To: Timothy Cama[tcama@thehill.com]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Fri 9/15/2017 6:13:58 PM
Subject: RE: Here is our statement

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From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2017 12:10 PM
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To: Timothy Cama[tcama@thehill.com]
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Sent: Fri 9/15/2017 5:45:35 PM
Subject: Re: Can we do Monday afternoon

I live in DC but was going to VA and got stuck

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 15, 2017, at 12:55 PM, Timothy Cama <tcama@thehill.com> wrote:

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> On Fri, Sep 15, 2017 at 12:47 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:
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>> I got stuck in VA with metro problems.
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>> Sent from my iPhone

To: tcama@thehill.com[tcama@thehill.com]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Thur 9/28/2017 10:42:18 AM
Subject: Re:

Off the record - It's not forwarding but can get them to you later this morning.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 28, 2017, at 6:38 AM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

> **"Administrator Pruitt took one charter flight and three government flights." EPA spokesperson, Liz Bowman**

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From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Fri 9/15/2017 5:45:11 PM
Subject: Re: Can we do Monday afternoon

I'm in the John Marshall house

Sent from my iPhone

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To: Timothy Cama[tcama@thehill.com]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Thur 9/28/2017 10:34:54 AM
Subject: Re: Flights

I will send them

Sent from my iPhone

> On Sep 28, 2017, at 6:28 AM, Timothy Cama <tcama@thehill.com> wrote:
>
> Hey Jahan-
>
> Could I get the latest non-commercial flight documents that are going around? Or are those coming from elsewhere?
>
> Thanks.

To: tcama@thehill.com[tcama@thehill.com]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Fri 9/15/2017 4:47:11 PM
Subject: Can we do Monday afternoon

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Sent from my iPhone

To: Timothy Cama[tcama@thehill.com]; Abboud, Michael[abboud.michael@epa.gov]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Mon 11/20/2017 3:57:52 PM
Subject: Re: Wehrum

Adding Michael Abboud. We can try to do this in December or early January of December gets away from us.

On Nov 20, 2017, at 9:22 AM, Timothy Cama <tcama@thehill.com> wrote:

> Hey Jahan-
> If you'll recall, I'd mentioned the desire to interview sub-administrator folks once confirmed. Now that Bill Wehrum's there, can we set up an interview?
>
> My agenda's just the usual stuff you'd expect for OAR. He's got a lot on his plate and I'd like to hear about his priorities, where things stand on big issues, etc.
>
> Thanks much.
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To: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
From: Jonathan Easley
Sent: Fri 9/29/2017 1:57:23 PM
Subject: Out of the office Re: Media Efforts To Expand "Private Jetgate" To EPA Come Up Dry

I'm out the of the office and will be back Monday.

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To: Timothy Cama[tcama@thehill.com]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Fri 9/15/2017 3:17:43 PM
Subject: Re: Political appointees' resumes

Just tried to call you. Can you call me?

Sent from my iPhone

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To: Devin Henry[dhenry@thehill.com]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Fri 9/8/2017 3:03:37 PM
Subject: FYI ...

Pruitt will be doing a livestream on ABC with Jonathan Karl at 12:00 PM. Here is the link: http://abcnews.go.com/live

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To: Timothy Cama[tcama@thehill.com]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Fri 9/15/2017 2:07:37 PM
Subject: RE: Political appointees' resumes

Also want to get coffee this afternoon at like 1 or 2?

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To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
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Sent: Fri 9/29/2017 1:57:19 PM
Subject: Media Efforts To Expand "Private Jetgate" To EPA Come Up Dry

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Hot Air
Jazz Shaw
September 29, 2017
https://hotair.com/archives/2017/09/29/media-efforts-expand-private-jetgate-epa-come-dry/

The press has their teeth into an actual story with questions about Trump administration officials taking private or military jets for business travel when commercial, public flights would be cheaper. Particularly in a White House which made cutting costs and government waste a mantra on the campaign trail, making good on those promises is crucial, even if the amounts of money we're talking about aren't massive. When I first wrote about HHS Secretary Tom Price and his adventures in air travel I suggested that he should reimburse the excess costs of those flights. Yesterday we found out that he was going to do just that… sort of.

The Fourth Estate, never happy with a single scandal, has been digging into the travel expenses of the rest of the cabinet. Nothing wrong with that, since everyone should be held to the same standard. But the Washington Post (among others) seems to have hit a sour note when they raised questions about a grand total of four flights taken by EPA chief Scott Pruitt.

Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt has taken at least four noncommercial and military flights since mid-February, costing taxpayers more than $58,000 to fly him to various parts of the country, according to records provided to a congressional oversight committee and obtained by The Washington Post…

The most expensive of the four trips came in early June, when Pruitt traveled from Andrews Air Force Base to Cincinnati to join President Trump as he pitched a plan to revamp U.S. infrastructure. From there, the administrator and several staff members continued on a military jet to John F. Kennedy airport in New York to catch a flight to Italy for an international meeting of environmental ministers. The cost of that flight was $36,068.50.

It seems odd that they're fleshing out an entire story as if there's a scandal here when they go on to provide at least part of the details of those flights and how they came to be. While the question was definitely worth asking, this is more of a story of yelling, "Squirrel!" only to find that there was no squirrel there to begin with.

I spoke with a source at the EPA on background and was able to confirm what led to the four flights the WaPo brought up. The biggest ticket item was the Cincinnati – JFK trip. The President requested the Secretary's presence at an infrastructure event in Ohio, but there was no commercial flight available which could get them through the second leg of the travel they had already committed to. Immediately following the event, Pruitt and his staff had to make it to JFK

in New York for a connecting flight to Italy where he was already scheduled to attend a G7 event. In keeping with the usual protocol, Pruitt's team requested approval for the military travel from the Office of General Counsel. That approval was given and I have a copy of the approval memorandum. (Click on thumbnail for full size image.)

The second one which attracted media eyeballs was the dreaded charter flight(!) from Denver to Durango, Colorado. This was a scheduled meeting with state officials and landowners affected by the Gold King mine spill. The Secretary and his team had scheduled a normal, commercial flight out of Denver at roughly 9 in the morning which would have gotten them to the meeting on time. They then found out that their flight had been delayed by eight hours and there was no alternate commercial flight available. Once again they requested clearance from the Office of General Counsel to take alternate transportation and approval was given. That memorandum is below. (Again, click on the thumbnail for the full size image.)

The other two trips on non-commercial flights were under similar circumstances. The North Dakota trip referenced by the WaPo was a case where Pruitt's team was invited by the Governor to accompany him on his own plane for a flight between Fargo and Grand Forks. But the cost of the flight had to be reimbursed owing to federal regulations. The fourth trip (the one in Oklahoma) was taken because travel by car would have tied up the entire team for ten hours round trip. All of this travel was approved in advance.

In short, there's just no there, there, as the saying goes. Fox News John Roberts picked up some of these details yesterday and went over them in a short report. The video of that is below. Beyond that, this well has gone dry. Again, I don't fault the media for asking the question because we want everyone in the government to be as lean and efficient with the taxpayers' purse as possible, but Pruitt obviously followed the rules, so we're not dealing with another Tom Price situation here.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=1&v=Gi0lubqu5Mo

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Subject: Hey

This release will be going out at 5:00 PM. You can write/report on this right now.

Jahan

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EPA TO RECONSIDER CERTAIN COAL ASH RULE PROVISIONS

WASHINGTON (September 14, 2017) The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has granted two petitions to reconsider substantive provisions of the final rule regulating coal combustion residuals (CCR) as nonhazardous waste under subtitle D of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA).

"In light of EPA's new statutory authority, it is important that we give the existing rule a hard look and consider improvements that may help states tailor their permit programs to the needs of their states, in a way that provides greater regulatory certainty, while also ensuring that human health and the environment remain protected," said **EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt**.

In granting the petitions, EPA determined that it was appropriate, and in the public's interest to reconsider specific provisions of the final CCR rule based in part on the authority provided through the Water Infrastructure for Improvements to the Nation (WIIN) Act. EPA is not committing to changing any part of the rule, or agreeing with the merits of the petition – the Agency is simply granting petitions to reconsider specific provisions. Should EPA decide to revise specific provisions of the final CCR rule, it will go through notice and comment period.

The petition from the Utility Solid Waste Activities Group (USWAG) was submitted May 12, 2017, and seeks reconsideration of 11 specific provisions of the final CCR rule, including provisions prohibiting the use of alternative points of compliance for ground water contamination, regulating inactive surface impoundments, and defining what activities constitute beneficial use of CCR. The petition from AES Puerto Rico LLP was submitted May 31, 2017, and seeks reconsideration of certain on-site storage practices.

The current rule went into effect on October 19, 2015 and regulates how CCR generated from electric utilities and independent power producers is managed and disposed of in surface impoundments and landfills. The rule also defines what constitutes beneficial use of CCR; and, therefore, is excluded from the rule's requirements.

In December 2016, the WIIN Act was enacted into law. Section 2301 of the WIIN Act provides authority for states to operate permit programs under subtitle D of RCRA, as long as the EPA determines that the state's requirements are as protective as the standards in the 2015 final rule or

successor regulations. Should EPA decide to revise specific provisions of the final CCR rule, it will go through a notice and comment process.

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AGENCY: **U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)**
Office of Environmental Justice (OEJ)

TITLE: **Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving (EJCPS) Cooperative Agreement**

ACTION: **Request for Proposals (RFP)**

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY NUMBER (FON): EPA-OP-OEJ-18-01

CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE (CFDA) NUMBER: 66.306

DATES: **ANNOUNCEMENT DATE: November 15, 2017**
CLOSING DATE: February 16, 2018

Translations available: To receive a Spanish translation of this announcement contact Jacob Burney in the Office of Environmental Justice at (202) 564-2907 or via email at burney.jacob@epa.gov. **Please note that applications must be written in English only**. Applications written in languages other than English will not be considered for award.

Hay traducciones disponibles de este anuncio en Español. Si usted esta interesado en obtener una traduccion de este anuncio en Español, por favor llame a La Oficina de Justicia Ambiental conocida como "Office of Environmental Justice," linea gratuita (1-800-962-6215).

DEADLINE: Proposal packages must be submitted through Grants.gov and must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. ET on February 16, 2018. Proposals received after the closing date and time will not be considered for funding.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving (EJCPS) Cooperative Agreement Program provides funding to support community-based organizations in their efforts to collaborate and partner with local stakeholder groups (e.g., local businesses and industry, local government, medical providers, and academia) as they develop and implement solutions that address environmental and/or public health issues for underserved communities. For purposes of this announcement, the term "underserved community" refers to a community with environmental justice concerns and/or vulnerable populations, including minority, low income, rural, tribal, and indigenous populations. Eligible projects must demonstrate use of the Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving Model to support their collaborative efforts during the project period. Applying organizations should have a direct connection to the underserved community impacted by the environmental harms and risks detailed in the workplan.

The long-term goals of the EJCPS Program are to help build the capacity of communities with environmental justice concerns and to create self-sustaining, community-based partnerships that will continue to improve local environments in the future.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATION: For the 2018 opportunity, the EJCPS program will give special consideration to high ranking proposals to be performed in rural areas as defined by the program. Rural areas, for the purposes of this competition, are defined as local areas with populations of 50,000 or less that have limited access to public or private resources commonly found in metropolitan areas. Applicants claiming rural status must provide sufficient detail (census data, population figures, descriptions of local resources, etc.) for EPA to validate the rural status of the

underserved community. The goal of this special consideration is to encourage and increase project performance in rural areas in the EPA EJ Grants program.

Additionally, EPA will give special consideration to high ranking proposals submitted by eligible organizations that have **not** previously received an EJCPS award. This means that EPA may factor in an applicant's award history with the EJCPS program when making final selections among high ranking proposals. (see Section V.C).

PLEASE NOTE: **All eligible organizations are encouraged to apply.** Under this announcement, projects not located in rural areas and/or proposed by organizations that have previously received an EJCPS award are still eligible for award. The special considerations described above and in Section V apply as an "other" selection factor the selection official may consider in determining selections among high ranking proposals.

FUNDING/AWARDS: The total estimated funding for this competitive opportunity is approximately $1,200,000. EPA anticipates awarding one cooperative agreement of $120,000 within each of the 10 EPA Regions, subject to availability of funds, the quality of proposals received, and other applicable considerations. Funded assistance agreements will have a two-year project period. Applicants should plan for projects to start September 1, 2018.

EPA reserves the right to increase or decrease the total number of grants awarded or reject all proposals and make no awards under this announcement. Such changes may be necessary as a response to the quality of proposals received by EPA or the amount of funds available.

An eligible applicant **MUST BE** one of the following entities:

- incorporated non-profit organizations—including, but not limited to, environmental justice networks, faith based organizations and those affiliated with religious institutions;*
- federally recognized tribal governments—including Alaska Native Villages; OR
- tribal organizations

* Applicant non-profit organizations must include documentation that shows the organization is either a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization as designated by the Internal Revenue Service; OR a non-profit organization recognized by the state, territory, commonwealth or tribe in which it is located. For the latter, documentation must be on official state government letterhead.

Applicants must be located within the same state, territory, commonwealth, or tribe in which the proposed project is located. This means that an applicant's registered address of record (i.e. the address designated on their IRS or State-sanctioned documentation) must be in the same state, territory, commonwealth or tribe as the location of the proposed project.

The following entities are **INELIGIBLE** to receive an award, but we encourage applicants to partner with these organizations as appropriate (see Contracts and Subawards solicitation clause referenced in Section IV):

- colleges and universities;
- hospitals;

- state and local governments and their entities;
- quasi-governmental entities (e.g., water districts, utilities)*;
- national organizations and chapters of the aforementioned organizations**;
- non-profit organizations supporting lobbying activities as defined in Section 3 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995; and***

* Generally, a quasi-governmental entity is one that: (1) has a close association with the government agency, but is not considered a part of the government agency; (2) was created by the government agency, but is exempt from certain legal and administrative requirements imposed on government agencies; or (3) was not created by the government agency but performs a public purpose and is significantly supported financially by the government agency.

** National organizations are defined as comprising of one centralized headquarters or principal place of business that creates and controls the mission, structure and work carried out by its chapters or affiliates.

*** Funds awarded under this announcement may not be used to support lobbying activities or any activities related to lobbying or the appearance thereof. **Subawards made to nonprofit organizations that lobby are not allowed.**

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I. FUNDING OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

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A. DEFINITION OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

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EPA defines "environmental justice" as the ***fair treatment*** and ***meaningful involvement*** of all people regardless of race, color, national origin or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. ***Fair treatment*** means that no one group of people, including racial, ethnic, or socioeconomic groups, should bear a disproportionate share of the negative environmental consequences resulting from industrial, municipal, and commercial operations or the execution of federal, state, local, and tribal environmental programs and policies. ***Meaningful involvement*** means that: (1) potentially underserved community residents have an appropriate opportunity to participate in decisions about a proposed activity that will affect their environment and/or health; (2) the public's contribution can influence the regulatory agency's decision; (3) the concerns of all participants involved will be considered in the decision-making process; and (4) the decision-makers seek out and facilitate the involvement of those potentially underserved. An ***"underserved community"***, for the purposes of this competition, refers to a community with environmental justice concerns and/or vulnerable populations, including minority, low income, rural, tribal, and indigenous populations that may be disproportionately impacted by environmental harms and risks and has a local environmental and/or public health issue that is identified in the applicant's proposal.

B. BACKGROUND & EJ COLLABORATIVE PROBLEM-SOLVING MODEL

In 2003, the Office of Environmental Justice (OEJ) initiated the first solicitation for the Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving Cooperative Agreement Program. To find the latest information about the EJCPS Program visit: https://www.epa.gov/environmental-justice/environmental-justice-collaborative-problem-solving-cooperative-agreement-0

The purpose of the EJCPS Program is for EPA to provide financial assistance to support community-based organizations to collaborate and partner with other stakeholders (e.g., local businesses and industry, local government, medical providers, academia, etc.) to develop and implement solutions that will significantly address environmental and/or public health issue(s) at the local level. The program's objective is to support projects that demonstrate the utility of the Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem Solving Model. Because this program requires substantial involvement and interaction between the applicant and EPA, these awards will be made in the form of cooperative agreements. See Section II.A.ii for more detail on cooperative agreements.

For the purposes of this EJCPS Program, collaborative problem-solving is defined as an effort to bring together groups and resources (*e.g.,* information, labor, money) by three or more stakeholders to solve a set of problems that any single entity cannot solve individually. Collaborative problem-solving builds upon existing community understanding to establish and maintain partnerships capable of producing meaningful environmental and/or public health results. To provide a systematic approach towards collaborative problem-solving, OEJ has developed a Collaborative Problem-Solving Model (Model). Such a Model is intended to assist vulnerable and underserved communities in developing proactive, strategic, and visionary approaches to address their environmental justice issues and achieve community health and sustainability.

Collaborative problem-solving also involves developing and implementing a well-designed strategic plan with a built-in evaluation component to measure and achieve results on local environmental and/or public health issues and to sustain the partnerships. These elements are cross-cutting and interdependent and should be utilized in a proactive, strategic, and iterative manner. Determining which elements to undertake, and in what order, can vary greatly, however, depending upon the unique facts and circumstances surrounding each environmental and/or

public health issue. Not all the elements are required to be used in every situation. Rather, the CPS Model and its seven elements can be viewed as a "tool box" filled with different tools that can be used as needed. The seven elements are as follows:

1. Issue Identification, Visioning, and Strategic Goal-Setting;
2. Community Capacity-Building and Leadership Development;
3. Development of Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships and Leveraging of Resources;
4. Consensus Building and Dispute Resolution;
5. Constructive Engagement with Other Stakeholders;
6. Sound Management and Implementation; and
7. Evaluation

For additional information about OEJ's CPS Model, please see follow the link below:
https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-06/documents/cps-manual-12-27-06.pdf

A key starting point for any collaborative problem-solving project is the identification of an environmental and/or public health issue and the community's leadership in formulating goals (*e.g.,* diesel reduction, lead abatement, reducing high incidence of asthma, land use changes, pollution prevention, implementation of fish advisories, hazardous waste, emissions reduction, risk reduction, community cleanups, or compliance with local environmental and/or public health regulations, etc.). Collaborative problem-solving involves the establishment and/or maintenance of partnerships between and among other stakeholders and the underserved community to address the community's local environmental and/or public health issues.

These partnerships can include, but are not limited to the following stakeholder groups:

- Other local community-based non-profit organizations;
- Local, regional, and national environmental non-profit organizations;
- State, local, and tribal governments;
- Federal government agencies;
- Health care providers;
- Faith-based organizations and local churches;
- Philanthropic organizations;
- Civic organizations;
- Local economic and/or community development corporations/organizations;
- Educational institutions (*e.g.* schools, colleges, and universities);
- State, local and tribal government agencies;
- Local Businesses and Industry;
- Elected officials (you may not use Federal grant funds or cost-sharing funds to conduct lobbying activities); and
- Labor and professional organizations.

C. QUALIFIED ENVIRONMENTAL STATUTES

The EJCPS Program is designed to address multi-statute environmental and/or public health issues. For this reason, each project must include activities related to **at least one** of the following federal environmental statutes. **Failure to clearly and conclusively identify and cite at least one of the federal statutes in your work plan will result in your project not being considered for award.**

1. **Clean Air Act, Section 103(b)(3):** conduct research, investigations, experiments, demonstration projects, surveys, and studies (including monitoring) related to the causes, effects (including health and welfare effects), extent, prevention, and control of air pollution.
2. **Clean Water Act, Section 104(b)(3):** conduct and promote the coordination of research, investigations, training, demonstration projects, surveys, and studies (including monitoring) relating to the causes, effects, extent, prevention, reduction, and elimination of water pollution.
3. **Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, Section 20(a):** conduct research, development, monitoring, public education, training, demonstration projects, and studies on pesticides.
4. **Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act, Section 203**: conduct research, investigations, experiments, training, demonstration projects, surveys, and studies relating to the minimizing or ending of ocean dumping of hazardous materials and the development of alternatives to ocean dumping.
5. **Safe Drinking Water Act, Section 1442(b)(3):** develop and expand the capability to carry out a program (that may combine training, education, and employment) for occupations relating to the public health aspects of providing safe drinking water.
6. **Solid Waste Disposal Act, Section 8001(a):** conduct and promote the coordination of research, investigations, experiments, training, demonstration projects, surveys, public education programs, and studies relating to solid waste (e.g., health and welfare effects of exposure to materials present in solid waste and methods to eliminate such effects). *Please note that proposals supporting brownfields work are not eligible for funding under this announcement.*
7. **Toxic Substances Control Act, Section 10(a):** conduct research, development, monitoring, public education, training, demonstration projects, and studies on toxic substances.

D. EPA STRATEGIC PLAN LINKAGE & ANTICIPATED OUTPUTS, OUTCOMES & PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT:

Pursuant to Section 6a of EPA Order 5700.7, "Environmental Results under EPA Assistance Agreements," (see https://www.epa.gov/grants/epa-order-57007a1-epas-policy-environmental-results-under-epa-assistance-agreements). EPA must link proposed assistance agreements to the Agency's Strategic Plan.

EPA's draft Strategic Plan 2018 - 2022 is available at https://www.epa.gov/planandbudget/strategicplan.html). The activities to be funded under this announcement are intended to further EPA's current priorities for:

1. Improving air quality to ensure more Americans are living and working in areas that meet high air quality standards
2. Ensuring clean and safe water by improving water infrastructure and supporting drinking water, aquatic ecosystems, and recreational, economic and subsistence activities
3. Cleaning up contaminated sites and returning land back to communities
4. Improving environmental protection through joint governance, state/tribal primacy efforts, and compliance assistance
5. Increasing transparency, public participation, and collaboration with communities.

Applicants should explain in their proposal how their project will further **at least one** of the

current priorities listed above.

EPA Order 5700.7 also requires that grant applicants adequately describe environmental outputs and outcomes to be achieved under assistance agreements. Applicants must include specific statements describing the environmental results of the proposed project in terms of well-defined outputs and, to the maximum extent practicable, well-defined outcomes that will demonstrate how the project will contribute to the goals and objectives described above.

1. **Outputs (Evaluation Criteria, Section V.A)** The term "output" means an environmental activity, effort, and/or associated work product related to an environmental goal and objective that will be produced or provided over a period of time or by a specified date. Outputs may be quantitative or qualitative but must be measurable during the funding period. Examples of some expected outputs from the project(s) may include the following:

    - The number of residents trained by an environmental and/or public health program to reduce resident exposure to environmental and/or public health hazards (e.g., number of residents trained on safe shellfish harvesting)
    - Creation of an environmental and/or public health program to achieve and sustain environmental and/or public health improvements (e.g., a community-wide asthma coalition)

2. **Outcomes (Evaluation Criteria, Section V.A.)** The term "outcome" means the result, effect or consequence that will occur from carrying out an environmental program or activity that relates to an environmental or programmatic goal or objective. Outcomes may be environmental, behavioral, health-related, or programmatic in nature; must be quantitative; and may not necessarily be achievable within an assistance agreement funding period. EPA encourages recipients to identify outcomes wherever possible because they lead to environmental and/or public health improvement more clearly than outputs. Examples of expected outcomes may include but are not limited to the following:

    1. The number of residents that actually adopt safe shellfish harvesting
    2. The number of community members that utilize an asthma action plan to manage asthma at home, work, and/or school
    3. The number of families that have reduced exposure to lead paint as a result of their homes undergoing a lead abatement program
    4. Reduction of carbon emissions/pollution

3. **Performance Measurement Plan (Evaluation Criteria, Section V.A.)** Outputs and outcomes are critical components of an applicant's overall plan for measuring their project's performance. An applicant will be evaluated on the quality of their overall performance measurement plan including the proposed outputs, outcomes, and associated timeframes for achieving those results. An applicant's performance measurement plan will help gather insights, will be the mechanism to track progress concerning successful progress, output and outcome strategies, and will provide the basis for developing lessons learned to inform future recipients. A logic model is useful in developing an overall performance measurement plan. See Appendices C and D for a sample logic model template.

    The following questions are also useful to consider when developing output and outcome measures of quantitative and qualitative results:

1. What are the measurable short term and longer term results the project will achieve?
2. How does the project measure progress in achieving the expected results (including outputs and outcomes) and how will the approach use resources effectively and efficiently?

II. AWARD INFORMATION

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A. FUNDING AVAILABILITY AND PROJECT PERIOD

i) Total estimated funding expected to be available for awards under this competitive opportunity is approximately $1,200,000 contingent on the availability of funds, the quality of proposals, and other applicable considerations. Cooperative agreements are fully funded at time of award.

ii) EPA anticipates awarding one cooperative agreement of $120,000 in each of the 10 EPA Regions (Section VII), subject to availability of funds, the quality of proposals received, and other applicable considerations. The funding for selected projects will be in the form of cooperative agreements because this program requires substantial involvement and interaction between the applicant and EPA. EPA will negotiate the precise terms and conditions of "substantial involvement" as part of the award process. Federal involvement may include: close monitoring of the recipient's performance to verify the results proposed by the applicant; collaboration during the performance of the scope of work; in accordance with 2 CFR 2 CFR 200.317 and 2 CFR 200.318, as appropriate, review of proposed procurements; reviewing qualifications of key personnel; and/or review and comment on the content of printed or electronic publications prepared. EPA does not have the authority to select employees or contractors employed by the recipient. The final decision on the content of reports rests with the recipient.

iii) Proposed projects are for two years. The estimated project period start date for awards is September 1, 2018.

iv) EPA reserves the right to make additional awards under this announcement, consistent with Agency policy, if additional funding becomes available after the original selections. Any additional selections for awards will be made no later than six months from the date of the original selections. In addition, EPA reserves the right to increase or decrease the total number of grants awarded or reject all proposals and make no awards under this announcement. Such changes may be necessary as a response to the quality of proposals received by EPA or the amount of funds available.

v) In appropriate circumstances, EPA reserves the right to partially fund applications by funding discrete portions or phases of proposed projects. If EPA decides to partially fund an application, it will do so in a manner that does not prejudice any applicants or affect the basis upon which the applicant or portion thereof, was evaluated and selected for award, and therefore maintains the integrity of the competition and selection process.

III. ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

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A. **Eligible Entities based on CFDA.** In accordance with CFDA 66.306, an eligible applicant must be one of the following:

- incorporated non-profit organizations —including, but not limited to, environmental justice networks, faith based organizations and those affiliated with religious institutions;*
- federally recognized tribal governments—including Alaska Native Villages; OR
- tribal organizations

* Applicant organizations claiming non-profit status must include documentation that shows the organization is either a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization as designated by the Internal Revenue Service; OR a non-profit organization recognized by the state, territory, commonwealth or tribe in which it is located. For the latter, documentation must be on official state government letterhead.

Applicants must be located within the same state, territory, commonwealth, or tribe in which the proposed project is located. This means that an applicant's registered address of record (i.e. the address designated on their IRS or State-sanctioned documentation) must be in the same state, territory, commonwealth or tribe as the location of the proposed project.

The following entities are **INELIGIBLE** to receive an award, but we encourage applicants to partner with these organizations, as appropriate (see Contracts and Subawards solicitation clause):

- colleges and universities;
- hospitals;
- state and local governments and their entities;
- quasi-governmental entities (e.g., water districts, utilities)*;
- national organizations and chapters of the aforementioned organizations**;
- non-profit organizations supporting lobbying activities as defined in Section 3 of the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995; and***

* Generally, a quasi-governmental entity is one that: (1) has a close association with the government agency, but is not considered a part of the government agency; (2) was created by the government agency, but is exempt from certain legal and administrative requirements imposed on government agencies; or (3) was not created by the government agency but performs a public purpose and is significantly supported financially by the government agency.

** National organizations are defined as comprising of one centralized headquarters or principal place of business that creates and controls the mission, structure and work carried out by its chapters or affiliates.

*** Funds awarded under this announcement may not be used to support lobbying activities or any activities related to lobbying or the appearance thereof. **Subawards made to nonprofit organizations that lobby are <u>not</u> allowed.**

B. THRESHOLD ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

These are requirements that, if not met by the time of proposal submission, will result in elimination of the proposal from consideration for funding. Only proposals from eligible entities (Section III) that meet all of these criteria will be evaluated against the ranking factors in Section V. Applicants deemed ineligible for funding consideration because of the threshold eligibility review will be notified within 15 calendar days of the ineligibility determination.

1. Proposals must substantially comply with the proposal submission instructions and requirements set forth in Section IV of this announcement or else they will be rejected. However, where a page limit is expressed in Section IV with respect to the proposal workplan, pages in excess of the page limitation will not be reviewed.

   In addition, initial proposals **must be submitted through Grants.gov as stated in Section IV of this announcement (except in the limited circumstances where another mode of submission is specifically allowed for, as explained in Section IV)** on or before the proposal submission deadline published in Section IV of this announcement. Applicants are responsible for following the submission instructions in Section IV of this announcement to ensure that their proposal is timely submitted.

2. Proposals submitted after the submission deadline will be considered late and deemed ineligible without further consideration unless the applicant can clearly demonstrate that it was late due to EPA mishandling or because of technical problems associated with Grants.gov or relevant SAM.gov system issues. **An applicant's failure to submit their proposal through Grants.gov because they did not timely or properly register in SAM.gov or Grants.gov will not be considered an acceptable reason to consider a late submission. DO NOT wait to register in SAM.gov or Grants.gov. Finalizing these registrations could take a month or more. Register as soon as possible.** Applicants should confirm receipt of their proposal with Jacob Burney, burney.jacob@epa.gov, as soon as possible—failure to do so may result in your proposal not being reviewed.

3. Qualified Environmental Statutes: Projects must include activities related to at least one of the Qualified Environmental Statutes listed under Section I.C. A project workplan must explain how it is tied to the local environmental and/or public health issue in the underserved community. Any failure to clearly and conclusively identify and cite at least one of the federal statutes in your work plan will result in your project not being considered for award.

4. Applicant/Project Location**: Applicants must be located within the same state, territory, commonwealth, or tribe in which the proposed project is located.** This means that an applicant's registered address of record (i.e. the address designated on their IRS or State-sanctioned documentation) must be in the same state, territory, commonwealth or tribe as the location of the proposed project.

5. Three Letters of Commitment**:** Applicants must have partners from at least THREE different stakeholder groups as documented by at least THREE signed letters of commitment

6. Ineligible activities: **Projects must not be used for the purposes of routine program implementation, implementation of routine environmental protection restoration measures, duplication of work performed under a prior EPA grant, or completion of work which was to have been completed under a prior EPA grant.** If a proposal includes any ineligible tasks or prohibited activities, that portion of the proposal will be ineligible for funding and may, depending on the extent to which it affects the proposal, render the entire proposal ineligible for funding.

7. Multiple Proposals: Applicants may submit only one proposal under this solicitation. If an applicant submits more than one, then they will be contacted by EPA prior to the evaluation process to determine which one to withdraw. However, an applicant organization may be a partner on a proposal from another organization.

8. Please note that proposals must be written in English only. Proposals written in languages other than English will not be considered for award.

C. COST-SHARING OR MATCHING FUNDS

No cost-sharing or matching is required as a condition of eligibility or otherwise considered for evaluating proposals for award.

IV. PROPOSAL & SUBMISSION INFORMATION (back to *Contents by Section*)

A. CONTENT AND FORM OF PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

All proposals must be submitted electronically through www.grants.gov. Proposals transmitted via postal mail, fax, and/or email will not be considered. Proposals are due by Friday, February 16, 2018 at 11:59 PM (ET).

REQUIRED FORMS & DOCUMENTS: The following forms and documents are **required**. Failure to include all documents listed below may result in your proposal being rendered ineligible:

1) **SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance** (part of the Grants.gov application submission process)
2) **Proposal Work plan** (subject to page limit described below and see optional template in Section IV.A.2) - use "Project Narrative" form in Grants.gov to submit your workplan
3) **Itemized Budget Sheet** (Appendices E and F)
4) **Project Performance Measures / Logic Model** (Appendices C & D)
5) **Letters of Commitment from Partners** (from at least three stakeholder groups)
6) Key Contacts List (EPA Form 5700-54) – use "Key Contacts" form in Grants.gov
7) **Resumes of the Project Manager (PM) and other key personnel**
8) **Proof of Non-Profit Status**

For items 3 thru 8 (except for 6), applicants can submit using the "Other" attachments form in Grants.gov.

It is strongly advised that applicants organize their proposals in the order presented above when submitting through Grants.gov. This will facilitate review and scoring of your proposal. However, applicants will not be penalized if documents are ordered differently. The following is a detailed description of all the required forms and documents:

1) SF-424 APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE: The SF-424 is the official form required for all federal grants and cooperative agreements. This form is a required form when submitting a grant application through www.Grants.gov. The form requests the basic information about your organization and proposed project. To complete the SF-424 form, applicants must provide a DUN and Bradstreet (D&B) Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number. Applicants can receive a DUNS number at no cost by calling the dedicated toll-free request line at 1-800-627-3867 or by visiting the D&B website at http://www.dnb.com.

2) PROPOSALWORK PLAN (Template available in Section IV.A.2): The work plan is the most important part of the proposal package. The work plan describes the project. Work plans that are focused and succinct are stronger than ones that try to address too many issues. Under this announcement, applicants must submit a project focused on activities related to **at least** one Qualified Environmental Statute. Types of eligible activities are those described within the Qualified Environmental Statutes, as discussed in Section I of this announcement. Applicants should identify the chosen Qualified Environmental Statute in the Summary Page. Proposals will be evaluated on the extent and quality of how well the project addresses program objectives and allowable activities. The work plan, as described below, must not exceed fourteen (14) single-spaced typewritten pages and be on letter size pages (8 1/2 X 11 inches). Any pages beyond 14 pages (including the Summary Page) will not be read by the Review Panel. It is recommended that applicants use a standard font (e.g. Times New Roman, Calibri, and Arial) and a 12-point font size with 1-inch margins. Supporting materials, such as resumes and partnership letters, can be submitted as attachments and are not included in the 14-page limit.

The following table may be helpful when drafting the work plan:

The 14-page work plan must contain the following components (items 1.0-6.0 below) and should be identified by the headings in the EXACT ORDER as listed below. Also ensure that the workplan addresses all the evaluation criteria in Section V and any necessary threshold eligibility criteria in Section III:

1.0 <u>PROGRAM OBJECTIVES</u>

a. Project Summary – Recommended one-page summary document (does count as part of 14-page workplan limit). Summary includes:

- Project Title
- Project Location (including community/neighborhood(s), city, state, and zip code)
- Rural Area? (Yes / No)
- New EJCPS Recipient (if awarded)? (Yes / No)
- Applicant Information (name, address, main contact information)
- Brief Description of Applicant Organization -- Provide a brief description (100 words or less) of the applicant organization, including its mission and key ongoing projects/activities in which it is involved.
- Project Period Dates
- Environmental Statute(s)
- Project Type(s) -- such as training, monitoring, demonstration, public education (related to statute identified above)
- List of Project Partners -- include partner name and stakeholder group. (For example State University (academic); County commissioner (local government); Facility, Utility, etc. (industry)).
- Project Abstract -- Brief description (250 words or less) of the main objective, activities, and outputs/outcomes of the project, including the specific geographic areas of focus.
- Will you need to develop a QAPP for your project? (see Appendix G)

b. <u>Environmental and Public Health information of the Underserved Community</u> - the applicant will be evaluated on the ability to clearly describe the local environmental justice issue(s) the project proposes to address and the community that is impacted. **Please describe the following:**

- What are the local environmental/public health issue(s) that the project seeks to address;
- What are the local environmental/public health results the project seeks to achieve;
- Describe the underserved community the applicant is directly working with to address the issues
- How the underserved community is disproportionately impacted by environmental harms and risks;
- How the underserved community will benefit from the project's intended local results; and

The applicant must include relevant information such as demographics, geographic location, and community history. We strongly encourage the use of EPA's EJSCREEN tool to characterize and describe your target community (along with local insight and perspective). Instructions and resources on how to use EJSCREEN are included at the hyperlink above. For any questions you have about EJSCREEN, please contact Alyssa Edwards at edwards.alyssa@epa.gov or 202-564-0473.

***Applicants proposing projects in RURAL AREAS must provide sufficient detail (census data, population figures, descriptions of local resources, etc.) for EPA to validate the rural status of the underserved community**

c. <u>Organization's Historical and Sustained Connection to Underserved Community</u> - The applicant will be evaluated on the description of the strong connection between their organization and the underserved community as that term is defined in this announcement. **Please describe the following**:

- History of the applicant's involvement with the underserved community, including duration of involvement and circumstances that led to your involvement;
- How the applicant has worked with the underserved community's residents and/or organizations to address local environmental and public health issues;
- How the underserved community's residents and/or organizations were involved in developing the current project plan and are part of the decision-making process; and
- How the applicant will sustain an ongoing relationship with the underserved community's residents and/or organizations.

d. <u>EJCPS Model</u> - Demonstrate the utility of the Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem Solving Model (Section I.B). Provide a clear and concise description about:

- Which of the seven elements of the EJCPS Model will be undertaken for this project. Also describe which EJCPS Model element(s) associated with this project may have already begun or been accomplished,
  - for example, EJCPS Model Element 1 – *Community Vision and Strategic Planning* may have occurred prior to applying. The EJCPS program focus is on developing and implementing solutions; it is anticipated that applicants may have accomplished some aspects of EJCPS Model elements.

e. <u>Project Linkages</u>

Please describe the following:

- How the project supports EPA's draft Strategic Plan 2018 - 2022 and how the project furthers **at least one** of the current priorities listed below:

  1. Improving air quality to ensure more Americans are living and working in areas that meet high air quality standards
  2. Ensuring clean and safe water by improving water infrastructure and supporting drinking water, aquatic ecosystems, and recreational, economic and subsistence activities
  3. Cleaning up contaminated sites and returning land back to communities
  4. Improving environmental protection through joint governance, state/tribal

primacy efforts, and compliance assistance

5. Increasing transparency, public participation, and collaboration with communities.

- How the project is related to the qualified environmental statute(s) identified in your Project Summary. Please note each project must include activities that are authorized by **at least one** of the federal environmental statutes listed in Section I.C.

f. Partner and Collaborate - Provide a clear and concise description of how the proposed project collaborates with other stakeholders to develop and implement solutions that will address environmental and/or public health issues at the local level. We encourage applicants to seek diversity in partnerships in an effort to enhance the process of achieving the project's goals. **Applicants must have at least THREE signed letters of commitment from partners representing at least THREE different stakeholder groups.**

- Describe how the project will accomplish its goals through the use of appropriate and diverse partnerships from multiple stakeholder groups, such as industry, business, academia, government, etc.

- Identify and describe all partners involved, including those partnerships that may be under development. Include the following details about each of your partners:

  - Planned roles of each partner listed in your Project Summary. Include which stakeholder group the partner represents and the project activities each partner will be responsible for

  - What resources each partner brings to the partnership

  - How the partner has a vested interest in working with this partnership [other than just getting income]

  - How the applicant organization plans to maintain and sustain these relationships on into the future

2.0 Project Activities / Milestone Schedule / Detailed Budget Narrative

Please describe the following:

- Project Activities - Clear description of steps the applicant will take to meet the program objectives. Descriptions of the detailed project activities or components and the anticipated products/results associated with each activity.

- Milestone Schedule - Clearly articulated milestone schedule, including timeframes and major milestones to complete significant project activities.

- Itemized Budget Sheet / Budget Narrative - Clearly explain how EPA funds will be used. Applicants must itemize costs into the following budget categories: personnel, fringe benefits, contractual costs, travel, equipment, supplies, other direct costs, indirect costs, and total costs**.** Describe itemized costs in sufficient detail for EPA to determine the reasonableness and allowability of costs for each work plan component/activity. *Applicants are permitted to attach the itemized budget sheet as an "Other Attachment" to their application so the sheet will not count against the 14-page workplan limit.*

3.0 <u>Environmental Results – Outputs, Outcomes, and Performance Measures (Logic Model)</u>

Please describe the following:

- Environmental Results-Outputs/Outcomes - Applicants will be evaluated based on the expected project outputs and outcomes identified in the proposal for their project. The expected outputs and outcomes should be effective in achieving the Program Objectives listed in Section I, including collaborating and developing partnerships to effectively address local environmental and public health issues, educating and empowering the community about those issues, and developing strategies and approaches for building consensus and setting community priorities in the underserved community. (examples of outputs and outcomes are provided in Section I and Appendix C of the announcement).
- Performance Measurement Plan – Applicants will be evaluated on the extent and quality to which the proposal demonstrates a sound plan for tracking progress toward achieving the expected outputs, outcomes, and associated timeframes for achieving those results. *Applicants are permitted to attach their completed logic models as an "Other Attachment" to their applications so the sheet will not count against the 14-page workplan limit.*

4.0 <u>Programmatic Capability</u>

In order to be evaluated under this criterion in Section V, applicants must provide information on their:

- Organizational Experience related to the proposed project and their infrastructure as it relates to their ability to successfully implement the proposed project.
- Staff Experience / Qualifications of Project Manager (PM) - Provide information that clearly demonstrates that the proposed PM and other staff associated with the project are qualified to perform the project successfully. This will be determined through the description of the following:
    - Why the PM and associated staff are qualified to undertake the project;

- Illustrating the PM's ties/historical connection to the community and the applicant organization. Please include detailed descriptions of any activities that the PM has worked on with the community and/or applicant organization.

- Expenditure of Awarded Grant Funds - Applicants will be evaluated based on their approach, procedures, and controls for ensuring that awarded grant funds will be expended in a timely and efficient manner and applicants must describe this in the workplan.

5.0 Past Performance

Submit a list of federally funded assistance agreements (assistance agreements include Federal grants and cooperative agreements but not Federal contracts) similar in size, scope and relevance to the proposed project that your organization has performed within the last three years. Include the dollar amounts of each agreement. List no more than 5 agreements (preferably EPA agreements if applicable) and describe:

- whether, and how, you were able to successfully complete and manage those agreements; and
- your history of meeting the reporting requirements under those agreements including whether you adequately and timely reported on your progress towards achieving the expected outputs and outcomes of those agreements (and if not, explain why not) and whether you submitted acceptable final technical reports under the agreements.

In evaluating applicants under these factors in Section V, EPA will consider the information provided by the applicant and may also consider relevant information from other sources, including information from EPA files and from current/prior grantors (e.g., to verify and/or supplement the information provided by the applicant). If you do not have any relevant or available past performance or past reporting information, please indicate this in the proposal and you will receive a neutral score for these factors (a neutral score is half of the total points available in a subset of possible points). If you do not provide any response for these items, you may receive a score of 0 for these factors.

6.0 Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) Information (If applicable)

Please describe the following:

- Indicate whether you believe that your project will involve the use of existing environmental data or the collection of new data (use the checklist in Appendix G to assist you in making this determination). For more information about Quality Assurance Project Plans, please consult the following website http://www.epa.gov/quality/qs-docs/g5-final.pdf.

You are not required to develop a QAPP at this point. You are only being asked to determine whether or not you will need a QAPP should your project be selected for funding. If required, then an approved QAPP must be in place ***prior*** to the initiation of project activities.

3) Itemized Budget Sheet (Template available in Appendices E and F): Provide a detailed budget and estimated funding amount for each project component/activity. Identify the requested federal dollars. Clearly explain how EPA funds will be used. Applicants must itemize costs related to personnel, fringe benefits, contractual costs, travel, equipment, supplies, other direct costs, indirect costs, and total costs. All subaward funding should be located under the "other" category. This section provides an opportunity for narrative description of the budget or aspects of the budget such as "other" and contractual. Provide itemized costs with sufficient detail for EPA to determine the reasonableness and allowability of costs for each work plan component/activity. Helpful tips on writing a budget can be found at: http://www.epa.gov/ogd/recipient/ogd_budget_detail_guidance.pdf

If the applicant does not have a current negotiated indirect cost (IDC) rate, the applicant may include a flat IDC rate of 10% of salaries and wages. Please note: Recipients that opt to use the 10% flat rate are obligated to use the flat rate for the life of the grant award.

Total estimated costs in the budget breakdown should reflect federal funding only. Include in the narrative how/if partners will contribute to the project via in-kind or financial support.

Applicants are permitted to attach the itemized budget sheet as an "Other Attachment" to their application so the sheet will not count against the 14-page workplan limit.

Grantee Networking and Training Workshop: All EJCPS recipients will be required to attend a two-day workshop to be held at each EPA regional office. The tentative timeframe of the workshops will be Fall 2018. Recipients will need to identify at least one authorized official to participate and travel to their corresponding EPA regional office. Recipients will be permitted to use awarded funds to pay for travel to the workshop. Applicants should include those travel costs in proposed budgets. The workshops will feature a mix of current and past EPA EJ grant recipients who will come together to provide perspective, insight, lessons learned, and collaborative opportunities regarding the environmental justice issues plaguing their communities and ways to address them. Recipients will also receive guidance on strategic planning and project management. The workshop may also include site visits to local EJ grant recipient communities depending on the EPA regional office agenda and available funding for the workshop.

4) Project Performance Measures / Logic Model (a sample logic model and blank template are available in Appendices C and D).

The ability to measure project progress is critical to achieving desired goals. Targeting work toward specific project outcomes can help the recipient manage the project to achieve these results. Measurement can indicate the effectiveness of the project and whether the efforts are having a positive impact on the community.

In order to determine whether your project has achieved its intended outputs and outcomes, you will need to think about *what* your data source will be (e.g., people, existing records, observation, etc.) and *how* you will collect the data (e.g., observing behavior changes, administering pre- and post-tests). You will need to do this for each performance measure you develop.

When developing your performance measurement plan, please list and describe the following:

- **Resources/Inputs**: Identify which resources, the organization and its partners are putting forward to further the project's goals. Resources may include but are not limited to staff time, in-kind contributions, monetary contributions, etc.
- **Activities:** What activities will the organization and its partners conduct under your work plan?
- **Outputs and Outcomes***:* Describe the outputs and outcomes that will result from the project (potential outputs and outcomes are listed in Section I. D).

When developing performance measures for all projects, it is also important to consider the following:

- What are the measurable short term and longer term results the project will achieve?

- How will my project measure progress in achieving the expected results (including outputs and outcomes) and how will the approach use resources effectively and efficiently?

You will also need to think carefully about your data collection process in order to get quality information from your project and to achieve your project's intended results.

Logic models are useful tools in developing output and outcome measures. A logic model is a visual model that shows the relationship between your work and your desired results. It communicates the performance story of your project, focusing attention on the most important connections between your actions and the results. A logic model can serve as a basic road map for the project, explaining where you are and where you hope to end up. Development of a logic model for your project is not required, but strongly encouraged. If you choose not to provide a logic model, you must still address how you will measure performance.

Applicants are permitted to attach their completed logic models as an "Other Attachment" to their applications so the sheet will not count against the 14-page workplan limit.

5) **Letters of Commitment from Partners (representing at least three stakeholder groups):** Letters should be detailed and indicate how the supporting organization will assist the project, such as providing resources or in-kind support. Please do not include generic letters of support. These are not subject to the page limit.

6) EPA Form 5700-54, **Key Contacts List:** Applicants are encouraged to ensure that all information presented on the Key Contacts form is accurate. Information contained on the Key Contacts form may be used in the event an applicant is contacted for additional information.

7) **Resumes of the Project Manager (PM) and Other Key Personnel:** Applicants must attach a resume or curricula vitae (CV) for the PM and other key personnel named on the Key Contacts List. These are not subject to the workplan page limit although individual resumes should not exceed 2 pages in length.

8) **Proof of Non-profit Status.** Applicant organizations claiming non-profit status must include documentation that shows the organization is either a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization as designated by the Internal Revenue Service; OR a non-profit organization recognized by the state, territory, commonwealth or tribe in which it is located. Documentation must be on official federal or state government letterhead. These are not subject to the page limit.

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B. ADDITIONAL SUBMISSION PROVISIONS: The following list of provisions that apply to this solicitation and/or awards made under this solicitation, include but are not limited to: Confidential Business Information, Contracts and Subawards under grants, and Management Fees. Additional provisions can be found at: http://www.epa.gov/grants/epa-solicitation-clauses . Applicants are strongly encouraged to review these and other grant provisions when preparing proposals for this solicitation. If there is difficulty in accessing the provisions electronically at the website above, please communicate with the EPA contact listed in this solicitation to obtain the provisions.

D. PRE-APPLICATION ASSISTANCE CALLS

Applicants are invited to participate in conference calls with EPA to address questions about the EJCPS Program and this solicitation. Interested persons may access the pre-application assistance calls by dialing 1-866-299-3188 and entering the code 202-564-0152 when prompted. The following are the conference call dates and times:

Date	Time (Eastern Standard)
Tuesday, December 5, 2017	4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, December 13, 2017 (EJSCREEN Tutorial for applicants)	3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, January 11, 2018 *(en Español)*	2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, January 23, 2018	7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Thursday February 1, 2018	4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

In accordance with EPA's Assistance Agreement Competition Policy (EPA Order 5700.5A1), EPA staff will not meet with individual applicants to discuss draft applications, provide informal comments on draft applications, or provide advice to applicants on how to respond to ranking criteria.

Applicants are responsible for the contents of their applications. However, consistent with the provisions in the announcement, EPA will respond to questions from individual applicants regarding threshold eligibility criteria, administrative issues related to the submission of the proposal, and requests for clarification about the announcement.

Responses to frequently asked questions (FAQs) will be available on OEJ's webpage. In addition, if necessary, EPA may clarify threshold eligibility issues with applicants prior to making an eligibility determination.

E. Requirement to Submit through Grants.gov and Limited Exception Procedures:

Applicants, <u>except as noted below</u>, must apply electronically through Grants.gov under this funding opportunity based on the grants.gov instructions in this announcement.

If an applicant does not have the technical capability to apply electronically through grants.gov because of limited or no internet access which prevents them from being able to upload the required application materials to Grants.gov, the applicant must contact OGDWaivers@epa.gov or the address listed below in writing (e.g., by hard copy or email) at <u>least 15 calendar days prior to the submission deadline</u> under this announcement to request approval to submit application materials through an alternate method.

<u>Mailing Address</u>:	**<u>Courier Address</u>:**
OGD Waivers **c/o Jessica Durand** **USEPA Headquarters** **William Jefferson Clinton Building** **1200 Pennsylvania Ave., N. W.** **Mail Code: 3903R** **Washington, DC 20460**	**OGD Waivers** **c/o Jessica Durand** **Ronald Reagan Building** **1300 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.** **Rm # 51278** **Washington, DC 20004**

In the request, the applicant must include the following information:

- Funding Opportunity Number (FON)
- Applicant Organization Name and DUNS
- Organization's Contact Information (Name for POC), email address and phone number)
- Explanation of how applicant lacks technical capability to apply electronically through Grants.gov because of: 1) limited internet access or 2) no internet access which prevents them from being able to upload the required application materials through www.Grants.gov.

EPA will only consider alternate submission exception requests based on the two reasons stated above and will respond timely to the request. If an alternate submission method is approved, the applicant will receive documentation of this approval and further instructions detailing how to apply under this announcement. Applicants will be required to submit the documentation of approval with any initial application submitted under the alternative method. In addition, any submittal through an alternative method must comply with all applicable requirements and deadlines in the announcement including the submission deadline and requirements regarding

proposal content and page limits (although the documentation of approval of an alternate submission method will not count against any page limits).

If an exception is granted, it is valid for submissions to EPA for the remainder of the entire calendar year in which the exception was approved and can be used to justify alternative submission methods for application submissions made through December 31 of the calendar year in which the exception was approved (e.g., if the exception was approved on March 1, 2017, it is valid for any competitive or non-competitive application submission to EPA through December 31, 2017). Applicants need only request an exception once in a calendar year and all exceptions will expire on December 31 of that calendar year. Applicants must request a new exception from required electronic submission through Grants.gov for submissions for any succeeding calendar year. For example, if there is a competitive opportunity issued on December 1, 2017 with a submission deadline of January 15, 2018, the applicant would need a new exception to submit through alternative methods beginning January 1, 2018. **Please note that the process described above is only for requesting alternate submission methods.**

Grants.gov Submission Instructions:

The electronic submission of your application must be made by an official representative of your institution/organization who is registered with Grants.gov and is authorized to sign applications for Federal assistance. For more information on the registration requirements that must be completed in order to submit an application through Grants.gov, go to http://www.grants.gov and click on "Applicants" tab on the top of the page and then go to the "Get Registered" link on the page.

If your organization is not currently registered with Grants.gov, please encourage to designate an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) and ask that individual to begin the registration process as ***soon as possible***. Please note that the registration process also requires that your organization have a DUNS number and a current registration with the System for Award Management (SAM). **The process of obtaining both could take a month or more.** Applicants need to ensure that the AOR who submits the application through Grants.gov and whose DUNS number is listed on the application is an AOR for the applicant listed on the application. Additionally, the DUNS number listed on the application must be registered to the applicant organization's SAM account. If not, the application may be deemed ineligible. Applicants must ensure that all registration requirements are met in order to apply for this opportunity through Grants.gov and should ensure that all such requirements have been met well in advance of the submission deadline. Registration on Grants.gov, SAM.gov, and DUNS number assignment is FREE.

To begin the application process under this grant announcement, go to http://www.grants.gov/ and click on "Applicants" on the top of the page and then "Apply for Grants" from the dropdown menu and then follow the instructions accordingly. **Please note: to apply through Grants.gov, you must use Adobe Reader software and download the compatible Adobe Reader version.** For more information about Adobe Reader, to verify compatibility, or to download the free software, please visit http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/support/technical-support/software/adobe-reader-compatibility.html

You may also be able to access the application package for this announcement by searching for the opportunity on http://www.grants.gov. Go to http://www.grants.gov and then click on "Search Grants" at the top of the page and enter the Funding Opportunity Number, EPA-OP-OEJ-18-01, or

the CFDA number that applies to the announcement (CFDA 66.306), in the appropriate field and click the Search button..

Please submit all of the application materials described in Section IV.A., *Content of Proposal Submission*) using the Grants.gov application package that you downloaded using the instructions above. For additional instructions on completing and submitting the electronic application package, click the "Show Instructions" tab that is accessible within the application package itself.

Please Note: Applications submitted through Grants.gov beginning January 1, 2018 must be submitted through the "Workspace" feature. Information on the Workspace feature can be found at the Grants.gov Workspace Overview Page

Application Submission Deadline: Your organization's AOR must submit your complete application package electronically to EPA through Grants.gov (http:www.grants.gov) no later than February 16, 2018, 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time (ET). Please allow for enough time to successfully submit your application process and allow for unexpected errors that may require you to resubmit.

For Grants.gov (http://www.grants.gov) submission questions, please call the Grants.gov 24-hour helpline at 1-800-518-4726 or visit http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/support.html.

Applications submitted through Grants.gov will be time and date stamped electronically. If you have not received a confirmation of receipt from EPA (not from Grants.gov) within 30 days of the application deadline, please contact Jacob Burney. Failure to do so may result in your application not being reviewed.

All other inquiries about this announcement must be directed to the Agency Contact listed in Section VII of this announcement (Burney.Jacob@epa.gov). Queries or requests submitted to the OGDWaivers@epa.gov email address for any reason other than to request an alternate submission method will not be acknowledged or answered.

Technical Issues with Submission

1. Once the application package has been completed, the "Submit" button should be enabled. If the "Submit" button is not active, please call Grants.gov for assistance at 1-800-518-4726. Applicants who are outside the U.S. at the time of submittal and are not able to access the toll-free number may reach a Grants.gov representative by calling 606-545-5035. Applicants should save the completed application package with two different file names before providing it to the AOR to avoid having to re-create the package should submission problems be experienced or a revised application needs to be submitted.

2. Submitting the application. The application package must be transferred to Grants.gov by an AOR. The AOR should close all other software before attempting to submit the application package. Click the "submit" button of the application package. Your Internet browser will launch and a sign-in page will appear. ***Note: Minor problems are not uncommon with transfers to Grants.gov. It is essential to allow sufficient time to ensure that your application is submitted to Grants.gov BEFORE the due date identified in Section IV of the solicitation.*** The Grants.gov support desk operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, except Federal Holidays.

A successful transfer will end with an on-screen acknowledgement. For documentation purposes, print or screen capture this acknowledgement. If a submission problem occurs, reboot the computer – turning the power off may be necessary – and re-attempt the submission.

Note: Grants.gov issues a "case number" upon a request for assistance.

3. Transmission Difficulties. If transmission difficulties that result in a late transmission, no transmission, or rejection of the transmitted application are experienced, and following the above instructions do not resolve the problem so that the application is submitted to www.Grants.Gov by the deadline date and time, follow the guidance below. The Agency will make a decision concerning acceptance of each late submission on a case-by-case basis. All emails, as described below, are to be sent to Jacob Burney with the Funding Opportunity Number, EPA-OP-OEJ-18-01 in the subject line. If you are unable to email, contact Jacob Burney at 202-564-2907 be aware that EPA will only consider accepting applications that were unable to transmit due to www.Grants.gov or relevant www.Sam.gov system issues or for unforeseen exigent circumstances, such as extreme weather interfering with internet access. Failure of an applicant to submit timely because they did not properly or timely register in SAM.gov or Grants.gov is not an acceptable reason to justify acceptance of a late submittal.

a. If you are experiencing problems resulting in an inability to upload the application to Grants.gov, it is essential to call www.Grants.gov for assistance at 1-800-518-4726 before the application deadline. Applicants who are outside the U.S. at the time of submittal and are not able to access the toll-free number may reach a Grants.gov representative by calling 606-545-5035. Be *sure* to obtain a case number from Grants.gov. If the problems stem from unforeseen exigent circumstances unrelated to Grants.gov, such as extreme weather interfering with internet access, contact Jacob Burney at 202-564-2907.

b. Unsuccessful transfer of the application package: If a successful transfer of the application cannot be accomplished even with assistance from Grants.gov due to electronic submission system issues or unforeseen exigent circumstances, send an email message to burney.jacob@epa.gov prior to the application deadline. The email message must document the problem and include the Grants.gov case number as well as the entire application in PDF format as an attachment.

c. Grants.gov rejection of the application package: If a notification is received from Grants.gov stating that the application has been rejected for reasons other than late submittal promptly send an email to burney.jacob@epa.gov with the Funding Opportunity Number, EPA-OP-OEJ-18-01, in the subject line within one business day of the closing date of this solicitation. The email should include any materials provided by Grants.gov and attach the entire application in PDF format.

V. PROPOSAL REVIEW INFORMATION

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A. CRITERIA

Threshold Eligibility Evaluation Criteria. Before a proposal is reviewed by a panel of EPA regional staff (Review Panel) based on the criteria below, the proposal will be screened at EPA Headquarters in Washington, DC by the Office of Environmental Justice (OEJ) to ensure that it meets the Threshold Eligibility Criteria (See Section III.B). A proposal will not be reviewed according to the evaluation criteria set forth below if it does not meet the Threshold Eligibility Evaluation Criteria.

Ranking Criteria. Proposals meeting the Threshold Eligibility Evaluation Criteria will be reviewed and scored by a regional Review Panel. Each regional review panel will evaluate the eligible applications submitted for projects to be performed in that region. Each criterion has corresponding points that range from 1 point (lowest) to 25 points (highest). The score for each criterion will be based on how well each criterion is addressed in the application submission. The maximum total number of points is 100. Please note that certain sections are given greater weight than others. The application will be scored on the following Ranking Criteria:

Criteria	Category	Evaluation Criteria	Points 100
1.0	**Program Objectives** Proposals will be evaluated based on the extent and quality of how well the project addresses program objectives by demonstrating the following:		**46**
a.	**Project Summary**	One-page summary document that includes: • Project Title • Project Location (including community/neighborhood(s), city, state, and zip code) • Rural Area? (Yes / No) • New EJCPS Recipient (if awarded)? (Yes/No) • Applicant Information (name, address, main contact information) • Brief Description of Applicant Organization Brief Description of Applicant Organization • Project Period Dates • Environmental Statute(s) • Project Type(s) • List of Project Partners, including stakeholder group each partner represents • Project Abstract • Will you need to develop a QAPP for your project? (see Appendix G)	2
b.	**Environmental and Public Health information of the Underserved Community**	Applications will be evaluated on their ability to clearly describe the local environmental justice issue(s) the project proposes to address and the community that is impacted. Please describe the following information: (**maximum 2 points each**): (1) What are the local environmental/public health issue(s) that the project seeks to address; (2) What are the local environmental/public health results the project seeks to achieve; (3) Describe the underserved community the applicant is directly working with to address the issues	10

		(4) How the underserved community is disproportionately impacted by environmental harms and risks; (5) How the underserved community will benefit from the project's intended local results *** The applicant must include relevant information such as demographics, geographic location, and community history. The use of EJSCREEN to characterize and describe the target community is strongly encouraged (along with local insight and perspective).** ***Applicants proposing projects in RURAL AREAS must provide sufficient detail (census data, population figures, descriptions of local resources, etc.) for EPA to validate the rural status of the underserved community**	
c.	**Organization's Historical and Sustained Connection to Underserved Community**	The applicant will be evaluated on the description of the strong connection between their organization and the underserved community including **(maximum 3 points each)**: (1) History of the applicant's involvement with the underserved community, including duration of involvement and circumstances that led to your involvement; (2) How the applicant has worked with the underserved community's residents and/or organizations to address local environmental and public health issues; (3) How the underserved community's residents and/or organizations were involved in developing the current project plan and are part of the decision-making process; and (4) How the applicant will sustain an ongoing relationship with the underserved community's residents and/or organizations.	12
d.	**EJCPS Model**	Describe which of the seven elements of the EJCPS Model will be undertaken for this project, and the associated timeline and milestones for each element selected. Also describe which EJCPS Model element(s) associated with this project may have already begun or been accomplished.	6
e.	**Project Linkages**	**Please describe the following:**	4

		How the project supports EPA's draft Strategic Plan 2018 - 2022 and how the project furthers **at least one** of the current priorities listed below (2 points): 1. Improving air quality to ensure more Americans are living and working in areas that meet high air quality standards 2. Ensuring clean and safe water by improving water infrastructure and supporting drinking water, aquatic ecosystems, and recreational, economic and subsistence activities 3. Cleaning up contaminated sites and returning land back to communities 4. Improving environmental protection through joint governance, state/tribal primacy efforts, and compliance assistance 5. Increasing transparency, public participation, and collaboration with communities. How the project is related to the qualified environmental statute(s) identified in your Project Summary. Please note each project must include activities that are authorized by **at least one** of the federal environmental statutes listed in Section I.C. (2 points)	
f.	**Partner and Collaborate**	Provide a clear and concise description of how the proposed project promotes collaborations with partners from multiple stakeholder groups, such as industry, business, academia, government, etc., to develop and implement solutions that will address environmental and/or public health issues at the local level. (4 points) Identify and describe all partners involved, including those partnerships that may be under development. Include the following details about each of your partners: o Planned roles of each partner listed in your Project Summary. Include which stakeholder group the partner represents and the project activities each partner will be responsible for (2 points) o What resources each partner brings to the partnership (2 points) o How the partner has a vested interest in working with this partnership [other than just getting income] (2 points)	12

		o How the applicant organization plans to sustain these relationships on into the future (2 points) **Applicants must have partners from at least THREE different stakeholder groups as documented by at least THREE signed letters of commitment.**	
2.0	**Project Activities/ Milestone Schedule/ Detailed Budget Narrative** Under this criterion, proposals will be evaluated based on the extent and quality to which the proposal demonstrates the following:		**24**
a.	Project activities	A clear description of steps the applicant will take to meet the project objectives and a clear description of the detailed project activities or components and the anticipated products/results associated with each activity as described in Section IV.	12
b.	Milestone schedule	A clearly articulated milestone schedule, including timeframes and major milestones to complete significant project activities.	6
c.	Itemized Budget Sheet / Budget Narrative	A clear explanation of how EPA funds will be used. Applicants must itemize costs into the following budget categories: personnel, fringe benefits, contractual costs, travel, equipment, supplies, other direct costs, indirect costs, and total costs**.** Describe itemized costs in sufficient detail for EPA to determine the reasonableness and allowability of costs for each work plan component/activity. *Applicants are permitted to attach the itemized budget sheet as an "Other Attachment" to their application so the sheet will not count against the 14-page workplan limit.*	6
3.0	**Environmental Results—Outcomes, Outputs and Performance Measures** (Logic Model) - Under this criterion, proposals will be evaluated based on the following elements:		**14**
a.	Environmental Results-Outputs/Outcomes	Applicants will be evaluated based on the expected project outputs and outcomes identified in the proposal for their project. The expected outputs and outcomes should be effective in achieving the Program Objectives listed in Section I, including collaborating and developing partnerships to effectively address local environmental and public health issues, educating and empowering the community about those issues, and developing strategies and approaches for building consensus and setting community priorities in the underserved community. (examples of outputs and outcomes are provided in Section I and Appendix C of the announcement).	8
b.	Performance Measurement Plan	Applicants will be evaluated on the extent and quality to which the proposal demonstrates a sound plan for tracking	6

		progress toward achieving the expected outputs, outcomes, and associated timeframes for achieving those results. *Applicants are permitted to attach their completed logic models as an "Other Attachment" to their applications so the sheet will not count against the 14-page workplan limit.*	
4.0	**Programmatic Capability** Under this criterion, proposals will be evaluated based on the applicant's ability to successfully complete and manage the proposed project, taking into account the applicant's:		**10**
a.	Organizational experience	Organizational experience related to the proposed project, and the organization's infrastructure as it relates to their ability to successfully implement the proposed project	4
b.	Staff Experience / Qualifications of Project Manager (PM)	The applicant will be evaluated on the ability to clearly demonstrate that the selected PM and other staff associated with the project are qualified to successfully perform the project. This will be determined through evaluating the following: (1) How the PM and staff are qualified to undertake the project successfully; **(2 points)** (2) Illustrating the PM's ties/historical connection to the community and the applicant organization. Please include detailed descriptions of any activities that the PM has worked on with the community and/or applicant organization. **(2 points)**	4
c.	Expenditure of Awarded Grant Funds	Under this criterion, applicants will be evaluated based on their approach, procedures, and controls for ensuring that awarded grant funds will be expended in a timely and efficient manner.	2
5.0	**Past Performance** Under this criterion, applicants will be evaluated based on their ability to successfully complete and manage the proposed project taking into account the applicant's past performance with respect to the agreements listed by the applicant in the proposal workplan as required under Section IV.A.		**6**

	List of Federally Funded Assistance Agreements and Reporting History	Applicants will be evaluated based on their ability to successfully complete and manage the proposed project taking into account the applicant's: • past performance in successfully completing and managing the assistance agreements identified in response to Section IV.A **(3 points)** • (ii) history of meeting the reporting requirements under the assistance agreements identified in response to Section IV.A including whether the applicant submitted acceptable final technical reports under those agreements and the extent to which the applicant adequately and timely reported on their progress towards achieving the expected outputs and outcomes under those agreements and if such progress was not being made whether the applicant adequately reported why not **(3 points)** In evaluating applicants under these factors in Section V, EPA will consider the information provided by the applicant and may also consider relevant information from other sources, including information from EPA files and from current/prior grantors. **If you do not have any relevant or available past performance or past reporting information, please indicate this in the proposal and you will receive a neutral score for these factors (a neutral score is half of the total points available in a subset of possible points). If you do not provide any response for these items, you may receive a score of 0 for these factors.**	

B. REVIEW AND SELECTION PROCESS

Applications will be reviewed and scored under the following process:

1) Threshold Eligibility Screening Process - All applications will be screened for Threshold Eligibility purposes (see Section III.B) at EPA headquarters by EPA staff from the Office of Environmental Justice (OEJ).

2) Panel Review and Evaluation Process - All applications that meet the Threshold Eligibility criteria after the screening review will be forwarded to the appropriate EPA Region (where the project will be performed) for technical review (please refer to Section VII for a listing of EPA's 10 regions) based on the criterion above. Each region will convene a panel to review, score, and rank the eligible applications for their region based on the evaluation criteria listed above. After that process, each Regional Review Panel will participate in a conference call with Headquarters OEJ staff before final selection recommendations, rankings, and evaluation results are presented by the regional review panels to the selection official, the Director of the Office of Environmental Justice. The purpose of this call will be for the regional review panels to discuss their evaluation results and allow OEJ staff to ask any questions about the evaluations. Any changes that result to the evaluations or scoring as a result of this call will be documented.

3) Final Selection Process and Other Factors – Final rankings and selection recommendations from the regional review panels (after the call with OEJ staff) will be presented to the Director of the Office of Environmental Justice in Headquarters who will then make the final selections for award. In addition to this information, the Director of the Office of Environmental Justice may also consider any of the following factors in making final selection decisions among high ranking proposals: (1) projects located in rural areas (as defined on page 1 of this solicitation), (2) projects from eligible organizations that have not previously received an EJCPS award, (3) programmatic priorities, and (4) the availability of funds. The EPA Regional Offices will then make the awards. EPA reserves the right to reject all applications and make no awards under this announcement.

D. Anticipated Announcement and Award Dates

Date	Activity
November 15, 2017	EJCPS Program announced. Open competition period begins.
February 16, 2018	Open competition closes. Applications must be submitted through Grants.gov by 11:59 p.m. (ET), February 16, 2018. Applications received after this date will not be reviewed.
March 2018	EPA will review applications for Threshold Eligibility Criteria (Section III). Ineligible applicants will be notified via email with details regarding ineligibility. Notification to ineligible applicants will be sent via email to the contact identified on the submitted SF424 providing brief explanations on the reason(s) for ineligibility. Ineligible applicants may request a debriefing within 15 days of receipt of the correspondence.
March – July 2018	EPA review panels review, score, and rank eligible applications. EPA will make the final selections for awards. All applicants will be notified of the selection results by mail/email.

July – August 2018	Regional offices will request required application documentation from selected applicants. Awards will be made by the regional offices.
September 2018	OEJ will release a national announcement
Sept – Nov 2018	Regional EJ Grantee Workshops

VI. AWARD ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION (back to *Contents by Section*)

A. AWARD NOTICES

EPA anticipates notification of selected finalists will be made via telephone or electronic or postal mail by August 2018. The notification will be sent to the original signer of the application or the project contact listed in the application. This notification, which informs the applicant that its application has been selected and is being recommended for award, is not an authorization to begin work. The official notification of an award will be made by EPA's Regional Grants Offices. Applicants are cautioned that only a grants officer is authorized to bind the Government to the expenditure of funds; selection does not guarantee an award will be made. For example, statutory authorization, funding or other issues discovered during the award process may affect the ability of EPA to make an award to an applicant. The award notice, signed by an EPA grants officer, is the authorizing document and will be provided through electronic or postal mail

The successful applicant may be requested to submit a final proposal and additional application forms which must be approved by EPA before the grant can officially be awarded. The award notice, signed by an EPA grants officer, is the authorizing document and will be provided through electronic or postal mail. The time between notification of selection and award of a grant can take up to 90 days or longer.

Once proposals have been recommended for funding, EPA will notify the finalists and request any additional information necessary to complete the award process. The finalists will be required to complete additional government application forms prior to receiving a grant, such as the EPA Form SF-424B (Assurances - Non-Construction Programs). The Federal government requires all grantees to certify and assure that they will comply with all applicable Federal laws, regulations, and requirements.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE AND NATIONAL POLICY REQUIREMENTS

This award is subject to the requirements of the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards; Title 2 CFR, Parts 200 and 1500. 2 CFR 1500.1, Adoption of 2 CFR 200, states that the Environmental Protection Agency adopts the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidance Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards to Non-Federal Entities (subparts A through F of 2 CFR 200), as supplemented by this part, as the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) policies and procedures for financial assistance administration. This part satisfies the requirements of 2 CFR 200.110(a) and gives regulatory effect to the OMB guidance as supplemented by this

part. EPA also has programmatic regulations located in 40 CFR Chapter 1 Subchapter B. A listing and description of general EPA regulations applicable to the award of assistance agreements may be viewed at: https://www.epa.gov/grants/policy-regulations-and-guidance-epa-grants.

C. REPORTING

Progress Report.
The Project Manager will be required to submit semi-annual progress reports for the duration of the agreement to update the EPA Regional Project Officer and will also be required to have quarterly meetings with the EPA Regional Project Officer.

Final Report Requirement.
The Project Manager must submit a Final Technical Report for EPA approval within 90 days after the end of the project period. A draft of this report should be submitted within sixty (60) days after the end of the project period. A Financial Status Report is also required and will be described in the award agreement. The EPA may collect, review, and disseminate those final reports that can serve as models for future projects. Many applicants may find it useful to document their progress using various media. This may include, but not limited to the use of videos, blogs and other forms of social media.

Quality Assurance Project Plans (QAPP).
Quality assurance is sometimes applicable to assistance projects (see 2 CFR 1500.11). Quality assurance requirements apply to the collection of environmental data. Environmental data are any measurements or information that describe environmental processes, location, or conditions; ecological or health effects and consequences; or the performance of environmental technology. Environmental data include information collected directly from measurements, produced from models, and compiled from other sources, such as databases or literature. Once the award is made, if a Quality Assurance Project Plan is required for the project, the applicant will have to draft a QAPP prior to beginning work on the project. You must reserve time and financial resources in the beginning of your project in order to prepare your QAPP and include the cost for developing your QAPP in your Detailed Budget. Selected applicants cannot begin data collection until EPA approves the QAPP.

D. COMPETITION DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Assistance agreement competition-related disputes will be resolved in accordance with the dispute resolution procedures published in 70 FR (Federal Register) 3629, 3630 (January 26, 2005) which can be found at https://www.epa.gov/grants/grant-competition-dispute-resolution-procedures.

Copies of these procedures may also be requested by contacting Jacob Burney at (202) 564-2907 or burney.jacob@epa.gov.

Additional Provisions for Applicants Incorporated into the Solicitation:

Additional provisions that apply to this solicitation and/or awards made under this solicitation, including but not limited to those related to DUNS, SAM, copyrights, disputes, and administrative capability, can be found at the EPA Solicitation Clauses webpage.

These, and the other provisions that can be found at the website link, are important, and applicants must review them when preparing proposals for this solicitation. If you are unable to access these provisions electronically at the website above, please communicate with the EPA contact listed in this solicitation to obtain the provisions

VII. AGENCY CONTACTS

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APPENDIX A

TIPS ON PREPARING AN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE GRANT APPLICATION

This information is intended to help you put together a competitive proposal for the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Environmental Justice Grants Program. *Please read the Application Guidance carefully -- this document is intended for informational purposes only.*

- **Target your audience carefully**

Identify a specific group or community to work with to develop a program that will give the highest return for your dollars invested.

- **Build partnerships and alliances**

You are strongly encouraged to enlist project involvement from community groups with similar or related goals and secure their commitment of services and/or dollars. Be sure to document this by obtaining letter(s) of commitment for your application. Initiate the partnerships early in your planning, since building alliances can take time and effort.

- **Do some homework**

Allow time to develop and document your understanding of environmental justice issues within the community you work in or with. Find out what materials exist on the subject and the procedures you are planning to include in your work plan. Use this information to back up your project plans or to explain how your group activities are unique and/or creative.

- **Develop a project evaluation technique**

Define as carefully and precisely as possible what you want to achieve with this project and how you will test its success. Ask yourself: "what do you expect to be different once the project is complete?" Outline a plan you will use to measure the success of your activities/project.

- **Develop a timeline or project accomplishment schedule**

List the major tasks that you will complete to meet the goals of the project. Break these broad goals into smaller tasks and lay them out in a schedule over the twelve months of the grant period. Determine and identify in the proposal the total estimated cost for each task. You may estimate this cost by the number of personnel, materials, and other resources you will need to carry out the tasks.

- **Stay within the format and follow application instructions including any page limits**

This makes it easier for the reviewer to read and therefore, understand your work plan. Please refer to the application requirements.

- **Communicate the nature of your project accurately, precisely, and concisely.**

Describe exactly what you propose to do, how you are going to do it, when you are going to do it, who will benefit, and how you will know you are successful. Indicate not only what you propose but what expertise your group has for completing the project (include resumes).

COMMON STRENGTHS

- Project proposal developed solidly from within the community

- Broad based community support for a project that has the potential to positively affect local people
- Project identifies established community advisory board or community group who will guide, steer, or otherwise be involved with the project
- Good partnership with local businesses, industry, community, environmental groups, and state and local agencies. Good coordination with a variety of community groups
- Proposal does a good job of outlining a complex problem and approach to solving it -- does not overlook any major issues or key players
- Clear identification and background description of population to be served
- Proposal identifies specific outputs, target accomplishments, and estimated budgets for each goal, and target dates for completion
- Proposed project builds on existing projects or programs
- The scope of the project can be completed in a funding year
- Proposal clearly describes how the project will achieve the program goals outlined in the application guidance
- Proposal includes innovative ideas and creative thinking about how to motivate and involve youth in the communities where they live
- Proposal includes honest discussion of challenges involved

COMMON WEAKNESSES

- Application did not include information specifically requested in the application guidance
- Community members do not appear to be an integral part of the project planning process
- Not specific enough about what EPA funds will be used for
- Applicant is not an eligible organization (see application guidance page 2)
- Program may be too ambitious for a one/two-year project period
- Project funds conferences or dialogues to discuss EJ issues but does not fund activities that make direct changes in a community
- Immediacy of need is not established
- Methods of evaluating the success of the project unclear
- Failure to mention other groups that applicant will work with or to secure letters of commitment

- Proposal seeks support for developing general environmental program with little mention of environmental justice issues. The link between goals of EPA's environmental justice program and the project is not clearly stated

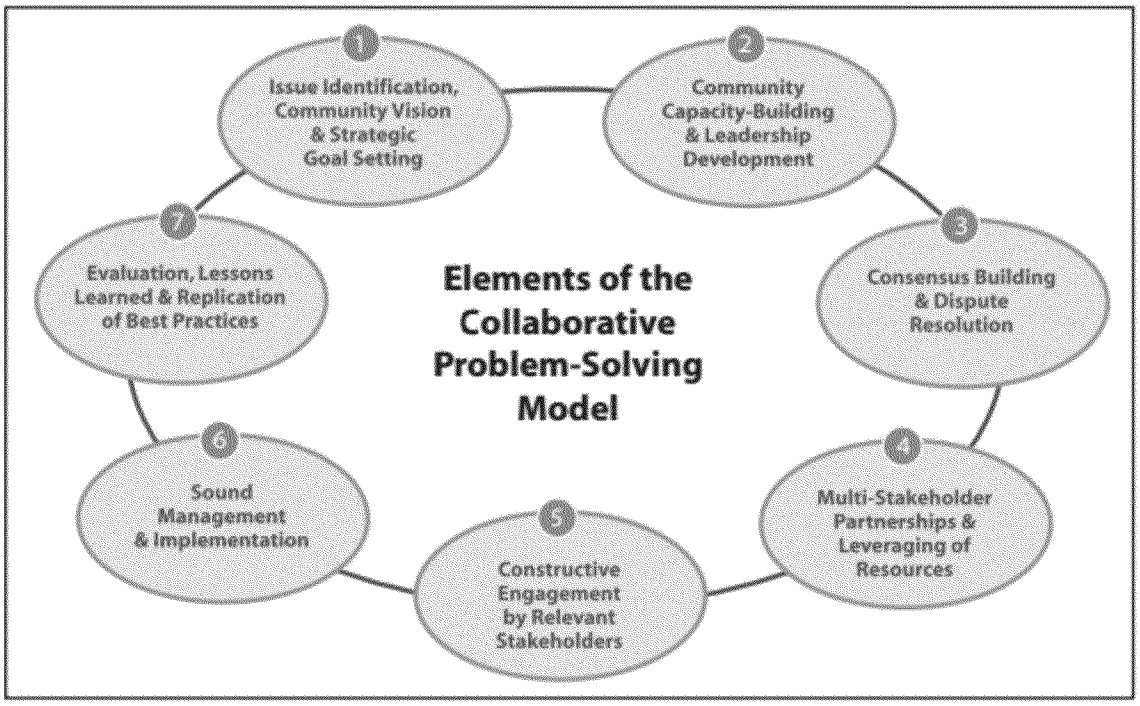
- Discussion of overall mission and goals of the organization but not enough detail on how the specific project and activities will help achieve the goals

APPENDIX B

Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem Solving Model

http://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/resources/publications/grants/cps-manual-12-27-06.pdf

Reference the document provided at the link above for more detail regarding the model.



APPENDIX C

Sample of Performance Measures/Milestones

Creating Partnerships to Develop Inter-agency Air Quality Guidance

Resources/Inputs	Activities	Outputs	Outcomes
Staff time In-kind contributions Additional grants Volunteers Partnering Organizations	Identify potential partners in city, county, state government, public health office, universities to draft and implement air quality guidance Partner meetings to discuss how to formulate an interagency air quality guidance	**Developing a comprehensive understanding** 8 meetings on quarterly basis to formulate air quality guidance Draft air quality guidance	**Creating Partnerships** Increase # of various stakeholders participating to address issues concerning air quality **Educating the Community** Increase in # of stakeholders who are informed of the immediate impacts of poor air quality in target community Increase in # of residents who participate in the partner meetings
Staff time In-kind contributions Additional grants Volunteers Partnering Organizations	Conduct door knocking to solicit resident support and input Generate report and brochures on air quality data	**Engaging and informing the Community** Create one report on the status of air quality, 4 brochures on specific neighborhood data Reach 250 residents in community through door knocking Disseminate report and brochures to 250 residents	**Engaging and informing the Community** Increase in number of residents aware of air quality issues in community Increase in number of residents actively participating in the project Improved air quality

Appendix D

EJCPS Logic Model Template for Performance Measures/Milestones

PROJECT TITLE: _____

	Resources/Inputs	Activities	Outputs	Outcomes
Semi-Annual (six months after beginning of project)				
Annual				

APPENDIX E
EJCPS Detailed Budget Example

	Description	Total
Personnel	Project Manager @ $50,000 annual salary X 30% of time on project = $30,000 for two years Outreach worker @ $35,000 annual salary X 20% of time on project = $14,000 Community support leader @ $20,000 annual salary X 15% = $6,000	$50,000
Fringe Benefits	Project Manager 15% of salary (includes medical, dental, life insurance) = $3,000 for two years Outreach worker 10% of salary (includes medical, dental, life insurance) = $1,400 Community support leader 10% of salary (includes medical, dental, life insurance) = $1,200	$5,600
Travel	Local mileage for Project Manager for partner meetings: 25 miles @ $0.55/mi. X 32 meetings = $440.00 Local mileage for Outreach worker for community outreach efforts: 10 miles @ $0.55/mi. X 30 times X 12 months = $1,980 Travel to 2 regional seminars: Per diem - $30 per day X 3 days = $90; Airfare = $1,360	$3,870.00
Equipment (purchase greater than $5,000)	None	$0
Supplies	20 reams of copy paper @ $4.00 for outreach materials = $80 Laptop computer for Outreach worker to work off-site on community $1,500 Miscellaneous supplies for staff on this project = $1,500 Air Monitor = 3,830.00 Filters (500 filter) = 2,000	$7,910
Contractual	Bookkeeper/Accountant $10/hr. @ 3 hrs./week @ 104 weeks = $3,120 Lab to conduct tests @$45*500 = $22,500	$25,620
Construction	None	0
Other	Sub-award = $15,000 Outreach materials/Postage = $1,500 Indirect Cost -= 5,000 Printing Cost 1,500 Meeting logistics = 3,000	26,000
		$120,000

APPENDIX F
EJCPS Budget Detail Template (Optional)

	Description	Total
Personnel		
Fringe Benefits		
Travel		
Equipment		
Supplies		
Contractual		
Construction		
Other		
		$120,000

APPENDIX G
Quality Assurance Project Plan Requirement (QAPP)

Check Yes or No for each of the items provided below as it applies to your specific project. If y o u answered **YES** to any of the items listed above, you are **REQUIRED TO SUBMIT** a Quality Assurance Project Plan in accordance with EPA Requirements and an approved QAPP must be in place ***prior*** to the initiation of activities.

You will be contacted with information on how to prepare your QAPP. In the meantime, please visit the website http://www.epa.gov/ogd/grants/assurance.htm which provides guidance on what must be submitted for grants/cooperative agreements.

1. Your project will involve the collection of groundwater, soil, sediment, surface water, air, biota or fauna samples for chemical or biological analysis.
   Yes ☐ No ☐

2. Your project will use existing computer databases containing analytical data or personal information previously collected.
   Yes ☐ No ☐

3. Your project will use existing historical research pertaining to this project or proposal.
   Yes ☐ No ☐

4. Your project will implement deed searches for current property or site.
   Yes ☐ No ☐

5. Your project will conduct medical records search for the population covered in the grant.
   Yes ☐ No ☐

6. Your project will compile meteorological data to determine weather trends or air mixing trends.
   Yes ☐ No ☐

7. Your project will use existing statistical studies or will conduct these studies as part of the project.
   Yes ☐ No ☐

8. Your project will create a new database based on the information gathered.
   Yes ☐ No ☐

9. Your project will use this information for litigation purposes.
   Yes ☐ No ☐

10. Your project will use this information to make recommendations on environmental decisions.
    Yes ☐ No ☐

To: Shesgreen, Deirdre[dshesgreen@usatoday.com]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Fri 12/1/2017 9:40:31 PM
Subject: Re: story is up

Thanks. If you do a future story please reach out again - I will be hopefully be helpful.

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 21, 2017, at 2:52 PM, Shesgreen, Deirdre <dshesgreen@usatoday.com> wrote:

FYI, https://www.cincinnati.com/story/news/politics/2017/11/21/opposition-growing-controversial-cincinnati-environmental-nominee-coulmay-not-have-votes-confirmatio/886124001/

From: Wilcox, Jahan [mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 3:12 PM
To: Shesgreen, Deirdre <dshesgreen@usatoday.com>
Subject: Re: Dourson

"The NLRB v. Southwest General decision held that the Vacancies Act prevents a person who has been nominated by the President to fill a vacant Senate-confirmed position 'from performing the duties of that office in an acting capacity.' Dr. Dourson is a Senior Advisor to the Administrator and is not 'performing the duties' of the AA for OCSPP, which is what occurred in previous administrations." EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 21, 2017, at 1:40 PM, Shesgreen, Deirdre <dshesgreen@usatoday.com> wrote:

Thanks, final Q: has Dourson or the EPA responded to this letter yet?

https://www.whitehouse.senate.gov/download/dourson-letter-on-adviser-status

From: Wilcox, Jahan [mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
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Please don't quote this: Sure - Think my one the record quote does exactly that.

On Nov 21, 2017, at 1:05 PM, Shesgreen, Deirdre <dshesgreen@usatoday.com> wrote:

> Would it be accurate to say that EPA officials are highlighting these points on Dourson's resume as the vote looms? His previous EPA stints and the pro bono work?

> **From:** Wilcox, Jahan [mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
> **Sent:** Friday, November 17, 2017 10:33 AM
> **To:** Shesgreen, Deirdre <dshesgreen@usatoday.com>
> **Subject:** RE: Dourson
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> **ON-THE-RECORD STATEMENT … "Dr. Michael Dourson is a highly qualified scientist to lead EPA's Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution. He worked at EPA for 15 years, founded a program that characterized the health hazards of chemicals, performed pro-bono work that saved a family near Cincinnati and his expertise on TCE contamination resulted in settlements that helped 130 families outside of San Francisco."** – Jahan Wilcox, EPA Spokesperson

BACKGROUND ...

Dr. Michael Dourson is toxicologist with certification from the American Board of Toxicology, the Academy of Toxicological Sciences, and the Society for Risk Analysis. "President Donald J. Trump announced his intention to nominate Dr. Michael Dourson of Ohio to be head EPA's chemical and pesticides office. Dr. Dourson is a professor in the Risk Science Center at the University of Cincinnati, College of Medicine. He founded the nonprofit Toxicology Excellence for Risk Assessment and worked at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, where he won four medals. Dr. Dourson served in multiple positions at the American Board of Toxicology, Society of Toxicology, Society for Risk Analysis, and Toxicology Education Foundation. In addition, to serving on numerous government panels, he is also a member on the editorial board of three toxicology journals." (EPA Press Release, 07/17/17)

Dr. Michael Dourson founded the nonprofit risk organization called Toxicology Excellence for Risk Assessment. "The nonprofit risk organization that Dr. Michael Dourson founded, Toxicology Excellence for Risk Assessment - TERA, has spent 1/3 of its time working with industry sponsors and 2/3 of its time working with government sponsors. Sixty-seven percent of Dr. Dourson's peer reviewed publications was sponsored by government or self-sponsored. TERA, an independent non-profit organization, does work to protect human health by conducting scientific research and development on risk issues in a transparent and collaborative fashion. The TERA's five websites include numerous projects and information that demonstrate this transparent and/or collaborative work. An additional ten to twenty percent of TERA's effort is pro bono. Dr. Dourson testified as a scientific expert on three different occasions for plaintiffs suing industry about the devastating health effects that could occur from exposures to TCE, hydrogen sulfide and pesticides."

Dourson Helped 130 Bay Area Families Reach A Settle Due To Pollution Committed By A Railroad Company. "My experience with Dr. Dourson dates back a few years when I was pursuing a lawsuit in California. In my case, 130 homes in an area outside the San Francisco were affected by TCE from a nearby rail line. When I began looking for an expert witness, I was quickly referred to Dr. Dourson as having the necessary background and experience in this area through his prior experience, as well as his work at the University of Cincinnati and through his non-profit organization, TERA. In my case, and for the 130 homeowners and families involved, Dr. Douson, provided necessary expert testimony demonstrating the risks and effects of TCE contamination to the properties involved and their occupants. Dr. Dourson's work resulted in

significant settlements with the railroad and related property owners due to the risk inherent in exposure to the TCE vapors." (Richard Bowles, Letter To Senate EPW Committee, 11/07/17)

According to Cincinnati's ABC Affiliate, Dourson's pro-bono found the mystery of what was killing animals, sickening children on a property outside of Cincinnati. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=epwdtcl-Zmk&feature=youtu.be

Additional Information …

National Institutes of Health (NIH), International Toxicity Estimates for Risk (ITER): https://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/newtoxnet/iter.htm

University of Cincinnati Risk Science Center: https://med.uc.edu/eh/centers/rsc

Alliance for Risk Assessment: https://med.uc.edu/eh/centers/rsc/risk-resources/ara

Occupational Alliance for Risk Science: https://med.uc.edu/eh/centers/rsc/risk-resources/oars

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To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Dourson

Hi Jahan,

I'm sure you saw that Sens. Tillis and Burr said yesterday they would oppose Michael Dourson's confirmation to the EPA's chemical safety office. I'm doing a story about what happens if it becomes clear he would not be able to win confirmation. Here are my questions:

If another Republican comes out against him, that means his nomination would be defeated on the Senate floor. Would the Trump administration withdraw his name from consideration it is clear he won't be confirmed?

If his nomination is either withdrawn or defeated on the floor, would Administrator Pruitt keep him on board or would he remove him from his current post at EPA?

Thanks,

Deirdre

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To: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
From: Max Greenwood
Sent: Thur 9/14/2017 3:12:51 PM
Subject: Re: What is your number

Hey Jahan -- Just wanted to follow up on this. If there's something incorrect in the article, happy to fix it. Just shoot me an email or give me a call.
Thanks,

Max

On Thu, Sep 14, 2017 at 10:35 AM, Max Greenwood <mgreenwood@thehill.com> wrote:

321-698-1135. What can I do for you?

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Cc: Singer, Paul[pbsinger@usatoday.com]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Wed 10/11/2017 7:58:32 PM
Subject: RE: Sue & Settle

Ledge –

Off-the-record, our Sue and Settle pen and pad will be held on **Monday, October 16, 2017 at 9:00 AM**. You are welcome to attend.

From: King, Ledge [mailto:lsrking@gannett.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2017 7:11 PM
To: Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
Cc: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Singer, Paul <pbsinger@usatoday.com>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Sue & Settle

Ok. Any word on a reschedule?

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 26, 2017, at 7:06 PM, Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov> wrote:

> Ledge and Paul-
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> We have to cancel the pen and pad session due to a scheduling issue. Sorry for the late notice.
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> Sent from my iPhone
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> On Sep 25, 2017, at 3:19 PM, King, Ledge <lsrking@gannett.com> wrote:
>
> > Great. Thanks.

Ledge

From: Wilcox, Jahan [mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 3:17 PM
To: King, Ledge <lsrking@gannett.com>; Singer, Paul <pbsinger@usatoday.com>
Cc: Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
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This is all I need – see you on Wednesday.

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Subject: RE: Sue & Settle

Thanks for the kind words, Jahan.

Yes, I'll be attending. Do I need to give you any more notice or will this do?

Ledge

From: Singer, Paul
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 2:17 PM
To: King, Ledge <lsrking@gannett.com>
Subject: FW: Sue & Settle

From: "Wilcox, Jahan" <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Date: Monday, September 25, 2017 at 2:10 PM
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Paul –

Off-the-record, Administrator Pruitt will be holding a pen-and-pad regarding sue and settle at the EPA. We will have more detail tomorrow that we can share but we wanted to invite you or Ledge wanted to attend. I worked with Ledge while on Rubio campaign – great guy – or if there is something else please let me know. Or if there is someone else from USA Today please let me know. We anticipate there were be about 6-7 outlets and then we will do television and radio later in the week, but all of the news and details will be shared first at this pen and pad.

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)

Please let me know if there is anything else you need from me.

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http://www.kcci.com/article/raw-epa-administrator-scott-pruitt-talks-to-kcci/13994440

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Subject: FYI - KCCI Des Moines

Pruitt will be on in 5 minutes.

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From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Thur 9/28/2017 8:44:38 PM
Subject: Hey Devin and Tim
Authorization for Charter Aircraft_Administator OK_7.26.2017.pdf
Request for Charter Service from Denver to Durango Package_8.24.2017.pdf
Request for Authorization_Use of MilAir-GC Memo_6.7.2017.pdf

On background and without attribution, wanted to make sure you saw this clip that details the 1 charter flight and 3 government flights that EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt has taken.

•□□□□□□□□ **VIDEO:**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gi0lubqu5Mo&feature=youtu.be

ROUGH TRANSCRIPT …

SANDRA SMITH: John, you're getting new information on EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt's charter and government flights.

JOHN ROBERTS: All of this started with HHH Secretary Tom Price and if the revelation that he spent $400,000 on private flights. Now people are talking about the EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt taking a number of noncommercial flights.

A source tells me it was four flights in total. The only charter flight was one between Denver, Colorado and Duragno. This was after the commercial flight on United Airlines that the Administrator was booked on, was delayed for eight hours and he would have missed this event in a mine had they not chartered the flight. They also asked the Governor of Colorado if they could jump on his plane. They were initially told there was no room. And then after they chartered the aircraft, the Governor said well we've got one seat, which still wouldn't have been any good. The Administrator could've flown but his staff wouldn't have.

The other flights were government flights. One was a military flight from Cincinnati to JFK so the Administrator could jump a commercial flight to Italy … so that he attend the G7 Summit. Another was a Department of Interior flight inside of Oklahoma. Would have taken more than five hours to drive there. The EPA reimbursed the Department of Interior for that. The other one was ride on the Governor of North Dakota's aircraft between two cities in North Dakota, between

Fargo and Grand Forks for which the governor was reimbursed. All of that was cleared by the EPA office of ethics. So they're saying this is not a Tom Price situation, this is completely different. Sandra.

SMITH: John Roberts, thank you.

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Attached is a DRAFT pitch that I wanted you to look at.

Without attribution wanted to make sure you saw this story about the mistakes and bias that comes from the Associated Press' Michael Biesecker.

- https://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/erik-wemple/wp/2017/09/07/what-prompted-the-epa-to-attack-an-ap-reporter-over-his-accurate-harvey-reporting/?utm_term=.0723c078736f

Then it might be worth asking the Associated Press (Julie Pace / jpace@ap.org or Sally Buzbee / sbuzbee@ap.org) if the Associated Press has a standard for inaccurate reporting against Democrat and a standard for inaccurate reporting against a Republican. Because in 2013, when the Associated Press made a mistake against one of Bill Clinton's closest friends, Democrat Terry McAuliffe they fired the reporter and editor. But when an Associated Press reporter makes a mistake against a Republican and a member of Donald Trump's cabine they rally around him.

· **In 2013, the Associated Press fired Bob Lewis and his editor Dena Potter for reporting a false story – which was retracted in less than 60 minutes – about one of Bill and Hillary Clinton's best friends, Democrat Terry McAuliffe.** "The Associated Press has fired its veteran Virginia politics reporter Bob Lewis on the heels of his erroneous report about gubernatorial candidate Terry McAuliffe — a move that came as a shock to the politicians and journalists who have worked with Lewis during his two-decade tenure in Richmond. The decision, which was made Monday, came on the heels of an Oct. 9 report in which Lewis alleged that McAuliffe had lied to a federal official investigating a death benefits scam. The Associated Press retracted the story less than two hours after it went up, and Lewis immediately took responsibility for the mistake. Dena Potter, the Richmond-based news editor who edited Lewis's report, has also been fired. The news, first reported by Huffington Post, was confirmed by POLITICO on Monday afternoon." (Politico, 10/21/13)

· **The Columbia Journalism Review wrote that the Associated Press was correct to fire Bob Lewis for reporting false information against Democrat Terry McAuliffe.** "Many journalists are outraged the AP would fire its longtime Virginia capitol reporter over one serious mistake that was retracted in 98 minutes. There's even a petition demanding that the AP reinstate him and two other editors who were also fired. As much as I truly hate to write this, and as much as I empathize as a fellow journalist, the AP was right to fire capitol statehouse reporter Bob Lewis and the supervisor who edited the story. In his 112-word story, Lewis accused Virginia gubernatorial candidate Terry McAuliffe of lying to a federal investigator about a death benefits scam in Rhode Island, then didn't give the candidate enough time to respond. Lewis wrongly believed the initials TM in court documents referred to McAuliffe. They did not." (The Columbia Journalism Review, 10/28/13)

· **https://twitter.com/jpaceDC/status/904400918535430144**

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What prompted the EPA to attack an AP reporter over his accurate Harvey reporting?
The Washington Post
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The Environmental Protection Agency is all over Michael Biesecker, a reporter for the Associated Press. His reading habits, for instance. "We are able to see who opens our emails," says an EPA official, referring to press-release blasts sent out by the agency. "Michael very rarely opens a positive story about [EPA Administrator] Scott Pruitt. He only opens stories where he tries to create problems."

Scrutiny of Biesecker's press-release consumption amped up in the summer months, after a significant dustup between the two organizations. In late June, Biesecker reported that Pruitt had "met privately with the chief executive of Dow Chemical shortly before reversing his agency's push to ban a widely used pesticide after health studies showed it can harm children's brains, according to records obtained by The Associated Press."

Except that the private meeting didn't really happen, though it was indeed listed on a schedule obtained by the AP. Scheduling conflicts prevented it from taking place. The AP ran a correction stating, in part, "A spokeswoman for the EPA says the meeting listed on the schedule was canceled, though Pruitt and [Dow Chemical CEO Andrew] Liveris did have a 'brief introduction in passing.'"

Along with the correction, the AP ran a new story with more information about the non-meeting: "The EPA did not respond to inquiries about the scheduled meeting before the AP story was published and later did not state on the record that the meeting had been canceled."

(An EPA official protests that, indeed, the agency did respond before the story was published). The New York Times, by the way, made the very same error.

Following that episode, the EPA pulled Biesecker from its master email list. "He's more than welcome to visit our website," says an EPA official, noting that there are some 50 AP reporters on the blast list — and Biesecker can get the releases from them. But why de-list the guy? "We don't think he's a trustworthy reporter," says the EPA official.

The evaluation of untrustworthiness, argues the official, stems from the Dow-Pruitt meeting story, plus a previous instance in which Biesecker — along with staffer Adam Kealoha Causey — wrote an article based on emails from Pruitt's previous work as Oklahoma attorney general. "Newly obtained emails underscore just how closely Environmental Protection Agency chief Scott Pruitt coordinated with fossil fuel companies while serving as Oklahoma's state attorney general, a position in which he frequently sued to block federal efforts to curb planet-warming carbon emissions," notes the lead of the piece.

An EPA official cited an editorial in the Oklahoman taking issue with the story. "The fact Pruitt regularly corresponded and dealt with energy industry officials as attorney general of a state where energy is the No. 1 industry should not be surprising nor should it, by itself, be considered nefarious," wrote the newspaper.

Other alleged Biesecker infractions have also upset the EPA. In June, Biesecker forwarded to the EPA press office a news release from Investigative Reporters and Editors announcing that Pruitt had won the organization's "Golden Padlock" award "recognizing the most secretive U.S. agency or individual." Noted the EPA official via email, "this unnecessary email reiterates his dislike for Mr. Pruitt."

So there was distrust in the water when Biesecker and the AP landed on Hurricane Harvey. A trail of emails shows that the wire service decided early on how it would focus its investigative efforts: Houston has long been a petrochemical hub, with $50 billion in chemical plant construction since 2013. The city's deep roots in this industry mean that companies have left behind a fair number of messes, some of them qualifying as EPA Superfund sites. A team of AP journalists wanted to know how these sites would fare underwater.

On Aug. 17, more than a week before Harvey's landfall, the AP requested a copy of EPA's "screening analysis" involving Superfund sites around floodplains or in danger of sea-level rise. As Harvey later bounced out of Texas and into Louisiana, the AP sprung into action, checking out flooded Superfund sites — by foot and by boat — and pressing the EPA for information. Here's an Aug. 30 email inquiry obtained by the Erik Wemple Blog: "How many Superfund sites are underwater? Specific locations? What monitoring are state and federal regulators doing this week? Are they visiting sites by boat? Are they sampling floodwater? What specific actions are

they taking to potentially mitigate the risk of hazardous materials migrating off site due to flooding?" It continued pressing those issues over the following days.

On Sept. 2, Biesecker and colleague Jason Dearen showed the results of their efforts under the provocative and alarming headline, "AP EXCLUSIVE: Toxic waste sites flooded, EPA not on scene." In all, the outlet had visited seven Superfund sites in the Houston region. Several hours after the AP issued its story, the EPA responded with a statement indicating that it had seen aerial imagery showing that 13 of 41 sites were flooded and were "experiencing possible damage." The statement started out by denouncing "misleading and inaccurate reporting" on the topic.

The AP adjusted its article, but not its narrative:

The statement confirmed the AP's reporting that the EPA had not yet been able to physically visit the Houston-area sites, saying the sites had "not been accessible by response personnel." EPA staff had checked on two Superfund sites in Corpus Christi on Thursday and found no significant damage.

AP journalists used a boat to document the condition of one flooded Houston-area Superfund site, but accessed others with a vehicle or on foot. The EPA did not respond to questions about why its personnel had not yet been able to do so.

The next day, the EPA did something that federal agencies, as a general proposition, do not do. It put a news release on the EPA website blasting not just a news outlet, but a specific reporter. With attitude, too.

Yesterday, the Associated Press' Michael Biesecker wrote an incredibly misleading story about toxic land sites that are under water.

Despite reporting from the comfort of Washington, Biesecker had the audacity to imply that agencies aren't being responsive to the devastating effects of Hurricane Harvey. Not only is this inaccurate, but it creates panic and politicizes the hard work of first responders who are actually in the affected area.

Here's the truth: through aerial imaging, EPA has already conducted initial assessments at 41 Superfund sites – 28 of those sites show no damage, and 13 have experienced flooding. This was left out of the original story, along with the fact that EPA and state agencies worked with responsible parties to secure Superfund sites before the hurricane hit. Leaving out this critical information is misleading.

In a chat with the Erik Wemple Blog, a second EPA official criticized the AP for allegedly getting

in over its head. "I've never experienced in my career at EPA this kind of thing happening, where the reporter shows up at a devastated site and makes his own determination," says the official, arguing that the required skills are technical and exacting. Nothing, in other words, that a generalist scribe could profitably undertake. It's far better, said EPA officials, to join agency experts on one of their ride-along tours, as journalists from ABC, CBS, CNBC, CNN and Bloomberg did on Monday. "Crews were able to take videos, photographs and talk directly with technical staff and subject matter experts on the ground," reads an EPA news release/damage-control document on the tour. "Boats were on the water determining impacts at the temporary armored cap in the San Jacinto River, to provide access to the crews."

Much of the anger within the EPA stemmed from the AP's headlining conclusion that the agency was "not on scene." "The sites are flooded — I don't know what we're supposed to do," says one of the EPA officials. The headline was later changed to, "AP EXCLUSIVE: Toxic waste sites flooded in Houston area."

Asked about the EPA's charges that the wire service omitted key facts and generally placed the government agency in a bad light, AP spokeswoman Emily Leshner responded, "We stand by our original reporting and provided the EPA with ample time to respond to our questions. We included the EPA's responses when they were provided." Executive Editor Sally Buzbee waded into the dispute with this statement: "AP's exclusive story was the result of on-the-ground reporting at Superfund sites in and around Houston, as well as AP's strong knowledge of these sites and EPA practices. We object to the EPA's attempts to discredit that reporting by suggesting it was completed solely from 'the comforts of Washington' and stand by the work of both journalists who jointly reported and wrote the story."

Those are strong words, though they're too few. Buzbee would have done well to lament the trajectory of Biesecker's treatment by the EPA: He makes a single mistake in a story based on original reporting and a records request — then he publishes a hard-edged enterprise piece that displeases those in power. He also engages in some snippy emailing. Based on these considerations, the EPA places its full authority behind the imperative of crushing him.

There is no question that reporters lack the capacity to deliver laboratory-quality assessments of the dangers posed by inundated Superfund sites. And the original headline was a touch on the harsh side. Yet the AP story was factually sound, it was an act of enterprise, and it showed editorial independence. As a taxpayer, would you prefer an Associated Press that waits for agency minders to escort its people to the sites, or an Associated Press that braves the elements on its own?

Those considerations notwithstanding, the EPA chose an ad hominem form of pushback, though an agency official dissents from this characterization. "This wasn't personal. It's about his reporting," says the official. "It's not about who he is as a person."

Note that the attacks from agency officials against the AP and its Washington-based environmental reporter are hatched from the comfort of anonymity.

We'll be seeing more of this approach to the media, of course. An EPA official tells this blog that the release slamming Biesecker boosted morale. "I was with 20 to 30 career folks who were appalled by the story and they nearly teared up when press release went out. … This administration was defending their hard work and dedication," said the official.

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Subject: Re: urgent request for comment

Of course! Let me know if you need anything else. Have a great day.

Sent from my iPhone

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Here's story. Thanks Jahan!

http://www.cincinnati.com/story/news/politics/2017/10/18/democrat-tries-block-confirmation-controversial-university-cincinnati-prof-trump-epa-post/774462001/

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Subject: Hey Tim and Eli

On background and without attribution, wanted to make sure you saw this clip that details the 1 charter flight and 3 government flights that EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt has taken.

•□□□□□□□□ **VIDEO:**
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gi0lubqu5Mo&feature=youtu.be

ROUGH TRANSCRIPT …

SANDRA SMITH: John, you're getting new information on EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt's charter and government flights.

JOHN ROBERTS: All of this started with HHH Secretary Tom Price and if the revelation that he spent $400,000 on private flights. Now people are talking about the EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt taking a number of noncommercial flights.

A source tells me it was four flights in total. The only charter flight was one between Denver, Colorado and Duragno. This was after the commercial flight on United Airlines that the Administrator was booked on, was delayed for eight hours and he would have missed this event in a mine had they not chartered the flight. They also asked the Governor of Colorado if they could jump on his plane. They were initially told there was no room. And then after they chartered the aircraft, the Governor said well we've got one seat, which still wouldn't have been any good. The Administrator could've flown but his staff wouldn't have.

The other flights were government flights. One was a military flight from Cincinnati to JFK so the Administrator could jump a commercial flight to Italy … so that he attend the G7 Summit. Another was a Department of Interior flight inside of Oklahoma. Would have taken more than five hours to drive there. The EPA reimbursed the Department of Interior for that. The other one was ride on the Governor of North Dakota's aircraft between two cities in North Dakota, between

Fargo and Grand Forks for which the governor was reimbursed. All of that was cleared by the EPA office of ethics. So they're saying this is not a Tom Price situation, this is completely different. Sandra.

SMITH: John Roberts, thank you.

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Subject: RE: CPP call

No. We did not host this call.

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To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
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Hi-

Do you have a recording or notes from this morning's call with conservative groups about the Clean Power Plan? Or can I get the information that was relayed in it?

Thanks.

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Subject: RE: The Hill: Ex-EPA official: Trump worse than Bush on respecting science, 10/25/17

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The EPA this week cancelled a presentation on climate change by a panel of scientists at a Rhode Island conference focusing on how climate change affects marine life, drawing rebukes for being in denial of science supporting climate change.

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EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt is a man who gets things done. Despite resistance from within his own agency and an environment lobby bent on stopping him, he's doing his part to drain the swamp and return government to the people. He's bringing what citizens demand of a federal agency: Transparency and reasoned, fact-based decision-making resting on sound statutory footing.

Take the contentious issue of global warming. Pruitt called for a reasoned debate. But his critics mocked the suggestion, claiming it would be an outrage to place "fringe" views on an even platform with "established, peer-reviewed research." But it is tyrants and mobs — not reasonable policymakers intent on serving the public — who ridicule debate and discussion. It undercuts arbitrary rule and fear, their chief weapons.

Consider Pruitt's recent directive prohibiting scientists from serving on one of the agency's three main advisory panels while they are receiving EPA grant funding. It applies to the three main advisory boards at the EPA: The Science Advisory Board, the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC), and the Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC).

Pruitt made the case that the directive is necessary to ensure the agency's research programs are informed by independent experts with no financial ties to the programs. As he noted, advisory board members have received $77 million in grant money over the past three years — half of the total

amount allotted.

"When we have members of those committees that received tens of millions of dollars in grants at the same time that they are advising this agency on rulemaking, that is not good," Pruitt said. His directive is prudent, and it is the type of common-sense safeguard that citizens expect in a self-governed republic.

In contrast, the resistance of the EPA's bureaucracy and its apologists shows arrogant contempt for the citizen. Board member and chair of BOSC, Deborah Swackhamer, seemingly unfazed by these relationships, labeled Pruitt's directive as "clearly political" and suggested it is an attempt to effectively stack the committees with members who disagree with her (although she didn't put it quite that way).

What's really going on at EPA is the swamp draining that needs to happen across the federal bureaucracy. It is a death-fight (meant figuratively) for bureaucrats intent at reshaping society according to their world-view. To do so, they need to maintain an appearance that scientific consensus supports their views.

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But, as Pruitt commented, the focus at EPA should be "sound science, not political science." His approach should be emulated by the other agencies.

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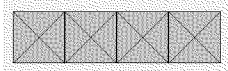

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No. The toxicologist Trump nominated to head the EPA chemical office does not kick puppies and poison kids
The Washington Examiner

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Democrats are devoted to a single line of attack against President Trump's nominee to head the EPA chemical and pesticides office. They accuse Michael Dourson, a toxicologist with decades of experience, of kicking puppies and poisoning kids.

Ranking member of the Committee on Environment, Sen. Tom Carper of Delaware concluded that Dourson didn't have "a good heart." Sen. Tom Udall of New Mexico declared the nominee "might be the worst yet." And Sen. Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut claimed the conservative would do a poor job regulating chemicals that "can literally kill people, or stunt the growth of children, or make people sick."

But if those Democrats took a closer look at Dourson, if they actually examined his record, they'd see evidence of the opposite. He doesn't kick puppies and he doesn't poison kids. He saves them. Literally.

When a Kentucky family of four became dangerously ill in 2013 and suspected pollutants on their property, no one believed them. Not the original owner. Not the builder. And not the public health inspector. It was Dourson and his nonprofit organization, TERA, who discovered that harmful levels of airborne hydrogen sulfide was making the children sick and their pets foam from the mouth.

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Clearly two examples are not enough to merit confirmation of the toxicologist. But when combined with the decades of experience, his 15 years of work with the EPA, and the four bronze medals he won from the agency, however, they seem to suggest that Dourson is a decently, honorable fellow and a more-than-qualified nominee.

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From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Thur 11/16/2017 5:12:19 PM
Subject: Wanted to make sure you saw this.

No. The toxicologist Trump nominated to head the EPA chemical office does not kick puppies and poison kids
The Washington Examiner

November 9, 2017
http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/no-the-toxicologist-trump-nominated-to-head-the-epa-chemical-office-does-not-kick-puppies-and-poison-kids/article/2640166

Democrats are devoted to a single line of attack against President Trump's nominee to head the EPA chemical and pesticides office. They accuse Michael Dourson, a toxicologist with decades of experience, of kicking puppies and poisoning kids.

Ranking member of the Committee on Environment, Sen. Tom Carper of Delaware concluded that Dourson didn't have "a good heart." Sen. Tom Udall of New Mexico declared the nominee "might be the worst yet." And Sen. Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut claimed the conservative would do a poor job regulating chemicals that "can literally kill people, or stunt the growth of children, or make people sick."

But if those Democrats took a closer look at Dourson, if they actually examined his record, they'd see evidence of the opposite. He doesn't kick puppies and he doesn't poison kids. He saves them. Literally.

When a Kentucky family of four became dangerously ill in 2013 and suspected pollutants on their property, no one believed them. Not the original owner. Not the builder. And not the public health inspector. It was Dourson and his nonprofit organization, TERA, who discovered that harmful levels of airborne hydrogen sulfide was making the children sick and their pets foam from the mouth.

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Later in California, Dourson served as an expert witness to help 130 San Francisco families poisoned by chemicals seeping into their homes from a nearby rail line. "Dr. Dourson's work resulted in significant settlements with the railroad and related property owners due to the risk inherent in exposure to the TCE vapors," wrote trial attorney

Richard Bowles.

Clearly two examples are not enough to merit confirmation of the toxicologist. But when combined with the decades of experience, his 15 years of work with the EPA, and the four bronze medals he won from the agency, however, they seem to suggest that Dourson is a decently, honorable fellow and a more-than-qualified nominee.

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Subject: RE: Meeting/grants

Let me check.

From: Timothy Cama [mailto:tcama@thehill.com]
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2017 3:56 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Meeting/grants

Good meeting today. Keep me posted on things.

Did you look into the Konkus grant reviews yet? Just wanted to know if you could tell me on record how many grants he's rejected and/or which grants they are.

Thanks.

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To: Timothy Cama[tcama@thehill.com]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Mon 9/18/2017 6:06:30 PM
Subject: Re: Coffee at 2 still work

Cool

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On Sep 18, 2017, at 1:49 PM, Timothy Cama <tcama@thehill.com> wrote:

Yup yup.

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From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Sat 9/16/2017 12:07:44 PM
Subject: Fwd: VIDEO: EPA Administrator Pledges Permanent Solution For Dioxin Pits

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From: "EPA Press Office" <press@epa.gov>
Date: September 16, 2017 at 7:25:57 AM EDT
To: "Wilcox.jahan@epa.gov" <Wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: VIDEO: EPA Administrator Pledges Permanent Solution For Dioxin Pits
Reply-To: press@epa.gov

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EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt Pledges Permanent Solution For Dioxin Pits

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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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"The NLRB v. Southwest General decision held that the Vacancies Act prevents a person who has been nominated by the President to fill a vacant Senate-confirmed position 'from performing the duties of that office in an acting capacity.' Dr. Dourson is a Senior Advisor to the Administrator and is not 'performing the duties' of the AA for OCSPP, which is what occurred in previous administrations." EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 21, 2017, at 1:40 PM, Shesgreen, Deirdre <dshesgreen@usatoday.com> wrote:

Thanks, final Q: has Dourson or the EPA responded to this letter yet?

https://www.whitehouse.senate.gov/download/dourson-letter-on-adviser-status

From: Wilcox, Jahan [mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
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Additional Information …

National Institutes of Health (NIH), International Toxicity Estimates for Risk (ITER):
https://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/newtoxnet/iter.htm

University of Cincinnati Risk Science Center:
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Sent: Sun 7/30/2017 3:07:53 PM
Subject: Out of the office Re: FW: Tulsa World: Heaven forfend! Scott Pruitt is going home on weekends! - Preview

I'm out the of the office. I'll be back Wednesday.

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From: Devin Henry
Sent: Wed 8/30/2017 7:47:01 PM
Subject: Re: House E&C letter

Hey did you call me? I was on the metro heading to the Capitol and missed a call. Wasn't sure if you or not. Feel free to call back

On Wed, Aug 30, 2017 at 3:44 PM Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

> **"EPA has made clear that the New York Times' story was riddled with inaccuracies. We will respond to Congressmen Pallone, DeGette and Tonko through the proper channel."** - EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

> **From:** Devin Henry [mailto:dhenry@thehill.com]
> **Sent:** Wednesday, August 30, 2017 2:45 PM
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From: Timothy Cama
Sent: Tue 10/10/2017 12:51:49 PM
Subject: Re: Tomorrow

Hey guys-

Any update on this?

Thanks.

On Oct 9, 2017 at 2:24 PM, <Michael Abboud> wrote:

Hey Tim, off the record we have no new updates to share at this time. We'll let you know when that changes.

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Hey Jahan,
Wondering if you have an agency response to Mr. Schnare's op-ed in Inside EPA today https://insideepa.com/share/203829?s=07252017

I'll be writing a post on the Red Team-Blue Team stuff and note his comments about not meshing with Administrator Pruitt, and was hoping you might have something to add.

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Subject: Wehrum

Hey Jahan-
If you'll recall, I'd mentioned the desire to interview sub-administrator folks once confirmed. Now that Bill Wehrum's there, can we set up an interview?

My agenda's just the usual stuff you'd expect for OAR. He's got a lot on his plate and I'd like to hear about his priorities, where things stand on big issues, etc.

Thanks much.

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To: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
From: Devin Henry
Sent: Wed 6/14/2017 5:44:06 PM
Subject: Re: House approps testimony?

Cool, thanks a lot.

On Wed, Jun 14, 2017 at 1:40 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

OTR – If I get it ahead of time, will share.

From: Devin Henry [mailto:dhenry@thehill.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2017 1:38 PM
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From: Devin Henry
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Subject: Re: EPW Dem letters

Thanks a lot, Jahan.
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On Tue, Jun 13, 2017 at 11:21 AM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

"We've responded to 386 of the 416 letters received from Congress, including 11 of the 20 letters received from EPW Ranking Member Tom Carper.

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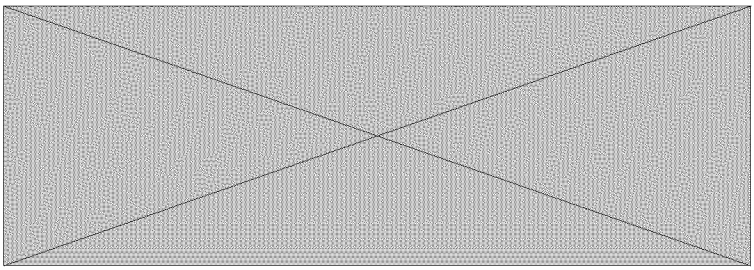
To: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
From: Devin Henry
Sent: Fri 7/21/2017 3:12:47 PM
Subject: Fwd: ADLF Files Complaint Against EPA Admin Pruitt For Illegal Lobbying And Misuse of Taxpayer Money

Jahan, I'm likely to write something on this today and would take a response from the agency, if you have one.
Thank you.

-Devin
---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: **ADLF Press** <press@americandemocracylegalfund.org>
Date: Fri, Jul 21, 2017 at 11:10 AM
Subject: ADLF Files Complaint Against EPA Admin Pruitt For Illegal Lobbying And Misuse of Taxpayer Money
To: dhenry@thehill.com



ADLF Files Complaint Against EPA Admin Pruitt For Illegal Lobbying And Misuse of Taxpayer Money

The American Democracy Legal Fund has filed a complaint against Scott Pruitt, Administrator for the Environmental Protection Agency for violating the Antideficiency Act by misusing the taxpayer funds that support the EPA. Pruitt made clear appeals pertaining to legislation, both already pending and which a reasonable person would expect to be introduced, that were unlawful 'grassroots lobbying' and 'publicity or propaganda' communications during public interviews and according to news reports of closed doors meetings. There is no evidence of either Pruitt or the agency making any attempt to dispute or correct those reports.

As recently as 2015, a similar complaint resulted in the Comptroller General finding the EPA in violation of section 715's prohibition on grassroots lobbying.

The complaint against Pruitt in his role at the EPA details unethical violations of the following laws:

Section 715 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017 provides that:

No part of any funds appropriated in this or any other Act shall be used by an agency of the executive branch other than for normal and recognized executive-legislative relationships, for publicity or propaganda purposes, and for the preparation, distribution or use of any kit, pamphlet, booklet, publication, radio, television, or film presentation designed to support or defeat legislation pending before the Congress, except in presentation to the Congress itself.

Additionally, section 401 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017 provides that:

No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall be available for any activity or the publication or distribution of literature that in any way tends to promote public support or opposition to any legislative proposal on which Congressional action is not complete other than to communicate with Members of Congress as described in 18 U.S.C. [§] 1913. 19

Section 718 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017 provides that:

"[n]o part of any appropriation contained in this or any other Act shall be used directly or indirectly, including by a private contractor, for publicity or propaganda purposes within the United States not heretofore authorized by Congress." 30 One form of communication restricted under section 718—covert propaganda—is at issue here. 31

"Scott Pruitt misused the taxpayer money that funds the EPA and the powers of his office with his illegal lobbying activities. Worse, Pruitt's was lobbying congress against a climate treaty that would improve global health, and which withdrawing from is likely going to result in job - killing tariffs on American companies who export goods to nations remaining in the agreement," said Brad Woodhouse of ADLF.

The complaint is available here. **The American Democracy Legal Fund holds candidates for office accountable for possible ethics and/or legal violations. It is run by Brad Woodhouse.**

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To: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Cc: Singer, Paul[pbsinger@usatoday.com]
From: King, Ledge
Sent: Mon 9/25/2017 7:14:15 PM
Subject: RE: Sue & Settle

Thanks for the kind words, Jahan.

Yes, I'll be attending. Do I need to give you any more notice or will this do?

Ledge

From: Singer, Paul
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 2:17 PM
To: King, Ledge <lsrking@gannett.com>
Subject: FW: Sue & Settle

From: "Wilcox, Jahan" <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Date: Monday, September 25, 2017 at 2:10 PM
To: "Singer, Paul" <pbsinger@usatoday.com>
Cc: "Abboud, Michael" <abboud.michael@epa.gov>, "Graham, Amy" <graham.amy@epa.gov>
Subject: Sue & Settle

Paul –

Off-the-record, Administrator Pruitt will be holding a pen-and-pad regarding sue and settle at the EPA. We will have more detail tomorrow that we can share but we wanted to invite you or Ledge wanted to attend. I worked with Ledge while on Rubio campaign – great guy – or if there is something else please let me know. Or if there is someone else from USA Today please let me know. We anticipate there were be about 6-7 outlets and then we will do television and radio

later in the week, but all of the news and details will be shared first at this pen and pad.

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)

Please let me know if there is anything else you need from me.

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To: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
From: Devin Henry
Sent: Tue 6/13/2017 3:01:25 PM
Subject: EPW Dem letters

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From: Singer, Paul
Sent: Sat 6/10/2017 3:34:11 PM
Subject: Re: Thanks Paul.

Jahan sorry for delay (crazy crazy week)

This is interesting - I used to deal with Susan Bodine when I ran Inside EPA in the 1990s.

I'll look into this

Thanks

Singer

Paul Singer
202-746-6047

On Jun 8, 2017, at 3:19 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

I sending this in a clean email because of the table/timeline that is at the bottom of this email.

On background, wanted to point out that Susan Bodine has been nominated for the assistant administrator for enforcement and compliance assurance at the EPA. In the past few weeks, she has met with numerous senators and the general counselor from Obama's EPA is recommending her confirmation (can send you that letter if you want).

Unfortunately, Senator Carper has said he won't be supporting her because the EPA is not responding to his letters. We would like to point out that at this exact moment, we have received 20 letters from Senator Carper and we responded to 10 of those letters. Of the outstanding 10 letters: 7 have been received in the past 30 days, 2 has been in the past 70 days or less (one of those will be put in the mail tomorrow) and 1 has been in the past 90 days or less.

Some of the letters it just takes a long time to get all of the information together (specifically talking about 3 outstanding letters that are over 30 days that will shrink to 2 tomorrow as one will be delivered today) for a response and all of the other 7 letters are under 30 days. We feel like Carper is trying to find a reason to oppose these nominees, but there is no issue here. If you need something on-the-record, happy to pass along this statement and let me know if you need anything else.

"We've received 20 letters from Senator Carper and 10 have already received a detailed response. Of the remaining 10 letters: 7 were received in the past month and we are working to respond as quickly as possible. EPA staff is committed to being responsive to Congress." – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

RESEARCH …

EPW Chairman Tom Carper said he would oppose additional EPA nominees until he receives better responses from the EPA from his letters to the agency. "In a statement, Carper said he too met with Bodine on Tuesday, and while her resume is "helpful," the senator said he would oppose advancing additional EPA nominees until the agency provides better responses to the committee's members." (E&E News, 06/08/17)

Scott Fulton who is the President at The Environmental Law Institute and served at the EPA's General Counsel in the Obama Administration says Susan Bodine has a deep understanding of the EPA and recommends her for confirmation. "During the Obama Administration, when I served as EPA's General Counsel, Susan and I worked collaboratively on matters of shared concern to the Administration and the Congress. … Through these various intersections, I have found Susan to be fair minded, clear thinking, and strategic in her approach, as well as effective in her leadership. She has a deep understanding of EPA and the EPA-State relationship, which will equip her well to lead OECA." (The Environmental Law, 06/05/17)

From	Date of Letter	Subject of Request	Status of Response
Senators Whitehouse, Stabenow, Merkley, Warren, and Duckworth	June 6, 2017	Requests: **(1) communications between anyone in OA, OP, or OAR and Carl Icahn; and (2) any documents shared with or by Icahn** or his associates since Nov. 9th. Argues that they are entitled to the documents since Trump transition team has indicated that Icahn is not a federal employee.	Response in progress
Ranking Member Carper AL-17-000-9297	May 20, 2017	Asks for (1) detailed documents/ information relating to any enforcement action against or settlement with **Devon Energy**; (2) info regarding civil and criminal **enforcement** actions beginning each FY since 2009; (3) info regarding civil and criminal enforcement actions since the beginning of the Administration; and (4) an analysis of the impact of the proposed budget cuts for OECA on the employees, and on potential enforcement and compliance inspections, and compliance assistance enforcement actions.	Response in progress
Ranking Member Carper AL-17-000-9039	May 19, 2017	Expresses concern about EPA's response to his March 17th letter requesting certain information and reiterates his request regarding: the **Administrator's calendar; the individuals who served on the transition/ beach-head team or are political appointees; and a list of open FOIA requests**.	Response in progress
Senator Carper AL-17-000-8893	May 17, 2017	Expresses concern about EPA's response to his April 7th letter requesting information on the **CPP EO and reiterates his request for the information**.	Response in progress
Senators Whitehouse and Merkley AL-17-000-8861	May 16, 2017	Asks questions **about ethics issues concerning Tate Bennett's appointment** as DAA for OCIR.	Response in progress
Senator Warren plus 7 Senators	May 9, 2017	Requests information from the Commodities Futures Trading Commission, the Securities and Exchange Commission, and EPA regarding **Carl Icahn's renewable fuel credits investments**.	Response in progress

AL-17-000-9037			
Ranking Member Carper	May 9, 2017	Requests information about EPA's decision to replace 12 scientists from the **Board of Scientific Counselors**	Response in progress
AL-17-000-8557			
Ranking Member Carper	April 4, 2017	Requests all documents related to EPA's analysis of **H.R. 1430**	Response in progress
AL-17-000-7258			
Ranking Member Carper	March 31, 2017	Requests a copy of all documents sent or received by EPA (including documents sent or received by members of EPA's beach-head and transition teams) since November 9, 2016 that are related to EPA's response to the PANNA/NRDC petition to ban all remaining uses of **chlorpyrifos**.	Should be signed and delivered today or tomorrow.
AL-17-000-7284			
Senator Whitehouse plus 5 other Senators	March 16, 2017	Requests information/ documents regarding "**Carl Icahn's role in any concluded or ongoing discussions concerning the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS)** at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)."	Response in progress
AL-17-000-6447			

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Senators Carper, Whitehouse, Merkley, and Markey	May 1, 2017	Requests information and documents about the **Administrator's decision not to participate in OKGOP Gala**.	On June 1st, signed **letter** brought to CCU for delivery.
AL-17-000-			

8302 Senator Whitehouse	March 24, 2017	Follow up questions to EPA's January 31, 2017 response to a previous letter from the Senator regarding **ethics agreements**	On June 1st, signed **letter** brought to CCU for delivery.
AL-17-000-7145 Senator Whitehouse plus 3 other Senators	April 14, 2017	Questions regarding **EPA's decision to withdraw the ICR from the oil and gas industry. Includes some ethics questions.**	--On May 31, final response **letter** sent.
AL-17-000-7572 Senator Carper plus 16 other Senators	May 12, 2017	New letter asks when they would receive a response to their April 6th letter regarding the **ICR**.	--On May 26th, that final response **letters** were signed.
AL-17-000-9041 ---------- AL-17-000-7263	---------- April 6, 2017	---------- Numerous questions and document requests regarding **EPA's decision to withdraw the ICR from the oil and gas industry regarding methane emissions**.	
Senator Carper AL-17-000-7709	April 18, 2017	Questions about Politico article suggesting that industry groups were studying whether EPA could hire private sector lawyers to **rewrite the Clean Water Rule**.	--On May 17th, the response **letter** was signed and sent to the Hill.
Senator Carper plus 22 other Senators ---------- AL-17-000-7536	May 12, 2017	New letter asks when they would receive a response to their April 7th letter. Numerous questions and some document	--On May 9th, the final response **letter** was cleared by OGC, and send out to the 23 Senators.

		requests regarding the **Clean Power Plan EO**	
	April 7, 2017		
Senators Carper, Whitehouse, Booker, Markey, and Harris	May 2, 2017	Requests information and documents about the **Administrator's ethics agreement and participation in the Ozone NAAQS actions.**	--On May 5th, a final response **letter** was sent.
AL-17-000-8301			
Senator Carper plus 9 other Senators	April 7, 2017	Asks questions about the **Administrator's ethics agreement** and about **participation in the CPP actions.**	--On May 5th, a final response **letter** was sent.
L-17-000-7478			
Ranking Member Carper and others from EPW minority	March 21, 2017	Asks questions about the **Administrator's ethics agreement** and about **recusal or participation in the Clean Water Rule actions.**	--On May 5th, a final response **letter** was sent.
AL-17-000-7282			
Ranking Member Carper and others from EPW minority AL-17-000-6492	March 17, 2017	Requests the Administrator to: "correct the record" regarding his **use of personal email** for official business; **comply with EPA policy regarding the use of personal email** accounts; **release his calendar** each month; address concerns about the "secrecy associated with **transition and other political appointees**;" and commit to the **timely review of FOIA requests**.	--On May 5th, a final response **letter** was sent.

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From: Devin Henry
Sent: Mon 8/14/2017 3:52:53 PM
Subject: Re: FW: Administrator Scott Pruitt Talks About EPA, WOTUS and Baseball

From the KCCI interview, around 6:25, he said ... "As we evaluate this going to forward, we're going to continue to ask the question: what authority do we have to regulate greenhouse gases and CO2 under the Clean Air Act?"
He's sort of talked around this issue before (here and here, for instance), but I wonder, is reassessing CO2 authority some effort he's going to be kicking off soon? What would that entail?

As far as I know the endangerment finding is still the guiding principle on CO2 for the EPA at this point — is the EPA taking any action to reassess that, or has it already?

On Mon, Aug 14, 2017 at 11:48 AM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

From: EPA Press Office [mailto:press=epa.gov@cmail20.com] **On Behalf Of** EPA Press Office
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 11:45 AM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Administrator Scott Pruitt Talks About EPA, WOTUS and Baseball

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT ...

Administrator Scott Pruitt Talks About EPA, WOTUS and Baseball

WASHINGTON - Last week, Administrator Scott Pruitt was in Des Moines, Iowa where he sat down with KCCI's Close Up and WHO's The Insiders, which aired yesterday morning.

Click Here To Watch Scott Pruitt On KCCI-TV Des Moines

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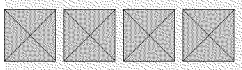

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To: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
From: Joe Concha
Sent: Thur 9/7/2017 9:24:30 PM
Subject: Re: Hey

I agree.

On Thu, Sep 7, 2017 at 5:23 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

Will do or if you agree to take the pitch as background without attribution, I can send it now.

From: Joe Concha [mailto:jconcha@thehill.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2017 5:21 PM

To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Hey

Ok. 201-747-3323. Call after 6p please.

On Thu, Sep 7, 2017 at 5:19 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

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Thanks,

JC

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Cc: Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>
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To: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
From: Devin Henry
Sent: Wed 9/6/2017 12:24:08 PM
Subject: Re: Reuters: EPA workforce shrinking to Reagan-era levels: agency official

Jahan, I assume by sharing you are also confirming (on background)?

Thanks

Devin

On Wed, Sep 6, 2017 at 8:11 AM Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

EPA workforce shrinking to Reagan-era levels: agency official
Reuters
September 6, 2017
https://www.reuters.com/article/us-myanmar-rohingya-bangladesh-landmines/exclusive-myanmar-laying-landmines-near-bangladesh-border-government-sources-in-dhaka-idUSKCN1BH04F

The workforce at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is on course to fall to its lowest level since Ronald Reagan was president, an agency official said on Tuesday.

In June, the EPA unveiled a buyout program that would contribute to the biggest cuts of any federal agency in President Donald Trump's 2018 budget proposal. The EPA employs about 15,000 people.

After buyouts and retirements, that number could drop to 14,428 by October, the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said in an email.

That would be below the fiscal 1988 level, when EPA staffing was 14,440, the official noted. A further 2,998 employees, or just over 20 percent of the total, are eligible to retire now, the official said.

In an April spending bill, the Republican-controlled Congress set a cap for EPA staffing at 15,000 employees for fiscal year 2017, rejecting proposed increases by the previous administration of Democratic President Barack Obama.

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt said the reductions were ”giving long-serving, hard-working employees the opportunity to retire early.

”We’re proud to report that we’re reducing the size of government, protecting taxpayer dollars and staying true to our core mission of protecting the environment and American jobs,” he said in a separate statement.

Pruitt has rolled back a slew of Obama-era regulations limiting carbon dioxide emissions from fossil fuels.

He was also instrumental in convincing Trump to withdraw the United States from the Paris climate accord - a global pact to stem planetary warming through emissions cuts.

While acknowledging the planet is warming, Pruitt has questioned the gravity of the problem and the need for regulations that require companies to take costly measures to reduce their carbon footprint.

Before becoming head of the EPA, he was Oklahoma’s attorney general and repeatedly sued the agency he now runs to block federal environmental rules.

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Sure, I'll take a look.

On Mon, Aug 14, 2017 at 11:00 AM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

Off-the-record, the Bismarck Tribune did not reach out. Also will you be writing on this: http://www.kcci.com/article/kcci-close-up-the-environmental-protection-agency/12005746 (which aired last night).

From: Devin Henry [mailto:dhenry@thehill.com]
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 10:27 AM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Hoeven

Jahan,

I'm going to write a post on Sen. Hoeven's statements on Pruitt's visit to North Dakota last week http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/hoeven-epa-administrator-meetings-in-nd-should-have-been-open/article_a92f99f8-d544-5f16-baa0-5a7cd5361510.html

I'm not sure if the Tribune reached out for comment from you guys or not, but let me know if you have a response.

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To: Abboud, Michael[abboud.michael@epa.gov]
Cc: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
From: Olivia Beavers
Sent: Tue 10/3/2017 5:10:16 PM
Subject: Re: Looking for comment on NYT Pruitt article re. industry-heavy schedule

So no additional statement?

On Tue, Oct 3, 2017 at 10:52 AM, Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov> wrote:

With the New York Times reporting on Administrator Pruitt's schedule, which many other outlets reported on this over the weekend – we wanted to remind you that former EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy regretted not meeting and connecting with rural America.

As Reuters reports:

"Among the millions of rural Americans who voted for incoming president Donald Trump, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's legacy of hard-nosed regulation earned it a reputation as a jobs killer - a fact that outgoing EPA Director Gina McCarthy says could prove to be one of her biggest regrets. 'We tried to change the outreach and messaging in rural America in a number of ways, but ... has it changed the rhetoric that people hear? It hasn't,' McCarthy said in an interview this week at EPA headquarters in Washington. 'We couldn't get it, but I wish we had.'" (EPA head's top regret: failing to connect with rural America, Reuters, 01/06/17)

Additionally, we wanted to make sure you had this list of every environmental, consumer protection and public health groups that the EPA has met with, which includes Oregon Governor Kate Brown and Hawaii Governor David Ige: The Nature Conservancy. Audubon Society. American Lung Association. American Public Health Association. American Academy of Pediatrics. March of Dimes. Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments. Physicians for Social Responsibility. Trust for America's Health. National Medical Association. Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America. National Environmental Health Association. NYU School of Medicine. National Association of Environmental Medicine. National Association of County and City Health Officials. Health Care Without Harm. Healthy Air Campaign. American Lung Association. Indiana NAACP. East Chicago Community Action Group. Twin City Ministerial Alliance. First Baptist Church East Chicago. Interfaith Federation. Association of Clean Water Administrators. Texas Health and Environment

Coalition. Galveston Bay Foundation. Environmental Council of the States. Western Governors Association, including Democratic Governors Steve Bullock (Mont.), Kate Brown (Ore.), David Ige (Hawaii), and John Hickenlooper (Colo.)."

From: Olivia Beavers [mailto:obeavers@thehill.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2017 10:25 AM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Looking for comment on NYT Pruitt article re. industry-heavy schedule

Hello,

Would the EPA like to make an additional comment about the NYT story about Administrator Pruitt's schedule and what it calls an industry-heavy calendar?

Thank you,

Olivia

Reporter at The Hill

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From: Timothy Cama
Sent: Wed 11/1/2017 8:08:24 PM
Subject: Just tried calling you

Ring me back when you get a chance, please.

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Timothy Cama, Staff writer
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To: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
From: Singer, Paul
Sent: Thur 6/8/2017 7:06:12 PM
Subject: Re: Hey Paul

Sure, thanks Jahan

Who's the appointee?

From: "Wilcox, Jahan" <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Date: Thursday, June 8, 2017 at 3:04 PM
To: "Singer, Paul" <pbsinger@usatoday.com>
Subject: Hey Paul

I got your contact information from Donovan Slack who I worked with in 2010.

I am currently at the EPA and next week will be the first hearing for our first EPA appointee that must go through the Senate. Curious if I could send you some background material, along with an on-the-record statement regarding some stuff that may or may not happen next Tuesday?

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To: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
From: Slack, Donovan
Sent: Thur 6/8/2017 6:49:48 PM
Subject: RE: Hey Donovan

Jahan! You landed at EPA? Congrats.

Yes, we definitely have papers in Delaware. The best person to talk to is Paul Singer at pbsinger@usatoday.com. Tell him I sent you…

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From: Wilcox, Jahan [mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, June 08, 2017 2:43 PM
To: Slack, Donovan <dslack@usatoday.com>
Subject: Hey Donovan

Hope you are doing well. Question who covers the EPA and or Delaware for Gannett? I have an item that you guys might be interested in that relates to the EPA and Delaware (which has papers in DE).

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To: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Cc: Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov[Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov]
From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Wed 6/7/2017 6:08:17 PM
Subject: Fwd: FOR APPROVAL: WTAS: About The EPA'S Decision To Delay Implementation of the 2015 Ozone Standards - Preview

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Deeley, Blake" <Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov>
Date: June 7, 2017 at 1:49:01 PM EDT
To: "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: FOR APPROVAL: WTAS: About The EPA'S Decision To Delay Implementation of the 2015 Ozone Standards - Preview

Here you go…

"I commend EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt for his recent decision to delay the 2015 ozone standard. This expansive regulation, issued by the Obama Administration, would hamper economic growth and increase energy prices at a time when so many families in West Virginia and around the country are struggling to make ends meet. If we want to turn our economy around, create jobs, and allow more people to succeed, we need to develop standards and regulations that keep our environment safe without sacrificing economic growth. I'm confident that this EPA will be able to find that balance." – Rep. David B. McKinley (West Virginia)

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 07, 2017 11:58 AM
To: Bennett, Tate
Subject: Fwd: FOR APPROVAL: WTAS: About The EPA'S Decision To Delay Implementation of the 2015 Ozone Standards - Preview

We are doing another one of these this afternoon if your bosses want to send us any quotes.

From: EPA Press Office [mailto:press=epa.gov@cmail19.com] **On Behalf Of** EPA Press Office
Sent: Wednesday, June 7, 2017 10:18 AM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: WTAS: About The EPA'S Decision To Delay Implementation of the 2015 Ozone Standards - Preview

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING ...

About The EPA'S Decision To Delay Implementation of the 2015 Ozone Standards

Leaders Across The Country ...

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell applauded Administrator Pruitt decision, calling the standards an attack on middle-class families from the Obama Administration. "I applaud Administrator Scott Pruitt for his decision to delay this Obama Administration issued regulation, which was finalized in October 2015. This regulation was yet another attack on the Middle Class by the Obama Administration and was forced through despite significant concern from communities across the country. Today's postponement will give states and municipalities relief in the interim while EPA continues to review NAAQS levels." (Press Release, 06/06/17)

West Virginia Senator Shelley Moore Capito said state and local employers had insufficient time to comply with these standards. "State and local governments and employers across the country have had insufficient time to comply with the latest revisions to the ozone standards. I commend Administrator Pruitt and his staff at the EPA for acknowledging this reality and acting today to delay existing standards." (Press Release, 06/06/17)

Arizona Senator Jeff Flake said the EPA is working with Arizonans to protect the environment, instead of the previous administration's one-size-fits-all approach. "It's great to see the EPA working with Arizonans for a change. Nowhere are the flaws of previous administration's one-size-fits-all approach to regulating ozone more evident than in Arizona, a desert state where naturally-occurring ozone makes it impossible to meet the new federal mandate. While today's move buys Arizona much-needed time, I remain committed to advancing a solution that will provide permanent relief from this egregious and unworkable rule." (Press Release, 06/06/17)

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton praised Administrator Pruitt for pausing this costly and ineffective rule, which will help the economy in Texas. "I am grateful for the leadership of EPA Administrator Pruitt in courageously pausing the costly and ineffective Ozone Rule, and I'm hopeful that the one-year delay will provide time for the EPA to review the detrimental effects the Ozone Rule will have on the Texas economy." (Press Release, 06/06/17)

Recent News Coverage ...

U.S. extends deadline for states to meet ozone pollution standard. "The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said on Tuesday it was extending the deadline by one year for states to declare which areas do not meet the federal standard for ground-level ozone, a pollutant linked to several serious health conditions." (Reuters, 06/06/17)

EPA's Pruitt delays Obama-era smog rules for a year. "The Environmental Protection Agency announced Tuesday that it is giving states another year to meet strict rules for smog-forming ozone emissions set by the Obama administration, citing states' confusion over regulatory requirements and the need for the EPA to review the regulations. … Pruitt also announced that he is establishing the Ozone Cooperative Compliance Task Force to develop the "additional flexibilities for states to comply with the ozone standard," the agency said. Congress gave EPA the authority to create the task force under the recently passed fiscal 2017 spending bill." (The Washington Examiner, 06/06/17)

Trump Delays One Of The Most Expensive EPA Regulations Ever. "The Trump administration announced Tuesday evening it would delay the implementation of a smog rule that's been called one of the costliest clean air regulations ever." (The Daily Caller, 06/07/17)

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Sent: Thur 10/19/2017 1:57:42 AM
Subject: RE: urgent request for comment

Here's story. Thanks Jahan!

http://www.cincinnati.com/story/news/politics/2017/10/18/democrat-tries-block-confirmation-controversial-university-cincinnati-prof-trump-epa-post/774462001/

From: Wilcox, Jahan [mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 5:22 PM
To: Shesgreen, Deirdre <dshesgreen@usatoday.com>
Subject: RE: urgent request for comment

On background – here are the Obama nominees that did the same thing.

EPA Appointee from previous administration who was nominated for a position and joined EPA in an advisor role **prior to Senate confirmation**:

ROBERT PERCIASEPE

EOD: 09/08/09

Title: Senior Advisor to the Administrator

Confirmed: 12/24/09

PAS Position: Deputy Administrator

EPA Appointees from previous administration who were nominated for a position and joined EPA in an advisor/different role but **never confirmed by the Senate**:

Stanley Meiburg

EOD: 10/02/14

Title: Senior Advisor to the Administrator

Nominated: 01/27/15

PAS Position: Deputy Administrator

Result: Not Confirmed/Nomination returned to President's desk

Janet McCabe

EOD: 11/09/09

Title: Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation

Nominated: 1st Nomination submitted 01/07/14; 2nd Nomination submitted 06/24/15

PAS Position: Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation

Result: Not Confirmed/Nomination returned to President's desk

Thomas Burke
EOD: 01/11/15

Title: Deputy Assistant Administrator for Research and Development and Science Advisor

Nominated: 1st Nomination submitted 11/12/13; 2nd Nomination submitted 01/06/14; 3rd Nomination submitted 03/26/15

PAS Position: Assistant Administrator for Research and Development

Result: Not Confirmed/Nomination returned to President's desk

Kenneth Kopocis

EOD: 11/02/11

Title: Deputy Assistant Administrator for Water

Nominated: 1st Nomination submitted 06/13/11; 2nd Nomination submitted 03/13/13; 3rd Nomination submitted 01/06/14; 4th Nomination submitted 06/24/15

PAS Position: Assistant Administrator for Water

Result: Not Confirmed/Nomination returned to President's desk

Karl Brooks

EOD: 02/01/10 (as Regional Administrator for Region 7)

Title: Deputy Assistant Administrator for Administration and Resources Management (reassigned on 02/22/15 and left EPA in February 2016)

Nominated: 1st Nomination submitted 05/14/15

PAS Position: Assistant Administrator for Administration and Resources Management

Result: Not Confirmed/Nomination returned to President's desk

Ann Dunkin

EOD: 08/10/14 (as Senior Advisor to the Administrator)

Title: Chief Information Officer (reassigned 02/22/15)

Nominated: 1st Nomination submitted 01/30/14; 2nd Nomination submitted 02/15/15

PAS Position: Assistant Administrator for Environmental Information

Result: Not Confirmed/Nomination returned to President's desk

Jane Nishida (CAREER EMPLOYEE)

EOD: 01/30/11 (as Director, Office of Regional and Bilateral Affairs)

Title: Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator for International and Tribal Affairs (reassigned on 12/15/13)

Nominated: 1st Nomination submitted 04/07/14; 2nd Nomination submitted 02/12/15

PAS Position: Assistant Administrator for International and Tribal Affairs

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Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 5:13 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: urgent request for comment

Hi,

I'm a reporter with USA TODAY. Can one of please confirm that Michael Dourson, who is awaiting Senate confirmation, is already working at EPA and that his title is "advisor to Administrator Pruitt"? When did Administrator Pruitt tap him for that role?

My deadline is ASAP.

Thanks,

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From: Timothy Cama
Sent: Thur 10/19/2017 12:39:15 AM
Subject: Re: Michael Dourson

https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation-now/2017/10/18/controversial-nominee-not-yet-confirmed-already-working-trumps-epa/778310001/

On Oct 18, 2017 at 2:05 PM, <Jahan Wilcox> wrote:

https://www.eenews.net/eedaily/stories/1060063925/search?keyword=Dourson

From: Timothy Cama [mailto:tcama@thehill.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 9:13 AM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Michael Dourson

Hi-

Could you please confirm or deny that Michael Dourson is now working at EPA as an adviser? And when did he start?

Thanks.

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To: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
From: Devin Henry
Sent: Tue 9/5/2017 3:27:01 PM
Subject: Re: Did your story ever run

The thing on the letter last week? No, I didn't write it, a couple other things came up that afternoon.
Sorry, forgot to let you know.

-Devin

On Tue, Sep 5, 2017 at 11:25 AM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

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From: Devin Henry
Sent: Tue 8/15/2017 8:32:10 PM
Subject: Re:

Won't be doing it live or anything, but I'll check the news in the morning to see what he says.
Will take a statement from you, if you have one.
You from Minnesota?

On Tue, Aug 15, 2017 at 4:30 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

> Will you guys be writing on Rep. Ellison's townhall in Mpls tonight about the EPA? If so I have a statement for you.

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From: Shesgreen, Deirdre
Sent: Fri 11/17/2017 4:03:41 PM
Subject: RE: Dourson

OMG, that was awful. I covered the Carnahan v. Ashcroft race in 2000, when Carnahan died in a plane crash. So when Wellstone died, the Post-Dispatch sent me to MN to write about that race. No one from either campaign wanted to talk to me… it was so awkward and awful.

Anyway, happy TG to you too!

From: Wilcox, Jahan [mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, November 17, 2017 11:00 AM
To: Shesgreen, Deirdre <dshesgreen@usatoday.com>
Subject: RE: Dourson

312. Just as crazy as Coleman v. Wellstone/Mondale which was the first race I interned on.

Have a great Thanksgiving!

From: Shesgreen, Deirdre [mailto:dshesgreen@usatoday.com]
Sent: Friday, November 17, 2017 10:56 AM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
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Additional Information …

National Institutes of Health (NIH), International Toxicity Estimates for Risk (ITER): https://toxnet.nlm.nih.gov/newtoxnet/iter.htm

University of Cincinnati Risk Science Center: https://med.uc.edu/eh/centers/rsc

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Hey Tim off the record details will be coming this morning. I'll make sure you get them.

From: Timothy Cama [mailto:tcama@thehill.com]
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To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
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Hi-

Devin and I must have missed our invitation to this "sue and settle" event, or maybe it got caught in our spam filter: https://twitter.com/JohnDSiciliano/status/919919925845745668

Will you be releasing the details about it widely?

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The Washington Examiner

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Democrats are devoted to a single line of attack against President Trump's nominee to head the EPA chemical and pesticides office. They accuse Michael Dourson, a toxicologist with decades of experience, of kicking puppies and poisoning kids.

Ranking member of the Committee on Environment, Sen. Tom Carper of Delaware

concluded that Dourson didn't have "a good heart." Sen. Tom Udall of New Mexico declared the nominee "might be the worst yet." And Sen. Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut claimed the conservative would do a poor job regulating chemicals that "can literally kill people, or stunt the growth of children, or make people sick."

But if those Democrats took a closer look at Dourson, if they actually examined his record, they'd see evidence of the opposite. He doesn't kick puppies and he doesn't poison kids. He saves them. Literally.

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Clearly two examples are not enough to merit confirmation of the toxicologist. But when combined with the decades of experience, his 15 years of work with the EPA, and the four bronze medals he won from the agency, however, they seem to suggest that Dourson is a decently, honorable fellow and a more-than-qualified nominee.

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From: Jacqueline Thomsen
Sent: Tue 8/1/2017 7:40:14 PM
Subject: Media request – Betsy Southerland resignation

Hi Jahan,
My name is Jacqueline Thomsen and I'm a reporter at The Hill newspaper, hope you're doing well.

I saw this press release from PEER about Betsy Southerland's resignation today and I wanted to see if the EPA had any comment on her leaving or the exit letter she released, where she criticized many of the agency's recent actions. We're working on getting a story up shortly, so please let me know, thanks.

Best,
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Adding Michael Abboud. We can try to do this in December or early January of December gets away from us.

On Nov 20, 2017, at 9:22 AM, Timothy Cama <tcama@thehill.com> wrote:

Hey Jahan-
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My agenda's just the usual stuff you'd expect for OAR. He's got a lot on his plate and I'd like to hear about his priorities, where things stand on big issues, etc.

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Heaven Forfend! Scott Pruitt Is Going Home On Weekends!

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July 30, 2017
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If we were supposed to shocked to learn that EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt is going home on weekends, we're not.

A fishing expedition request for Pruitt's EPA expense accounts by an environmentalist advocacy group pretty much discovered just that, and that he was spending some public money along the way and met with people that the advocates don't approve of.

The New York Times first reported the results of a Freedom of Information request for Pruitt's expense accounts filed by the Environmental Integrity Project, which has a history of blocking development and encouraging regulation. The findings: Pruitt returned to his Tulsa home at least 10 times in his first three months in office, costing taxpayers more than $15,000.

During his trips home, Pruitt made some stops, including an informational meeting at the Brainerd Chemical Company in Tulsa and a speech to the Heritage Foundation in Colorado.

As outrages go, it's not worth much.

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We prefer it when the people at the top of the nation's bureaucratic pyramid get out of the Beltway once in a while to talk to ordinary Americans. If Pruitt is coming home to see his friends, family, neighbors and some of the people he regulates, then good for him. That sounds like the acts of a balanced man who wants to know the thinking of the public, not just the pro-regulation lobbyists.

It's apparent to us, and we suspect to Pruitt, that environmental extremists are determined to find anything they can use against him, including this not-so-damning evidence that he hasn't abandoned his family.

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To: Devin Henry[dhenry@thehill.com]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Wed 8/30/2017 7:44:23 PM
Subject: RE: House E&C letter

"EPA has made clear that the New York Times' story was riddled with inaccuracies. We will respond to Congressmen Pallone, DeGette and Tonko through the proper channel." - EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

From: Devin Henry [mailto:dhenry@thehill.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 2:45 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: House E&C letter

Hey Jahan,

Not sure if I'll write this up today but wanted to see if you had anything to say on it, if I do https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/3983607-Letter-to-Pruitt-Re-NY-Times-Reports-and.html

If not, I'll pull EPA replies from the articles they reference.

Let me know.

-Devin

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To: Timothy Cama[tcama@thehill.com]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Wed 9/6/2017 1:39:13 PM
Subject: RE: Buyouts

EPA workforce shrinking to Reagan-era levels: agency official
Reuters
September 6, 2017
https://www.reuters.com/article/us-myanmar-rohingya-bangladesh-landmines/exclusive-myanmar-laying-landmines-near-bangladesh-border-government-sources-in-dhaka-idUSKCN1BH04F

The workforce at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is on course to fall to its lowest level since Ronald Reagan was president, an agency official said on Tuesday.

In June, the EPA unveiled a buyout program that would contribute to the biggest cuts of any federal agency in President Donald Trump's 2018 budget proposal. The EPA employs about 15,000 people.

After buyouts and retirements, that number could drop to 14,428 by October, the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said in an email.

That would be below the fiscal 1988 level, when EPA staffing was 14,440, the official noted. A further 2,998 employees, or just over 20 percent of the total, are eligible to retire now, the official said.

In an April spending bill, the Republican-controlled Congress set a cap for EPA staffing at 15,000 employees for fiscal year 2017, rejecting proposed increases by the previous administration of Democratic President Barack Obama.

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt said the reductions were "giving long-serving, hard-working employees the opportunity to retire early.

"We're proud to report that we're reducing the size of government, protecting taxpayer dollars

and staying true to our core mission of protecting the environment and American jobs," he said in a separate statement.

Pruitt has rolled back a slew of Obama-era regulations limiting carbon dioxide emissions from fossil fuels.

He was also instrumental in convincing Trump to withdraw the United States from the Paris climate accord - a global pact to stem planetary warming through emissions cuts.

While acknowledging the planet is warming, Pruitt has questioned the gravity of the problem and the need for regulations that require companies to take costly measures to reduce their carbon footprint.

Before becoming head of the EPA, he was Oklahoma's attorney general and repeatedly sued the agency he now runs to block federal environmental rules.

From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2017 9:39 AM
To: 'Timothy Cama' <tcama@thehill.com>
Subject: RE: Buyouts

Sure what Reuters printed was accurate.

From: Timothy Cama [mailto:tcama@thehill.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2017 9:37 AM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Buyouts

Hey, could you confirm the buyout figures/Pruitt statement going around?

Thanks.

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To: Timothy Cama[tcama@thehill.com]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
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To: Joe Concha[jconcha@thehill.com]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Thur 9/7/2017 9:54:27 PM
Subject: Thanks! Have a good evening.

Without attribution wanted to make sure you saw this story about the mistakes and bias that comes from the Associated Press' Michael Biesecker.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/erik-wemple/wp/2017/09/07/what-prompted-the-epa-to-attack-an-ap-reporter-over-his-accurate-harvey-reporting/?utm_term=.0723c078736f

Specifically speaking, Biesecker wrote a story about Pruitt's emails that was quickly rebuked by The Oklahoman. Then he knowingly wrote a false story (not once but twice) about a meeting that never occurred between Pruitt and the CEO of Dow Chemical. Then his colleague went to Houston unannounced, literally got in a boat (can show you the emails) while people were still trapped in their homes and claimed that since the EPA staff was not on site at flooded Superfund sites (toxic land sites) that the entire agency was being unresponsive. They were in their boats on Wednesday the day the storm ended. We put out a press release pushing back against the false narrative – EPA employees who were in our command centers were in tears in joy because we had their backs.

APRIL 2017 – Associated Press' Michael Biesecker wrote: "AP Exclusive: Pesticide maker tries to kill risk study despite and on the record statement saying it did not happen." "'We have had no meetings with Dow on this topic and we are reviewing petitions as they come in, giving careful consideration to sound science and good policymaking,' said J.P. Freire, EPA's associate administrator for public affairs." (The Associated Press, 04/20/17)

JUNE 2015 – Associated Press writes a story about Pruitt that was quickly rebuked from The Oklahoman. (See bottom of the email as it's behind a paywall) http://www.oklahoman.com/some-in-media-remain-bothered-by-pruitts-relationship-with-energy-industry/article/5553581

JUNE 2017 – Associated Press' Michael Biesecker wrote: "EPA chief met with Dow CEO before deciding on pesticide ban," despite this statement in their story. "Asked by the AP in April whether Pruitt had meet with Dow executives or lobbyists before his decision, EPA spokesman J.P. Freire replied: 'We have had no meetings with Dow on this topic.'" (The Associated Press, 06/27/17)

JULY 2017 – The Associated Press finally issues a correction.
https://apnews.com/2350d7be5e24469ab445089bf663cdcb

JULY 2017 – The Associated Press report a new wire story and finally include a statement from Dow Chemical and the EPA (which they decided not to use for their story in June) about the meeting never happening. EPA says Pruitt meeting with Dow Chemical head was canceled. "The Environmental Protection Agency and Dow Chemical said Friday that a planned meeting in March between EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt and the company's CEO never took place. The meeting was listed on Pruitt's schedule and reported by The Associated Press on Tuesday. EPA spokeswoman Liz Bowman said in a statement that Pruitt and Dow's Andrew Liveris did have 'a brief introduction in passing' during an energy conference in Houston. She said "no substantive issues" were discussed. Rachelle Schikorra, a spokeswoman for Dow, said the formal meeting 'never happened due to schedule conflicts.' The meeting still appeared on Pruitt's schedule, which was obtained by The Associated Press." (The Associated Press, 06/30/17)

AUGUST 2017 – The Associated Press' Michael Biesecker from Washington along with a colleague in Texas, writes a story headlined 'AP EXCLUSIVE: Toxic waste sites flooded; EPA not on scene."
http://www.statesman.com/news/local/exclusive-toxic-waste-sites-flooded-epa-not-scene/6C2GjwTzXrEmVk3v2IqdOL/

Here's the deal, when an AP reporter not once, not twice, but three times makes mistakes and misleads Americans, the Associated Press rally behind their reporter. But when the mistake is against a Democrat, the immediately fire the reporter. Because in 2013, when the Associated Press made a mistake against one of Bill Clinton's closest friends, Democrat Terry McAuliffe they fired the reporter (Bob Lewis) and editor (Deana Potter). It might be worth doing an editorial on and/or checking in with the Associated Press' Julie Pace and Sally Buzbee (Julie Pace / jpace@ap.org or Sally Buzbee / sbuzbee@ap.org) to see why the AP has two different standards on how they hold their reporters and editors accountable when a mistake is made against a Hillary Clinton Democrat (McAuliffe) and a member of Trump's cabinet.

In 2013, the Associated Press fired Bob Lewis and his editor Dena Potter for reporting a false story – which was retracted in less than 60 minutes – about one of Bill and Hillary Clinton's best friends, Democrat Terry McAuliffe. "The Associated Press has fired its veteran Virginia politics reporter Bob Lewis on the heels of his erroneous report about gubernatorial candidate Terry McAuliffe — a move that came as a shock to the politicians and journalists who have worked with Lewis during his two-decade tenure in Richmond. The decision, which was made Monday, came on the heels of an Oct. 9 report in which Lewis alleged that McAuliffe had lied to a federal official investigating a death benefits scam. The Associated Press retracted the story less than two hours after it went up, and Lewis immediately took responsibility for the

mistake. Dena Potter, the Richmond-based news editor who edited Lewis's report, has also been fired. The news, first reported by Huffington Post, was confirmed by POLITICO on Monday afternoon." (Politico, 10/21/13)

The Columbia Journalism Review wrote that the Associated Press was correct to fire Bob Lewis for reporting false information against Democrat Terry McAuliffe. "Many journalists are outraged the AP would fire its longtime Virginia capitol reporter over one serious mistake that was retracted in 98 minutes. There's even a petition demanding that the AP reinstate him and two other editors who were also fired. As much as I truly hate to write this, and as much as I empathize as a fellow journalist, the AP was right to fire capitol statehouse reporter Bob Lewis and the supervisor who edited the story. In his 112-word story, Lewis accused Virginia gubernatorial candidate Terry McAuliffe of lying to a federal investigator about a death benefits scam in Rhode Island, then didn't give the candidate enough time to respond. Lewis wrongly believed the initials TM in court documents referred to McAuliffe. They did not." (The Columbia Journalism Review, 10/28/13)

McAuliffe and the Clintons: A friendship as close as family, with benefits, risks for both - https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/the-mcauliffes-and-the-clintons-a-friendship-as-close-as-family/2013/10/27/aaaac252-3d7d-11e3-a94f-b58017bfee6c_story.html?utm_term=.3218a1c89382

https://twitter.com/jpaceDC/status/904400918535430144

Sally Buzbee: "We stand by our original reporting and provided the EPA with ample time to respond to our questions. We included the EPA's responses when they were provided." Executive Editor Sally Buzbee waded into the dispute with this statement." (The Washington Post, 09/07/17)

If you need anything else please let me know.

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What prompted the EPA to attack an AP reporter over his accurate Harvey reporting?
The Washington Post

Eric Wimple
September 7, 2017
https://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/erik-wemple/wp/2017/09/07/what-prompted-the-epa-to-attack-an-ap-reporter-over-his-accurate-harvey-reporting/?utm_term=.0723c078736f

The Environmental Protection Agency is all over Michael Biesecker, a reporter for the Associated Press. His reading habits, for instance. "We are able to see who opens our emails," says an EPA official, referring to press-release blasts sent out by the agency. "Michael very rarely opens a positive story about [EPA Administrator] Scott Pruitt. He only opens stories where he tries to create problems."

Scrutiny of Biesecker's press-release consumption amped up in the summer months, after a significant dustup between the two organizations. In late June, Biesecker reported that Pruitt had "met privately with the chief executive of Dow Chemical shortly before reversing his agency's push to ban a widely used pesticide after health studies showed it can harm children's brains, according to records obtained by The Associated Press."

Except that the private meeting didn't really happen, though it was indeed listed on a schedule obtained by the AP. Scheduling conflicts prevented it from taking place. The AP ran a correction stating, in part, "A spokeswoman for the EPA says the meeting listed on the schedule was canceled, though Pruitt and [Dow Chemical CEO Andrew] Liveris did have a 'brief introduction in passing.'"

Along with the correction, the AP ran a new story with more information about the non-meeting: "The EPA did not respond to inquiries about the scheduled meeting before the AP story was published and later did not state on the record that the meeting had been canceled." (An EPA official protests that, indeed, the agency did respond before the story was published). The New York Times, by the way, made the very same error.

Following that episode, the EPA pulled Biesecker from its master email list. "He's more than welcome to visit our website," says an EPA official, noting that there are some 50 AP reporters on the blast list — and Biesecker can get the releases from them. But why de-list the guy? "We don't think he's a trustworthy reporter," says the EPA official.

The evaluation of untrustworthiness, argues the official, stems from the Dow-Pruitt meeting story, plus a previous instance in which Biesecker — along with staffer Adam

Kealoha Causey — wrote an article based on emails from Pruitt's previous work as Oklahoma attorney general. "Newly obtained emails underscore just how closely Environmental Protection Agency chief Scott Pruitt coordinated with fossil fuel companies while serving as Oklahoma's state attorney general, a position in which he frequently sued to block federal efforts to curb planet-warming carbon emissions," notes the lead of the piece.

An EPA official cited an editorial in the Oklahoman taking issue with the story. "The fact Pruitt regularly corresponded and dealt with energy industry officials as attorney general of a state where energy is the No. 1 industry should not be surprising nor should it, by itself, be considered nefarious," wrote the newspaper.

Other alleged Biesecker infractions have also upset the EPA. In June, Biesecker forwarded to the EPA press office a news release from Investigative Reporters and Editors announcing that Pruitt had won the organization's "Golden Padlock" award "recognizing the most secretive U.S. agency or individual." Noted the EPA official via email, "this unnecessary email reiterates his dislike for Mr. Pruitt."

So there was distrust in the water when Biesecker and the AP landed on Hurricane Harvey. A trail of emails shows that the wire service decided early on how it would focus its investigative efforts: Houston has long been a petrochemical hub, with $50 billion in chemical plant construction since 2013. The city's deep roots in this industry mean that companies have left behind a fair number of messes, some of them qualifying as EPA Superfund sites. A team of AP journalists wanted to know how these sites would fare underwater.

On Aug. 17, more than a week before Harvey's landfall, the AP requested a copy of EPA's "screening analysis" involving Superfund sites around floodplains or in danger of sea-level rise. As Harvey later bounced out of Texas and into Louisiana, the AP sprung into action, checking out flooded Superfund sites — by foot and by boat — and pressing the EPA for information. Here's an Aug. 30 email inquiry obtained by the Erik Wemple Blog: "How many Superfund sites are underwater? Specific locations? What monitoring are state and federal regulators doing this week? Are they visiting sites by boat? Are they sampling floodwater? What specific actions are they taking to potentially mitigate the risk of hazardous materials migrating off site due to flooding?" It continued pressing those issues over the following days.

On Sept. 2, Biesecker and colleague Jason Dearen showed the results of their efforts under the provocative and alarming headline, "AP EXCLUSIVE: Toxic waste sites flooded, EPA not on scene." In all, the outlet had visited seven Superfund sites in the Houston region. Several hours after the AP issued its story, the EPA responded with a

statement indicating that it had seen aerial imagery showing that 13 of 41 sites were flooded and were “experiencing possible damage.” The statement started out by denouncing “misleading and inaccurate reporting” on the topic.

The AP adjusted its article, but not its narrative:

The statement confirmed the AP’s reporting that the EPA had not yet been able to physically visit the Houston-area sites, saying the sites had “not been accessible by response personnel.” EPA staff had checked on two Superfund sites in Corpus Christi on Thursday and found no significant damage.

AP journalists used a boat to document the condition of one flooded Houston-area Superfund site, but accessed others with a vehicle or on foot. The EPA did not respond to questions about why its personnel had not yet been able to do so.

The next day, the EPA did something that federal agencies, as a general proposition, do not do. It put a news release on the EPA website blasting not just a news outlet, but a specific reporter. With attitude, too.

Yesterday, the Associated Press’ Michael Biesecker wrote an incredibly misleading story about toxic land sites that are under water.

Despite reporting from the comfort of Washington, Biesecker had the audacity to imply that agencies aren’t being responsive to the devastating effects of Hurricane Harvey. Not only is this inaccurate, but it creates panic and politicizes the hard work of first responders who are actually in the affected area.

Here’s the truth: through aerial imaging, EPA has already conducted initial assessments at 41 Superfund sites – 28 of those sites show no damage, and 13 have experienced flooding. This was left out of the original story, along with the fact that EPA and state agencies worked with responsible parties to secure Superfund sites before the hurricane hit. Leaving out this critical information is misleading.

In a chat with the Erik Wemple Blog, a second EPA official criticized the AP for allegedly getting in over its head. “I've never experienced in my career at EPA this kind of thing happening, where the reporter shows up at a devastated site and makes his own determination,” says the official, arguing that the required skills are technical and exacting. Nothing, in other words, that a generalist scribe could profitably undertake. It's far better, said EPA officials, to join agency experts on one of their ride-along tours, as journalists from ABC, CBS, CNBC, CNN and Bloomberg did on Monday. “Crews were able to take videos, photographs and talk directly with technical staff and subject matter experts on the ground,” reads an EPA news release/damage-control document on the tour. “Boats were on the water determining impacts at the temporary armored cap in the San Jacinto River, to provide access to the crews.”

Much of the anger within the EPA stemmed from the AP's headlining conclusion that the agency was “not on scene.” “The sites are flooded — I don't know what we're supposed to do,” says one of the EPA officials. The headline was later changed to, “AP EXCLUSIVE: Toxic waste sites flooded in Houston area.”

Asked about the EPA's charges that the wire service omitted key facts and generally placed the government agency in a bad light, AP spokeswoman Emily Leshner responded, “We stand by our original reporting and provided the EPA with ample time to respond to our questions. We included the EPA's responses when they were provided.” Executive Editor Sally Buzbee waded into the dispute with this statement: “AP's exclusive story was the result of on-the-ground reporting at Superfund sites in and around Houston, as well as AP's strong knowledge of these sites and EPA practices. We object to the EPA's attempts to discredit that reporting by suggesting it was completed solely from ‘the comforts of Washington’ and stand by the work of both journalists who jointly reported and wrote the story.”

Those are strong words, though they're too few. Buzbee would have done well to lament the trajectory of Biesecker's treatment by the EPA: He makes a single mistake in a story based on original reporting and a records request — then he publishes a hard-edged enterprise piece that displeases those in power. He also engages in some snippy emailing. Based on these considerations, the EPA places its full authority behind the imperative of crushing him.

There is no question that reporters lack the capacity to deliver laboratory-quality assessments of the dangers posed by inundated Superfund sites. And the original headline was a touch on the harsh side. Yet the AP story was factually sound, it was an act of enterprise, and it showed editorial independence. As a taxpayer, would you prefer

an Associated Press that waits for agency minders to escort its people to the sites, or an Associated Press that braves the elements on its own?

Those considerations notwithstanding, the EPA chose an ad hominem form of pushback, though an agency official dissents from this characterization. “This wasn’t personal. It’s about his reporting,” says the official. “It’s not about who he is as a person.”

Note that the attacks from agency officials against the AP and its Washington-based environmental reporter are hatched from the comfort of anonymity.

We’ll be seeing more of this approach to the media, of course. An EPA official tells this blog that the release slamming Biesecker boosted morale. “I was with 20 to 30 career folks who were appalled by the story and they nearly teared up when press release went out. … This administration was defending their hard work and dedication,” said the official.

Pruitt's dealings with energy industry continue to agitate

Editorial
June 2015,
http://www.oklahoman.com/some-in-media-remain-bothered-by-pruitts-relationship-with-energy-industry/article/5553581

The disdain that some in the media have for President Trump and members of his administration is evident regularly. Recent coverage related to EPA administrator Scott Pruitt provides an example of interest to locals because of Pruitt's Oklahoma ties.

A former state senator, Pruitt won election as attorney general in 2010, and was easily re-elected in 2014. From the beginning he made it clear he would actively oppose Obama administration overreach, particularly regulations that had the potential to harm businesses and individuals.

The administration kept Pruitt's “federalism” unit busy, as his office filed at least 14 lawsuits against the Environmental Protection Agency. The most high-profile of those were fights against the Clean Power Plan, which mandated cuts that all states had to make to greenhouse gas emissions, and the Waters of the United States rule, which greatly expanded the EPA's control over bodies of water such as ponds and creeks. The U.S. Supreme Court eventually stayed the CPP and an appeals court put the water rule on hold.

Pruitt's nomination as EPA administrator drew swift and strident opposition from environmentalists and some in the media who said Trump's confirmation would essentially be placing the fox in charge of the henhouse. Both sectors remain upset.

An Associated Press story from Washington last week about emails Pruitt sent and received as attorney general did what it could to further establish Pruitt as a minion for the oil and gas industry — which environmentalists see as dead set on ruining the earth as we know it.

The AP, a wire service used by media outlets around the world including The Oklahoman, said the emails “underscore just how closely” Pruitt “coordinated with fossil fuel companies” as Oklahoma's AG, “a position in which he frequently sued to block federal efforts to curb planet-warming carbon emissions.”

That's quite an opening paragraph. Pruitt didn't just work with energy companies while attorney general — he worked “closely” with “fossil fuel companies” (the ultimate bogey men) to essentially keep global warming from abating.

The AP report went on to note that some of Pruitt's emails involved the Domestic Energy Producers Alliance, a trade group that, as AP pointed out, includes “billionaire Harold Hamm, a political backer of Pruitt and a frequent adviser to President Donald Trump.”

We've always found it interesting how some in the media are quick to identify

conservatives (such as Hamm) as “billionaires.” The Koch brothers, for example, aren't just supporters of conservative (and other) causes. They're “billionaire” supporters. The tag is intended to touch a nerve with those who have a problem with the "greedy" 1 percent — but only those 1 percent who don't share their worldview.

Pruitt was rightfully criticized for not promptly turning over emails to Democratic senators prior to his confirmation vote earlier this year. And it's possible this latest batch of emails could provide additional fodder for criticism. But the fact Pruitt regularly corresponded and dealt with energy industry officials as attorney general of a state where energy is the No. 1 industry should not be surprising nor should it, by itself, be considered nefarious.

From: Joe Concha [mailto:jconcha@thehill.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2017 5:25 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Hey

I agree.

On Thu, Sep 7, 2017 at 5:23 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

Will do or if you agree to take the pitch as background without attribution, I can send it now.

From: Joe Concha [mailto:jconcha@thehill.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2017 5:21 PM

To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Hey

Ok. 201-747-3323. Call after 6p please.

On Thu, Sep 7, 2017 at 5:19 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

There's a news outlet that has made repeated mistakes, corrections and since it's against a member of Trump's cabinet the outlet is patting the guy on the back. Meanwhile the same outlet fired a reporter who wrote an incorrect story about Bill Clinton's best friend Terry McAuliffe.

From: Joe Concha [mailto:jconcha@thehill.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2017 5:16 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Hey

Hello Jahan,

What's this about? I don't take calls without a general background for it.

Thanks,

JC

On Thu, Sep 7, 2017 at 5:12 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

Circling back to see if there is a number I can reach you at.

From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2017 2:54 PM
To: 'JConcha@thehill.com' <JConcha@thehill.com>
Cc: Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>
Subject: Hey

What is your number?

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From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Wed 9/6/2017 12:28:12 PM
Subject: Reuters: EPA workforce shrinking to Reagan-era levels: agency official

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Sent: Wed 8/9/2017 4:04:19 PM
Subject: Fwd: Can I get a link
8-9-17 WOYM.mp3
ATT00001.htm

Wanted to make sure you had this audio file.

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From: "Matt Revtai" <matt.revtai@flagfamily.com>
To: "Wilcox, Jahan" <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Cc: "Hewitt, James" <hewitt.james@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Can I get a link

The podcast won't be up for a few hours but here is the audio file.

Thanks again for everything.

On Wed, Aug 9, 2017 at 10:51 AM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

Or the audio file from the interview?

Press in DC want it and want to write on it.

Sent from my iPhone

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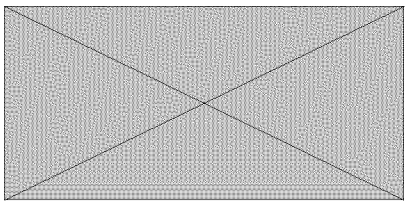

To: Devin Henry[dhenry@thehill.com]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Wed 9/6/2017 12:25:56 PM
Subject: RE: Reuters: EPA workforce shrinking to Reagan-era levels: agency official

Yes.

From: Devin Henry [mailto:dhenry@thehill.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2017 8:24 AM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Reuters: EPA workforce shrinking to Reagan-era levels: agency official

Jahan, I assume by sharing you are also confirming (on background)?

Thanks

Devin

On Wed, Sep 6, 2017 at 8:11 AM Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

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From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Mon 8/14/2017 3:48:56 PM
Subject: FW: Administrator Scott Pruitt Talks About EPA, WOTUS and Baseball

From: EPA Press Office [mailto:press=epa.gov@cmail20.com] **On Behalf Of** EPA Press Office
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 11:45 AM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Administrator Scott Pruitt Talks About EPA, WOTUS and Baseball

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT ...

Administrator Scott Pruitt Talks About EPA, WOTUS and Baseball

WASHINGTON - Last week, Administrator Scott Pruitt was in Des Moines, Iowa where he sat down with KCCI's Close Up and WHO's The Insiders, which aired yesterday morning.

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From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Thur 9/7/2017 9:23:17 PM
Subject: RE: Hey

Will do or if you agree to take the pitch as background without attribution, I can send it now.

From: Joe Concha [mailto:jconcha@thehill.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2017 5:21 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Hey

Ok. 201-747-3323. Call after 6p please.

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Sent: Mon 8/14/2017 3:00:24 PM
Subject: RE: Hoeven

Off-the-record, the Bismarck Tribune did not reach out. Also will you be writing on this: http://www.kcci.com/article/kcci-close-up-the-environmental-protection-agency/12005746 (which aired last night).

From: Devin Henry [mailto:dhenry@thehill.com]
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2017 10:27 AM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Hoeven

Jahan,

I'm going to write a post on Sen. Hoeven's statements on Pruitt's visit to North Dakota last week http://bismarcktribune.com/news/state-and-regional/hoeven-epa-administrator-meetings-in-nd-should-have-been-open/article_a92f99f8-d544-5f16-baa0-5a7cd5361510.html

I'm not sure if the Tribune reached out for comment from you guys or not, but let me know if you have a response.

-Devin

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From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Thur 9/7/2017 9:12:02 PM
Subject: RE: Hey

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From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Wed 9/6/2017 3:15:53 AM
Subject: EPA workforce shrinking to Reagan-era levels -agency official

http://af.reuters.com/article/commoditiesNews/idAFL2N1LN039

Sent from my iPhone

To: tcama@thehill.com[tcama@thehill.com]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Tue 8/8/2017 7:12:54 PM
Subject: Heads Up

At 4:30 Central, Pruitt will be on WHO-AM in Des Moines to talk WOTUS.

Sent from my iPhone

To: JConcha@thehill.com[JConcha@thehill.com]
Cc: Hewitt, James[hewitt.james@epa.gov]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Thur 9/7/2017 6:53:58 PM
Subject: Hey

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Sent: Sat 8/19/2017 8:16:49 PM
Subject: Wanted to make sure you got this.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "EPA Press Office" <press@epa.gov>
Date: August 19, 2017 at 3:52:06 PM EDT
To: "Wilcox.jahan@epa.gov" <Wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: The New York Times & Chlorpyrifos
Reply-To: press@epa.gov

Good Morning -

After a monumental mistake where the New York Times was caught peddling false information, they're at it again.

Last night, the New York Times' Eric Lipton and Roni Rabin reported on false facts about the EPA's decision not to ban the pesticide Chlorpyrifos and the decision to continue the review regarding the pesticide.

Specifically speaking, they left out that the EPA's decision was upheld by the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco.

They also took the drastic decision of omitting words from the EPA's one-sentence statement in response to their story that reminded Americans that the USDA had scientific concerns about banning this pesticide. Additionally, three days before President Trump's inauguration, the Obama Administration's USDA strongly opposed banning this pesticide.

Given that the New York Times never lets the truth get in the way of a good story, below is our official statement that was provided to them, along with some inconvenient facts that their story left out.

"Taking emails out of context doesn't change the fact that we continue to examine the science surrounding chlorpyifos, while taking into account USDA's scientific concerns with methodology used by the previous administration." - EPA spokesman, Amy Graham

BACKGROUND …

Despite having 8 years to review the petition on chlorpyrifos, the Obama Administration never banned Chlorpyrifos. "The EPA considered whether to ban it for roughly a decade before Trump appointed EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt, a Republican from Oklahoma, to

lead the agency." (Reuters, 07/25/17)

The EPA is still reviewing Chlorpyrifos. "The agency said it was still reviewing the chemical's registration." (Reuters, 07/25/17)

San Francisco-based 9th Circuit Court of Appeals rejects greens' appeal of EPA decision not to ban pesticide. "A federal appeals court rejected a request from environmental groups to overturn the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) decision not to restrict the controversial pesticide chlorpyrifos." (The Hill, 07/18/17)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture supported the EPA's action. "'This is a welcome decision grounded in evidence and science,' said Sheryl Kunickis, director of the Office of Pest Management Policy at USDA. 'It means that this important pest management tool will remain available to growers, helping to ensure an abundant and affordable food supply for this nation and the world. This frees American farmers from significant trade disruptions that could have been caused by an unnecessary, unilateral revocation of chlorpyrifos tolerances in the United States. It is also great news for consumers, who will continue to have access to a full range of both domestic and imported fruits and vegetables. We thank our colleagues at EPA for their hard work.'" (Food Safety News, 03/31/17)

National Association of State Departments of Agriculture also objected to Obama's EPA methodology. "Similarly, the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture also objected to EPA's methodology. The Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) also expressed concerns with regard to EPA's previous reliance on certain data the agency had used to support its proposal to ban the pesticide." (Food Safety News, 03/31/17)

The Washington Post: New York Times guilty of large screw-up on climate-change story. "The New York Times on Wednesday appended a correction to a story about a climate change study: Correction: August 9, 2017 -- An article on Tuesday about a sweeping federal climate change report referred incorrectly to the availability of the report. While it was not widely publicized, the report was uploaded by the nonprofit Internet Archive in January; it was not first made public by The New York Times. That correction, which sits at the foot of the story, dutifully straightens out the record. Yet given the magnitude of the screw-up, it should sit atop the story, surrounded by red flashing lights and perhaps an audio track to instruct readers: Warning: This story once peddled a faulty and damaging premise." (The Washington Post, 08/09/17)

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Subject: RE: Buyouts

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From: Timothy Cama [mailto:tcama@thehill.com]
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To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Buyouts

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That would be below the fiscal 1988 level, when EPA staffing was 14,440, the official noted. A further 2,998 employees, or just over 20 percent of the total, are eligible to retire now, the official said.

In an April spending bill, the Republican-controlled Congress set a cap for EPA staffing at 15,000 employees for fiscal year 2017, rejecting proposed increases by the previous administration of Democratic President Barack Obama.

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt said the reductions were "giving long-serving, hard-working employees the opportunity to retire early.

"We're proud to report that we're reducing the size of government, protecting taxpayer dollars and staying true to our core mission of protecting the environment and American jobs," he said in a separate statement.

Pruitt has rolled back a slew of Obama-era regulations limiting carbon dioxide emissions from fossil fuels.

He was also instrumental in convincing Trump to withdraw the United States from the Paris climate accord - a global pact to stem planetary warming through emissions cuts.

While acknowledging the planet is warming, Pruitt has questioned the gravity of the problem and the need for regulations that require companies to take costly measures to

reduce their carbon footprint.

Before becoming head of the EPA, he was Oklahoma's attorney general and repeatedly sued the agency he now runs to block federal environmental rules.

From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2017 9:39 AM
To: 'Timothy Cama' <tcama@thehill.com>
Subject: RE: Buyouts

Sure what Reuters printed was accurate.

From: Timothy Cama [mailto:tcama@thehill.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2017 9:37 AM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Buyouts

Hey, could you confirm the buyout figures/Pruitt statement going around?

Thanks.

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Timothy Cama, Staff writer

The Hill

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Secure: timothy.cama@protonmail.com

To: Devin Henry[dhenry@thehill.com]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Tue 8/15/2017 8:35:00 PM
Subject: RE: Re:

ON-THE-RECORD STATEMENT … "Last month, Governor Dayton praised EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt for working to eliminate federal bureaucracy to state agencies and the Star Tribune applauded Pruitt's efforts to protect the Great Lakes. Administrator Pruitt is committed to protecting Minnesota's environment and provide Americans with regulatory certainty." EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

BACKGROUND …

DFL Governor Mark Dayton praises Pruitt for working to eliminate some of the federal government's red tape dealt to state agencies. "Gov. Mark Dayton described a meeting Wednesday with EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt as 'productive and cordial' and said he's hopeful the Trump administration will eliminate some of the federal government red tape dealt to state agencies. 'We don't believe we need to be micromanaged by Region 5 in Chicago,' Dayton said during a news conference following a meeting at the Capitol that lasted more than an hour. Dayton said state agencies want to establish a "collaborative and cooperative" relationship with the EPA." (Minnesota Public Radio, 07/19/17)

EPA's Pruitt backs federal funding for Great Lakes. "Scott Pruitt, the nation's top environmental officer, said Wednesday he endorses continued federal funding for a landmark cleanup of the Great Lakes … 'I understand the investment that's been made historically,' said Pruitt, administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), during an interview with the Star Tribune. It's a continuing need, and we have to see that it's adequately funded.'" (Minneapolis Star Tribune, 07/19/17)

EPA's Pruitt signals welcome support for Great Lakes restoration project. "Environmental Protection Agency Secretary Scott Pruitt's visit to Minnesota last week yielded an unexpected boon for those who care about clean water. In an interview with a Star Tribune reporter, Pruitt affirmed his support for federal funding of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, which provides landmark protections for Lakes Huron, Erie, Michigan, Ontario and, most treasured by Minnesotans, Superior." (Editorial, The Star Tribune, 07/21/17)

From: Devin Henry [mailto:dhenry@thehill.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 4:32 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Re:

Won't be doing it live or anything, but I'll check the news in the morning to see what he says. Will take a statement from you, if you have one.

You from Minnesota?

On Tue, Aug 15, 2017 at 4:30 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

> Will you guys be writing on Rep. Ellison's townhall in Mpls tonight about the EPA? If so I have a statement for you.

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To: Devin Henry[dhenry@thehill.com]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Tue 9/5/2017 3:25:29 PM
Subject: Did your story ever run

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To: Devin Henry[dhenry@thehill.com]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Mon 9/4/2017 10:33:21 PM
Subject: Fwd: HOUSTON AREA SUPERFUND SITES OPENED TO NEWS OUTLETS TODAY

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "EPA Press Office" <press@epa.gov>
Date: September 4, 2017 at 5:26:20 PM CDT
To: "Wilcox.jahan@epa.gov" <Wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: HOUSTON AREA SUPERFUND SITES OPENED TO NEWS OUTLETS TODAY
Reply-To: press@epa.gov

CONTACT: press@epa.gov

HOUSTON AREA SUPERFUND SITES OPENED TO NEWS OUTLETS TODAY;

TCEQ/EPA UPDATED LOCAL, NATIONAL LEADERS ON HEALTH, ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF HARVEY

DALLAS (September 4, 2017) – ABC, CBS, CNBC, CNN, & Bloomberg news crews joined TCEQ and EPA technical staff on site at Superfund sites around Houston today. The TV crews, following all health and safety requirements of site managers, shadowed the work of TCEQ and EPA technical experts on the ground at three Superfund sites: U.S. Oil Recovery, Highlands Acid Pits and the San Jacinto Waste Pits.

Crews were able to take videos, photographs and talk directly with technical staff and subject matter experts on the ground. Boats were on the water determining impacts at the temporary armored cap in the San Jacinto River, to provide access to the crews.

"The TCEQ is working closely with the EPA and local officials to assess the status of Superfund sites in the affected area. We will continue this as sites are safely accessible," said TCEQ Chairman Bryan Shaw.

“We are working directly with those responsible for the on-going cleanup of Superfund sites to ensure that we have the most up-to-date information about health and environmental risks to the community from the effects of hurricane Harvey, especially at Superfund sites affected by the storm,” said EPA Region 6 Acting Regional Administrator Sam Coleman.

In addition to taking news crews on site today, EPA Acting Regional Administrator Sam Coleman

and TCEQ Chairman Bryan Shaw provided an update of their joint efforts to assess the health and environmental impacts of Hurricane Harvey to a local, state and federal officials. The discussion with local officials included: Harris County Judge Ed Emmett, Executive Director of the Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) Russ Poppe, Harris County Engineer and Director of Public Infrastructure John Blount and Dr. Umair Shah from the Harris County Public Health Department.

National participants included: officials and experts from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Together, they provided updates to and answered questions from U.S. Senator John Cornyn, U.S. House of Representative Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, U.S. Congressman Randy Weber and other government officials at the Harris County Emergency Operations Center in Houston.

Additionally, Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner and the city's leaders were briefed by EPA and TCEQ senior leadership on multiple issues, including the status of the Superfund sites in and around the Houston area.

As of Sunday, September 3rd, EPA staff was imbedded in Mayor Turner's office to provide continued communication among local, state and federal officials. EPA and TCEQ remain in constant communication with Governor Abbott's office.

In addition, TCEQ and EPA toxicologists and technical experts are on the ground and in the air collecting real-time air monitoring and water quality data. That information is being analyzed by experts now and will be provided to the public as soon as it is available. We encourage the community to continue to follow the expert safety advice of local officials

EPA Region 6 Acting Regional Administrator Sam Coleman updates the media on EPA response to Superfund sites affected by Hurricane Harvey

Briefing with local, state and national leaders in Houston

TCEQ Chairman Bryan Shaw meets with U.S. Senator John Cornyn at the Harris Co. Emergency Operations Center.

TCEQ Chairman Bryan Shaw and EPA Acting Regional Administrator for Region 6 Sam Coleman address the media at the San Jacinto Superfund site.

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Subject: Tim, wanted to make sure you saw this

New York Times guilty of large screw-up on climate-change story
The Washington Post
August 10, 2017

https://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/erik-wemple/wp/2017/08/09/new-york-times-guilty-of-large-screw-up-on-climate-change-story/?utm_term=.209c6c2d9486

The New York Times on Wednesday appended a correction to a story about a climate change study:

Correction: August 9, 2017

An article on Tuesday about a sweeping federal climate change report referred incorrectly to the availability of the report. While it was not widely publicized, the report was uploaded by the nonprofit Internet Archive in January; it was not first made public by The New York Times.

That correction, which sits at the foot of the story, dutifully straightens out the record. Yet given the magnitude of the screw-up, it should sit atop the story, surrounded by red flashing lights and perhaps an audio track to instruct readers: Warning: This story once peddled a faulty and damaging premise.

That premise suggests that the Trump administration is stifling a damaging draft report — part of the congressionally mandated National Climate Assessment — with dire warnings about climate change. "The average temperature in the United States has risen rapidly and drastically since 1980, and recent decades have been the warmest of the past 1,500 years, according to a sweeping federal climate change report awaiting approval by the Trump administration," noted the lead of the article, which was written by Lisa Friedman.

As it detailed the conclusions of the draft report, the New York Times highlighted an equally scary prospect: That without the intervention of the New York Times, it might not have seen the light of day. Examples:

- "One government scientist who worked on the report, and who spoke to The Times on the

condition of anonymity, said he and others are concerned it will be suppressed."

- "A copy of it was obtained by The New York Times."

- "The draft report by scientists from 13 federal agencies, which has not yet been made public, concludes that Americans are feeling the effects of climate change right now."

As part of its corrective effort, the New York Times has pulled the language saying that "a copy of it was obtained by the New York Times," as well as the mistaken assertion that it has "not yet been made public." Even so, the article continues to carry this line: "Another scientist involved in the process, who spoke to The New York Times on the condition of anonymity, said he and others were concerned that it would be suppressed." As well as this one: "Scientists say they fear that the Trump administration could change or suppress the report."

Though it may be the case that certain scientists maintain such fears, that's a pretty tough position in light of the fact that the report "was uploaded by the nonprofit Internet Archive in January" and publicized by the New York Times in August.

It is unclear how such a mistake came about. Maybe reporter Lisa Friedman failed to consult one Bob Kopp, or others who cited the error on Twitter:

Any intimation that the Trump administration is blocking or somehow suppressing a dire climate-change study is explosive stuff, in large part because it would align with actual transparency problems. As Philip Rucker and Ed O'Keefe reported in June, Republicans in Congress have complained that federal agencies aren't sharing information; the White House began banishing live coverage of briefings; and it ended the Obama practice of releasing White House visitor logs.

So this whole climate-change report is another case-in-point, right? No, at least not yet:

White House press secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders blasted away in a statement: "It's very disappointing, yet entirely predictable to learn The New York Times would write off a draft report without first verifying its contents with the White House or any of the federal agencies directly involved with climate and environmental policy. As others have pointed out – and The New York Times should have noticed – drafts of this report have been published and made widely available online months ago during the public comment period. The White House will withhold comment on any draft report before its scheduled release date."

Next up: A tweet about the "failing" New York Times from a certain fellow.

New York Times Washington bureau chief Elisabeth Bumiller says of the draft report's status: "We were just not aware that somebody involved in the report had put a draft on this nonprofit Internet site," she says. "It was not a well-known site to us and the point is that the people who shared the draft with us were not aware of it either. That doesn't change the larger point that scientists were worried that the government wouldn't approve the report or release it through normal channels." When pressed on Sanders's criticism, Bumiller said, "We spent a lot of time trying to sort out where it had appeared before," said Bumiller. "Again, we just didn't know. The reporter just didn't know and the editors didn't know and once it was brought to our attention, we sorted it out" and ran a correction.

At a June panel discussion hosted by the Washington Press Club Foundation, CNN senior congressional reporter Manu Raju spoke about the stakes involved with factual integrity these days. "You just cannot screw up in this environment because they'll use every small mistake to come after you and suggest that you have some nefarious motive in your reporting," he said.

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From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Sun 9/3/2017 4:38:54 PM
Subject: Fwd: EPA Response To The AP's Misleading Story

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From: "EPA Press Office" <press@epa.gov>
Date: September 3, 2017 at 11:19:21 AM CDT
To: "Wilcox.jahan@epa.gov" <Wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: EPA Response To The AP's Misleading Story
Reply-To: press@epa.gov

Good afternoon –

Yesterday, the Associated Press' Michael Biesecker wrote an **incredibly misleading story** about toxic land sites that are under water.

Despite reporting from the comfort of Washington, Biesecker had the audacity to imply that agencies aren't being responsive to the devastating effects of Hurricane Harvey. Not only is this inaccurate, but it creates panic and politicizes the hard work of first responders who are actually in the affected area.

Here's the truth: through aerial imaging, EPA has already conducted initial assessments at **41** Superfund sites – **28** of those sites show no damage, and **13** have experienced flooding. This was left out of the original story, along with the fact that EPA and state agencies worked with responsible parties to secure Superfund sites before the hurricane hit. Leaving out this critical information is misleading.

Administrator Pruitt already visited Southeast Texas and is in constant contact with local, state and county officials. And EPA, has a team of experts imbedded with other local, state and federal authorities, on the ground responding to Harvey - none of which Biesecker included in his story.

Unfortunately, the **Associated Press' Michael Biesecker** has a history of letting the facts get in the way of his story. Earlier this summer, he made-up a meeting that Administrator Pruitt had, and then deliberately discarded information that refuted his inaccurate story – ultimately prompting a nation-wide correction. Additionally, the Oklahoman took him to task for sensationalized reporting.

- Correction: EPA-Dow Chemical story
- Associated Press Engulfed in CNN-Level Scandal as It Covers Up Invention of Imaginary Pruitt Meeting

If you're reporting on this misleading story then below is a statement from the EPA.

"Once again, in an attempt to mislead Americans, the Associated Press is cherry-picking facts, as EPA is monitoring Superfund sites around Houston and we have a team of experts on the ground working with our state and local counterparts responding to Hurricane Harvey. Anything to the contrary is yellow journalism." - EPA Associate Administrator, Liz Bowman

BACKGROUND ...

The Hill reports EPA finds 13 Superfund sites possibly damaged after Harvey. "The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) said Saturday that 13 Superfund sites have been flooded or could be facing damage as a result of Hurricane Harvey. The agency said that two of the sites, which are areas that are polluted with hazardous material and require extensive cleanup, had been inspected and do not require immediate cleanup. Eleven sites have proven to be inaccessible for response teams, however the agency said teams are in place to inspect the areas once flooding from the storm subsides. In total, the EPA said that it had conducted initial assessments at 41 Superfund sites in impacted areas using 'aerial images' and contact with with those responsible for regular cleanup activities." (The Hill, 09/02/17)

In June, the editorial board at the Oklahoman reminded their readers of the sensationalized reporting that comes from the Associated Press' Michael Biesecker. "The disdain that some in the media have for President Trump and members of his administration is evident regularly. Recent coverage related to EPA administrator Scott Pruitt provides an example of interest to locals because of Pruitt's Oklahoma ties. … An Associated Press story from Washington last week about emails Pruitt sent and received as attorney general did what it could to further establish Pruitt as a minion for the oil and gas industry — which environmentalists see as dead set on ruining the earth as we know it. The AP, a wire service used by media outlets around the world including The Oklahoman, said the emails 'underscore just how closely' Pruitt 'coordinated with fossil fuel companies' as Oklahoma's AG, 'a position in which he frequently sued to block federal efforts to curb planet-warming carbon emissions.' That's quite an opening paragraph. Pruitt didn't just work with energy companies while attorney general — he worked 'closely' with 'fossil fuel companies' (the ultimate bogey men) to essentially keep global warming from abating. … The fact Pruitt regularly corresponded and dealt with energy industry officials as attorney general of a state where energy is the No. 1 industry should not be surprising nor should it, by itself, be considered nefarious."

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To: jTHOMSEN@thehill.com[jTHOMSEN@thehill.com]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Tue 8/1/2017 9:42:18 PM
Subject: Your story

Do you just want me quote so you don't have to attribute it to E&E?

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To: Timothy Cama[tcama@thehill.com]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Tue 8/1/2017 8:59:35 PM
Subject: RE: Science advisor letter

Correct, I do not have the letter. Feel free to call my cell: 202-309-0934

From: Timothy Cama [mailto:tcama@thehill.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 4:56 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Science advisor letter

You really don't have the letter?

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On Tue, Aug 1, 2017 at 4:29 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

I don't have the letter but saw the Examiner posted it on their site.

https://www.scribd.com/book/355277408/EPA

From: Timothy Cama [mailto:tcama@thehill.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 4:25 PM

To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Science advisor letter

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Sent: Tue 8/1/2017 8:29:45 PM
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From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Tue 8/1/2017 5:28:06 PM
Subject: RE: Flint

You can write on this now. The release will go out at 2:00 PM.

EPA Announces Michigan Can Forgive Flint's Past Drinking Water Debt

WASHINGTON – Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) concurred with Michigan's plans to forgive $20.7 million dollars in past Drinking Water State Revolving Fund debt owed by the City of Flint. Taking this step is in line with the May 2017 Consolidated Appropriation's Act signed by President Trump and will help Flint, the state, and EPA continue working together to protect public health and improve the city's water system.

"Forgiving Flint's past debt will better protect public health and reduce the costs associated with maintaining the city's water system over time," said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. **"Rebuilding our nation's infrastructure is one of the President's top priorities, and EPA is especially focused on those communities, like Flint, that need it the most. Forgiving the city's debt will ensure that Flint will not need to resume payments on the loan, allowing progress toward updating Flint's water system to continue."**

"We appreciate the continued partnership and support from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency," said Governor Rick Snyder. "The loan forgiveness being extended to Flint will allow for state funding to be spent on high priority infrastructure needs that maintain recent water quality improvements and address public health concerns."

Over the past year, EPA has worked in partnership with the State of Michigan and the City of Flint to ensure that the water quality in Flint continues to improve. The most recent test results show that lead levels in Flint's water are well below the 15 parts per billion federal lead action level for lead. This partnership has produced one of the most robust drinking water data sets in the country and EPA remains committed to working closely with the state of Michigan, Flint and local partners to protect public health and ensure that Flint's water quality continues to remain safe to drink.

More information: epa.gov/flint

From: Timothy Cama [mailto:tcama@thehill.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 1:26 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Flint

Sure, thanks.

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From: Hupp, Sydney
Location: 1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036 (between 47th and 48th side)
Importance: Normal
Subject: Interview: Fox and Friends
Start Date/Time: Wed 5/17/2017 10:40:00 AM
End Date/Time: Wed 5/17/2017 11:05:00 AM
05.17.2017 Fox and Friends Interview V3.docx

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

Live In-Studio Interview on FOX News Channel's *Fox and Friends (New York)*

Arrival Time: 6:20 a.m. – Kelly May will meet you in the lobby

Hit Time: 6:40 a.m., 10 minute segment. Will re-air in the 7:00 and 8:00 hour

Address: 1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036 - enter through 48th side

Hosts: Brian Kilmeade, Steve Doocy, Ainsley Earhardt

Topics: New direction of the EPA, helping communities that were poorly served by the last admin

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From: Hupp, Sydney
Location: Administrator's Office
Importance: Normal
Subject: Flint Update Briefing
Start Date/Time: Fri 5/19/2017 7:50:00 PM
End Date/Time: Fri 5/19/2017 8:20:00 PM
RA Transition Paper - Flint 5-2-17rak.docx
HQ Internal_Request_Form flint update.doc

Topic: Provide an update on current situation and key pending decision with regard to flint water quality.

Location: Administrator's Office

Attendees: Mike Shapiro, Sarah Greenwalt, JP Freire, Ann Campbell, Benita Best-Wong

POC: Derek Threet

From: Hupp, Sydney
Location: The Hay-Adams Hotel; 800 16th Street, NW
Importance: Normal
Subject: Speaking Engagement: BCIU Roundtable Discussion
Start Date/Time: Tue 6/20/2017 7:30:00 PM
End Date/Time: Tue 6/20/2017 8:35:00 PM
EPA Administrator Pruitt Speaker Request Form.docx

Topic: The regulatory agenda of the EPA; the nexus of environmental policy and business; the Administrator's vision of returning the EPA to its core mission of protecting the environment by engaging with public and private sector partners to create sensible regulations that enhance economic growth.

Location: The Hay-Adams Hotel; 800 16th Street, NW

Staffing:

Attendees:

POC: Mr. Matthew Calardo; m-calardo@bciu.org; 646-379-7800

Run of Show:

3:10 p.m. Registration and arrival for business executives.

3:30 p.m. The Honorable Scott Pruitt, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, arrives at the Hay-Adams Hotel and is greeted by Mr. Peter Tichansky, President and Chief Executive Officer, BCIU. Mr. Tichansky escorts Mr. Pruitt to the Concorde Room.

Guests enjoy coffee, tea, and light fare in the Concorde Room prior to discussion.

3:30 p.m. Mr. Tichansky calls session to order, thanks Administrator Pruitt for his presence, and asks guests to introduce themselves.

3:40 p.m. Mr. Tichansky introduces Administrator Pruitt.

3:45 p.m.	Administrator Pruitt delivers brief remarks.
3:55 p.m.	Mr. Tichansky moderates the roundtable discussion.
4:35 p.m.	Administrator Pruitt issues concluding remarks.
4:40 p.m.	Adjournment by Mr. Tichansky.

From: Keith, Jennie
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2017 10:46 AM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>
Cc: Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Bciu event

Hi Sydney,

There are **no ethics concerns** with respect to this event. See the following for more complete details.

Best, Jennie for OGC/Ethics

White House Ethics Pledge

The White House Ethics Pledge does not allow political appointees to accept gifts from registered lobbyists. The persons extending the invitation are not registered lobbyists or lobbying organizations, therefore the Ethics Pledge is not implicated.

Acceptance of Free Attendance (including a meal)

Because the official has been invited to speak and present information on behalf of the agency, pursuant to 5 CFR 2635.204(g)(1), acceptance of free attendance and any meals provided **on the day of the event** is not considered a gift. The official's participation in the event is viewed as a customary and necessary part of his performance of the event and does not involve a gift to him or to the agency. While free attendance will cover a meal that is provided to all attendees, it does not cover side events, receptions, and other meals (like a speaker's dinner) **that are not open** to all attendees.

Financial Disclosure Implications

Because this is not a gift, there are no financial disclosure reporting obligations.

From: Hupp, Sydney
Location: House Capitol-8
Importance: Normal
Subject: Speaking Engagement: Congressional Coal Caucus Meeting
Start Date/Time: Mon 5/22/2017 9:00:00 PM
End Date/Time: Mon 5/22/2017 10:00:00 PM
05-18-2017 - Congressional Coal Caucus Speaking Event Memo.docx
05-18-2017 - Coal Caucus Recommendations Hand Out v2.docx

Topic:

Location: House Capitol-8

Staffing: Troy, Tate, Aaron

Attendees: Members of congress from coal-heavy states

POC: Blake Deely: Blake.Deeley@mail.house.gov

Set up: Roundtable with members and the Administrator at the table. There will be chairs behind the table where staff will be sitting. Note: I will be checking staff IDs at the door to make sure they are associated with Caucus members.

Meeting:

- The meeting is slotted from 5pm-6pm.
- The first 5pm minutes McKinley will give a brief Caucus update
- Then he will introduce the Administrator
- 30 minutes: Administrator to talk about whatever he sees fit
- 15-20 minutes: a question and answer with the members.

These meetings tend to be very informal. More of an open dialogue with the guest and the members

From: Hupp, Sydney
Location: Administrator's Office
Importance: Normal
Subject: Meeting with Judd Berger
Start Date/Time: Wed 5/10/2017 7:00:00 PM
End Date/Time: Wed 5/10/2017 7:30:00 PM
05.10.2017 FoxNews.com OTR Briefing.docx

Topic: discussion of agency actions over the first 100 days

Location: Administrator's Office

Staffing: Amy, JP, Liz

Attendees: Judd Berger

POC: Amy Graham

From: Hupp, Sydney
Location: US Capitol - Stat Hall
Importance: Normal
Subject: Fox Business with Stewart Varney
Start Date/Time: Wed 5/3/2017 1:45:00 PM
End Date/Time: Wed 5/3/2017 1:50:00 PM
05.03.2017 Varney and Co FINAL.DOCX

Topic: outreach to Capitol Hill and accomplishments from the First 100 Days

Location: US Capitol - Stat Hall

Staffing: Jahan and Amy

From: Hupp, Sydney
Location: 5th floor, 400 North Capitol, Washington D.C. Fox Bureau
Importance: Normal
Subject: Live Remote Interview on FOX News Channel's The First 100 Days (Washington, D.C.)
Start Date/Time: Thur 4/27/2017 11:00:00 PM
End Date/Time: Thur 4/27/2017 11:45:00 PM

Arrival Time: 7:00 p.m. ET

Hit Time: 7:30 p.m. ET, 4-5 minute segment

Address: 5th floor, 400 North Capitol, Washington D.C. Fox Bureau

Host: Sandra Smith (Filling in for Martha MacCollum)

Topics: Paris Climate Agreement, first 100 days

Note: Show Airs weeknights from 7-8PM ET

Contact: Karrah Kaplan, Karrah.kaplan@FOXNEWS.COM

Staffing: Amy

From: Hupp, Sydney
Location: White House
Importance: Normal
Subject: White House Press
Start Date/Time: Wed 4/26/2017 2:00:00 PM
End Date/Time: Wed 4/26/2017 2:45:00 PM

10:00 AM - FOX RADO

10:10 AM - CBS RADIO

10:20 AM - ABC RADIO

10:30 AM - SIRIUS XM

10:40 AM - SALEM RADIO

From: Hupp, Sydney
Importance: Normal
Subject: State Policy Network Call
Start Date/Time: Thur 5/18/2017 8:00:00 PM
End Date/Time: Thur 5/18/2017 8:30:00 PM
EPA Administrator Pruitt Speaker Request Form - SPN 3-27-17.docx
SPN-ALEC-RGA-EPA Call 5-18-17.docx

Speaker call-in number:

Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

Speaker code – Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

Participant code – Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

Purpose: Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt provides an update on proposed changes to EPA policy and regulations and how they will impact states. Many people on this call were leading the Clean Power Plan push-back in their state and are advocates for devolving decision making to the local level.

Topic: Update on US Environmental Protection Agency changes and how they impact the states.

Location:

Staffing:

Attendees: This monthly call brings together energy / environmental experts from the network of 66 state-based free market think tanks, national think tanks, energy industry executives, state legislators (I would also invite ALEC to this call) and legal experts. The goal is to share state-level inel, resources and develop strategies on multi-state / national issues

State Policy Network - State Policy Network supports 66 independent state think tanks that develop practical public policy solutions to help solve some of our country's greatest challenges at the state and national levels.

American Legislative Exchange Council - ALEC is America's largest nonpartisan, voluntary membership organization of state legislators dedicated to the principles of limited government, free markets and federalism. It is comprised of nearly one-quarter of the country's state legislators and stakeholders from across the policy spectrum.

Republican Governors Public Policy Committee - RGPPC serves as the official policy arm of the Republican Governors Association. Bringing together 33 Republican governors from statehouses across the country, the RGPPC is committed to shaping public policy debates at the state and federal levels of government.

POC: Jennifer Butler, Senior Policy Advisor, State Policy Network; butler@spn.org; (561) 352-0011

Run of Show:

Call will start in speaker-only mode (moderated by an operator)

4:00 pm – Welcome, brief background about the monthly call and introduce EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt, Jennifer Butler, State Policy Network

4:03 pm – Administrator Pruitt's remarks (10 minutes)

4:13 pm – Q&A - operator queued -up questions (10 minutes)

4:23 pm – Administrator Pruitt departs and call wrap-up

From: Keith, Jennie

Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2017 2:48 PM

To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: State Policy Network - Speaking request

Sydney, This call does not raise any ethics issues. Go ahead and forward these kinds of events, they are not unusual for me to review. Thanks! Jennie for OGC/Ethics 202-564-3412

From: Hupp, Sydney
Location: Alm Room
Importance: Normal
Subject: STAFF HANDLING: Meeting with Southwest Council of Agribusiness
Start Date/Time: Tue 4/25/2017 6:15:00 PM
End Date/Time: Tue 4/25/2017 6:45:00 PM
External Meeting Request Form.docx

Background: The SWCA is an alliance of agricultural organizations, lending institutions, and agriculture-related businesses established to actively advocate for strong agricultural policy

Topic: Discuss the importance of regulatory relief for farmers and ranchers

Location: Administrator's Office

Staffing:

Attendees: From among the following list. Ideal size?

Matt Huie, SWCA President, South Texas and Grain

L.G. Raun, SWCA Vice President, Texas Rice Producers

David Cleavinger, SWCA Vice President, Texas Wheat Producers Association

Steve Verett, SWCA Treasurer, Plains Cotton Growers

Scott Averhoff, SWCA Secretary, Texas Corn Producers

Jimmy Clark, SWCA Executive Director

Jeff Nunley, SWCA Member, South Texas Cotton & Grain

Steelee Fischbacher, SWCA Member, Texas Wheat Producers Association

Linda Raun, SWCA Member, Texas Rice Producers

Tim McDonald, SWCA Board Member, Ag Texas Farm Credit

Rick Boyd, SWCA Board Member, First United Bank

Tony Dill, SWCA Board Member, Western Peanut Growers

David Gibson, SWCA Member, Texas Corn Producers

Dee Vaughan, SWCA Board Member, Texas Corn Producers

Dale Artho, SWCA Board Member, Texas Sorghum Producers

Dave Cure, SWCA Board Member, Colorado Corn Producers

Mark Boardman, SWCA Member, Western Peanut Growers

Kody Bessent, SWCA Member, Plains Cotton Growers

Scott Schafer, SWCA Member, Farm Credit of New Mexico

POC: Tom Sell; tom@combest-sell.com; (806)535-0093

From: Hupp, Sydney
Location: Trump Hotel; BLT Prime; Grant Room
Importance: Normal
Subject: Dinner with Alliance Resource Partners LP Board of Directors Meeting
Start Date/Time: Wed 4/26/2017 10:30:00 PM
End Date/Time: Thur 4/27/2017 12:30:00 AM
EPA Administrator Pruitt Speaker Request Form ALLIANCE.DOCX
Alliance Directors.docx

Topic: similar NMA topics

Location: Trump Hotel; BLT Prime; Grant Room

Staffing:

Attendees: Quarterly Meeting with Directors & Senior Management (16 persons)

POC: Joe Craft; Joseph.Craft@arlp.com; 918.645.5303

NOTE: Joe will be waiting at the designated entrance

From: Keith, Jennie
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2017 3:45 PM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>
Cc: Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Board Meeting Request

Hi Sydney,

There are **no ethics concerns** with respect to this event. See the following for more complete details.

Best, Jennie for OGC/Ethics

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Financial Disclosure Implications

Because this is not a gift, there are no financial disclosure reporting obligations.

From: Hupp, Sydney
Location: Union League Club (38 East 37th Street, New York, NY 10016)
Importance: Normal
Subject: Speaking Engagement: Manhattan Institute Board Meeting
Start Date/Time: Wed 5/17/2017 3:30:00 PM
End Date/Time: Wed 5/17/2017 5:30:00 PM
EPA Administrator Pruitt Speaker Request Form (5-17-17).docx
Manhattan Institute Board of Directors.pdf

Topic: how to protect the environment without hurting economic growth or transgressing the legal limits on

the agency's powers

Location: Union League Club (38 East 37th Street, New York, NY 10016)

Staffing: Millan and
Lincoln

Attendees: expect to have between 100-120 people in the room. Audience members will consist of

Manhattan Institute members, trustees (and their guests). This groups consists of attorneys, finance

professionals, business executives, philanthropists, non-profit leaders, academics, and media

professionals. We will also likely invite a select group of academics, and energy industry professionals.

POC: Rafael "Ralf" Mangual (516-384-8103 | rmangual@manhattan-institute.org)

From: Keith, Jennie
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2017 10:42 AM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Fugh, Justina <Fugh.Justina@epa.gov>
Cc: Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Speaking Request Form

Hi Sydney, I can't find a record of this particular event either, so here's the advice!

There are **no ethics concerns** with respect to this event. See the following for more complete details.

Best, Jennie for OGC/Ethics

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Financial Disclosure Implications

Because this is not a gift, there are no financial disclosure reporting obligations.

From: Hupp, Sydney
Location: 485 Russell Senate Office Building (Senate Committee Hearing Room)
Importance: Normal
Subject: Speaking Engagement: American Exploration & Production Council's (AXPC) Annual Washington CEO Meeting
Start Date/Time: Wed 5/24/2017 2:30:00 PM
End Date/Time: Wed 5/24/2017 3:00:00 PM
EPA Administrator Pruitt Speaker Request Form AXPC 5.24.17.docx

Topic: Environmental regulation of oil and gas industry

Location: 485 Russell Senate Office Building (Senate Committee Hearing Room)

Staffing: Lincoln, Millan

Attendees: 45 CEOs and senior executives from AXPC member companies.

POC: Bruce Thompson, bthompson@axpc.us ; 202.638.7979

From: Keith, Jennie
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2017 2:48 PM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>
Cc: Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: AXPC Request- Administrator Pruitt

Hi Sydney,

There are **no ethics concerns** with respect to this event.

Best, Jennie for OGC/Ethics

From: Ford, Hayley
Location: Heritage HQ
Importance: Normal
Subject: Speaking Engagement: Heritage Foundation
Start Date/Time: Wed 12/6/2017 9:00:00 PM
End Date/Time: Wed 12/6/2017 10:00:00 PM

From: Ford, Hayley
Location: Administrator's Office
Importance: Normal
Subject: Time Magazine with Justin Worland
Start Date/Time: Wed 10/18/2017 1:30:00 PM
End Date/Time: Wed 10/18/2017 2:00:00 PM

From: Hupp, Sydney
Location: 1211 6th Ave, New York, NY 10036
Importance: Normal
Subject: Fox & Friends
Start Date/Time: Thur 4/13/2017 11:00:00 AM
End Date/Time: Thur 4/13/2017 11:20:00 AM

Staff: PSD, JP Freire, and Lincoln Ferguson

From: Ford, Hayley
Location: Charlie Palmer, 101 Constitution Ave NW, WDC
Importance: Normal
Subject: Lunch with Bret Baier from Fox News
Start Date/Time: Mon 9/25/2017 4:00:00 PM
End Date/Time: Mon 9/25/2017 5:30:00 PM

12PM reservation confirmed for 5 under Hayley Ford

From: Hupp, Sydney
Location: Green Room
Importance: Normal
Subject: Speaking Engagement: Toy Association
Start Date/Time: Tue 5/9/2017 7:30:00 PM
End Date/Time: Tue 5/9/2017 8:15:00 PM
External Meeting Request Form Pruitt.docx
Toy Association Names for EPA Meeting 5.9.17 2pm Version.xlsx

Set up theatre style.

From: Ford, Hayley
Location: Administrator's Office
Importance: Normal
Subject: Briefing: 9/13 Speaking Engagement Talking Points
Start Date/Time: Tue 9/12/2017 7:00:00 PM
End Date/Time: Tue 9/12/2017 7:30:00 PM
EPA Administrator Pruitt Speaker Request Form.docx
CAP Coordinating Committee (July 24 2017).pdf
EPA Administrator Pruitt Speaker Request Form.docx
EPA Administrator Pruitt External Meeting Request FormTB.DOCX
5-1 Honors Event Save the Date.pdf

Topic: Conservative Action Plan, ATR, Oklahoma Chamber, and ACYPL events on 9/13

See attached for request forms.

From: Ford, Hayley
Location: Green Room
Importance: Normal
Subject: Oklahoma Chamber Meeting
Start Date/Time: Wed 9/13/2017 8:15:00 PM
End Date/Time: Wed 9/13/2017 9:00:00 PM
EPA Administrator Pruitt External Meeting Request FormTB.DOCX

POC: Tate

From: Ford, Hayley
Location: 1717 Desales Street NW; Washington, D.C.
Importance: Normal
Subject: ABC Podcast with Jonathan Karl and Rick Klein
Start Date/Time: Fri 9/8/2017 4:00:00 PM
End Date/Time: Fri 9/8/2017 4:30:00 PM

Topics: EPA's Response to Hurricane Harvey and EPA's Work on Hurricane Irma

ABC Contact: Stephanie Ebbs / Stephanie.Ebbs@abc.com and 202-875-4377

From: Ford, Hayley
Location: Administrator's Office
Importance: Normal
Subject: Delta Airlines and Monroe Energy Meeting
Start Date/Time: Fri 9/29/2017 5:30:00 PM
End Date/Time: Fri 9/29/2017 6:00:00 PM
RE_ Ethics Request_ Delta Air Lines 9.29.17.pdf
8-28-17 External Meeting Request Form for Delta Air Lines-Monroe Energy.....docx

Topic: RFS

From: Ford, Hayley
Location: Family Research Council Building, Media Room Center Lobby level, 801 G St, NW, WDC
Importance: Normal
Subject: Conservative Action Project
Start Date/Time: Wed 9/13/2017 11:30:00 AM
End Date/Time: Wed 9/13/2017 12:00:00 PM
EPA Administrator Pruitt Speaker Request Form.docx
CAP Coordinating Committee (July 24 2017).pdf

POC: Paul Teller, WH Leg Affairs, Paul.S.Teller@who.eop.gov

From: Adm14Pruitt, Scott
Location: Marriott Marquis - DC
Importance: Normal
Subject: Heritage Foundation speaking engagement
Start Date/Time: Tue 10/17/2017 5:00:00 PM
End Date/Time: Tue 10/17/2017 5:45:00 PM

Format: 15 mins remarks; 25 mins Q&A; Fireside chat

From: Hupp, Millan
Location: The Woodlands Resort & Conference Center
Importance: Normal
Subject: TXOGA Speaking Engagement
Start Date/Time: Thur 10/19/2017 11:30:00 PM
End Date/Time: Fri 10/20/2017 12:00:00 AM
RE: TXOGA
Administrator Pruitt Speaking Request Form 8.7.17.docx
2017 TXOGA Board of Directors 6.29.17.pdf

Run of Show:

5:30PM – Reception

6:30PM – Distinguished Service Awards dinner (honoring Concho CEO Tim Leach); All guests seated

6:30PM – Administrator: 15-20 mins of remarks; 5-10 mins of Q&A

From: Morris, Madeline
Location: Phone interview from car on the way to the airport
Importance: Normal
Subject: Live Radio Interview via phone with Colorado's Morning News, KOA
Start Date/Time: Fri 8/4/2017 12:40:00 PM
End Date/Time: Fri 8/4/2017 12:45:00 PM

Time: 6:40 – 6:45 a.m.

Location: Phone interview from car on the way to the airport

Host: April Ryan

Station: KOA Colorado

Call in #: 303-713-8158

Backup #: 303-246-2588

Topics: State Action Tour, Gold King Mine visit, WOTUS

Contact: Dan Lewis, 303-246-2588

NOTE: Highest rated talk news station in the Denver media market

From: Morris, Madeline
Location: 100 E. Speer Blvd, Denver, Colorado 80203
Importance: Normal
Subject: Live in-studio TV Interview with KDVR, Good Morning Colorado
Start Date/Time: Fri 8/4/2017 12:05:00 PM
End Date/Time: Fri 8/4/2017 12:15:00 PM

Time: Arrive at 5:45 for 6:05 live hit

Interviewer: Kirk Yuhnke or Joe St George

Outlet: KDVR/KWGN Fox 31 Denver

Address: 100 E. Speer Blvd, Denver, Colorado 80203
Format: 5-minute, in-person live television interview
Topics: State Action Tour, Gold King, WOTUS
Contact: Jennifer Brockman, 720-355-1519, Jennifer.brockman@kdvr.com or Nancy Melear, 303-566-7600, Nancy.Melear@kdvr.com

NOTE: There is no one at the front desk at this time. Pull up next to the building call Jennifer when you arrive and they will let you in the building.

From: Morris, Madeline
Location: Administrator's Office
Importance: Normal
Subject: Live Radio Interview with WJR
Start Date/Time: Tue 7/25/2017 12:15:00 PM
End Date/Time: Tue 7/25/2017 12:25:00 PM

Topics: Superfund task force announcement

Location: Office of the Administrator

Host: Steve Courtney

Outlet: WJR (Detroit)

Hit time: 8:15am ET

Call in #: 313-875-4480

Backup #: 313-872-7600

Length: 10 minutes

Producer: Ann

From: Ford, Hayley
Location: Mayflower Hotel, 1127 Connecticut Ave NW, WDC
Importance: Normal
Subject: Speaking Engagement: Federalist Society National Lawyers Convention
Start Date/Time: Fri 11/17/2017 4:15:00 PM
End Date/Time: Fri 11/17/2017 5:00:00 PM
EPA Event Request Form.docx
Pruitt Invite.pdf
(ETHICS) Federalist Convention - Friday, November 17.pdf

From: Morris, Madeline
Location: call from car
Importance: Normal
Subject: Live Radio interview with TMA Morning Show with Charlie James (WTMA)
Start Date/Time: Mon 7/24/2017 1:00:00 PM
End Date/Time: Mon 7/24/2017 1:30:00 PM

Topics: visit to South Carolina, WOTUS

Station: 1250 WTMA News Talk, NASH FM 96.9

Host: Charlie James, Charlie.James@cumulus.com

Hit time: TBD 9:00 a.m. hour

Call in #: 843-277-1200

Length: 10 minutes

Media Market: Charleston

From: Hale, Michelle
Location: 722 12th Street NW 6th floor, WDC
Importance: Normal
Subject: ATR Meeting
Categories: Yellow Category
Start Date/Time: Wed 9/13/2017 2:00:00 PM
End Date/Time: Wed 9/13/2017 2:45:00 PM
EPA Administrator Pruitt Speaker Request Form.docx

Liz Bowman request

Format: 3-5 min remarks (rapidfire), Q&A; 25 presentations total; Target start 10:10-10:20

From: Morris, Madeline
Location: Holding Room, State Capitol
Importance: Normal
Subject: In-Person Interview with Deseret News
Start Date/Time: Tue 7/18/2017 7:30:00 PM
End Date/Time: Tue 7/18/2017 7:45:00 PM

Topics: Visit to Utah, meeting with Governor, Back-to-basics agenda, WOTUS

Address: In-person interview from holding room in the Capitol

Interviewer: Ashton Edwards (Ashton is from Oklahoma)

Time: 1:30 – 1:40 p.m. MT

Contact: Ashton.edwards@fox13now.com, 405-659-1227

Media Market: Salt Lake City

From: Morris, Madeline
Location: Call in: 205-439-9372
Importance: Normal
Subject: Live radio interview by phone with "Alabama's Morning News with JT"
Start Date/Time: Thur 7/6/2017 2:15:00 PM
End Date/Time: Thur 7/6/2017 2:30:00 PM

Host: Alabama Morning News with JT on WERC – Birmingham

Length: 10-12 minutes

Station: 105.5 WERC

Topic: Alabama events and regulatory roll back

Call in: 205-439-8310

Producer: Wade Smith, wadesmith@iheartmedia.com, 256-339-4213

From: Morris, Madeline
Location: Administrator's Receiving Room
Importance: Normal
Subject: Interview with Fox News
Start Date/Time: Wed 6/28/2017 2:15:00 PM
End Date/Time: Wed 6/28/2017 2:45:00 PM

Topic: The interview will focus on the Administrator's Superfund initiatives

Location: Administrator's Office

Staff: Amy, Liz, Kell, Lincoln

Reporter: Andrew O'Reilly

From: Morris, Madeline
Location: Admininstrator's Office
Importance: Normal
Subject: Prep for Fox News Interview
Start Date/Time: Wed 6/28/2017 2:00:00 PM
End Date/Time: Wed 6/28/2017 2:15:00 PM

Staff: Amy, Liz, Kell, Lincoln

From: Morris, Madeline
Location: Administrator's Office
Importance: Normal
Subject: Prep for Daily Caller Interview
Start Date/Time: Thur 6/29/2017 8:30:00 PM
End Date/Time: Thur 6/29/2017 8:45:00 PM

From: Morris, Madeline
Location: Administrator's Office
Importance: Normal
Subject: Daily Caller Interview
Start Date/Time: Thur 6/29/2017 8:45:00 PM
End Date/Time: Thur 6/29/2017 9:15:00 PM

From: Hupp, Sydney
Location: The Ritz-Carlton Ballroom, Salons I & II, Fifth Floor; 1700 Tysons Blvd, McLean, Virginia 22102
Importance: Normal
Subject: Speaking Engagement: Council for National Policy Meeting
Start Date/Time: Fri 5/19/2017 6:30:00 PM
End Date/Time: Fri 5/19/2017 7:00:00 PM
Pruitt Speaker Request Form.docx
2017-05 Pruitt First Confirmation.pdf
Speaker Guidelines 2017.pdf
2017-05 Confidential Short Program.pdf

Topic: Challenges and Opportunities at EPA – how Conservatives can help you achieve your policy objectives.

Location: The Ritz-Carlton Ballroom, Salons I & II, Fifth Floor; 1700 Tysons Blvd, McLean, Virginia 22102

Staffing: Millan and Lincoln

Attendees:

POC: Amy Greene; Amy@cfnp.org; 202-207-0165; 703-217-9029

NOTE: The Vice President and Kellyanne Conway are also scheduled to be there.

From: Keith, Jennie
Sent: Thursday, April 6, 2017 11:00 PM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>
Cc: Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Administrator Pruitt's Participation in CNP

Hi Sydney,

There are **no ethics concerns** with respect to this event. See the following for more complete details.

Best, Jennie for OGC/Ethics

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Financial Disclosure Implications

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From: Bowman, Liz
Location: Heritage HQ
Importance: Normal
Subject: Accepted: Speaking Engagement: Heritage Foundation
Start Date/Time: Wed 12/6/2017 9:00:00 PM
End Date/Time: Wed 12/6/2017 10:30:00 PM

To: Adm14Pruitt, Scott[adm14pruitt.scott@epa.gov]
Cc: Greenwalt, Sarah[greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov]; Sands, Jeffrey[sands.jeffrey@epa.gov]; Ferguson, Lincoln[ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]; Hupp, Millan[hupp.millan@epa.gov]
From: Forsgren, Lee
Sent: Thur 11/30/2017 8:26:02 PM
Subject: Re: Call: Missouri Nutrient Rulemakings

Hayley
I have doctor's appointment right smack when the cal is scheduled. Sarah will have to do the entire briefing if that is the only time for the call.

Lee

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 30, 2017, at 2:37 PM, Adm14Pruitt, Scott <adm14pruitt.scott@epa.gov> wrote:

<mime-attachment.ics>

From: Graham, Amy
Location: Administrator's Office
Importance: Normal
Subject: Accepted: CNN Interview re: hurricane preparedness
Start Date/Time: Fri 9/8/2017 2:15:00 PM
End Date/Time: Fri 9/8/2017 2:30:00 PM

From: Bowman, Liz
Location: Administrator's Office
Importance: Normal
Subject: Accepted: CNN Interview re: hurricane preparedness
Start Date/Time: Fri 9/8/2017 2:15:00 PM
End Date/Time: Fri 9/8/2017 2:30:00 PM

From: Ferguson, Lincoln
Location: 1717 Desales Street NW; Washington, D.C.
Importance: Normal
Subject: Accepted: ABC Podcast with Jonathan Karl and Rick Klein
Start Date/Time: Fri 9/8/2017 4:00:00 PM
End Date/Time: Fri 9/8/2017 4:30:00 PM

From: Graham, Amy
Location: 1717 Desales Street NW; Washington, D.C.
Importance: Normal
Subject: Accepted: ABC Podcast with Jonathan Karl and Rick Klein
Start Date/Time: Fri 9/8/2017 4:00:00 PM
End Date/Time: Fri 9/8/2017 4:30:00 PM

From: Microsoft Outlook
Location: Administrator's Office
Importance: Normal
Subject: Meeting Forward Notification: Briefing: RT/BT
Start Date/Time: Wed 11/1/2017 8:00:00 PM
End Date/Time: Wed 11/1/2017 8:30:00 PM

Your meeting was forwarded

Ferguson, Lincoln has forwarded your meeting request to additional recipients.

Meeting
Briefing: RT/BT

Meeting Time
Wednesday, November 1, 2017 4:00 PM-4:30 PM.

Recipients
Gunasekara, Mandy

All times listed are in the following time zone: (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

Sent by Microsoft Exchange Server

From: Wilcox, Jahan
Location: 1717 Desales Street NW; Washington, D.C.
Importance: Normal
Subject: Accepted: ABC Podcast with Jonathan Karl and Rick Klein
Start Date/Time: Fri 9/8/2017 4:00:00 PM
End Date/Time: Fri 9/8/2017 4:30:00 PM

Emergency Fuels Waivers

What is a fuels waiver?

- In the event of an “extreme and unusual” fuel supply emergency, EPA, with the concurrence of the Department of Energy, may temporarily waive a fuel or fuel additive requirement if doing so will alleviate the fuel supply emergency.

- Examples of requirements that might be waived:
  - Reid Vapor Pressure
  - Reformulated Gasoline (VOC reduction, toxics reduction and oxygenate requirement)
  - State SIP Fuel requirement (“boutique”)

- Authorized by 2005 Energy Policy Act (EPAct) revisions to the Clean Air Act.

- Detailed statutory criteria for granting a fuels waiver, and the conditions that must be included in a fuels waiver [Clean Air Act Section 211(c)(4)(C)]

- This authority essentially codifies EPA’s pre-EPAct “enforcement discretion” practice and criteria.

- By very nature, fast paced (less than 24 hours from inquiry to waiver at times), labor intensive

When can a fuels waiver be issued?

- Tight Legal Criteria in Statute:
  - Only to address a temporary emergency fuel supply shortage that exists throughout a state or region.
  - Cause must be an unusual situation such as a pipeline break, hurricane, or other "Act of God," that could not have been avoided by prudent planning.
  - Must be in the "public interest" to grant the waiver.
    - For temporary shortfalls that "cannot otherwise be compensated for."
    - If alternative sources of compliant fuel can be supplied to the affected area, such as through imports, shipments from nearby areas requiring same fuel type, etc., then the waiver criteria are not met.
  - Waiver limited by area (to the "smallest geographic area necessary" to address the shortfall) and by time (for 20 days or fewer).
  - Cannot be issued to address concerns regarding the price of fuel.

Who can request a fuels waiver?

- EPA policy requires formal request for a fuels waiver be made by or on behalf of the Governor of an affected State.
  - Helps ensure that request is to address a generalized fuels emergency.
- EPA works early and closely with officials of the State(s) affected by a potential fuel supply emergency.
- Emergency contact and other fuels waiver information on EPA's website at www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/faqs/civil/fuelwaiver.html
- Since Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, EPA has established regular points of contact with States commonly affected by fuel emergencies (e.g., Gulf-area states, and those most directly impacted by Gulf-area refinery outages).
  - Primary State point of contact is typically the State Air Division Director's Office.
  - Also communicate directly with the Governor's and/or State Energy Offices if situation requires.

What information is required to substantiate a waiver request?

- The nature of the Act of God or event that caused the shortage;
- An explanation of why the shortage was not foreseeable and could not have been prevented by prudent planning;
- The type of fuel for which a shortage exists;
- The geographic area that is affected;
- The effect of the shortage on fuel supplies, such as the number/fraction of gasoline stations that are, or are expected to be, out of fuel;
- The expected duration of the shortage; and
- The specific nature of the waiver being requested, including the duration, the geographic area, and the alternative fuel that would be allowed.

Steps in the waiver process

- EPA receives an initial indication of a possible fuel shortage.
  - From those in the fuel supply chain (e.g., refiners or distributors)
  - From press or other reports of a supply problem (e.g., pipeline break)
  - Independently (e.g., tracking hurricane severity and path for potential impacts).

- Those seeking waiver (e.g., impacted suppliers) are asked to provide information required to substantiate request.
- Team informs relevant individuals/organizations of the situation that may be serious.
  - EPA's Waiver Team (OECA, OAR, OGC staff), DOE waiver team, EPA Regional contacts, OPA, OCIR, State Contacts.

- Investigate the situation by communicating with State and Industry contacts.
  - EPA's Waiver Team investigates to gather relevant facts and assesses the cause of the fuel shortage, alternative fuel availability, likely duration of potential shortfall, etc.

Steps in the waiver process

- EPA Waiver Team keeps OECA/OAR management regularly informed of potential fuel supply status.
  - Status updates are done on a daily or more frequent basis, if circumstances warrant.
  - Waiver Team's investigation is intended to determine if criteria for a fuel waiver are or will be met.
  - EPA's Emergency Operations Center kept apprised

- In the event that a fuel waiver is recommended:
  - OECA drafts waiver letter for Administrator's signature.
  - OECA front office informs Administrator of joint recommendation.
  - OAR obtains DOE concurrence on waiver recommendation.
  - OAR informs relevant State(s) of waiver recommendation.

- EPA Waiver team distributes signed waiver document (via e-mail/list-serve, web posting, press notice, etc.).

- **NOTE: Because of the emergency nature of fuel waivers, total time from initial notice to waiver issuance may be less than 24 hours. Waiver requests, assessment and/or issuance may also occur after hours (i.e., nights and weekends).**

Overview of 2008 waivers granted

- Emergency fuel waivers were issued largely in response to damage by significant storms (principally Tropical Storms Fay and Hanna, and Hurricanes Gustav and Ike).
  - EPA issued 15 emergency fuel waivers in 14 States *(AL, AZ, FL, GA, KY, LA, MD, MS, NC, OH, SC, TN, TX, VA)* and the District of Columbia.

- Some waivers were specific to localized metropolitan areas, while other waivers covered multi-state regions.
  - "Localized" waivers addressed state-specific fuel requirements (e.g., supplies of Texas "Low-Emission Diesel" fuel following Hurricanes Gustav and Ike) or supply shortfalls affecting only a part of a State (e.g., supplies of reformulated gasoline in parts of Kentucky disrupted by Hurricanes Gustav and Ike).
  - "Multi-state" waivers addressed more widespread shortfalls caused by multiple refinery outages and damage (e.g., supplies of low volatility gasoline to Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas disrupted by Hurricanes Gustav and Ike).

- Special consideration for diesel fuel:
  - Newer (starting model year 2007) diesel vehicles that require Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel (ULSD) fuel can be damaged by high sulfur diesel fuel. A ULSD waiver would therefore present special distribution/use difficulties.
  - Currently, 98% of all motor vehicle diesel fuel is ULSD. By mid-2010, *all* motor vehicle diesel fuel will be ULSD and most nonroad diesel will be ULSD. Consequently, a request for a waiver of the ULSD standard would not meet EPAct requirement that a waiver would actually alleviate a supply shortfall.

Appendix

What can the State do to expedite a waiver request?

- Advance coordination with the EPA “waiver team” prior to any formal request increases likelihood of success.
- Coordinate internally with Executive, Environmental, Energy, and Agricultural agencies; especially if State regulations must be waived in conjunction with federal requirements (e.g., SIP fuels or consumer protection rules such as ASTM specifications).
- Compile fuel supply and consumption/projection data (of both impacted and alternate fuels) to substantiate request.
- Provide specific information on the efforts to seek alternative sources of compliant fuel and the results of that search.

Can a state waive a SIP fuel program or grant relief independent of EPA?

- No.
  - State fuels programs that are part of a State Implementation Plan (SIP) are federally enforceable.
  - Requirements are not effectively waived unless action taken by both EPA and the State.
  - To address a fuel shortage in a State area with a SIP fuel program (e.g., Atlanta "boutique" fuel), EPA would be required to issue a waiver under its EPAct authority, and the State would be required to take action to grant relief from its federally-enforceable State law.

- EPA coordinates with State contacts to ensure that when conditions exist that warrant an emergency waiver that both the State and EPA take identical and parallel action,.

EPA fuel waiver resources

- OECA: Air Enforcement Division: 202-564-2260
- OAR: Transportation and Regional Programs Division: 734-214-4956
- Outside of normal business hours, the point of contact is the EPA Emergency Operations Center, at 202-564-3850
- Website information: www.epa.gov/compliance/civil/caa/fuelwaivers/
  - Includes: Waiver Criteria, Q&A, FAQ, copies of prior waivers and other information

Emergency Fuel Waiver Overview; OECA-OCE-AED-FEB

Background Informational Briefing
The EPA has promulgated various requirements for motor vehicle and non-road equipment fuel under the Clean Air Act that apply to gasoline and diesel fuel. The principal substantive requirements are gasoline volatility (measured as Reid vapor pressure, usually referred to as RVP), benzene and sulfur content. In addition, The Clean Air Act requires that "reformulated" gasoline (RFG) be sold in certain areas of the country. Many of these requirements apply only during part of the year or to only certain geographic areas. The Clean Air Act authorizes the Administrator, with the concurrence of the Secretary of the Department of Energy, to grant temporary emergency fuel waivers to allow use of a fuel that normally is not allowed in a particular time period or geographic area. (Note that the authority to grant a fuel waiver has not been delegated; emergency fuel waivers must be signed by the Administrator). A fuel waiver can be issued only when the criteria specified in the Clean Air Act have been met. In general, a waiver may only address a temporary emergency fuel supply shortage that exists throughout a state or region that was caused by an unusual situation that prevents the distribution of an adequate supply of the fuel or fuel additive. Events that may have been foreseen or prevented do not qualify. "Spot outages" or localized shortages generally do not qualify as fuel supply disruptions for which a waiver may be issued. A fuel supply disruption that meets the criteria for a waiver must be one that results in a generalized fuel supply emergency. Fuel waivers cannot be issued to address concerns regarding the price of fuel. Typical scenarios include hurricanes, and unanticipated pipeline and refinery equipment failures. The Air Enforcement Division Fuels Enforcement Branch and Office of Air and Radiation Office of Transportation and Air Quality, along with the Department of Energy, take the lead in monitoring and evaluating potential emergency fuel waiver situations and keep management apprised as the situation develops. These offices have an extensive network of state and industry contacts. When a situation arises that may lead to an emergency fuel waiver request, the team reaches out early and works closely with the environmental and energy offices of potentially affected states, the appropriate EPA regions, and industry to gather information to evaluate the situation. Emergency fuel waiver requests are made by or on behalf of the governor of affected states. • The EPA fuel waiver team has built in redundancy so a waiver request can be investigated and acted on, if necessary, when some members of the team are out of the office. The team uses an EPA SharePoint site to manage documents. • The Department of Energy provides market data (e.g., average daily gasoline demand) for potentially affected areas. • Potential storms are monitored well before landfall so that the team can investigate and respond rapidly. • The time needed to investigate, and issue a waiver varies depending on the nature of the situation, but many waivers have been processed in 24-48 hours. Often, these events occur on the weekend and over holidays. • Emergency fuel waivers are limited to 20 days, but can be extended as circumstances warrant.
State Position, and other Interested Parties/Stakeholders
There are often state fuels requirements that have to be waived concurrently with a federal waiver (e.g., states may have fuel quality restrictions that are part of a state implementation plan, that, while federally enforceable, must also be waived by the state). In some situations, there are unrelated state requirements that will need to be waiver (e.g., minimum volatility requirements). In matters where transportation capacity is at issue, states may need to waive truck driver hour restrictions.

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Speaking Engagement National Farm Bureau's State Leadership Meeting

Meeting Time

Tuesday, July 11, 2017 8:30 AM-9:00 AM.

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Start Date/Time: Fri 9/29/2017 4:00:00 PM
End Date/Time: Fri 9/29/2017 5:15:00 PM

From: Ferguson, Lincoln
Location: Call in: 205-439-9372
Importance: Normal
Subject: Accepted: Live radio interview by phone with “Alabama’s Morning News with JT”
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From: Graham, Amy
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From: Ferguson, Lincoln
Location: Administrator's Office
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Location: Administrator's Office
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Location: Administrator's Office
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Location: Administrator's Office
Importance: Normal
Subject: Accepted: Time Magazine with Justin Worland
Start Date/Time: Wed 10/18/2017 1:30:00 PM
End Date/Time: Wed 10/18/2017 2:00:00 PM

From: Wilcox, Jahan
Location: Charlie Palmer, 101 Constitution Ave NW, WDC
Importance: Normal
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Briefing: Smart Sectors

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Importance: Normal
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Location: 400 North Capitol Street NW, Washington, D.C. – Fox Studio
Importance: Normal
Subject: Accepted: ABC This Week with George Stephanopoulos – Pre-Taped, Remote Interview
Start Date/Time: Sun 6/4/2017 12:30:00 PM
End Date/Time: Sun 6/4/2017 12:40:00 PM

From: Konkus, John
Location: 1211 Avenue of the Americas, 12th Floor, New York, NY 10036.
Importance: Normal
Subject: Accepted: Fox Business, Varney & Co. (Live TV)
Start Date/Time: Tue 6/6/2017 12:45:00 PM
End Date/Time: Tue 6/6/2017 1:00:00 PM

From: Ferguson, Lincoln
Location: 1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036
Importance: Normal
Subject: Accepted: The Story with Martha MacCallum, FOX News – Live, In-Studio Interview
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Importance: Normal
Subject: Accepted: Interview: Breitbart News Daily with Joel Pollak
Start Date/Time: Mon 6/5/2017 12:45:00 PM
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From: Konkus, John
Location: 400 North Capitol Street NW, 5th Floor, Washington, D.C. – Fox Studio
Importance: Normal
Subject: Accepted: Fox News Sunday with Chris Wallace – Live, In-Person Interview
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Start Date/Time: Mon 5/29/2017 5:00:00 PM
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Meeting
Senior Staff Meeting

Meeting Time
Monday, May 29, 2017 1:00 PM-2:00 PM.

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Schwab, Justin
Bangerter, Layne
Szaro, Deb
Chu, Ed
EPAVTC
Richardson, RobinH
Pirzadeh, Michelle
Heard, Anne
Dunham, Sarah
Kreutzer, David
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Meeting
Daily News Briefing

Meeting Time
Tuesday, May 23, 2017 7:45 AM-8:00 AM.

Recipients
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Meeting Time
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Recipients
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Meeting

HOLD: Interview with Daniel Halper from Weekly Standard

Meeting Time

Thursday, May 18, 2017 11:45 AM-12:15 PM.

Recipients

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Location: 1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036 (between 47th and 48th side)
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Subject: Accepted: Live In-Studio Interview on FOX News Channel's Fox and Friends (New York)
Start Date/Time: Fri 4/28/2017 9:50:00 AM
End Date/Time: Fri 4/28/2017 10:30:00 AM

From: Ferguson, Lincoln
Location: The Broadmore; 1 Lake Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO, 80906
Importance: Normal
Subject: Accepted: Speaking Engagement: 2017 Resource Bank Meeting (Heritage Foundation; 40th Annual)
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Importance: Normal
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Location: EPA Studio
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Location: 3rd Floor Lobby/Sitting Area
Importance: Normal
Subject: Accepted: Interview with Charlie Spiering w/Breitbart News
Start Date/Time: Mon 3/27/2017 6:00:00 PM
End Date/Time: Mon 3/27/2017 6:20:00 PM

From: Freire, JP
Location: Administrator's Office
Importance: Normal
Subject: Accepted: Briefing re: Interview with Charlie Spiering w/Breitbart News
Start Date/Time: Mon 3/27/2017 4:45:00 PM
End Date/Time: Mon 3/27/2017 5:00:00 PM

From: Ferguson, Lincoln
Location: 3rd Floor Lobby/Sitting Area
Importance: Normal
Subject: Accepted: Interview with Charlie Spiering w/Breitbart News
Start Date/Time: Mon 3/27/2017 6:00:00 PM
End Date/Time: Mon 3/27/2017 6:20:00 PM

From: Konkus, John
Location: 3rd Floor Lobby/Sitting Area
Importance: Normal
Subject: Accepted: Interview with Charlie Spiering w/Breitbart News
Start Date/Time: Mon 3/27/2017 6:00:00 PM
End Date/Time: Mon 3/27/2017 6:20:00 PM

From: Konkus, John
Location: EPA Studio
Importance: Normal
Subject: Accepted: Hannity Taping
Start Date/Time: Tue 3/7/2017 10:20:00 PM
End Date/Time: Tue 3/7/2017 10:40:00 PM

From: Adm14Pruitt, Scott
Location: Washington Court Hotel; 525 New Jersey Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001
Importance: Normal
Subject: Speaking Engagement: National Turkey Federation Annual Leadership Conference
Start Date/Time: Wed 7/12/2017 11:30:00 AM
End Date/Time: Wed 7/12/2017 12:00:00 PM
Pruitt Speaker Request Form - NTF July 12.pdf
ethics approval.pdf

Topic: Educate NTF members on EPA

Location: Washington Court Hotel; 525 New Jersey Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001

Staffing: Amy, Advance

Attendees: around 100 people involved in Turkey farming

POC: Lisa Wallenda Picard, Vice President, NTF; lpicard@ turkeyfed.orgl; 703 431 5764

Advance POC: Jen Dansereau 508-221-2763

Run on Show:

- Lisa will meet you at the entrance and take you to the Atrium Ballroom;
- Marvin Childers, National Turkey Federation Chairman, will introduce the Administrator
- Give Remarks
- Open of for a few questions
- Administrator departs

ADMINISTRATOR PRUITT SPEAKER REQUEST FORM
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Deadline for Acceptance:	As soon as can be confirmed
Event Title:	National Turkey Federation Annual Leadership Conference
Speech Date:	Wednesday, July 12, 2017
Is the Above Date Flexible:	No
Speech Time & Duration:	[7:30am – 8:30am]
Speaker Requested:	Administrator Scott Pruitt
Would You Consider a Surrogate:	[Yes/No]
Event Location:	Washington Court Hotel 525 New Jersey Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001 (202) 628-2100 [Room Name/Number - TBD]
Open Press/Closed Press:	Closed
Is Event Webcast/Recorded/Transcribed:	No
Purpose of the Event:	Educate NTF members on EPA
Speech Topic:	Update
Requested Presentation Format:	Keynote
Dress Code:	Business
Speech/Presentation Duration:	approx. 45 mins
Teleprompter Available:	No
Microphone / Room Setup:	Podium mic with round tables
Event Sponsor:	No specific sponsor at this time for this breakfast
Relationship to the EPA:	
Event Agenda/Program:	This breakfast is followed by various meetings for the NTF membership.
Honorable Guests Attending:	N/A
Notable Federal, State or Local Appointed or Elected officials attending:	N/A
Individual Introducing Administrator:	Carl Wittenburg, NTF Chairman