partners to create sensible regulations that enhance – rather than inhibit – economic growth.

Within the first two months of his leadership, Pruitt has spearheaded over two dozen significant regulatory reform actions including the review of the Waters of the United States rule and the Clean Power Plan.

Prior to serving on President Trump's cabinet, Pruitt served as Oklahoma's Attorney General where he became a national leader through a career of advocating to keep power in the hands of hard-working Americans. He has a proven track record of working with others – including industry, farmers, ranchers, landowners and small business owners - who want to do the right thing by the environment.

Pruitt also served eight years in the Oklahoma State Senate in addition to co-owning and

managing Oklahoma City's Triple-A minor league baseball affiliate.

Pruitt played baseball for the University of Kentucky, earned his bachelor's degree from Georgetown College and graduated from the University of Tulsa College of Law. He and Marlyn, his wife of 27 years proudly raised their two children in Tulsa.

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 1:52 PM
To: Small, Jeff
Subject: RE: Quote for your release

Jeff please send me your release once it goes out. Thank you.

From: Small, Jeff [mailto:Jeff.Small@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 11:34 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote for your release

Great quote. Thanks John!

Jeff Small

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From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 11:30 AM
To: Small, Jeff
Subject: Quote for your release

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To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Gillespie, Maura
Sent: Wed 6/7/2017 3:30:03 PM
Subject: RE: Quote

Hi John! Will have a quote to you ASAP! Thanks for your patience.

Maura Gillespie

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Sign up for updates from Congressman Kinzinger

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 10:27 AM
To: Gillespie, Maura <Maura.Gillespie@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Quote

Maura: EPA is planning on pushing out the attached draft release today (target noon). But we wanted to ask if the Congressman would like to add a quote first?

Thank you for considering. I'll follow up with a call.

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To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Fenske, Taryn
Sent: Tue 5/16/2017 2:15:35 PM
Subject: John Rutherford quote

Hi John-
See below quote from Congressman Rutherford.

Congressman John Rutherford said, "Through the Brownfield program, dozens of Northeast Florida residents will have the opportunity to learn the skills necessary to reinvent these sites while gaining real-world work experience. These program transformations will positively impact the Jacksonville community, and will increase investments in our city."

Thank you,

Taryn

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 12:03 PM
To: Fenske, Taryn <Taryn.Fenske@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Quote

Taryn: Per our phone conversation, attached is a draft release that we plan on issuing as early as tomorrow announcing some local jobs grants. Would you all be interested in providing a quote?

Thank you for taking a look.

Let me know if you have any questions.

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Cc: Stapleton, John[John.Stapleton@mail.house.gov]
From: Deeley, Blake
Sent: Mon 5/22/2017 1:30:20 PM
Subject: RE: Coal Caucus Meeting

Good Morning John!

That sounds good and it shouldn't be a problem to get you a couple of quotes from coal caucus members. I'll reach out to some members and get back to you.

Also… I've copied our Comms Director, John, who will send you a quote from my boss. We plan to push out some things via social media and a release as well.

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 22, 2017 9:07 AM
To: Deeley, Blake
Subject: Coal Caucus Meeting
Importance: High

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2) Would you be able to get me 2 or 3 quotes from a variety of coal caucus Members that I can put in the release and use on social media?

Thank you as always for all of your help!

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Cc: Lyons, Troy[lyons.troy@epa.gov]; Ringel, Aaron[ringel.aaron@epa.gov]; Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]; Palich, Christian[palich.christian@epa.gov]
From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Mon 6/5/2017 2:41:47 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Cleanup Grant

$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for a brownfields cleanup grant. Petroleum

grant funds will be used to clean up the Pullman Industries property at 40677 County Road 388 in Bloomingdale

Township. The cleanup site was formerly an oil refinery, manufacturing company, and storage facility, and is

contaminated with petroleum. Grant funds also will be used to treat groundwater.

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 8/23/2017 4:07:18 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$182,158 Forsyth County Office of Environmental Assistance and Protection. Air Pollution Control Program Support
This agreement funds the Forsyth County, North Carolina ongoing program to protect air quality so that it achieves established ambient air standards and protects human health. The program includes ambient air monitoring and various other activities to reduce or control air pollutants such as ozone, particulate matter, regional haze, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, and mercury.
Grant No: 00406715-7

$300,000 County of Burke Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Cooperative Agreements
This action approves an award in the amount of $300,000 to the County of Burke, North Carolina to conduct community-wide assessments at Brownfields sites potentially contaminated with hazardous substances and/or petroleum products. The recipient may also develop a site inventory, prioritize sites and conduct Phase I and/or Phase II assessments. Funds may also be used for public outreach, community involvement, and cleanup/reuse planning activities.
Grant No: 00D61017-0

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To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Klump, Allen
Sent: Tue 5/23/2017 6:28:51 PM
Subject: RE: EPA Grant Award

So sorry for the delay John. We are going to pass. But I really appreciate the opportunity to provide a quote. This is the first time in my 6 years in this role that an Executive Branch official has given us such an opportunity.

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 2:27 PM
To: Klump, Allen
Subject: RE: EPA Grant Award

Allen: Circling back on this to see if the Congressman is interested in lending a quote. We're looking at releasing this grant next Tuesday.

Thank you again,

John Konkus

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From: Konkus, John
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 4:23 PM
To: 'allen.klump@mail.house.gov' <allen.klump@mail.house.gov>
Subject: FW: EPA Grant Award

Allen: Our folks notified your office earlier today about this grant below. Would you all be interested in working with us on a press release? We are happy to write one and send it with a

quote from the Congressman or we can provide you the information on the grant and a quote from the Administrator if you like.

Thank you for considering,

John Konkus

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 11:58 AM
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Cc: Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>; Palich, Christian <palich.christian@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$23,709.00 Clemson University- Pollution Prevention Incentives States

This action provides funding to Clemson University for a pollution prevention effort that will focus on economy, energy, and environmental issues working with manufacturers. The project will provide technical assistance by customized, hands-on assessment of production processes to reduce energy consumption, minimize carbon footprints and prevent pollution.

Grant #: 00D41717-1

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To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Bastomski, Gabriel
Sent: Wed 6/7/2017 3:02:28 PM
Subject: RE: Quote

Ok- I will shoot for noon. To be clear this would be 12pm ET.

Thanks again!

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 11:01 AM
To: Bastomski, Gabriel <Gabriel.Bastomski@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote

Whatever works for you. If you go at 11, I'll go at noon. If you go at noon, I'll go at 1.

From: Bastomski, Gabriel [mailto:Gabriel.Bastomski@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 10:59 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote

Perfect. Thank you!

The Congressman is wrapping up at a hearing right now but should be back shortly. There should be no problem in meeting your deadline.

So if I am going first, should I shoot for releasing at noon or before noon?

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 10:57 AM

To: Bastomski, Gabriel <Gabriel.Bastomski@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote

Yes you can lift whatever you want. Also you can use this updated quote from Administrator Pruitt:

New Administrator's quote to be updated in all releases please: "These supplemental funds help provide communities with resources to help clean up contamination, and turn blighted land into opportunities that can generate jobs and spur economic growth," said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt.

From: Bastomski, Gabriel [mailto:Gabriel.Bastomski@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 10:49 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote

Thank you, I appreciate it.

I might just take you up on that! Would it be alright to pull some of the language from your draft?

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 10:29 AM
To: Bastomski, Gabriel <Gabriel.Bastomski@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote

Please do! We would let you go first if you like.

From: Bastomski, Gabriel [mailto:Gabriel.Bastomski@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 10:26 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote

Thanks John- working on getting that quote for you by noon.

We might do a release on this as well.

Regards,

Gabriel M. Bastomski

Communications Director | Rep. Steve Russell (OK-5)

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From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 10:07 AM
To: Bastomski, Gabriel <Gabriel.Bastomski@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Quote

Gabriel: Per our conversation, attached is the draft release. Thanks to you and the Congressman for adding a quote.

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To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Martorana, Ian
Sent: Tue 5/16/2017 1:57:14 PM
Subject: RE: Quote?

Hey John –

Unfortunately we don't provide any quotes for local grant releases. Sorry about that. Good talking with you—don't be a stranger!

Ian Martorana

Press Secretary

Rep. Paul Ryan

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 9:56 AM
To: Martorana, Ian <Ian.Martorana@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Strong, AshLee <AshLee.Strong@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote?

Ian: Circling back on this. We plan on releasing at noon EST. Thank you!

From: Konkus, John
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 4:53 PM
To: ian@mail.house.gov
Cc: ashLEE.strong@mail.house.gov
Subject: Quote?

Ian: Per our phone conversation, attached is a draft release that we plan on issuing tomorrow announcing some local jobs grants. Would the Speaker be interested in providing a quote?

Thank you for taking a look.

Other releases going out tomorrow across the country will include quotes from: Sen. Blunt, Sen. Daines, Rep. Barletta and Gov. Baker. Others are likely to come in before noon tomorrow.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you!

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To: Deeley, Blake[Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov]
From: Konkus, John
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Subject: Coal Caucus Meeting

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Sent: Mon 6/5/2017 2:40:41 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Assessment Grants

$200,000 for hazardous substances

$100,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Genesee County Land Bank Authority for two brownfields assessment grants. Communitywide

hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct approximately 15 Phase I and six Phase II

environmental site assessments, and prepare two cleanup plans. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be

used to conduct approximately six Phase I and three Phase II environmental site assessments, and prepare one

cleanup plan. Grant funds of both types also will be used to update the current brownfields inventory and support

community outreach activities.

Cleanup Grants

$200,000 for hazardous substances

$52,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Genesee County Land Bank Authority for two brownfields cleanup grants. Hazardous

substances grant funds will be used to clean up the former Family Independence Agency Building at 2320 West

Pierson Road in Flint. The cleanup site has been used by commercial tenants and was last operated by the

Department of Human Services. It is contaminated with inorganic contaminants and other hazardous substances.

Petroleum grant funds will be used to clean up the former Ross Oil site at 2360 West Pierson Road in Flint. The

cleanup site was formerly a car wash and oil change center, and has been vacant since 2009. It is contaminated

with petroleum, metals, and inorganic contaminants. Grant funds for both sites also will be used to conduct

community outreach activities.

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To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: O'Reilly, Andrew
Sent: Wed 7/26/2017 1:50:55 PM
Subject: Re: Article

John,
Unfortunately my editors will put any video that is even remotely related to the topic into a story (for some reason related to Ad sales). I will replace it now with a photo that better fits the story. Thanks for checking in and talk soon.

Andrew

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 26, 2017, at 9:47 AM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:

> Andrew: Thank you for still reporting on the Superfund Taskforce despite your car accident! I did want to point out that the article is linked to an out of date video clip that speaks of the EPA wanting to tax any company making $200M of profits per year. The clip is very misleading and confusing due to its age, and does not mention any of our recommendations released by the EPA yesterday. Is there any way you all can unlink that video from the article about the Task Force as the two are completely unrelated?
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> http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2017/07/25/epa-task-force-recommends-speeding-up-long-languishing-cleanup-superfund-sites.html
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> Thank you,
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> John Konkus
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> Environmental Protection Agency
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Cc: Ringel, Aaron[ringel.aaron@epa.gov]
From: Small, Jeff
Sent: Tue 5/23/2017 5:56:51 PM
Subject: RE: Quote for your release

Thanks John! Will do. We are finishing up now and adding in the member quotes. Below is the background section

Can you all confirm this line he stated at the meeting?
At today's meeting Administrator Pruitt discussed the 22 regulatory actions taken by the agency since he took over that have positively impacted 1.4 million jobs.

Let me know if you see anything else below that should be changed.

We would like to send in a few minutes if possible.

Thanks again.

Jeff

"I look forward to working together with the Western Caucus on issues unique to western states and their constituencies. Locally elected officials and the citizens they represent are the best stewards of their own natural resources. They want to protect their environment and grow their economies, and EPA is going to help them do that by improving our partnership with states," said **EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt.**

Background:

Today, the Congressional Western Caucus hosted EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt for the Monthly Member Meeting and Speaker Series.

The Congressional Western Caucus currently has 71 bipartisan members. Click HERE to see the full membership list.

At today's meeting Administrator Pruitt discussed the 22 regulatory actions taken by the agency since he took over that have positively impacted 1.4 million jobs. The Administrator also made clear that he adamant defends the Rule of Law, supports restructuring the agency to get employees closer to people on the ground, and favors a restoration of process at the EPA as "regulations should make things regular."

The group also discussed President Trump's Executive Order on Energy Independence and the EPA's review of the job-killing Clean Power Plan and Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rules put forth by the Obama Administration, amongst other pressing issues.

(Scott Pruitt Bio Courtesy of the Environmental Protection Agency)

Scott Pruitt was confirmed as the 14th Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on February 17, 2017.

Administrator Pruitt believes that promoting and protecting a strong and healthy environment is among the lifeblood priorities of the government, and the EPA is vital to that mission.

Pruitt is committed to ensuring the EPA gets back to the basics of managing our environment by engaging with state, local and tribal partners to create sensible regulations that enhance – rather than inhibit – economic growth.

Within the first two months of his leadership, Pruitt has spearheaded over two dozen significant regulatory reform actions including the review of the Waters of the United States rule and the Clean Power Plan.

Prior to serving on President Trump's cabinet, Pruitt served as Oklahoma's Attorney General where he became a national leader through a career of advocating to keep power in the hands of hard-working Americans. He has a proven track record of working with others – including industry, farmers, ranchers, landowners and small business owners - who want to do the right thing by the environment.

Pruitt also served eight years in the Oklahoma State Senate in addition to co-owning and managing Oklahoma City's Triple-A minor league baseball affiliate.

Pruitt played baseball for the University of Kentucky, earned his bachelor's degree from Georgetown College and graduated from the University of Tulsa College of Law. He and Marlyn, his wife of 27 years proudly raised their two children in Tulsa.

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 1:52 PM
To: Small, Jeff

Subject: RE: Quote for your release

Jeff please send me your release once it goes out. Thank you.

From: Small, Jeff [mailto:Jeff.Small@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 11:34 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote for your release

Great quote. Thanks John!

Jeff Small

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From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 11:30 AM
To: Small, Jeff
Subject: Quote for your release

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 8/23/2017 4:04:48 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$300,000 City of Greenville Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Cooperative Agreements
This action approves an award in the amount of $300,000 to the City of Greenville Mississippi to assist with conducting community-wide assessments at Brownfields sites that are potentially contaminated with hazardous substances and/or petroleum products.
Grant No: 00D60317-0

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To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Bastomski, Gabriel
Sent: Wed 6/7/2017 2:59:27 PM
Subject: RE: Quote

Perfect. Thank you!

The Congressman is wrapping up at a hearing right now but should be back shortly. There should be no problem in meeting your deadline.

So if I am going first, should I shoot for releasing at noon or before noon?

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 10:57 AM
To: Bastomski, Gabriel <Gabriel.Bastomski@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote

Yes you can lift whatever you want. Also you can use this updated quote from Administrator Pruitt:

New Administrator's quote to be updated in all releases please: "These supplemental funds help provide communities with resources to help clean up contamination, and turn blighted land into opportunities that can generate jobs and spur economic growth," said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt.

From: Bastomski, Gabriel [mailto:Gabriel.Bastomski@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 10:49 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote

Thank you, I appreciate it.

I might just take you up on that! Would it be alright to pull some of the language from your draft?

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
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Subject: RE: Quote

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Thanks John- working on getting that quote for you by noon.

We might do a release on this as well.

Regards,

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To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Kelly, Melissa
Sent: Mon 5/15/2017 9:06:03 PM
Subject: RE: Hello

Love it, definitely a go for us. My boss will be talking about his NAAQS (ozone) bill.

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 4:56 PM
To: Kelly, Melissa
Subject: RE: Hello

Let's do some press! Like this:

https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-administrator-pruitt-and-governor-scott-discuss-floridas-environment-and-economy-0

https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-administrator-pruitt-and-congressman-walden-discuss-environmental-and-economic

From: Kelly, Melissa [mailto:Melissa.Kelly@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 4:49 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Hello

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From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 4:44 PM
To: Kelly, Melissa
Subject: RE: Hello

I think I saw the Congressman is set to meet with the Administrator soon?

From: Kelly, Melissa [mailto:Melissa.Kelly@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 4:40 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: Hello

Great to run into you in Rayburn and welcome back to DC!

Hope all is well and I'm glad we are reconnected! I'm sure we will run into each other again. My boss is on the Environment Subcommittee so we pay a lot of attention to EPA☺

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 5/31/2017 2:49:34 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Cleanup Grant

$200,000 petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Trenton for a brownfields cleanup grant. Petroleum grant funds will be used to clean

up the Federated Metals Lot 9 site at 300 Enterprise Avenue. The one-acre cleanup site was used for zinc smelting

operations from 1925 until 1980, and for storage of demolition and construction debris from 1995 until 2002. It now

is a vacant lot. Although the site was used for zinc smelting, the most significant contamination at the site is

petroleum from underground storage tanks that at one time resided on the property. Grant funds also will be used

to conduct site preparation activities.

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Mon 6/5/2017 2:33:33 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Assessment Grant

$600,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Calhoun County Land Bank Authority for a brownfields assessment coalition grant.

Community-wide hazardous substances grant funds will be used to update and maintain the current brownfields

inventory, perform 17 Phase I and 10 Phase II environmental site assessments, and prepare at least three cleanup

plans. Grant funds also will be used to support community outreach activities, including the development of

outreach documents. Assessment activities will focus on the Harvard Industries area, West Michigan/Hamblin

corridor, and Brownlee Park. Coalition partners are the City of Battle Creek and Albion Brownfield Redevelopment

Authority.

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 8/23/2017 4:00:30 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$288,500 Superior Watershed Partnership Stopping Urban Runoff to Lake Superior; A Coastal Wetland Solution
The Superior Watershed Partnership will re-route a stormwater drain outfall into a coastal wetland to allow for the natural treatment of stormwater before discharge into Lake Superior. A projected 7.5 - 9.1 million gallons of stormwater (and associated sediments, nutrients, and pathogens) will be treated annually.
Grant No: 00E02234-0

District: MI01

$128,126 Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Performance Partnership Grant
This action will provide funds in support of the tribe's environmental protection programs. These funds are under the General Assistance Program, Section 128a Brownfields Tribal Response Program, Clean Water Act Section 106 funds, and the Clean Water Act Section 319. These funds will support technical, administrative, and financial management capacity to administer environmental programs, tribal response program activities, water quality monitoring and assessment projects, and a non-point source program.
Grant No: 14E00695-4

District: MI01

$500,000 Delta Institute Michigan City Cheney Run Stormwater Design and Installation
The Delta Institute will work with the Alliance for the Great Lakes and the Michigan City, Indiana Sanitary District to build a five-acre wetland to reduce runoff from Cheney Run to Trail Creek and Lake Michigan. This will capture and treat 37.5 million gallons of stormwater a year (and associated sediments, nutrients, and pathogens) and prevent it from discharging into Lake

Michigan annually.
Grant No: 00E02232-0

District: MI08

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Subject: Quote?
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Ian: Per our phone conversation, attached is a draft release that we plan on issuing tomorrow announcing some local jobs grants. Would the Speaker be interested in providing a quote?

Thank you for taking a look.

Other releases going out tomorrow across the country will include quotes from: Sen. Blunt, Sen. Daines, Rep. Barletta and Gov. Baker. Others are likely to come in before noon tomorrow.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you!

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Subject: RE: Quote

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Sent: Wed 8/23/2017 3:58:02 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$107,584 Indiana Department of Environmental Management Evaluation of Phytoplankton and Zooplankton Populations in the Grand Calumet River Area of Concern
The Indiana Department of Environmental Management will collect water quality, nutrient, zooplankton, and phytoplankton samples in twelve locations in the Grand Calumet River/Indiana Harbor Ship Canal Area of Concern. Samples will be analyzed for taxonomic identification and biomass, chlorophyll a and pheophytin a, general and nutrient water chemistry, and toxicity. The resulting data will contribute to Beneficial Use Impairment removal efforts.
Grant No: 00E02314-0

$200,000 Anderson University Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Cooperative Agreements
This action approves an award in the amount of $200,000 to Anderson University for the cleanup of hazardous substance and petroleum contaminants at the Pro-Weave site located at 821 Williamston Road, Anderson, South Carolina. During the life of this project the recipient will carry out community involvement activities to encourage redevelopment of the site such that the future reuse of the property will create/retain jobs and does not pose a threat to human health and/or the environment.
Grant No: 00D61617-0

$300,000 City of Bloomington Bloomington Community Wide Brownfields Assessment Grant for Petroleum & Hazardous Substances

This agreement provides funding for the City of Bloomington, Indiana to conduct community-wide hazardous and petroleum assessments at eligible brownfield sites. The City will inventory, characterize, assess, and if appropriate, conduct cleanup planning on priority sites. Funds will also be used for public outreach and community involvement/public participation processes. Brownfields are real property, the expansion, development or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.
Grant No: 00E02280-0

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From: Hall, Travis
Sent: Wed 7/26/2017 1:38:40 PM
Subject: RE: Grant Release

Hi, John. Working on this now. Going through our still-growing policy shop. Will get back to you asap. What's your timing here? Thanks, John.

Travis Hall

Communications Director

Congressman Greg Gianforte, MT-AL

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From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 12:00 PM
To: Hall, Travis <Travis.Hall@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Grant Release

Travis: Per the phone message I just left with your office, we are set to announce a substantial environmental grant to Montana this week on, Wednesday July 26. Our draft press release is attached. We would be pleased to include a quote from the Congressman if that is something you're interested in.

I'll follow up tomorrow with another phone call.

Thank you and please let me know if you have any questions.

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Subject: Quote
R5.Rockford RLF Brownfields Press Release June 2017.DRAFTrow.docx

Maura: EPA is planning on pushing out the attached draft release today (target noon). But we wanted to ask if the Congressman would like to add a quote first?

Thank you for considering. I'll follow up with a call.

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Tue 5/30/2017 8:39:05 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Assessment Grant

$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected Maurice River Township for a brownfields assessment grant. Site-specific petroleum grant funds

will be used to conduct a Phase II environmental site assessment at the Cheli Sand and Gravel facility on Block 120,

Lot 3.01 and 3.02, on Schooner Landing Road. Previously a sand and gravel mine and pit, the 13.6-acre site is

currently vacant. The buildings associated with the former operation have been demolished, but the debris has not

been removed from the site. Grant funds also will be used to develop a cleanup plan and support community

outreach activities, including updated fact sheets and a community relations plan.

Cleanup Grant

$200,000 petroleum

EPA has selected Maurice River Township for a brownfields cleanup grant. Petroleum grant funds will be used to

clean up the Ackley Garage site at 3098 and 3102 Route 47, Block 222, Lot 25. The three-acre cleanup site operated

as a gas station, automotive repair shop, general store, and residence until it was closed in the early 1990s. It is

located within 900 feet of the Maurice River. Contamination of soil and groundwater at the site includes total

petroleum hydrocarbons, volatile organic compounds, metals, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, and ethylene

dibromide. Grant funds also will be used to conduct community outreach activities, including updated fact sheets, a

community relations plan, and handouts during public meetings.

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Sent: Wed 8/23/2017 3:56:36 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$3,199,000 Illinois Environmental Protection Agency SECTION 319 (H) NONPOINT SOURCE WORK PROGRAM

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency will be providing funds to support nonpoint source activities and watershed projects. These activities will promote the development and implementation of watershed-based plans, focusing on watershed with water quality impairments by non-point sources.
Grant No: 99520017-1

$158,953 County of Cook Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 105 Air Pollution Control Program

The purpose of this award to the Cook County Department of Environmental Control (DEC) is to support air pollution control activities under the Clean Air Act, Section 105 air pollution control program. CCDEC operates and maintains a gaseous air monitoring network in Cook County. In addition Cook County DEC also responds to citizen complaints and conducts inspections for compliance with various National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutant (NESHAP) area sources.
Grant No: 00526214-8

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Mon 6/5/2017 2:17:47 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Assessment Grant

$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Greenville for a brownfields assessment grant. Community-wide hazardous

substances grant funds will be used to conduct approximately six Phase I and approximately three Phase II

environmental site assessments. Grant funds also will be used for cleanup planning and community outreach

activities.

Assessment Grants

$200,000 for hazardous substances

$100,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Wilson for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous

substances grant funds will be used to conduct six Phase I and four Phase II environmental site assessments.

Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct four Phase I and two Phase II environmental site

assessments. Grant funds of both types also will be used to develop cleanup plans, complete endangered species

surveys and cultural resource surveys, and support community involvement activities.

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To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Anzur, Jon
Sent: Mon 5/15/2017 8:35:10 PM
Subject: RE: DRAFT BF Job Training Grant PR R3 5-15-17.docx

Hi John,

Thanks for reaching out. We would like to provide a quote. When do you plan to send this out?

Thanks,

Jon

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 3:03 PM
To: Anzur, Jon <Jon.Anzur@mail.house.gov>
Subject: DRAFT BF Job Training Grant PR R3 5-15-17.docx

Jon: Per the message I left with your office, attached is a draft release we are putting out tomorrow. Would the Congressman be interested in providing a quote for the release?

Thank you and please let me know if you have any questions.

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From: Konkus, John
Sent: Wed 6/7/2017 2:06:41 PM
Subject: Quote
OKC BF loan PR 2017 (2).docx

Gabriel: Per our conversation, attached is the draft release. Thanks to you and the Congressman for adding a quote.

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Tue 5/30/2017 8:36:55 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Assessment Grant

$350,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Camden Redevelopment Agency for a brownfields assessment grant. Site-specific hazardous

substances grant funds will be used to conduct Phase I and Phase II environmental site assessments at the 7th and

Kaighn Street site at 726 Kaighn Avenue. The 4.4-acre site was formerly an electroplating facility, which stopped

operating in 2004. Grant funds also will be used to conduct cleanup planning and support community outreach

activities, including publishing materials in Spanish.

Cleanup Grant

$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Camden Redevelopment Agency for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances

grant funds will be used to clean up Lots 13-17 of the Harrison Avenue Landfill Site at the corner of East State Street

and Harrison Avenue. The lots total 1.4 acres and are part of an 83-acre former city dump, which is contaminated

with chlorinated volatile organic compounds, semi-volatile organic compounds, and dieldrin. Grant funds also will

be used to conduct community outreach activities, including publishing materials in Spanish.

Cleanup Grant

$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Camden for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be

used to clean up the Knox Meadows II site located at 1000 North 4th Street. The site is a two-and-a-half acre portion

of the 37-acre former Knox Gelatin site, which manufactured soap, gelatin, sealants, and other goods. The site also

housed a wharf and a wood mill. Industrial use of the site dates back to the 1800s; the last remaining building was

razed in 1995. The site is contaminated with polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons, metals, and PCBs that were used

to backfill the waterfront when it was developed. Grant funds also will be used to support community involvement

activities.

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 8/23/2017 3:55:12 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$139,462 State of Delaware DNREC Air Pollution Control Program
This agreement will provide assistance to the DNREC in its efforts to implement air pollution control programs throughout Delaware, including continuing development and implementation of stationary source regulations; continuing promulgation and update of enhanced mobile source regulations; improvement of emission inventories for modeling simulations; and to operate a monitoring network that collects air data. These activities are to improve and maintain the public's air quality.
Grant No: 98315517-3

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To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: O'Reilly, Andrew
Sent: Tue 7/25/2017 4:05:13 PM
Subject: RE: Embargoed Executive Summary of Superfund Report

Sounds good. Appreciate the help.

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 12:02 PM
To: O'Reilly, Andrew <Andrew.Oreilly@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: RE: Embargoed Executive Summary of Superfund Report

Embargoed until 1:30pm. We will also make sure you get a copy of the full report.

From: O'Reilly, Andrew [mailto:Andrew.Oreilly@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 11:58 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Embargoed Executive Summary of Superfund Report

Hey John,

I'm alright, not injuries. My VW, however, is currently hanging out in a tow lot by RFK.

Quick question: When is the executive summary you sent over embargoed until?

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 25, 2017, at 11:51 AM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:

Just checking in Andrew. Sorry about your accident this morning. Are you okay?

From: O'Reilly, Andrew [mailto:Andrew.Oreilly@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 9:03 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Embargoed Executive Summary of Superfund Report

Thanks John. Unfortunately I just sideswiped by a truck on 295 on my way down to D.C. And have to get my car towed so probably won't be in town in time for the pen and pad session.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 25, 2017, at 8:38 AM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:

> Andrew: attached is an embargoed executive summary on the Superfund report that you can review in advance of the pen and pad session.
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> Thank you,
>
> John
>
> <Executive Summary Embargoed.pdf>

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Mon 6/5/2017 2:10:59 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Assessment Grants

$150,000 for hazardous substances

$150,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Dixon for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous substances

and petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct 15 Phase I and up to eight Phase II environmental site

assessments, and prepare four cleanup plans. Grant funds also will be used to support community involvement

activities.

Cleanup Grant

$175,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Rockford for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be

used to clean up the former Walgreens property at 134 North Main Street. The cleanup site was constructed in 1928

and served as the city's original Walgreens store until the 1970s, after which it sat vacant. The site is contaminated

with metals and inorganic contaminants. Grant funds also will be used to support community involvement activities.

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From: Konkus, John
Sent: Mon 5/15/2017 7:51:54 PM
Subject: Quote
Zender 2017 BF JT Grant Award draft.docx

Matt: Per our phone conversation, attached is a draft release that we plan on issuing tomorrow announcing some local jobs grants. Would you all be interested in providing a quote?

Thank you for taking a look.

Let me know if you have any question.

John Konkus

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To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Conley, Brendan
Sent: Wed 6/7/2017 12:41:25 PM
Subject: RE: Quote

Sure thing!

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 8:41 AM
To: Conley, Brendan
Subject: RE: Quote

Super. We'll take it and put it in our release. The plan is to send it a noon.

Thank you Brendan!

From: Conley, Brendan [mailto:Brendan.Conley@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 8:39 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote

Hey John,

So sorry to just get back to you. If you have not released, I would be happy to get you a quote from the Congressman ASAP.

Thank you!

Brendan Conley

Press Secretary

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From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 06, 2017 3:45 PM
To: Conley, Brendan
Subject: Quote
Importance: High

Brendan: Would Congressman Poliquin be interested in providing a quote for us to include in the attached draft press release? We plan to release this tomorrow. If you all would like to send your own release, we would let you go first and provide a quote from Administrator Pruitt if you're interested.

Thank you,

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Sent: Wed 8/23/2017 3:54:02 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$406,327 Senior Service America Inc. Senior Environmental Employment Program for OPPT/OCSPP/DC
This cooperative agreement will provide funding to support Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program enrollees working at the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Washington, DC.
Grant No: 83696801-5

$300,000 National Association for Hispanic Elderly Senior Environmental Employment Program for the Office of Air and Radiation
This cooperative agreement will provide support for Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program enrollees to work with the Clean Air Program, Office of Air and Radiation (CAP/OAR), Washington, DC.
Grant No: 83617901-3

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Sent: Mon 6/5/2017 2:07:51 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Assessment Grants

$200,000 for hazardous substances

$100,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide

hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct up to seven Phase I and four Phase II environmental site

assessments, and prepare four cleanup plans. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct up

to five Phase I and two Phase II environmental site assessments, and prepare two cleanup plans. Grant funds of

both types also will be used to support community outreach activities. Assessment activities will focus on the

Minneapolis and Saint Paul Metropolitan Area.

Assessment Grants

$200,000 for hazardous substances

$100,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Mankato for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous

substances and petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct 10 Phase I and eight Phase II environmental site

assessments, and prepare three cleanup plans. Grant funds also will be used to update the current brownfields

inventory, prioritize sites throughout the city, and support community involvement activities.

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Sent: Wed 8/23/2017 3:52:40 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$100,000 Fort Bidwell Indian Community NONPOINT SOURCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
The grantee's activities include installing livestock exclusion fencing, restablishing riparian vegetation, restoring a natural spring, and developing ordinances to promote restoration and protection of a spring and lake. The goal of these activities is to reduce water pollution from polluted runoff on the reservation.
Grant No: 99T32101-2

District: CA01

$50,000 Tuolumne Me-Wuk Tribal Council FY16-18 Water Pollution Control
The purpose of this project is to develop and implement Tuolumne's surface water quality program, protect groundwater and wellheads, and educate the tribal community.
Grant No: 96929716-2

District: CA04

$284,006 Sacramento Metropolitan AQMD FY-2017 Air Pollution Control Program
This assistance agreement provides partial federal funding in the amount of $1,104,274. The purpose of this program is to provide continuing support for activities which include strategic planning and evaluation, compliance assistance, developing state implementation plans, monitoring air and emissions, rule making, operating permits and all other program related activities. The program will protect and improve the air quality in the Sacramento Air Basin and

reduce the risks to human health and the environment.
Grant No: 00903117-1

District: CA06

$215,946 Ventura County APCD FY-2017 Air Pollution Control Program
This assistance agreement provides partial federal funding in the amount of $863,785. The purpose of this program is to provide continuing support for activities which include strategic planning and evaluation, compliance assistance, developing state implementation plans, monitoring air and emissions, rulemaking, operating permits and all other program-related activities. This program will protect and improve the air quality in Ventura County and reduce the risks to human health and the environment.
Grant No: 00900917-1

District: CA26

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Andrew: attached is an embargoed executive summary on the Superfund report that you can review in advance of the pen and pad session.

Thank you,

John

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Mon 6/5/2017 2:00:31 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Assessment Grants

$200,000 for hazardous substances

$100,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Madison County Council of Governments for two brownfields assessment grants. Communitywide

hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct at least four Phase I and four Phase II

environmental site assessments. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct at least three

Phase I and three Phase II environmental site assessments. Grant funds of both types will be used to prepare at

least two cleanup plans, update an existing brownfields inventory, and support community outreach activities.

Assessment Grants

$150,000 for hazardous substances

$150,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Indianapolis for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous

substances grant funds will be used to conduct six Phase I and three Phase II environmental site assessments, and

prepare two cleanup plans. Grant funds also will be used to inventory and prioritize brownfield sites, and support

community involvement activities. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct the same tasks

at sites with potential petroleum contamination.

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 8/23/2017 3:49:43 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$903,000 AZ Dept of Env Quality LEAKING UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK PROGRAM - CORRECTIVE ACTION
The grantee will develop, implement, and maintain an effective leaking underground storage tank (LUST) program and to support activities that make progress in cleaning up petroleum leaks by initiating and completing cleanups and reducing the backlog of sites not yet cleaned up.
Grant No: 99T28301-3

$433,420 AZ Dept of Env Quality LEAKING UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK PROGRAM - PREVENTION
This agreement provides assistance to the State of Arizona¿s underground storage tank (UST) Program in leak detection, prevention and related enforcement for meeting the provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 2005.
Grant No: 99T28401-3

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Tue 5/30/2017 8:24:27 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Assessment Grants

$200,000 for hazardous substances

$100,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Bennington County Regional Commission for two brownfields assessment grants.

Community-wide hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct three to five Phase I and three or four

Phase II environmental site assessments, and prepare three or four cleanup plans. Community-wide petroleum

grant funds will be used to conduct two to four Phase I and two or three Phase II environmental site assessments,

and prepare two or three cleanup plans. Grant funds of both types also will be used to support community outreach

activities. Assessment activities will focus on Bennington's state designated Growth Center.

$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Brattleboro Museum and Art Center Inc. for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous

substances grant funds will be used to clean up 11 Arch Street. The cleanup site was formerly used as an electric

power generating station and substation, machine shop, and grist mill. The site is contaminated with polycyclic

aromatic hydrocarbons, heavy metals, perchloroethene, and PCBs. Grant funds also will be used to conduct

community involvement activities.

Cleanup Grant

$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected Island Holdings LLC for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be

used to clean up the former Robertson Paper Mill at 21 Island Street in Bellows Falls. Former uses of the site

include a paper mill, foundry, and machine shop. It is contaminated with polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons,

arsenic, and other heavy metals. Grant funds also will be used to conduct community outreach activities.

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Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$278,336 AL Dept of Agriculture and Industries Performance Partnership Grant
This action provides a partial award in the amount of $95,269 to the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries (ADAI). ADAI will use these funds to ensure pesticides are used and disposed of in the manner specified on each product. The funds will support the state's comprehensive program of registration, labeling, training, certification, inspections and enforcement.
Grant No: 98408817-2

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Fri 6/2/2017 9:33:06 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Assessment Grant

$400,000 for hazardous substances

$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Northern Nevada Development Authority for a brownfields assessment coalition grant.

Community-wide hazardous substances and petroleum grant funds will be used to develop a brownfields inventory,

prioritize sites, and perform up to 25 Phase I and up to 11 Phase II environmental site assessments. Grant funds

also will be used to develop up to five cleanup plans, create an area-wide plan, and conduct community involvement

activities. Assessment activities will focus on Carson City redevelopment areas, Main Street Program target areas

of the Townships of Minden and Gardnerville, and infill and industrial properties in Douglas County. Coalition

partners are the Consolidated Municipality of Carson City and Douglas County.

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Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$52,432.00 Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Federal Fiscal Year 2017 Public Water Systems Supervision (PWSS)

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) will accomplish the following activities in accordance with their Fiscal Year 2017 Public Water System Supervision (PWSS) program grant. These activities include maintaining primacy, aiding public water systems in achieving a high compliance rate with drinking water regulations, and following all rules, regulations, and laws pertaining to the Safe Drinking Water Act Section 1443(a).

Grant #: 01E01586-2

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Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Cleanup Grants

$400,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected ARTech Hub LLC for two brownfields cleanup grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be

used to clean up the 0.4-acre Lot 371 and 0.3-acre Lot 387 of the former Woonsocket Rubber Mill Company site at 68

South Main Street in Woonsocket. Both lots were formerly used as a manufacturing facility, retail space, and music

and art studios, and have been vacant since 2014. They are contaminated with polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons,

metals, and inorganic contaminants. Grant funds at both sites also will be used to construct and maintain

engineering controls, and conduct community outreach activities.

Cleanup Grant

$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Woonsocket Neighborhood Development Corporation for a brownfields cleanup grant.

Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up the former Island Machine Company Mill at 15 Island

Place. The 0.4-acre cleanup site was formerly used for wheel, carriage, and harness manufacturing; planing and

wood turning; and operating a tin shop. The site is contaminated with polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, heavy

metals, and inorganic contaminants. Grant funds also will be used for community outreach and cleanup planning

activities.

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Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$100,000.00 New Mexico Environment Department

FY16/17 Water Quality Management Planning

This grant is to fund the State of New Mexico's Water Quality Management Planning program to improve impaired water and protect unimpaired waters across the state.

Grant #: 35000048-1

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Sent: Fri 6/2/2017 9:30:01 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Cleanup Grant

$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected Anderson University for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be

used to clean up the Seabrook Building/Former Pro Weave property at 821 Williamston Road in Anderson. The 2.5-

acre site is adjacent to a wetland area and was used for metal fabrication operations that supported the textile

industry from before 1965 until the late 2000s. Much of the site was destroyed by a fire in 2015. The site is

contaminated with metals, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, and inorganic contaminants. Grant funds also will be

used to conduct community outreach activities.

Assessment Grants

$200,000 for hazardous substances

$100,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Town of Honea Path for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous

substances and petroleum grant funds will be used to perform six Phase I and four Phase II

environmental site

assessments. Grant funds also will be used to conduct community outreach and cleanup planning activities, and

prioritize properties in the town's brownfields inventory.

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Subject: Re: Quote for EPA release?

Sure. When is your deadline on this?

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 23, 2017, at 11:14 AM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:

Scott: We are planning on sending this release next Wednesday, August 30 from our Region 3 office and wanted to ask if your boss would like to provide a quote to be inserted below?

Thank you for taking a look,

John Konkus

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DRAFT

EPA Provides Funding to Keep Virginia Swimmers Safe from Bacteria

PHILADELPHIA (August 30, 2017) Heading into the Labor Day weekend, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced today that it is providing the Virginia Department of Health a grant of $331,340 to support its coastal recreation water monitoring and public notification programs.

“Swimming when bacteria levels are high can be harmful to human health,” said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. “This funding will help ensure that Virginia’s beaches are safe and enjoyable.”

Member Quote

These funds are provided under the Clean Water Act, as amended by the Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal Health Act of 2000.

The funding will be used during the 2018 swimming season to implement beach monitoring programs in Norfolk, Virginia Beach, Hampton, the Newport News-Yorktown area of the Peninsula Health District, the Eastern Shore of Virginia, and the counties of Gloucester and Mathews.

The Health Districts will monitor the quality of water at Virginia’s beaches, and when bacteria levels in the water are too high, the public will be notified by posted beach warnings, or closing of the beach.

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Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$101,352.00 Ocean County College- National Estuary Program: Barnegat Bay Partnership Implementation

A cooperative agreement is provided to Ocean County College (OCC) to support implementation of the Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP) and accompanying Strategic Plan prepared by the Barnegat Bay Partnership to improve the water quality, protect the natural habitat and living resources, and support sustainable human uses of the Barnegat Bay estuary.

Grant #: 98212313-1

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Sent: Fri 6/2/2017 9:11:12 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Assessment Grants

$200,000 for hazardous substances

$100,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Atlanta for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous

substances and petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct ten Phase I and four Phase II environmental site

assessments, and develop one generic and four site-specific quality assurance project plans, four cleanup plans,

and a community involvement plan. Grant funds also will be used to conduct community outreach activities. The

target communities to be served by this grant include Groundwork Atlanta, the Proctor Creek Watershed, the

Atlanta Area Wide Plan area, and the Memorial Drive/DeKalb Avenue rail corridor.

Cleanup Grant

$30,000 for hazardous substances

$170,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected Mitchell County for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances and petroleum grant

funds will be used to clean up the former Glausier Street Gas Station site at 334 Glausier Street in Pelham. The

cleanup site operated as a filling station and automobile service center until the Mitchell County Board of

Commissioners acquired the site in 2007. It is currently vacant. Soil is contaminated with benzene, toluene,

ethylbenzene, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, metals, and petroleum hydrocarbons. Groundwater is

contaminated with benzene. Grant funds also will be used to prepare a health and safety plan, establish institutional

controls for groundwater, and support community engagement activities, including the development of a

community involvement plan.

Cleanup Grant

$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the Lifecycle Building Center for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds

will be used to clean up the Lifecycle Building Center site at 1116 Murphy Avenue SW in Atlanta. Since the late

1800s, the 3.6-acre cleanup site has been used as a machinery manufacturing facility, metal foundry, and

commercial business space. The site's soil is contaminated with arsenic and metals, and groundwater is

contaminated with arsenic and cadmium. The building is contaminated with metals and inorganic contaminants.

Grant funds also will be used to conduct community involvement activities.

Assessment Grants

$200,000 for hazardous substances

$100,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Doraville for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous

substances and petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct 30 Phase I and two Phase II environmental site

assessments. Grant funds also will be used to develop five cleanup plans and support community involvement

activities. Assessment activities will focus on Census Tract 213.01.

Assessment Grants

$150,000 for hazardous substances

$150,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of College Park for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous

substances and petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct approximately 13 Phase I and up to seven Phase II

environmental site assessments, and prepare cleanup plans. Grant funds also will be used to support community

involvement activities.

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Subject: Re: Embargoed Executive Summary of Superfund Report

Thanks John. Unfortunately I just sideswiped by a truck on 295 on my way down to D.C. And have to get my car towed so probably won't be in town in time for the pen and pad session.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 25, 2017, at 8:38 AM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:

> Andrew: attached is an embargoed executive summary on the Superfund report that you can review in advance of the pen and pad session.
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> Thank you,
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> John
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> <Executive Summary Embargoed.pdf>

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Subject: EPA Grant Award

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$301,200.00 Senior Service America Inc.

Senior Environmental Employment Program for Office of Air and Radiation

This cooperative agreement will provide funding to support Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program enrollees working at the National Vehicle and Fuel Emissions Laboratory, Office of Transportation and Air Quality, Office of Air and Radiation, Ann Arbor, MI.

Grant #: 83656001-8

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Sent: Thur 6/1/2017 9:24:57 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Assessment Grants

$200,000 for hazardous substances

$100,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Canton for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous

substances grant funds will be used to conduct 10 Phase I and six Phase II environmental site assessments, and

prepare four cleanup plans. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct five Phase I and three

Phase II environmental site assessments, and prepare one cleanup plan. Grant funds of both types also will be used

to update the city's brownfields inventory and support community outreach activities.

Assessment Grants

$166,200 for hazardous substances

$133,800 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Clarksdale for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous

substances grant funds will be used to conduct 10 Phase I and four Phase II environmental site assessments, and

prepare two cleanup plans. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct eight Phase I and three

Phase II environmental site assessments, and prepare two cleanup plans. Grant funds of both types also will be

used to update the city's brownfields inventory, and support community involvement activities. Assessment

activities will focus on the 18th Street Neighborhood and the Brickyard Area.

Assessment Grants

$123,000 for hazardous substances

$177,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Crystal Springs for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous

substances grant funds will be used to conduct eight Phase I and three Phase II environmental site assessments,

and prepare two cleanup plans. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct 13 Phase I and five

Phase II environmental site assessments, and prepare three cleanup plans. Grant funds of both types also will be

used for area-wide planning, community involvement activities, and prioritization of the city's brownfield sites.

Assessment Grants

$155,100 for hazardous substances

$144,600 for petroleum

EPA has selected the East Central Planning and Development District for two brownfields assessment grants.

Community-wide hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct eight Phase I and four Phase II

environmental site assessments, and prepare four cleanup plans. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be

used to conduct five Phase I and four Phase II environmental site assessments, and prepare four cleanup plans.

Grant funds of both types also will be used to inventory and prioritize brownfields, and support community

outreach activities. Assessment activities will focus on the Cities of Forest, Philadelphia, and Meridian.

Assessment Grant

$400,000 for hazardous substances

$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the Golden Triangle Planning and Development District Inc. for a brownfields assessment

coalition grant. Community-wide hazardous substances grant funds will be used to conduct 15 Phase I and 12

Phase II environmental site assessments. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct seven

Phase I and six Phase II environmental site assessments. Grant funds of both types also will be used to expand a

brownfields inventory, conduct cleanup planning, and support community involvement activities. Assessment

activities will focus on four census tracts within Choctaw, Clay, Noxubee, and Oktibbeha Counties. Coalition

partners are the Cities of West Point and Starkville, and the Counties of Choctaw, Clay, Lowndes, Noxubee,

Oktibbeha, Webster, and Winston.

Assessment Grants

$200,000 for hazardous substances

$100,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Greenville for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous

substances grant funds will be used to conduct 14 Phase I and five Phase II environmental site assessments, and

prepare three cleanup plans. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct eight Phase I and

three Phase II environmental site assessments, and prepare two cleanup plans. Grant funds of both types also will

be used for area-wide planning and community involvement activities, including a bus tour of the Lower Mississippi

River Port Investment Initiative Area.

Assessment Grant

$205,000 for hazardous substances

$195,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Louisville for a brownfields assessment coalition grant. Community-wide hazardous

substances grant funds will be used to conduct 10 Phase I and five Phase II environmental site assessments, and

create five cleanup plans. Community-wide petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct eight Phase I and five

Phase II environmental site assessments, and create four cleanup plans. Grant funds of both types also will be used

to prioritize sites and begin area-wide planning. Assessment activities will focus on West Louisville, East Louisville,

and southeast Winston County. Coalition partners are the City of Noxapater and Winston County.

Cleanup Grants

$383,500 for hazardous substances

$16,500 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Vicksburg for two brownfields cleanup grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will

be used to clean up the 1832 Kuhn North Facility and the 1959 Kuhn South Facility of the former Kuhn Memorial

Hospital, at 1422 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. Both cleanup sites were part of a 12.8-acre former hospital,

which has been vacant since 1989. They are contaminated with metals, PCBs, and inorganic contaminants. Grant

funds for both sites also will be used to conduct air monitoring and support community involvement activities.

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Sent: Tue 6/6/2017 9:11:29 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$30,000.00 People of Ayer Concerned About the Environment- TAG at Fort Devens

People of Ayer Concerned About the Environment (PACE) will use funds to help the community affected by the Ft. Devens Military Reservation Superfund Site to understand information contained in EPA technical documents related to hazardous waste site cleanup and to understand the issues and decisions that need to be made related to hazardous waste site cleanup. An independent technical advisor(s) will be procured by PACE to review and inform the community on EPA documents related to the site cleanup. The technical advisor's information will be shared with the rest of the community and will aid the community in the preparation of public comments and allow it to more meaningfully participate in the cleanup decision-making process.

Grant #: 00198101-E

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From: Miller, Joel
Sent: Thur 6/1/2017 7:21:23 PM
Subject: RE: EPA Grant Award

Thank you Kaitlyn – this is great news for our district. Do you have any more detail regarding the grants that we could share with our district staff?

Thanks again,

Joel

From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn [mailto:shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, June 01, 2017 11:49 AM
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Cc: Lyons, Troy; Ringel, Aaron; Konkus, John; Palich, Christian
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant has been signed for your state/ district:

Assessment Grants

$200,000 for hazardous substances

$100,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Bowling Green for two brownfields assessment grants. Community-wide hazardous

substances and petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct 12 Phase I and eight Phase II environmental site

assessments, and prepare four cleanup plans. Grant funds also will be used to update a

brownfields inventory, and

support community outreach activities.

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Tue 6/6/2017 9:10:02 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$463,019.00 Indiana Finance Authority- Indiana Brownfields Program has been awarded a 128(a)

This project provides funding for the Indiana Finance Authority's (IFA) Indiana Brownfields Program (IBP) that includes timely survey and inventory of brownfield sites; and the enhancement of oversight and enforcement authorities to ensure that response actions protect human health and the environment; resources to provide meaningful public involvement; mechanisms for approval of a cleanup plans and verification of complete responses. Additionally their work includes the maintenance of the public record, which includes institutional controls. The IFA will also perform site assessment and some cleanup work on Brownfields properties.

Grant #: 00E14611-0

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Sent: Mon 7/24/2017 3:59:39 PM
Subject: Grant Release
R8_Montana NPS cooperative agreement_PR July 2017 (002).docx

Travis: Per the phone message I just left with your office, we are set to announce a substantial environmental grant to Montana this week on, Wednesday July 26. Our draft press release is attached. We would be pleased to include a quote from the Congressman if that is something you're interested in.

I'll follow up tomorrow with another phone call.

Thank you and please let me know if you have any questions.

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Tue 6/6/2017 9:07:51 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$130,200.00 Natl Asian Pacific Center on Aging -Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) program for EPA Region V.

This cooperative agreement will provide support for Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program enrollees to work with Region V, Chicago, IL.

Grant #: 83588801-H

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Mon 8/7/2017 7:34:39 PM
Subject: RE: EPA Grant Award

That's great. Let me see if I can get some more info for you.

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Sent: Monday, August 7, 2017 3:14 PM
To: Shimmin, Kaitlyn <shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: EPA Grant Award

Hey Kaitlyn!

Thanks for the info. Our office wants to do a press release about this so hoping you can provide

me a little bit more info about how and where the funding will be dispersed. Will any directly impact the 4th district?

Any extra info you can provide would be helpful. Thank you!

Marcie

Congressman Mike Johnson (LA-4)

Sent from my iPhone

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Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$11299000 Louisiana Department of Health LDH Drinking Water RLF Capitalization Grant FY17
This award provides federal funds to the State of Louisiana for loan assistance to eligible public water systems for infrastructure improvements needed to ensure safe drinking water and to provide funds for the following activities: Administration, Small Systems Technical Assistance, Local Assistance and State Programs Management.
Grant No: 99696820-0

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Mon 8/7/2017 6:59:49 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$6,474,000 State of Wyoming- Office of State Lands and Investments Wyoming CWSRF FY17 Grant
This award provides funds to assist the State of Wyoming to establish a revolving loan fund program that provides a long-term source of financing for the costs of 1) publicly-owned wastewater treatment works infrastructure needed to achieve or maintain compliance with Clean Water Act; and 2) nonpoint source activities to protect water quality.
Grant No: 56000117-0

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Sent: Mon 8/7/2017 6:57:01 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$260,532 WV Dept of Environmental Protection WVDEP Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST)
To assist the recipient in implementing an effective leaking underground storage tank regulatory program as set forth in Subtitle I of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended.
Grant No: 00338518-3

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Mon 8/7/2017 6:56:10 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$551,669 Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Wisconsin Invasive Species Control
The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, following a civilian conservation corps model, will hire two new employees to control invasive species in 900 acres of the Great Lakes Basin. Lake Winnebago Chain of Lakes and the Fox River above Green Bay will be targeted.
Grant No: 00E02252-0

$40,000 Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources WI Great LakesLaMP/AOC Capacity
This capacity grant for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) will provide Wisconsin with resources to: 1) actively participate in the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative work to protect and restore the Areas of Concern (AOCs) within Lakes Superior and Michigan; 2) actively participate in the Lake Michigan Partnership and the Lake Superior Partnership; and 3) provide resources for communication and outreach activities related to the AOCs and Lakewide Area Management Plans.
Grant No: 01E00712-2

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Sent: Mon 8/7/2017 6:53:10 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$14,159 Washington Department of Ecology FY17 WDOE Multi-Site Cooperative Agreement
Fiscal 2017 (FY17) Washington Department of Ecology (WDOE) Multi-Site Cooperative Agreement: Activities include providing oversight of investigations, studies, and cleanups of uncontrolled hazardous waste sites on the National Priorities List (NPL) in accordance with Section 104, of CERCLA, as amended. The sites are as follows: Spokane River-Coeur d'Alene Basin, Wyckoff/Eagle Harbor- East Harbor, Soil & Groundwater Operable Units, Well 12A, and ASARCO-Point Ruston.

Grant No: 00042912-1

$50,000 Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe FY 17-18 Tribal Response Program for Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe
This project provides funding for the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe (PGST) tribal response program that includes timely survey and inventory of brownfield sites; oversight and enforcement authorities to ensure that response actions protect human health and the environment; resources to provide meaningful public involvement; mechanisms for approval of cleanup plans and verification of complete responses. Additionally, their work may involve applying for competitive Brownfield grants.
Grant No: 01J27302-0

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Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$2,777,622 VA Dept of Environmental Quality CBIG III
VA CBIG III

These funds will be used to accomplish the objectives of the Virginia Chesapeake Bay TMDL (total maximum daily load) Watershed Implementation Plans and the Virginia milestones, with an emphasis on nonpoint source pollution reduction programs. As Virginia's lead agency for nonpoint source pollution (NPS), DEQ is responsible for implementing this grant.

Grant No: 96351601-0

$462,699 VA Dept of Environmental Quality VADEQ 117(e) Monitoring
This grant aids the recipient in providing enhanced monitoring to improve the assessment of sediment and nutrient load reduction support for the Chesapeake Bay Program and in providing Chesapeake Bay bay-wide and basin-wide water quality and living resource monitoring data analysis and interpretation.
Grant No: 96336501-5

$3,429,505 VA Dept of Environmental Quality VA DEQ CBRAP II
VA CBRAP II - 2016 to 2019

This grant agreement aids VA DEQ in funding activities designed to reduce nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment loads that cause or contribute to the impairment of water quality standards in the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries. This work will help achieve and maintain the water quality necessary to improve the aquatic system health of the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem and supports the goals of the 2014 Chesapeake Bay Watershed Agreement.
Grant No: 96346801-1

$20,000 VA Polytechnic Inst/State University VA Tech; BMP Evaluation
Virginia Tech will assist the Chesapeake Bay Program with developing or revising the technical basis for nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment load reduction values or efficiencies for new or existing nutrient and sediment controls or other pollutant load reduction/prevention treatments or technologies within the Chesapeake Bay region.
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$190,373 South Davis Sewer District SF State and Political Subdivision & Indian Tribe Site Specific Agreement
South Davis Sewer District 2010-2020

The South Davis Sewer District will operate and maintain the groundwater treatment plant for the long term remedial action at the Bountiful Woods Site in Utah. After ten years, operation and maintenance responsibilities will be transferred to the Utah Department of Environmental Quality.

Increase of Funds.
Grant No: 97843401-7

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$95,000 TN Dept of Environment and Conservation Water Quality Management Planning
Federal funding awarded to continuing assist the State of Tennessee DEC under the FY16 and adding the FY17 funds to implement the Clean Water Act Section 604 Water Quality Management Program. The program will support watershed management planning activities through various tasks, including funding pass through projects to support watershed management.
Grant No: 00475716-3

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Subject: EPA Grant Award

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$39,000 Crow Creek Sioux Tribe Crow Creek FY18 CAA Section 103 Grant
The objectives of this program are to develop the capability to manage specific programs and establish a core program for environmental protection. The specific project activities work toward the development of the technical and regulatory capacity of the Air Program. Specific program elements include; indoor air monitoring, adminitration and air toxics risk reduction.
Grant No: 96835118-0

$34,593 Rosebud Sioux Tribe Rosebud Sioux Tribal Brownfields Program
This project provides funding for Rosebud Sioux Tribe's response program that includes timely survey and inventory of brownfield sites; oversight and enforcement authorities to ensure that response actions protect human health and the environment; resources to provide meaningful public involvement; mechanisms for approval of a cleanup plans and verification of complete responses.
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$152,578 South Carolina Dept. of Health & Envir. Control National Air Toxics Trends Station (NATTS) Network
The project will conduct air toxics monitoring to measure volatile organic compounds, semi-volatiles, carbonyls and metals. This project represents a continuation of a national ongoing effort to characterize air toxics and assess trends in ambient levels by conducting primary and collocated monitoring in urban and rural areas. Data resulting from the project will be submitted into the Air Quality System database and will be used to measure progress in meeting goals for reducing air toxics emissions and associated health risks.
Grant No: 00D30715-2

$46,994 South Carolina Dept. of Health & Envir. Control Superfund State, Political Subdivision, and Indian Tribe Site-Specific Cooperative Agreements
This action provides funding in the amount of $46,994 to the South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control which will fund activities throughout the State that will improve or enhance the State's ability to control risks to human health and/or the environment at contaminated properties through inspection and evaluation of the remediation system at the facilities and the review of documents and records related to the facilities. The report will be in the form of a five-year review to evaluate protectiveness of the completed remedial action for human health and the environment.
Grant No: 00D64217-0

$487,000 United States Endowment For Forestry And Communities Inc Accelerating Freshwater Ecosystem and Watershed Conservation
The purpose of this project is to accelerate and expand the strategic protection of healthy freshwater ecosystems and their watersheds across the country. The United States Endowment

for Forestry and Communities will manage a cooperative agreement that will advance the protection of healthy watersheds by supporting an array of subaward projects that assess, identify, communicate the value, and demonstrate protection of these watersheds.
Grant No: 83590301-3

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Sent: Mon 5/15/2017 7:35:20 PM
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Grant No: 34000117-0

$15,680,000 New Jersey Dept of Environmental Protection FFY 2017 NJ DWSRF Capitalization Grant

This grant is to continue the capitalization of the New Jersey Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) program, which provides a long-term source of financing for the construction of infrastructure projects and for the administration of a range of activities including small community technical assistance, source water protection, capacity development and operator certification. These practices will protect human health by reducing exposure to contaminants in drinking water, in fish and shellfish, and in recreational waters.
Grant No: 99290317-0

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Grant No: 00340018-3

$441,848 PA Dept of Environmental Protection PADEP - Underground Storage Tanks Program (UST)
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Subject: EPA Grant Award

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$112,500 OR Dept. of Environ. Quality Core Cooperative Agreement for the State of Oregon
FY15-18 SF Core Program Cooperative Agreement (CORE) Program for State of Oregon, Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ).

This program will support the recipient's abilities to implement the requirements of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) and the development of an infrastructure system which is not assignable to Superfund site-specific costs.
Grant No: 00035024-2

$199764 OR Dept. of Environ. Quality Oregon LUST Prevention Compliance Inspections
The federal Energy Policy Act of 2005 required the States receiving funding for Underground Storage Tank (UST) Program activities via the federal Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Trust Fund mechanism perform certain activities, under the portion of the new legislation designated as the Underground Storage Tank Compliance Act (USTCA). The State of Oregon will continue to work to achieve the 3-year inspection cycle and maintain an effective enforcement program.
Grant No: 01J17602-1

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Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$833,649 Office of the Secretary of Energy & Environment Water Pollution Control Program
This agreement provides funding to the State of Oklahoma to carry out its program to maintain, protect, and improve the water quality of its rivers, lakes, streams, groundwater, and other waterbodies. The environmental benefits of this program include preventing degradation of unimpaired waterbodies and reducing the number of impaired waterbodies in the state. Activities include issuing and enforcing National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits, conducting ambient monitoring of both surface and ground water, and developing water quality management plans and Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs).
Grant No: 00640015-5

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Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$87,600 Erie County Western New York Sustainable Business Roundtable
The Erie County Department of Planning and Environment (ECDEP) will partner with the New York State Pollution Prevention Institute (NYSP2I) and the Western New York Sustainable Business Roundtable (WNYSBR) to provide technical assistance in pollution prevention to western New York businesses. The project will focus its outreach on food manufacturing facilities. ECDEP and NYSP2I will provide direct technical assessments in the form of pollution prevention audits to eight food manufacturing businesses. ECDEP will also conduct eighteen workshops for businesses in partnership with the WNYSBR.
Grant No: 96269916-2

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Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$24,138 Clark County Dept of Air Quality PM 2.5 Monitoring Network
The grantee will monitor fine particulate matter with the diameter equal to or smaller than 2.5 micrometers (PM 2.5) in order to determine compliance with the PM 2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standards and determine deductions in air emissions.
Grant No: 99T08201-7

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Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$43,000 Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality Water Quality Management Planning
This grant is to fund the State of Nebraska's Water Quality Management Planning program to improve impaired waters across the state. Some of the work in this program includes conducting comprehensive, balanced and technically sound water quality monitoring.
Grant No: 00732826-1

$19,513 Bd of Regents University of NE-Lincoln Enhancing Sustainability of Nebraska Business through Process Assessments
This project focuses on reducing energy use and other waste streams through process assessments of Nebraska businesses.
Grant No: 97757401-2

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Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$505,000 North Dakota Department of Health ND 2017 and 2018 LUST Trust Funds
This award provides funds to the North Dakota Department of Health for the oversight and remediation of petroleum releases from underground storage tank systems and the potential enforcement activities related to the corrective actions.
Grant No: 97896415-5

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Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$23,928,000 North Carolina DEQ Capitalization Grants for Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program
This action approves an award in the amount of $23,928,000 to the State of North Carolina to improve water quality on a watershed basis by providing funds to make loans for infrastructure and non-point source pollution prevention. These loans help to provide clean, safe water for drinking, recreation and food production.
Grant No: 37000117-0

$19,283,000 North Carolina DEQ Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
This action approves an award in the amount of $19,283,000 to the State of North Carolina for its Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program to provide low interest financing to recipients for costs associated with the planning, design and construction of eligible drinking water improvement projects and activities to protect human health.
Grant No: 98433817-0

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Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$1,1945,000 MS Dept of Environmental Quality Capitalization Grants for State Revolving Fund
This action approves an award in the amount of $11,945,000 to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality. Funds will be used to make loans for wastewater infrastructure and non-point source pollution prevention which will help provide clean/safe water for drinking, recreation, and food production.
Grant No: 28000117-0

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Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$700,000 Missouri Department of Natural Resources 2016-2018 Missouri Leaking Underground Storage Tank Cooperative Agreement
Program funds will provide resources for the oversight/monitoring and cleanup of petroleum releases from Underground Storage Tanks. The state has the authority to monitor and administer funds for "Corrective Action" using Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) funds.
Grant No: 98724007-2

$138,000 Missouri Department of Natural Resources Missouri Leaking Underground Storage Tank Prevention Cooperative Agreement
The Missouri Department of Natural Resources will maintain the Underground Storage Tanks database, complete inspections, identify compliance issues; and provide compliance assistance to the owner/operators of Underground Storage Tanks. The state will develop community education and awareness of new and emerging technologies to address significant problems facing the regulated universe of Underground Storage Tanks.
Grant No: 00797411-2

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I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$210,185 Mason-Lake Conservation District Protecting Lower Northern Michigan from Invasive Species
The Mason-Lake Conservation District will expand its existing programs to manage invasive species in Lake, Mason, Mecosta, Missaukee, Osceola, and Wexford Counties. The North Country Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area engages businesses, local governments, non-profit organizations, and private land owners to treat high-priority invasive species. 130-acres will be controlled through this project.
Grant No: 00E02221-0

$494,873 Barry Conservation District REDUCING NONPOINT SOURCE POLLUTION IN THE THORNAPPLE RIVER WATERSHED
The Barry Conservation District and its partners will reduce nonpoint source pollution in priority subwatersheds to the Thornapple River, Michigan. Best management practices will be used on 1,902 acres such as: conservation tillage, filter strips, and streambank stabilization to improve water quality and habitat. This work is projected to reduce the input of nitrogen (14,384 pounds), phosphorus (3,341 pounds) and sediment (358,000 pounds) annually.
Grant No: 00E02211-0

$400,000 Central Michigan University Early Detection of Oligochaetes and Chironmidaes in the Great Lakes
Central Michigan University will generate succinct genetic sequence information for Great Lakes Oligochaetes and Chironmidaes collected from coastal wetlands throughout the Great Lakes Basin. This project will support monitoring and early detection of invasive species in the Great Lakes.
Grant No: 00E02225-0

$252,000 Genesee County Land Bank Authority Hazardous Substance Brownfield Cleanup Cooperative Agreement
This project provides funding for the Genesee County, Michigan Land Bank to remediate Hazardous Substances at 2320 and 2360 W. Pierson Rd in Flint, MI. The cleanup work will support the goals of economic development and restoration of land in the county.
Grant No: 00E02267-0

$3,168,197 Great Lakes Fishery Commission Use of Sea Lamprey Pheromones as a Control Technique Acoustic Telemetry
This award will allow Great Lakes Fishery Commission to fund the following activities: 1) enhancing and managing sea lamprey control by exploiting sea lamprey chemosensory communication; 2) restoring and managing fish species through use of an acoustic telemetry observing system; 3) providing grants for Great Lakes restoration of native fish; and 4) selective fish passage.
Grant No: 01E23010-1

$750,000 Great Lakes Commission RESEARCHING EFFECTIVENESS OF AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS
The Great Lakes Commission will document socio-economic factors and evaluate the effectiveness of federal and selected state agricultural incentives programs. Specific factors include input costs, risks, and drivers to farmer decision making. The Great Lakes Commission will recommend ways to improve future investments through institutional approaches and farm-scale techniques to maximize water quality benefits from public investments in the Lower Fox River, Wisconsin; Saginaw River, Michigan; Maumee River, Ohio and Indiana; and Genesee River, New York watersheds.
Grant No: 00E02209-0

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Subject: EPA Grant Award

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$597,899 MD Dept of Natural Resources MDDNR 117e Monitoring
This cooperative agreement aids the recipient in providing enhanced monitoring to improve the assessment of sediment and nutrient load reductions support for the Chesapeake Bay Program and in providing Chesapeake Bay baywide and basinwide water quality and living resource monitoring data analysis and interpretation.
Grant No: 96321701-9

$44,355 MD Dept of the Environment LUST Prevention
To assist the recipient in implementing an effective underground storage tank regulatory program as set forth in Subtitle I of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended.
Grant No: 97366604-4

$450,228 University of Maryland Ctr for Env Science UMCES: Web Support
UMCES Web Support

This cooperative agreement funds UMCES to provide support for the design, development, user experience, and content strategy of the Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) partnership's Web products.
Grant No: 96350601-1

District: MD 5

$142,500 Chesapeake Stormwater Network Inc Chesapeake Stormwater Network; Stormwater Tech Coordinator
This action awards federal funds in the amount of $108,400 for CSN to provide technical information to local, state, and federal stormwater managers to accelerate the implementation of the most cost-effective nutrient and sediment load reduction practices at existing development, new development, and redevelopment sites.
Grant No: 96350901-2

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Thanks Kaitlyn for this information. This is very helpful in understanding the program and the how this grant will be used.

All the best,

Greg

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It is part of the GLRI. Here's a link to the CFDA information, and a blurb from the CFDA about the purpose of this grant program:https://www.cfda.gov/index?s=program&mode=form&tab=step1&id=fd60fd27f3d38964979c4

To restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the Great Lakes Basin Ecosystem. USEPA leads a consortium of programs, agencies, and public and private institutions in attaining specific objectives and actions that will address the most significant Great Lakes ecosystem problems and efforts in five major focus areas: Toxic Substances and Areas of Concern; Invasive Species; NonpointSource Pollution Impacts on Nearshore Health; Habitats and Species; and Foundations for Future Restoration Actions. Funded activities will advance protection and restoration of the Great Lakes ecosystem in support of (i) the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative as described in the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Action Plan II (available from: http://www.greatlakesrestoration.us/actionplan/index.html), (ii) the Great Lakes portion of Objective 2.02 (Protect and Restore Watersheds and Aquatic Ecosystems) of EPA's 2014-2018 Strategic Plan, and/or (iii) the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration Strategy to Protect and Restore the Great Lakes (http://www.glrc.us/strategy.html).

Please let me knows if you need any more information.

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On Aug 7, 2017, at 12:06 PM, Shimmin, Kaitlyn <shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Greg,

This is a Great Lakes National Program Grant, and is awarded by EPA Region 5 in Chicago. This is a competitive grant, and the City of Waukegan is contributing an additional $15,000, for a total of $390,000. The grant recipient's point of contact is Noelle Kischer-Lepper, the Director of Planning & Economic Development, at noelle.kischer-lepper@waukeganil.gov or 847-599-2514.

Please let me know if there is anythign else I can help with!

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Sure thing! We will be happy to share. Thanks for your help researching this program further.
Best,

Greg

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Hi Greg, Yes let me track down that information for you. Please let us know what anything else we can do to help with the release. And I'd love to see it when it goes out if you don't mind forwarding.

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It is part of the GLRI. Here's a link to the CFDA information, and a blurb from the CFDA about the purpose of this grant program:https://www.cfda.gov/index?s=program&mode=form&tab=step1&id=fd60fd27f3d38964979c4

To restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the Great Lakes Basin Ecosystem. USEPA leads a consortium of programs, agencies, and public and private institutions in attaining specific objectives and actions that will address the most significant Great Lakes ecosystem problems and efforts in five major focus areas: Toxic Substances and Areas of Concern; Invasive Species; NonpointSource Pollution Impacts on Nearshore Health; Habitats and Species; and Foundations for Future Restoration Actions. Funded activities will advance protection and restoration of the Great Lakes ecosystem in support of (i) the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative as described in the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Action Plan II (available from: http://www.greatlakesrestoration.us/actionplan/index.html), (ii) the Great Lakes portion of Objective 2.02 (Protect and Restore Watersheds and Aquatic Ecosystems) of EPA's 2014-2018 Strategic Plan, and/or (iii) the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration Strategy to Protect and Restore the Great Lakes (http://www.glrc.us/strategy.html).

Please let me knows if you need any more information.

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Development and Implementation.. The State of Massachusetts will measure fine particles in the ambient air and collect quality assured data in order to demonstrate attainment or non-attainment of fine particulate air quality standards.
Grant No: 00A00188-1

$10,000 New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission Training and Technical Assistance to Advance CWA Section 303(d) Program Implementation
NEIWPCC will provide training and technical assistance to advance CWA Section 303(d) Program implementation by sharing issues/innovations in implementing the program while enhancing communication among program stakeholders. This will be achieved through a series of conference calls or webinars focusing on technical information exchange among non-governmental program stakeholders and state and federal program personnel. NEIWPCC will provide the overall leadership for the training, identify appropriate timeframes, develop training agendas and materials, and select presenters.
Grant No: 83592701-3

$900,000 New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission NEIWPCC 106 Water Quality Activities
Funding is provided to the recipient to provide support for the assessment and management, prevention, reduction and elimination of surface and ground water pollution from various sources of origin in order to enhance the ecological health of the water resources in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.
Grant No: 96275701-2

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$11299000 Louisiana Department of Health LDH Drinking Water RLF Capitalization Grant FY17
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Grant No: 99696820-0

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Grant No: 98726205-3

$144,707 Kansas Department of Health and Environment Kansas Air Pollution Control Program 2016-2017
These funds will be used statewide to improve air quality. Activities include, but are not limited to, compliance and enforcement for industry, emission inventory (all sources including mobile sources, off-road, on-road and stationary sources), air planning activities for air toxins, regional haze, ozone and particulate matter. The term planning activities includes, but is not limited to, attending meetings to examine data and how data is related to air quality and health trends, working with other regions to initiate projects to protect air quality, implementing more stringent ozone, particulate matter and other National Ambient Air Quality Standards by providing assistance to write State Implementation Plans, or to provide technical assistance to write meteorological modeling. These funds are also used to train state personnel.
Grant No: 00796209-8

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This project focuses on pollution prevention integration by providing technical assistance and outreach to businesses and communities.
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$465,402 Delta Institute RABBIT RIVER WATERSHED SEDIMENT REDUCTION PROJECT
The Delta Institute will lead a coalition of partners to implement best management practices in the Rabbit River watershed, a tributary to the Kalamazoo River, Michigan. Up to 4,500 acres of highly erosive lands will be addressed through cover crops, exclusion fencing, no-till and mulch-till practices to reduce sediment loading by 1.5 million pounds annually.
Grant No: 00E02208-0

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I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$52,747 ID Dept. of Environmental Quality Pollution Prevention Program
IDEQ will provide technical assistance to Idaho businesses. Key components will be outreach on the use of low global warming potential refrigerants, enrollment in IDEQ's Clean Air Zone program, expanded green chemistry outreach (a workshop series on solvents and safer chemical alternative assessments) and Lean trainings for food processors and other manufacturers.
Grant No: 01J24101-2

$139,925 Coeur D'Alene Tribe Coeur d'Alene Tribe Brownfields Tribal Response Program 2016-18 (Yr 2, Amend 1)
Coeur d'Alene Tribe Brownfields Tribal Response Program 2016-18

This agreement provides funding for the Coeur d'Alene Tribe to continue to establish and enhance a consortia based response program that includes timely survey and inventory of brownfields sites on the reservation; oversight and enforcement authorities to ensure that response actions protect human health and the environment; resources to provide meaningful opportunities for public involvement; and, mechanisms for approval of cleanup plans and verification of complete responses.

Grant No: 01J25301-1

$125,000 Upper Snake River Tribes Foundation Inc. Indian General Assistance Program (IGAP)
Inventory and assessment of EPA Region 9 and 10 members of consortia's environmental programs, goals, objectives, and needs; Develop and disseminate environmental plan and tools to EPA Region 9 and 10 member Tribes for data sharing, communication, and outreach;

Coordination amongst Upper Snake River Tribes and EPA Region 9 and 10 member Tribes to develop priorities.
Grant No: 01J08701-2

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$76,690 Iowa Department of Natural Resources Iowa 2017 Section 604(b) Water Quality Management Planning
This grant funds the State of Iowa's Water Quality Management Planning program to improve impaired waters across the state. Some of the work in this program includes conducting comprehensive, balance and technically sound water quality monitoring. The State will provide 40% of this award to regional or interstate watershed management planning agencies for the development and implementation of a water quality management plan.
Grant No: 00746624-1

$53,744 Iowa Department of Natural Resources Pollution Prevention in Iowa: Assessments, Internships and Workshops
Iowa Department of Natural Resources will conduct pollution prevention assessments, pollution prevention internships with businesses interested in environmental management systems, and environmental management system workshops. These activity types will assist in reducing green house gas emissions, the use of hazardous materials, and assist food manufacturers in the reduction of environmental impacts while producing significant cost savings.
Grant No: 97757301-2

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I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$282,000 HI Dept of Health Leaking Underground Storage Tanks Program - Corrective Action
The grantee's activities include program oversight and management, program improvement and implementation, enforcement of policies and procedures to compel corrective action of petroleum releases from Underground Storage Tanks (UST). The grantee will implement and oversee the Leaking Underground Storage Tanks (LUST) corrective action program and enforcement of the UST regulations to ensure proper corrective action of the release of any petroleum product. The project will decrease the number of leaking underground storage tanks in the State.
Grant No: 99T23301-4

$55,000 HI Dept of Health Superfund Preliminary Assessment/Site Inspection (PA/SI)
The State will conduct Preliminary Assessment/Site Inspection work, including site discovery and site screening activities.
Grant No: 99T32201-4

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Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$5,089,395 GA Dept of Natural Resources Performance Partnership Grants
The Georgia Department of Natural Resources supports the State of Georgia's environmental programs to protect citizens and the environment by reducing air and water pollution, improving air and water quality, protecting public water systems and ensuring safe drinking water, reducing hazardous waste, restoring contaminated facilities and land, and improving waste management practices.
Grant No: 96409617-3

$3,756,000 GA Dept of Natural Resources Nonpoint Source Implementation
This action approves funding in the amount of $3,756,000 to the State of Georgia Department of Natural Resources (GADNR) for the implementation of programs and projects designed to reduce non point source pollution to achieve and maintain beneficial use of water in the State.
Grant No: 99445817-0

$15,000 Environmental Community Action Inc. Urban Waters Small Grants
This action approves an award in the amount of $15,000 to Environmental Community Action, Inc. which supports the development of content for the proposed Proctor Creek StoryMap. ECO-Action will coordinate community member activities to gather information on completed, planned and proposed green infrastructure projects at approximately 10 sites that are representative of the watershed.

Grant No: 00D58017-0

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Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$352,000 FL Dept of Environmental Protection Water Quality Management Planning
This action approves a new award in the amount of $100,000 to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to be used on a contract for development of Total Maximal Daily Loads through basin management plans and pass through funding that will support integrated water resource monitoring, water quality planning and restoration.
Grant No: 00476016-3

$71,896 Pinellas County Board of Commissioners Air Pollution Control Program Support
This agreement funds Pinellas County, FL ongoing program to protect air quality so that it achieves established ambient air standards and protects human health. The program includes

ambient air monitoring and various other activities to reduce or control air pollutants such as ozone, particulate matter, regional haze, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, and mercury.
Grant No: 00402115-7

$109,792 Palm Beach County Health Department Air Pollution Control Program Support
This agreement funds Palm Beach County, FL ongoing program to protect air quality so that it achieves established ambient air standards and protects human health. The program includes ambient air monitoring and various other activities to reduce or control air pollutants such as ozone, particulate matter, regional haze, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, and mercury.
Grant No: 00402215-6

$245,228 City of Jacksonville Air Pollution Control Program Support
This agreement funds City of Jacksonville, FL ongoing program to protect air quality so that it achieves established ambient air standards and protects human health. The program includes ambient air monitoring and various other activities to reduce or control air pollutants such as ozone, particulate matter, regional haze, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, and mercury.
Grant No: 00402515-7

$246,829 Hillsborough County Air Pollution Control Program Support
This agreement funds Hillsborough County, FL ongoing program to protect air quality so that it achieves established ambient air standards and protects human health. The program includes ambient air monitoring and various other activities to reduce or control air pollutants such as ozone, particulate matter, regional haze, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, and mercury.
Grant No: 00402315-7

$267,000 Lee County Congressionally Mandated Projects
This action approves an award in the amount of $267,000 to Lee County to provide safe access to basic sanitation through major improvements to the Three Oaks Wastewater Treatment Plant. Lee County Utilities has proposed the following wastewater improvements: 1). Construction of a 1.5 million gallon oxidation ditch, 2). Construction of three 85-foot diameter clarifiers, 3). Installation of a new belt press, 4). Construction of a new administrative building, and 5). Construction of a new electrical building. The completion of this project will benefit 27,755 customers. This project is located in the Big Cypress Swamp watershed and it's hydrologic unit code is 03090204. A Categorical Exclusion determination was issued for this project on July 6, 2017.
Grant No: 00D55917-0

$147,155 Broward County Air Pollution Control Program Support

This agreement funds Broward County, FL ongoing program to protect air quality so that it achieves established ambient air standards and protects human health. The program includes ambient air monitoring and various other activities to reduce or control air pollutants such as ozone, particulate matter, regional haze, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, and mercury.
Grant No: 00402615-6

$79,530 Orange Co. Board of County Commissioners Air Pollution Control Program Support
This agreement funds Orange County, FL ongoing program to protect air quality so that it achieves established ambient air standards and protects human health. The program includes ambient air monitoring and various other activities to reduce or control air pollutants such as ozone, particulate matter, regional haze, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, and mercury.
Grant No: 95450415-6

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I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$38,995 State of Delaware DNREC UST Prevention
To continue to assist the recipient's program in implementing an effective underground storage tank regulatory program as set forth in Subtitle I of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended. This action partially funds a portion of the FY 17-19 agreement in the amount of $193,490.

This action also updates the Statutory Authority to the Solid Waste Disposal Act (SWDA) 2007 (F)(2).

Federal funds in the amount of $589,017 ($2,000 of which represents EPA in-kind funding) are contingent upon availability of additional funding.
Grant No: 98316108-2

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I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$200000 Environmental Law Institute WQF Data Mgmt Training
Over five years, ELI will convene three multi-day national training workshops (in odd years), as well as two half-day seminars and two half-day webinars (in even years), on data management and data sharing in support of CWA 303(d), CWA 305(b), TMDL, and water quality monitoring and assessment programs.

Collaboratively designed, these training events will equip State, Territorial, and Tribal personnel with the knowledge, contacts, and tools to more effectively share data; provide meaningful feedback on the tools; improve the timing and quality of reporting; and restore and protect watersheds and aquatic ecosystems.
Grant No: 83675101-1

$78111 District of Columbia Govt of dba Department of Energy and Environment DDE; UST Prevention; FY 2017-19
To assist the recipient's program in implementing an effective underground storage tank regulatory program as set forth in Subtitle I of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended.
Grant No: 98335311-3

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I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$21,805 Western Connecticut State University Spray Safe, Play Safe: Promoting Integrated Tick Management
Per your application request dated May 5, 2017, this Cooperative Agreement is being awarded "INCREMENTAL FUNDING" in the amount of $21,508 to the Western Connecticut State University's project titled "Spray Safe, Play Safe: This grant will help promote Integrated Tick Management" that focuses on the efforts to reduce exposure to pesticides in the outdoor environment. This project will also provide an education and outreach campaign targeted to residents across Ridgefield, CT and its surrounding communities which will provide accurate and easy-to-understand information about integrated tick management.
Grant No: 00A00241-0

$1,998,515 Yale University Oil & Gas Activity & Drinking water vulnerability
This project will formulate a model that predicts the spatiotemporal variability in groundwater vulnerability to unconventional oil and gas-extraction associated chemicals. The resultant vulnerability index model will more accurately estimate susceptibility to contaminants in drinking water. The study will culminate with a case-control study of infants to determine whether exposure to unconventional oil and gas contaminants, as estimated by the vulnerability index model, is associated with adverse birth outcomes (low birthweight, preterm birth, birth defects).
Grant No: 83924901-0

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$180000 CA State Water Res Ctrl Brd Leaking Underground Storage Tank Program -LUST Prevention
The State will develop and maintain their inspection and enforcement program to prevent and detect releases from underground storage tanks (USTs). This program specifically funds the states to improve their underground storage tanks regulatory program by requiring secondary containment of UST systems, UST operator training, delivery prohibition to non-compliant tanks and other required provisions.
Grant No: 99T11601-4

$34942 Air Resources Board Pollution Prevention Grants - Compounding the Effects of the California Green Business Network
This project will provide technical assistance and training to small businesses throughout CA. This project will establish a new green business program in one new jurisdiction, with a preference for a large county that has a disadvantaged community where programs do not currently exist. A new sector, food manufacturers, will be targeted to become certified green businesses. Marketing efforts will also be leveraged and increased to add new businesses and increase certification program efficacy in all CA Green Business Network programs across the state.
Grant No: 99T53201-3

$99537 Santa Barbara Co APCD FY-17 Air Pollution Control Program
This program includes strategic planning and evaluation, compliance assistance, developing state implementation plans, monitoring air and emissions, rulemaking, operating permits and all other program-related activities. This program will protect and improve the air quality in Santa Barbara County and reduce the risks to human health and the environment.
Grant No: 00901917-1

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Fri 8/4/2017 7:15:41 PM
Subject: US EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$100000 Big Pine Paiute Tribe of Owens Valley Performance Partnership Grant
These funds support further development and administration of the Tribe's Water Pollution Control and Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Programs. Major activities include water quality monitoring and analysis, reduction of polluted runoff impacts to water quality, participation in interagency watershed group activities, outreach and education efforts, and overall administration of the Tribe's water programs.
Grant No: 00T13214-4

$160700 Big Pine Paiute Tribe of Owens Valley General Assistance Program
This cooperative agreement provides federal funding to further develop the Big Pine Paiute Tribe's Environmental Program. Activities include managing their environmental office, performing outreach on solid waste diversion, developing an air quality program, and attending trainings to develop capacity in each of their environmental programs. This award provides funding for a period of 10/1/2017 - 09/30/2018.
Grant No: 99T10901-3

$137000 Big Pine Paiute Tribe of Owens Valley General Assistance Program
The objective of this project is to develop tribal environmental capacity of the Big Pine Paiute Tribe by working with all tribes in Region 9 through co-chairing the Region 9 Regional Tribal Operations Committee, including participation at trainings and performing outreach.

This award provides funding for the period of 10/01/17 to 09/30/18 which is the third year of a four year grant.
Grant No: 99T39001-2

$70000 Big Pine Paiute Tribe of Owens Valley CAA 103 - Tribal Air Quality
To help build the tribe's capacity to assess air quality conditions and to develop strategies to address air quality issues. The tribe will develop a new CAA 103 program which will consist of strategic planning and evaluation, compliance assistance, monitoring air emissions, rulemaking, and other program activities.

This agreement provides federal funding in the amount of $70,000.
Grant No: 99T64001-0

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To: Bastomski, Gabriel[Gabriel.Bastomski@mail.house.gov]
From: Bastomski, Gabriel
Sent: Wed 8/2/2017 5:21:00 PM
Subject: Release: Congressman Russell Launches Official Snapchat Account

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE CONTACT: Gabriel Bastomski
August 2, 2017 202.225.2132

Congressman Russell Launches Official Snapchat Account

Today, Congressman Steve Russell launched his official Snapchat account. With more than 166 million users, and 45% of Americans ages 18 to 34 on Snapchat, this platform provides a modern way to engage with elected officials.

Use the Snapchat code in this link to follow Congressman Russell on Snapchat:
https://www.snapchat.com/add/reprussell

To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Stewart, Brad
Sent: Tue 8/1/2017 7:22:12 PM
Subject: RE: Grant Announcement

"These grants are great news. Clean air is not only important for public health and our quality of life in Palm Beach, but it's critical to our tourism economy as well. As a member of the bipartisan Climate Solutions Caucus, I remain committed to strengthening efforts to protect our air quality."

–

Brad Stewart

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From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 11:54 AM
To: Stewart, Brad <Brad.Stewart@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Re: Grant Announcement

Great! Thank you Brad.

John Konkus

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On Aug 1, 2017, at 11:37 AM, Stewart, Brad <Brad.Stewart@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Sorry for the delay. Release looks good. I'll get you a quote today.

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From: <Konkus>, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Date: Friday, July 28, 2017 at 9:39 AM
To: Brad Stewart <brad.stewart@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Grant Announcement

Brad: Any thoughts on this? Thank you!

From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 8:51 AM
To: 'Stewart, Brad' <Brad.Stewart@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Grant Announcement
Importance: High

Brad: Attached is the draft release for this grant for PBC in the Congressman's District. Please take a look and see if you would like to include a quote, or if you want, you can take this release and put out your own announcement of the grant.

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Thank you Brad and please let me know.

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Subject: RE: Grant Announcement

Great. We'll draft a release with a slot for a quote and send it to you for review. Thank you!

From: Stewart, Brad [mailto:Brad.Stewart@mail.house.gov]
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To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
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Brad: Per our phone conversation, below is the grant detail. We'd be happy to help you all put together a release on this or we can draft one and include a quote from Congressman

Mast.

96496215 3	PM	EPA R4	$23,343.00	7/3/2017	Palm Beach County Health Department	Palm Beach County PM2.5 Ambient Air Monitoring	This project supports Palm Beach County's compliance with National Ambient Air Quality Standards by continuing the ongoing collection of data on the ambient air concentrations of fine particulate matter in Palm Beach County, Florida.

Let me know what you think.

Thank you!

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To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Wilson, John
Sent: Tue 9/12/2017 1:10:29 PM
Subject: RE: Rep. Banks EPA/Environment LA Introduction

John,

Thank you for the quick response. I am available any time after 1 PM on this Friday and with the House in recess next week, I am very flexible between next Tuesday and Thursday, so whatever is most convenient for you.

Safe travels from Florida as well.

John Wilson

Congressman Jim Banks (IN-3)

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 9:08 AM
To: Wilson, John <John.Wilson@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Re: Rep. Banks EPA/Environment LA Introduction

Thank you John it's a pleasure to meet you. I'm just finishing up Hurricane public relations for the Agency down in Miami and I'm driving back to Washington today. Let's look for something late this week or early next week. I will come and visit you on the Hill if you would like.

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On Sep 12, 2017, at 9:05 AM, Wilson, John <John.Wilson@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Good Morning John,

My name is John Wilson and I handle the Science, Space, and Tech Committee as well as a myriad of other EPA issues for Congressman Banks. He asked that I reach out to you in the hopes to sit-down and discuss how we could bounce ideas off each other. I know you have a very hectic schedule with the new appointment, but I would appreciate your perspective and any time you could spare in the next few weeks.

Let me know if you have any availability and thank you in advance for your time.

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From: Wilson, John
Sent: Tue 9/12/2017 1:04:18 PM
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To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Schultheis, Roy
Sent: Sun 9/10/2017 5:53:58 PM
Subject: Re: EPA Update

Thank you John.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 10, 2017, at 8:04 AM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:

Roy: Clearly there may be some issues here in Miami-Dade around NPL sites and other miscellaneous issues. EPA teams are formed and ready to deploy once the all clear is given, but will have to be able to actually get to the sites. That is really dependent on roads being open, etc. Our teams are coming from ATL and may also be impacted/delayed as the storm continues to move north. Your debris assessment will help us prioritize. As a reminder attached are the NPL sites in Miami-Dade Co.

I'm standing by should anything come up today as the storm moves through.

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<Miami Dade Co FLA NPL sites.xlsx>

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Fri 5/19/2017 6:05:34 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that your district will be awarded the following grants from the Environmental Protection Agency:

$58,580.00 Tulalip Tribes of Washington -Implementation of the Tulalip Tribes Air Quality Protection Program

This project will allow the Tulalip Tribe to continue to develop and implement an ongoing air program for the prevention and control of air pollution on their reservation through: PM 2.5 (particulate matter) ambient air monitoring, Washington Department of Ecology; PM reductions, with focus on outdoor burning and woodstove use; pollutant reduction in the indoor environment, and public communication.

Grant #: 01J28601-0

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To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Kelly, Melissa
Sent: Fri 5/19/2017 5:48:25 PM
Subject: Re: 15 Min Warning: EPA Administrator Pruitt and U.S. Representative Pete Olson Discuss Issues Facing Texas' Environment

Looks great John! Thank you.

Melissa Kelly
Deputy Chief of Staff
Rep. Pete Olson (TX-22)

On May 19, 2017, at 1:32 PM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:

One minor edit made. Sending in 15 mins.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 19, 2017

EPA Administrator Pruitt and U.S. Representative Pete Olson Discuss Issues Facing Texas' Environment and Economy

WASHINGTON — EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt and Congressman Pete Olson (TX-22) met on Friday to discuss clean air policy and other issues vitally important to Texas, its environment, and its economy.

"Congressman Olson understands how important it is for EPA to work with municipalities and states across Texas and America to help them reach compliance under the Clean Air Act," **said Administrator Scott Pruitt.** "In addition to our discussion on national clean air policy, it was good to speak with the Congressman about environmental issue important to the people of Brazoria, Fort Bend and Harris Counties."

"Improving air and water quality while growing our economy is critical in a city like Houston that has vibrant communities alongside our nation's energy and petrochemical powerhouse," **Rep. Pete Olson said.** "Administrator Pruitt understands this, and as a former state regulator he also understands the importance of the federal government working with our states and local

communities on issues like ozone. I look forward to working with him as he charts a new, constructive path forward at the EPA."

Download an HD audio clip of Congressman Olson here:
https://wcms.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-05/congressmanolson.mp3

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt (L) and Congressman Pete Olson (R) Meet in Washington, D.C.

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Fri 5/19/2017 2:41:32 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that your district will be awarded the following grants from the Environmental Protection Agency:

$56,044.00 Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Pottawatomi Indians -Performance Partnership Grant

This action will provide funding in the Performance Partnership Grant (PPG) to the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians (Gun Lake Tribe). Funds being provided in this award include General Assistance Program (GAP), Brownfields Tribal Response Program, and Clean Water Act Section 106 funds. This project will support the development of the tribe's technical, administrative, and financial management capacities, tribal response program activities, and the establishment of water quality monitoring and assessment projects.

Grant #: 02E01031-3

$54,986.00 Little River Band of Ottawa Indians- Performance Partnership Grant

This action will provide funds in support of the tribe's environmental protection programs. These funds are under the General Assistance Program, Section 128a Brownfields Tribal Response Program, Clean Water Act Section 106 funds, and the Clean Water Act Section 319. These funds will support technical, administrative, and financial management capacity to administer environmental programs, tribal response program activities, water quality monitoring and assessment projects, and a non-point source program.

Grant #: 14E00695-3

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Fri 5/19/2017 1:07:18 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$261,781.00 Missouri Department of Natural Resources

Owl Creek Superfund Cooperative Agreement

This funding will address lead and zinc contamination associated with the Owl Creek area. The work will entail removing lead and zinc contaminated material from the Owl Creek dam. The dam was constructed with fill material and chat that contains contaminated material affiliated with lead and zinc mining.

Grant #: 97754801-1

$18,743.00 Missouri State University- Monitoring Assistant for Big River Remediation Site

This cooperative agreement will provide a graduate assistant to help with monitoring tasks at the Big River Lead Remediation Structures site near Bonne Terre, Missouri for a one year period to run concurrently with the the Big River Riffle basin "Structure Monitoring Project" now being completed by Ozark Environmental and Water Resources Institute (OEWRI). The monitoring work is evaluating the function of a riffle basin sediment trapping system to support of remedial design activities by the EPA for the Big River Superfund site.

Grant #: 97751001-1

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Fri 5/19/2017 12:58:21 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$73,736.00 Regents of the University of New Mexico - Evaluating the Timeline of PM Exposure

This project will use existing data for land use and transportation models from two metropolitan planning organizations to provide inputs to emissions, air quality, and exposure models. The models will be designed to demonstrate how Green House Gas reduction strategies such as "smart growth" affect near-road air pollutants. The study will use existing air models to predict regional GHG emission inventories and concentrations of traffic-generated primary particulate matter near major/ heavily trafficked roads.

Grant #: 83588501-3

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Sent: Fri 5/19/2017 12:55:21 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$47,300.00 New Hampshire D.E.S. - Northeast Regional Pollution Prevention Information Center

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, in partnership with the Northeast Waste Management Officials' Association will operate the Northeast Regional Pollution Prevention Information Center. The Center will advance sustainable practices in food manufacturing and processing through industry roundtables and trainings, modernize northeast states' green business programs by implementing an online reporting and metrics tool, coordinate state pollution prevention and sustainability programs by convening regional roundtable meetings and workgroups, and support existing professional social networks focused on zero waste and sustainable hospitality.

Grant #: 00A00026-1

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Thur 5/18/2017 10:29:40 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$70,000.00 University of Wisconsin System - dba UW Extension

Building Capacity for Watershed Leadership and Management in Twelve Mississippi River Basin States

Efficient use of agricultural lands and nutrients is critical for 1) the production of sufficient food, fiber and fuel to supply a growing human population and 2) providing for the designated uses of rivers, lakes, streams, and wetlands in the Mississippi and Atchafalaya River Basins and the Gulf of Mexico. The University of Wisconsin will create and train a 12-state Watershed Leadership and Learning Network to enhance learning among farmer and non-farmer leaders engaged in watershed management across Hypoxia Task Force member states. The Network will draw from existing watershed training programs and successful farmer-led watershed efforts and bring the best of those programs to high priority watersheds in Hypoxia Task Force member states.

Grant #: 83675401-1

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Cc: Lyons, Troy[lyons.troy@epa.gov]; Ringel, Aaron[ringel.aaron@epa.gov]; Palich, Christian[palich.christian@epa.gov]; Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Thur 5/18/2017 10:23:10 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$150,000.00 New Mexico Environment Department- Indoor Radon Outreach Program

The program protects the citizens of New Mexico from the harmful exposures to radon gas by providing no-cost detectors for homeowners.

Grant #: 00658219-0

Kaitlyn Shimmin

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To: Bastomski, Gabriel[Gabriel.Bastomski@mail.house.gov]
From: Bastomski, Gabriel
Sent: Mon 7/31/2017 2:02:37 PM
Subject: Release: Congressman Russell Introduces Bill to Save $137 Million Annually

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE CONTACT: Gabriel Bastomski
July 31, 2017 202.225.2132

Congressman Russell Introduces Bill to Save $137 Million Annually

Washington, DC – On July 28, Congressman Steve Russell (OK-5) introduced H.R. 3621, the *REAPPLY Act of 2017*, which would require all recipients of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Lifeline program to formally re-apply every year.

The Government Accountability Office (GAO) recently issued a report finding that 36 percent of Lifeline's subscribers could not produce documents required to determine eligibility. The GAO also concluded that the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), the nonprofit corporation within the FCC which is charged with managing the distribution of Lifeline funds, audited less than one-half of one percent of the telecommunications providers participating in Lifeline during the period reviewed by the GAO. Even with this meager audit, USAC found that the providers often collected and contributed incorrect fee amounts. The GAO has estimated that the waste, fraud, and abuse of Lifeline providers could be more than $137 million annually.

Once Lifeline applicants apply and meet eligibility requirements, they only have to re-certify their eligibility in following years. If recipients were required to formally re-apply every year, the USAC would be forced to review each individual multiple times and confirm that they continue to meet eligibility requirements. While this change would not eliminate all waste, fraud, and abuse within the Lifeline program, it's a step in the right direction that would save the taxpayer millions of dollars each year.

Since coming to Congress, cutting government waste has been a core objective for Congressman Russell. His legislation has saved $4 billion thus far. Russell has introduced 11 cost cutting bills this Congress, which if enacted would save the taxpayer $28.5 billion. He has published seven editions of his *Waste Watch* report highlighting a total of more than $300 billion in wasteful government spending.

To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Hall, Travis
Sent: Fri 7/28/2017 4:41:21 PM
Subject: RE: Montana319ReleaseFinal.pdf

Thanks, John. I'll turn it around Monday. Greatly appreciate it.

Travis Hall

Communications Director

Congressman Greg Gianforte, MT-AL

202.225.3211 (o)

202.603.0439 (c)

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2017 12:25 PM
To: Hall, Travis <Travis.Hall@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Montana319ReleaseFinal.pdf

Travis: Attached is the final release that went out this morning. Please feel free to use any or all of it for your on release.

Thank you,

John

To: Bastomski, Gabriel[Gabriel.Bastomski@mail.house.gov]
From: Bastomski, Gabriel
Sent: Fri 7/14/2017 8:01:28 PM
Subject: Release: Rep. Russell Leads Fight Against ATC Privatization, Citing Serious National Security Concerns
Russell-Abraham Letter Opposing ATC Privatization.pdf

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE CONTACT: Gabriel Bastomski
July 14, 2017 202.225.2132

Rep. Russell Leads Fight Against ATC Privatization, Citing Serious National Security Concerns

Washington, DC – Today, Congressman Steve Russell (OK-5) gave a speech on the House Floor in opposition to the proposed privatization of the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) air traffic control (ATC) system due to the detrimental effects that privatization would have on our national airspace system. Yesterday, Congressman Russell and Congressman Ralph Abraham (LA-5) issued a joint letter to Speaker Paul Ryan and House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy in opposition to ATC privatization.

Congressman Russell explained the pitfalls of ATC privatization, stating "The national security of our skies could suffer terribly under a private corporation that has little to no congressional oversight. Establishing a private ATC board outside the purview of Congress with the unilateral power to collect fees and distribute service could also threaten freedom and accessibility for normal Americans to fly their own planes, affordability of flights, and the ability of our country to generate pilots. Privatization would also increase federal deficits by nearly $46 billion over ten years, while giving away this money to a private company. Further, the implementation of the FAA's Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen) ATC modernization reform initiative that is set to be implemented in 2021 could be set back by an estimated seven years."

"We have the safest airspace in the world, but privatizing the air traffic controllers will put the safety of our skies at risk." said Congressman Abraham. "The bill in question strips oversight authority of our national airspace from the President and Congress and instead gives it to a board of unelected individuals. Such an action would threaten the United States' ability to maintain the integrity of our airspace, would put at risk the thousands of missions the military conducts in our skies each day, and would give private contractors access to classified data - all of which undermines our national security. If we want to maintain the safest and best airspace in the world, we must prevent ATC privatization."

Congressmen Russell and Abraham will continue to work with President Trump's Administration to resolve their concerns with the proposed ATC privatization. Unless and until those concerns are resolved, they will remain in opposition. To hear Congressman Russell speak in opposition to the proposed legislation, watch his speech delivered today on the House Floor and help us spread the word.

Rep. Russell Speaks in Opposition to ATC Privatization (Part 1)

Rep. Russell Speaks in Opposition to ATC Privatization (Part 2)

Rep. Russell Speaks in Opposition to ATC Privatization (Part 3)

Rep. Russell Speaks in Opposition to ATC Privatization (Part 4)

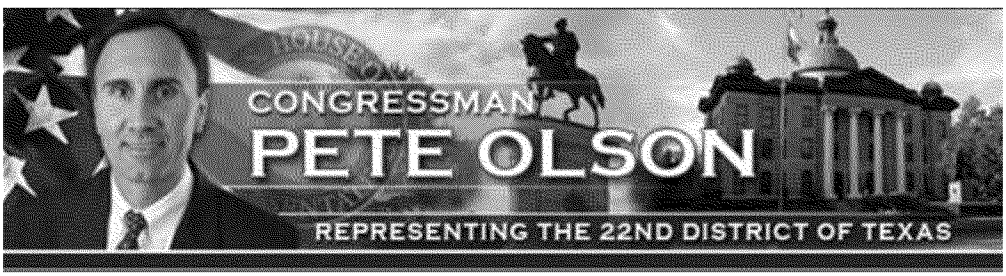
To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Kelly, Melissa
Sent: Tue 10/10/2017 6:28:37 PM
Subject: RE: OLSON APPLAUDS ACTION TO DISMANTLE THE CLEAN POWER PLAN

No, thank YOU! ☺

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 2:28 PM
To: Kelly, Melissa
Subject: RE: OLSON APPLAUDS ACTION TO DISMANTLE THE CLEAN POWER PLAN

Thank you!!

From: Kelly, Melissa [mailto:Melissa.Kelly@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 2:25 PM
Subject: OLSON APPLAUDS ACTION TO DISMANTLE THE CLEAN POWER PLAN



For Release:
Immediate
Contact: Melissa Kelly

Tuesday, October 10, 2017
202-225-5951

olson Applauds Action to dismantle the clean power plan

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Background: The Clean Power Plan, one of the regulations addressed in the President's Executive Order, was designed to address carbon emissions. However, in addition to having a minimal impact on the climate, it also bears costs on a wide swath of the economy.

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Melissa Kelly
Deputy Chief of Staff
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Rep. Pete Olson
202-225-5951

To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Hall, Travis
Sent: Thur 7/27/2017 7:00:32 PM
Subject: RE: Grant Release

Fantastic. Thanks, John.

Travis Hall

Communications Director

Congressman Greg Gianforte, MT-AL

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202.603.0439 (c)

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 3:00 PM
To: Hall, Travis <Travis.Hall@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Grant Release

Yes we would welcome that.

From: Hall, Travis [mailto:Travis.Hall@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 2:58 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Grant Release

Thanks, John. Would you mind if we repurpose your release after yours goes out? I'll run a draft by you first.

I really appreciate your patience.

Travis

Travis Hall

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From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 2:08 PM
To: Hall, Travis <Travis.Hall@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Grant Release

Thank you Travis! This will go out tomorrow or Monday to Montana press. I'll make sure you're on the list.

Thank you again,

John

From: Hall, Travis [mailto:Travis.Hall@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 2:02 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Grant Release

Hi, John. Below is a statement attributable to Congressman Gianforte:

"I look forward to seeing the Montana Department of Environmental Quality use this funding to protect the quality of Montana's treasured lakes, streams, and rivers," said Montana Congressman Greg Gianforte. "These grants will also help ensure Montanans, particularly those in our rural communities, have access to healthier drinking water."

Apologies for the delay.

Will you please add me to your distribution? Is this going to MT press?

Thanks, John.

Travis

Travis Hall

Communications Director

Congressman Greg Gianforte, MT-AL

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From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 5:03 PM
To: Hall, Travis <Travis.Hall@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Grant Release

Yes that is fine. Thank you Travis.

From: Hall, Travis [mailto:Travis.Hall@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 5:01 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Grant Release

We've been jammed up today with wildfires in MT and FEMA. I will get something to you asap, but it may be tomorrow. Is that okay? Apologies, John.

Travis Hall

Communications Director

Congressman Greg Gianforte, MT-AL

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From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:41 AM
To: Hall, Travis <Travis.Hall@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Grant Release

We can wait as long as it take to get a quote from the Congressman. Our target way today, but we can wait.

From: Hall, Travis [mailto:Travis.Hall@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:39 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Grant Release

Hi, John. Working on this now. Going through our still-growing policy shop. Will get back to you asap. What's your timing here? Thanks, John.

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From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 12:00 PM
To: Hall, Travis <Travis.Hall@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Grant Release

Travis: Per the phone message I just left with your office, we are set to announce a substantial environmental grant to Montana this week on, Wednesday July 26. Our draft press release is attached. We would be pleased to include a quote from the Congressman if that is something you're interested in.

I'll follow up tomorrow with another phone call.

Thank you and please let me know if you have any questions.

John Konkus

Environmental Protection Agency

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Sent: Tue 10/10/2017 6:25:08 PM
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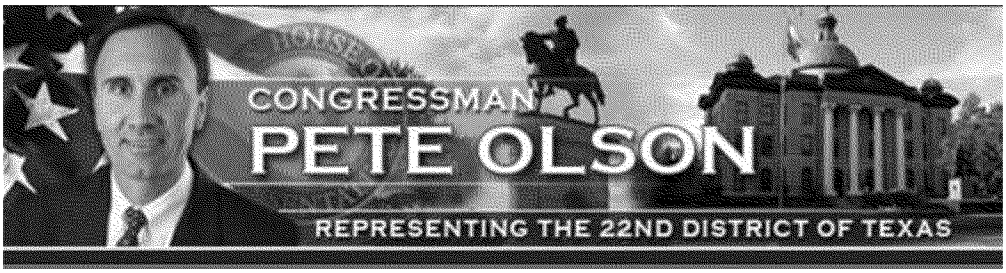

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To: Lyons, Troy[lyons.troy@epa.gov]; Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]; Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]; liz.payne@mail.house.gov[liz.payne@mail.house.gov]
From: Ringel, Aaron
Sent: Tue 10/10/2017 5:29:19 PM
Subject: FW: EPA Proposes Repeal Of Clean Power Plan

FYI, Speaker Ryan sent out a release on CPP repeal.

-Aaron

From: Slingsby, Julia [mailto:Julia.Slingsby@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 1:21 PM
To: Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Proposes Repeal Of Clean Power Plan

Great. Thank you. we sent out our statement as well:

http://www.speaker.gov/press-release/statement-clean-power-plan-repeal

From: Ringel, Aaron [mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 1:16 PM
To: Slingsby, Julia
Subject: FW: EPA Proposes Repeal Of Clean Power Plan

See below.

-Aaron

From: EPA Press Office [mailto:press=epa.gov@cmail20.com] **On Behalf Of** EPA Press Office
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 12:30 PM
To: Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>
Subject: EPA Proposes Repeal Of Clean Power Plan

CONTACT: press@epa.gov

EPA Takes Another Step To Advance President Trump's America First Strategy, Proposes Repeal Of "Clean Power Plan"

WASHINGTON (October 10, 2017) – Today, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), proposing to repeal the so-called "Clean Power Plan (CPP)." After reviewing the CPP, EPA has proposed to determine that the Obama-era regulation exceeds the Agency's statutory authority. Repealing the CPP will also facilitate the development of U.S. energy resources and reduce unnecessary regulatory burdens associated with the development of those resources, in keeping with the principles established in President Trump's Executive Order on Energy Independence.

"The Obama administration pushed the bounds of their authority so far with the CPP that the Supreme Court issued a historic stay of the rule, preventing its devastating effects to be imposed on the American people while the rule is being challenged in court," **said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt.** "We are committed to righting the wrongs of the Obama administration by cleaning the regulatory slate. Any replacement rule will be done carefully, properly, and with humility, by listening to all those affected by the rule."

CPP Appears to be Inconsistent with the Clean Air Act

The CPP, issued by the Obama administration, was premised on a novel and expansive view of Agency authority that the Trump administration now proposes to determine is inconsistent with the Clean Air Act. In fact, the CPP was put on hold in February 2016, when the U.S. Supreme Court issued an unprecedented, historic stay of the rule.

"EPA will respect the limits of statutory authority. The CPP ignored states' concerns and eroded longstanding and important partnerships that are a necessary part of achieving positive environmental outcomes. We can now assess whether further regulatory action is warranted; and, if so, what is the most appropriate path forward, consistent with the Clean Air Act and principles of cooperative federalism," **said Administrator Pruitt.**

The CPP was issued pursuant to a novel and expansive view of authority under Section 111 of the Clean Air Act (CAA). The CPP required regulated entities to take actions "outside the fence line." Traditionally, EPA Section 111 rules were based on measures that could be applied to, for, and at a particular facility, also referred to as "inside the fence line" measures. Prior to the CPP being issued, every single Section 111 rule on the books, including a handful of existing source rules and around 100 new-source rules, obeyed this limit. As the CPP departed from this traditional limit on EPA's authority under an "inside the fence line" interpretation, EPA is proposing to repeal it.

EPA has now sent the NPRM to the Federal Register for publication. Upon publication, the public will have 60 days to submit comments.

The repeal package includes:

1. The "preamble," which lays out the proposed legal interpretation, policy implications, and a summary of the cost-benefits analysis of the proposed repeal; and

2. The "Regulatory Impact Analysis (RIA)," an in-depth cost-benefit technical analysis.

CPP Repeal Saves up to $33 Billion in Avoided Costs in 2030

The proposed repeal both examines the Obama administration's cost-benefit analysis, as well as provides insights to support an updated analysis of the environmental, health, and economic effects of the proposed repeal. The Trump administration estimates the proposed repeal could provide up to $33 billion in avoided compliance costs in 2030.

The previous administration's estimates and analysis of these costs and benefits was, in multiple areas, highly uncertain and/or controversial. Specific areas of controversy and/or uncertainty in the Obama administration's analysis of CPP include:

• **Domestic versus global climate benefits:** The previous administration compared U.S. costs to an estimate of supposed global benefits, and failed to follow well-established economic procedures in estimating those benefits.

• **"Co-benefits" from non-greenhouse-gas pollutants:** The Obama administration relied heavily on reductions in other pollutants emitted by power plants, essentially hiding the true net cost of the CPP by claiming benefits from reducing pollutants that had nothing to do with the rule's stated purpose.

• **Energy cost and savings accounting:** The Obama administration counted "energy efficiency" results of their rule as an avoided cost, resulting in a cost estimate being considerably lower than it would have been if they used the appropriate practice of considering these effects as benefits, rather than subtracting them from costs. Had the Obama administration used the Office of Management and Budget's longstanding requirements and accounted cost and savings accordingly, it would have presented a more accurate accounting of the total cost of the CPP.

In this proposed repeal and its accompanying technical documents, this administration is, in a robust, open, and transparent way, presenting a wide range of analysis scenarios to the public.

As part of the notice-and-comment process for this proposed repeal, EPA will continue this analysis and inform the public, as necessary, to get feedback on new modeling and other information. The final action on this proposed repeal will address the results of this ongoing work.

Forthcoming is an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) that will be reflective of a thoughtful and responsible approach to regulatory action grounded within the authority provided by the statute.

"With this action, the Trump administration is respecting states' role and reinstating transparency into how we protect our environment," **said Administrator Pruitt.**

Background:

On March 28, President Trump signed an Executive Order on Energy Independence, establishing a national policy in favor of energy independence, economic growth, and the rule of law. The purpose of the Executive Order (EO) is to facilitate the development of U.S. energy resources and to reduce unnecessary regulatory burdens associated with the development of those resources. That same day, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt signed four Federal Register notices in response to the EO, including a formal announcement of review of the Clean Power Plan. After substantial review, the Agency has proposed to determine that the Clean Power Plan (CPP) must be repealed.

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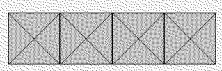

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To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Gagnon, Jason
Sent: Mon 5/1/2017 5:34:29 PM
Subject: Rep. Calvert mtg

Hi John,

We are good with the press approach that you outlined for the meeting on Wednesday with the Administrator.

If there's anything else you need from me please let me know.

Thanks,

Jason Gagnon

Communications Director

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To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Haverly , Jordan
Sent: Mon 5/1/2017 3:26:44 PM
Subject: Shimkus

Hi John –

Just tried to return your call. Happy to talk about Wednesday at your convenience. My direct is 226-8450.

Thanks!

Jordan

Jordan Haverly

Communications Director

Congressman John Shimkus (IL-15)

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Cc: Lyons, Troy[lyons.troy@epa.gov]; Ringel, Aaron[ringel.aaron@epa.gov]; Palich, Christian[palich.christian@epa.gov]; Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 6/28/2017 8:54:31 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$8312000 Puerto Rico Department of Health- PRDOH - FFY2016 DWSRF
This grant is to continue the capitalization of the Puerto Rico Drinking Water State Revolving Fund program, which provides a long-term source of financing for the construction of infrastructure projects and for the administration of a range of activities including small community technical assistance, source water protection, capacity development, and operator certification. These practices will protect human health by reducing exposure to contaminants in drinking water, in fish and shellfish, and in recreational waters.
Grant No. 99290416-0

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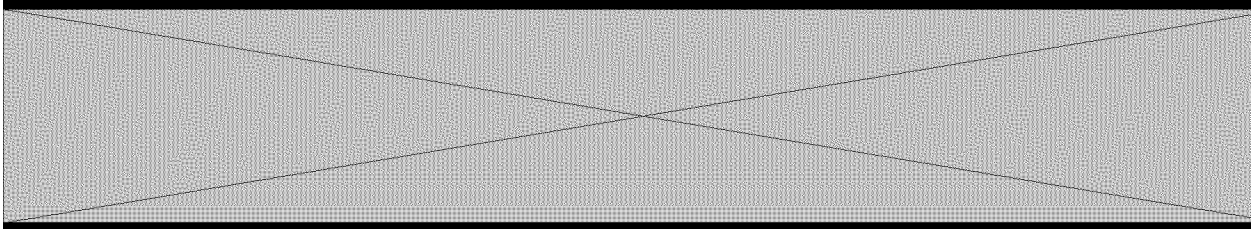
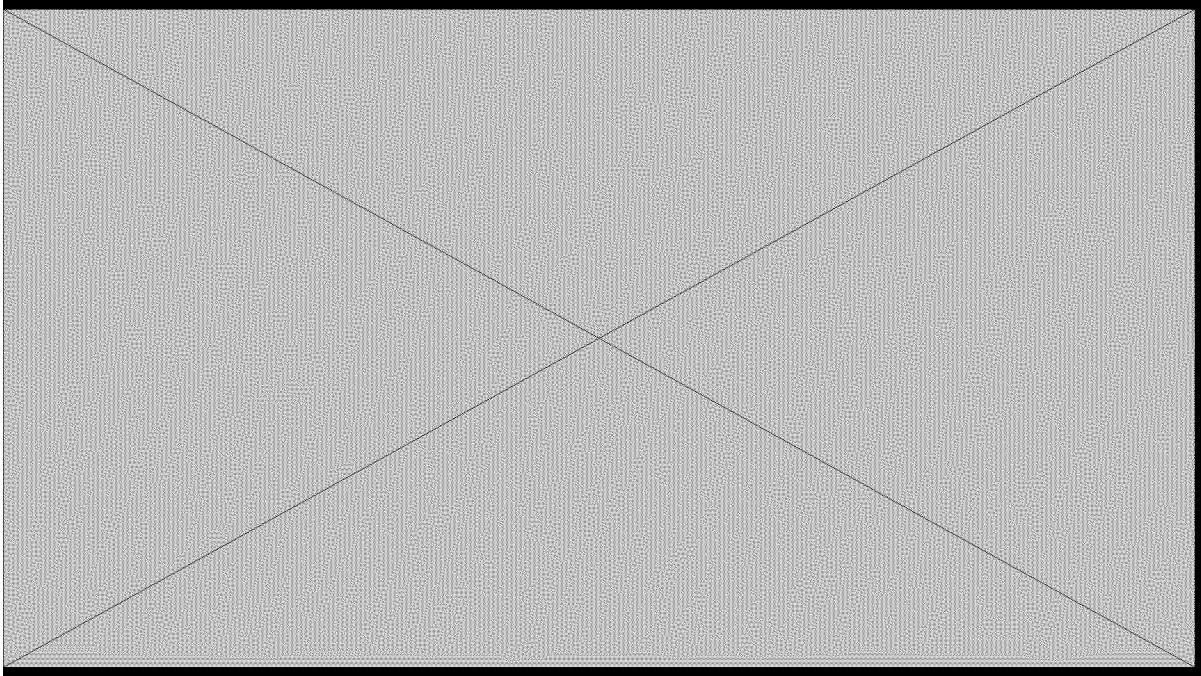
To: rl@bendradiogroup.com[rl@bendradiogroup.com]
From: Congressman Greg Walden
Sent: Wed 5/3/2017 8:43:37 PM
Subject: PRESS RELEASE: Congressman Walden and EPA Administrator Pruitt Discuss Environmental and Economic Issues important to Oregon and the Nation





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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wed 6/28/2017 8:53:36 PM
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$32264 Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma- Air Quality Monitoring Project
The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma will continue air monitoring activities for ozone and meteorlogical data in Hugo, Oklahoma as well as participate in regional and national workgroups to assess the long-term probability of managing tribal air quality.
Grant No. 01F05701-2

Kaitlyn Shimmin

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To: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Discigil, Justin
Sent: Wed 5/3/2017 7:59:57 PM
Subject: RE: Follow-up

This is great, thank you. We're going to repurpose this release for our district contacts and I'll be sure to bcc you there as well.

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 03, 2017 3:53 PM
To: Discigil, Justin
Subject: Re: Follow-up

Here's another feature we produced from the meeting: https://youtu.be/Mxx8mvyeQq8

John Konkus

Environmental Protection Agency

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On May 3, 2017, at 3:48 PM, Discigil, Justin <Justin.Discigil@mail.house.gov> wrote:

> Thanks. Do you mind sending us the actual video? We're not able to download it from the site.
>
> **From:** Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
> **Sent:** Wednesday, May 03, 2017 3:37 PM
> **To:** Discigil, Justin
> **Subject:** Re: Follow-up
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> Yes
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> John Konkus
>
> Environmental Protection Agency

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On May 3, 2017, at 3:36 PM, Discigil, Justin <Justin.Discigil@mail.house.gov> wrote:

OK, sounds good. Will it be at the below link?

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 03, 2017 3:03 PM
To: Discigil, Justin
Cc: Bushue, Riley; Hunter, Zach; Graham, Amy
Subject: Re: Follow-up

It's 10 mins away

John Konkus

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Subject: RE: EPA Grant Award

Thanks so much for passing along, Kaitlyn. Could you also please add my colleague Tommy Leander (cc'd) to the grant emails in the future? He is the POC for EPA issues and is the real pro!

Kindest Regards,

Katherina

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Legislative Director

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From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn [mailto:shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 4:50 PM
To: joe_donoghue@mccain.senate.gov; sarah_towles@flake.senate.gov; Ruiz, Xenia; McMullan, Pace; Mishkin, Kelsey; Pearson, Trevor; LaBorde, Kate; Dimenstein, Katherina; Lee, Matt; Cornett, Bobby J; Marois, Alyssa
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Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 11:39 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
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Subject: Re: Quote for EPA release?

Sure. When is your deadline on this?

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 23, 2017, at 11:14 AM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:

Scott: We are planning on sending this release next Wednesday, August 30 from our Region 3 office and wanted to ask if your boss would like to provide a quote to be inserted below?

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EPA Provides Funding to Keep Virginia Swimmers Safe from Bacteria

PHILADELPHIA (August 30, 2017) Heading into the Labor Day weekend, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced today that it is providing the Virginia Department of Health a grant of $331,340 to support its coastal recreation water monitoring and public notification programs.

"Swimming when bacteria levels are high can be harmful to human health," said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. "This funding will help ensure that Virginia's beaches are safe and enjoyable."

Member Quote

These funds are provided under the Clean Water Act, as amended by the Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal Health Act of 2000.

The funding will be used during the 2018 swimming season to implement beach monitoring programs in Norfolk, Virginia Beach, Hampton, the Newport News-Yorktown area of the Peninsula Health District, the Eastern Shore of Virginia, and the counties of Gloucester and Mathews.

The Health Districts will monitor the quality of water at Virginia's beaches, and when bacteria levels in the water are too high, the public will be notified by posted beach warnings, or closing of the beach.

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From: Konkus, John
Sent: Mon 7/24/2017 3:17:32 PM
Subject: Grant Release
Press Release South Dakota NPS cooperative agreement July 2017.docx

Brittany: Per the phone message I just left with your office, we are set to announce a substantial environmental grant to South Dakota tomorrow, Tuesday July 25. Our draft press release is attached. We would be pleased to include a quote from the Congresswoman if that is something you're interested in.

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Subject: Admin. Pruitt Roundtable

Andrew: Per our phone conversation, off the record and for planning only please, Tomorrow, Tuesday July 25 at 10:30 AM ET, Administrator Pruitt will be holding a pen and pad session about Superfund which will include the recommendation from the Superfund Task Force. Would you like to attend this? Realizing you're in NYC, if you'd like to send a FOX News colleague from DC, we would be happy to have them attend.

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From: Konkus, John
Sent: Thur 6/22/2017 7:07:17 PM
Subject: RE: EPA Grant Release

Fantastic! Thank you Joe.

From: Jackson, Joseph [mailto:Joseph.Jackson@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Thursday, June 22, 2017 3:05 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: EPA Grant Release

Hi John-

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Let me know if you need anything else.

Joe Jackson

Press Secretary

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Sent: Thur 7/27/2017 6:08:17 PM
Subject: RE: Grant Release

Thank you Travis! This will go out tomorrow or Monday to Montana press. I'll make sure you're on the list.

Thank you again,

John

From: Hall, Travis [mailto:Travis.Hall@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 2:02 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Grant Release

Hi, John. Below is a statement attributable to Congressman Gianforte:

"I look forward to seeing the Montana Department of Environmental Quality use this funding to protect the quality of Montana's treasured lakes, streams, and rivers," said Montana Congressman Greg Gianforte. "These grants will also help ensure Montanans, particularly those in our rural communities, have access to healthier drinking water."

Apologies for the delay.

Will you please add me to your distribution? Is this going to MT press?

Thanks, John.

Travis

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202.603.0439 (c)

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 5:03 PM
To: Hall, Travis <Travis.Hall@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Grant Release

Yes that is fine. Thank you Travis.

From: Hall, Travis [mailto:Travis.Hall@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 5:01 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Grant Release

We've been jammed up today with wildfires in MT and FEMA. I will get something to you asap, but it may be tomorrow. Is that okay? Apologies, John.

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Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 12:00 PM
To: Hall, Travis <Travis.Hall@mail.house.gov>

Subject: Grant Release

Travis: Per the phone message I just left with your office, we are set to announce a substantial environmental grant to Montana this week on, Wednesday July 26. Our draft press release is attached. We would be pleased to include a quote from the Congressman if that is something you're interested in.

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> **Justin Discigil – Communications Director**
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> Office of Rep. Greg Walden (OR-02)
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> Direct: 202-226-0675
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> Cell: 202-297-7131
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> justin.discigil@mail.house.gov

To: Moffet, Erin[Erin.Moffet@mail.house.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Fri 8/11/2017 2:06:39 PM
Subject: RE: EPA Grant Press Release

Yes. You can run with it.

From: Moffet, Erin [mailto:Erin.Moffet@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 10:05 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Grant Press Release

Oh that would be great! If we do that is it okay for us to go ahead and share the information with local stakeholders to have quotes to include in our release?

Erin M. Moffet | Communications Director
Congressman Charlie Crist (FL-13)
www.Crist.House.gov | (202) 225-5961

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 11:54 AM
To: Moffet, Erin <Erin.Moffet@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Grant Press Release

Another option Erin, you can take the info in our draft release and use it to put out your own release. We'd let you go out with yours first. We do this with Members all the time. Here's some recent examples:

Sen. Van Hollen: https://www.vanhollen.senate.gov/content/van-hollen-cardin-announce-more-300-million-clean-water-maryland

Rep. Curbello: https://curbelo.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=1499

Rep. Stefanik: https://stefanik.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/stefanik-applauds-great-lakes-restoration-initiative-grant

Thanks again,

John

From: Moffet, Erin [mailto:Erin.Moffet@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 11:20 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Grant Press Release

Such great news! Let me run by my boss, but I'm sure he'd like to include a quote. What is your deadline on this?

Best,

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Good morning Erin. Per my phone call, we are planning to send the attached release later this month and wanted to see if the Congressman would be interested in providing a quote to be included as noted.

Thank you for taking a look.

John Konkus

Environmental Protection Agency

Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Affairs

Mobile: (202) 365-9250

To: Hall, Travis[Travis.Hall@mail.house.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Wed 7/26/2017 9:02:56 PM
Subject: RE: Grant Release

Yes that is fine. Thank you Travis.

From: Hall, Travis [mailto:Travis.Hall@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 5:01 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Grant Release

We've been jammed up today with wildfires in MT and FEMA. I will get something to you asap, but it may be tomorrow. Is that okay? Apologies, John.

Travis Hall

Communications Director

Congressman Greg Gianforte, MT-AL

202.225.3211 (o)

202.603.0439 (c)

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:41 AM
To: Hall, Travis <Travis.Hall@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Grant Release

We can wait as long as it take to get a quote from the Congressman. Our target way today, but we can wait.

From: Hall, Travis [mailto:Travis.Hall@mail.house.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:39 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Grant Release

Hi, John. Working on this now. Going through our still-growing policy shop. Will get back to you asap. What's your timing here? Thanks, John.

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Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 12:00 PM
To: Hall, Travis <Travis.Hall@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Grant Release

Travis: Per the phone message I just left with your office, we are set to announce a substantial environmental grant to Montana this week on, Wednesday July 26. Our draft press release is attached. We would be pleased to include a quote from the Congressman if that is something you're interested in.

I'll follow up tomorrow with another phone call.

Thank you and please let me know if you have any questions.

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Cc: Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
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Sent: Tue 6/20/2017 6:25:12 PM
Subject: RE: EPA Grant Release

Joe we're working on breaking the document into two parts. Nancy, copied, is going help make this happen.

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To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Grant Release

Hi John,

I got your Office 365 document email but my computer will not let me open it. Is it possible for your to send it to me as an attachment or a scan?

Thanks,

Joe Jackson

Rep. Liz Cheney (WY-AL)

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From: Konkus, John
Sent: Wed 5/3/2017 5:41:39 PM
Subject: Re: Follow-up

Ok send the quote and I'll plug it in.

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On May 3, 2017, at 1:40 PM, Discigil, Justin <Justin.Discigil@mail.house.gov> wrote:

> John – Good to meet you today and thanks for working with us on this. I'll be sending our quote over shortly. If you wouldn't mind sending over your release before you issue it that would be great. Talk to you soon.
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From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tue 7/18/2017 1:39:03 PM
Subject: RE: EPA grant for your district

Thank you Justin!

From: Discigil, Justin [mailto:Justin.Discigil@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 8:08 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Shimmin, Kaitlyn <shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: EPA grant for your district

Hey John - Apologies for the delayed response. I will circle back with you on this tomorrow and thanks for sending along.

Justin

On Jul 14, 2017, at 10:46 AM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:

Justin just circling back on this. Let us know what you think. Thank you!

From: Konkus, John
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 5:14 PM
To: justin.discigil@mail.house.gov
Cc: Shimmin, Kaitlyn <shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA grant for your district

Justin: Per our conversation earlier today, below is a draft outline of press releases with more information on this grant. Please let me know if you have any questions. I'll check back in on Friday or Monday.

EPA provides $200k to Grants Pass for Spalding Mill cleanup, development

The U.S Environmental Protection Agency will provide $200,000 in “brownfields” grant funds to Grants Pass, Oregon to help the city develop a plan for the cleanup, restoration, and future development of the area around the old Spalding Mill site in eastern Grants Pass.

A brownfield is a property where the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant may complicate its expansion, redevelopment, or reuse.

“EPA is committed to working with communities like Grants Pass to redevelop brownfields sites that have can contribute to local growth in both the economy and quality of life,” said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. “EPA’s area-wide planning grants leverage considerable infrastructure and other investments, improving local economies and creating an environment where jobs can grow.”

The Spalding Mill site

Grants Pass has long eyed the Spalding Mill area for redevelopment, and the 61-acre site was chosen by the EPA due to environmental concerns, proximity to transportation corridors and sensitive

populations, history of disinvestment, reuse potential, and community need for economic development.

The mostly vacant former Spalding & Son sawmill site contains relics of former lumber operations such as drying kilns, lumber sheds, dust collection blowers, foundations, and an abandoned plywood factory.

While the Spalding Mill site was historically used for industrial purposes, it is surrounded by natural features: Jones Creek, essential habitat for the endangered Coho salmon, flows through the site, and the Rogue River, one of the west's premier recreational assets, lies less than a quarter-mile south. At the far edge of the Grants Pass urban area, directly abuts verdant pastures, treed mountainsides, and a 100- acre park long popular with the

community. Finally, the Rogue River Greenway, a 30-mile emerald necklace of parks and public access areas along the Rogue River linked by a ribbon of greenway trail between Grants Pass and Central Point, abruptly terminates at the eastern edge of the project area.

The city's key partners on this project include:

•□□□□□□□□ Southern Oregon Regional Economic Development, Inc., a community-based organization;

•□□□□□□□□ Business Oregon, through both its Brownfields and economic development divisions;

•□□□□□□□□ Oregon Department of Environmental Quality;

•□□□□□□□□ Grants Pass Urban Renewal Agency;

•□□□□□□□□ Josephine County Solid Waste Agency; and Oregon Health Authority

From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 8:39 AM
To: justin.discigil@mail.house.gov
Cc: Shimmin, Kaitlyn <shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov>
Subject: EPA grant for your district

Justin: I hope you and the Congressman are doing well. We have a $200K brownfields grant we'd like to announce next week for the City of Grants Pass in Congressman Walden's district. Details about the grant are below. We'd be happy to help you put together a release on this that you can put out, or we can put it out and include a quote from Congressman Walden.

6/2/2017 Award	New 01J3[illegible]	Region 10	Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Cooperative Agreements (BF)	City of Grants Pass	Municipal [illegible]	Grants Pass Area-Wide Planning Grant	Brownfields Funding is provided for the City of Grants Pass, Oregon to conduct area-wide planning for brownfields. The grantee will conduct community involvement activities to identify priorities, determine reuses for brownfield sites, develop a detailed brownfields plan and design implementation strategy. Planning activities will focus around the Spalding Mill area in the eastern part of Grants Pass. The 61-acre area was selected due to environmental concerns, proximity to transportation corridors and sensitive populations, history of disinvestment, reuse potential, and community need for economic development.

Please let me know what you think. We'd like to go out with this next Thursday, July 20.

Thank you!

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From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tue 5/2/2017 10:36:07 PM
Subject: RE: Draft release for tomorrow

Thank you!

From: Wilken, Mollie [mailto:mollie.wilken@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2017 6:23 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Hytha, Emily <Emily.Hytha@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Re: Draft release for tomorrow

Hi John,

Here is the quote for the release. Let us know if you have any questions.

"Today's meeting with Administrator Pruitt was a great step toward establishing an open dialogue with the EPA. There are many issues that still need to be addressed to help relieve rural America from burdensome regulations, but I am excited Administrator Pruitt is committed to addressing the concerns of America's farmers and ranchers. I look forward to working with him on these issues," said Congressman Conaway.

On May 2, 2017, at 2:53 PM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:

That all sounds good. I'll be there too. We're totally flexible and will roll with the punches.

From: Hytha, Emily [mailto:Emily.Hytha@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2017 1:35 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Wilken, Mollie <mollie.wilken@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Draft release for tomorrow

John,

Thanks so much for sending. I've looped in Mollie, who is the Press Secretary at the Agriculture Committee. She's working on a quote for you now.

After speaking with Chairman Conaway's scheduler, it looks like we'll have a short window after the meeting with Administrator Pruitt before his next meeting. If the camera is all set up, he should be able to give a brief comment, but likely not more than that.

I will plan on being there tomorrow, as will Mollie. Please let me know if there is anything additional you need from us in the meantime.

Thanks,

Emily Hytha

Communications Director

Congressman K. Michael Conaway (TX-11)

Phone: 202.225.3605

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 02, 2017 12:22 PM
To: Hytha, Emily
Subject: Draft release for tomorrow

Emily: Below is a DRAFT press release for tomorrow's meeting. Do you think you can get a quote from the Congressman today in advance? Thank you!

DRAFT

EPA Administrator Pruitt and Representative Conaway meet to discuss environmental and economic issues important to Texas and the nation

Wednesday, May 3, 2017

Washington, D.C. – Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt met with U.S. Representative Mike Conaway (TX-11) on Wednesday in the Congressman's Washington D.C. office. The two discussed environmental and economic issues important to both the nation and the people of the State of Texas.

"I appreciated the opportunity to meet with Congressman Conaway today and discuss the issues important to our nation and to the people of Texas," said Administrator Pruitt. "The people of Texas and their elected representatives deserve an EPA that is focused on the basics of protecting the environment, engaging with state and local partners, and ensuring sensible regulations for economic growth."

<INSERT QUOTE FROM CONGRSSMAN>

Multimedia Assets:

<INSERT PHOTO OF MEETING>

Pictured: EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt and Congressman Mike Conaway (TX-11) meet on Capitol Hill.

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Here is a statement from my boss:

"Today, I had a productive discussion with Administrator Pruitt about how we can keep our water and air clean while ensuring our economic engine continues to produce jobs for American workers. Riverside County continues to face tremendous challenges in maintaining its water infrastructure and addressing the air quality impacts of living in a major trade corridor. As the author of the bill that funds EPA, I've worked very closely with Scott since his confirmation and I am eager to partner with him to find new and innovative ways to meet our challenges in the months and years ahead."

Jason Gagnon

Communications Director

Rep. Ken Calvert (CA-42)

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From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tue 5/2/2017 7:00:21 PM
Subject: RE: Draft release for tomorrow

Thank you. I'll add him to our list.

From: Gagnon, Jason [mailto:Jason.Gagnon@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2017 12:37 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
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Subject: RE: EPA Grant Release

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Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 11:05 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Grant Release

Hi John-

That sounds great. Would you also be able to send me a copy of the WY Implementation plan? Also, are there any other details that you guys have such as what the money will be used for? Where in Wyoming? What kind of projects?

Thanks for all your help.

Best,

Joe Jackson

Rep. Liz Cheney (WY-AL)

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
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Cc: Wilken, Mollie[mollie.wilken@mail.house.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tue 5/2/2017 6:53:44 PM
Subject: RE: Draft release for tomorrow

That all sounds good. I'll be there too. We're totally flexible and will roll with the punches.

From: Hytha, Emily [mailto:Emily.Hytha@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2017 1:35 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Wilken, Mollie <mollie.wilken@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Draft release for tomorrow

John,

Thanks so much for sending. I've looped in Mollie, who is the Press Secretary at the Agriculture Committee. She's working on a quote for you now.

After speaking with Chairman Conaway's scheduler, it looks like we'll have a short window after the meeting with Administrator Pruitt before his next meeting. If the camera is all set up, he should be able to give a brief comment, but likely not more than that.

I will plan on being there tomorrow, as will Mollie. Please let me know if there is anything additional you need from us in the meantime.

Thanks,

Emily Hytha

Communications Director

Congressman K. Michael Conaway (TX-11)

Phone: 202.225.3605

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
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From: Konkus, John
Sent: Thur 8/10/2017 3:59:41 PM
Subject: RE: EPA Grant Award

If you would like us to do a first draft of a release, we'd be happy to assist.

Please let us know.

From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 3:42 PM
To: Smith, Marcie <Marcie.Smith@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Grant Award

Hi Marcie- We would love for your office to do a press release. I've done a little digging and we have identified the following projects through the Louisiana Drinking Water Revolving Loan Fund Program (DWRLF) that are located in Congressional District 4. These projects would benefit from the FFY 2017/SFY 2018 capitalization grant that we are in the process of awarding.

DeSoto Parish WWD #1, $1,977,300

Rocky Branch WWD, $963,000

Union Parish WWD #1, $990,000

Town of Coushatta, $5,000,000

Vernon Parish Water/Sewer Commission #1, $2,330,000

Town of Sunset, $550,000

More detail on these projects are on the LA DWRLF Comprehensive List of Applicants …

http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/assets/oph/Center-EH/DrinkWaterRevolve/DWRLF_Financial/Comprehensive_list_of_applicants_7_17_17.pdf

Which is on their website …

http://new.dhh.louisiana.gov/index.cfm/page/431/n/285

Please let me know if I can provide any additional information and please forward the release we'd love to see it!

Kaitlyn Shimmin

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From: Smith, Marcie [mailto:Marcie.Smith@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 7, 2017 3:14 PM
To: Shimmin, Kaitlyn <shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: EPA Grant Award

Hey Kaitlyn!

Thanks for the info. Our office wants to do a press release about this so hoping you can provide me a little bit more info about how and where the funding will be dispersed. Will any directly impact the 4th district?

Any extra info you can provide would be helpful. Thank you!

Marcie

Congressman Mike Johnson (LA-4)

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Hodges, Josh" <Josh.Hodges@mail.house.gov>
Date: August 7, 2017 at 11:29:01 AM EDT
To: "Holyfield, Ainsley" <Ainsley.Holyfield@mail.house.gov>, "Smith, Marcie" <Marcie.Smith@mail.house.gov>
Cc: "Rybczyk, Rebecca" <Rebecca.Rybczyk@mail.house.gov>
Subject: FW: EPA Grant Award

From: "Shimmin, Kaitlyn" <shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov>
Date: Monday, August 7, 2017 at 11:16 AM
To: "chris_gillott@cassidy.senate.gov" <chris_gillott@cassidy.senate.gov>, "chris_stanley@kennedy.senate.gov" <chris_stanley@kennedy.senate.gov>, "Seale, John" <John.Seale@mail.house.gov>, "Hunter, Peter" <Peter.Hunter@mail.house.gov>, Ward Cormier <Ward.Cormier@mail.house.gov>, "Hodges, Josh" <Josh.Hodges@mail.house.gov>, "Verrill, Ted" <Ted.Verrill@mail.house.gov>, "Bennitt, Ian" <Ian.Bennitt@mail.house.gov>
Cc: "Lyons, Troy" <lyons.troy@epa.gov>, "Ringel, Aaron" <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>, "Palich, Christian" <palich.christian@epa.gov>, "Konkus, John" <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: EPA Grant Award

I am writing to inform you that the following US EPA grant from your state/district has been signed:

$11299000 Louisiana Department of Health LDH Drinking Water RLF Capitalization Grant FY17
This award provides federal funds to the State of Louisiana for loan assistance to eligible public water systems for infrastructure improvements needed to ensure safe drinking water and to provide funds for the following activities: Administration, Small Systems Technical Assistance, Local Assistance and State Programs Management.
Grant No: 99696820-0

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To: Moffet, Erin[Erin.Moffet@mail.house.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Thur 8/10/2017 3:53:32 PM
Subject: RE: EPA Grant Press Release

Another option Erin, you can take the info in our draft release and use it to put out your own release. We'd let you go out with yours first. We do this with Members all the time. Here's some recent examples:

Sen. Van Hollen: https://www.vanhollen.senate.gov/content/van-hollen-cardin-announce-more-300-million-clean-water-maryland

Rep. Curbello: https://curbelo.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=1499

Rep. Stefanik: https://stefanik.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/stefanik-applauds-great-lakes-restoration-initiative-grant

Thanks again,

John

From: Moffet, Erin [mailto:Erin.Moffet@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 11:20 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
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To: michael.byerly@mail.house.gov[michael.byerly@mail.house.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Fri 6/16/2017 6:42:17 PM
Subject: Kansas Grant
Arkansas water grant.docx

Michael: EPA is ready to announce the below grant for the State of Kansas. However, we would be pleased to have the Congresswoman release the grant if she would like to. We can help you write the release and offer a quote from the Administrator. Attached is an example of a release we worked on with some Members. Or EPA can do the release and we'd include a quote from the Congresswoman if you like.

$1,723,800.00 TO KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT FOR NON-POINT SOURCE POLLUTION EPA will announce this Section 319 project, potentially along with a Member of Congress, that will support implementation of activities intended to eliminate or prevent Kansas water quality problems due to the discharge of pollutants from nonpoint sources. While the program provides statewide coverage, activities which address priority watersheds with water quality problems identified by the Kansas 303d list will receive priority. This award provides partial funding; full funding may be provided at a later date.

Let me know what you think.

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To: Stapleton, John[John.Stapleton@mail.house.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Thur 3/16/2017 8:15:00 PM
Subject: Quote

Quote below and photo attached.

"I want to thank Congressman McKinley for his great leadership not only for his constituents in West Virginia but for leading the Congressional Coal Caucus. As I told the Congressman in our meeting, America can be both pro-energy and pro-environment. We can be pro-growth and also enjoy clean, healthy air and water at the same time," EPA Administrator Pruitt said.

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Sent: Fri 6/16/2017 3:50:27 PM
Subject: RE: RELEASE: Arkansas Delegation Announces Grant for State Drinking Water Program

This is totally fantastic. Thank you Michael and enjoy your weekend!

From: Siegel, Michael [mailto:Mike.Siegel@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 11:01 AM
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Subject: FW: RELEASE: Arkansas Delegation Announces Grant for State Drinking Water Program

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From: Creamer, Patrick (Boozman) [mailto:Patrick_Creamer@boozman.senate.gov]
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 10:53 AM
To: Creamer, Patrick (Boozman)
Subject: RELEASE: Arkansas Delegation Announces Grant for State Drinking Water Program

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Contact:

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Womack – Heather Neilson, 202-225-4301

Westerman – Ryan Saylor, 202-225-3772

Arkansas Delegation Announces Grant for State Drinking Water Program

WASHINGTON - U.S. Senators John Boozman and Tom Cotton, along with Congressmen Rick Crawford, French Hill, Steve Womack and Bruce Westerman today announced that the Arkansas Department of Health will receive $361,120 from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to support drinking water systems across the state.

"Arkansans deserve access to safe, clean drinking water. This funding will help ensure people across the state have healthy and reliable sources of water," members said.

The grant will go to the Arkansas Department of Health which supervises the state's public water system, including maintaining and evaluating drinking water systems.

Under the Safe Drinking Water Act, EPA assists with public water system supervision programs and providing reliable, safe drinking water to consumers and comply with national drinking water standards.

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From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tue 5/2/2017 2:55:32 PM
Subject: Draft release for tomorrow

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Bcc: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Mon 5/1/2017 8:44:43 PM
Subject: Wednesday

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John Konkus

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To: Siegel, Michael[Mike.Siegel@mail.house.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Wed 6/14/2017 4:52:28 PM
Subject: Re: Arkansas drinking water grant $361,000

Yes!

John Konkus

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On Jun 14, 2017, at 12:38 PM, Siegel, Michael <Mike.Siegel@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Drafting this now. Can we still be the ones to send it out?

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 2:05 PM
To: Siegel, Michael
Subject: Arkansas drinking water grant $361,000

Michael: EPA is planning on putting the below release out tomorrow. However I would be pleased to give you the opportunity to announce this grant if you all would like to do a release. Or if you would like, we can include a quote from the Congressman in our release.

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Bcc: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Mon 5/1/2017 8:39:56 PM
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Bcc: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tue 6/13/2017 6:05:09 PM
Subject: Arkansas drinking water grant $361,000

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To: Gagnon, Jason[Jason.Gagnon@mail.house.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Mon 5/1/2017 5:38:18 PM
Subject: RE: Rep. Calvert mtg

Thank you Jason!

John Konkus

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From: Gagnon, Jason [mailto:Jason.Gagnon@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 1, 2017 1:34 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: Rep. Calvert mtg

Hi John,

We are good with the press approach that you outlined for the meeting on Wednesday with the Administrator.

If there's anything else you need from me please let me know.

Thanks,

Jason Gagnon

Communications Director

Congressman Ken Calvert (CA-42)

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(951) 277-0042 (Office)

(951) 667-9203 (Cell)

To: michael.cravens@mail.house.gov[michael.cravens@mail.house.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tue 6/13/2017 5:53:19 PM
Subject: FW: EPA Grant Release
MDEQ PPG grant press release 7_8.docx

Michael: I just emailed this request over and thought about our lunch in Ocala with Terry Crawford and Morrey Dean. Must have been 10 years ago.

Hope all is well with you. Would love to have lunch again sometime soon!

John

From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 1:47 PM
To: emerson.george@mail.house.gov
Subject: EPA Grant Release

Emerson: EPA is planning on putting the attached release out on Thursday. However I would be pleased to give you the opportunity to announce this grant if you all would like to do a release. Or if you would like, we can include a quote from the Congressman in our release.

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To: Haverly, Jordan[Jordan.Haverly@mail.house.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Mon 5/1/2017 3:29:10 PM
Subject: Re: Shimkus

In a meeting. I'll call you right back!

John Konkus

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On May 1, 2017, at 11:28 AM, Haverly, Jordan <Jordan.Haverly@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Hi John –

Just tried to return your call. Happy to talk about Wednesday at your convenience. My direct is 226-8450.

Thanks!

Jordan

Jordan Haverly

Communications Director

Congressman John Shimkus (IL-15)

(202) 225-5271 | Cell: (217) 820-9812

To: emerson.george@mail.house.gov[emerson.george@mail.house.gov]
Bcc: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tue 6/13/2017 5:47:24 PM
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To: Deeley, Blake[Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov]
Cc: Bennett, Tate[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tue 3/28/2017 1:17:37 PM
Subject: RE: Good to go today

Yes. Just stick close as glue to your boss.

From: Deeley, Blake [mailto:Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 9:16 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Good to go today

Hey John. Should I enter through the same entrance as the Members?

From: Deeley, Blake
Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 8:25 AM
To: 'Bennett, Tate'
Cc: Konkus, John
Subject: RE: Good to go today

Awesome! THANK YOU!

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 8:24 AM
To: Deeley, Blake
Cc: Konkus, John
Subject: Good to go today

Call Konkus or I if you have a hard time getting in

Elizabeth Tate Bennett

Sr. Advisor to the Administrator

Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

To: Shockey, Joni[Joni.Shockey@mail.house.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Thur 8/24/2017 7:18:47 PM
Subject: Grant Release
HillsboroughCounty2017airgrant (003).pdf

Joni: This is out.

Thank you and Congressman Ross for the quote!

John Konkus

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To: O'Reilly, Andrew[Andrew.Oreilly@FOXNEWS.COM]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Wed 7/26/2017 1:58:46 PM
Subject: RE: Article

Thanks Andrew.

From: O'Reilly, Andrew [mailto:Andrew.Oreilly@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:51 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Article

John,

Unfortunately my editors will put any video that is even remotely related to the topic into a story (for some reason related to Ad sales). I will replace it now with a photo that better fits the story. Thanks for checking in and talk soon.

Andrew

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 26, 2017, at 9:47 AM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:

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To: Hall, Travis[Travis.Hall@mail.house.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Wed 7/26/2017 1:40:41 PM
Subject: RE: Grant Release

We can wait as long as it take to get a quote from the Congressman. Our target way today, but we can wait.

From: Hall, Travis [mailto:Travis.Hall@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:39 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Grant Release

Hi, John. Working on this now. Going through our still-growing policy shop. Will get back to you asap. What's your timing here? Thanks, John.

Travis Hall

Communications Director

Congressman Greg Gianforte, MT-AL

202.225.3211 (o)

202.603.0439 (c)

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 12:00 PM
To: Hall, Travis <Travis.Hall@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Grant Release

Travis: Per the phone message I just left with your office, we are set to announce a substantial environmental grant to Montana this week on, Wednesday July 26. Our draft press release is attached. We would be pleased to include a quote from the Congressman if that is something you're interested in.

I'll follow up tomorrow with another phone call.

Thank you and please let me know if you have any questions.

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To: O'Reilly, Andrew[Andrew.Oreilly@FOXNEWS.COM]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tue 7/25/2017 7:17:36 PM
Subject: RE: Embargoed Executive Summary of Superfund Report

Andrew: A copy of the directive that the Administrator signed today of the 11 specific actions that leaders across the Agency should implement immediately can be found: https://www.epa.gov/superfund/administrator-pruitts-memo-regarding-receipt-superfund-task-force-report-and-next-steps

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Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 12:05 PM
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Sounds good. Appreciate the help.

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 12:02 PM
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Cc: Foster, Timothy S.[TimothyS.Foster@mail.house.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Wed 8/23/2017 3:42:14 PM
Subject: RE: Quote for EPA release?

If we have something back by next Tuesday, August 29, that would be great.

From: Weldon, Scott [mailto:Scott.Weldon@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 11:39 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Foster, Timothy S. <TimothyS.Foster@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Re: Quote for EPA release?

Sure. When is your deadline on this?

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 23, 2017, at 11:14 AM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:

Scott: We are planning on sending this release next Wednesday, August 30 from our Region 3 office and wanted to ask if your boss would like to provide a quote to be inserted below?

Thank you for taking a look,

John Konkus

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DRAFT

EPA Provides Funding to Keep Virginia Swimmers Safe from Bacteria

PHILADELPHIA (August 30, 2017) Heading into the Labor Day weekend, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced today that it is providing the Virginia Department of Health a grant of $331,340 to support its coastal recreation water monitoring and public notification programs.

"Swimming when bacteria levels are high can be harmful to human health," said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. "This funding will help ensure that Virginia's beaches are safe and enjoyable."

Member Quote

These funds are provided under the Clean Water Act, as amended by the Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal Health Act of 2000.

The funding will be used during the 2018 swimming season to implement beach monitoring programs in Norfolk, Virginia Beach, Hampton, the Newport News-Yorktown area of the Peninsula Health District, the Eastern Shore of Virginia, and the counties of Gloucester and Mathews.

The Health Districts will monitor the quality of water at Virginia's beaches, and when bacteria levels in the water are too high, the public will be notified by posted beach warnings, or closing of the beach.

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To: O'Reilly, Andrew[Andrew.Oreilly@FOXNEWS.COM]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tue 7/25/2017 1:06:17 PM
Subject: RE: Embargoed Executive Summary of Superfund Report

Oh man! Sorry to hear that! Can one of your FN colleagues fill in for you?

From: O'Reilly, Andrew [mailto:Andrew.Oreilly@FOXNEWS.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 9:03 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Embargoed Executive Summary of Superfund Report

Thanks John. Unfortunately I just sideswiped by a truck on 295 on my way down to D.C. And have to get my car towed so probably won't be in town in time for the pen and pad session.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 25, 2017, at 8:38 AM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:

> Andrew: attached is an embargoed executive summary on the Superfund report that you can review in advance of the pen and pad session.
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> Thank you,
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> John
>
> <Executive Summary Embargoed.pdf>

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Sent: Tue 7/25/2017 12:50:49 PM
Subject: RE: Grant Announcement
PalmBeachCounty2017airgrant.docx

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John Konkus

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To: andrew.oreilly@foxnews.com[andrew.oreilly@foxnews.com]
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Sent: Tue 7/25/2017 12:37:58 PM
Subject: Embargoed Executive Summary of Superfund Report
Executive Summary Embargoed.pdf

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Bcc: Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Mon 7/24/2017 3:59:40 PM
Subject: Grant Release
R8_Montana NPS cooperative agreement_PR July 2017 (002).docx

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From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tue 8/1/2017 3:54:04 PM
Subject: Re: Grant Announcement

Great! Thank you Brad.

John Konkus

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On Aug 1, 2017, at 11:37 AM, Stewart, Brad <Brad.Stewart@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Sorry for the delay. Release looks good. I'll get you a quote today.

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From: <Konkus>, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Date: Friday, July 28, 2017 at 9:39 AM
To: Brad Stewart <brad.stewart@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Grant Announcement

Brad: Any thoughts on this? Thank you!

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Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 8:51 AM

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To: Wilson, John[John.Wilson@mail.house.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tue 9/12/2017 1:07:47 PM
Subject: Re: Rep. Banks EPA/Environment LA Introduction

Thank you John it's a pleasure to meet you. I'm just finishing up Hurricane public relations for the Agency down in Miami and I'm driving back to Washington today. Let's look for something late this week or early next week. I will come and visit you on the Hill if you would like.

John Konkus

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On Sep 12, 2017, at 9:05 AM, Wilson, John <John.Wilson@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Good Morning John,

My name is John Wilson and I handle the Science, Space, and Tech Committee as well as a myriad of other EPA issues for Congressman Banks. He asked that I reach out to you in the hopes to sit-down and discuss how we could bounce ideas off each other. I know you have a very hectic schedule with the new appointment, but I would appreciate your perspective and any time you could spare in the next few weeks.

Let me know if you have any availability and thank you in advance for your time.

John Wilson

Legislative Assistant

Congressman Jim Banks (IN-3)

509 Cannon House Office Building

Washington D.C. 20515

Tel: (202) 225-4436

John.Wilson@mail.house.gov

To: roy.schultheis@mail.house.gov[roy.schultheis@mail.house.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Sun 9/10/2017 12:01:12 PM
Subject: EPA Update
Miami Dade Co_FLA NPL sites.xlsx

Roy: Clearly there may be some issues here in Miami-Dade around NPL sites and other miscellaneous issues. EPA teams are formed and ready to deploy once the all clear is given, but will have to be able to actually get to the sites. That is really dependent on roads being open, etc. Our teams are coming from ATL and may also be impacted/delayed as the storm continues to move north. Your debris assessment will help us prioritize. As a reminder attached are the NPL sites in Miami-Dade Co.

I'm standing by should anything come up today as the storm moves through.

John Konkus

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To: Hall, Travis[Travis.Hall@mail.house.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Fri 7/28/2017 4:24:46 PM
Subject: Montana319ReleaseFinal.pdf
Montana319ReleaseFinal.pdf

Travis: Attached is the final release that went out this morning. Please feel free to use any or all of it for your on release.

Thank you,

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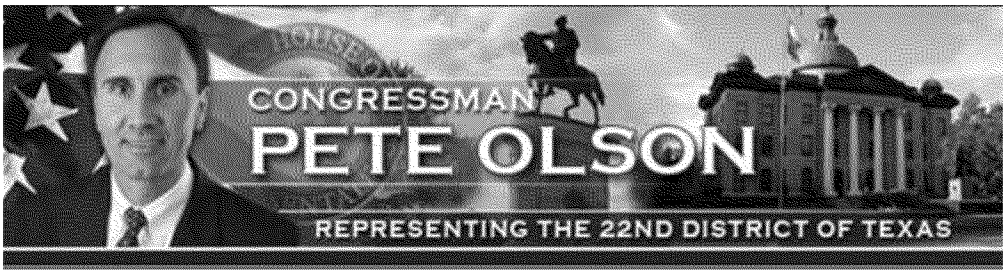
To: Kelly, Melissa[Melissa.Kelly@mail.house.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tue 10/10/2017 6:28:00 PM
Subject: RE: OLSON APPLAUDS ACTION TO DISMANTLE THE CLEAN POWER PLAN

Thank you!!

From: Kelly, Melissa [mailto:Melissa.Kelly@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 2:25 PM
Subject: OLSON APPLAUDS ACTION TO DISMANTLE THE CLEAN POWER PLAN



For Release:
Immediate
Contact: Melissa Kelly

Tuesday, October 10, 2017
202-225-5951

olson Applauds Action to dismantle the clean power plan

Washington, DC - Rep. Pete Olson (TX-22) today issued the following statement regarding the Trump administration's decision to repeal the Clean Power Plan:

"The Trump administration was right to reverse course on this arbitrary and overreaching rule that hampered energy development. This rule had a truly negligible impact on global carbon emissions, and more importantly the ripple effect was an increase in energy costs, job losses, and a negative impact on our economy and energy security. President Obama's Clean Power Plan exceeded his authority and the limits of the Clean Air Act. Energy development and protecting the environment are not mutually exclusive, but must be done the right way."

Background: The Clean Power Plan, one of the regulations addressed in the President's Executive Order, was designed to address carbon emissions. However, in addition to having a minimal impact on the climate, it also bears costs on a wide swath of the economy.

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Melissa Kelly
Deputy Chief of Staff
Communications Director
Rep. Pete Olson
202-225-5951

To: Hall, Travis[Travis.Hall@mail.house.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Thur 7/27/2017 7:00:13 PM
Subject: RE: Grant Release

Yes we would welcome that.

From: Hall, Travis [mailto:Travis.Hall@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 2:58 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Grant Release

Thanks, John. Would you mind if we repurpose your release after yours goes out? I'll run a draft by you first.

I really appreciate your patience.

Travis

Travis Hall

Communications Director

Congressman Greg Gianforte, MT-AL

202.225.3211 (o)

202.603.0439 (c)

From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 2:08 PM
To: Hall, Travis <Travis.Hall@mail.house.gov>

Subject: RE: Grant Release

Thank you Travis! This will go out tomorrow or Monday to Montana press. I'll make sure you're on the list.

Thank you again,

John

From: Hall, Travis [mailto:Travis.Hall@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2017 2:02 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Grant Release

Hi, John. Below is a statement attributable to Congressman Gianforte:

"I look forward to seeing the Montana Department of Environmental Quality use this funding to protect the quality of Montana's treasured lakes, streams, and rivers," said Montana Congressman Greg Gianforte. "These grants will also help ensure Montanans, particularly those in our rural communities, have access to healthier drinking water."

Apologies for the delay.

Will you please add me to your distribution? Is this going to MT press?

Thanks, John.

Travis

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Communications Director

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Subject: RE: Grant Release

Yes that is fine. Thank you Travis.

From: Hall, Travis [mailto:Travis.Hall@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 5:01 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Grant Release

We've been jammed up today with wildfires in MT and FEMA. I will get something to you asap, but it may be tomorrow. Is that okay? Apologies, John.

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We can wait as long as it take to get a quote from the Congressman. Our target way today, but we can wait.

From: Hall, Travis [mailto:Travis.Hall@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:39 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Grant Release

Hi, John. Working on this now. Going through our still-growing policy shop. Will get back to you asap. What's your timing here? Thanks, John.

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202.225.3211 (o)

202.603.0439 (c)

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From: Konkus, John
Sent: Thur 3/16/2017 8:14:49 PM
Subject: FW: Tomorrow
2017-03-16_CongressmanMcKinley_001 (2).jpg

From: Konkus, John
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 3:09 PM
To: 'Stapleton, John' <John.Stapleton@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Deeley, Blake <Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Tomorrow

Quote below and photo attached.

"I want to thank Congressman McKinley for his great leadership not only for his constituents in West Virginia but for leading the Congressional Coal Caucus. As I told the Congressman in our meeting, America can be both pro-energy and pro-environment. We can be pro-growth and also enjoy clean, healthy air and water at the same time," EPA Administrator Pruitt said.

From: Stapleton, John [mailto:John.Stapleton@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 1:19 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Deeley, Blake <Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Tomorrow

Hey John,

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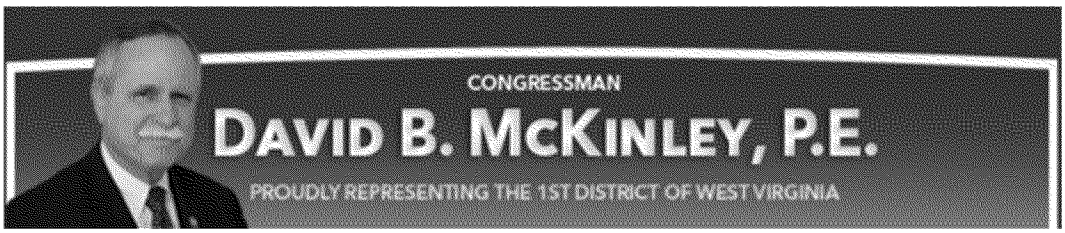
John



For Immediate Release: March 16, 2017

Contact: John Stapleton, (202) 225-4172

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Possible photo/Pruitt quote

Background

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Hey John,

I just sent it to the Congressman. Was going to e-mail you actually in just a few moments. Will circle back.

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Will you all send over a draft release with a place for a quote from the Administrator that we can look at?

From: Stapleton, John [mailto:John.Stapleton@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 5:06 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Deeley, Blake <Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Tomorrow

Hey John,

Congressman McKinley is looking forward to the meeting tomorrow with Administrator Pruitt. Afterwards, we'd like to put out a statement explaining that the two men had a very productive conversation about many of the issues that impact the economy, environment, and West Virginia. We'd also like to thank Administrator Pruitt for his leadership. Would that be cool with you? If so, would your office be interested in providing a similar quote? Hope you are enjoying things over at EPA.

Thanks,

John

John O. Stapleton | *Communications Director*

Congressman David B. McKinley, P.E. (WV-1)
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Washington, DC 20515

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Which sentence is new? Did you get the quote I sent? Thanks.

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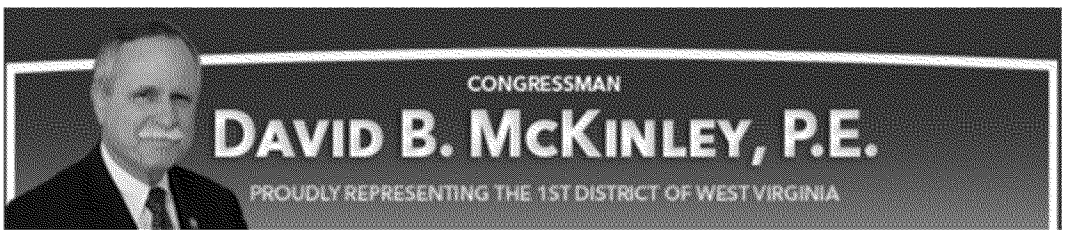
Cc: Deeley, Blake <Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov>
Subject: UPDATED draft

John, here is the updated draft. Just an additional sentence.



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Cc: Deeley, Blake[Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov]
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Thur 3/16/2017 7:34:57 PM
Subject: RE: Tomorrow

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Possible photo/Pruitt quote

Background

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Quote below and photo attached.

"I want to thank Congressman McKinley for his great leadership not only for his constituents in West Virginia but for leading the Congressional Coal Caucus. As I told the Congressman in our meeting, America can be both pro-energy and pro-environment. We can be pro-growth and also enjoy clean, healthy air and water at the same time," EPA Administrator Pruitt said.

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From: Konkus, John
Sent: Fri 7/14/2017 2:46:35 PM
Subject: RE: EPA grant for your district

Justin just circling back on this. Let us know what you think. Thank you!

From: Konkus, John
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 5:14 PM
To: justin.discigil@mail.house.gov
Cc: Shimmin, Kaitlyn <shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA grant for your district

Justin: Per our conversation earlier today, below is a draft outline of press releases with more information on this grant. Please let me know if you have any questions. I'll check back in on Friday or Monday.

EPA provides $200k to Grants Pass for Spalding Mill cleanup, development

The U.S Environmental Protection Agency will provide $200,000 in "brownfields" grant funds to Grants Pass, Oregon to help the city develop a plan for the cleanup, restoration, and future development of the area around the old Spalding Mill site in eastern Grants Pass.

A brownfield is a property where the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant may complicate its expansion, redevelopment, or reuse.

"EPA is committed to working with communities like Grants Pass to redevelop brownfields sites that have can contribute to local growth in both the economy and quality of life," said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. "EPA's area-wide planning grants leverage considerable infrastructure and other investments, improving local economies and creating an environment where jobs can grow."

The Spalding Mill site

Grants Pass has long eyed the Spalding Mill area for redevelopment, and the 61-acre site was chosen by the EPA due to environmental concerns, proximity to transportation corridors and sensitive

populations, history of disinvestment, reuse potential, and community need for economic development.

The mostly vacant former Spalding & Son sawmill site contains relics of former lumber operations such as drying kilns, lumber sheds, dust collection blowers, foundations, and an abandoned plywood factory.

While the Spalding Mill site was historically used for industrial purposes, it is surrounded by natural features: Jones Creek, essential habitat for the endangered Coho salmon, flows through the site, and the Rogue River, one of the west's premier recreational assets, lies less than a quarter-mile south. At the far edge of the Grants Pass urban area, directly abuts verdant pastures, treed mountainsides, and a 100- acre park long popular with the community. Finally, the Rogue River Greenway, a 30-mile emerald necklace of parks and public access areas along the Rogue River linked by a ribbon of greenway trail between Grants Pass and Central Point, abruptly terminates at the eastern edge of the project area.

The city's key partners on this project include:

•□□□□□□□□ Southern Oregon Regional Economic Development, Inc., a community-based organization;

•□□□□□□□□ Business Oregon, through both its Brownfields and economic development divisions;

•□□□□□□□□ Oregon Department of Environmental Quality;

•□□□□□□□□ Grants Pass Urban Renewal Agency;

•□□□□□□□□ Josephine County Solid Waste Agency; and Oregon Health Authority

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Justin: I hope you and the Congressman are doing well. We have a $200K brownfields grant we'd like to announce next week for the City of Grants Pass in Congressman Walden's district. Details about the grant are below. We'd be happy to help you put together a release on this that you can put out, or we can put it out and include a quote from Congressman Walden.

6/2/2017	New Award	01J38401	Region 10	Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Cooperative Agreements (BF)	City of Grants Pass	Municipality	$200,000	Grants Pass Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Grant	Funding is provided for the City of Grants Pass, Oregon to conduct area-wide planning for brownfields. The grantee will conduct community involvement activities to identify priorities, determine reuses for brownfield sites, develop a detailed brownfields plan and design implementation strategy. Planning activities will focus around the Spalding Mill area in the eastern part of Grants Pass. The 61-acre area was selected due to environmental concerns, proximity to transportation corridors and sensitive populations, history of disinvestment, reuse potential, and community need for economic development.

Please let me know what you think. We'd like to go out with this next Thursday, July 20.

Thank you!

John Konkus

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From: Konkus, John
Sent: Wed 6/7/2017 9:44:04 PM
Subject: RE: Quote
R5 Rockford RLF Brownfields Press Release June 2017-Final-Draft.docx

Thank you! Attached is the final release that went out.

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From: Gillespie, Maura [mailto:Maura.Gillespie@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 11:51 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote

Quote from Rep. Kinzinger:

"I'm thrilled by the news that Rockford will receive the Brownsfield RLF grant for FY17. This is great for the City of Rockford and incredibly important to the health of our environment. Restoring the Colman Village space expands economic opportunity and provides a huge benefit to Rockford property development, especially as it continues to be an industrial leader in the United States. I look forward to seeing the progress this grant brings to the Stateline."

THANK YOU!!

Maura Gillespie

Communications Director

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From: Gillespie, Maura
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 11:30 AM
To: 'Konkus, John' <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote

Hi John! Will have a quote to you ASAP! Thanks for your patience.

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Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 10:27 AM
To: Gillespie, Maura <Maura.Gillespie@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Quote

Maura: EPA is planning on pushing out the attached draft release today (target noon). But we wanted to ask if the Congressman would like to add a quote first?

Thank you for considering. I'll follow up with a call.

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From: Konkus, John
Sent: Wed 6/7/2017 8:15:06 PM
Subject: RE: Quote

I'm glad they asked! Brownfield grants will continue. President Trump's budget continues funding for EPA's Brownfields program. President Trump and Administrator Pruitt are committed to cleaning up and reusing contaminated sites.

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Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 4:06 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Quote

I actually just received an inquiry from a reporter. I figure you might know the answer better than I—

I had a quick question about the EPA funding grants announced today that Kennebec Valley Council of Governments received. There's been a lot of talk nationally about the EPA's funding may change under the presidential administration's proposed budget. I was wondering if these Brownfield grants would continue going forward, as it seems they are pretty well used in this part of the state. Thanks.

Any idea?

Thanks, John!

Brendan C.

From: Conley, Brendan
Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 4:05 PM
To: 'Konkus, John'
Subject: RE: Quote

Sorry, just saw this email. Please see below—

Congressman
Bruce Poliquin
Second Congressional District of Maine

For Immediate Release **Contact:** Brendan Conley

June 7, 2017 (202) 225-6306

Rep. Poliquin Announces $1.1 Million in EPA Grants for Brownfields Clean Up in Oxford, Kennebec, Waldo and Somerset Counties

The support will help continue efforts in cleaning up contaminated Brownfield properties

WASHINGTON – Today, Congressman Bruce Poliquin (ME-02) announced the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has selected two existing Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) recipients in Maine to receive $1.1 million in supplemental funding, supporting work in Oxford, Kennebec, Waldo and Somerset counties. This additional support will help continue efforts in cleaning up contaminated Brownfield properties.

The grants awarded by the EPA include:

•□□□□□□□□ The Kennebec Valley Council of Governments in Kennebec, Somerset and Waldo counties — $500,000 in supplemental funds

•□□□□□□□□ The Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission (SMPDC) in Oxford county — $600,000 in supplemental funds

"These Brownfields grants are welcome news for our communities in Oxford, Kennebec, Waldo and Somerset counties and will help lay the groundwork for economic development, more jobs and continued stewardship of Maine's environment," **said Congressman Poliquin**. "I applaud the EPA for this important support and I will continue to push for sensible environmental policies, which are critical not only to our health and recreation, but also for job creation in our State."

Said Rosie Vanadestine, Kennebec Valley Council of Governments executive director, "Kennebec Valley Council of Governments is sincerely grateful for the opportunity to continue our Brownfields program through supplemental funding. In our district of Kennebec, Somerset and western Waldo counties, our Revolving Loan Fund Program has enabled the reuse of a contaminated schoolhouse as a food hub, the development of a disused tannery as a small manufacturing space, the creation of new medical building on the site of a contaminated and deserted steel manufacturing business, and the creation of housing in a former hospital building.

She continued, "The Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission (SMPDC) is deeply appreciative of the supplemental funding for our Revolving Loan Fund Program, which will enable us to continue with our active clean-up efforts in communities both large and small all over York and southern Oxford County. To date the funding has resulted in 18 loan and grant awards for clean-up, accounting for 140 new jobs created, 52 million in leveraged private and public sector dollars and 240 units of new housing. We look forward to continuing with these efforts."

Background:

According to the EPA, the Brownfields RLF program supports EPA's commitment to help environmentally overburdened communities address their local priorities. The funds will help communities reuse vacant and abandoned properties and turn them into community assets such as housing, recreation and open space, health facilities, social services, transportation options,

infrastructure and commerce opportunities.

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Would I be permitted to use this quote in our office's press release?

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And, to clarify, this entire quote is from Ms. Vanadestine?

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To: Conley, Brendan
Subject: Quote
Importance: High

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To: Discigil, Justin[Justin.Discigil@mail.house.gov]
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Sent: Thur 7/20/2017 8:44:15 PM
Subject: RE: PRESS RELEASE: Greg Walden applauds Brownfields assistance secured by Grants Pass

Really well done Justin!

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From: Congressman Greg Walden
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 4:12 PM
To: Discigil, Justin
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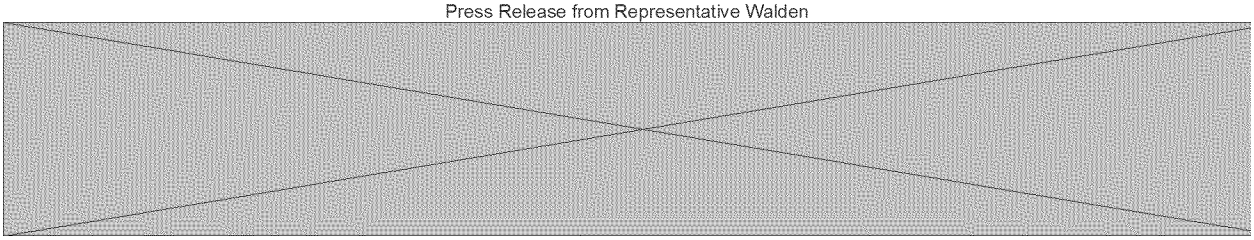
Press Release from Representative Walden



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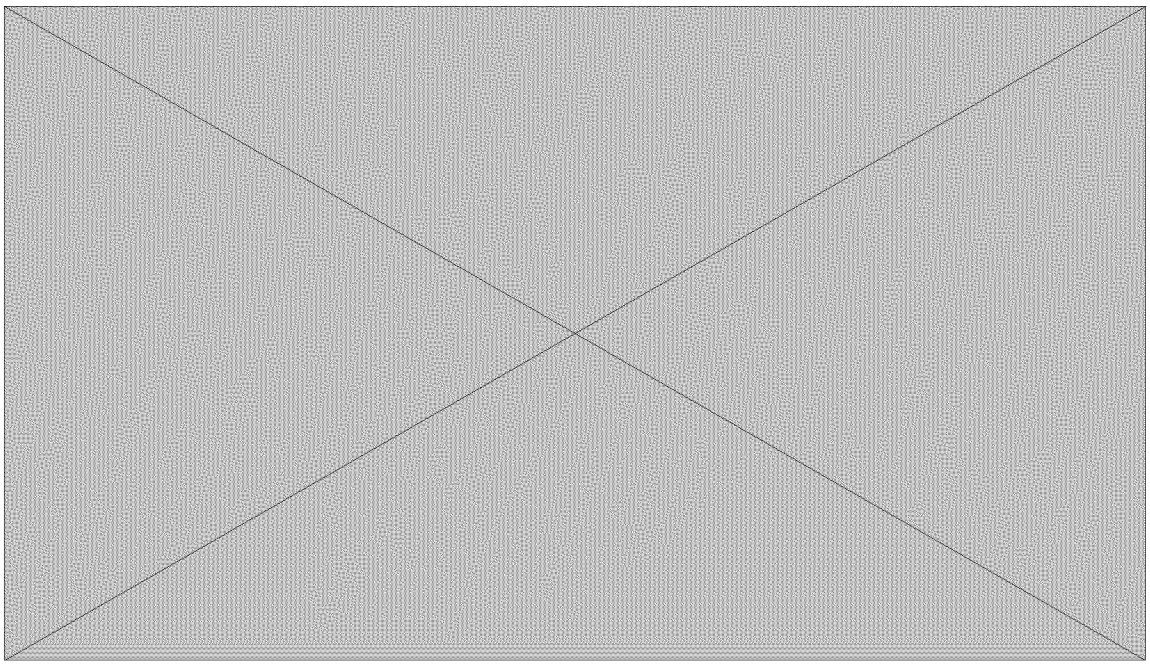

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
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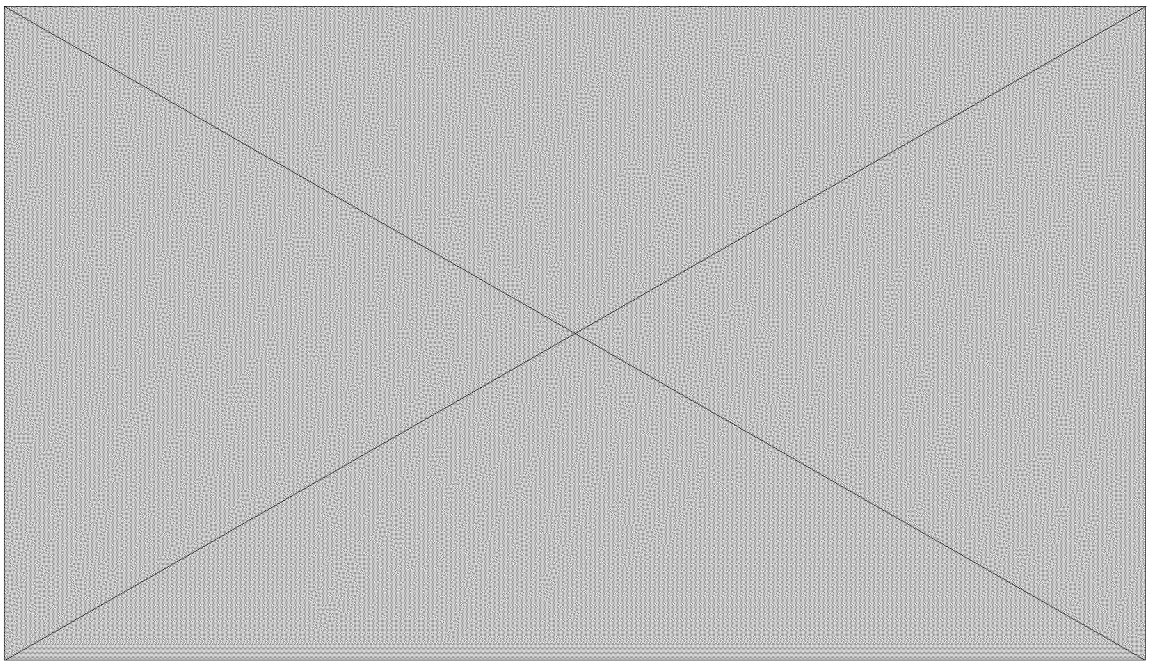

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Sent: Wed 6/7/2017 4:17:08 PM
Subject: RE: Release: Congressman Russell Statement on Oklahoma City Receiving $500,000 Grant from EPA

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Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 12:11 PM
To: Bastomski, Gabriel <Gabriel.Bastomski@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Release: Congressman Russell Statement on Oklahoma City Receiving $500,000 Grant from EPA

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE CONTACT: Gabriel Bastomski
June 7, 2017 202.225.2132

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EPA Provides Funding to Keep Virginia Swimmers Safe from Bacteria

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Member Quote

These funds are provided under the Clean Water Act, as amended by the Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal Health Act of 2000.

The funding will be used during the 2018 swimming season to implement beach monitoring programs in Norfolk, Virginia Beach, Hampton, the Newport News-Yorktown area of the Peninsula Health District, the Eastern Shore of Virginia, and the counties of Gloucester and Mathews.

The Health Districts will monitor the quality of water at Virginia's beaches, and when bacteria levels in the water are too high, the public will be notified by posted beach warnings, or closing of the beach.

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