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From: Mylott, Richard
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 2:20 PM
To: 'Tristan Scott' <tscott@flatheadbeacon.com>
Subject: RE: EPA

Tristan—thanks for your patience. We fully expect that EPA Superfund site activity and local communication through our community involvement and remedial project staff in Montana will continue. Montana-based staff are expected to remain our primary resources for local outreach and communication related to site activities.

We have been coordinating with our EPA colleagues in Washington on transition-related activities. EPA fully intends to continue to provide information to the public. A fresh look at public affairs and communications processes is common practice for any new Administration, and a short pause in activities allows for this assessment.

EPA staff have been reviewing grants and contracts information with the incoming transition team in our national office. Pursuant to that review, the Agency is continuing to award the environmental program grants and state revolving loan fund grants to the states and tribes; and we are working to quickly address issues related to other categories of grants. The goal is to complete the grants and contracts review by the end of this week.

To clarify, the temporary pause on some EPA contracts and grants is not expected to apply to Superfund efforts that are underway.

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From: Tristan Scott [mailto:tscott@flatheadbeacon.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 26, 2017 1:49 PM
To: Mylott, Richard <Mylott.Richard@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: EPA

Hi Rich,

Trying to learn how reports about the new administration freezing new contracts and grants will affect the CFAC Superfund site, as well as the community's access to funding to form a Community Advisory Group, apply for Technical Assistance Grants, as well as Technical Assistance Services for Communities to understand and interpret data. Also, does a "media blackout" mean there are new channels for relaying information to the public? It used to be I could call local EPA officials on the phone, and they would answer my questions directly. Finally, how will massive workforce cuts affect Superfund, and will the suspension of new business activities at the department limit contractors at the CFAC site? Thanks in advance.

Best,

Tristan

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On Jan 26, 2017, at 1:44 PM, Mylott, Richard <Mylott.Richard@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Tristan- thanks for your call, I'm in training this afternoon, but can try and help with any qeustions remotely as connections allow. How can I help?

Rich 303-312-6654