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Subject: APPROVAL: Reuters story on Millan Hupp travel to Australia last year

"This is not news. Government employees who travel for longer than 14 hours are able to fly in business class and our advance team, which included Millan Hupp and Kevin Chmielewski, were adhering to the federal government's travel policy. Their job was to arrive before Administrator Pruitt, who had meetings planned with the Australian government, but his trip was cancelled due to Hurricane Harvey." – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

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From: Mason, Jeff (Reuters)
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 10:31 AM
To: 'Wilcox.jahan@epa.gov'
Subject: Reuters story on Millan Hupp travel to Australia last year

Hi Jahan,

This is Jeff Mason with Reuters. I'm doing a story about Millan Hupp having traveled on official business last August to Australia on a "business elite" ticket that cost $8,987. According to the information I have, the trip lasted three days. A comparison fare would have cost $1,410.

Could you please let me know what the purpose of her trip to Australia was? What was she doing there for the EPA? Was the "business elite" cost approved in advance? And if so, why was that determination made instead of going with a less expensive fare? Was Administrator Pruitt aware of this trip and/or did he direct her to take it?

Any information you could share would be very helpful, and any comment you have that I could include in the story would be helpful, too. Please respond in the next couple hours. We're planning to run the story around 1 pm.

Thanks,
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Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
"Oversight Hearing to Receive Testimony from Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt"
Questions for the Record for Administrator Scott Pruitt
January 30, 2018

Chairman Barrasso:

1. At the beginning of this Administration, prior to your confirmation, EPA alleged that Wyoming contributed to ozone problems in Douglas County, Colorado under the 2008 ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). To reach this conclusion, EPA applied a methodology designed for Eastern states.

   Western states have different topographies, higher altitudes, and different weather patterns than Eastern states. In addition, Western states have higher frequencies of wildfires than the East. Under EPA's "one-size-fits-all" model, EPA projected that a tiny amount of emissions would move from Wyoming to Colorado. EPA then imposed additional regulatory burdens on Wyoming. I raised my serious concerns and objections to EPA's action in a recent letter to you on January 19, 2018 (attached).

   In your oral testimony, you stated that EPA is evaluating challenges with international air transport. In a February 1, 2018 response to my letter from Bill Wehrum, Assistant Administrator for the Office of Air and Radiation (attached), he stated EPA plans to work with states "early this year to provide more information and flexibility as [states] look to address interstate transport issues under the 2015 ozone NAAQS." Will EPA also address any remaining interstate transport issues concerning other NAAQS, including the 2008 ozone NAAQS issue identified in my letter? If so, do you have an anticipated timeline for addressing these issues?

   On October 27, 2017, EPA issued a memorandum providing information to assist states' efforts to develop, supplement, or resubmit their "good neighbor" state implementation plans (SIP) for the 2008 ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). We noted in this memorandum that states may be able to rely on the modeling information conveyed with the memorandum as part of a demonstration of compliance with the good neighbor requirements. We believe this information will be helpful to any state working to resolve its 2008 good neighbor status, including Wyoming.

   In addition, within the next few weeks, the EPA expects to provide additional air quality modeling data for ozone, including projected ozone concentrations at potential nonattainment and maintenance receptor sites for the 2015 ozone NAAQS and projected upwind state contributions to those potential receptors. All states may use this forthcoming information as they develop or review state implementation plans that address the Clean Air Act good neighbor provision for the 2015 ozone NAAQS. We also intend to work closely with states to explore additional flexibilities

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as to how they use this information in developing their good neighbor SIP submittals for the 2015 NAAQS.

EPA will continue to work with Wyoming to fully address their good neighbor transport requirements for both the 2008 and the 2015 ozone NAAQS.

2. During the hearing, I asked you about 46 outstanding exceptional events filings from the State of Wyoming that EPA has yet to act on. As I mentioned during the hearing, I expressed my concern with EPA's decision not to act on these filings in 2016. Do you have a date by which EPA anticipates it will act on Wyoming's 46 petitions that I highlighted?

   In an April 2016 letter to the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (WDEQ) regarding exceptional event demonstrations for calendar years 2011-2014, EPA Region 8 communicated that its review of the demonstrations submitted indicated that, although the flagged PM and ozone data in the demonstrations may have been influenced by exceptional events, the data were not anticipated to be involved in any pending regulatory decision by the EPA. The status of this data has not changed. Therefore, consistent with the approach articulated in the proposed and finalized in the 2016 revisions to the Exceptional Events Rule, the EPA has not made a concurrence/nonconcurrence decision on the demonstrations submitted. However, as noted in the April 2016 letter, and as is the case with the deferred Wyoming demonstrations, if at some point in the future the flagged data were to potentially influence an attainment demonstration or be involved in other regulatory decisions, the EPA would then undertake a full review of the submitted demonstrations to allow a concurrence/nonconcurrence decision at that time.

   If an air agency submits a demonstration that the EPA has determined to not have regulatory significance, then the EPA may respond to the air agency with a notification of "deferral." Deferred demonstrations are considered to be "closed out" (i.e., no longer pending). The EPA considers the 46 demonstrations referenced in the April 2016 letter to be "closed out," unless the flagged data would influence a regulatory decision.

   EPA Region 8 met with Wyoming's Air Director and the Manager for the Air Quality Resource Management Program on February 28, 2018, to discuss options for addressing future potential exceptional events Wyoming flags that may not have a regulatory use at the time the event is flagged. Follow-up discussions will occur over the next several months.

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The revised Exceptional Events Rule includes an initial notification process to enable early engagement regarding whether events could qualify as exceptional and/or have regulatory significance, which in turn should help inform the state's decision regarding whether to submit an exceptional events demonstration. For those demonstrations with regulatory significance, the rule includes intended timelines for EPA to respond to submitted demonstrations within 120 days and to complete review of final demonstrations within 12 months.

3. As you know, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is the agency that makes the vast majority of jurisdictional determinations to identify waters that are regulated under the Clean Water Act. However, according to testimony before this Committee on April 26, 2017, the Corps was not included fully in the process of developing the 2015 Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) rule.

   In fact, the Corps did not believe that the rule and preamble, as ultimately finalized, "were viable from a factual, scientific, analytical, or legal basis" and "it would be incredibly difficult for Corps leaders, regulatory and legal staff to advance and defend this rule…."

   How will you ensure adequate coordination occurs between the EPA and Corps of Engineers in developing future regulations to delineate the jurisdiction of the Clean Water Act?

   Close coordination between EPA and the Department of the Army is a priority as we work to develop the joint rulemaking. EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers are working closely to implement the Presidential Executive Order on "Restoring the Rule of Law, Federalism, and Economic Growth by Reviewing the 'Waters of the United States' Rule." The agencies' leadership and staff routinely meet and work products are developed jointly.

4. Last year, this Committee heard testimony about barriers under the Clean Air Act to the adoption of technologies that would reduce emissions and/or improve efficiency at power plants and other industrial facilities. Witnesses repeatedly stated that the New Source Review (NSR) program discouraged such projects. I am encouraged that both you and Bill Wehrum, Assistant Administrator for the Office of Air and Radiation, have identified NSR reform as a top priority for the Agency.

   What can this Committee – and Congress as a whole – do to assist you in these efforts and develop bipartisan support for reforms moving forward?

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At this time, EPA has not suggested specific legislative actions to reform the NSR program. However, EPA can provide technical assistance for any proposed legislative actions that the Committee develops. More broadly, the agency will continue to issue interpretive rules, guidance and policy memoranda, and, where appropriate, will conduct notice-and-comment rulemakings to reform NSR. These actions will provide increased regulatory certainty to covered entities encouraging investment in more efficient, environmentally beneficial technologies.

5. Last year, Congress passed the bipartisan Water Infrastructure for Improvements to the Nation (WIIN) Act. On September 14, 2017, EPA granted petitions to reconsider a final rule that regulates coal combustion residuals (CCR) as nonhazardous waste under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). You stated the purpose of reconsideration is as follows: "In light of EPA's new statutory authority [under the WIIN Act], 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."

   I support EPA's commitment to assure that the CCR rule provides adequate flexibility and authority to states. Does EPA have an anticipated timeline for completing this reconsideration so that states and regulated entities have maximum flexibility and regulatory certainty as soon as possible?

   Yes, the agency does have a timeline for completing its reconsideration of the CCR rule. On March 1, 2018, EPA signed a proposal that includes regulatory language for those provisions where, as a result of its reconsideration, EPA has preliminarily determined that regulatory changes may be appropriate and is seeking public comment on those proposed changes. EPA anticipates the proposal will be ~~for~~ published in the Federal Register shortly. EPA further anticipates that it will complete its review of the remaining provisions under reconsideration, and, if it determines that regulatory changes are appropriate, will sign an additional proposal by September 30, 2018.

6. Over the last several years, increased efficiency of gas fueled vehicles and relatively low gas prices have led to fewer than projected consumer purchases of electric vehicles relative to gas fueled vehicles. Current data show how gas prices have been lower than projected in 2012 when vehicle standards were established by EPA and the Department of Transportation's (DOT) National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

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In 2012, EPA issued standards for light-duty vehicles for MY 2017-2025, and committed to conduct a Midterm Evaluation (MTE) by April 1, 2018. I applaud the EPA's decision last year to reconsider the evaluation issued at the end of the last administration, which was issued under a rushed timeline and without adequate coordination with NHTSA. As you complete the MTE, will you commit to use the best available, current data and collaborate with NHTSA?

Yes, I am committed that EPA will use the best available data, and collaborate with NHTSA, as EPA completes the Midterm Evaluation of the light-duty vehicle greenhouse gas standards for model years 2022-2025. In August 2017, EPA opened a new 60-day comment period to allow stakeholders to submit any comments, data, or information they believe relevant to my reconsideration of the Final Determination. EPA also held a public hearing on September 6, 2017. EPA received more than 290,000 comments, and is in the process of reviewing the new data and information, along with continued review of the body of research already in the record. My new decision on the Midterm Evaluation will be based on the best available data, and EPA will continue to collaborate with NHTSA.

7. In 2016, the U.S. imported roughly 700 million gallons of biodiesel. Last year, EPA considered reducing the renewable fuel volume obligations (RVOs) for biomass-based diesel (BBD) for 2018 and 2019. EPA explained that it "could consider the availability of imports as one factor among others in determining whether to exercise its discretion to use the waiver authority." About the same time, the U.S. International Trade Commission imposed tariffs on imported biodiesel from Argentina and Indonesia. Imports of biodiesel from these two nations declined in 2017 and may decline further this year.
    a. How did EPA account for this foreseeable decrease in the supply of imported biodiesel when it set the 2019 RVOs for BBD?
    b. If U.S. BBD production does not materially increase in 2018, is EPA prepared to reduce the 2020 RVOs for BBD below 2019 levels? If not, why not?
    c. How does relying on imported biodiesel advance the Renewable Fuel Standard's purported objective of improving U.S. energy security?

Biodiesel and renewable diesel are both international markets. As such, any action, such as the tariffs mentioned, will have multiple ripple effects which may offset some or all of the direct impacts targeted. EPA has considered the uncertainty surrounding imported biofuel in setting the RFS standards. We also considered the potential for increased domestic production of biodiesel and renewable diesel, as well as increased imports from countries unaffected by the tariffs. Further, the BBD standard itself was not set at the limit of projected supply. In setting the volume target for BBD for 2019, EPA noted that the number of RINs anticipated to be available for compliance exceeded the volume required to meet the BBD standard. The advanced biofuel and total renewable fuel standards provide an incentive for additional biodiesel volume beyond what is required by the BBD standard. Specifically, while the 2019 BBD volume target was maintained at 2.1

billion gallons, we estimated that approximately 2.6 billion gallons would be used to meet the advanced biofuel standard. As it did in evaluating the 2018 advanced biofuel standard, EPA will assess the supply of imported biodiesel in setting the 2019 advanced biofuel and 2019 BBD percentage standards. EPA will conduct a similar analysis when determining the 2020 BBD volume target.

U.S. energy security includes a measure of the diversity of fuel sources as well as the geopolitical condition of the sources. Increasing diversity (such as through use of biofuels from a variety of countries) could reduce risks associated with a potential disruption of supply. Thus, while biofuel imports may not contribute to energy independence, they may still contribute to the energy security of the United States.

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8. On December 23, 2016, GE submitted a completion report showing that it had completed implementation of EPA's plan for the cleanup of PCBs from the Hudson River. At that time, GE asked EPA to certify that the project is complete,[1] in accordance with a 2005 Consent Decree signed by GE and the EPA.[2] In that Consent Decree, EPA agreed to grant a certification of completion within 1 year of GE's submission of the completion report.[3] That has since passed, but to date the agency has yet to make a decision on the certificate of completion. When do you expect the agency to make a decision on the certificate of completion?

   EPA provided GE with a response to its submission of the completion report within the agreed-upon timeframe, stating that the Agency is now carefully reviewing input provided by our state and federal partners at the end of 2017 regarding the Certification of Completion of the Remedial Action requested by GE. In addition, EPA recently began an analysis of sediment data collected by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) in late 2017, and we continue to consider the extensive input received from a wide range of stakeholders about the second Five-Year Review report, which was released for public comment in June 2017. EPA will continue to work with our colleagues at DEC in analyzing and reaching scientific consensus on the new sediment data. Therefore, EPA will not

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[1] "EPA is currently reviewing GE's Remedial Action Completion Report, which the company submitted to EPA, the federal natural resource trustees and New York State in December 2016." Proposed Second Five Year Review Report (2017) at pg. 20 ([HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-06/documents/hudson_second_five-year_review_report.pdf"])

[2] See Consent Decree ([HYPERLINK "https://www3.epa.gov/hudson/consent_decree/consent_decree.pdf"])

[3] Consent Decree (Pgs. 40-41): paragraph 57.b (GE GE "shall submit to EPA, for review and approval, a Remedial Action Report . . . request[ing] EPA's Certification of Completion of the Remedial Action"); 57.d ("If EPA concludes . . . that the Remedial Action has been performed in accordance with this Consent Decree, EPA will so certify in writing"); 57.e ("EPA will respond to such request [for Certification] no later than 365 days after EPA's receipt of the request")

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have a decision regarding the issuance of the Certificate of Completion of Remedial Action until the data from these samples have been fully analyzed.

It is important to note that ~~when issued, the Certification of Completion of the Remedial Action does not in any way suggest that the cleanup is~~ even if EPA certifies the Remedial Action to be completed, the cleanup will not be **finished. In the Record of Decision, EPA projected that construction of the remedy (including dredging, backfilling, and habitat reconstruction) would be performed over six years, to be followed by decades of "monitored natural attenuation" or "MNA," during which PCBs remaining in the river after dredging would gradually decrease until the remedial goals are achieved. MNA is also part of the cleanup, and during the entire period of MNA, GE is required to perform "Operation, Maintenance and Monitoring" of the remedy, which includes an extensive program that includes monitoring of sediments, water quality and fish, as well as monitoring of the caps that were installed on portions of the river bottom, and repairing those caps should any damage occur. Once all the work required by the consent decree is complete, the consent decree authorizes EPA to issue a further certification, known as a Certification of Completion of the Work. We do not anticipate issuing this certification before the remedial goals are achieved.**

Commented [FEHHE2]: DOJ: The original wording suggests that EPA has already decided to issue the Certificate of Completion. It is not a foregone conclusion that EPA will issue it; under the consent decree, EPA need only respond to GE's request to do so within one year.

9. In December 2017, EPA announced "a cross-agency effort to address per and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)."
   a. Is EPA collaborating with other federal agencies, state agencies, or other stakeholders on this initiative? If so, how are these entities contributing to EPA's cross-agency effort?

      EPA is actively collaborating with other federal, state, and local communities to provide tools and technical assistance to communities that are addressing PFAS contamination.As part of this effort, EPA has begun working with states and other federal agencies to develop toxicity values for additional PFAS chemicals, develop new methods for sampling PFAS chemicals in the environment, and identify treatment techniques to remove PFAS in drinking water and other environmental media. EPA is also working with stakeholders to identify best practices and develop risk communication tools to assist states, tribes and local communities address concerns with PFAS in the environment. In addition, EPA continues to conduct research to develop additional technical tools that will be helpful as the agency works with its partners to address this important issue.

   b. Will EPA provide the public with updates on EPA's progress and an opportunity to comment on EPA's work? If so, when do you anticipate this taking place?

Commented [GCDE3]: Why doesn't EPA mention that PFOA and PFOS were included on the CCL list and are being evaluated for Regulatory Determination?

Yes, EPA will continue engaging with a broad set of stakeholders, including states and local communities. To date, EPA's communication efforts have included, but not limited to EPA's website ([HYPERLINK "http://www.epa.gov/pfas"]), EPA hosted webinars, organizational meetings (for example the Spring 2018 Environmental Council of the States (ECOS) Meeting in March 2018), and community meetings in PFAS-impacted areas. EPA will provide additional engagement opportunities throughout the coming year.

c. How will EPA's cross-agency effort help inform ongoing and future state and local efforts to address PFAS?

EPA has brought together expertise from across the agency including top scientists from EPA's air, chemicals, land, research, and water offices. In addition to a cross-program effort, the agency has also tapped its regional offices to enhance cooperation with partners at the state and local levels and to provide on-the-ground knowledge about specific issues to address PFAS nationwide. By integrating cross-media expertise and experiences, EPA's PFAS team is well positioned to support and work side-by-side with our state, local and tribal partners to address state and local PFAS efforts.

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Ranking Member Carper:

10. EPA's February 1, 2018 Report to Congress on the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) states that EPA has already contracted with the National Academy of Sciences for peer review of the formaldehyde human health assessment.
    a. I have been informed that the human health assessment for formaldehyde was completed by IRIS staff months ago. Is that accurate?

       The National Academy of Science (NAS) identified numerous significant recommendations for improving the science that underlies the formaldehyde IRIS assessment. As noted by EPA staff during the February 2018 NAS workshop to review advances made to the IRIS process, the Agency is working to fully implement the NAS recommendation in all IRIS assessments released moving forward.

    b. If so, why has the health assessment not yet been released i) for intra-agency review, ii) inter-agency peer review, iii) for public comment and iv) to the NAS for peer review, and when will each such step occur?

       EPA is committed to ensuring that the IRIS program provides high-quality assessments that adhere to the highest standards of scientific review. Prior to releasing any assessment, EPA NCEA conducts a rigorous and robust review process to ensure that Agency decisions to protect human health are based on high quality science.

       Commented [WCSE4]: Non-responsive. Please revise.

    c. If not, please describe precisely what work remains to be completed before each step described above can occur, along with time estimates for each step.

       The Agency is moving away from a "one-size-fits-all" approach to hazard assessment towards assessment products that meet specific decision contexts. As such, any assessment will be evaluated to ensure that it can adequately meet Agency needs and support regulatory priorities in a timely manner.

       Commented [WCSE5]: Non-responsive. Please revise.

    d. Please provide me with an un-redacted copy of the current draft of the IRIS human health assessment for formaldehyde.

       The Agency does not release any products that have not undergone proper quality review.

11. From January 20, 2017 until the present, please provide information regarding all meetings (including conference calls) related to the formaldehyde human health assessment, including the date, attendee names (and for non-EPA employees, their affiliations) and copies of any materials prepared for or obtained from each such meeting. Please also provide the same information for meetings EPA staff may have attended related to formaldehyde more generally.

We are working to gather this information with regard to ORD's external meetings and will provide this information to you as soon as possible.

12. The Report to Congress states that the IRIS staff have operationalized the "systematic review" process used to determine which and how scientific studies can be relied upon to inform IRIS assessments.
    a. Please provide me with a copy of the document that captures these revisions.

       An overview of how the IRIS Program is operationalizing systematic review is described in a memo from the IRIS director, provided here ([HYPERLINK "http://ofmpub.epa.gov/eims/eimscomm.getfile?p_download_id=534484" **]). Additional information on how the IRIS Program is implementing and applying systematic review was presented at the NAS meeting in early February. Copies of presentations at that meeting are included here:** [HYPERLINK "http://nas-sites.org/dels/events/review-of-advances-made-to-the-iris-process-a-workshop/"].

    b. Please additionally provide a copy of the document that describes the EPA Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention "fit for purpose" systematic review process that is referenced on page 19 of the December 12, 2017 EPA document entitled "Revised Glyphosate Issue Paper: Evaluation of Carcinogenic Potential[4]."

       ~~OSCPP~~OCSCPP
       OSCPP **ensures that our approaches are consistent with the EPA framework, which discusses the need for fit for purpose evaluations. Problem formulation entails an initial dialogue between scientists and risk managers and provides the regulatory context for the scientific analysis and helps define the scope of an analysis. The problem formulation stage involves consideration of the available information along with key gaps in data or scientific information. As such, the complexity and scope of systematic reviews will vary depending on the different risk management and statutory requirements and responsibilities of OCSPP. In other words, an OCSPP systematic review is conducted as "fit-for-purpose" (NRC 2009) based on the pre-determined scope and purpose determined from problem formulation.**

Commented [WPAE6]: It is unclear whether any documentation exists. The answer should state explicitly.

Commented [WPAE7]: Do you mean OCSPP?

Commented [BJME8]: Note typo.

Commented [WPAE9]: Did the 2009 NRC document use the term "fit-for-purpose" in the systematic review context?

13. Please describe the timeline and full scope of the NAS review of the IRIS program described in the Report to Congress. Will the IRIS program's new "systematic review" process be included in the scope, and if not, why not?

    The NAS "Review of Advances Made to the IRIS Process" will assess changes that have been implemented or that are planned to be implemented by the EPA in response to recommendations made in previous NAS reports (2011 and 2014). The

[4] [HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-12/documents/revised_glyphosate_issue_paper_evaluation_of_carcinogenic_potential.pdf"]

primary focus of these reports was on the adaptation and implementation of systematic review principles to the IRIS assessment development process. The systematic review process, as applied in the IRIS Program, was described to the NAS committee during a 1.5 day workshop held February 1-2, 2018, included presentations and interactive sessions, and provided multiple opportunities for stakeholder input. The scope of the NAS review, as well as all NAS meeting summaries on this project, can be found on the NAS website [HYPERLINK "http://www8.nationalacademies.org/cp/projectview.aspx?key=49904"].

14. When Congress was negotiating the final text of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), EPA came to Congress and asked for specific provisions that would allow the agency to move forward with bans for some uses of three highly toxic chemicals. Congress agreed, and that language was included in the final law. One of those chemicals, a paint stripper called methylene chloride, is so dangerous that it has killed dozens of people, even when they were wearing protective gear. EPA proposed rules banning these chemicals more than a year ago. But more recent reports indicate that EPA may delay action on the uses of these chemicals for several more years, which almost certainly will mean that more people will get sick and probably some of them will die. When I asked you during the hearing whether you would commit to finalizing these bans within thirty days, you stated that "It's my understanding that is actually on the priority list as far as the chemicals that are we reviewing. TCE and others. So that is something that I will clarify and confirm with the agency. But that was my understanding." I believe you may have been referring to the *remaining* uses of these chemicals (i.e.the uses of the chemicals that are not covered by the proposed bans), which are on EPA's priority list for the first ten chemicals slated for review under TSCA. I was referring to the uses of these chemicals that EPA has *already* proposed to ban. Please provide the specific dates by which each of these proposed bans will be finalized.

    Under TSCA Section 6(a), regulation of certain uses of methylene chloride, NMP, and TCE were proposed in 2016 and 2017. The agency is currently considering the comments received, including comments suggesting that EPA quickly finalize these actions and comments suggesting that these actions be evaluated as part of the group of the first ten chemicals undergoing initial risk evaluations under the amendments to TSCA.

15. According to the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 USC § 3506(d)(3), all agencies must provide "adequate notice" when "substantially modifying, or terminating significant information dissemination products." On April 28, 2017, EPA removed the vast majority – thousands of pages – of its climate change websites, and it appears that EPA did not provide the public an opportunity to comment or express its concerns.
    a. Please describe the "adequate notice" that you issued to the public prior to making any changes to the website, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. Please provide supporting documents, including documents memorializing the notice.

EPA is continually making changes to its website and other digital information resources to reflect and support the agency's current priorities and work. When we move information from our main portal, [HYPERLINK "http://www.epa.gov"], **the majority of the time we make sure it is still available to the public via our archive website,** [HYPERLINK "https://archive.epa.gov/"]. **In addition, because of the public concern about access to information on our website last year, as well as the receipt of a number of FOIA requests for access to information, we created a snapshot website that contains the content that was on our main portal on January 12, 2017. The snapshot website can be searched here:** [HYPERLINK "https://19january2017snapshot.epa.gov/"].

b. Please provide a list of webpages (and a description of the information that was contained on each one) that were eliminated from the EPA website in 2017.

According to our available data sources, 2,224 pages were archived from www.epa.gov in 2017, representing about 3.5% of our www.epa.gov content. This response is limited to the primary public www.epa.gov webserver, but not other program-specific websites. These pages were unpublished due to:

- **regular website maintenance,**
- **content was superseded and replaced with newer information on the topic,**
- **content was duplicative or no longer relevant,**
- **comment period closed on Public Notices, and**
- **various other quality assurance reasons.**

This content is still in our Web Content Management.

16. On March 24, 2017, you issued an agency-wide memorandum[5] on implementation of Executive Order 13777[6], which announced members of EPA's Regulatory Reform Task Force, appointed Samantha Dravis to serve as EPA's Regulatory Reform Officer, directed certain program offices to recommend rules for repeal, replacement, or modification, and directed all program offices to seek public input on existing regulations and report findings to the Task Force by May 15, 2017. On April 13, 2017, EPA issued a Federal Register notice: Evaluation of Existing Regulations[7]. The comment period closed on May 15, 2017 and EPA received over 460,000 comments, which were published online. The Task Force also led implementation of the Section 2 review in Executive

[5] [HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/laws-regulations/memorandum-executive-order-13777-enforcing-regulatory-reform-agenda"]
[6] [HYPERLINK "https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2017/03/01/2017-04107/enforcing-the-regulatory-reform-agenda"]
[7] [HYPERLINK "https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2017/04/13/2017-07500/evaluation-of-existing-regulations"]

Order 13783, Promoting Energy Independence and Economic Growth. EPA subsequently published a report pursuant to EO 13783 in October 2017. It is unclear whether the Task Force has been active since then or was involved in projects outside of what is discussed above. Accordingly, with regard to the Task Force, please provide us with:

a. A complete list of who has or is currently serving on the Task Force, including their professional title and office at EPA, and their dates of membership on the Task Force.

   Samantha Dravis – Senior Counsel and Associate Administrator for the Office of Policy
   Ryan Jackson – Chief of Staff, Office of the Administrator
   Byron Brown – Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy, Office of the Administrator
   Brittany Bolen – Deputy Associate Administrator for the Office of Policy

   All members of EPA's Regulatory Reform Task Force have been members since Administrator Pruitt established the Task Force in a memorandum dated March 24, 2017.

b. Please state whether the Task Force has consulted with non-EPA employees during the course of its work and, if so, please provide a list of their names and employers, and on what rules they have been consulted.

   The Task Force has been informed by the thousands of public comments received in response to EPA's request for input on regulations that may be appropriate for repeal, replacement, or modification, per EO 13777.

c. A list of meeting dates and topics for Task Force meetings held thus far and scheduled to be held this year. Please provide copies of any agendas that were circulated prior to each meeting.

   In implementing EO 13777, EPA hosted a series of public meetings and teleconferences to inform the Regulatory Reform Task Force. Information on these public meetings and teleconferences, including agendas, is accessible through EPA's Regulatory Reform webpage: [HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/laws-regulations/regulatory-reform"].

d. All documents created by or for the Task Force, (including emails, memos, white papers, meeting minutes, correspondence, and comments that cannot be found on the [HYPERLINK "https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=EPA-HQ-OA-2017-0190"]).

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17. The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requires agencies to respond to a FOIA request within 20 days of receipt of the request. Although agencies are given some latitude to

extend the response timeline in light of "unusual circumstances," EPA's failure to meet the deadlines specified in the Act has resulted in many FOIA requests left unanswered. That, in turn, has led to lawsuits against EPA for failure to meet the FOIA timeline.

a. EPA currently submits open FOIA request logs to the Committee on a monthly basis, pursuant to an oversight letter sent to EPA on March 17, 2017. Beginning on the date of your next log submission, please also provide the number of currently open FOIA requests, the number of lawsuits that have been filed due to EPA's failure to comply with FOIA's deadlines, the number of FOIA lawsuits that have been completed, the number of lawsuits resulting in EPA providing the requested documents, and the cost of each lawsuit to the taxpayer.

   Monthly EPA posts on its web site a list of all FOIA request that were pending at the end of the previous month and the status of all FOIA request that were submitted during the previous month. This information can be found, respectively, at [HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/foia/all-foia-requests-pending-month"] **and at** [HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/foia/all-foia-requests-received-month"]. **Regarding your request for information concerning the Agency's FOIA litigation, EPA currently has approximately 55 pending FOIA cases, about 45 of which allege that EPA did not complete its response to the FOIA request within the statutory timeframe.**

b. Does EPA follow the "rule of three,[8]" which calls on agencies to post frequently requested records to its public website? If so, please identify where those records are posted. If not, please explain why not.

   It is EPA's Policy to make all records released in response to a FOIA request available to the public, even if there is only one request for that information. EPA has released over one million records, through FOIAonline, since October 1, 2012. The one exception to this rule is first party FOIA requests. A first party FOIA request is one where a requester is asking for records about themselves.

c. Please provide any internal EPA guidance that exists on the use of FOIA redactions. Please provide documents confirming that staff responsible for redacting documents have received the appropriate training.

   All EPA staff are required to take annual FOIA training. EPA's FY 2018 FOIA training is focused on the use of FOIA exemptions. In September 2017, the National FOIA Program, working with the Office of General Counsel, offered a multi-day training session on FOIA. The training covered the lifecycle of a FOIA. Over 170 FOIA professionals from throughout the Agency attended the training. Among other things, the training addressed use of Exemptions 4, 5 and 6.

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[8] [HYPERLINK "https://www.justice.gov/oip/oip-guidance/proactive_disclosure_of_non-exempt_information"]

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18. During the hearing Senator Duckworth asked for "a detailed schedule of your meetings and receipts for international travel you have taken since being confirmed." You agreed to provide those documents. Since then, a report[9] detailed tax-payer funded travel you took internationally and domestically that included first-class tickets on commercial flights as well as travel on military jets. For each flight, international or domestic, that you have taken since you were confirmed, please provide the following information:
    a. Date of the flight, the departure city and airport, and destination city.
    b. Class (e.g. coach, business class, first class, or some other class of travel) and cost of the ticket.
    c. Source of funding for the ticket (e.g. federal taxpayers, the State of North Dakota, Heritage Foundation).
    d. For each non-commercial flight, please explain why a non-commercial flight was selected.
    e. Names of staffers who accompanied you on each trip, the cost of their flights, classes of their tickets, and the sources of funding for their tickets.
    f. Copies of all receipts of air travel for you and your accompanying staff.
    g. For any ticket issued to you or your accompanying staff that was not a coach-class ticket (or its equivalent), please explain why it was necessary to purchase that class of ticket.

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19. During the House Energy & Commerce subcommittee hearing on December 7, 2017, you testified that particulate matter is a "very important criteria pollutant" that should be regulated under the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) program. One study[10] found that PM2.5 "was the fifth-ranking mortality risk factor in 2015," and contributes to nearly 90,000 deaths in the US every year.[11]
    a. Do you agree with the general conclusion from this analysis that PM2.5 presents a serious public health concern? If not, please provide supporting evidence, including any research or analysis EPA has conducted, that supports your position.
    b. Please provide documentation supporting any analysis you have done to calculate the amount of PM2.5 pollution that will be created as a result of your actions to reverse, delay, or modify the Clean Power Plan, methane, and the Glider Kit rules. Please state whether you attempted to calculate the adverse human health effects that will be caused by your changes to the rules mentioned above.

[9] https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/first-class-travel-distinguishes-scott-pruitts-epa-tenure/2018/02/11/5bb89afc-0b7d-11e8-8b0d-891602206fb7_story.html?utm_term=.4c0713143235
[10] [HYPERLINK "https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/28408086"]
[11] "Estimates and 25-year trends of the global burden of disease attributable to ambient air pollution: an analysis of data from the Global Burden of Diseases Study 2015." See Table 2.

c. Do you think there is a tolerable level of PM2.5 that is appropriate for human exposure? If so, please specify it, and explain what evidence you have to support this.

d. Are you aware that a study conducted by Tom Brewer at Tennessee Tech University determining that trucks outfitted with glider kits are as clean as new diesel truck engines is now under investigation for "misconduct in research" by Tennessee Tech University?[12] This is the same study that was included in the glider industry's petition asking the EPA to repeal emission requirement for glider kits and cited in the EPA's November 16, 2017 proposal to repeal the Emission Requirements for Glider Vehicles, Glider Engines, and Glider Kits. Please describe how you plan to re-assess EPA's November 16, 2017 proposal in light of the potential misconduct associated with this study. If no such plans exist, why not?

Particulate matter (PM), also known as particle pollution, is a complex mixture of extremely small particles and liquid droplets in the air. Once inhaled, these particles can affect the heart and lungs and cause serious health effects. The Clean Air Act requires EPA to review the NAAQS and their scientific basis at least every five years to determine whether standards are requisite to protect public health, with an adequate margin of safety. The fine PM NAAQS was last reviewed and revised in 2012. As part of that process, EPA developed an Integrated Science Assessment to summarize the science related to the health and ecological effects. This most recent assessment, released in December 2009, can be found on EPA's website at: [HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/isa/integrated-science-assessment-isa-particulate-matter"].

The "[HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-10/documents/ria_proposed-cpp-repeal_2017-10_0.pdf"]**" presents analysis of the forgone social benefits of changes in non-CO2 emissions from the electricity sector in Section 3.4 (pages 42-55) and Section 7.5 (pages 122-124). For the 2016 oil and gas rule, EPA did not monetize changes in PM2.5 emissions or concentrations.**

With respect to gliders, the agency is currently reviewing the comments submitted on the proposed rule and is evaluating next steps. ~~because the Agency views the issue as one of legal authority, we did not conduct a new analysis of the impacts on PM2.5 emissions.~~ **Similarly, although the recent NPRM cited the Tennessee Tech University study, we** referenced the study in our proposal but **did not rely on it for our** decisionmaking ~~proposal~~.

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20. In response to questions from Chairman Barrasso regarding the implementation of the 2015 National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for ground-level ozone, you commented that the EPA was "in the process of designating attainment and non-attainment [areas] with respect to ozone." You went on to state, "when you think about ozone, there has been a lot of focus on whether the parts per billion, 75 parts per billion,

[12] [HYPERLINK "http://herald-citizen.com/stories/ttu-investigating-fitzgerald-study,25943"]

reducing it to 70 parts per billion, was a wise decision. That has not been our focus. Our focus has been on more the issues and implementation that you have raised."

a. Do you agree with EPA's conclusion in 2015 that the primary NAAQS standard for ground-level ozone should be set at a level of 0.070 parts per million (ppm) to protect health with an adequate margin of safety? If not, why not?
b. Do you agree with the underlying science data for the 2015 NAAQS for ground-level ozone that finds ambient ground-level ozone pollution above 0.070 ppm can trigger asthma attacks in children that have asthma? If not, why not?
c. Do you agree with EPA's assessment that once implemented, the public health benefits from the 2015 NAAQS for ground-level ozone will outweigh the costs? If not, why not?
d. Will you confirm that under your leadership, the EPA will not weaken the 2015 primary NAAQS standard for ground-level ozone set at 0.070 parts ppm?

As previously stated, EPA's recent focus for the 2015 Ozone NAAQS has been on resolving implementation issues.

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21. Under Clean Air Act section 111, can EPA base emissions guidelines on a "best system of emission reduction," if application of the measures comprising that best system of emission reduction would result in a source increasing total emissions of the regulated pollutant? Why or why not?

Traditionally NSPS standards have been sent as rate-based standards rather than total mass based standards and have not constrained overall emissions.

22. In determining the "best system of emission reduction" under Clean Air Act section 111, do you believe that EPA must consider the degree of air pollution reductions achieved? Why or why not?

While emission reductions are one element relevant to evaluating BSER, EPA anticipates that it will be receiving comments on this issue in connection with its current regulatory actions on the Clean Power Plan.

23. The 2009 Cause or Contribute Finding concluded that the combined emissions from new motor vehicles and new motor vehicle engines of six key well-mixed greenhouse gases—carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons, and sulfur hexafluoride (collectively, "GHGs")—contribute to greenhouse gas pollution that threatens public health and welfare. At the time, EPA cited data showing that in 2007, source categories regulated under CAA section 202(a) accounted for 23.3% of domestic GHG emissions, and the electricity sector accounted for 34.2% of domestic GHG emissions.[13] Do GHG emissions from the electricity sector cause or contribute

[13] *See* 74 Fed. Reg. 66496, 66540 tbl.2 (Dec. 15, 2009).

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significantly to greenhouse gas emissions that can reasonably be anticipated to endanger public health or welfare? If not, why not?

To date, EPA has relied on the endangerment finding that it had previously made under CAA section 202(a)(1) with respect to GHG emissions from new motor vehicles for its decision to establish standards of performance for GHG emissions from Electric Generating Units (EGUs). In particular, EPA has asserted the 2009 finding as providing a "rational basis" for regulating GHG emissions from EGUs.

24. Do any parts of the Clean Air Act authorize EPA to decline to set 111 standards (or emission guidelines) for GHGs from stationary sources if there is an Endangerment Finding for GHGs entirely? If so, please specify them.

~~EPA has not taken a position with respect to this issue.~~ **Section 111(b)(1)(A) of the Clean Air Act states the Administrator shall include a category of sources if in the Administrator's judgment it causes, or contributes significantly to, air pollution which may be reasonably be anticipated to endanger public health and welfare.**

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25. According to the most recent National Climate Assessment (NCA) released by the Trump Administration, climate change caused by emissions of heat-trapping gases "outweigh[s] other factors in determining burned area in the western U.S. from 1916 to 2003, a finding confirmed by 3000-year long reconstructions of southwestern fire history."[14] According to the NCA, "Numerous fire models project more wildfires as climate change continues," including "up to a 74% increase in burden area in California, with northern California potentially experiencing a doubling under a high emissions scenario toward the end of the century."[15] The NCA calls conifer forests in southern California "notably threatened" by the climate change caused by heat-trapping gases. According to the Trump Administration's NCA, California is also at extraordinary risk from seal-level rise and coastal damage. Without adaptive action, the Trump Administration expects that critical California infrastructure such as the San Francisco and Oakland airports "are at increased risk of flooding with a 16-inch rise in sea level in the next 50 years . . . ." Increasingly high numbers of Californians will be put at risk of flood, including highly vulnerable populations less able to prepare, respond, or recover from natural disaster. On an even more fundamental level, emissions of these heat-trapping gases pose an exceptionally high risk to the highly urbanized population of California due to increasing urban heat. According to the Trump Administration, heat stress has been the leading weather-related cause of death in the United States since 1986 (when record-keeping began).[16] Severe heat waves such as the 10-day California heat wave of 2006 trigger "escalating effects" that kill people, particularly the elderly and those in low-income communities. Heat

[14] NCA at p. 468, *available at* [HYPERLINK "http://s3.amazonaws.com/nca2014/high/NCA3_Climate_Change_Impacts_in_the_United%20States_HighRes.pdf"].
[15] NCA at p. 468, *available at* [HYPERLINK "http://s3.amazonaws.com/nca2014/high/NCA3_Climate_Change_Impacts_in_the_United%20States_HighRes.pdf"].
[16] NCA at 471.

waves can also cause respiratory stress by expediting chemical reactions that cause the formation of ground-level ozone.

a. Do you agree that emissions of heat-trapping greenhouse gases cause compelling and extraordinary harm to the people and environment of California? If not, please explain why not, including whether you either i) do not accept the findings of the Trump Administration's NCA or ii) do not believe the impacts to California described in the NCA are compelling or extraordinary.
b. Do you agree that emissions of greenhouse gases from motor vehicles cause compelling and extraordinary harm to the people and environment of California? If not, please explain why not.

While there has been extensive research and a host of published reports regarding climate change, ~~clear gaps remain including~~ our understanding of the role of human activity ~~and what we can do about it~~ is still improving. As an environmental ~~key~~ regulator~~y voice~~ it is important for the agency to strive for a better understanding of the role of human activity with respect to ~~these gaps~~climate change given their potentially significant influence on our country's domestic economic viability when protecting the environment.

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26. Please list each of the meetings that Administrator Pruitt, Assistant Administrator Wehrum, David Harlow or other EPA political staff (including EPA transition team officials) have held with outside entities, since January 20, 2017, on the topic of changes or "reforms" to the New Source Review or Prevention of Significant Deterioration requirements under the Clean Air Act. Please provide all documents received from outside entities, as well as any email correspondence between EPA employees and outside entities, on this topic, since January 20, 2017.

This request is also the subject of ongoing FOIA requests. The agency is in the process of responding to those requests and will provide the information to the committee in a timely manner. In the interim, the Administrator's and Assistant Administrator's calendars are publically available at [HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/senior-leaders-calendars"].

27. Please explain in detail how the policy options in the December 18, 2017 Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking regarding future rulemaking to reduce existing power plant greenhouse gas emissions would achieve the full range of public health, economic, and environmental benefits that would have resulted from Clean Power Plan.

The Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on State Guidelines for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Existing Sources (ANPRM) does not present specific policy options. Rather, the ANPRM solicits information from the public about a potential future rulemaking. As you are aware, the comment period closed on February 26, 2018. The agency has begun review of all comments that will inform any next steps to ensure that in any potential new proposed rule, benefits and costs will be appropriately analyzed.

28. In President Trump's June 1, 2017 statement announcing the United States would be withdrawing from the Paris Climate Accord, President Trump highlighted two studies - economic analysis from the National Economic Research Associates and a climate science study from MIT. These same studies were included in White House materials.
    a. Did you, or any other EPA political staff, provide White House staff or the President information on these two studies?
    b. Please provide a copy of all documents, (including but not limited to hand-written notes, paper files, emails, memos, white papers, telephone logs, presentations or meeting minutes) between and among any combination of you, other agency officials, other federal government officials, any state officials, and any non-governmental entities that inform, contribute to, direct, or are otherwise related to related to the Paris Climate Accord.

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29. How many facilities subjected to MACT standards are also subjected to Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) standards that are more stringent or the same requirements for volatile organic compounds? Are there some parts of the country that are not subject to RACT controls for volatile organic compounds? If so, please list those areas.

The EPA has not performed a source-by-source comparison of MACT and RACT standards where both apply. The RACT standards are established by states, not by EPA, and there is enough flexibility in the Clean Air Act in how a state may establish a RACT standard that there is no expectation of uniformity between the level of control or specific sources covered in different states. Specific to the ozone NAAQS program, EPA has established "presumptive RACT" for the key VOC emissions points present in about 44 source categories through the issuance of Control Techniques Guidelines (CTG). However, these CTGs are only guidance for states and do not dictate a source-specific outcome. Where a MACT standard is providing emission reductions that also count towards RACT, it would be reasonable to expect states to continue to require those measures to ensure the presence of reductions that are needed for NAAQS attainment purposes and are achieved by controls to meet MACT that are already in place and paid for by the source. Replacing these MACT reductions through implementation of a different, less stringent RACT standard would likely require new reductions from other sources.

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30. Studies have found that regulations may play some small part in reductions in the coal workforce; but automation, shifts in mining practices, and prices of natural gas are all major contributing factors to the decline of coal.

a. How many coal mines have closed or gone bankrupt since you became EPA Administrator?

The Agency does not maintain this data.

b. Please provide a list of every coal mine and coal-fired plant that will remain open, be built, or be expanded as a result of the rescission of the Clean Power Plan, along with the expected number of jobs that will be retained or added as a result. On what basis was each EPA projection made?

EPA has not ~~yet prepared~~ published **any estimates of** ~~the~~ regulatory **impacts on** individual **coal mining or coal-fired power plants**. ~~EPA has not yet prepared any estimates of the impacts on coal mining or coal-fired plants~~ **related to the proposed repeal of the Clean Power Plan. The coal impact analysis in the proposed repeal RIA was limited to presenting the coal impact analysis in the final RIA for the CPP promulgation in 2015. EPA's analyses of particular regulations affecting coal mines and coal-fired power plants do not estimate impacts on individual mines or specific power plants. EPA committed to evaluate the employment impacts of actions under the Clean Air Act within EPA's Final Report of Agency Actions that Potentially Safe, Efficient Development of Domestic Energy Resources under Executive Order 13783 (https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-10/documents/eo-13783-final-report-10-25-2017.pdf).**

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31. I remain concerned about the volatility in the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) compliance trading system used by EPA, known as the Renewable Identification Number (RIN) market and the impacts that RIN market manipulation is having on the economic stability of East Coast refineries.
    a. Currently, the EPA has a Memorandum of Understanding with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) on RIN market manipulation. In the past year, how often has EPA staff communicated with the CFTC on RIN market manipulation and what have you and your staff done with the CFTC to assess potential RIN market manipulation?

    Under the MOU, CFTC looked into a claim by the Renewable Fuels Association (RFA). RFA asserted that some participants in the RIN market may have deliberately driven up RIN prices during a certain period to disrupt the RIN market, in order to support political gains to repeal/reform the RFS program. The RFA letter, dated August 31, 2016 was sent to both CFTC and EPA. To assist CFTC, the EPA provided RIN data from January 2010 to August 2016. CFTC reviewed this data and as noted by the CFTC Chairman Chris Giancarlo in his testimony to U.S. Senate Agricultural Committee on February 15, 2018 that CFTC did not find misbehavior in the

market. Given EPA's market oversight limitations, we intend to pursue continued collaboration with CFTC under the MOU.

b. In my conversations with CFTC officials, they indicate that you have not asked them to do much in assessing RIN market manipulation and suggested EPA is not collecting the right type of information to be able to assess potential manipulation. Why haven't you asked the CFTC to do more to help EPA prevent potential RIN market manipulation?

EPA is always looking for ways to improve implementation and transparency of the program, while balancing resource needs and our duty to protect confidential business information as required by our regulations. EPA will continue to work with CFTC and seek to utilize their market oversight expertise and authority.

c. I have asked the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) staff to offer their expertise to your staff. Has anyone at the EPA talked to FTC staff about ways the FTC can be helpful? Have you considered establishing a Memorandum of Understanding with the FTC to assist with RIN market manipulation?

On February 8, 2018, EPA and FTC held a meeting to initiate dialogue on this matter. On the call, the FTC discussed their authority and expertise, which are largely focused on investigating fraudulent reporting of information to governmental agencies and other acts with intent to deceive or gain advantage in market. FTC further differentiated their role compared to CFTC, who has authority to investigate participant behavior and market trends to identify potential market manipulation. EPA and ~~FDA~~ FTC did not specifically discuss establishing an MOU, but did exchange information to facilitate future discussions.

d. Will you commit to working with my staff to do more to address market manipulation in the RIN market?

Although the EPA has not seen evidence of manipulation in the RIN market, EPA is not a commodity market regulatory agency, and thus we do not have expertise in this field. EPA has not EPA's authority and function is to implement the RFS program and address fraud in the program. For example, since 2013, over two dozen individual defendants have been sentenced for RFS related crimes and have received a combined total of over 168 years of incarceration and ordered to pay over $400 million in fines and restitution. Restitution in these cases and the tens of millions of dollars forfeited since have been ~~since~~ restored to victims of RFS fraud. Claims of market manipulation prompted EPA to execute a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), who has the authority and expertise to investigate such claims.

e. Will you commit to implementing the RFS fairly in a way that ensures an even playing field among obligated parties?

Yes, EPA is committed to ensure an even playing field among all the parties participating in the RFS program. In fact, to protect the program's integrity and maintain a level playing field for regulated companies, EPA has pursued civil enforcement actions against renewable fuel producers, importers, and exporters that generated invalid RINs. In addition, since 2013, over two dozen individual defendants have been sentenced for RFS related crimes and ordered to pay over $400 million in fines and restitution. Restitution in these cases and the tens of millions of dollars forfeited have been since restored to victims of RFS fraud.

32. Under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS), biogas-generated electricity used to charge electric vehicles (EVs) is already an approved pathway and is eligible for the generation of cellulosic Renewable Identification Numbers (RINs). Applications for this pathway were submitted over a year and a half ago. Will you commit to approving an application for this pathway in the next 60 days?

In 2016, EPA proposed the Renewable Enhancement and Growth Support (REGS) Rule and identified a number of significant policy questions raised by different approaches to capturing RINs from renewable electricity used to charge electric vehicles. Since the REGS proposed rule comment period closed, OAR staff have been going through the many comments received, evaluating various conflicting implementation approaches raised in the comments, and exploring options for the complex issues associated with implementing the electric pathway. We continue to work towards a final decision on these important issues, which are a requisite before any final decisions on pending applications can be made.

Commented [BSHE24]: Can EPA also commit to an approximate timeframe for submitting the final regulation to interagency review (i.e. the timeframe that matches the unified agenda).

33. Aside from the type of water identified in *SWANCC v. Army Corps of Engineers*, which have no significant connection at all to navigable-in-fact waters, are there any categories of water bodies that you believe have such an insignificant relationship to navigable-in-fact waters that discharges into them should be exempt from the Clean Water Act? In those cases, would the federal Clean Water Act allow discharges of unlimited quantities of toxic poisons into those waterbodies, even if a portion of those poisons eventually flowed downstream to navigable-in-fact waters?

The scope of Clean Water Act jurisdiction under future regulation is currently under development. EPA and the Army have conducted and will continue to conduct a transparent and robust public engagement process, meeting and listening to stakeholders prior to issuing a proposal. EPA and the Department of the Army are currently considering suggestions from states, local government, tribes, and

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other stakeholders about which waters should be jurisdictional under the Clean Water Act and which should not.

34. The Obama Administration implemented its definition of "Waters of the United States" for several weeks in 2015. Has the EPA conducted any analysis of how easy or difficult it was to administer the Rule during that time? If not, why have you not conducted that analysis?

The EPA did not conduct an analysis of the administration of the 2015 Clean Water Rule during the approximately six weeks that it was in effect in 37 states. The Army Corps of Engineers has the day-to-day responsibility for conducting jurisdictional determinations with respect to the permitting program under section 404 of the Clean Water Act, ~~and the Army can speak to the status of actions taken during that time period.~~

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35. In an interview with the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, you said that, "The Obama Administration reimagined their authority under the Clean Water Act and defined a 'water of the United States' as being a puddle …"[17] The Obama Administration rule expressly exempts "puddles" from the definition of "waters of the United States?" *See* 33 C.F.R. §328.3(b)(4)(vii).
    a. If you were previously aware of this exemption, why have you repeatedly mischaracterized the rule?
    b. If you were not previously aware of this exemption, do you retract your statement? If you will not retract your statement, please explain why.

Much of the concern raised about the 2015 Clean Water Rule focused on lack of clarity, uncertainty, and confusion in the implementation of this rule. While the Rule did exclude "puddles" from regulation, the Rule did not define the term. Many stakeholders ~~were expressed~~ concerned that the agencies would regulate features such as wet spots and tire ruts in farm fields because such features were not ~~included expressly identifed~~ as "puddles." ~~Correcting this lack of~~ Providing clarity and predictability ~~is a~~ are among the critical goals of the current rulemaking effort.

36. You also stated that the Obama Administration reimagined their authority under the Clean Water Act and defined a 'water of the United States' as being . . . ephemeral drainage ditches."[18] The Obama Administration rule expressly exempts "[d]itches with ephemeral flow that are not a relocated tributary or excavated in a tributary" "puddles" from the definition of "waters of the United States?" *See* 33 C.F.R. §328.3(b)(3)(i).
    a. If you were previously aware of this exemption, why have you repeatedly mischaracterized the rule?
    b. If you were not previously aware of this exemption, do you retract your statement? If you will not retract your statement, please explain why.

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[17] "EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt Urges Ranchers to File WOTUS Comments," [HYPERLINK "https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vTVd54WyhDQ"].
[18] "EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt Urges Ranchers to File WOTUS Comments," [HYPERLINK "https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vTVd54WyhDQ"].

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The 2015 Clean Water Rule would regulate ephemeral drainage ditches that are a relocated tributary or excavated in a tributary.

37. What specific provision of the Clean Water Act or Administrative Procedure Act gives EPA the authority to alter compliance dates, not merely effective dates, for standards lawfully promulgated under 33 USC 1311(b)(2)?

    EPA promulgated the 2015 Steam Electric ELG Rule pursuant to its legal authorities under the CWA, particularly sections 301(b), 304(b), 306, and 307(b) and (c) of the Act. Together, Sections 301(b) and 304(b) authorize EPA to establish effluent limitations guidelines based on Best Available Technology Economically Achievable. Section 306 authorizes EPA to establish Standards of Performance for New Sources, and Sections 304(b) and (c) authorize EPA to establish pretreatment standards for new and existing sources. Moreover, Section 304(m)(1)(A) and 301(d) authorize EPA to review its pretreatment standards for possible revision every year. EPA's authority for the Postponement Rule rests upon the same authorities as the 2015 Steam Electric ELG Rule and that meet the definition of "tributary" set forth in the rule.

38. The Clean Water Act prohibits compliance dates that extend more than three years from the issuance of new effluent guidelines (EGs). In what specific statutory provision did Congress allow EPA to flout that requirement by postponing until 2020 the compliance deadline of an EG issued in 2015?

    The statutory provisions in Section 301 requiring that effluent limitations be achieved no later than three years after promulgation, and in no case later than March 31, 1989, CWA section 301(b)(2)(C)-(F), could be read to apply only to BAT effluent limitations promulgated before 1989, with the statute being silent with regards to BAT effluent limitations promulgated thereafter. The statute also contemplates periodic review and revision of those guidelines, and implements those provisions through its CWA section 304(m) process. But the statute is silent about the deadline for effluent limitations and standards derived after 1989.

39. EPA explained that it is delaying the compliance deadlines of the steam electric power generating EGs because of costs to regulated industry. However, EPA estimated only 28% of coal-burning plants—and only approximately 12% of power plants overall—would incur any costs from the rule at all. Even among that small subset, almost all of those plants would incur costs less than 1% of the company's revenue.
    a. Do you disagree with those figures? If so, explain your disagreement.
    b. To what extent did you consider the EG's extensive public health benefits when deciding to delay the compliance deadlines?
    c. Do you believe that the incremental costs to industry outweighed the public health and environmental benefits of the EGs? If so, explain why.

EPA is currently collecting additional data on such things as changes that have taken place in the industry subsequent to the analysis supporting the 2015 Rule as part of its commitment to reconsider the technology bases of the new more stringent limits on the flue gas desulfurization (FGD) and bottom ash waste streams that were established in the 2015 Rule.

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Extensive consideration was given to estimated public health benefits of the 2015 Rule, as well as the costs, and regulatory options. Petitioners raised serious concerns about the costs and impacts of the 2015 Rule. After considering those concerns, as well as public comment in response to EPA's June 2017 proposed rule to postpone certain compliance dates, EPA finalized a rule in September 2017 postponing certain 2015 Rule compliance dates, and announced EPA's intention to conduct a subsequent rulemaking potentially revising the limits for those wastestreams for which the compliance dates were postponed. EPA's action to postpone those compliance dates in the 2015 Rule was intended to preserve the status quo for FGD wastewater and bottom ash transport water while EPA completes its next rulemaking.

EPA acknowledges that postponement of the compliance dates may lead to a delay in the accrual of some of the benefits attributable to the 2015 Rule. The 2015 Rule assumed that steam electric plants would comply with the new, more stringent requirements no later than 2023, including implementation of new control technologies over a five-year compliance period, according to their permit renewal schedule. However, if EPA did not postpone the compliance dates, industry would likely incur these costs, irrespective of what EPA determines as the final limits for FGD wastewater and bottom ash transport water. EPA determined that the estimated foregone costs to industry warrant the postponement of compliance dates in the 2015 Rule.

40. The Safe Drinking Water Act permits EPA to "fill not more than thirty scientific, engineering, professional, legal, and administrative positions within the Environmental Protection Agency without regard to the civil service laws." 42 U.S. Code § 300j–10. These appointments may be made where the Administrator deems such action necessary to the discharge of his functions as they relate to Title XII of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300f et seq.) (relating to safety of public water systems). These individuals are exempted from certain other Executive Branch requirements, including the Trump Ethics Pledge. In an August 18, 2017 letter to GAO, Senator Whitehouse and I wrote: "EPA has utilized its SDWA authority to hire a number of non-Senate-confirmed political appointees, some of whom are serving in supervisory positions and in roles that raise ethical questions." Based on documents provided by EPA, it appears that some individuals may still be serving as administratively determined appointees. These appointees have been permitted to work on projects with essentially no check on their ethical or financial conflicts. Also, many of these appointees appear to have had EPA e-mail accounts that were created and used by them for weeks and even months before their stated appointment date -- in some cases nearly 4 months before.

a. What is EPA's policy on the length of time an employee is allowed to serve under the SDWA authority without having to complete a financial disclosure form, or complete a recusal statement (if necessary)?

All Administratively Determined (AD) appointees receive initial ethics training pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2638.304. While the regulation allows agencies up to three months to provide that training, EPA typically ensures that the new AD appointees receive the ethics training within their first two weeks. This training is conducted personally by EPA's ethics officials in the Office of General Counsel rather than online. EPA requires that all AD appointees complete the public financial disclosure report, the OGE 278, and adheres to the regulatory deadlines set forth at 5 C.F.R. § 2634.201(b), which requires filing within the first 30 days. Please note, however, that the Agency may grant filing extensions as set forth at 5 C.F.R. § 2634.201(f).

b. What safeguards are in place to ensure that employees hired under the SDWA authority do not work on matters that may trigger a conflict before they submit their financial disclosure form and complete any necessary recusal statement?

EPA Ethics delivers initial ethics training in person (or, for appointees who are in regional offices, via conference call or video conference) to all Administratively Determined (AD) appointees. In that training, they specifically address conflicts of interest and impartiality, and inform the appointee about recusal issues. When the appointee files the financial disclosure report, EPA Ethics can more accurately assess possible financial conflict of interest issues and determines whether the appointee should issue a written recusal statement. If necessary, EPA Ethics drafts that document.

c. For each appointee hired under the SDWA authority, please provide the date of their appointment; the date the appointment ended (if any); and the specific projects they worked on while serving as an administratively determined appointee.

Please see Attachment 1.

d. For each employee hired by the EPA under the SDWA authority, Schedule C authority, or as Non-Career SES, provide the date on which their EPA e-mail address was created, and the date of their appointment, whether they worked at EPA in any capacity prior to their appointment date and if so, what capacity.

Please see Attachment 1.

41. In response to questions from Senator Merkley, you testified that a "Red Team / Blue Team" exercise to re-examine the underpinnings of climate science is still "under consideration" at EPA. According to Jim Lakely, the communications director of the Heartland Institute, EPA has "reached out to the Heartland Institute to help identify scientists who could constitute a red team," and the Heartland Institute had been "happy to oblige."[19]
    a. Is Mr. Lakely telling the truth that EPA representatives reached out to the Heartland Institute for help identifying scientists who could participate in a Red Team/Blue Team exercise? If yes, why did EPA choose to contact the Heartland Institute?
    b. Have representatives of the Heartland Institute provided representatives of EPA with a list of "scientists who could constitute a red team"? If yes, who are the Heartland Institute's proposed participants?
    c. Have any EPA representatives consulted with any other organizations, corporations, or individuals about potential individuals who could participate in a Red Team/Blue Team exercise? If yes, provide the names of those organizations, corporations, or individuals consulted, and the names of any proposed participants.
    d. Do you know the names of any individuals or organizations who have contributed to the Heartland Institute? If yes, please provide the names of any such individuals or organizations with whom you have met in your capacity as EPA Administrator.
    e. Please provide a copy of all documents (including emails, white papers, meeting agendas, powerpoint presentations, memoranda and other materials) received or obtained by EPA related to the "Red Team/Blue Team" climate science effort.

Administrator Pruitt encourages an open, transparent debate on climate science – with a Red Team/Blue Team exercise being an option discussed to learn more about the questions around climate science.

42. A press report indicates that EPA's Office of the Chief Financial Officer established a target for Region 9 to reduce their FTEs by 10% by the end of FY18. Has the CFO or anyone in the Administrator's office provided other EPA regional offices or program offices with targets for reducing personnel by a specified percentage? If so, please provide each of the targets. Please also provide any document from the CFO or the Administrator's office communicating an FTE or staff reduction target to any EPA region or program office for FY18 or future fiscal years.

The President's Budgets for FY 2018 and FY 2019 include proposals for significant staffing reductions and those levels ~~are~~ would be allocated to organizations~~.~~ after appropriations bills are passed and during the development of EPA's Operating Plan. ~~In addition, r~~Recent flat-lined~~recent~~ year ~~over year~~ appropriations in the majority of EPA's program projects~~reductions~~~~reductions~~, combined with payroll growth, have created challenges in meeting program requirements that are

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[19] http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/trump-administration-lining-up-climate-change-red-team/article/2629124

addressed with contracts or with grants. Taken together, these trends mean the agency must carefully manage workforce levels. ~~To protect the agency staff from potential severe impacts once final funding is known, and to help organizations manage workforce decisions pending the final appropriation bill, the agency is prudently controlling hiring actions and particularly any external hiring.~~ **Specific impacts vary depending on organizations' current staffing levels and attrition rather than a set percentage.**

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Commented [GALE30]: This is confusing. The write-up makes it sound like these are FTE targets without regard to enacted funding levels, which doesn't make sense. Or were these developed assuming flat-lined FY 2017 or similar? This needs to be clarified in the text.

Office or Region	Starting point Onboard FTE (data as of 9/25/17)	Interim FTE Target for End of FY 2018
OA	362.6	340.3
OAR	1,106.7	1,085.2
OARM	652.0	646.8
OCFO	291.0	300.8
OCSPP	979.0	932.5
OECA	667.2	670.0
OEI	325.9	364.9
OGC	222.1	196.8
OIG	267.5	270.0
OITA	71.8	68.1
OLEM	468.5	456.4
ORD	1,619.9	1,463.7
OW	552.3	533.2
R01	514.9	535.9
R02	752.1	715.7
R03	764.7	713.5
R04	877.0	858.3
R05	1,008.1	979.5
R06	739.9	677.5
R07	445.6	449.0
R08	512.5	478.3
R09	699.5	652.1
R10	522.9	478.5
Total	**14,423.6**	**13,867.0**

43. A recent report[20] indicates that, at a proposed superfund site in Chattanooga, EPA is only taking the most protective clean-up measures at properties where children currently live. EPA cannot possibly know whether families with children will one day move into homes that EPA isn't cleaning up because children don't *currently* live there. And EPA cannot possibly know which homes children visit frequently.
    a. Is the policy described in the report accurate? If not, please fully describe any inaccuracies.

[20] http://amp.timesfreepress.com/news/local/story/2018/jan/15/dozens-chattanooghomes-sitting-toxic-site/461286/?__twitter_impression=true

b. If the policy described in the report is accurate, please provide all documents (including emails, memos, white papers, analysis, meeting minutes and correspondence) related to any policy decision that limits the most aggressive cleanup measures to sites that currently have children residing on the premises.

The *Chattanooga Free Times* press report is partially accurate with respect to the prioritization of the of the cleanup of impacted properties under the time-critical removal process at the Southside Chattanooga Lead Site. In an effort to minimize residents' exposure to highly contaminated soil, EPA's Superfund program is utilizing both removal and remedial cleanup authorities to expeditiously address the contamination at the Southside Chattanooga Lead Site. Currently, cleanup activities are being conducted under removal authorities. As a result, property cleanup is primarily based on detected lead concentrations above the removal management level of 1,200 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg). In addition, special considerations are also provided to properties with children.

On January 18, 2018, the site was proposed for listing on the National Priorities List (NPL). Inclusion of the site on the NPL will allow additional resources to be allocated to address the contamination under the remedial program. EPA expects that residential properties, regardless of nature of occupancy, with lead concentrations above the anticipated site-specific cleanup level (360 mg/kg) will be addressed under the remedial process.

44. The President issued an Executive Order saying that for every rule an agency writes, two rules have to be repealed such that the net costs to industry are zero. However, the White House issued guidance on implementing this executive order that says that rules that address critical health matters could be exempted from the two-for-one repeal requirement. Does EPA plan to exempt its rule revising the Lead and Copper Rule from the two-for-one Executive Order? If not, why not, since the Rule does relate to a critical health matter?

In reviewing an update to the Lead and Copper Rule, EPA assesses potential costs. Any decisions regarding costs will be based on the substance of the rule, which is still in the rulemaking process.

45. Coal ash is laden with toxic pollutants and heavy metals, and is second only to mine waste as the largest industrial waste stream in country. On April 17, 2015, the EPA published a final rule regulating the disposal of coal ash, also known as "coal combustion residuals" (CCR), from power plants.[21] Among other things, the CCR rule established vital rules to protect groundwater resources, to protect local communities from toxic windblown dust,[22] to reduce the risk of catastrophic failure (*i.e.*, collapse) of surface impoundments, and to maintain records of compliance with those rules. You became EPA Administrator on February 17, 2017. On April 17 and May 31, 2017, lawyers for power plants asked to you reconsider a laundry list of provisions in the CCR rule. On September 13, 2017, you replied that, "After reviewing your petitions, I have decided that it is appropriate and in the public interest to reconsider the provisions of the final rule addressed in your petitions, in light of the issues raised in your petitions, as well as the new authorities provided in the recently enacted Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act, Pub. L. No. 114-322, 130 Stat. 1628 (2016)."[23]

You appear to have granted reconsideration of every provision requested by the electric power sector in their two petitions for reconsideration. Is that a correct reading of your letter? If not, which provisions are you reconsidering?

EPA has agreed to reconsider a number of provisions of the CCR rule. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit ordered EPA to submit a status report indicating which provisions of the final CCR rule were being or were likely to be reconsidered by the agency and a timeline for their reconsideration. EPA filed that status report on November 15, 2017, indicating that the following provisions were or were likely to be reconsidered. These included issues that were before the Court as well as those that were not:

Provision	**Description**
Issues Before the Court	
40 CFR 257.50(c), 40 CFR 257.100	EPA Regulation of Inactive Surface Impoundments
40 C.F.R 257.53 – definition of beneficial use	The Criteria for Determining Whether Activities Constitute Beneficial Use or Disposal
40 CFR 257.95(h)(2)	Use of Risk-Based Alternative Standards for Remediating Constituents Without an MCL

[21] 80 Fed. Reg. 21,302 (Apr. 17, 2015).
[22] *See, e.g.*, Sabrina Shankman, *Is Coal Ash Killing This Oklahoma Town?*, INSIDE CLIMATE NEWS, June 13, 2016, *available at* [HYPERLINK "https://insideclimatenews.org/news/10062016/coal-ash-killing-bokoshe-oklahoma-making-money-having-fun-cancer-asthma"].
[23] https://insideepa.com/sites/insideepa.com/files/documents/sep2017/epa2017_1860.pdf

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40 CFR 257.53 – definition of CCR pile	The criteria for determining Whether a Pile will be Regulated as a Landfill or as Beneficial Use
40 CFR 257.96-98	Regulatory Procedures Used to Remediate Certain Non-Groundwater Releases
40 CFR 257.73(a)(4), 257.73(d)(1)(iv), 257.74(a)(4), 257.74(d)(1)(iv)	Requirements for Slope Protection on Surface Impoundments, Including Use of Vegetation
40 CFR 257.103(a) and (b)	Whether to Allow Continued Use of Surface Impoundments Subject to Mandated Closure if No Capacity for Non-CCR Wastestreams
40 CFR 257.50(e)	Regulation of Inactive Surface Impoundments, Including Legacy Ponds
40 CFR 257.100	Exemption for Certain Remediation and Post-Closure Requirements for Inactive Surface Impoundments that Close by April 17, 2018 Note: EPA completed reconsideration of the issues associated with this claim. See 81 Fed. Reg. 51,802 (August 5, 2016).
Appendix IV to 40 CFR 257.93(b), 257.94(b), 257.95(b), 257.95(d)(1)	Addition of Boron to the List of Constituents that Trigger Corrective Action
Issues Not Before the Court	
40 CFR 257.97	Whether to Allow Modification of the Corrective Action Remedy
40 CFR 257.90	Whether to Suspend Groundwater Monitoring Requirements Where "No Migration" Demonstration is Made
40 CFR 257.98(c)	Whether to Allow Alternate Period of Time to Determine Remediation is Complete
40 CFR 257.104	Whether to Allow Modification of the Post-Closure Care Period
40 CFR 257.101, 257.102	Whether to Allow CCR to be Used to Close Surface Impoundments Subject to Mandated Closure
40 CFR 257.53	Clarify Placement of CCR in Clay Mines

46. Please provide a copy of all documents (including emails, white papers, meeting agendas, powerpoint presentations, memoranda and other materials) received or obtained by EPA related to the April 17, 2017 petition for reconsideration from the Utility Solid Waste Group, and the May 31, 2017 petition for reconsideration from AES Puerto Rico.

    EPA received two documents related to the April 17, 2017, petition: (1) a petition and cover letter from AES Puerto Rico, and (2) a petition from USWAG. These documents are attached (Enclosures).

47. Section 2301 of the WIIN Act[24] allows EPA to approve state-administered CCR regulations to operate in lieu of certain federal CCR regulations. Will you ensure that any state programs you approve are at least as protective of human health and the environment as the EPA's 2015 CCR rule?

Yes, the agency will ensure that any state programs that are approved meet all of the requirements for approval under the WIIN Act, including that the be "at least as protective as the 2015 CCR rule or successor regulations." In order for EPA to approve a state program, the statute requires that a state provide "evidence of a permit program or other system of prior approval and conditions under State law for regulation by the State of coal combustion residuals units that are located in the State." See 42 U.S.C. 6945(d)(1)(A). As noted, the statute also requires that the program be "at least as protective as" the federal CCR rule. Moreover, in EPA's Interim Final Coal Combustion Residuals State Permit Program Guidance Document, EPA states in many places that the state must submit evidence that their program is at least as protective as the federal CCR rule and that this determination is subject to public notice and comment. EPA has been working with our state partners to ensure that their programs meet the statutory standard.

48. As a former state attorney general, you know that laws are only effective insofar as regulated entities believe they will actually be enforced. Could the unavailability of citizen enforcement make a state program less protective of human health and the environment, or is it irrelevant? Please fully explain your response.

Citizen enforcement of environmental laws can support governmental actions and foster deterrence and thus may be a relevant consideration when state legislatures are designing environmental programs. However, citizen suits also may take positions that are contrary to a state's interpretation of its own laws, creating confusion. Ultimately, a decision by a state legislature whether or not to include citizen suit provisions in their statutes should be left to that legislature, taking into account the needs of the state and the environmental program being addressed.

49. For each inactive surface impoundment currently subject to the 2015 CCR rule, please provide:
    a. The site's name;
    b. The site's location;
    c. The amount of coal ash disposed of in the site;
    d. The number of people living within 3 miles; and
    e. Any waterbodies or public water supplies located within 3 miles of the site.

[24] Codified at RCRA section 4005(d), 42 U.S.C. 6945(d).

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Based on information that electric utilities posted on their CCR websites, EPA is aware of 113 inactive surface impoundments. The 2015 CCR rule defines an inactive surface impoundment as "a CCR surface impoundment that no longer receives CCR on or after October 19, 2015, and still contains both CCR and liquids on or after October 19, 2015." The attached table shows available information on the name and location of the 113 CCR units (Enclosure). EPA does not have the information to answer parts c through e of the question, as facilities are not required to report such information to EPA under the current regulations.

50. One of the companies that requested you reconsider the 2015 CCR rule, AES-Puerto Rico, appears to maintain a five-story pile of coal ash in Guayama, Puerto Rico. Has EPA received complaints about fugitive emissions from this waste pile? Has EPA investigated whether Hurricane Maria affected this and other waste piles in Puerto Rico? Please provide a copy of all documents (including emails, white papers, meeting agendas, powerpoint presentations, memoranda and other materials) received or obtained by EPA regarding off-site migration of coal-ash caused by Hurricane Maria. What precautions is EPA taking to ensure that weather events do not cause the release of coal ash?

On October 12, 2017, a team of EPA officials assessed the AES power plant to evaluate, among other things, potential spills or oil discharges, the stormwater collection and discharges system, and the wastewater treatment system. The assessment revealed that the power plant was structurally sound, oil spills were not observed from the diesel storage areas, and coal combustion residuals (CCR) had not migrated. EPA did not observe any discharge of CCR or Agremax material into wetlands. The stormwater management system implemented at the power plant appears to have prevented Agremax material and coal from discharging into the wetlands. A copy of the assessment information for the facility is enclosed.

It should be noted that the power plant had been shut down until just recently. Some structures, such as metal sidewalls and portions of the conveyors, were impacted by the storm and they were being repaired. The power plant remained out of operation until the Puerto Rico Electrical Power Authority (PREPA) requested that AES begin to produce power. AES began to producing power the week of February 12th, 2018.

Senator Booker:

51. The EPA has conceded that dangerous toxic and carcinogenic substances at dozens of Superfund sites are not adequately under control. The agency has also acknowledged that recent hurricanes have washed unknown amounts of chemicals from multiple Superfund sites into waterways. A recent analysis showed that 327 Superfund sites, 35 of which are in New Jersey, are at a risk of flooding due to climate change. In response to these findings, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) has agreed to investigate the risks to human health and the environment posed by natural disasters' impacts on Superfund sites.
    a. Do you agree that EPA must design Superfund remedies that account for climate change?
    b. Have you directed EPA staff to determine which Superfund sites may require additional remedies or precautions to be taken due to climate change?
    c. Can you please specify any additional resources that EPA may need to help remediate these sites?

    EPA agrees that to meet its mission of protecting human health and the environment, Superfund cleanup remedies must be designed to account for the impacts of extreme weather events. The agency's existing processes for site cleanup planning and implementation provide a robust structure that allows consideration of these impacts. EPA integrates extreme weather vulnerability analyses and adaptation planning throughout the Superfund process, including when conducting feasibility studies, remedial designs and remedy performance reviews. Due to wide variation in the location and geophysical characteristics of contaminated sites, the nature of remedial actions at those sites, and local or regional climate and weather regimes, a place-based strategy is the most effective method to achieve this.

    In 2012, the agency conducted a Superfund program assessment to: (1) identify extreme weather impacts most likely to affect remedies that are commonly used for contaminated groundwater, soil, or sediment; (2) evaluate associated vulnerabilities of the remedies; and (3) establish adaptation strategies for new and existing remediation systems. Since that time, EPA has been working to raise awareness among stakeholders, including Superfund site remedial project managers, about the importance of evaluating and addressing extreme weather vulnerabilities to ensure the continued protectiveness of remedies. The agency also continues to develop technical guidance, informational tools and training to assist site managers in integrating extreme weather vulnerability analyses and adaptation planning throughout the Superfund process.

52. On May 22, 2017, the Superfund Task Force was established to "provide recommendations…on how the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) can streamline and improve the Superfund program." The report's recommendations were released in July 25, 2017. The EPA has stated that the Superfund Task Force kept no records of the analysis used to form recommendations for the Superfund program.

a. Is this correct? Did the Agency keep no records of the analysis used to form recommendations?
b. If it is correct, please provide justification or reasoning for the lack of record keeping when compiling a report that would shape the management of the Superfund program.

As I indicated at the hearing, the Agency does have records which will be provided to the committee.

Commented [BJME31]: Are these internal/pre-deliberative documents? Why does EPA include explanations of how the two lists were generated when those were not included in the question? Should these paragraphs be moved to the next QFR?

<u>Sites Targeted for Immediate Intense Action</u>: In developing the "immediate, intense action" list, senior career Superfund staff at EPA headquarters and in each region were consulted and identified potential sites that may be worthy of special attention now or in the future to advance those sites through the cleanup process. The recommended sites represent the EPA regions' best professional judgment where the Administrator's involvement would facilitate site progress. The Administrator reviewed the recommendations and personally selected the sites for inclusion. The list includes sites that require timely resolution of specific issues to expedite cleanup and redevelopment efforts. The specific issue or milestone that may benefit from the Administrator's attention is noted for each site on the list, which can be found on the EPA website at: [HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/superfund/superfund-sites-targeted-immediate-intense-action"].

The list is designed to spur action at sites where opportunities exist to act quickly and decisively. The Administrator will receive regular updates on each of these sites. Further, the list is intended to be dynamic and sites will move on and off the list as appropriate. At times, there may be more or fewer sites based on where the Administrator's attention and focus is most needed.

<u>Redevelopment Focus List</u>: In formulating the redevelopment focus list, EPA headquarters staff reached out to the EPA regional Superfund Redevelopment Initiative (SRI) coordinators to inquire about sites where there has been a strong interest in reuse or at sites appearing to have the strongest near-term reuse potential. This inquiry formed an initial list. Consistent with the Task Force Recommendation #33: *Focus Redevelopment Efforts on 20 NPL Sites with Redevelopment Potential and Identify 20 Sites with Greatest Potential Reuse*, EPA headquarters staff then narrowed the list based on the following criteria:

- **Previous outside interest**
- **Transportation access**
- **Land values**
- **Other critical development drivers.**

This refined list of sites was shared with the Agency's regional Superfund offices, which vetted the sites with SRI experts, remedial project managers, attorneys and regional management. The regional offices also contacted property owners, as appropriate, to let them know that EPA was considering their sites for the list, and reached out to EPA's state counterparts to ask if they had additional sites with

redevelopment potential that the Agency should consider. Once EPA headquarters and the regions reached agreement, the list was made public.

The Redevelopment Focus List is intended to easily direct interested developers and potential owners to Superfund sites with redevelopment potential. EPA plans to focus redevelopment training, tools and resources towards the sites on this list. The Agency also plans to work with developers interested in reusing these and other Superfund sites; identify potentially interested businesses and industries to keep them apprised of redevelopment opportunities; and continue to engage with community groups in cleanup and redevelopment activities to promote the successful redevelopment and revitalization of their communities. This list is intended to be dynamic with sites moving on and off the list as appropriate.

The current list of sites may be found at: [HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/superfund-redevelopment-initiative/superfund-redevelopment-focus-list"]
For additional information about the Superfund Redevelopment Initiative, please go to: [HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/superfund-redevelopment-initiative"]

53. In response to the [HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-announces-superfund-task-force-recommendations"] issued on July 25, 2017, you developed multiple priority lists of Superfund sites, including a list for sites targeted for "immediate, intense action" and the "Redevelopment Focus" list that highlights sites that can create potential commercial and development opportunities.
    a. How did you pick the sites to include on these lists? What specific criteria did you use?

    As to the Superfund Special Emphasis List, all 10 Regions were asked to submit their recommendations on sites that could benefit from attention and involvement. From the list submitted, the Agency selected the ones to be listed initially. ~~We had~~EPA originally ~~thought~~ anticipated a list of 10 would be the metric. However, with discussion and review of those submitted, the list ~~initially~~ expanded to 21.

    As to the Redevelopment Site list, all 10 Regions again submitted recommendations for the list. The career staff in EPA's Office of Land and Emergency Management~~Superfund~~ made the final recommendations to me.

    b. What process do you intend to use in removing and adding sites to these lists?

    As to the Superfund Special Emphasis List, the expected milepost or achievement needing attention is listed at the outset. Once that is achieved and absent a new milepost needing attention, the site would be deleted from the list. As to adding sites, the same process as originally employed will be replicated quarterly.

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As to the Redevelopment List, a site will be removed once it has had an effective contract to reuse or it is apparent it is not viable, the site would be removed. Additions would come in the manner above with quarterly recommendations from the Regions to the career headquarters Superfund staff.

c. In what ways does the listing of these sites affect cleanup, construction, and revitalization efforts?

As to the Superfund Special Emphasis List, the listing has brought a focus and urgency to both the Potentially Responsible Parties and to those who are directly responsible to effect clean up and interact with the Potentially Responsible Parties. What the boss inspects, the employees respect. We have already seen sites stalled for years come to final pathway to resolution. Additionally, we have seen other sites move through my approval on to the remediation pathway.

As to the redevelopment list, this allows those parties interested in developing Superfund sites to focus on a few promising sites rather than sifting through 1344 sites. It also will allow potential third party dollars to be used in cleanup and more quickly return the property to productive use.

d. Do you plan to release a report or follow up on the progress made at the sites on these lists?

The status of the sites is monitored, particularly on the Special Emphasis List very frequently. We will update and revise after each quarter and will transparently report on additions and deletions.

Commented [BJME33]: Will these updates be posted on the Superfund Task Force website? If so, consider including a sentence saying that with the link to the website.

54. The Diamond Alkali site in Newark, New Jersey is on your list of Superfund sites targeted for "immediate, intense action" – will you be working as quickly as possible to implement the Record of Decision for the lower 8 miles of the Passaic River?

Yes, EPA will continue to work as quickly as possible to implement the Record of Decision (ROD) for the lower 8.3 miles of the Passaic River. The designation as a special emphasis site is intended to maintain a focus on the high priority cleanup actions that are necessary as we continue to oversee the design work for the bank-to-bank dredging and associated work.

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After the ROD was signed in March 2016, EPA negotiated and signed a settlement agreement with Occidental Chemical Corporation (OCC) in September 2016 for OCC to perform the remedial design for the selected remedy. Signing a settlement agreement for a $165 million remedial design in six months was an unprecedented accomplishment for EPA. The schedule for the remedial design estimated in the ROD was approximately four years. More than one year into the design, OCC, under EPA oversight, is still on schedule to complete the design by 2020.

55. When you commissioned the Superfund Task Force on May 22, 2017, you nominated Albert Kelly, who previously was CEO and President of Oklahoma-based SpiritBank, as its Chairman. Thirteen days prior to his appointment, he was ordered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") to pay a civil penalty of $125,000 after he "enter[ed] into an agreement pertaining to a loan ... without FDIC approval." Two months later, the FDIC issued a lifetime ban prohibiting Mr. Kelly from managing financial institutions after determining that his violations "demonstrated ... unfitness to serve as a director, officer, [and] person participating in the conduct of the affairs or as an institution affiliated party of the bank, [or] any other insured depository institution."
    a. The FDIC has banned Albert Kelly from banking for life because he "demonstrated ... unfitness to serve as a ... person participating in the conduct of the affairs ... [of] any ... insured depository institution."
        i. Will he be managing or providing advice on Superfund program funding or any other program funding in his role as Senior Advisor?
        ii. If so, what is the nature of these responsibilities?
        iii. Will you ask him to recuse himself from any specific agency activities or issue areas as a result of the banking ban?
    b. Were you aware of the FDIC investigations when you named him as Chair of the Superfund Task Force?
    c. Were you aware of the FDIC investigations when you named him as Senior Adviser

There is no federal ethics correlation between the FDIC matter and Mr. Kelly's service to EPA.

56. Proper financial management of the Superfund program is critical to its success. Since 1999, federal funding for the Superfund program has declined from about $2 billion to about $1.1 billion annually, and the rate of contamination threat reduction at Superfund sites has declined. During your hearing, you repeatedly stated that you had visited states throughout the country and discussed the Superfund and that the cleanup of sites would require "direction and leadership." The Chairman of the Superfund Task Force is charged with developing and implementing recommendations to improve the work of the Superfund program.
    a. Mr. Kelly had no previous experience in environmental policy or management when you named him to Chair the Superfund Task Force.

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i. What experience did he have that you believe qualified him to serve as Chair?
ii. What experience does he have that you believe qualify him to serve as your Senior Advisor?

b. What responsibilities was Albert Kelly given as Chairman of the EPA Superfund Task Force during the production of the Superfund Task Force Recommendations? What is his role and responsibility as Chair now that the Task Force has released its recommendations?
c. What responsibilities was Albert Kelly given as Senior Advisor at the EPA? What specific policy areas and programs will he be responsible for in this role?

Mr. Kelly has years of leadership positions from our home state of Oklahoma that has suited him for his position to facilitate Superfund reform. During the production of the Superfund Task Force Recommendations, Mr. Kelly was my leading appointee who spearheaded the effort while compiling the suggestions of career staff. Since the production of the recommendations, he has lead the efforts to begin the implementation of the recommendations. Mr. Kelly remains the Chair of the Superfund Task Force, and is assigned other roles as requested and required.

57. When you decided to move forward with the process to potentially weaken the Agricultural Worker Protection Standard requirements, what steps did you take to comply with Executive Order 12898, which requires EPA to identify and address the disproportionately high and adverse human health effects of its activities on minority and low income communities?

In response to stakeholder concerns, in December 2017, EPA released a Federal Register Notice to initiate the process to revise certain requirements in the Worker Protection Standard (WPS) and Certification of Pesticide Applicators Rule. By the end of fiscal year 2018, EPA expects to publish a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to solicit public input on possible revisions to the WPS requirements for minimum age, designated representatives, and application exclusion zones, and the minimum age requirement for certified applicators. While the agency seeks public input on these possible changes, the compliance dates for the two rules remain in effect. EPA remains committed to protecting agricultural workers who handle and apply pesticides. Any possible revisions included in the proposed rulemakings will comply with all applicable statutory requirements and executive orders, including Executive Order 12898.

58. Despite proposing drastic cuts to EPA's budget, you are spending taxpayer dollars on questionable expenses such as paying $25,000 to install a custom-made, soundproof phone booth in your office.

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a. Have you used this $25,000 phone booth for any calls with representatives of oil and gas companies?

No.

b. Will you provide to this committee within 10 days a log of all of the calls you have made from this phone booth?

This is a secure phone line and room to be used for secured conversations with administration officials. This was an update to the building. For the information of the Committee, the upgrades and maintenance to the two main North and South portions of this 1930's era grand building is approximately $6 million every year out of EPA's most recently annual appropriation of $7.9 billion.

59. Despite a tradition of EPA reimbursing the Justice Department for their work in holding polluters accountable for Superfund clean ups, it was recently reported that you may break with this precedent, directing your agency to not reimburse the DOJ for that work. Do you plan on withdrawing EPA funding for the Justice Department's Environment and Natural Resources Division?

Cleaning up the nation's Superfund sites and returning them to communities for beneficial use is one of EPA's top priorities. Under the President's Budget for EPA, up to $20 million will be provided for DOJ support for Superfund Enforcement to focus on the highest priority sites, particularly those that may present an immediate risk to human health and the environment.

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Senator Boozman:

60. Administrator Pruitt, I understand that EPA is currently reviewing procurement guidance for the federal government's purchasing of lumber and wood products. During the Obama Administration, EPA issued procurement guidelines for lumber and wood products that called for the use of wood and lumber certified by the Forest Stewardship Council, leaving out wood grown on forests certified by the two major forest certification systems in the U.S.: the American Tree Farm System and the Sustainable Forestry Initiative. This guidance would have excluded of 4 million acres of Arkansas timber eligible for federal procurement. Additionally, the Obama Administration's guidance runs directly counter to the regulations issued under USDA's BioPreferred program, a program created in the 2008 Farm Bill that sets federal purchasing requirements for all biobased products and specifically recognizes eligibility from all three systems. What are you doing to ensure the EPA does not arbitrarily pick winners and losers and prevent the federal government from purchasing American timber?

    EPA's previous action on this issue was carried out under the June 2015 "Implementing Instructions for Executive Order 13693: Planning for Federal Sustainability in the Next Decade," and was not an agency regulation. Based on stakeholder concerns and interagency discussions, the EPA recommendation for the lumber/wood product category was removed from the "Recommendations of Specifications, Standards, and Ecolabels for Federal Purchasing" in December 2016. Before further action on this product category, EPA will ensure coordination with the USDA Forest Service and USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Energy, OMB, and CEQ to determine how forestry standards should best be evaluated. Once the federal agencies have had time to come to consensus, EPA would engage stakeholders to refine the guidelines pertinent to evaluating the lumber/wood recommendation. This process is intended to provide a transparent, fair, and consistent approach to updating the EPA recommendation of forestry certifications and assessing other commodities' extraction/harvesting related environmental impacts.

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Senator Ernst:

61. In two separate interviews shortly after the time of this hearing, you stated the need for both RFS reform and RIN reform. During the confirmation process, you went to great length to explain your intention to uphold the RFS. Can you please explain what you think RFS reform entails? In Iowa, this is a flashpoint and the continued rhetoric used appears to contradict your promise to this Committee on the RFS.

    There has been a heightened interest from a broad range of stakeholders advocating for programmatic changes to the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) in order to expand the use of higher ethanol blends and stabilize the costs of compliance. The above referenced interviews were subsequent to a then-recent meeting with government leaders at the White House which included representatives from your office. As you may recall, concerns were expressed regarding the variability of Renewable Identification Number (RIN) values, the impact of those costs on obligated parties and the range of options government leaders and policy makers should consider to strengthen the long-term viability of the RFS program. My references to RFS or RIN reform in those interviews was merely a summation of those discussions and associated concerns.

62. Much has been said about finding a "win-win" on the RFS and RINs, albeit not by you, but by some Members of Congress. Would you agree that fixing the Reid vapor pressure issue on E15 is a "win-win"? Doing so would reduce RIN prices, which some refineries say they need, while also expanding the marketplace for biofuels.

    Expanding the 1.0 pound per square inch (psi) waiver for RVP to E15 has been and continues to be a part of RFS reform options expressed and supported by a range or stakeholders. Senator Fischer has shown great leadership in the Senate on this issue and, during the same interviews referenced in the preceding question, I discussed the prospect of granting this type of waiver and have been assessing the legal and technical considerations for an administrative action.

63. How aggressively will EPA pursue the RIN obligation from refineries that declare bankruptcy?

    We, along with our colleagues across the federal government, will monitor any such bankruptcy proceedings closely. However, we would treat each situation on a case-by-case basis, so I am not able to comment further on this matter.

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64. The Pesticide Registration Improvement Act (PRIA) was first enacted in 2003 and established a fee schedule for pesticide registrations. It lists specific time periods for EPA to make a regulatory decision on pesticide registration and tolerance actions submitted to the Agency. The goal of PRIA was to create a more predictable and effective evaluation system for affected pesticide decisions and couple the collection of individual fees with specific decision review periods. It also promoted shorter review periods for reduced-risk applications.

PRIA has been tremendously successful, providing hundreds of millions of dollars in funding to EPA and providing product developers with clarity on timelines for Agency actions, and facilitating investment in research and development of new products. Importantly, through these industry fees, it has also provided $1 million annually in worker protection and pesticide safety training.

PRIA has been reauthorized twice since it was first enacted – in 2007 and 2012 – each time by unanimous consent. It has been supported by large and small manufacturers of agricultural and non-agricultural products, antimicrobial products, biotech companies, and biopesticides, as well as labor and environmental advocates. The current law was set to expire on September 30, 2017; however, an extension was included in the CR that extends the authorization through February 8, 2018. H.R. 1029, the Pesticide Registration Enhancement Act, which would reauthorize these authorities, passed the House by voice vote on March 20, 2017, and was reported by the Senate Agriculture Committee on June 29, 2017.

a. Can you explain the likely impacts to worker protection programs and your ability to regulate pesticides if PRIA is not reauthorized?

PRIA provides approximately 33 percent of the funding for EPA's pesticide program activities. Currently operating under the third iteration of the statute, PRIA provides two funding sources to EPA's pesticide program:

- **One time registration service fees (i.e., PRIA fees) for the evaluation of new applications submitted to the EPA; and**
- **Annual FIFRA maintenance fees assessed to products currently in the marketplace, a significant portion of which are used to support the re-evaluation of pesticides in order to meet the statutory deadline of October 1, 2022, for completing the first round of registration review.**

PRIA's authorization expired on September 30, 2017, has been extended in short term reauthorizations in each continuing resolution, and is now authorized through March 23, 2018. Legislation reauthorizing PRIA is currently pending in Congress. If the authorization expiration date is not further extended or if PRIA is not reauthorized by that date, pesticide applications submitted after that date will no longer be subject to decision time periods. The two year sunset provision in FIFRA section 33(m) specifies fees be reduced in fiscal year 2018 by 40 percent below the levels in effect during fiscal year 2017, and by 70 percent in

fiscal year 2019. Effective September 30, 2019, fee requirements under PRIA would be terminated.

Additionally, if PRIA were not reauthorized, $2 million per year for worker protection activities, pesticide safety education programs, and partnership grants, monies that currently come from PRIA funds, would not be available and these programs would not be funded. These activities include:

- **Developing and administering a pesticide safety training program that will support a national network of pesticide safety trainers providing worker safety training to migrant and seasonal farmworkers and their families (National Farmworker Training Program);**
- **Developing pesticide education materials for workers, handlers, and trainers on how to comply with WPS (cooperative agreement with UC-Davis and Oregon State University); and**

Supporting National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC), a bi-lingual, factual source of information for professional and public audiences on pesticide-related issues.

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b. What would be the impact to farmers across my state and the country?

PRIA provides predictability and regulatory certainty to all stakeholders regarding the timing of pesticide registration decisions. In the absence of PRIA, the statutory timelines would no longer exist and applications to register new pest control tools would be reviewed as resources were available. However, EPA would not be in a position to guarantee a registration decision timeline with any certainty. Farmers in need of new pest control tools would be greatly impacted as they may ~~would~~ not be able to timely adopt new technologies to address their pest management needs.

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Senator Fischer:

65. In two recent television interviews, you discussed the need for RFS and RIN reform. Given your commitments made to this committee during the confirmation process that you would uphold the RFS, can you please elaborate on what you think RFS reform means?

    There has been a heightened interest from a broad range of stakeholders advocating for programmatic changes to the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) in order to expand the use of higher ethanol blends and stabilize the costs of compliance. The above referenced interviews were subsequent to a then-recent meeting with government leaders at the White House which included representatives from your office. As you may recall, concerns were expressed regarding the variability of Renewable Identification Number (RIN) values, the impact of those costs on obligated parties and the range of options government leaders and policy makers should consider to strengthen the long-term viability of the RFS program. My references to RFS or RIN reform in those interviews was merely a summation of those discussions and associated concerns.

66. How do you plan to approach the bankruptcy court case involving Philadelphia Energy Solutions? Do you intend to ask the refinery to honor their legal obligation?

    We, along with our colleagues across the federal government, will monitor any such bankruptcy proceedings closely. However, we would treat each situation on a case-by-case basis, so I am not able to comment further on this matter.

67. If PES is allowed to use bankruptcy to avoid their RFS obligation, do you expect other refineries to follow this path?

    We are aware that PES recently filed a plan of reorganization with a bankruptcy court in Delaware, and we, along with our colleagues across the federal government, are monitoring the bankruptcy proceedings closely. As this is the subject of ongoing court proceedings, I am not able to comment further on this matter.

68. I understand that several commercial-ready companies seeking approval of new cellulosic biofuel (D3) registrations have been told by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) staff that the processing of such applications is currently on hold until EPA staff completes an internal review.

    Because of the investment and long-term planning required to undertake these projects, it is imperative that new production of qualified cellulosic biofuels is approved as efficiently as possible. This will allow these commercial-ready businesses to gain the value associated with the D3 RIN production during this time of tight margins in the

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agriculture economy and signal to the marketplace that these gallons are valued, as the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) intends.

If EPA is currently delaying registration of new D3 production, the falsely low D3 production volume would affect not only today's market, but also the market for the coming year and beyond, through EPA's annual volumetric rulemaking for the RFS. This practice would systematically underestimate D3 production, and thereby undermine Congress's intent under the RFS to grow the cellulosic biofuel market.

Does EPA currently have new cellulosic registrations on hold until EPA staff completes an internal review?

Under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) program, cellulosic ethanol produced from corn kernel fiber qualifies to generate cellulosic RINs under an existing approved fuel pathway if certain registration and reporting requirements are met. EPA has registered some ethanol facilities under this pathway and received additional applications that are currently under review at this time.

69. When does EPA anticipate completing this review, and what does it hope to accomplish through this review?

Facilities that are simultaneously processing corn starch and corn kernel fiber to produce a mixture of conventional ethanol and cellulosic ethanol. The regulations require use of a test method to identify the cellulosic converted fraction that has either been certified by a voluntary consensus standards body or is demonstrated to produce "reasonably accurate" results. Unfortunately, there is currently no analytical test method that is certified by a voluntary consensus body and no certified reference samples containing both cellulose and starch. This requires EPA to evaluate each company's application on its unique merits. Due to the complexity of these applications, EPA does not have a specific time to complete its review. However, EPA is committed to supporting efforts by the industry and other government/non-governmental parties to find a way forward.

70. What steps is EPA taking to ensure these actions do not negatively impact cellulosic biofuel volumes in the 2019 RVO rulemaking?

The registration process is designed to ensure that when RINs are generated the fuel on which they are based qualified for the corresponding category of renewable fuel. EPA takes this responsibility very seriously, and in some cases it takes considerable time to work through the technical issues, which may include developing new test procedures. In projecting cellulosic biofuel production for 2019 as part of the RVO process, EPA staff carefully monitor the status of pending facility registration requests to ensure that our projections of cellulosic RINs generated in 2019 are as accurate as possible. We also carefully consider the comments we receive on the

proposed rule and make amendments to our projection methodology and volume projections as appropriate.

Senator Markey:

WEBSITE

71. In all, more than 5,000 pages of scientific, policy, and educational material on climate change have been moved off the main website for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This information has been largely relegated to a maze of archives and portals that is virtually inaccessible to the public. The EPA's mission states that the agency should ensure "all parts of society – communities, individuals, businesses, and state, local and tribal governments – have access to accurate information sufficient to effectively participate in managing human health and environmental risks."[25] Additionally, the Paperwork Reduction Act directs agencies to "provide adequate notice when initiating, substantially modifying, or terminating significant information dissemination products."[26] However, there was no notice of the changes made to the EPA website, leaving the public with no opportunity to weigh in on the Administrator's decision to move, hide, and archive information on the Clean Power Plan or on climate change.
    a. How does the decision to remove hundreds of webpages and post the notice on the same day comply with the EPA's mission?
    b. How does the decision to remove hundreds of webpages and post the notice on the same day comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act?
    c. Were you personally involved in directing the removal of any information from the EPA website? If so, please provide any correspondence or documentation relating to your personal involvement in the overhaul and censorship of the EPA website.

EPA is continually making changes to its website and other digital information resources to reflect and support the agency's current priorities and work. When we remove information from our main portal, [HYPERLINK "http://www.epa.gov"], **the majority of the time we make sure it is still available to the public via our archive website,** [HYPERLINK "https://archive.epa.gov/"]. **In addition, because of the public concern about access to information on our website last year, we created a snapshot website that contains the content that was on our main portal on January 12, 2017. The snapshot website can be searched here:** [HYPERLINK "https://19january2017snapshot.epa.gov/"].

All changes to EPA's websites and digital resources are coordinated between the different offices at the agency. We do our best to make new information available to the public as soon as possible and then notify them of the changes.

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[25] "Our Mission and What We Do." United States Environmental Protection Agency. Accessed February 1, 2018. [HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/our-mission-and-what-we-do"]
[26] 44 USC § 3506(d)(3)

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72. The error page on the EPA website that the public reaches when trying to access former resources on climate change reads, "This page is being updated [...] We are currently updating our website to reflect EPA's priorities under the leadership of President Trump and Administrator Pruitt."
    a. Please provide a timeline for when this update will be complete, as well as a detailed list of all the pages that have been permanently removed from [HYPERLINK "http://www.epa.gov"] and the changes made on those that remain in an altered form.
    b. Please explain how the priorities of President Trump and Administrator Pruitt necessitate the removal of pages like "What Climate Change Means for Massachusetts" from [HYPERLINK "http://www.epa.gov"].
    c. Please provide an accounting of the costs and employee hours associated with developing the resources that were removed, as well as with the process of moving and updating the website to "reflect EPA's priorities."

We are constantly updating our website to reflect new initiatives and projects of the Agency. Of course the site will be reflective of the current administration's priorities – with that said, all the content from the previous administration is still easily accessible and publicly available-through the banner across the top of the main page of the site.

ENFORCEMENT

73. Oklahoma recently suffered what may be the deadliest accident in the history of the shale industry, when five workers were killed by an explosion at a fracking site. The company that owns this site (Patterson-UTI) has reportedly experienced several other deadly safety incidents from 2010-2013. Oklahoma's regulators use an enforcement system that shuns fines in favor of working with violators, a strategy which you appear to have emulated during your tenure. For example, Devon Energy had admitted to illegally emitting hazardous chemicals, and was in discussions to pay a settlement of more than $100,000 and install mitigation technology. After your swearing it, Devon Energy informed the EPA that it was "re-evaluating its settlement posture" and now offered a settlement of around $25,000 with no commitment to install additional technology.[27]

    According to a New York Times analysis, compared to the first nine months of the Obama administration, you have: filed roughly 1,000 fewer new enforcement cases; sought 60 percent less in civil penalties; requested almost 90 percent fewer injunctive

[27] Brook-Davison, Carrick. "RE: Revised Devon settlement proposal for the Beaver Creek Gas Plant." Guida, Slavich & Flores. February 22, 2017. Accessed February 1, 2018. [HYPERLINK "https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/3727057-Devon-Fights-and-Now-Is-Winning-Battle-Against.html" \l "document/p1/a356485"]

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relief fixes, which prompt companies to cut pollution; and made it harder for EPA offices to request pollution tests.[28]

a. Please provide a list of companies and plants that received notices of violations from 2008-2017 under the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, or the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, but that have not yet had any EPA penalties levied upon them.

In some enforcement circumstances, the EPA issues a NOV to a facility owner/operator that the agency has identified as having one or more violations. However, not all statutes include provisions for issuance of an NOV or require issuance of an NOV. *Compare* Clean Air Act § 205(c)(1), 42 U.S.C. § 7523(c)(1) ("[T]he Administrator shall give written notice to the person to be assessed" a penalty) *with* Clean Water Act § 309, 33 U.S.C. § 1319 (no provision for written notice).

Since not all statutes include these provisions, the agency does not centrally track all NOVs in the agency's Integrated Compliance Information System (ICIS) enforcement and compliance database. Some information on NOVs is available in ICIS, but NOVs are not required to be entered. Additionally, because NOVs do not always result in the need for follow-up enforcement actions, *e.g.*, where the facility promptly returns to compliance, we do not have the ability to link NOVs to later enforcement actions.

b. Please provide a detailed list of cases where, under your leadership, the EPA withdrew or accepted lower civil monetary penalties than were recommended under the previous administration from 2008-2017 and the rationale for these decisions.

EPA's civil penalty policies provide the bases upon which EPA compromises claims and settles cases for less than the statutory maximum penalty. These policies can be found here [HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/enforcement-policy-guidance-publications"]. **The negotiation of penalties is based on these policies. The specifics of each case are confidential enforcement information. When an enforcement action is withdrawn or not pursued, that information is reported in ICIS. However, please note that these data are not certified and may not always be entered in a timely manner. We have provided below the total number of enforcement actions in ICIS reported as withdrawn or not pursued. Because the decision to withdraw a case may involve an enforcement-confidential determination, we have not provided a list of cases.**

Actions Reported:	CY08	CY09	CY10	CY11	CY12	CY13	CY14	CY15	CY 16	CY 17
Total	64	126	65	105	95	57	57	26	31	23

[28] Lipton, Eric and Danielle Ivory. "Under Trump, E.P.A. Has Slowed Actions Against Polluters, and Put Limits on Enforcement Officers." The New York Times. December 10, 2017. Accessed February 1, 2018. [HYPERLINK "https://www.nytimes.com/2017/12/10/us/politics/pollution-epa-regulations.html"]

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74. The EPA recently released data that detailed the fines, penalties, and other commitments that the agency collected during fiscal year 2017.[29] According to the EPA's report, the number of new cases, defendants charged, and federal inspections and evaluations began by the agency in FY2017 were all at the lowest level in at least a decade. Despite this, the EPA still touted an increase in the total amount of criminal fines, including restitution and mitigation activities.
    a. Of the cases included in the FY17 reporting, what percentage of fines and restitutions, court ordered environmental projects, Superfund site commitments from liable parties, judicial penalties, injunctive relief, and other penalties were made before January 20, 2017?

The enforcement and compliance work accomplished in fiscal year 2017 included work performed under both the prior and current administrations. This administration is proud to highlight accomplishments and to honor EPA employees for all of the great work they did last fiscal year.

In response to your request for data on the percentage of FY17 fines, penalties, and other relief secured before and after January 20, 2017, please see the chart below.

Measure	Total FY 2017 Values October 1, 2016 - September 30, 2017	Values for October 1, 2016 - January 19, 2017	Percentage for October 1, 2016- January 19, 2017	Values for January 20, 2017 – September 30, 2017	Percentage for January 20, 2017 – September 30, 2017
Fines (Criminal)	$2,829,202,563	$8,716,000	0.3%	$2,820,486,563	99.7%
Restitution (Criminal)	$147,520,835	$84,755,737	57.5%	$62,765,098	42.5%
Court Ordered Environmental Projects (Criminal)	$3,092,631	$1,146,362	37.1%	$1,946,269	62.9%
Amount Committed by Liable parties to Clean Up for Superfund sites	$1,227,057,039	$68,586,500	5.6%	$1,158,470,539	94.4%
Amount Committed by Liable Parties to Reimburse the Government for Past Costs at Superfund Sites	$142,577,803	$22,398,806	15.7%	$120,178,997	84.3%
Judicial Penalties	$1,583,608,081	$51,310,581	3.2%	$1,532,297,500	96.8%
Administrative Penalties	$48,078,393	$13,206,031	27.5%	$34,872,362	72.5%

[29] "Enforcement Annual Results for Fiscal Year 2017." Environmental Protection Agency. Accessed February 9, 2018. [HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/enforcement-annual-results-fiscal-year-2017"]

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Injunctive Relief (Judicial and Administrative)	$19,971,202,303	$16,483,587,889	82.5%	$3,487,614,414	17.5%
Supplemental Environmental Projects (Judicial and Administrative)	$17,255,199	$4,013,347	23.2%	$13,241,852	76.8%

b. Of the cases included in the FY17 reporting, what percentage of civil and criminal cases, inspections/evaluations, complaints, and orders were initiated, opened, or filed after January 20, 2017?

Please see the chart below in response to your question.

Measure	FY 2017 Counts	Case Counts from January 20, 2017 - September 30, 2017	Percentage
Civil Judicial Referrals	114	81	71%
Criminal Cases Opened	115	70	61%
Inspections/Evaluations[30]	9,918	7,924	80%
Administrative Penalty Order Complaints (APOCs)	1,218	939	77%
Administrative Compliance Orders (ACOs)	606	476	79%
Final Administrative Penalty Orders (FAPOs)	1,255	972	77%
Complaints Filed With Court	83	43	52%

75. The EPA FY19 budget request included an 18 percent cut to civil enforcement and a 12 percent cut to criminal enforcement from the FY18 annualized Continuing Resolution (CR).
    a. As the number of new enforcement cases are already falling under your tenure, how does limiting the enforcement budget further facilitate your stated objective to "timely enforce environmental laws to increase compliance rates […] especially enforcement actions to address environmental violations?[31]

[30] The Inspection/Evaluation totals in this chart exclude manually reported SDWA UIC inspections because EPA does not maintain the date of these inspections. The FY 2017 total number of inspections reported for Annual Results, including SDWA UIC inspections, is 11,756 (9,918 + 1,838 manually reported SWDA UIC inspections.)
[31] "FY 2019 EPA Budget in Brief." United States Environmental Protection Agency. February 2018. Accessed February 13, 2019. [HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-02/documents/fy-2019-epa-bib.pdf"]

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b. How many full-time EPA employees working on civil, criminal, Superfund, and federal facilities enforcement do you expect to be supported by the FY19 budget request?

EPA's enforcement efforts continue to be focused on achieving compliance, not on the number of individual actions taken. To achieve the desired outcome, EPA works in partnership with state and tribal agencies to assure compliance, protect public health and the environment, and ensure a level playing field for businesses. Recognizing that states are the primary implementers of our nation's environmental laws, EPA will focus where it can provide the most value including matters affecting multiple states or tribes, serving as a backstop when a state or tribe does not address serious noncompliance in a timely fashion, and assisting states and tribes when they lack the capability, resources, or will to address noncompliance.

In FY 2019, the agency is requesting 2,264.1 FTE for the civil, criminal, Superfund, and federal facilities enforcement programs.

CLIMATE IN DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN

76. You have said that "scientists continue to disagree about the degree and extent of global warming and its connection to the actions of mankind."[32] With regard to human-produced carbon dioxide, in an interview with CNBC, you said that, "I would not agree that it's a primary contributor to the global warming that we see."[33] But the statutorily required National Climate Assessment's Climate Science Special Report that was released by the Trump Administration in November concluded that "human activities, especially emissions of greenhouse gases, are the dominant cause of the observed warming since the mid-20th century."[34] Last year was the second-hottest year in recorded history, according to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and saw record-breaking costs incurred by extreme weather and climate disasters.
    a. Do you disagree with the conclusion made in the Climate Science Special Report by our country's top scientists at 13 federal agencies, including your own, that human activities are the dominant cause of global warming, with "no convincing alternative explanation"?

    EPA recognizes the challenges that communities face in adapting to a changing climate. EPA works with state, local and tribal governments to improve infrastructure to protect against the consequences of climate change

[32] Pruitt, Scott and Luther Strange. "The Climate-Change Gang." The National Review. May 17, 2016. Accessed January 31, 2018. [HYPERLINK "http://www.nationalreview.com/article/435470/climate-change-attorneys-general"]

[33] DiChristopher, Tom. "EPA chief Scott Pruitt says carbon dioxide is not a primary contributor to global warming." CNBC. March 9, 2017. Accessed February 1, 2018. [HYPERLINK "https://www.cnbc.com/2017/03/09/epa-chief-scott-pruitt.html"]

[34] Wuebbles, D.J., and D.W. Fahey, K.A. Hibbard, D.J. Dokken, B.C. Stewart, and T.K. Maycock (eds.) "Climate Science Special Report." U.S. Global Change and Research Program. November 2017. Accessed January 31, 2018. [HYPERLINK "https://science2017.globalchange.gov/downloads/CSSR2017_FullReport.pdf"]

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and natural disasters. EPA also promotes science that helps inform states, municipalities, and tribes on how to plan for and respond to extreme events and environmental emergencies. Moving forward, EPA will continue to advance its climate adaptation efforts, and have reconvened the cross-EPA Adaptation Working Group in support of those efforts.

Human activity impacts our changing climate in some manner. The ability to measure with precision the degree and extent of that impact, and what to do about it, are subject to continuing debate and dialogue.

77. Despite these findings, and the conclusion that "[c]hanges in the characteristics of extreme events are particularly important for human safety,"[35] climate change did not appear in the EPA's Strategic Plan for 2018-2022, as published on February 12, 2018.
    a. Why does climate change not appear in the draft plan?
    b. Do you intend to address climate in other strategic planning documents, commensurate with the findings of the Climate Science Special Report? If not, why not?

We are constantly updating our website to reflect new initiatives and projects of the Agency. Of course the site will be reflective of the current administration's priorities – with that said, all the content from the previous administration is still easily accessible and publicly available-through the banner across the top of the main page of the site.

Commented [BSHE36]: This answer appears to be in the wrong place. The question was about climate change references in EPA's Strategic Plan, not about EPA;s website.

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78. In the FY19 budget request, Science and Technology funding was cut from $708,975,000 in the FY 2018 annualized CR to $448,965,000—a decrease of 37 percent. The Regional Science and Technology funding was zeroed out entirely. This attack on science comes as more than 200 scientists have left the agency over the past year.
    a. How many full-time scientists will be supported at the EPA by the FY19 budget request?

    Based on the distribution of scientific positions within the agency workforce, EPA would estimate that between 8,300 and 8,800 scientific positions would be supported through the FY 2019 Presidents Budget Request. This is an estimate extrapolated from on-board data that is current as of FY 2017 and includes non-federal positions. The actual number is dependent upon programmatic workforce decisions that remain to be made as well as factors such as attrition.

    Commented [BSHE37]: How did EPA arrive at this estimate? Could EPA please send the OMB RMO a breakdown of scientific vs. nonscientific positions by program project for the FY 2019 PB request.

    b. Can you describe how the Regional Science and Technology capabilities will be fully replaced by the "ad hoc" efforts described in the Budget in Brief?

[35] Ibid.

The Regional Science and Technology program performs laboratory analysis, field monitoring, and sampling investigations in order to provide credible scientific data on environmental pollutants and conditions to Agency policy makers. Under its Reform Plan, the Agency is working to develop a comprehensive enterprise-wide laboratory approach that will address many of the programs' traditional functions.

TOXIC CHEMICALS

79. During the hearing, you committed to updating my office on the status of the formaldehyde health assessment, which I understand has been completed by EPA staff but not yet released.
    a. What date was the draft assessment completed by EPA staff?
    b. What is the exact timeline for public release?
    c. What are the exact steps that EPA must take internally before the report is shared for interagency review?

Please see response to Question 10.

80. The Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) provides the scientific research needed to effectively implement the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, Food Quality Protection Act, and the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), among other laws that protect our nation's public health and environment. However, there have been repeated attacks made on IRIS's objectivity and independence, despite recent changes made to strengthen its scientific approach. There are reportedly around 30 people left working at IRIS, after a period of serious attrition similar to that seen within other EPA offices.
    a. Does the EPA plan on moving the IRIS program from the Office of Research and Development to the Office of Chemical Safety Pollution and Prevention (OCSPP) as reported, thereby placing it within the regulatory arm of the EPA and out of the science and research office?

       There are no plans to move IRIS out of ORD.

    b. If yes, please detail how the EPA would ensure that the scientific research remains independent, transparent, and non-politicized.

       N/a. See 80a.

    c. Please provide a list of dates and attendees of meetings you or senior political appointees have taken in which IRIS was discussed, as well as any communication or documents relating to these meetings.

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We are working to gather this information with regard to EPA's IRIS meetings and will provide this information to you as soon as possible.

Senator Merkley:

81. Under your new policy, you exclude scientists who currently receive EPA grants from serving on EPA scientific advisory committees (link: [HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-10/documents/final_draft_fac_directive-10.31.2017.pdf"]).
    a. What is the legal basis for this new directive?
    b. What is your reasoning in exempting tribal, state, and local EPA grant recipients from the directive?
    c. How do you define conflicts of interest within the EPA advisory committees?
    d. Have you consulted with scientific societies, the National Academies, or other independent science organizations about the definition of conflicts of interest?
    e. How will your directive work to ensure that the agency's advisory committees are able to make objective recommendations based on the best available science?
    f. Can you provide an example of a time when a EPA grant recipient on a federal advisory committee provided "conflicted" advice to the administrator?
    g. Now that your directive has tripled the number of industry scientists on the SAB, how will you ensure that the EPA's science advice remains independent?

    Information responsive to these questions can be found in EPA guidelines and public documents, including:
    - [HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/faca/strengthening-and-improving-membership-epa-federal-advisory-committees"]
    - [HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-02/documents/ethicsadvisory.pdf"]
    - [HYPERLINK "https://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/Web/ethics?OpenDocument"]

82. The policy excluding scientists does not affect individuals who have industry ties. For example, Dr. Tony Cox received money from American Chemistry Council, American Petroleum Institute, Engine Manufacturers Association, National Mining Association, and many others, yet you selected him to chair the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC). Why are industry-funded individuals with apparent conflicts of interest more qualified to serve in these science committees than independent scientists?

    All EPA employees, including Special Government Employees, must abide by federal ethics laws and regulations, including the Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees in the Executive Branch, 5 C.F.R. Part 2635, and the conflict of interest statutes codified in Title 18 of the United States Code. Agency policies, including ethics-related and conflict of interest guidelines, which can be found at:
    - [HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/faca/strengthening-and-improving-membership-epa-federal-advisory-committees"]
    - [HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-02/documents/ethicsadvisory.pdf"]

- [HYPERLINK "https://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/Web/ethics?OpenDocument"]

83. You took an unprecedented action and dismissed Dr. Donna Kenski from EPA CASC before her term expired, alleging that Kenski would not qualify under EPA's problematic new policy. Even so, Dr. Kenski's employer, the Lake Michigan Air Directors Consortium's EPA grant is routed through the state government, a category is exempted in the new policy. At the same time, Dr. Michael Honeycutt is allowed to chair the Scientific Advisory Board, even though he has received over $58 million in grants while leading the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Why does the same policy disqualifies Dr. Kenski while allowing Dr. Honeycutt to serve?

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84. You pledged repeatedly in front of this committee that since you are a lawyer and a prosecutor, you would defer to your career staff for science advice. Yet you replaced Dr. Kenski with Dr. Larry Wolk, whom according to your staff's memo, had "no direct experience in health effects of air pollution, epidemiology, toxicology." On Dr. Tony Cox, your staff raised conflict of interest and appearance of a lack of impartiality issues. Will you commit to follow the recommendations of EPA's career staff so no one appointed to the EPA's advisory committees are either unqualified or have conflicts of interests so that the committees can provide you with the best and sound science that you and the agency so desperately need?

    The Agency is committed to selecting qualified and knowledgeable individuals to serve on advisory committees. All EPA employees, including Special Government Employees, must abide by federal ethics laws and regulations, including the Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees in the Executive Branch, 5 C.F.R. Part 2635, and the conflict of interest statutes codified in Title 18 of the United States Code. Agency policies, including ethics-related and conflict of interest guidelines, which can be found at:

    - [HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/faca/strengthening-and-improving-membership-epa-federal-advisory-committees"]

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- [HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-02/documents/ethicsadvisory.pdf"]
- [HYPERLINK "https://yosemite.epa.gov/sab/sabproduct.nsf/Web/ethics?OpenDocument"]

85. In your hearing in front of the House Energy & Commerce Committee, you said that EPA has issued $77 million in grant money to twenty members of the EPA scientific advisory committees. Please provide detailed information behind this statement, including the names of the 20 members, their affiliations, their EPA-funded projects and grant amount.

    EPA makes grant awards publicly available. These databases can be found at:
    - [HYPERLINK "https://yosemite.epa.gov/oarm/igms_egf.nsf/Homepage?ReadForm"]
    - [HYPERLINK "https://cfpub.epa.gov/ncer_abstracts/index.cfm/fuseaction/search.welcome"]

86. During your nomination hearing, you said that you "have no first-hand knowledge" of the EPA's scientific integrity policy at the time. However, you did commit to "thoroughly reviewing" the policy and following "federal guidance regarding scientific integrity." The policy states that EPA scientists are free to "exercise their right to express their personal views provided they specify they are not speaking on behalf of…" the EPA (Link: [HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2014-02/documents/scientific_integrity_policy_2012.pdf"]). Have you reviewed and implemented this part of the policy? Can you affirm that EPA scientists and managers are free to exercise their right to express their personal views free from political interference, as guaranteed by this policy?

    I am committed to upholding EPA's Scientific Integrity Policy, which ensures that the agency's scientific work is of the highest quality, is presented openly and with integrity, and is free from political interference. EPA scientists are supported in speaking directly to the science in their presentations, yet leave policy statements to the relevant programs. In their private capacity, EPA staff can freely exercise their right to express their personal views provided they specify that they are not speaking on behalf of the Agency.

87. The EPA's scientific integrity policy encourages EPA scientists to engage with their peers in the industry, academia, government, and non-governmental organizations as long as it is consistent with their job duties. The policy explicitly states that this can include presenting their work at scientific meetings and actively participating in professional societies, and more. However, 3 EPA scientists that were scheduled to speak at a conference on climate change at Narragansett Estuary Bay were restricted [link:[HYPERLINK "https://www.ucsusa.org/center-science-and-democracy/attacks-on-science/accumulating-evidence-federal-scientists-are-being" \l ".WnDaRq6nFhF"]] from attending, in direct conflict with the agency's scientific integrity policy.

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a. Did you realize that this decision was in violation of the policy?

I am committed to upholding EPA's Scientific Integrity Policy. Procedures have been put in place to prevent such an occurrence in the future.

b. Will you commit to ensuring that this type of flagrant violation will not happen again under your watch?

I am committed to upholding EPA's Scientific Integrity Policy, which ensures that the Agency's scientific work is of the highest quality, is presented openly and with integrity, and is free from political interference.

c. In the spirit of upholding scientific integrity in EPA decision making, will you commit to not politically interfere in science-based policy decisions at the agency, yes or no?

I am committed to upholding EPA's Scientific Integrity Policy. The policy recognizes the distinction between scientific information, analyses, and results from policy decisions based on that scientific information. Policy makers within the Agency weigh the best available science, along with additional factors such as practicality, economics, and societal impact, when making policy decisions.

88. You decided to postpone steam electric power plant effluent guidelines rule in September. Who are the stakeholders that you met with prior to making this decision? Additionally, please provide the analyses that helped you make this decision.

Meetings related to this issue are in the public record.

As part of EPA's overall regulatory review and in response to a petition in April 2017, EPA announced a proposal to postpone certain compliance dates in the 2015 Steam Electric ELG Rule in order to give full consideration to those concerns. After reviewing thousands of public comments to EPA's June 2017 proposed rule to postpone those dates, EPA finalized a rule in September 2017, postponing certain compliance dates in the 2015 Rule and announcing our intention to conduct subsequent rulemaking to potentially revise the limits for those wastestreams whose compliance dates were postponed dates.

89. Please explain why the EPA removed methylene chloride, NMP, and TCE from the Unified Agenda of Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions.

Under TSCA section 6(a), regulation of certain uses of methylene chloride, NMP, and TCE were proposed in 2016 and 2017. These actions were listed as Long-Term Actions on the Unified Agenda, meaning they are under development, but EPA did not expect to have a regulatory action within the year following publication of the Unified Agenda. The agency is currently considering the comments received in response to the 2016 and 2017 proposals, including comments suggesting that EPA quickly finalize these actions and comments suggesting that these actions be evaluated as part of the group of the first ten chemicals undergoing initial risk evaluations under the amendments to TSCA.

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90. During the hearing I asked if you were inclined to grant an exemption to asbestos used by the chloralkali industry, which imports 95% of asbestos into the United States. You said that you would have to look into the issue. Now that you have had more time to study the issue, are you going to exempt asbestos used by the chloralkali industry from regulation?

It is premature for EPA to determine whether asbestos used by the chloralkali industry will be subject to regulation under TSCA. As required by amended TSCA under section 6(b)(4)(A), EPA must first conduct a risk evaluation to determine whether the chemical substance presents an unreasonable risk of injury to health or the environment under its conditions of use. EPA initiated the risk evaluation for asbestos in December 2016. Subsequently, in June 2017, EPA published the scope document as per TSCA section 6(b)(4)(D) for the asbestos risk evaluation. In this scope document, EPA identified asbestos diaphragms used by the chloralkali industry to produce chlorine and caustic soda as a condition of use that would be included within the scope of the asbestos risk evaluation. This risk evaluation must be completed within three years of initiation, with a possible extension of 6 months. If EPA determines from the risk evaluation that the conditions of use of asbestos by the chloralkali industry present an unreasonable risk of injury to health or the environment, then regulation would be pursued under TSCA section 6(a).

91. EPA has reduced climate change website access to at least 5,000 pages, possibly many more, of scientific, policy, and educational material paid for by taxpayer dollars over the past year. In the one example of content being partially returned to the website, all of the more than 200 climate-related webpages were omitted from what was previously a 380-page website titled "Climate and Energy Resources for State, Local, and Tribal Governments," which has now been renamed simply "Energy Resources for State, Local, and Tribal Governments." How do you justify such overt censorship of taxpayer-funded information that was created to help state, local, and tribal decision-makers protect the well-being of their constituents? Will you return this content to the EPA website so that the public can benefit from it again?

We are constantly updating our website to reflect new initiatives and projects of the Agency. Of course the site will be reflective of the current administration's priorities – with that said, all the content from the previous administration is still easily accessible and publicly available-through the banner across the top of the main page of the site.

92. According to the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 USC § 3506(d)(3), all agencies must "provide adequate notice when initiating, substantially modifying, or terminating significant information dissemination products." The news release announcing that the EPA was overhauling its website was published the same day that the EPA removed the vast majority of its climate change website, thousands of webpages -- the public did not

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have an opportunity to provide comment or express its concerns. How do you justify overtly disregarding this process and failing to notify the public?

We are constantly updating our website to reflect new initiatives and projects of the Agency. Of course the site will be reflective of the current administration's priorities – with that said, all the content from the previous administration is still easily accessible and publicly available-through the banner across the top of the main page of the site.

93. While Dr. Michael Dourson was under consideration to be Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention (OCSPP), he was employed as a senior adviser at the EPA.
    a. What was Dr. Dourson's job title and type of appointment?

       Dr. Dourson was a Senior Advisor to the Administrator. His position was a Non-Career Senior Executive Service Limited Term position located in the Office of the Administrator. He has since left the agency.

    b. Whom did he supervise?

       Dr. Dourson did not have any supervisory responsibilities.

    c. Did you delegate any duties of the OCSPP to him? If so, what were they?

       Dr. Dourson did not have any OCSPP duties delegated to him.

    d. What projects did Dr. Dourson work on while at EPA and what was his role related to these projects?

       Dr. Dourson was a Senior Advisor to the Administrator, a position located in the Office of the Administrator. He advised on issues related to chemical safety.

    e. What monetary and non-monetary compensation did Dr. Douson receive while he was employed at EPA?

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    f. Please provide Dr. Dourson's daily schedule while he was at EPA.

       A Comprehensive search could not be performed by the submission of this document.

94. You claim that special interest groups have been circumventing the regulatory process through litigation, resulting in creation of regulation via consent decrees and settlement agreements. However, EPA has been making "policy decisions" of late that do just that--circumvent the rulemaking process. EPA's January 25 guidance allowing the downgrade of source status from "major" to "area" has a major impact on reporting and compliance requirements, yet this new benefit to industry did not undergo the required regulatory process under the Administrative Procedures Act.
    a. Please describe how EPA is increasing transparency and improving public engagement with respect to making the decision to downgrade source status for industries without a rulemaking, and how this is an improvement to public health and the environment.

EPA's issuance of the January 25, 2018 guidance memo provided the public with notice of EPA's plain language reading of the statutory terms "major source" and "area source". The public was notified of the memorandum through a [HYPERLINK "https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2018-02-08/pdf/2018-02331.pdf"] **published in the Federal Register on February 8, 2018. Further, EPA will be providing for public engagement through an opportunity for public comment on the plain language reading of the statute discussed in the January 25 memo. As stated in the memo, EPA expects to "publish a Federal Register notice to take comment on adding regulatory text that will reflect EPA's plain language reading of the statute as discussed in this memorandum." EPA staff are currently working on a proposed rule package. Finally, we disagree with the assertion that EPA somehow circumvented the regulatory process in issuing the memo. The January 25 guidance memo provides EPA's reading of the plain language of statutory terms in the Clean Air Act and withdrew a prior guidance memorandum that had been issued without notice and comment rulemaking. The Supreme Court (in Perez v. Mortgage Bankers Association, 135 S.Ct. 1199, 1206 (2015)) has recognized that EPA and other agencies may revise and withdraw policies issued through guidance without conducting a notice and comment rulemaking.**

95. Facilities will now have the ability to downgrade to an area source without needing to comply with maximum achievable control technology (MACT) standards, which require control efficiencies of 95% and higher. Please explain how the emissions reductions from MACT standards will be achieved when you are allowing sources to be recategorized as area sources.

In the January 25, 2018, guidance memorandum titled "Reclassification of Major Sources as Area Sources Under Section 112 of the Clean Air Act," EPA addressed the question of when a major source subject to a MACT standard may be reclassified as an area source and avoid being subject to major source requirements. The memo states that the plain language of the definitions of "major source" and "area source" in CAA section 112(a) compels the conclusion that a major source becomes an area source at such time as the source takes an enforceable limit on its potential to emit (PTE) hazardous air pollutants (HAP). Under this plain reading of

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the CAA, sources of HAP previously classified as "major sources" may be reclassified as "area" sources when the facility limits its PTE below major source thresholds using a federally enforceable mechanism. There is no time limitation supported within the plain reading of the CAA Section 112 definitions of major and area source.

96. Historically, environmental organizations have sued EPA due to lack of agency action on implementation of critical environmental laws, resulting in court decisions that force EPA to take action...or as you refer to it, sue and settle. What other courses of action can special interest groups pursue when EPA does not meet statutory deadlines?

    EPA published its FY 2018-2022 Strategic Plan on February 12, 2018. Within that plan, EPA included a strategic measure (SM-19 within Objective 3.2) to meet 100% of legal deadlines imposed on EPA by September 30, 2022. You can view that plan here: [HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-02/documents/fy-2018-2022-epa-strategic-plan.pdf"]. **Moreover, special interests groups, and others alike, can always choose to exercise the rights provided to them by the law.**

97. In your Sue and Settle directive, you issued a memo to EPA managers ([HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-10/documents/signed_memorandum_in_support_of_consent_decree_and_settlement_agreement_oct162017.pdf"]) discussing how past practices of EPA have harmed the American public. In this memo, you say that EPA has met with outside groups behind closed door and excluded other interested stakeholders, essentially accusing EPA's Office of General Counsel of collusion. Is it your position that EPA lawyers are liable for collusion? If you believe that collusion has occurred, are you aware that many state bar associations consider collusion grounds for attorney discipline or even debarment? Was it your intention to endanger the status of all EPA attorneys?

    The Memorandum to which you are referring is not a set of conclusions made at the end of a case-by-case investigation, but rather describes general concerns of those outside of the agency who wanted to participate in the process for resolving a particular case but could not. As the related Directive explained, *"It has been reported*, however, that EPA has previously sought to resolve lawsuits through consent decrees and settlement agreements that appeared to be the result of collusion with outside groups." (Emphasis added.) While the words "It has been reported" do not also appear in the Memorandum, the intent of the statements was the same. It is not my position that EPA lawyers have violated their bar obligations.

98. It has been reported that the grant review process at EPA has been captured by political appointees.
    a. Can you please describe how the EPA is currently reviewing grants?

Please see Attachments 6 and 7.

b. Why is the EPA specifically targeting grants that are dealing with climate change and climate impacts?

The purpose of the grant solicitation review process EPA has in place is consistent with previous administrations. Under our current grant solicitation review process, grant solicitations are prepared by program and regional staff, who then consult with a centralized review to ensure the expenditures of EPA funds are consistent with agency priorities. This process is similar in nature to long standing agency practice for grant awards, under which political appointees heading EPA program and regional offices consult with career staff as they approve or disapprove grants.

Further, the EPA solicitation review process only addresses competitive grants. State, tribal and local governments receive the vast majority of EPA grant funding on a non-competitive basis for continuing environmental programs and state revolving loan funds for water infrastructure projects. These funds are allocated based on statutory, regulatory or program policy formulas that take into account a variety of factors. The process EPA has established for reviewing competitive solicitations does not impact these grants.

Senator Sanders:

Climate Change

99. During a recent interview with KSNV TV, you stated:

> "Is (global climate change) an existential threat? Is it something that is unsustainable, or what kind of effect or harm is this going to have? I mean, we know that humans have most flourished during times of what? Warming trends. I think there's an assumption made that because the climate is warming, that (warming) is necessarily a bad thing. Do we really know what the ideal surface temperature should be in the year 2100? In the year 2018? I mean it's fairly arrogant for us to think that we know exactly what it should be in 2100."

The Trump Administration's *Climate Science Special Report*, the United Nation's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's *Fifth Assessment Report*, and the Department of Defense's *National Security Implications of Climate-Related Risks and a Changing Climate* report all found with high confidence that global climate change and rising global temperatures are likely to cause rising sea levels and increase crop failures, hunger, illness, and extreme weather. The Department of Defense's report identified these factors as clear risks to the United States' national security.

In January, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration published a technical report that predicted that rising global temperatures could cause global mean sea levels to rise over ten feet by 2100. This sea level rise would displace more than 30 million Americans and mostly or completely cover Cape Canaveral, the U.S. Naval Academy, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the John F. Kennedy International and San Francisco International airports, and the Mar-a-Lago resort, among other prominent localities. Given the level of destruction anticipated, would you consider these outcomes to "necessarily be a bad thing"?

In January, the peer-reviewed journal, *Nature Climate Change*, published a report predicting that 260,000 people around the world will die annually by 2100 due to decreasing air quality and rising global temperatures. If global climate change and decreasing air quality were to cause this level of increase in annual deaths, would you consider that outcome to "necessarily be a bad thing"?

In 2012, the independent humanitarian group DARA estimated that between 2012 and 2030, 150,000 people around the world will die annually due to infections and 360,000 people will die annually due to hunger and malnutrition related to rising global temperatures. If a warming climate were to cause this type of increase in illness, would you consider that outcome to "necessarily be a bad thing"?

The Union of Concerned Scientists estimates that if global warming emissions continue to grow unabated, the annual economic impact of more severe hurricanes, residential real-estate losses to sea-level rise, and growing water and energy costs could reach 1.9% of the U.S. GDP by 2100. They also estimate that a sea-level rise of 13-20 inches by 2100

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would threaten insured properties in U.S. Northeast coastal communities valued at $4.7 trillion. If a warming climate were to cause these types of economic impacts, would you consider that outcome to "necessarily be a bad thing"?

EPA recognizes the challenges that communities face in adapting to a changing climate. EPA works with state, local and tribal governments to improve infrastructure to protect against the consequences of climate change and natural disasters. EPA also promotes science that helps inform states, municipalities, and tribes on how to plan for and respond to extreme events and environmental emergencies. Moving forward, EPA will continue to advance its climate adaptation efforts, and have reconvened the cross-EPA Adaptation Working Group in support of those efforts.

Human activity impacts our changing climate in some manner. The ability to measure with precision the degree and extent of that impact, and what to do about it, are subject to continuing debate and dialogue.

Lead

100. You have stated that "[l]ead poisoning is an insidious menace that robs our children of their intellect and their future." This is especially true for children living in communities of color, who are most likely to suffer from lead exposure and poisoning. According to the Center for Disease Control, African American children are over three times as likely to have highly elevated blood-lead levels. African American and Latino communities are often more likely to live near active battery recyclers, industrial sites, or highways, and to live in older housing that are sources of high levels of lead. In addition, a 2012 study found that lead exposure resulted in greater cognitive detriment for children with a lower socioeconomic status. Scientists agree that there is absolutely no acceptable level of lead exposure for children.

Based on your own statement, will you commit to eradicating lead exposure for America's children? How will you work with other leaders in the Administration to ensure the safety of our children, including those in more vulnerable communities?

Since the 1970s, EPA and other federal agencies have implemented numerous actions resulting in a significant reduction of lead exposure throughout our country and significantly lower blood lead levels in children. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, no safe blood lead level in children has been identified and even low levels of lead in blood have been shown to affect IQ, ability to pay attention, and academic achievement. Now, tackling the problem at this stage will benefit from a coordinated federal-wide effort. To this end, EPA is collaborating with our federal partners to address the remaining exposures and to explore ways to increase our relationships and partnerships with states, tribes, and localities. As Co-chair of the President's Task Force on Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks to Children, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt recently hosted a meeting of principals from the 17 Federal departments and agencies on the

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President's Task Force. At the meeting, the Task Force members, including EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt, committed to make addressing childhood lead exposure a priority and to quickly develop a new federal strategy to reduce childhood lead exposures. At EPA, this includes identifying and seeking to appropriately address disproportionately high and adverse childhood lead exposure in minority and low-income communities.

101. In 2015, the Natural Resource Defense Council found that more than 18 million Americans were served by community water systems that had violated the EPA's Lead and Copper Rule, which limits the concentration of lead and copper in public drinking water. You estimated it would cost "as much as $30 billion or maybe upward of $50 billion" to replace all the lead service lines across the country, implying that this price tag is too high. However, Fitch Ratings, an independent credit rating agency, has estimated that the capital costs to replace these lines could be over $275 billion. Based on the discrepancy in these figures, please detail how you arrived at your estimate, and explain why it is so much lower than that of Fitch Ratings.

EPA's cost estimate to fully replace all lead service lines is $30-$47 billion.

The EPA cost estimate cost range accounts for uncertainty regarding the total number of lead service lines that remain in service. National surveys completed by the American Water Works Association indicate that between 6.5 and 10 million lead service lines may exist. The expense of a lead service line replacement can vary between $1,200 and $12,300, based on a number of factors, including the replacement technique, the length of the service line, if the replacement is coordinated with other infrastructure work, if the street needs to be cut and repaved, and if landscaping restoration is included. EPA estimates that an average lead service line replacement cost is $4,700 per line. Given the average cost of replacing a lead service line and the estimated range of lead service lines in the country, the total cost of replacing all lead service lines may range from $30 to $47 billion.

We would also note that Fitch Ratings retracted their initial cost estimate of $275 billion on March 8, 2016, just a few days after its initial reporting on March 4, 2016, and provided a revised estimate of "a few billion to $50 billion." Their updated cost estimate is in line with EPA's estimate.
https://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/flint-water-crisis/2016/03/08/rating-agency-corrects-lead-pipe-replacement-estimate/81499712/

EPA Website

102. On April 28, 2017, the EPA removed its climate change website. To this day, the removed pages redirect to a notice stating, "we are currently updating our website to reflect EPA's priorities under the leadership of President Trump and Administrator Pruitt." The EPA did not announce the overhaul prior to its start date and has not yet provided a justification for the removals.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act, all agencies must "provide adequate notice when initiating, substantially modifying, or terminating significant information dissemination products." The EPA's announcement regarding its website overhaul was published on the same day that the EPA removed the vast majority of its climate change website, and therefore the public did not have an opportunity to provide comment or express concerns.
Does the EPA generally take public comments into account when making these types of decisions?

Can you please explain how announcing an overhaul of the climate website on the same day changes were made constitutes "adequate notice" under the Paperwork Reduction Act?

We are constantly updating our website to reflect new initiatives and projects of the Agency. Of course the site will be reflective of the current administration's priorities – with that said, all the content from the previous administration is still easily accessible and publicly available-through the banner across the top of the main page of the site.

103. On February 2, 2018, the Associated Press reported that internal EPA emails, released following a Freedom of Information Act request by the Environmental Defense Fund, show that you personally monitored efforts to overhaul the EPA's climate change website. One email from Lincoln Ferguson, an EPA senior advisor for public affairs, states:

> "How close are we to launching this on the website? The Administrator would like it to go up ASAP. He also has several other changes that need to take place."

Did the EPA, under your leadership, remove the content of the EPA's climate change website and replace the removed pages with a notice stating "this page is being updated to reflect the agency's new direction under President Donald Trump and Administrator Scott Pruitt"?

Was this overhaul announced prior to its start date? If not, why not?
Please provide a specific time for the EPA's climate change website to come back online.

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We are constantly updating our website to reflect new initiatives and projects of the Agency. Of course the site will be reflective of the current administration's priorities – with that said, all the content from the previous administration is still easily accessible and publicly available-through the banner across the top of the main page of the site.

104. Did the EPA, under your leadership, remove web resources providing information about the benefits of the Clean Power Plan months before the proposed rulemaking to withdraw the rule?

If so, did the EPA remove website information regarding what was, at the time, current EPA policy before initiating the appropriate rulemaking process?

We are constantly updating our website to reflect new initiatives and projects of the Agency. Of course the site will be reflective of the current administration's priorities – with that said, all the content from the previous administration is still easily accessible and publicly available-through the banner across the top of the main page of the site.

Renewable Energy

105. In October 2017, you said that if it were up to you, you would do away with the Renewable Electricity Production Tax Credit and the Investment Tax Credit for wind and solar. You stated:

> "I'd let (solar and wind) stand on their own and compete against coal and natural gas and other sources, and let utilities make real-time market decisions on those types of things as opposed to being propped up by tax incentives and other credits that occur, both in the federal and state level."

As you may know, the United States currently wastes billions of dollars each year subsidizing the fossil fuel industry. Since you believe energy tax credits should be eliminated to let technologies "stand on their own," do you also believe we should eliminate fossil fuel subsidies to let coal, oil and gas "stand on their own" as well? If so, what actions are you taking to eliminate the unfair subsidization of certain energy resources?

My personal view is that the federal government ought not use the tax code to pick winners and losers. As you may know, it is the province of the legislative branch to establish tax credits. EPA does not have a formal role in this process.

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Senator Van Hollen:

106. You have noted repeatedly – more than a dozen times in your appearances before Congress and in your testimony for today– that EPA's only authority is the "rule of law" or "the authority given to it by Congress".

The updates to the Toxic Substances Control Act Congress enacted in 2016 directed EPA to assess the safety of new chemicals before they go onto the market. The law says that EPA, quote, "shall issue an order" regulating the chemical in order to protect against the danger the new chemical may pose.

On January 17th of this year, [HYPERLINK "https://www.cbsnews.com/news/scott-pruitt-says-industry-is-necessary-partner-for-environmental-protection/"] that EPA should not regulate new chemicals using orders even though the law clearly says otherwise. Your views appear to be in direct conflict with the law Congress wrote.

Mr. Pruitt, will you direct EPA staff to issue orders to regulate the safety of new chemicals under all circumstances in which the law says that orders are required?

As directed by Congress, under TSCA, EPA reviews new chemicals for unreasonable risk, and where necessary takes action to protect against such risk before a new chemical may be commercialized. Where EPA makes one of the determinations that call for an order under the statute – for example, that there is insufficient information to permit a reasoned evaluation of the chemical's effects – EPA will issue an order.

107. I appreciated your recent announcement that that you have decided not to abandon proposed EPA oversight of the massive Pebble Mine, leaving restrictions in place while the Agency receives more information on the potential mine's impact on the region's world-class fisheries and natural resources. Given EPA's role in this process, would you say that EPA can contribute valuable feedback to the development of projects, be they energy, mining, or transportation? Given EPA's valuable feedback, would you object to efforts to roll back EPA's responsibilities to provide input on infrastructure projects?

Regarding the Pebble Mine project, EPA's decision to suspend its proposal to withdraw the proposed determination under Clean Water Act section 404(c) does not impede the review of Pebble Limited Partnership's permit application by the Army Corps of Engineers under the normal Clean Water Act process. However, the Corps cannot issue a permit during the pendency of the section 404(c) process, and ~~Administrator Pruitt has made clear that~~ EPA will ensure protection of the world-class fishery in the Bristol Bay region. EPA looks forward to working with the Corps as the Corps assesses the permit application.

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As to your broader question, EPA strongly supports the President's infrastructure initiatives and associated efforts to significantly improve predictability, timeliness, and consistency in the permitting of urgently needed infrastructure projects. The

Agency is working under the President's direction to streamline and improve EPA's role in the review of new infrastructure projects to help to assure they are reviewed and ~~approved~~ permitting decisions are made without unnecessary delay.

Senator Wicker:

108. Do you support providing hardship exemptions from Renewable Fuel Volume Obligations (RVOs) for small refineries experiencing disproportionate economic impacts from high RIN prices?

Section 211(o)(9)(B) of the CAA and 40 CFR 80.1441(e)(2) allow EPA to grant an extension of a small refinery's exemption from compliance with its renewable fuel volume obligations for a given year based on a small refinery's demonstration of "disproportionate economic hardship" in that year. The statute also directs EPA to consult with the Department of Energy (DOE) in evaluating small refinery exemption petitions. EPA will grant a hardship exemption if we conclude, after review of available information and in consultation with DOE, that a refinery will experience disproportionate economic hardship that can be relieved in whole or in part by removing its RFS obligations for that year.

Message

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Hi all – Since we won't have much time to work on this response next week, I'm attaching a preview of what we are planning to send the House Oversight Committee in response to the travel inquiry.

Attached:

- Incoming request from Gowdy
- Draft narrative response
    - Explains that many details are being withheld/redacted due to security concerns. The thinking is that we can work with the committee on any additional information they need after this initial response.
    - Explains that we are still gathering information on other EPA employees (not including security) that flew with premium seats.
- Spreadsheet of Administrator's premium travel for FY17
    - This probably isn't necessary to send. I initially thought it would be the only record of which flights were premium since this information is not in the vouchers, but it is in the receipts we plan to provide. Thus there isn't any information in this spreadsheet not also provided elsewhere. It is also limited to FY17.
    - We have a similar spreadsheet for security premium travel, but due to security concerns OCEFT is only comfortable including our internal trip authorization numbers, record locators, and a total cost. I assume only the total cost is of interest to the committee, so I do not see value in including this spreadsheet.
- Sampling of vouchers with proposed redactions (will change the file names before deliver)

- Sampling of receipts (also includes some waivers and email traffic) with proposed redactions (will change the file names before delivery)

Due to the closure I know it may not be possible to get to these until Monday. That should be fine, I just wanted to give you the opportunity to review before then if you'd like. I plan to have all of the documents with proposed redactions ready by Monday morning (with the possible exception of a few missing receipts we've requested from OCFO). I'll put them in a OneDrive folder and will share the link with this group.

Thanks,
Kyle

Kyle Aarons
Congressional Affairs
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
202-564-7351

The Honorable Trey Gowdy
Chairman
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter of February 20, 2018, regarding first class air travel of EPA Administrator E. Scott Pruitt. The Administrator asked that I respond on his behalf.

Enclosed please find travel vouchers and receipts for all of the official air travel of the Administrator, including airfare, other travel expenses, and waivers. Also please find a spreadsheet for the Administrator listing all first-class, business-class, and economy plus tickets used in Fiscal Year 2017. For security reasons, the version of this spreadsheet for the Administrator's personal security detail (PSD) is not being provided so as to not reveal the identities of PSD members that travel with the Administrator. The total amount spent on PSD premium travel in FY 2017 was $105,094.47. These spreadsheets are developed and sent to the General Services Administration at the end of each fiscal year. They have not yet been created for Fiscal Year 2018. We are still collecting travel information related to other EPA employees on these flights and will deliver that additional information once available.

For personal privacy and security reasons, some information was redacted in the vouchers, receipts, and spreadsheet.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Kyle Aarons in my office at (202) 564-7351 or Aarons.Kyle@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Troy M. Lyons
Associate Administrator

Enclosures

The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings
Ranking Member
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

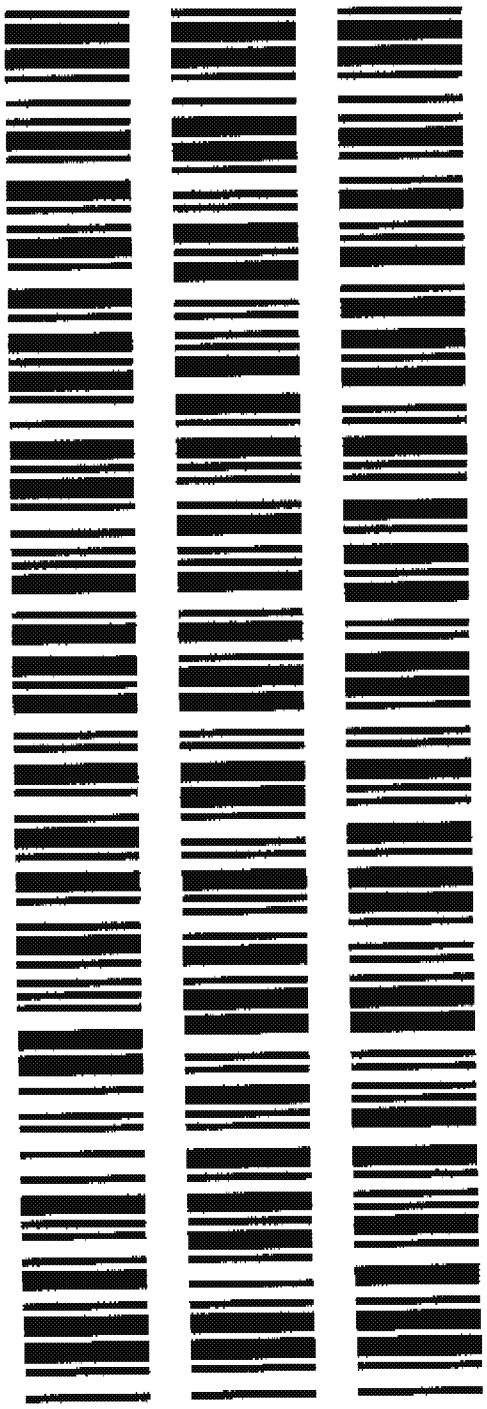
Dear Representative Cummings:

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Kyle Aarons in my office at (202) 564-7351 or Aarons.Kyle@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Troy M. Lyons
Associate Administrator

Enclosures



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Fax this page and your receipts to:

866-428-9026

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Status >>> Approved by Approving Official <<< Status

EPA
Approval to Accept Travel
Under Ethics Reform Act of 1989

○ **for-profit** ● **not for-profit**

Event Location Colorado Springs, CO

Your Role To serve as the keynote speaker for the Heritage Foundation meeting

Travel Starts 05/11/2017

Travel Ends 05/12/2017

Event Sponsor(s) Heritage Foundation

Nature of Event meeting

DEO Justina Fugh

Employee Name **Scott Pruitt**

Spousal expenses included? ○ Yes ● No

Title Administrator

Organization OA

Phone Number 202-564-0000

Who is the non-federal person(s) or entity(s) paying travel expenses?

Name: Heritage Foundation

Address: 214 Massachusetts Ave NE, Washington, DC 20002

Explain the interest of the source in the matters handled by your office. If the source of the travel expenses is an organization, describe the membership of the organization. For example, the "Center for Sound Science" may be largely made up of companies which produce chemicals regulated by your program or interest groups who take a position on our policies or regulations. **This explanation is mandatory!** (You can attach files below.)

The Heritage Foundation is a 501(c)(3) dedicated to American conservative values and ideas.

Are any of these sources a party to a matter which is pending before you for decision, such as a contract or assistance agreement matter, permit, license, etc.? *If "Yes", then acceptance of travel expenses cannot be approved* ○ Yes ● No

Is this travel being paid through an EPA contract, Federal assistance agreement OR FEDERAL GRANT (including a recipient's matching share)? *If "Yes", then acceptance of travel expenses cannot be approved* ○ Yes ● No

Are any of these sources otherwise affected by EPA matters in which you participate? ○ Yes ● No

If *"Yes,"* attach explanation (below).

Itemization of benefits	Amount & METHOD of payment: IN KIND (ticket, meals etc., est. the $)	IN CASH (must be a check etc. made out to EPA)
Common carrier transportation	$0.00	$0.00
Meals	$0.00	$0.00
Lodging	$260.55	$0.00
Local transportation	$0.00	$0.00
Waiver of fees	$0.00	$0.00
Other (specify)	$0.00	$0.00

Sub Total $260.55 Sub Total $0.00

TOTAL →→→→→ $260.55

(NOTE: For travel outside the United States, different rules may apply. Check with your ethics advisor.)

Does this amount exceed the amount payable under Federal Travel Regulations? ○ Yes ● No

Any other explanations or attachments

Approving Official's Certification

Approved By: Justina Fugh Date:05/16/2017

☐ **Hold Pending Review**

NOTE FROM APPROVING OFFICIAL : OGC/ethics orally approved this trip prior to travel

Additional Attachments / Explanations:

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
OFFICE OF CRIMINAL ENFORCEMENT, FORENSICS & TRAINING
PROTECTION SERVICES DETAIL
WASHINGTON, DC
20004

May 1, 2017

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Business / First Class Travel When Protecting the EPA Administrator

FROM: Nino Perrotta, "Acting" Special Agent in Charge, Protective Services Detail

TO: Gail Davis – Travel Coordinator

We are requesting that the EPA Administrator be strategically seated in business and or first class seating when on official travel. We have observed and increased awareness and at times lashing out from passengers which occurs while the Administrator is seated in coach with PSD not easily accessible to him due to uncontrolled full flights. Therefore, we believe that the continued use of coach seats for the Administrator would endanger his life and therefore respectfully ask that he be placed in either business and or first class accommodations.

Pasquale (Nino) Perrotta
(Acting) Special Agent In Charge
Protective Services Detail
Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training

Davis, Gail

From: EPA@BCDTRAVEL.COM
Sent: Monday, May 08, 2017 9:08 PM
To: Pruitt, Scott; EPA@BCDTRAVEL.COM; Davis, Gail
Subject: UPDATED 08May - Travel Receipt for PRUITT/EDWARD S Travel date 11May
Attachments: Travel Receipt Communication Attachment - ZKG5C6 - May 11 2017.PDF

TRAVELER NOTICE - Many airlines charge fees for baggage and other services. Amounts vary by airline and are subject to change.
Travelers are responsible for verifying all fees charged by individual carriers.
Please visit the operating carrier website of your ticketed itinerary for applicable fees.

To view your trip via Viewtrip, please click here

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Ticket Receipt

Total Amount: 1,445.04 USD
This ticket information applies to the following trip(s):

Delta Air Lines Flight 880 from Washington DC to Minneapolis MN on May 11
Delta Air Lines Flight 1609 from Minneapolis MN to Denver CO on May 11

ElectronicTicket Number: 0068606182275
Invoice Number: 000166168
Ticket Amount: 1,391.80 USD
Form of Payment: CA**********2091

Service Fee Number: 8900693533540
Service Fee Amount: 53.24 USD
Form of Payment: CA**********2091

Travel Summary – Agency Record Locator ZKG5C6

Traveler

PRUITT / EDWARD S

Reference number by traveler: TAA04G4G

Date	From/To	Flight/Vendor	Status	Depart/Arrive	Class/Type
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05/11/2017	MSP-DEN	DL 1609	Confirmed	02:37 PM/03:49 PM	First / F
05/15/2017	TUL-ATL	DL 1688	Confirmed	06:00 AM/08:57 AM	First / F
05/15/2017	ATL-DCA	DL 2602	Confirmed	09:45 AM/11:28 AM	First / F

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AIR - Thursday, May 11 2017 - Agency Record Locator ZKG5C6

Delta Air Lines Flight DL880 First — Online check-in

Depart:	Ronald Reagan National, Terminal B Washington, District of Columbia, United States 11:45 AM Thursday, May 11 2017	Weather
Arrive:	St Paul Intl, Terminal 1 Minneapolis, Minnesota, United States 01:32 PM Thursday, May 11 2017	Weather
Duration:	2 hour(s) and 47 minute(s) Non-stop	
Status:	Confirmed - Delta Air Lines Record Locator: GWTMBG	
Meal:	Lunch	
Equipment:	Boeing (Douglas) MD-88	
Seat:	Assigned at Check-in	
FF Number:	XXXX860056 - PRUITT/EDWARD S	
Distance:	928 miles / 1493.152 kilometers	
CO2 Emissions:	408.32 lbs/185.6 kgs	
Remarks:	FOR UP TO DATE TRAVEL INFORMATION ON AIRLINE CHECK-IN/RESTRICTIONS/LIMITATIONS/SECURITY. PLEASE CHECK WWW.DELTA.COM	

AIR - Thursday, May 11 2017 - Agency Record Locator ZKG5C6

Delta Air Lines Flight DL1609 First — Online check-in

Depart:	St Paul Intl, Terminal 1 Minneapolis, Minnesota, United States 02:37 PM Thursday, May 11 2017	Weather
Arrive:	Denver International Denver, Colorado, United States 03:49 PM Thursday, May 11 2017	Weather
Duration:	2 hour(s) and 12 minute(s) Non-stop	
Total duration:	**6 hour(s) and 4 minute(s) including layover(s)**	
Status:	Confirmed - Delta Air Lines Record Locator: GWTMBG	
Meal:	Refreshment	
Equipment:	Boeing (Douglas) MD-90	
Seat:	Assigned at Check-in	
FF Number:	XXXX860056 - PRUITT/EDWARD S	
Distance:	678 miles / 1090.902 kilometers	
CO2 Emissions:	298.32 lbs/135.6 kgs	

AIR - Monday, May 15 2017 - Agency Record Locator ZKG5C6

Delta Air Lines Flight DL1688 First — Online check-in

Depart:	Tulsa International Airport Tulsa, Oklahoma, United States 06:00 AM Monday, May 15 2017	Weather
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Duration:	1 hour(s) and 57 minute(s) Non-stop	
Status:	Confirmed - Delta Air Lines Record Locator: GWTMBG	
Meal:	Refreshment	
Equipment:	Boeing (Douglas) MD-88	
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Distance:	672 miles / 1081.248 kilometers
CO2 Emissions:	295.68 lbs/134.4 kgs

AIR - Monday, May 15 2017 - Agency Record Locator ZKG5C6

Delta Air Lines Flight DL2602 | **First** | Online check-in

Depart:	Hartsfield-Jackson ATL, S - Terminal South Atlanta, Georgia, United States 09:45 AM Monday, May 15 2017	Weather
Arrive:	Ronald Reagan National, Terminal B Washington, District of Columbia, United States 11:28 AM Monday, May 15 2017	Weather

Duration:	1 hour(s) and 43 minute(s) Non-stop
Total duration:	**4 hour(s) and 28 minute(s) including layover(s)**
Status:	Confirmed - Delta Air Lines Record Locator: GWTMBG
Equipment:	Airbus Industrie A321
Seat:	01B (Non smoking) Confirmed
FF Number:	XXXX860055 - PRUITT/EDWARD S
Distance:	646 miles / 878.514 kilometers
CO2 Emissions:	240.24 lbs/109.2 kgs

Remarks

FOR 24/7 TRAVEL ASSISTANCE PLEASE CONTACT
THE BCD TRAVEL TEAM AT 1-866-964-1346
FOR OUTSIDE THE US CALL COLLECT 770-829-2609
FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED- PLEASE DIAL 711
TO ACCESS RELAY SERVICE- PROVIDE PHONE
NUMBER OF 1-866-964-1346 TO ACCESS TRAVEL
DUE TO RECENT CHANGES IN THE FY15 GOVERNMENT CITY PAIR
PROGRAM/CPP YOUR AIR RESERVATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO
CANCELLATION BY THE AIRLINES IF NOT TICKETED AT LEAST
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PLEASE ENSURE ALL NECESSARY APPROVALS ARE PROCESSED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR AGENCYS BUSINESS RULES BUT NOLESS
THAN 3 BUSINESS DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE TO ENSURE TICKETING.
THIS 48 HOUR CANCELLATION RULE DOES NOT APPLY TO
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CONNECTIONS ON MORE THAN ONE AIRLINE OR THESE
RESERVATIONS REQUIRE SEPARATE AIR TICKETS.
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DESTINATION. FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION PLEASE CHECK

08May/08:08PM

Estimated trip total — 1,391.80 USD

Air	Car	Hotel	Rail	Other
1,391.80 USD				

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All quotes are provider quotes excluding possible taxes and charges en route. Currency conversions shown in this itinerary receipt are done using the bank rate applicable at the date shown in the header of this document. Please note that some local taxes and charges may be invoiced during your trip and cannot be shown at time of reservation.

Advice to Passengers

Transportation of Hazardous Materials

Federal law forbids the carriage of hazardous material aboard the aircraft, in your luggage, or on your person. A violation can result in 5 years imprisonment and penalties of $250,000 or more (49 U.S.C 5124). Hazardous materials include explosives, compressed gases, flammable liquids and solids, oxidizers, poisons, corrosives and radioactive materials.

Forbidden Dangerous Items Examples:

Paints, lighter fluid, fireworks, tear gases, oxygen bottles and radiopharmaceuticals. There are special exceptions for small quantities (up to 70 ounces total) of medicinal and toilet articles carried in your luggage and certain smoking materials carried on your person. For further information, contact your airline representative.

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Ticket Receipt

Total Amount: 53.24 USD
This ticket information applies to the following trip(s):

Delta Air Lines Flight 5559 from Tulsa OK to Detroit MI on May 15 **(Operated By: Expressjet Dba Delta Connection)**
Delta Air Lines Flight 2182 from Detroit MI to Washington DC on May 15

ElectronicTicket Number: 0068606598038
Invoice Number: 000166395
Ticket Amount: 1,298.80 USD
Prior Ticket: 0068506182268
Old Ticket Value: 1,298.80 USD
Penalty/Exchange Fee: 0.00 USD
Add/Collect: 0.00 USD
Form of Payment: CA**********2091

Service Fee Number: 8900893603173
Service Fee Amount: 53.24 USD
Form of Payment: CA**********2091

Travel Summary – Agency Record Locator ZKG5C6

Traveler
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Reference number by traveler: TAA04G4G

Date	From/To	Flight/Vendor	Status	Depart/Arrive	Class/Type
05/11/2017	DCA-MSP	DL 880	Confirmed	11:45 AM/01:32 PM	First / F
05/11/2017	MSP-DEN	DL 1609	Confirmed	02:37 PM/03:49 PM	First / F
05/15/2017	TUL-DTW	DL 5559*	Confirmed	06:00 AM/09:16 AM	First / F
05/15/2017	DTW-DCA	DL 2182	Confirmed	10:32 AM/12:00 PM	First / F

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Delta Air Lines Flight DL880 First — Online check-in

Depart:	Ronald Reagan National, Terminal B Washington, District of Columbia, United States 11:45 AM Thursday, May 11 2017
Arrive:	St Paul Intl, Terminal 1 Minneapolis, Minnesota, United States 01:32 PM Thursday, May 11 2017
Duration:	2 hour(s) and 47 minute(s) Non-stop
Status:	Confirmed - Delta Air Lines Record Locator: GWTMBG
Meal:	Lunch
Equipment:	Boeing (Douglas) MD-88
Seat:	01C (Non smoking) Confirmed
FF Number:	XXXX860055 - PRUITT/EDWARD S
Distance:	928 miles / 1493.152 kilometers
CO2 Emissions:	408.32 lbs/185.6 kgs
Remarks:	FOR UP TO DATE TRAVEL INFORMATION ON AIRLINE CHECK-IN/RESTRICTIONS/LIMITATIONS/SECURITY. PLEASE CHECK WWW.DELTA.COM

AIR - Thursday, May 11 2017 - Agency Record Locator ZKG5C6

Delta Air Lines Flight DL1609 First — Online check-in

Depart:	St Paul Intl, Terminal 1 Minneapolis, Minnesota, United States 02:37 PM Thursday, May 11 2017
Arrive:	Denver International Denver, Colorado, United States 03:49 PM Thursday, May 11 2017
Duration:	2 hour(s) and 12 minute(s) Non-stop
Total duration:	**6 hour(s) and 4 minute(s) Including layover(s)**
Status:	Confirmed - Delta Air Lines Record Locator: GWTMBG
Meal:	Refreshment
Equipment:	Boeing (Douglas) MD-90
Seat:	01C (Non smoking) Confirmed
FF Number:	XXXX860055 - PRUITT/EDWARD S
Distance:	678 miles / 1090.902 kilometers
CO2 Emissions:	298.32 lbs/135.6 kgs

AIR - Monday, May 15 2017 - Agency Record Locator ZKG5C6

Delta Air Lines Flight DL5559 First — Online check-in

Depart:	Tulsa International Airport Tulsa, Oklahoma, United States 06:00 AM Monday, May 15 2017
Arrive:	Wayne County, EM - E.M. McNamara Terminal Detroit, Michigan, United States 09:16 AM Monday, May 15 2017
Duration:	2 hour(s) and 16 minute(s) Non-stop
Status:	Confirmed - Delta Air Lines Record Locator: GWTMBG
Meal:	Refreshment
Equipment:	Canadair Regional Jet 700
***Operated By:**	Expressjet Dba Delta Connection
Seat:	Assigned at Check-in
FF Number:	XXXX860055 - PRUITT/EDWARD S
Distance:	788 miles / 1267.892 kilometers
CO2 Emissions:	346.72 lbs/157.6 kgs

AIR - Monday, May 15 2017 - Agency Record Locator ZKG5C6

Delta Air Lines Flight DL2182 First — Online check-in

Depart:	Wayne County, EM - E.M. McNamara Terminal Detroit, Michigan, United States 10:32 AM Monday, May 15 2017
Arrive:	Ronald Reagan National, Terminal B Washington, District of Columbia, United States 12:00 PM Monday, May 15 2017
Duration:	1 hour(s) and 28 minute(s) Non-stop
Total duration:	**5 hour(s) and 0 minute(s) including layover(s)**
Status:	Confirmed - Delta Air Lines Record Locator: GWTMBG
Equipment:	Boeing 717-200
Seat:	Assigned at Check-in
FF Number:	XXXX860055 - PRUITT/EDWARD S
Distance:	404 miles / 650.036 kilometers
CO2 Emissions:	177.76 lbs/80.8 kgs

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Estimated trip total — 1,298.80 USD

Air	Car	Hotel	Rail	Other
1,298.80 USD				

Fare details: Ticketed

Vendor	Fare information	Refund restrictions before departure	Change restrictions after ticketing	Ticket information
Air DL5559* 15May DL2182 15May	**Total:** **USD 1,298.80**	REFUND RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY	CHANGE RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY	

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Ticket Receipt

Total Amount: 1,352.04 USD
This ticket information applies to the following trip(s):

Delta Air Lines Flight 1688 from Tulsa OK to Atlanta GA on May 15
Delta Air Lines Flight 2602 from Atlanta GA to Washington DC on May 15

ElectronicTicket Number: 0068606182268
Invoice Number: 0001691155
Ticket Amount: 1,298.80 USD
Form of Payment: CA**********2091

Service Fee Number: 8900693533529
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Traveler

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Reference number by traveler: TAA04G4G

Date	From/To	Flight/Vendor	Status	Depart/Arrive	Class/Type
05/11/2017	DCA-DFW	AA 419	Confirmed	~~11:47 AM/02:15 PM~~	First / J
05/11/2017	DFW-COS	AA 1513	Confirmed	02:55 PM/03:49 PM	First / J
05/15/2017	TUL-ATL	DL 1688	Confirmed	06:00 AM/08:57 AM	First / F
05/15/2017	ATL-DCA	DL 2602	Confirmed	09:45 AM/11:28 AM	First / F

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American Airlines Flight AA419 First — Online check-in

Depart:	Ronald Reagan National, Terminal C Washington, District of Columbia, United States 11:47 AM Thursday, May 11 2017 — Weather
Arrive:	Dallas/Ft Worth Intl Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas, United States 02:15 PM Thursday, May 11 2017 — Weather
Duration:	3 hour(s) and 28 minute(s) Non-stop
Status:	Confirmed - American Airlines Record Locator: SLCPTP
Meal:	Lunch
Equipment:	Airbus Industrie A321
Seat:	03D (Non smoking, Aisle) Confirmed
FF Number:	XXXX014 - PRUITT/EDWARD S
Distance:	1189 miles / 1913.101 kilometers
CO2 Emissions:	523.16 lbs/237.8 kgs
Remarks:	FOR UP TO DATE TRAVEL INFORMATION ON AIRLINE CHECK-IN/RESTRICTIONS/LIMITATIONS/SECURITY. PLEASE CHECK WWW.AA.COM

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American Airlines Flight AA1513 First — Online check-in

Depart:	Dallas/Ft Worth Intl Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas, United States 02:55 PM Thursday, May 11 2017 — Weather
Arrive:	Colorado Springs Municipal Colorado Springs, Colorado, United States 03:49 PM Thursday, May 11 2017 — Weather
Duration:	1 hour(s) and 54 minute(s) Non-stop
Total duration:	6 hour(s) and 1 minute(s) including layover(s)
Status:	Confirmed - American Airlines Record Locator: SLCPTP
Equipment:	Boeing (Douglas) MD-80
Seat:	03E (Non smoking, Aisle) Confirmed
FF Number:	XXXX014 - PRUITT/EDWARD S
Distance:	591 miles / 950.919 kilometers
CO2 Emissions:	260.04 lbs/118.2 kgs

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Delta Air Lines Flight DL1688 First — Online check-in

Depart:	Tulsa International Airport Tulsa, Oklahoma, United States 06:00 AM Monday, May 15 2017 — Weather
Arrive:	Hartsfield-Jackson ATL, S - Terminal South Atlanta, Georgia, United States 08:57 AM Monday, May 15 2017 — Weather
Duration:	1 hour(s) and 57 minute(s) Non-stop
Status:	Confirmed - Delta Air Lines Record Locator: GWTMBG
Meal:	Refreshment
Equipment:	Boeing (Douglas) MD-88
Seat:	02B (Non smoking) Confirmed
FF Number:	XXXX860055 - PRUITT/EDWARD S
Distance:	672 miles / 1081.248 kilometers

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CO2 Emissions:	295.68 lbs/134.4 kgs
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Delta Air Lines Flight DL2602 First

Depart:	Hartsfield-Jackson ATL, S - Terminal South Atlanta, Georgia, United States 09:45 AM Monday, May 15 2017	Weather
Arrive:	Ronald Reagan National, Terminal B Washington, District of Columbia, United States 11:28 AM Monday, May 15 2017	Weather

Duration:	1 hour(s) and 43 minute(s) Non-stop
Total duration:	**4 hour(s) and 28 minute(s) including layover(s)**
Status:	Confirmed - Delta Air Lines Record Locator: **GWTMBG**
Equipment:	Airbus Industrie A321
Seat:	01B (Non smoking) Confirmed
FF Number:	XXXX860055 - PRUITT/EDWARD S
Distance:	546 miles / 878.514 kilometers
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Estimated trip total — 1,298.80 USD

Air	Car	Hotel	Rail	Other
1,298.80 USD				

Fare details: Ticketed

Vendor	Fare information	Refund restrictions before departure	Change restrictions after ticketing	Ticket information

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Air	Total:	REFUND	CHANGE
DL1686 15May DL2602 15May	USD 1,298.80	RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY	RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY

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Ticket Receipt

Total Amount: 1,344.04 USD
This ticket information applies to the following trip(s):

American Airlines Flight 419 from Washington DC to Dallas/Fort Worth TX on May 11
American Airlines Flight 1513 from Dallas/Fort Worth TX to Colorado Springs CO on May 11

ElectronicTicket Number: 0018606182265
Invoice Number: 000156151
Ticket Amount: 1,290.80 USD
Form of Payment: CA**********2091

Service Fee Number: 8900693533525
Service Fee Amount: 53.24 USD
Form of Payment: CA**********2091

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Reference number by traveler: TAA04G4G

Date	From/To	Flight/Vendor	Status	Depart/Arrive	Class/Type
05/11/2017	DCA-DFW	AA 419	Confirmed	11:47 AM/02:15 PM	First / J
05/11/2017	DFW-COS	AA 1513	Confirmed	02:55 PM/03:49 PM	First / J
05/15/2017	TUL-ATL	DL 1688	Confirmed	06:00 AM/08:57 AM	First / F
05/15/2017	ATL-DCA	DL 2602	Confirmed	09:45 AM/11:28 AM	First / F

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American Airlines Flight AA413 First — Online check-in

Depart:	Ronald Reagan National, Terminal C Washington, District of Columbia, United States 11:47 AM Thursday, May 11 2017
Arrive:	Dallas/Ft Worth Intl Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas, United States 02:15 PM Thursday, May 11 2017
Duration:	3 hour(s) and 28 minute(s) Non-stop
Status:	Confirmed - American Airlines Record Locator: SLCPTP
Meal:	Lunch
Equipment:	Airbus Industrie A321
Seat:	03D (Non smoking, Aisle) Confirmed
FF Number:	XXXX014 - PRUITT/EDWARD S
Distance:	1189 miles / 1913.101 kilometers
CO2 Emissions:	523.16 lbs/237.8 kgs
Remarks:	FOR UP TO DATE TRAVEL INFORMATION ON AIRLINE CHECK-IN/RESTRICTIONS/LIMITATIONS/SECURITY. PLEASE CHECK WWW.AA.COM

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American Airlines Flight AA1513 First — Online check-in

Depart:	Dallas/Ft Worth Intl Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas, United States 02:55 PM Thursday, May 11 2017
Arrive:	Colorado Springs Municipal Colorado Springs, Colorado, United States 03:49 PM Thursday, May 11 2017
Duration:	1 hour(s) and 54 minute(s) Non-stop
Total duration:	**6 hour(s) and 1 minute(s) including layover(s)**
Status:	Confirmed - American Airlines Record Locator: SLCPTP
Equipment:	Boeing (Douglas) MD-80
Seat:	03E (Non smoking, Aisle) Confirmed
FF Number:	XXXX014 - PRUITT/EDWARD S
Distance:	591 miles / 950.919 kilometers
CO2 Emissions:	260.04 lbs/118.2 kgs

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FF Number:	XXXX860055 - PRUITT/EDWARD S
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Arrive:	Ronald Reagan National, Terminal B Washington, District of Columbia, United States 11:28 AM Monday, May 15 2017
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Estimated trip total				2,589.60 USD
Air	**Car**	**Hotel**	**Rail**	**Other**
2,589.60 USD				

Fare details: Ticketed				
Vendor	**Fare information**	**Refund restrictions before departure**	**Change restrictions after ticketing**	**Ticket information**
Air AA419 11May AA1513 11May	**Total:** **USD 1,290.80**	REFUND RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY	CHANGE RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY	
Air DL1688 15May DL2602 15May	**Total:** **USD 1,298.80**	REFUND RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY	CHANGE RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY	

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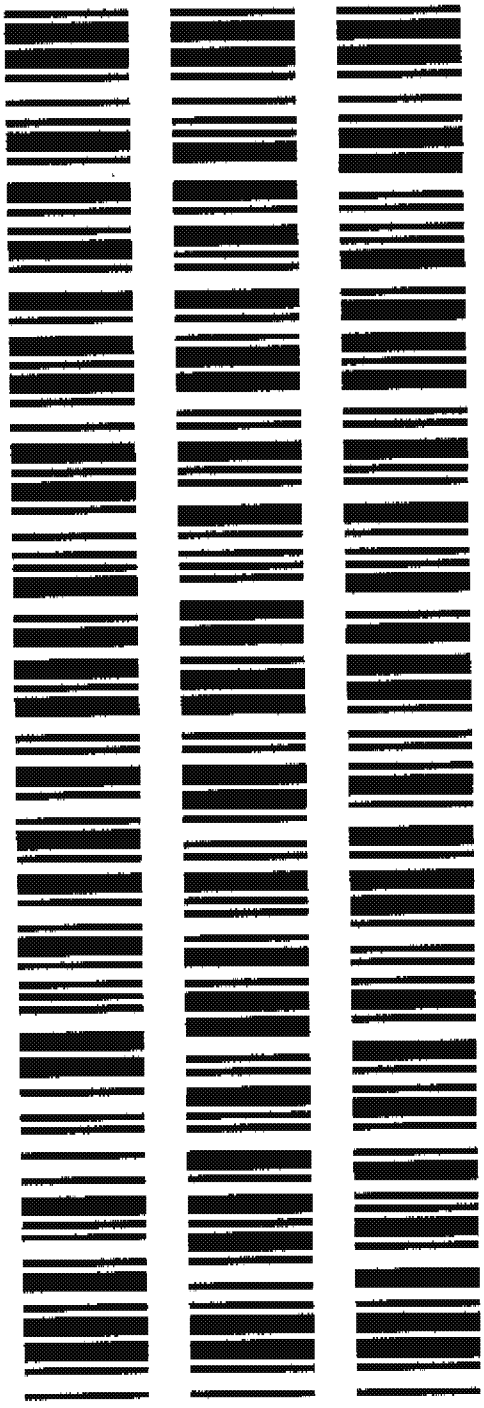

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Davis, Gail

From: Fugh, Justina
Sent: Tuesday, March 07, 2017 4:40 PM
To: Davis, Gail
Cc: Duross, Jeanne; Keith, Jennie
Subject: RE: CeraWeek 2017

Hi Gail,

Thanks for the form and for our discussion by phone. You explained that the Administrator will be delivering luncheon remarks at the CERA Week 2017 energy conference, but that he is attending and speaking only on Thursday, March 9. He is not attending any of the other days. I explained to you that new gift rules went into effect on January 1, 2017 affect how we deal with this very situation. Under the new gift regulations, the definition of "gift" now *excludes* free attendance when the employee is speaking on that same day. *See* 5 CFR 2635.203(b)(8)(i). So, Mr. Pruitt *does not need to do an ethics travel form* for the registration fee since he is attending only on the day that he is speaking. In addition, the exemption also applies to an employee who accompanies the Administrator and "whose presence on any day of the event is deemed to be essential by the agency to the presenting employee's participating in the event." *See* 5 CFR 2635.203(b)(8)(i). Thus, neither Samantha Dravis nor John Konkus needs to file an ethics travel form either.

Please note, however, that this advice DOES NOT APPLY if the employee is attending the event on days other than the speech.

Justina

Justina Fugh | Senior Counsel for Ethics | Office of General Counsel | US EPA | Mail Code 2311A | Room 4308 North, William Jefferson Clinton Federal Building | Washington, DC 20460 (for ground deliveries, use 20004 for the zip code) | phone 202-564-1786 | fax 202-564-1772

From: Davis, Gail
Sent: Tuesday, March 07, 2017 1:07 PM
To: Duross, Jeanne <Duross.Jeanne@epa.gov>; Keith, Jennie <Keith.Jennie@epa.gov>; Fugh, Justina <Fugh.Justina@epa.gov>
Subject: CeraWeek 2017

I sent the ethics form for the waiver of the $7250.00 registration fees for CERAweek 2017 for the Administrator in the system. Thanks

Davis, Gail

From: EPA@BCDTRAVEL.COM
Sent: Monday, March 06, 2017 5:55 PM
To: GAIL.DAVIS@EPA.GOV; EPA@BCDTRAVEL.COM; Pruitt, Scott
Cc: Davis, Gail
Subject: Travel Receipt for PRUITT/EDWARD S Travel date 08Mar
Attachments: Travel Receipt Communication Attachment - Z9X5GA - March 8 2017.PDF

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Ticket Receipt

Total Amount: 609.90 USD
This ticket information applies to the following trip(s):

Delta Air Lines Flight 2490 from Washington DC to Atlanta GA on March 08
Delta Air Lines Flight 2319 from Atlanta GA to Houston TX on March 08
Delta Air Lines Flight 2550 from Tulsa OK to Atlanta GA on March 12
Delta Air Lines Flight 648 from Atlanta GA to Washington DC on March 12

ElectronicTicket Number: 0067917897055-056
Invoice Number: 0001603611
Ticket Amount: 575.60 USD
Form of Payment: CA**********2091

Service Fee Number: 8900892111998
Service Fee Amount: 34.30 USD
Form of Payment: CA**********2091

Travel Summary – Agency Record Locator Z9X5GA

Traveler

PRUITT / EDWARD S

Reference number by traveler: TAA0473J

Date	From/To	Flight/Vendor	Status	Depart/Arrive	Class/Type
03/08/2017	DCA-ATL	DL 2490	Confirmed	07:25 PM/09:31 PM	Economy / K
03/08/2017	ATL-IAH	DL 2319	Confirmed	10:24 PM/11:44 PM	Economy / K
03/12/2017	TUL-ATL	DL 2550	Confirmed	03:25 PM/06:25 PM	Economy / Y
03/12/2017	ATL-DCA	DL 648	Confirmed	07:20 PM/09:09 PM	Economy / Y

AIR - Wednesday, March 8 2017 - Agency Record Locator Z9X5GA

Delta Air Lines Flight DL2490 Economy — Online check-in

Depart:	Ronald Reagan National, Terminal B Washington, District of Columbia, United States 07:25 PM Wednesday, March 8 2017	Weather
Arrive:	Hartsfield-Jackson ATL, S - Terminal South Atlanta, Georgia, United States 09:31 PM Wednesday, March 8 2017	Weather
Duration:	2 hour(s) and 6 minute(s) Non-stop	
Status:	Confirmed - Delta Air Lines Record Locator: JM6PKX	
Equipment:	Airbus Industrie A321	
Seat:	38C (Non smoking) Confirmed	
FF Number:	XXXX860055 - PRUITT/EDWARD S	
Distance:	546 miles / 878.514 kilometers	
CO2 Emissions:	240.24 lbs/109.2 kgs	
Remarks:	FOR UP TO DATE TRAVEL INFORMATION ON AIRLINE CHECK-IN/RESTRICTIONS/LIMITATIONS/SECURITY. PLEASE CHECK WWW.DELTA.COM	

AIR - Wednesday, March 8 2017 - Agency Record Locator Z9X5GA

Delta Air Lines Flight DL2315 Economy — Online check-in

Depart:	Hartsfield-Jackson ATL, S - Terminal South Atlanta, Georgia, United States 10:24 PM Wednesday, March 8 2017	Weather
Arrive:	George Bush Intercntl, Terminal A Houston, Texas, United States 11:44 PM Wednesday, March 8 2017	Weather
Duration:	2 hour(s) and 20 minute(s) Non-stop	
Total duration:	**5 hour(s) and 19 minute(s) including layover(s)**	
Status:	Confirmed - Delta Air Lines Record Locator: JM6PKX	
Equipment:	Boeing (Douglas) MD-88	
Seat:	19D (Non smoking) Confirmed	
FF Number:	XXXX860055 - PRUITT/EDWARD S	
Distance:	688 miles / 1106.992 kilometers	
CO2 Emissions:	302.72 lbs/137.6 kgs	

AIR - Sunday, March 12 2017 - Agency Record Locator Z9X5GA

Delta Air Lines Flight DL2550 Economy — Online check-in

Depart:	Tulsa International Airport Tulsa, Oklahoma, United States 03:25 PM Sunday, March 12 2017	Weather
Arrive:	Hartsfield-Jackson ATL, S - Terminal South Atlanta, Georgia, United States 06:25 PM Sunday, March 12 2017	Weather
Duration:	2 hour(s) and 0 minute(s) Non-stop	
Status:	Confirmed - Delta Air Lines Record Locator: JM6PKX	
Equipment:	Boeing 717-200	
Seat:	19B (Non smoking) Confirmed	
FF Number:	XXXX860055 - PRUITT/EDWARD S	
Distance:	672 miles / 1081.248 kilometers	
CO2 Emissions:	295.68 lbs/134.4 kgs	

AIR - Sunday, March 12 2017 - Agency Record Locator Z9X5GA

Delta Air Lines Flight DL648 Economy — Online check-in

Depart:	Hartsfield-Jackson ATL, S - Terminal South Atlanta, Georgia, United States 07:20 PM Sunday, March 12 2017	Weather
Arrive:	Ronald Reagan National, Terminal B Washington, District of Columbia, United States 09:09 PM Sunday, March 12 2017	Weather

Duration:	1 hour(s) and 49 minute(s) Non-stop
Total duration:	**4 hour(s) and 43 minute(s) including layover(s)**
Status:	Confirmed - Delta Air Lines Record Locator: JMGPKX
Equipment:	Airbus Industrie A321
Seat:	21B (Non smoking) Confirmed
FF Number:	XXXX860055 - PRUITT/EDWARD S
Distance:	546 miles / 878.514 kilometers
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Estimated trip total — 575.60 USD

Air	Car	Hotel	Rail	Other
575.60 USD				

Fare details: Ticketed

Vendor	Fare Information	Refund restrictions before departure	Change restrictions after ticketing	Ticket Information
Air DL2490 08Mar DL2319 08Mar DL2550 12Mar DL648 12Mar	Total: **USD 575.60**	REFUND RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY	CHANGE RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY	

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Room: ~~1105/K1RV~~
Arrival Date: 3/8/2017 2:48:00 PM
Departure Date: 3/9/2017

Adult/Child: 2/0
Room Rate: 284.00

Rate Plan: 6RA
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Car:

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DATE	DESCRIPTION	ID	REF. NO	CHARGES	CREDITS	BALANCE
3/8/2017	GUEST ROOM	JRAIN	12732652	$284.00		
3/8/2017	STATE TAX 6.0%	JRAIN	12732652	$17.04		
3/8/2017	SPORTS AUTHORITY TAX 2.0%	JRAIN	12732652	$5.68		
3/8/2017	CITY TAX 9.0%	JRAIN	12732652	$25.56		
3/9/2017	MC *2091	SBELL	12734077		($332.28)	
	BALANCE					$0.00

48.28 TAXES

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MC *2091

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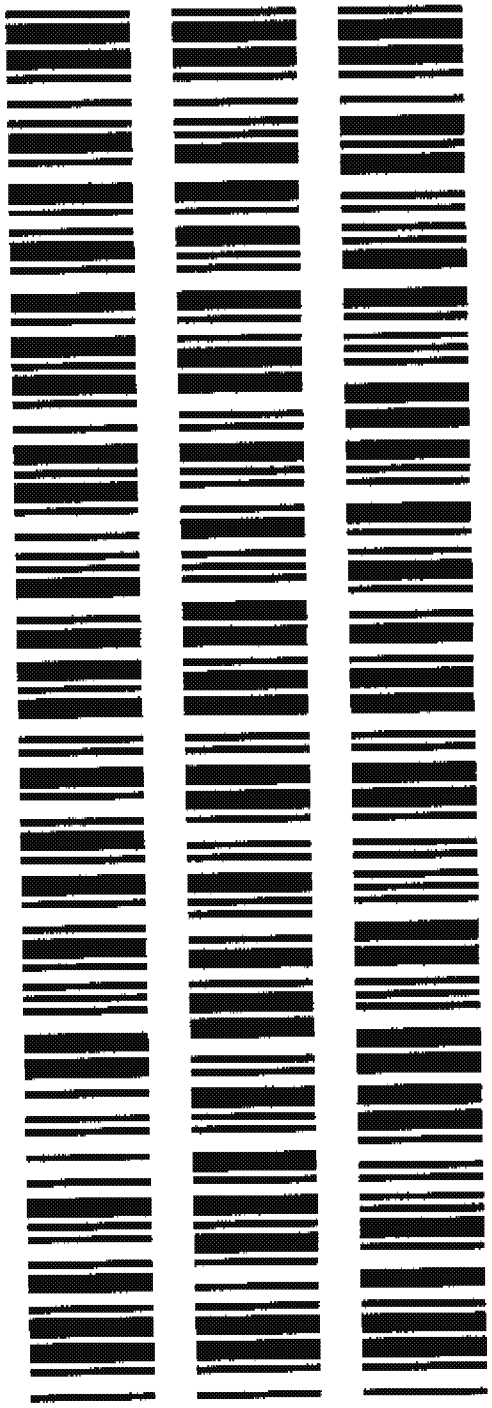

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Ticket Receipt

Total Amount: 297.20 USD
This ticket information applies to the following trip(s):

Southwest Airlines Flight 1250 from Tulsa OK to Phoenix AZ on March 06

ElectronicTicket Number: 2491736948
Ticket Amount: 297.20 USD
Form of Payment: CA**********1299

Travel Summary – Agency Record Locator SPZ4VU

Traveler
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Reference number by traveler: TAA0467G

Date	From/To	Flight/Vendor	Status	Depart/Arrive	Class/Type
03/06/2017	TUL-PHX	WN 1250	Confirmed	09:05 AM/10:45 AM	Economy / M

AIR - Monday, March 6 2017 - Agency Record Locator SPZ4VU

Southwest Airlines Flight WN1250 Economy — **Online check-in**

Depart:	Tulsa International Airport Tulsa, Oklahoma, United States 09:05 AM Monday, March 6 2017
Arrive:	Sky Harbor Intl, Terminal 4 Phoenix, Arizona, United States 10:45 AM Monday, March 6 2017
Duration:	2 hour(s) and 40 minute(s) Non-stop
Status:	Confirmed - Southwest Airlines Record Locator: 5QW8ZD
Equipment:	Boeing 737-700 (winglets) Passenger
Seat:	Assigned at Check-In
FF Number:	XXXX7753 - PRUITT/EDWARD S
Distance:	932 miles / 1499.588 kilometers
CO2 Emissions:	410.08 lbs/186.4 kgs
Remarks:	AN AISLE SEAT IS NOT AVAILABLE WE WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR UNTIL DEPARTURE. SEAT ASSIGNMENT RESTRICTED TO AIRPORT/ONLINE CHECK-IN. FOR UP TO DATE TRAVEL INFORMATION ON AIRLINE CHECK-IN/RESTRICTIONS/LIMITATIONS/SECURITY. PLEASE CHECK WWW.SOUTHWEST.COM NO FREQUENT FLYER IN YOUR PROFILE FOR CARRIER BOOKED

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Estimated trip total 297.20 USD

Air	Car	Hotel	Rail	Other
297.20 USD				

Fare details: Ticketed

Vendor	Fare information	Refund restrictions before departure	Change restrictions after ticketing	Ticket information
Air WN1260 06Mar	Total: USD 297.20	REFUND RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY	CHANGE RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY	

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Ticket Receipt

Total Amount: 249.10 USD
This ticket information applies to the following trip(s):

Delta Air Lines Flight 174 from Phoenix AZ to Atlanta GA on March 07
Delta Air Lines Flight 1963 from Atlanta GA to Washington DC on March 07

ElectronicTicket Number: 0067917896987
Invoice Number: 0001602191
Ticket Amount: 214.80 USD
Form of Payment: CA**********1299

Service Fee Number: 6900692111864
Service Fee Amount: 34.30 USD
Form of Payment: CA**********1299

Travel Summary – Agency Record Locator SQ0HDG

Traveler
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Reference number by traveler: TAA0467G

Date	From/To	Flight/Vendor	Status	Depart/Arrive	Class/Type
03/07/2017	PHX-ATL	DL 1747	Confirmed	07:00 AM/12:31 PM	Economy / X
03/07/2017	ATL-DCA	DL 1963	Confirmed	01:55 PM/03:38 PM	Economy / X

AIR - Tuesday, March 7 2017 - Agency Record Locator SQ0HDG

Delta Air Lines Flight DL1747 Economy Online check-in

Depart:	Sky Harbor Intl, Terminal 3 Phoenix, Arizona, United States 07:09 AM Tuesday, March 7 2017
Arrive:	Hartsfield-Jackson ATL, S - Terminal South Atlanta, Georgia, United States 12:31 PM Tuesday, March 7 2017
Duration:	3 hour(s) and 31 minute(s) Non-stop
Status:	Confirmed - Delta Air Lines Record Locator: JMX33E
Meal:	Food For Purchase
Equipment:	Boeing 737-900 Passenger
Seat:	25B (Non smoking) Confirmed
FF Number:	XXXX860055 - PRUITT/EDWARD S
Distance:	1583 miles / 2547.047 kilometers
CO2 Emissions:	696.52 lbs/316.6 kgs
Remarks:	FOR UP TO DATE TRAVEL INFORMATION ON AIRLINE CHECK-IN/RESTRICTIONS/LIMITATIONS/SECURITY. PLEASE CHECK WWW.DELTA.COM

AIR - Tuesday, March 7 2017 - Agency Record Locator SQ0HDG

Delta Air Lines Flight DL1963 Economy Online check-in

Depart:	Hartsfield-Jackson ATL, S - Terminal South Atlanta, Georgia, United States 01:55 PM Tuesday, March 7 2017
Arrive:	Ronald Reagan National, Terminal B Washington, District of Columbia, United States 03:38 PM Tuesday, March 7 2017
Duration:	1 hour(s) and 43 minute(s) Non-stop
Total duration:	**6 hour(s) and 37 minute(s) including layover(s)**
Status:	Confirmed - Delta Air Lines Record Locator: JMX33E
Equipment:	Airbus Industrie A321
Seat:	17B (Non smoking) Confirmed
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03Mar/10:31AM

Estimated trip total				214.80 USD
Air	**Car**	**Hotel**	**Rail**	**Other**
214.80 USD				

Fare details: Ticketed

Vendor	Fare information	Refund restrictions before departure	Change restrictions after ticketing	Ticket information
Air DL1747 07Mar DL1963 07Mar	**Total:** **USD 214.80**	REFUND RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY	CHANGE RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY	

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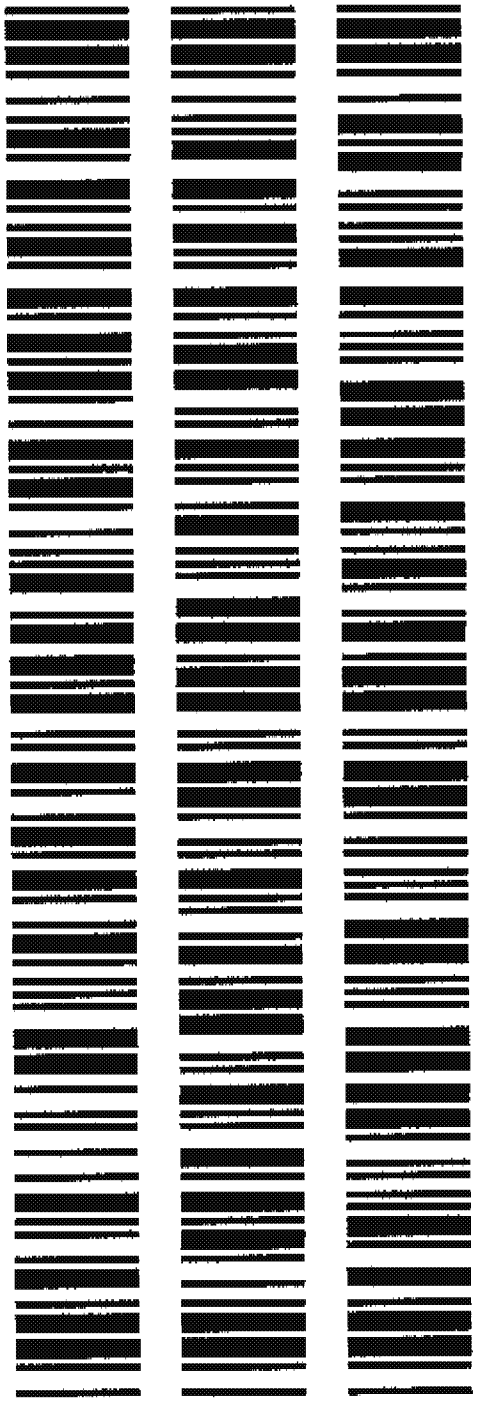

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EPA
Approval to Accept Travel
Under Ethics Reform Act of 1989

○ **for-profit** ● **not for-profit**

Event Location	Scottsdale, AZ	**Your Role**	Administrator
Travel Starts	03/06/2017	**Travel Ends**	03/07/2017
Event Sponsor(s)	National Association of Manufacturers	**Nature of Event**	To speak at the NAM Spring Board of Directors Meeting
DEO	Justina Fugh		
Employee Name	**Scott Pruitt**	**Spousal expenses included?**	○ Yes ● No
Title	Administrator		
Organization	OA		
Phone Number	202-564-4700		

Who is the non-federal person(s) or entity(s) paying travel expenses?

Name: National Association of Manufacturers

Address: 733 10th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001

Explain the interest of the source in the matters handled by your office. If the source of the travel expenses is an organization, describe the membership of the organization. For example, the "Center for Sound Science" may be largely made up of companies which produce chemicals regulated by your program or interest groups who take a position on our policies or regulations. **This explanation is mandatory!** (You can attach files below.)

The NAM, which is not a federally registered lobbyist, is a trade association in the United States. According to their website, they are "the largest manufacturing association in the United States, representing small and large manufacturers in every industrial sector and in all 50 states. The NAM is the powerful voice of the manufacturing community and the leading advocate for a policy agenda that helps manufacturers compete in the global economy and create jobs across the United States."

Are any of these sources a party to a matter which is pending before you for decision, such as a contract or assistance agreement matter, permit, license, etc.? *If "Yes", then acceptance of travel expenses cannot be approved* ○ Yes ● No

Is this travel being paid through an EPA contract, Federal assistance agreement OR FEDERAL GRANT (including a recipient's matching share)? *If "Yes", then acceptance of travel expenses cannot be approved* ○ Yes ● No

Are any of these sources otherwise affected by EPA matters in which you participate? ○ Yes ● No

If *"Yes,"* attach explanation (below).

Itemization of benefits	**Amount & METHOD of payment**	
	IN KIND ticket, meals etc., est. the $	**IN CASH** must be a check etc. made out to EPA
Common carrier	$0.00	$0.00

transportation			
Meals	$0.00		$0.00
Lodging	$395.00		$0.00
Local transportation	$0.00		$0.00
Waiver of fees ❶	$0.00		$0.00
Other (specify)	$0.00		$0.00
	Sub Total $395.00		Sub Total $0.00

TOTAL →→→→→ $395.00

(NOTE: For travel outside the United States, different rules may apply. Check with your ethics advisor.)

Does this amount exceed the amount payable under Federal Travel Regulations? ○ Yes ● No

Any other explanations or attachments ❍

lodging provided is commensurate with that provided to other participants.

Approving Official's Certification

Approved By: Justina Fugh

Date:03/06/2017

☐ **Hold Pending Review**

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Additional Attachments / Explanations:

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Davis, Gail

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Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 1:25 PM
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Attachments: Travel Receipt Communication Attachment - KVH40I - July 26 2017.PDF

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Delta Air Lines Flight 648 from Atlanta GA to Washington DC on July 29

ElectronicTicket Number: 0068610002117
Invoice Number: 800172396
Ticket Amount: 2,603.60 USD
Form of Payment: CA**********2091

Service Fee Number: 8900694923000
Service Fee Amount: 53.24 USD
Form of Payment: CA**********2091

Travel Summary – Agency Record Locator KVH40I

Traveler

PRUITT / EDWARD S

Reference number by traveler: TAA04RAP

Date	From/To	Flight/Vendor	Status	Depart/Arrive	Class/Type
07/26/2017	DCA-ATL	DL 1139	Confirmed	08:25 AM/10:11 AM	First / F
07/26/2017	ATL-TUL	DL 2954	Confirmed	11:31 AM/12:30 PM	First / F
07/29/2017	TUL-ATL	DL 5368*	Confirmed	04:00 PM/07:03 PM	First / F
07/29/2017	ATL-DCA	DL 648	Confirmed	07:55 PM/09:51 PM	Business / J

08/07/2017 10:59 FAX 002

AIR - Wednesday, July 26 2017 - Agency Record Locator KVH40I

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Delta Air Lines Flight DL1139 First Online check-in

Depart:	Ronald Reagan National, Terminal B Washington, District of Columbia, United States 08:25 AM Wednesday, July 26 2017	Weather
Arrive:	Hartsfield-Jackson ATL, S - Terminal South Atlanta, Georgia, United States 10:11 AM Wednesday, July 26 2017	Weather
Duration:	1 hour(s) and 46 minute(s) Non-stop	
Status:	Confirmed - Delta Air Lines Record Locator: F6QRZZ	
Equipment:	Airbus Industrie A321	
Seat:	01D (Non smoking) Confirmed	
FF Number:	XXXX860055 - PRUITT/EDWARD S	
Distance:	546 miles / 878.514 kilometers	
CO2 Emissions:	240.24 lbs/109.2 kgs	
Remarks:	FOR UP TO DATE TRAVEL INFORMATION ON AIRLINE CHECK-IN/RESTRICTIONS/LIMITATIONS/SECURITY. PLEASE CHECK WWW.DELTA.COM	

AIR - Wednesday, July 26 2017 - Agency Record Locator KVH40I

Delta Air Lines Flight DL2954 First Online check-in

Depart:	Hartsfield-Jackson ATL, S - Terminal South Atlanta, Georgia, United States 11:31 AM Wednesday, July 26 2017	Weather
Arrive:	Tulsa International Airport Tulsa, Oklahoma, United States 12:30 PM Wednesday, July 26 2017	Weather
Duration:	1 hour(s) and 59 minute(s) Non-stop	
Total duration:	**5 hour(s) and 4 minute(s) including layover(s)**	
Status:	Confirmed - Delta Air Lines Record Locator: F6QRZZ	
Meal:	Refreshment	
Equipment:	Boeing (Douglas) MD-88	
Seat:	03C (Non smoking) Confirmed	
FF Number:	XXXX860055 - PRUITT/EDWARD S	
Distance:	672 miles / 1081.248 kilometers	
CO2 Emissions:	295.68 lbs/134.4 kgs	

AIR - Saturday, July 29 2017 - Agency Record Locator KVH40I

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Delta Air Lines Flight DL5368 First Online check-in

Depart:	Tulsa International Airport Tulsa, Oklahoma, United States 04:00 PM Saturday, July 29 2017	Weather
Arrive:	Hartsfield-Jackson ATL, S - Terminal South Atlanta, Georgia, United States 07:03 PM Saturday, July 29 2017	Weather
Duration:	2 hour(s) and 3 minute(s) Non-stop	
Status:	Confirmed - Delta Air Lines Record Locator: F6QRZZ	
Meal:	Refreshment	
Equipment:	Canadair Regional Jet 900	
***Operated By:**	Expressjet Dba Delta Connection	
Seat:	04A (Non smoking) Confirmed	

FF Number:	XXXX860055 - PRUITT/EDWARD S
Distance:	672 miles / 1081.248 kilometers
CO2 Emissions:	295.68 lbs/134.4 kgs

AIR - Saturday, July 29 2017 - Agency Record Locator KVH40I

Delta Air Lines Flight DL648 Business — Online check-in

Depart:	Hartsfield-Jackson ATL, S - Terminal South Atlanta, Georgia, United States 07:55 PM Saturday, July 29 2017	Weather
Arrive:	Ronald Reagan National, Terminal B Washington, District of Columbia, United States 09:51 PM Saturday, July 29 2017	Weather

Duration:	1 hour(s) and 56 minute(s) Non-stop
Total duration:	**4 hour(s) and 51 minute(s) including layover(s)**
Status:	Confirmed - Delta Air Lines Record Locator: F6QRZZ
Equipment:	Airbus Industrie A320
Seat:	01C (Non smoking) Confirmed
FF Number:	XXXX860055 - PRUITT/EDWARD S
Distance:	546 miles / 878.514 kilometers
CO2 Emissions:	240.24 lbs/109.2 kgs

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Estimated trip total — 2,603.60 USD

Air	Car	Hotel	Rail	Other
2,603.60 USD				

Fare details: Ticketed

Vendor	Fare Information	Refund restrictions before departure	Change restrictions after ticketing	Ticket Information
Air DL1139 26Jul DL2954 26Jul	Total: USD 2,603.60	REFUND RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY	CHANGE RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY	

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DL5368* 29Jul
DL648 29Jul

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Delta Air Lines Flight 5400 from Tulsa OK to Atlanta GA on July 30 **(Operated By: Expressjet Dba Delta Connection)**
Delta Air Lines Flight 2612 from Atlanta GA to Washington DC on July 30

ElectronicTicket Number: 0068610002058
Invoice Number: 000172308
Ticket Amount: 2,603.60 USD
Form of Payment: CA**********2091

Service Fee Number: 3900694922922
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Reference number by traveler: TAA04RAP

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07/30/2017	TUL-ATL	DL 5400*	Confirmed	06:20 PM/09:23 PM	First / F
07/30/2017	ATL-DCA	DL 2612	Confirmed	10:10 PM/11:57 PM	First / F

7/29
4:00pm
flight

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Delta Air Lines Flight DL1135 First Online check-in

Depart:	Ronald Reagan National, Terminal B Washington, District of Columbia, United States 08:25 AM Wednesday, July 26 2017
Arrive:	Hartsfield-Jackson ATL, S - Terminal South Atlanta, Georgia, United States 10:11 AM Wednesday, July 26 2017
Duration:	1 hour(s) and 46 minute(s) Non-stop
Status:	Confirmed - Delta Air Lines Record Locator: F6QRZZ
Equipment:	Airbus Industrie A321
Seat:	01D (Non smoking) Confirmed
FF Number:	XXXX860055 - PRUITT/EDWARD S
Distance:	546 miles / 878.514 kilometers
CO2 Emissions:	240.24 lbs/109.2 kgs
Remarks:	FOR UP TO DATE TRAVEL INFORMATION ON AIRLINE CHECK-IN/RESTRICTIONS/LIMITATIONS/SECURITY. PLEASE CHECK WWW.DELTA.COM

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Delta Air Lines Flight DL2954 First Online check-in

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Meal:	Refreshment
Equipment:	Boeing (Douglas) MD-88
Seat:	03C (Non smoking) Confirmed
FF Number:	XXXX860055 - PRUITT/EDWARD S
Distance:	672 miles / 1081.248 kilometers
CO2 Emissions:	295.68 lbs/134.4 kgs

AIR - Sunday, July 30 2017 - Agency Record Locator KVH40I Add to Calendar Need Help?

Delta Air Lines Flight DL6400 First Online check-in

Depart:	Tulsa International Airport Tulsa, Oklahoma, United States 06:20 PM Sunday, July 30 2017
Arrive:	Hartsfield-Jackson ATL, S - Terminal South Atlanta, Georgia, United States 09:23 PM Sunday, July 30 2017
Duration:	2 hour(s) and 3 minute(s) Non-stop
Status:	Confirmed - Delta Air Lines Record Locator: F6QRZZ
Meal:	Refreshment
Equipment:	Canadair Regional Jet 900
***Operated By:**	Expressjet Dba Delta Connection
Seat:	02C (Non smoking) Confirmed
FF Number:	XXXX860055 - PRUITT/EDWARD S
Distance:	672 miles / 1081.248 kilometers
CO2 Emissions:	295.68 lbs/134.4 kgs

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AIR - Sunday, July 30 2017 - Agency Record Locator KVH40I	
Delta Air Lines Flight DL2612 First	Online check-in
Depart:	Hartsfield-Jackson ATL, S - Terminal South Atlanta, Georgia, United States 10:10 PM Sunday, July 30 2017
Arrive:	Ronald Reagan National, Terminal B Washington, District of Columbia, United States 11:57 PM Sunday, July 30 2017
Duration:	1 hour(s) and 47 minute(s) Non-stop
Total duration:	**4 hour(s) and 37 minute(s) including layover(s)**
Status:	Confirmed - Delta Air Lines Record Locator: F6QRZZ
Equipment:	Airbus Industrie A320
Seat:	04C (Non smoking) Confirmed
FF Number:	XXXXX60058 - PRUITT/EDWARD S
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Estimated trip total				2,603.60 USD
Air	**Car**	**Hotel**	**Rail**	**Other**
2,603.60 USD				

Fare details: Ticketed

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Air DL1139 26Jul DL2954 26Jul DL5400 30Jul DL2612 30Jul	**Total:** **USD 2,603.60**	REFUND RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY	CHANGE RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY	

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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

JUN 2 2017

OFFICE OF THE
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Business/First Class Exception for Security Reason

FROM: Jeanne Conklin, Acting Controller
Office of the Controller

TO: John Reeder, Deputy Chief of Staff
Office of the Administrator

This memorandum serves as a response to your request on behalf of Administrator Pruitt for Premium Business Class and or First Class travel, due to security reasons effective May 15, 2017. After reviewing related documentation received, it was determined your request complies with criteria outlined in Resource Management Directives System 2550B, Official Travel Section V. Prudent Travel Management, "Other than Coach Class Travel Exception." Therefore, I am approving this request.

Please be advised of the following information, as outline in the Federal Travel Regulation: Chapter 301- Temporary Duty (TDY) Travel Allowances, Subchapter B- Allowable Travel Expenses, Airline Accommodations §301-10.123 "When may I use other than coach-class airline accommodations?" (a); (3); (i): Use of coach-class accommodation would endanger your life or Government property.

All correspondence, including emails, must be retained as documentation in the responsible office. To ensure proper processing of the travel claim, a copy of this memorandum should be attached to the travel voucher and routed through Concur to the Cincinnati Finance Center.

Should you have questions regarding this decision, please contact Sherri Anthony, Director, Policy, Training & Accountability Division at (202) 564-3185.

cc: Reginald E. Allen
David A. Bloom
Howard Osborne
Elise B. Packard
Kevin Minoli
Ann Sisson
Meshell Jones-Peeler
Sherri Anthony
Khary Nelson
Aileen Atcherson

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Message

From: Grantham, Nancy [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=12A3C2ED7158417FB0BB1B1B72A8CFB0-GRANTHAM, NANCY]
Sent: 12/14/2017 3:09:05 PM
To: McMichael, Nate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=58fb85a6a601456d87c58f23c40015d0-NMcMicha]
Subject: Re: Washington Post Quote

Will call you

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 14, 2017, at 10:07 AM, McMichael, Nate <McMichael.Nate@epa.gov> wrote:

> Hi Nancy - Can you give me a call to chat about a quote in this article when you have a minute: www.washingtonpost.com/amphtml/news/energy-environment/wp/2017/12/13/scott-pruitt-and-a-crew-of-epa-aides-just-spent-four-days-in-morocco-promoting-natural-gas/
>
> There is a statement from Jahan saying, "Due to concerns from our security team, Administrator Pruitt was granted a waiver by EPA's Chief Financial Officer to fly business-class." He's absolutely correct that there is an approved waiver, but it wasn't actually from David (who was acting CFO at the time). The waiver was certified by OCFO's Office of the Controller after it went through personnel security and OGC. If you have the opportunity, could you suggest that, in the future, we couch it as "…a waiver by OGC and OCFO…" or something along those lines? I realize that it's a nuance, but we want to be as clear as possible since there has been a lot of attention on this.
>
> Thank you,
> -Nate
>
> _____
> Nate McMichael
> Office of the Chief Financial Officer
> Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy (o)
> (c)

International Travel

FALSE CLAIM ...

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt wasted taxpayer money on three international travel trips. What's not told is that the trip to Italy was for the G-7 environmental summit and the Morocco trip was to meet with government leaders about environmental issues. Finally, a planned trip to Australia was cancelled so Administrator Pruitt could stay in the U.S. and monitor relief efforts related to Hurricane Harvey.

Additionally, Pruitt's international travel has been criticized despite the fact he has taken fewer international trips and spent less money than his two predecessors: Gina McCarthy and Lisa Jackson.

PRECENDENT FOR EPA INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL ...

- Administrator Pruitt has taken 2 international trips: total cost $160,000.
- Administrator McCarthy took 10 international trips: total cost $630,000.
- Administrator Jackson took 4 international trips: total cost $332,000 (including $155,000 on one trip to China.)

Former EPA Administrators Gina McCarthy And Lisa Jackson Spent More On International Travel Than Pruitt. "Internal EPA documents provided to the Washington Free Beacon reveal Obama administration EPA administrators jet setting cost taxpayers roughly $1 million. The EPA has spent $124,000 for Pruitt and his security detail to travel to the G-7 summit in Italy and a trip to Morocco. McCarthy took 10 international trips in three years, including trips to Paris, Florence, Dubai, and Tokyo. Pruitt has come under scrutiny from the media for the travel costs, which include $84,000 for the G-7 summit in Italy last summer in airfare for Pruitt and security... McCarthy spent $629,743 on airfare and security for international trips between 2013 and 2016...Internal EPA documents show costs for trips to Ghana ($68,382), Peru ($45,140), Tokyo ($74,738), Paris ($41,321), Dubai ($90,368), Tokyo ($67,703), Florence ($56,193), Vancouver ($62,247), Vietnam ($68,268), and Beijing ($55,385)." ([HYPERLINK "http://freebeacon.com/issues/obama-epa-administrators-spent-eight-times-pruitt-international-travel/"] 03/21/2018)

Lisa Jackson's China Trip Exceeded $155,000. "Between 2009 and 2012, Jackson spent $64,963 for trips to Tel Aviv; $59,950 to Rio de Janeiro; $51,436 to Montreal; and $155,764 to Beijing, Guangzhou, and Shanghai." ([HYPERLINK "http://freebeacon.com/issues/obama-epa-administrators-spent-eight-times-pruitt-international-travel/"] 03/21/2018)

ITALY ...

Administrator Pruitt Promoted The Importance Of International Engagement At His First G7 Meeting. "U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt attended his first G7 Environmental Ministerial Meeting, taking part in thoughtful bilateral discussions with his G7 counterparts. Less than two weeks after President Trump announced the United States' withdrawal from the Paris Accord, Administrator Pruitt emphasized now is the time to move forward with a discussion to find ways to positively engage with other countries in order to protect and use our natural

resources. 'The United States has always been a world leader when it comes to environmental stewardship, and that was demonstrated on a global stage today,' Administrator Pruitt said. 'I believe engaging in international discussion is of the utmost importance to the United States when it comes to environmental issues. I want to thank the government of Italy and Minister Galletti for the tremendous hospitality and leadership over this meeting.' 'The protection of the environment and public health,' said Italian Minister of the Environment Gian Luca Galletti, 'is a common goal for Italy and the United States. There are many themes that see our common commitment. The presence of Administrator Pruitt at the G7 Environment in Bologna has been a very important element that allowed us to start constructive dialogue on all environmental issues as well as to open new channels of business cooperation between our two countries.' Administrator Pruitt returned to the United States Sunday evening in order to attend the President's first full cabinet meeting scheduled for Monday. ([HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/administrator-pruitt-promotes-importance-international-engagement-first-g7-meeting"], 06/11/17)

Both Lisa Jackson And Gina McCarthy Attended The Same G-7 Meeting As Pruitt And EPA Security Details Followed The Same Protocol As Past Trips. "'Administrator Pruitt's security detail followed the same procedures for the G-7 environmental meeting in Italy that were used during EPA Administrators Stephen Johnson, Lisa Jackson and Gina McCarthy's trips to Italy,' agency spokesman Jahan Wilcox said in an email. 'EPA's security procedures have not deviated over the past 14 years.'" ([HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2018/03/20/on-italy-trip-travel-costs-for-epa-chiefs-security-detail-topped-30000/?utm_term=.f2660d3a8d9e"], 03/20/2018)

- **Gina McCarthy Also Visited The Vatican While In Rome**. "Explaining her visit Friday to the Vatican, the head of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said she wanted to let Pope Francis know that President Barack Obama is 'aligned with him' on the issue of climate change and is taking action." ([HYPERLINK "http://fore.yale.edu/news/item/epa-chief-at-vatican-obama-aligned-with-francis-on-climate-change/"], 01/30/2015)

Media Reports Suggest Pruitt's Trip To Italy Cost Too Much On Travel And Security. "Pruitt said he took official meetings during the entire four-day trip to Italy for the G-7 environmental summit in June of last year... Documents released earlier this week show that the cost of the trip was $30,000 more than previously reported, bringing the total to around $120,000. An EPA document showed that the cost of travel for Pruitt's security detail was $30,559 the week of the trip. ([HYPERLINK "http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/scott-pruitt-defends-italy-trip-increased-scrutiny-travel/story?id=53947254"], 03/22/2018)

Pruitt Critics Purposefully Ignore The Significance Of The G7 Italy Trip. "That's a lot of money for Mr. Pruitt to tour the Vatican, pose for photos and tell his European counterparts that global warming doesn't matter,' Eric Schaeffer, executive director of the Environmental Integrity Project, said in a statement Tuesday. 'And it doesn't even include salary costs for everyone who signed up for this tour. Maybe next time he should just send his regrets.'" ([HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2018/03/20/on-italy-

trip-travel-costs-for-epa-chiefs-security-detail-topped-30000/?utm_term=.f2660d3a8d9e"], 03/20/2018)

EPA STATEMENT: "Administrator Pruitt attended numerous G7 meetings with his bilateral counterparts and in terms of security, EPA's Protective Service Detail tried to replicate the same security measures taken when EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy traveled to Italy in 2015." – EPA spokesman

On February 13, 2018 CBS News Reported That EPA Had "A Certificate Justifying The Return Flight From Milan," Allowing Administrator Pruitt To Fly On A Foreign Carrier Due To Lack Of Options Available From American Carriers. "A certificate justifying the return flight from Milan that the EPA provided to CBS News said Pruitt flew on a foreign carrier because it was the only available flight 'that would get the administrator back in time' to attend a Cabinet meeting with President Trump the next day." ([HYPERLINK "https://www.cbsnews.com/news/epas-scott-pruitt-got-waiver-to-fly-business-class-on-non-u-s-carrier-from-italy-to-u-s/"], 2/13/18)

MOROCCO ...

Administrator Pruitt Promotes Environmental Cooperation With Moroccan Government Officials. "U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt attended bilateral meetings in Morocco this week where he outlined U.S. environmental priorities for updating the Environmental Work Plan under the U.S.-Morocco Free Trade Agreement and the potential benefit of liquefied natural gas (LNG) imports on Morocco's economy. This visit comes on the heels of an EPA-led workshop in Rabat that shared U.S. best practices for solid waste management, public participation and crisis communication pursuant to the former Environmental Work Plan. 'These meetings allowed us to directly convey our priorities and best practices with Moroccan leaders, as well as identify opportunities for continued cooperation, as our two countries further talks around the Environmental Work Plan,' said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. 'We are committed to working closely with countries like Morocco to enhance environmental stewardship around the world.' Administrator Pruitt met with Moroccan Secretary of State of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mounia Boucetta, where the two discussed the importance of continued collaboration between the two countries. Following the meeting with Secretary Boucetta, he met with the Moroccan Minister of Energy, Mines and Sustainable Development, Aziz Rabbah, to discuss new and ongoing areas of collaboration under the Free Trade Agreement and the country's interest in importing LNG. Also during the visit to Morocco, Administrator Pruitt met with Moroccan Minister of Justice and Liberties, Mohamed Aujjar. The two focused on the importance of adhering to rule of law and the ongoing strategic cooperation between the two countries. Administrator Pruitt also toured the IRESEN Green Energy Park, where he saw firsthand the work being done to promote environmental innovation including solar energy across Morocco. ([HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/administrator-pruitt-promotes-environmental-cooperation-us-partners-morocco"], 12/12/17)

The Washington Post Criticized Pruitt For Spending A Night In Paris, When In Reality His

Outbound Flight Was Cancelled And He Was Forced To Spend A Night Near Charles De Gaulle Airport In France. "An EPA official said the trip was affected by weather delays, which prompted the group to stay in Paris on Dec. 10 before arriving in Rabat the next day." ([HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2018/03/20/new-documents-show-nearly-68000-in-recent-premium-flights-hotel-stays-for-epas-pruitt/?utm_term=.31763eee1f18"], 03/20/18)

ABC News Falsely Reported That Pruitt Had One Scheduled Meeting For The First Day, When In Fact His Flight Was Cancelled Due To Snow At Dulles And His Schedule Had To Be Adjusted. "Wilcox said Saturday that Pruitt originally had more meetings scheduled that first day in Morocco but his plans changed after weather delayed his flight out of Dulles International Airport on Dec. 9" ([HYPERLINK "http://abc7news.com/epa-chief-recorded-a-single-one-hour-meeting-on-day-1-of-morocco-trip/3375083/"], 04/21/18)

ABC News Criticized EPA Over A Portion Of Pruitt's Calendar Which Was Redacted, When The Redaction Was For A Senior Staff Meeting, It Listed Of All 98 Attendees For A Meeting In Washington That He Never Attended. "The four-page redaction to the Morocco schedule is simply a calendar entry for a Senior Staff Meeting at EPA Headquarters in DC, which the Administrator did not attend because he was in Morocco. The entry includes all attendees invited to the meeting, which is the reason for the extensive redaction. Every meeting that took place in Morocco has been publicized and included on the Administrator's schedule."

Despite The False Narrative From The Media That Pruitt Went To Morocco To Solely Promote Natural Gas, He Attended Numerous Meetings On A Wide Range Of Topics. "Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt returned Wednesday from a trip to Morocco, where he talked with officials about their interest in importing natural gas as well as other areas of 'continued cooperation' between the two countries… The purpose of the trip sparked questions from environmental groups, Democratic lawmakers and some industry experts, who noted that EPA plays no formal role in overseeing natural gas exports. Such activities are overseen primarily by the Energy Department and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission." ([HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2017/12/13/scott-pruitt-and-a-crew-of-epa-aides-just-spent-four-days-in-morocco-promoting-natural-gas/?utm_term=.106293b9e412"], 12/13/2017)

Pruitt Had Numerous Meetings Pertaining To Agency Priorities, Including Disaster Relief, Solid Waste Response, And The Bilateral Free Trade Agreement Between The U.S. And Morocco. "Pruitt met with three top Moroccan officials, according to the agency statement, including the minister of energy, mines and sustainable development; the minister of justice and liberties; and the secretary of state to the minister of foreign affairs. Wilcox said Pruitt 'discussed our bilateral free trade agreement, solid waste response, disaster relief and communications with top Moroccan officials…' His visit came shortly after the EPA held a workshop in Rabat about solid waste management, public participation and crisis communication. Morocco, the only African country with which the United States has a free-trade agreement, is a signatory to the 2015 Paris climate agreement and has collaborated in the past with U.S. officials on its push to

expand domestic solar energy production. During the trip, Moroccan officials took Pruitt on a tour of the IRESEN Green Energy Park, which the EPA said showed the administrator 'firsthand the work being done to promote environmental innovation, including solar energy across Morocco.' ([HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2017/12/13/scott-pruitt-and-a-crew-of-epa-aides-just-spent-four-days-in-morocco-promoting-natural-gas/?utm_term=.106293b9e412"], 12/13/2017)

AUSTRALIA …

Members Of Administrator Pruitt's Advance Team And Security Detail Traveled To Australia Prior To Administrator Pruitt's Scheduled Trip To Meet With Australian Officials. "Pruitt was scheduled to participate in environment-related meetings with Australian officials on a visit to Sydney and Canberra…Wilcox said the original itinerary included a meeting with Australia's parliament." ([HYPERLINK "https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-trump-pruitt-exclusive/exclusive-epa-chiefs-aides-security-agents-made-45000-trip-to-australia-idUSKBN1HQ2U7"] 04/19/2018)

EPA STATEMENT: "Government employees who travel for longer than 14 hours are able to fly in business class and our advance team, which included Millan Hupp and Kevin Chmielewski, was adhering to the federal government's travel policy. Their job was to arrive before Administrator Pruitt, who had meetings planned with the Australian government, but his trip was cancelled due to Hurricane Harvey." – EPA spokesman

Government Officials Are Authorized To Travel In Business Class If Flights Exceed 14 hours. "The purchase of business-class tickets was not a violation of U.S. government policy, which allows federal employees to travel business class on trips lasting 14 hours or more." ([HYPERLINK "https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-trump-pruitt-exclusive/exclusive-epa-chiefs-aides-security-agents-made-45000-trip-to-australia-idUSKBN1HQ2U7"] 04/19/2018)

The Trip Was Ultimately Cancelled Due To Emergency Agency Needs Surrounding Hurricane Harvey. "EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox said Pruitt's trip was canceled because of Hurricane Harvey, which caused major flooding and damage in Texas. Pruitt ended up going to Corpus Christi, Texas to assess the agency's relief efforts instead." ([HYPERLINK "https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-trump-pruitt-exclusive/exclusive-epa-chiefs-aides-security-agents-made-45000-trip-to-australia-idUSKBN1HQ2U7"] 04/19/2018)

On August 30, 2017, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt Visited Corpus Christi "To Assess EPA Relief Efforts And Thank Responders." "U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt traveled to Corpus Christi today to assess EPA relief efforts and thank responders. Administrator Pruitt also met with local and state leaders to discuss continued relief measures in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey." ([HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/administrator-pruitt-meets-hurricane-harvey-responders-and-officials-texas"], 8/30/17)

Pruitt Stated That He Saw The "Devastation Endured By Texas" Firsthand While Visiting Corpus Christi. "'The devastation endured by Texas this week is unfathomable. As I saw

firsthand today, the Lone Star State has shown commendable perseverance in helping their fellow neighbors through this crisis,' said Administrator Pruitt. 'EPA is committed to working with our federal, state, and local partners to provide relief to the affected regions.'" ([HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/administrator-pruitt-meets-hurricane-harvey-responders-and-officials-texas"], 8/30/17)

Pruitt Had Been Scheduled To Participate In Environment-Related Meetings In Sydney And Canberra, Australia, But Cancelled The Trips Due To Hurricane Harvey. "Pruitt was scheduled to participate in environment-related meetings with Australian officials on a visit to Sydney and Canberra. EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox said Pruitt's trip was canceled because of Hurricane Harvey, which caused major flooding and damage in Texas. Pruitt ended up going to Corpus Christi, Texas to assess the agency's relief efforts instead." ([HYPERLINK "https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-trump-pruitt-exclusive/exclusive-epa-chiefs-aides-security-agents-made-45000-trip-to-australia-idUSKBN1HQ2U7"], 4/19/18)

PRUITT'S ONE-BEDROOM LEASE ON CAPITOL HILL

VICKI AND STEVE HART …

EPA STATEMENT: "When Administrator Pruitt arrived in Washington, he stayed at a condo owned by a friend and paid her for it. Vicki Hart is the sole owner of this complex and is a healthcare lobbyist." - EPA spokesman.

Steven Hart Is A Friend Of The Administrator's From Oklahoma And The Living Situation Was Temporary Until A Permanent Washington, DC Residence Could Be Arranged. "'My wife wasn't here yet. My children were back in Oklahoma,' Pruitt said. 'The needs were different. As soon as my wife came up, we moved to a different location where I couldn't just be living out of a suitcase…' Speaking of Hart, Pruitt said: 'He's the chairman of a law firm. I've know this gentleman for years. He's an Oklahoman, and his firm represents these [energy industry] clients, not him. There has been no connection whatsoever in that regard.'" ([HYPERLINK "https://www.dailysignal.com/2018/04/03/ethics-officials-okd-bedroom-rental-epa-chief-says/"], 04/03/2018)

Steven Hart Did Meet With Administrator Pruitt in 2017 But Claims It Was Done For A Friend And Not In An Official Capacity. "Mr. Hart disputed on Saturday that his story had changed, saying in a written statement that his work with Mr. Treacy was not compensated and not on behalf of Smithfield. 'I assisted a friend who serves on the Chesapeake Bay Commission, and this is inaccurately being tied to Smithfield Foods,' Mr. Hart said. 'I was not paid for this assistance and any suggestion that I lobbied for Smithfield Foods is inaccurate...' a spokesman for Mr. Hart, Ryan Williams, told The New York Times that Mr. Hart had met with Mr. Pruitt in 2017, along with Dennis Treacy, a former Smithfield executive vice president. Mr. Treacy now serves on the board of directors of the Smithfield Foundation, which the food company describes as its philanthropic arm with a focus of combating hunger." ([HYPERLINK "https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/21/climate/pruitt-hart-condo-epa-lobbying.html"], 04/21/2018)

Steven Hart Attended A Meeting With Dennis Treacy, Former Executive Vice President Of Smithfield Foods, And Administrator Pruitt Met To Discuss Restoring The Chesapeake Bay And Was Not Conducted At The Request of Smithfield Foods. "'Smithfield Foods, Inc. has learned Williams & Jensen has advocated in support of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) programs to help the Chesapeake Bay,' the company said in a statement Saturday. 'The objective, while laudable, was not undertaken at the direction of or on behalf of Smithfield Foods. These activities were conducted at the request of a then former executive and current Smithfield Foundation board member, Dennis Treacy, in his personal capacity.'" ([HYPERLINK "https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/21/climate/pruitt-hart-condo-epa-lobbying.html"], 04/21/2018)

EPA ETHICS OFFICIALS CLEARED PRUITT'S LEASE …

On March 29, 2018, ABC News Reported EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt Lived In A Condo Owned By The Wife Of A Lobbyist Steven Hart. "Hart confirmed to ABC News in a brief

interview that Pruitt had lived in the flat, which is owned by a limited liability company that links to an address listed to Hart and his wife Vicki Hart, a lobbyist with expertise in the healthcare arena. Steven Hart said Vicki Hart co-owns the condo. He said his wife was not the majority owner, but would not identify her partners." ([HYPERLINK "http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/exclusive-cabinet-trouble-trump-epa-chief-lived-condo/story?id=54095310"], 03/29/2018)

EPA Ethics Counsel Concludes Arrangement Wasn't Ethics Issue Because Pruitt Paid Rent. "Bloomberg reviewed six canceled checks paid by Pruitt totaling $6,100 from March 18 through Sept 1, 2017. He paid $450 on March 18, $900 on April 26, $850 on May 15, $700 on June 4, $1,500 on July 22 and $1,700 on Sept 1… Justina Fugh, who has been ethics counsel at the EPA for a dozen years, said the arrangement wasn't an ethics issue because Pruitt paid rent… Fugh, the EPA's ethics counsel, said no gift was involved. It was a routine business arrangement between Pruitt and an individual, not a lobbying firm, she added." ([HYPERLINK "https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-03-30/epa-chief-s-50-a-night-rental-said-to-raise-white-house-angst"], 03/29/18)

EPA Ethics Official Concluded That Pruitt's $50 A Night / $1,500 A Month Was Market Rate For One Bedroom On Capitol Hill. "In a memo obtained by CBS News, the Environmental Protection Agency's Ethics Official and Deputy Counsel concluded that EPA Administrator's Scott Pruitt's housing arrangement did not breach any ethical violations or constitute a gift. The memo, signed by EPA Deputy Counsel Kevin Minoli, says that the EPA's investigation determined that 'when checked against the price of traditional month-to-month rentals that would most likely offer increased privacy and exclusivity of use, a converted amount of $1,500 for Tenant's portion of the rent under the lease is within the range of amounts charged for locations no further than three blocks away.'" ([HYPERLINK "file:///C:\\Users\\jhewit01\\Documents\\%3ehttps:\\www.cbsnews.com\\news\\epa-ethics-official-argues-scott-pruitts-condo-rental-wasnt-ethics-breach\\%3c"], 4/4/18)

OBAMA'S TREASURY SECRETARY TIMOTHY GEITNER LIVED RENT-FREE IN A BANKING EXECUTIVE'S HOME …

During The Previous Administration, Then-Treasury Secretary Timothy Geitner Lived Rent-Free In A $3.5 Million Townhouse Owned By A Bank Executive While Geitner Was Overseeing The Bailout Crisis For Wall Street Banks "Geithner lived with Zelikow's family in the six-bedroom house, which is next door to the residence of the ambassador of Monaco and not far from the home of Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, during most of his first eight months running the Treasury Department. At that time, Geithner was overseeing the bailout of several huge Wall Street banks, including JPMorgan, which received $25 billion in federal rescue funds from the TARP program… The bank, JPMorgan Chase, has just rehired one of Geithner's oldest and dearest friends, Daniel Zelikow, as a top executive, only a year after the Treasury secretary moved out of his rent-free accommodations in Zelikow's $3.5 million Washington townhouse."

([HYPERLINK "https://www.thedailybeast.com/treasury-secretary-timothy-geithners-wall-street-conflict"], 08/15/10)

THREATS AGAINS PRUITT

ON APRIL 6, 2018 THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FALSELY CLAIMED THEIR WERE NO THREATS AGAINST ADMINISTRATOR PRUITT …

On April 6, 2018, The Associated Press Falsely Reported That There Are No Threats Against Administrator Pruitt Because No Arrests Or Charges Have Been Filed. "A nationwide search of state and federal court records by AP found no case where anyone has been arrested or charged with threatening Pruitt. EPA's press office did not respond Friday to provide details of any specific threats or arrests." ([HYPERLINK "http://www.therepublic.com/2018/04/06/us-trump-epa-security/"], 4/6/18)

PREVIOUS MEDIA REPORTS DISPUTE THIS CLAIM …

On April 11, 2018, CBS News Reported That Administrator Pruitt Received Numerous Threats Including One "Deemed Serious Enough To Prosecute" By The Department Of Justice. "CBS News has obtained an August 2017 report prepared by the Environmental Protection Agency's office of inspector general that contains a list of 13 threats made against EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt and his family. The threats range in severity, credibility and specificity. One tweet flagged by investigators said, 'Pruitt, I'm gonna find you and put a bullet between your eyes. Don't think I'm joking. I'm planning this.' Investigators believe the threat was made by someone living in India… In certain cases, cases were referred to the Justice Department, but just one was deemed serious enough to prosecute. The report covers the period from Oct. 2016 to Aug. 2017." ([HYPERLINK "https://www.cbsnews.com/news/here-are-some-of-the-threats-made-against-epa-administrator-scott-pruitt/"], 4/11/18)

On January 11, 2018 E&E News Reported That "Pruitt Has Faced More Threats Than His Immediate Predecessors, Former Administrators Gina McCarthy And Lisa Jackson." "In an interview with E&E News, Patrick Sullivan, EPA's assistant IG for investigations, said the watchdog opened roughly 70 threat probes in fiscal 2017, including cases and complaints related to EPA facilities and personnel. That surpassed the total of about 45 such probes into threats against EPA from fiscal 2016. Sullivan also said Pruitt has faced more threats than his immediate predecessors, former administrators Gina McCarthy and Lisa Jackson. 'He has had significantly more threats directed against him. There's absolutely no question about it,' Sullivan said." ([HYPERLINK "https://www.eenews.net/stories/1060070805"], 1/11/18)

On November 1, 2017 The Wall Street Journal Reported On "More Than 70 Credible Threats Against EPA Staffers, With A Disproportionate Number Menacing Administrator Scott Pruitt And His Family." "Since the Trump Administration took office, the agency has investigated more than 70 credible threats against EPA staffers, with a disproportionate number menacing Administrator Scott Pruitt and his family… Mr. Pruitt has received more than five times as many threats as his predecessor, Gina McCarthy. These include explicit death threats. Some have referenced Mr. Pruitt's home address. Federal law enforcement has determined that some of

those threatening Mr. Pruitt are likely capable of carrying out acts of violence. EPA security has already caught suspects prowling around the administrator's neighborhood." ([HYPERLINK "https://www.wsj.com/articles/keeping-scott-pruitt-safe-1509578717"], 11/1/17)

EPA'S PROTECTICE SERVICE DETAIL & SPENDING

EPA STATEMENTS ...

Spending Decisions Are Made By EPA'S Protective Service Detail. "Security decisions are made by EPA's Protective Service Detail and are similar to security protocol across the federal government." – EPA spokesman

Pruitt Has Faced An Unprecedented Amount Of Threats Against Him. "According to EPA's Assistant Inspector General, Scott Pruitt has faced an unprecedented amount of death threats against him and security decisions are made by EPA's Protective Service Detail. Americans should all agree that members of the President's cabinet should be kept safe from these violent threats." – EPA spokesman

SECURE PHONE LINE ...

Pruitt's $43,000 Soundproof Phone Booth Started More Modestly. "In the beginning, it was supposed to be just a secure telephone line. But over the course of four months last year, that phone line destined for the office of Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt morphed from a no-more-than $13,500 project into a $43,000 privacy booth, complete with silenced ventilation and "noise-lock" paneling to keep conversations from being overheard, according to documents obtained by Bloomberg News." ([HYPERLINK "https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-04-20/pruitt-s-43-000-soundproof-phone-booth-started-more-modestly"], 4/20/18)

Costs Ballooned After Initial Cost Estimate Was Created. "EPA officials seeking bids for the project initially estimated a privacy booth would cost $13,500 on a July 24, 2017 requisition form. Another $11,500 was added on Aug. 17, and an additional $570 was included on Aug. 23 as the staff closed in on a final vendor. That $25,570, including a $1,000 after-hours delivery charge, was just for the booth itself; total costs ballooned to $43,000 after prep work and installation, including leveling a concrete floor to insert the pre-fabricated steel box. Former Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff Reginald Allen – who had the top career post in the EPA – sent booth costs of $24,570 to Chmielewski on Aug. 23, adding that he was waiting for an estimate for the floor from Jefferson's team. Another email says funding was being handled by Allen's office." ([HYPERLINK "https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-04-20/pruitt-s-43-000-soundproof-phone-booth-started-more-modestly"], 4/20/18)

Career Staff, Not Pruitt, Were Behind EPA's $43K Phone Booth. "However, the documents 'show the heavy role played by career officials who have purchasing power — and suggest political appointees without the authority to approve acquisitions were less involved,' Dlouhy

reported. 'Administrator Pruitt simply requested a secure phone line but never asked for a soundproof booth, nor did he have knowledge of its purchase,' EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox told Bloomberg. The secure phone booth was initially estimated to cost $13,500, but soon morphed into $43,000 project, 'complete with silenced ventilation and 'noise-lock' paneling to keep conversations from being overheard,' according to Bloomberg." ([HYPERLINK "http://dailycaller.com/2018/04/20/pruitt-soundproofphone-booth/"], 4/20/18)

EPA Career Officials Oversaw The Contract For The Phone Line. "Career officials at the Environmental Protection Agency who oversaw the funding and construction of a controversial secure phone booth for Administrator Scott Pruitt's office were acting at the behest of political appointees and security staff, documents obtained by CBS News show. The documents show that the project started soliciting bids at an estimated $13,500 last summer. It eventually cost $43,000, which included painting, floor and ceiling work and prepping the room. Presented with four pricing options ranging between $20,560 and $24,570, career officials chose the most expensively priced because it included 'expedited materials and working outside regular business hours.'" ([HYPERLINK "https://www.cbsnews.com/news/documents-provide-window-into-scott-pruitts-controversial-43000-phone-booth/"], 04/20/18)

The Daily Caller: Career Staff, Not Pruitt, Were Behind EPA's $43K Phone Booth [HYPERLINK "https://t.co/uaxNEzD695" \t "_blank"]
([HYPERLINK "https://twitter.com/DailyCaller/status/988015035032199168"], 04/22/2018)

Jennifer Dloughy, Bloomberg Reporter: New documents show how a possibly modest request for a secure phone line in EPA Chief Pruitt's office morphed into a $43,000 soundproof booth w/ noise-lock paneling & silenced ventilation. ([HYPERLINK "https://twitter.com/jendlouhyhc/status/987307909490110464"], 04/20/18)

Steve Milloy, JunkScience: JunkScience: Pfft... another line of attack on @EPAScottPruitt fizzles. Pruitt only asked for a secure phone line for $13,500. But the bureaucracy tripled the cost. ([HYPERLINK "https://twitter.com/JunkScience/status/987374401858560000"], 04/20/18)

Chris Mooney, Washington Post Reporter: Pruitt's $43,000 phone booth started more modestly [HYPERLINK "https://t.co/scXONahEuI" \t "_blank" \o "https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-04-20/pruitt-s-43-000-soundproof-phone-booth-started-more-modestly"] via [HYPERLINK "https://twitter.com/bpolitics/" \t "_blank"] ([HYPERLINK "https://twitter.com/chriscmooney/status/987437139674763264"], 04/20/18)

Major Garrett, CBS Chief White House Correspondent: Documents provide window into Scott Pruitt's controversial $43,000 phone booth [HYPERLINK "https://t.co/TDsD5NjoIC" \t "_blank" \o "https://www.cbsnews.com/news/documents-provide-window-into-scott-pruitts-controversial-43000-phone-booth/"] via [HYPERLINK "https://twitter.com/CBSPolitics/" \t "_blank"] ([HYPERLINK "https://twitter.com/MajorCBS/status/987461116296159232"], 04/20/2018)

CBS News: Documents provide window into Scott Pruitt's controversial $43,000 phone booth [HYPERLINK "https://t.co/TDsD5NjoIC" \t "_blank" \o "https://www.cbsnews.com/news/documents-provide-window-into-scott-pruitts-controversial-43000-phone-booth/"] via [HYPERLINK "https://twitter.com/CBSPolitics/" \t "_blank"] ([HYPERLINK "https://twitter.com/CBSNews/status/987670556043628545"], 04/20/2018)

BULLET-PROOF VEHICLES MYTH …

EPA Corrects Media Reports About Bulletproof Tires And Bullet-Resistant Seat Covers For Pruitt. "The Environmental Protection Agency is correcting the record, claiming news reports about bulletproof tires and bullet-resistant seat covers to protect its embattled chief Scott Pruitt at government expense were inaccurate. EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox told Fox News: 'We would like to put this rumor to rest. EPA has no bulletproof vehicles, tires or seat covers, the agency has no contracts for any bulletproof vehicles, tires or seat covers, and the agency never sought any contracts for bulletproof vehicles, tires or seat covers.' Wilcox also sent to Fox News 'the federal purchase order, which reveals there was no purchase of bulletproof tires or bullet-resistant covers.' Wilcox added, 'In response to an individual attempting to assassinate numerous Congressional Republicans while they practiced for a charity baseball game, EPA's Protective Service Detail placed bullet-proof vests over each seat.'" ([HYPERLINK "http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2018/04/18/epa-corrects-reports-about-bulletproof-tires-and-bullet-resistant-seat-covers-for-pruitt.html"], 4/18/18)

SECURITY SWEEPS …

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FIRST CLASS TRAVEL

Security Incidents Prompted EPA Officials To Move Administrator Pruitt To First Or Business Class. "'The shift to first-class travel began after May 2017, when EPA officials saw how recognizable Pruitt was to the general public, Barnet said. There were 'incidents where he was being approached – vulgar language, people were being somewhat aggressive towards him – and so the special agent in charge provided documentation – a memo – to me and up the chain of command requesting the administrator be placed in business- or first-class to avoid these potential issues for the safety of the administrator.'" ([HYPERLINK "https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-02-15/epa-chief-s-high-flying-travel-prompted-by-vulgar-encounters"], 02/15/2018)

Prior To Every Flight, EPA Submitted A Security-Related Waiver To Approve Administrator Pruitt's Travel Arrangements. "EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox said the agency submits a security-related waiver for each trip Pruitt takes." ([HYPERLINK "https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-02-15/epa-chief-s-high-flying-travel-prompted-by-vulgar-encounters"], 02/15/2018)

EPA Submitted Letter To House Oversight Committee Chairman Explaining Waiver. "In a letter to Gowdy, EPA said that Pruitt's first class travel was approved 'on an individualized basis,' and was necessary due to security concerns. His security detail, the letter said, 'identified specific, ongoing threats associated with the administration administrator's air travel and, therefore, shifted his class based on security protocols that require him to be near the front of the plane.'" ([HYPERLINK "https://www.thedailybeast.com/scott-pruitt-spent-dollar105000-on-first-class-flights-2"], 3/20/18)

EPA Spent $105,000 On First Class Travel For Administrator Pruitt For Travel. "Environmental Protection Agency administration Scott Pruitt spent about $105,000 on first class airfare since assuming the post, records obtained by The Daily Beast show. The details of Pruitt's travel are spelled out in documents sent to congressional investigators on Tuesday as part of the House Oversight Committee's probe into the use of taxpayer resources for official government travel." ([HYPERLINK "https://www.thedailybeast.com/scott-pruitt-spent-dollar105000-on-first-class-flights-2"], 3/20/18)

In February 2018, Administrator Pruitt Announced He Directed Security Team To Accommodate Threats To Allow Him To Fly Coach. "'There's a change coming, because look the security threat matters,' Pruitt said. 'What I've told them going forward is this: There is a change occurring, you're going to accommodate the security threats as they exist, you're going to accommodate those in all ways, alternate ways, up to and including flying coach, and that is what's going to happen on my very next flight. So those things are happening right away.'" ([HYPERLINK "https://www.cbsnews.com/news/scott-pruitt-my-very-next-flight-will-be-coach-epa-administrator-the-takeout-interview/"], 02/28/2018)

The Associated Press Used Flights On Southwest Airlines – Which Does Not Have First Class –

To Push Their False Narrative That Pruitt Flies Coach When He Is Paying For Person Travel. "The AP released a report on Wednesday titled: 'EPA chief sat in coach when not flying on taxpayer's dime.' The headline — and the opening lede — suggested that the leader of the EPA makes more economical decisions when taking personal flights, as opposed to his travel when conducting official business. However, there is one major detail included about Southwest Airlines: They do not offer first-class travel. This detail was included in the body of the AP article, but the headline and angle of the report framed Pruitt as a hypocrite when it comes to personal travel." ([HYPERLINK "http://dailycaller.com/2018/04/19/associated-press-scott-pruitt-travel/"], 4/19/18)

The Associated Press Falsely Reported That EPA Confirmed Their Claim. "This was not the only detail the EPA took issue with. The AP claimed on Twitter that it confirmed their story with the agency. However, EPA spokesperson Jahan Wilcox said this tweet is false and that the agency never confirmed their report. 'The same security procedures are followed whether Administrator Pruitt is on official or personal travel,' the official statement provided to the AP read. The statement neither confirmed nor denied the story." ([HYPERLINK "http://dailycaller.com/2018/04/19/associated-press-scott-pruitt-travel/"], 4/19/18)

PRUITT'S EPA EMAIL ACCOUNTS

EPA STATEMENT: "When EPA receives a FOIA request concerning the Administrator's emails, all accounts associated are searched before we respond to that request." – Steve Fine, Acting Chief Information Officer

EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy had 4 email accounts: [HYPERLINK "mailto:5178RAMcCarthy@epa.gov"], [HYPERLINK "mailto:Adm13McCarthy@epa.gov"], [HYPERLINK "mailto:GinaMcCarthy.epaadministrator@epa.gov"], and [HYPERLINK "mailto:McCarthy.Gina@epa.gov"].

Obama EPA officials said multiple email addresses for the Administrator "have been standard practice since the Clinton Administration." "The internal account exists so that Jackson's communications with other government officials aren't buried under the crush of emails flooding into her public account, [HYPERLINK "mailto:jackson.lisap@epa.gov"], which got 1.5 million emails in fiscal year 2012, EPA says. The agency says such dual- account arrangements have been standard practice since the Clinton administration, when EPA Administrator Carol Browner was first assigned two @epa.gov email addresses. 'For more than a decade, EPA administrators have been assigned two official, government-issued email accounts: a public account and an internal account,' EPA said in a statement to POLITICO." ([HYPERLINK "https://www.politico.com/story/2012/11/lisa-jacksons-windsor-knot-084112"], Politico, 11/20/12)

Lisa Jackson had one email for the public and one internal account to communicate with staff and other government officials. "'The email address for the public account is posted on EPA's website and is used by hundreds of thousands of Americans to send messages to the administrator. The internal account is an everyday, working email account of the administrator to communicate with staff and other government officials.'" ([HYPERLINK "https://www.politico.com/story/2012/11/lisa-jacksons-windsor-knot-084112"], Politico, 11/20/12)

George W. Bush's Administration said there was nothing usual about Lisa Jackson's multiple email accounts. "High-ranking officials from George W. Bush's EPA agree that the arrangement is nothing new, and say they were never under the impression that the internal account was a secret. Senior EPA leadership and EPA regional administrators had the email address, as did anyone to whom the administrator provided it, and the messages were all considered part of the public record. When it comes to public records and FOIA requests, 'both the public and internal accounts are reviewed for responsive records, and responsive records from both accounts are provided to FOIA requesters,' EPA said." ([HYPERLINK "https://www.politico.com/story/2012/11/lisa-jacksons-windsor-knot-084112"], Politico, 11/20/12)

RAISES TO STAFF / AD HIRING AUTHORITY

The Atlantic falsely claimed that Administrator Scott Pruitt was responsible for substantial pay raises to two staff. "In early March, Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt approached the White House with a request: He wanted substantial pay raises for two of his closest aides." ([HYPERLINK "https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2018/04/pruitt-epa/557123/https:/www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2018/04/pruitt-epa/557123/"], 4/3/18)

Administrator Pruitt swiftly denied his involvement in the raises. "I found out this yesterday and I corrected the action and we are in the process of finding out how it took place and correcting it," – EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt ([HYPERLINK "http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2018/04/04/epas-scott-pruitt-pushes-back-on-pay-raise-condo-controversy-in-fox-exclusive.html"], 4/4/18)

Ryan Jackson, EPA Chief of Staff, went on the record stating that Administrator Pruitt had zero knowledge of the raises. "Administrator Pruitt had zero knowledge of the amount of the raises, nor the process by which they transpired. These kind of personnel actions are handled by EPA's HR officials, Presidential Personnel Office and me," Jackson said in a prepared statement Monday. – Ryan Jackson, EPA Chief of Staff ([HYPERLINK "https://www.politico.com/story/2018/04/09/pruitt-epa-raises-511112https:/www.politico.com/story/2018/04/09/pruitt-epa-raises-511112"], 4/9/18)

Jackson provided Politico with reasoning for the substantial raises but confirmed that they had been reversed per Pruitt's direction. "He [Ryan Jackson] said the staffers were to be paid "similar to their peers given their responsibilities over the past year," and that their original salaries started lower than their colleagues' because they had moved to Washington, D.C., from Oklahoma, where salaries are lower. He added that the raises had been reversed, as Pruitt instructed, and any future changes would go through the White House for evaluation." ([HYPERLINK "https://www.politico.com/story/2018/04/09/pruitt-epa-raises-511112https:/www.politico.com/story/2018/04/09/pruitt-epa-raises-511112"], 4/9/18)

EPA's Office of Inspector General issued a Management Alert on Salary Increases for Certain Administratively Determined Positions on 4/16/18, which referenced EPA's further reasoning for the raises. "These salary determinations for appointees were made by the Agency chief of staff, White House liaison, and Agency human resources staff based on previous salary history and increases in salary were made due to either new and additional responsibilities or promotions. The salaries involved were meant to correspond directly with the responsibilities the individual held and to attempt to ensure no salary disparities among positions of equivalent or similar responsibilities with other political appointees as much as possible. As employees continue to work in the agency reaching milestones like one year of employment and/or continue to take on new responsibilities, we will further evaluate their salaries to ensure the employees compensation is commensurate with their seniority and work." (EPA's 4/15/18 response to OIG's 4/11/18 draft report, [HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-

04/documents/_epaoig_20180416-18-n-0154.pdf"], 4/16/18) [See attached for OIG management alert]

EPA's Office of Inspector General further provides the HR documentation supporting the raises in this Management Alert, which show Ryan Jackson approved the raises. Documents show that authorizations for these raises (Employee A and Employee B), were signed "Ryan Jackson for Scott Pruitt." ([HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-04/documents/_epaoig_20180416-18-n-0154.pdf"], 4/16/18) [See attached for OIG management alert]

EPA STATEMENT: "The Safe Drinking Water Act provides the EPA with broad authority to appoint scientific, engineering, professional, legal, and administrative positions within EPA without regard to the civil service laws. This is clear authority that has been relied on by previous administrations," EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox said in a statement. ([HYPERLINK "https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2018/04/pruitt-epa/557123/https:/www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2018/04/pruitt-epa/557123/"], 4/3/18)

- **Direct Text of Statute:** *"§ 300j–10. Appointment of scientific, etc., personnel by Administrator of Environmental Protection Agency for implementation of responsibilities; compensation*
  To the extent that the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency deems such action necessary to the discharge of his functions under title XIV of the Public Health Service Act [42 U.S.C. 300f et seq.] (relating to safe drinking water) and under other provisions of law, he may appoint personnel to fill not more than thirty scientific, engineering, professional, legal, and administrative positions within the Environmental Protection Agency without regard to the civil service laws and may fix the compensation of such personnel not in excess of the maximum rate payable for GS–18 of the General Schedule under section 5332 of title 5." ([HYPERLINK "https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/USCODE-2015-title42/pdf/USCODE-2015-title42-chap6A-subchapXII-partE-sec300j-10.pdf"])

Multiple EPA employees from previous administrations have confirmed its wide use. "Stan Meiburg, who spent 39 years at EPA, including as acting deputy administrator in the Obama administration, said, "It has been done by both parties, so it has been ratified over time.... These are highly prized positions because you can bring people in without having to go through the usual competition process." Meiburg remembered both the George W. Bush and Obama administrations having AD hires. ([HYPERLINK "https://www.eenews.net/stories/1060078167/print"], 4/4/18)

- "A provision of the Safe Drinking Water Act allows the EPA administrator to hire up to 30 people into the agency, without White House or congressional approval. The provision, meant to help expedite the hiring of experts and allow for more flexible staffing, became law in 1996. In past administrations, it has been used to hire specialists into custom-made roles in especially stressed offices, according to Bob Perciasepe, a former acting EPA administrator." ([HYPERLINK

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When asked about how the AD hiring authority has been used in previous administrations, former EPA employees all had conflicting comments on what it was used for, supporting that the statute gives broad authority to the Administrator. "Stan Meiburg, who spent 39 years at EPA, including as acting deputy administrator in the Obama administration… recalled some of those hires landing as political aides to EPA regional chiefs during those administrations. Meiburg said it made sense that the Trump administration would use the hiring authority for political aides like press officials and schedulers to assist Pruitt. "Those are pretty specialized skills, and there are folks in the political field who have those skills," said Meiburg, who now teaches at Wake Forest University. "That's not to say you don't need a good solid career staff in public affairs, as well." But Meiburg found it noteworthy that Pruitt had used the hiring authority to bring on deputy assistant administrators. "The use of the AD authority to bring on a political deputy is a little unusual," Meiburg said. "*Most of the AD appointments are at a lower level.* You usually have a non-career SES be a political deputy." ([HYPERLINK "https://www.eenews.net/stories/1060078167/print"], 4/4/18)

- ***"The people I knew of in that category were well-seasoned, experienced professionals in their fields,"* said Ken Kopocis,** who headed the Office of Water from 2011 to 2015. "We did not use it as a way to get around the White House. … It's not designed to fill up your political slots." ([HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/powerpost/paloma/the-energy-202/2018/04/04/the-energy-202-environmentalists-ethics-experts-question-scott-pruitt-s-unusual-hiring-practice/5ac3e5d330fb0478f2925189/"], 04/04/18)

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KEVIN CHMIELEWESKI/SENATE DEMOCRATS LETTER

ALLEGATION 1 …

Mr. Chmielewski provided several examples to lawmakers of wasteful security spending beyond justifying the use of first-class travel under the guise of security. This includes the purchase of bulletproof vests and weapons, biometric looks, a security sweep of Administrator Pruitt's office, one or more new SUVs for Administrator Pruitt's travel (rather than obtaining vehicles from the General Services Administration), and a $30,000 contract with private Italian security personnel entered into by Mr. Nino Perrotta, the Special Agent who leads Administrator Pruitt's security detail. Mr. Chmielewski explained that at least one security-related contract was awarded to an individual who works at Mr. Perrotta's private security firm, and he believes that other contracts may also have been awarded to friends or associates of Mr. Perrotta's.

SECURITY DETAIL FOR THE G-7 SUMMIT IN ITALY …

EPA Security Detail Followed The Same Security Procedures On The G7 Trip That Have Been Used For The Previous 14 Years. "EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox said the security detail 'followed the same procedures for the G7 environmental meeting in Italy that were used during EPA Administrators Stephen Johnson, Lisa Jackson, and Gina McCarthy's trips to Italy. EPA's security procedures have not deviated over the past 14 years.'" ([HYPERLINK "https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-epa-spending/epa-chiefs-security-detail-on-italy-trip-cost-30000-document-idUSKBN1GW29H?il=0"], 3/20/18)

EPA STATEMENT: "Administrator Pruitt attended numerous G7 meetings with his bilateral counterparts and in terms of security, EPA's Protective Service Detail tried to replicate the same security measures taken when EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy traveled to Italy in 2015." – EPA spokesman

BULLETPROOF VEHICLES …

On April 19, 2018 Fox News Reported That EPA Pushed Back On Claims Of Purchasing Bulletproof Materials, Stating That The Agency Has Never Sought Nor Purchased Any Bulletproof Vehicles, Tires, Or Seat Covers. "EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox told Fox News: 'We would like to put this rumor to rest. EPA has no bulletproof vehicles, tires or seat covers, the agency has no contracts for any bulletproof vehicles, tires or seat covers, and the agency never sought any contracts for bulletproof vehicles, tires or seat covers.'" ([HYPERLINK "http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2018/04/18/epa-corrects-reports-about-bulletproof-tires-and-bullet-resistant-seat-covers-for-pruitt.html"], 4/19/18)

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ALLEGATION 2 ...

Mr. Chmielewski told Congressional staff that Administrator Pruitt spent well beyond the $5,000 allowed by law to decorate his office, including refinishing an antique desk, purchasing an additional standing desk, paying leases for art on loan from the Smithsonian Institution, framing an 8x10 foot United States flag, and building a $43,000 soundproof phone booth.

SMITHSONIAN'S POLICY/STATEMENT ...

Chmielewski Claimed That EPA Was Paying Leases For Artwork On Loan From The Smithsonian Institution, This Claim Is False As The Smithsonian Routinely Loans Cabinet Officials Paintings Free Of Charge. "One thing Chmielewski told Democrats was that EPA was 'paying leases for art on loan from the Smithsonian Institution' to furnish Pruitt's office. Chmielewski's also claimed Pruitt 'spent well beyond the $5,000 allowed by law to decorate' his office, which included 'refinishing an antique desk, purchasing an additional standing desk.' Smithsonian Institution's chief spokeswoman, however, told the New Republic's Emily Atkin they don't lease artwork to federal agencies. Spokeswoman Linda St. Thomas 'we do not charge' for artwork on loan. Atkin noted '[p]aintings and sculptures not on view in the museums are routinely loaned to members of Congress, the Supreme Court, and the White House, she said.' St. Thomas said 'President Barack Obama's EPA administrators also loaned paintings from the Smithsonian American Art Museum,' Atkin reported." ([HYPERLINK "http://dailycaller.com/2018/04/13/accusation-dems-leveled-pruitt-proven-wrong/"], 4/13/18)

DESKS ...

EPA Spokesman Jahan Wilcox Stated That "The Administrator Never Considered The Proposal," Regarding Desks. "Asked about the proposed desk purchases, Mr. Wilcox, the E.P.A. spokesman, said that 'the administrator never considered the proposal.'" ([HYPERLINK "https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/05/business/epa-officials-questioned-scott-pruitt.html"], 4/5/18)

ALLEGATION 3 ...

Mr. Chmielewski said that Administrator Pruitt insisted on the use of lights and sirens to transport more quickly through traffic to the airport, meetings, and social events on numerous occasions, and that Administrator Pruitt permitted his drivers to speed through residential neighborhoods and red lights, far in excess of posted speed limits.

LIGHTS & SIRENS ...

EPA Stated That "The Security Detail For The Past 15 Years Has Used Them In Very Limited Fashion." "The agency said Mr. Pruitt played no role in deciding when the sirens and lights would be used. 'The security detail for the past 15 years has used them in very limited fashion,'

Mr. Wilcox said." ([HYPERLINK "https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/05/business/epa-officials-questioned-scott-pruitt.html"], 4/5/18)

ALLEGATION 4 ...

Mr. Chmielewski said that Administrator Pruitt his Director of Scheduling and Advance Millan Hupp acted as a personal real estate representative, spending weeks improperly using federal government resources and time to contact rental and seller's agents, and touring numerous properties in which he might wish to reside.

HOUSING SEARCH ...

EPA Said That Government Resources Were Used To Find Administrator Pruitt Housing Is "Categorically False." "In a statement, EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox responded, 'The notion that government resources were used to assist in finding housing is categorically false.'" ([HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2018/04/03/epas-pruitt-gave-big-raises-to-two-close-aides-after-being-rebuffed-by-the-white-house/?utm_term=.ea0295364879"], 4/3/18)

ALLEGATION 5 ...

Mr. Chmielewski said that Ms. Hupp, at Administrator Pruitt 's direction, sought to have the agency enter into a $100,000 per month contract to rent a private jet, which would have cost more than the Administrator's annual travel budget of approximately $450,000. Mr. Chmielewski claimed he successfully prevented this from occurring, as it would have been far in excess of the total travel budget of the office.

PRIVATE PLANE CONTRACT ...

On April 2, 2018 The Washington Post Reported That EPA Received A Solicitation From A Private Jet Firm, But Decided To Reject It And Continue To Fly Commercial. "'This is not news,' EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox said in a statement Monday. 'EPA's [chief financial officer] regularly receives solicitations for this type of travel, we did our due diligence, found it was not as cost efficient and continued to fly commercial.'" ([HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/epa-explored-private-jet-lease-for-pruitts-travels-last-year/2018/04/02/8651deb8-3607-11e8-8fd2-49fe3c675a89_story.html?noredirect=on&utm_term=.e34e32cbc3b8"], 4/2/18)

ALLEGATION 6 ...

Mr. Chmielewski said he observed that Administrator Pruitt 's travel destinations are often dictated by his desire to visit particular cities or countries rather than official business, and that he told staff to something to do [in those locations]? to justify the use of taxpayer funds. He stated that you direct your staff to book flights on Delta, even when they are not the federal government's contract carrier for the route, because Administrator Pruitt wanted to accrue more frequent flyer miles.

PRUITT'S TRAVEL OUTSIDE OF WASHINGTON …

On October 1, 2017 Tulsa World Reported That EPA Spokesman Stated That "Administrator Pruitt Has Made It A Priority To Get Out Of The Deep State Of Washington," And Hear From Americans That Were Ignored By The Past Administration. "'Administrator Pruitt has made it a priority to get out of the deep state of Washington and into cities, towns and states across the country hearing from Americans that were ignored by the past Administration,' said EPA Spokesman Jahan Wilcox. 'When traveling, it is our policy to always fly commercial. There were few instances that dictated otherwise and the decision to fly private or government aircraft was made based on necessity or efficiency.'" ([HYPERLINK "http://www.tulsaworld.com/homepagelatest/d-c-report-scott-pruitt-s-staff-defends-non-commercial/article_6caf81cf-4c47-57da-8bc5-af486092980c.html"], 10/1/17)

On April 21, 2018 The Washington Post Reported That Pruitt Has Visited Over 30 States. "'Administrator Pruitt has visited over 30 states. We will continue to visit those ignored by the Obama administration and implement President Trump's agenda of regulatory certainty and environmental stewardship,' Wilcox said." ([HYPERLINK "https://www.washingtonpost.com/national/health-science/a-factory-of-bad-ideas-how-scott-pruitt-undermined-his-mission-at-epa/2018/04/20/695fa2c0-42ac-11e8-bba2-0976a82b05a2_story.html?utm_term=.ac555b80f61b"], 4/21/18)

ALLEGATION 7 …

He also informed Congressional staff that Administrator Pruitt directed EPA staff to find reasons to travel to Oklahoma, so that he could be in his home state for long weekends at taxpayers expense. Mr. Chmielewski described the official meetings in Oklahoma as being pretextual, such as scheduling an official meeting with an old friend. According to Mr. Chmielewski, Administrator Pruitt frequently stayed in hotels that exceeded the allowable US. government per diem, sometimes even exceeding the 300 percent cap permitted in exceptional circumstances. He added that while Administrator Pruitt was reimbursed for these expenses, on some occasions members of his security detail were not reimbursed for the portion of their expenses that exceeded allowable maximums.

OKLAHOMA TRAVEL …

On February 17, 2018, CNN Reported That EPA Officials Treat Oklahoma "Exactly Like We Did North Dakota, Minnesota, Indiana And Every Other State We Visited During The Tour." "Reached for comment, EPA spokeswoman Liz Bowman said: 'With respect to visiting Guymon, it was an important stop on our WOTUS [Waters of the United States] tour where we were able to hear comments from people who have been directly affected by the rule, whose voices have been disregarded in the rulemaking process. By visiting with government officials and citizens, we treated Oklahoma exactly like we did North Dakota, Minnesota, Indiana and every other state we visited during the tour.'" ([HYPERLINK "file:///C:\\Users\\jhewit01\\AppData\\Local\\Microsoft\\Windows\\INetCache\\Content.Outlook\\VZZLRGIX\\Reached%20for%20comment,%20EPA%20spokeswoman%20Liz%20Bowman%20said:%20%22W

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ALLEGATION 8 ...

After the EPA Chief of Staff raised concerns about Administrator Pruitt travel, Mr. Chmielewski reported that he texted his Chief of Staff to tell him that his presence was no longer welcome at scheduling meetings for your travel. Mr. Chmielewski further described Administrator Pruitt's efforts to marginalize your Chief of Staff as he refused to follow some actions you directed, and he described Ms. Hupp and Sarah Greenwalt, your senior counsel, as running the agency.

SCHEDULING MEETINGS ...

EPA STATEMENT: "Our scheduling and public engagement offices lead this process and involve other staff members as needed." – EPA Spokesman

Message

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Cc: "Block, Molly" <block.molly@epa.gov>, "Wilcox, Jahan" <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>, "Abboud, Michael" <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] PolitiFact media query

I would adjust it to say we are working WITH states. For example, we are working with states on agreeing to state implementation plans (SIPs) rather than imposing Federal Implementation Plans (FIPs) that the Obama administration heavily relied on.

- **Cooperative Federalism**: Administrator Pruitt has visited nearly 30 states in his first year on the job meeting with 30+ governors and elected officials from red and blue states, as he works with state officials to ensure EPA is being responsive to local needs for our diverse country.
    - As of March 1, 2017, EPA has worked with states to approve 206 state air plans or state implementation plans (SIP's). EPA had a backlog of over 700 unapproved SIPs.

From: Cheung, Steven EOP/WHO Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy
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To: Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>
Cc: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] PolitiFact media query

And in terms of "clean Air & Water" do we point to Administrator Pruitt's previous comments that EPA's mission will be more focused on air and water—as opposed to the previous administration—and that he'll leave it to individual states to determine their own standards?

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To: Cheung, Steven EOP/WHO Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy
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EPA Ethics official argues Scott Pruitt's Condo Rental Wasn't Ethics Breach. In a memo obtained by CBS News, the Environmental Protection Agency's Ethics Official and Deputy Counsel concluded that EPA Administrator's Scott Pruitt's housing arrangement did not breach any ethical violations or constitute a gift. The memo, signed by EPA Deputy Counsel Kevin Minoli, says that the EPA's investigation determined that "when checked against the price of traditional month-to-month rentals that would most likely offer increased privacy and exclusivity of use, a converted amount of $1,500 for Tenant's portion of the rent under the lease is within the range of amounts charged for locations no further than three blocks away." (CBS News, 4/4/18)

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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] PolitiFact media query

Excellent—thanks! I just realized I forwarded the wrong fact check initially... I've corrected below. Anything on rent being market rate?

Steven

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From: Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 9, 2018 3:51 PM
To: Cheung, Steven EOP/WHO Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy
Cc: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
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Hi Steven,

Please see below:

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Cc: Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] PolitiFact media query

My bad cheung, I've been out sick today. James and Molly should be able to help out.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 9, 2018, at 3:12 PM, Cheung, Steven EOP/WHO Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy wrote:

> Hey man,

I sent a note to Jahan about a fact check we received (see below). Do you have anything on your end?

Steven Cheung
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Director of Strategic Response
Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy
@scheung45

From: Cheung, Steven EOP/WHO
Sent: Monday, April 9, 2018 1:51 PM
To: 'Wilcox, Jahan' <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] PolitiFact media query

Hey man,

Hope y'all are hanging in there. I received a fact check on the President's tweet over the weekend about some EPA-related stuff (see below). Do you have any backup or bullets for these?

Thanks,
Steven

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From: jonzgreenberg@gmail.com <jonzgreenberg@gmail.com> **On Behalf Of** Jon Greenberg
Sent: Monday, April 9, 2018 9:46 AM
To: Cheung, Steven EOP/WHO Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy
Subject: [EXTERNAL] PolitiFact query: President's Pruitt tweet

Hi Steven -

Manuela and I are working on the April 7 tweet and would welcome any background details on the following:

Security spending was somewhat more than his predecessor

Record clean Air & Water (by what measures?)

Rent was about market rate

Thanks for getting back to us.

Jon

Staff writer - PolitiFact

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Sent: 12/13/2017 8:06:45 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=88fd588e97d3405d869bcae98d391984-Wilcox, Jah]
Subject: RE: Pruitt in Paris/Morocco

"The Administrator's travel is arranged by career federal employees and reviewed by security personnel."

From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 3:02 PM
To: Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Pruitt in Paris/Morocco

You guys have an opinion on how to handle?

From: Biesecker, Michael [mailto:MBiesecker@ap.org]
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 2:57 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Pruitt in Paris/Morocco

Jahan,

Past reporting quotes EPA travel documents as saying Pruitt "is entitled to business class accommodation due to security concerns." Is that still the agency's position and will you comment directly on whether Pruitt utilized premium class airfare traveling to and from Morocco?

Thanks,

Michael

From: Biesecker, Michael
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 1:41 PM
To: 'Wilcox, Jahan' <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Pace, Julie <JPace@ap.org>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Pruitt in Paris/Morocco

I did misstate that the $17,500 is for Pruitt's airfare. That is a total including other expenses. Are there other issues you would like to raise?

From: Wilcox, Jahan [mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 1:38 PM
To: Biesecker, Michael <MBiesecker@ap.org>; Pace, Julie <JPace@ap.org>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Pruitt in Paris/Morocco

Michael –

Not everything you have listed is correct, you should make sure your source is giving you accurate information. Below is our on-the-record statements:

"This trip allowed us to directly convey our priorities and best practices with Moroccan leaders, as well as identify opportunities for continued cooperation, as our two countries further talks around the Environmental Work Plan. We are committed to working closely with countries like Morocco to enhance environmental stewardship around the world." – EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt

"EPA Administrator Pruitt discussed our bilateral free trade agreement, solid waste response, disaster relief and communications with top Moroccan officials." – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox.

From: Biesecker, Michael [mailto:MBiesecker@ap.org]
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2017 11:32 AM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Pruitt in Paris/Morocco

Jahan,

I see you guys issued a press release about Pruitt's trip to Morocco, after refusing to comment about it to AP. We plan to write about the taxpayer-incurred costs of the trip.

They include Pruitt's airline ticket cost $17,597.49 and a total cost of at least $39,067 for five people (including Pruitt, Ryan Jackson, Samantha Dravis and security staff).

Please provide on the record comment on EPA's perspective on why these costs were justified. How did the purpose of the trip, which was to promote "the potential benefit of liquefied natural gas imports on Morocco's economy" fulfil EPA's mission to protect the environment and enforce U.S. environmental laws?

Also, please comment on why the cost of Pruitt's ticket was several times that of the others in the EPA contingent and would appear to indicate he flew First Class. Why was that level of luxury necessary for a public servant traveling at taxpayer expense?

I have a 1:30 deadline for this story, so your quick response is appreciated.

Thanks,

Michael

From: Biesecker, Michael
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 1:30 PM
To: 'Wilcox, Jahan' <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Pruitt in Paris/Morocco

Can you affirm on the record that all of Administrator Pruitt's meeting with Bob Murray are listed on his calendar?

From: Wilcox, Jahan [mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 12:34 PM
To: Biesecker, Michael <MBiesecker@ap.org>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Pruitt in Paris/Morocco

"Due to security concerns we do not comment on Administrator Pruitt's upcoming schedule, but every meeting that he attends is posted on www.epa.gov."

From: Biesecker, Michael [mailto:MBiesecker@ap.org]
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 12:09 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Pruitt in Paris/Morocco

Still hoping to get a response to this. Administrator Pruitt is a public official. His travel shouldn't be a secret.

Michael

From: Biesecker, Michael
Sent: Monday, December 11, 2017 2:41 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Pruitt in Paris/Morocco

Liz, Jahan,

Can you confirm whether Adminstrator Pruitt will be attending the climate summit in Paris this week. We also heard he's headed to Morocco. Could you provide any detail about what he'll be doing there?

Thanks,

Michael

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Subject: Re: Requests for comment

Response of the century.

On Apr 7, 2018, at 8:36 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

https://mobile.twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/982770847046922240

Have a great night!

On Apr 6, 2018, at 9:25 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

We missed this inquiry. Can you please update your story with our statement:

On-The-Record … **"According to EPA's Assistant Inspector General, Scott Pruitt has faced an unprecedented amount of death threats against him and his family. Americans should all agree that members of the President's cabinet should be kept safe from these violent threats."** – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

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From: Biesecker, Michael [mailto:MBiesecker@ap.org]
Sent: Friday, April 6, 2018 12:20 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Requests for comment

Didn't get a response to these questions yesterday. I remain hopeful you will provide on the record comment about the reasons for the administrator's upsized security detail, which has included 20 full-time staff and additional officers that have rotated in from around the country. We are preparing to report on the total cost of the administrator's security precautions.

From: Biesecker, Michael
Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2018 1:06 PM
To: 'Bowman, Liz' <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Requests for comment

Thanks for getting back to me Liz.

I also want to confirm something else with you: EPA has said previously on background that Administrator Pruitt's 24-hour security detail and use of premium class airfare were initiated following unprecedented threats to his security, including an incident last March where a person yelled at him in an airport to "Stop f-ing up the environment." Is all that accurate?

Also, without divulging specific details about his security arrangements, can you all provide any more on the nature of the threats against him? Have there been threats of violence? Have any investigations initiated into individuals who made threats against him?

We have searched state and federal court records and cannot find any instances of individuals being charged with communicating threats against Pruitt. Can you point me to any?

Thanks,

Michael

From: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2018 12:55 PM
To: Biesecker, Michael <MBiesecker@ap.org>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Requests for comment

Hi Michael – Here is our statement on Samantha: "After serving for over a year as EPA's head of policy, Samantha Dravis has decided to pursue other opportunities. She has been integral in the Agency's successful implementation of the President's environmental agenda and the Agency wishes her success in her future endeavors."

I understand that Kevin Minoli has a statement on the new memo, which he can share with you directly.

Thank you,

Liz

From: Biesecker, Michael [mailto:MBiesecker@ap.org]
Sent: Thursday, April 5, 2018 8:38 AM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>

Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Requests for comment

Jahan, Liz,

Please provide comment on the resignation of Samantha Dravis and Kevin Minoli's letter saying he wasn't given full info Pruitt's living arrangement before issuing the earlier memo you distributed.

Thanks,

Michael

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Subject: RE: checking in on a couple of stories related to the House Oversight and Government Reform probe

"We are working diligently with Chairman Gowdy and are in full cooperation in providing the Committee with the necessary documents, travel vouchers, receipts and witnesses to his inquiries."

From: Eilperin, Juliet [mailto:Juliet.Eilperin@washpost.com]
Sent: Monday, May 7, 2018 4:27 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>; Dennis, Brady <Brady.Dennis@washpost.com>
Subject: checking in on a couple of stories related to the House Oversight and Government Reform probe

Dear Jahan and Lincoln,
Brady and I wanted to check in on a few fronts. Here are our questions.

1. We just obtained through FOIA the May 1, 2017 memo from Mr. Perrotta to the Administrator's travel coordinator (attached), requesting that he sit in either business or first class in order to avoid "lashing out" from passengers and the fact that "continued use of coach seats for the Administrator would endanger his life." We understand this request was granted on June 2, 2017. Since the EPA did not turn over additional documents to HOGR on this issue, is this tantamount to the "blanket waiver" Jahan referred to in February?
2. We understand Mr. Pruitt is taking steps to establish a legal defense fund to defray the costs associated with the different federal inquiries he now faces. Can you provide details about the establishment of this fund, including how Mr. Pruitt intends to get donations for it? And as we understand, this is to defray his own legal costs, and not those of his staff, correct?
3. In terms of current and former EPA staffers who have been asked to appear before HOGR, we understand that Mr. Perrotta appeared in Wednesday, and was represented by EPA counsel, and both Sarah Greenwalt and Millan Hupp are scheduled to talk to investigators in the next two weeks. Our understanding is that Ms. Greenwalt will be represented by private counsel. Is that accurate? And has a date been scheduled for Ryan Jackson or Samantha Dravis, both of whom we understand are represented by private counsel?
4. Separately, we just saw the NYT account that Mr. Pruitt's meal at Al Ceppo was originally paid for by Leonard Leo. Can you clarify how much that meal cost, and when Mr. Pruitt reimbursed Leo. Also, since Mr. Leo organized multiple meals in Rome, did he initially pay for other meals for the Administrator?

Thanks so much, and we are reachable the usual ways,
Juliet

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"Administrator Pruitt and Leonard Leo are longtime close friends, and more, Mr. Leo is not a lobbyist. As such, the meals are allowable as a gift under federal law. However, the Administrator chose to pay for the meals and not accept the allowable gift." – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

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1. We just obtained through FOIA the May 1, 2017 memo from Mr. Perrotta to the Administrator's travel coordinator (attached), requesting that he sit in either business or first class in order to avoid "lashing out" from passengers and the fact that "continued use of coach seats for the Administrator would endanger his life." We understand this request was granted on June 2, 2017. Since the EPA did not turn over additional documents to HOGR on this issue, is this tantamount to the "blanket waiver" Jahan referred to in February?
2. We understand Mr. Pruitt is taking steps to establish a legal defense fund to defray the costs associated with the different federal inquiries he now faces. Can you provide details about the establishment of this fund, including how Mr. Pruitt intends to get donations for it? And as we understand, this is to defray his own legal costs, and not those of his staff, correct?
3. In terms of current and former EPA staffers who have been asked to appear before HOGR, we understand that Mr. Perrotta appeared in Wednesday, and was represented by EPA counsel, and both Sarah Greenwalt and Millan Hupp are scheduled to talk to investigators in the next two weeks. Our understanding is that Ms. Greenwalt will be represented by private counsel. Is that accurate? And has a date been scheduled for Ryan Jackson or Samantha Dravis, both of whom we understand are represented by private counsel?
4. Separately, we just saw the NYT account that Mr. Pruitt's meal at Al Ceppo was originally paid for by Leonard Leo. Can you clarify how much that meal cost, and when Mr. Pruitt reimbursed Leo. Also, since Mr. Leo organized multiple meals in Rome, did he initially pay for other meals for the Administrator?

Thanks so much, and we are reachable the usual ways,
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Sent: 5/15/2018 1:34:24 PM
To: Shah, Raj S. EOP/WHO Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy ; Kennedy, Adam R. EOP/WHO Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy
Subject: RE: OIG letter to Senate about Security

In case you get asked today, we worked closely on this WaPo, Politico and Daily Caller story.

- http://dailycaller.com/2018/05/14/epa-officials-scott-pruitt-security-emails/
- https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2018/05/14/scott-pruitt-requested-and-received-247-security-starting-on-his-first-day-at-epa/?utm_term=.19c41f68ae03
- https://www.politico.com/story/2018/05/14/scott-pruit-24-7-security-epa-watchdog-1214909

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Scott Pruitt requested, received 24/7 security starting on his first day at EPA
By Brady Dennis and Juliet Eilperin, 5/14/18, 9:07 PM

Scott Pruitt began receiving round-the-clock security from the moment he stepped foot inside the Environmental Protection Agency in February 2017, at the behest of a Trump administration political appointee, according to emails obtained by The Washington Post.

The EPA's inspector general said in a letter Monday that Pruitt got extensive protection from the very start of his tenure but did not clarify who requested it. The separate series of emails obtained by The Washington Post shows that the decision to provide Pruitt with 24/7 coverage was made by Don Benton, a Republican former Washington state senator who served as the agency's senior White House adviser in the first weeks of the new administration.

"EPA's Protective Service Detail began providing 24/7 coverage of the Administrator the first day he arrived," Inspector General Arthur Elkins wrote in response to inquiries from Sens. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.) and Thomas R. Carper (D-Del.) about what threats prompted Pruitt's nonstop security, which has cost in excess of $3 million. "The decision was made by the Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training after being informed that Mr. Pruitt requested 24/7 protection once he was confirmed as Administrator."

The inspector general's office, which investigates threats made against any EPA employee, "played no role in this decision," Elkins added.

In a Feb. 12, 2017, email to several EPA security officials, Benton framed the decision as a precautionary measure given the controversy sure to ensue from some of the president's early policy decisions. "I have requested 24-7 protection for the new administrator for the first week at least and then evaluate from there," Benton wrote.

"There will be several Executive Orders signed when [Pruitt] is sworn in that will likely stir the hornets nest and with the security issue in the Atlanta office last week as well as the lady who threatened former administrator [Gina] McCarthy not showing up for court and at large in DC it is best to be on the safe side," he continued.

EPA officials discussed the increased costs and strain on the agency's criminal-investigations division that would stem from such a move. The acting special agent in charge, Eric Weese, wrote colleagues that nonstop protection would entail doubling the number of agents on Pruitt's security detail to 16.

Weese predicted this would be "a major disruption" to the division's assets in the Mid-Atlantic region, "but there will be no other way to pull this off."

Agency spokesman Jahan Wilcox said in a statement Monday that, "as the report says, EPA's Office of Inspector General does not determine security assessments. EPA's Protective Service Detail handles security decisions and this particular decision was made before Administrator Pruitt arrived at EPA."

Some Cabinet members routinely receive heightened security as part of their jobs, including the secretaries of defense, state and homeland security. FBI agents accompany the attorney general around the clock. But for other Cabinet posts, the level of protection varies, based on circumstances. Early in the Trump administration, for example, Education Secretary Betsy DeVos received a full protective detail, at an estimated initial cost of $1 million a month.

At the EPA, prior administrators have not typically received 24/7 protection. Pruitt's immediate predecessor, McCarthy, typically had a security detail that accompanied her to work each day, to meetings and to events and dropped her off at home each night. The detail also traveled with her on official business. But McCarthy's detail was roughly a third of the size of the one that guards Pruitt.

"While I did get threats, I did not feel like I was particularly under threat," McCarthy said in a recent interview. She said she declined the agents' proposal that she expand her protection. "I did what I thought was the minimum."

Agency officials, including Pruitt, have said repeatedly that he has experienced far more threats than previous administrators. And Pruitt has maintained that he left decisions about the size and intensity of his security detail, as well as related decisions such as traveling first class for safety, to Pasquale "Nino" Perrotta, the special agent in charge who took over after Weese was reassigned.

Perrotta, who has been under scrutiny for the expenditures related to Pruitt's security and travel, retired from the agency late last month.

Grilled at a hearing on Capitol Hill last month about the need for such extensive security, Pruitt read directly from a list of alleged threats the inspector general had compiled last summer, including one posted on social media that read: "Pruitt, I'm gonna find you and put a bullet between your eyes. Don't think I'm joking. I'm planning this."

The 14 incidents collected by the inspector general to that point also included a "potentially threatening postcard" from a person who "expressed regret and apologized" when confronted by investigators, as well as a letter from a prison inmate that authorities concluded "did not reveal any overt threatening language."

There were no confirmed threat cases open the day Pruitt took office, according to an individual with direct knowledge of the matter who spoke on the condition of anonymity out of fear of retaliation.

Elkins made clear in his letter Monday that his office "has never conducted a 'threat assessment' " for Pruitt — a broader, more formal evaluation used to help determine what level and type of protection is warranted for an official.

"It includes all available information, including the results of threat investigations, but also other factors, such as notoriety, history of threats or violence directed against the person or event, other dangers or potentials dangers that may be associated with the person or event, and location," Elkins wrote, adding, "The OIG is not a decision-maker for the EPA."

Elkins said that the EPA's front office asked the inspector general to undertake such an assessment in February 2017 but that he "declined and informed EPA management that it is not the role of the OIG to provide a threat assessment." Later, he wrote, his office provided the list of threats it had investigated to Pruitt's protective service detail, which was in the process of preparing its own threat assessment.

Perrotta wrote a brief memo May 1, 2017, requesting approval for Pruitt to begin flying first and business class whenever possible, based on security concerns. Perrotta said that Pruitt was being recognized more often in public and that those guarding him had noticed "at times lashing out from passengers which occurs while the Administrator is seated in coach with [his personal security detail] not easily accessible to him due to uncontrolled full flights."

As a result, Perrotta wanted a way to better control the environment around the EPA chief. "We believe that the continued use of coach seats for the Administrator would endanger his life," he said. Earlier this year, after a public outcry over the cost of his travels, Pruitt said he instructed his detail to again seat him in coach class whenever feasible.

Whitehouse and Carper, who requested the information that Elkins ultimately provided Monday, said in a statement that Pruitt's decision to request full-time security from the moment he took over at the EPA raises questions about his previous claims.

"A threat to a federal employee's personal security is extremely serious, but so is using security as pretext for special treatment on the public dime," the senators said. "This letter raises troubling questions about whether Administrator Pruitt told the truth during his testimony before the House. Now more than ever, Mr. Pruitt should come clean about his spending of taxpayer dollars on all manner of extravagances, and our colleagues on both sides of the aisle should demand he do so."

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Jahan,

Seeking your response to the following letter from the IG: https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-05/documents/ig_response_to_carper_05-14-18.pdf

In the past, you have said the enhanced security for Administrator Pruitt was triggered by unprecedented threats. This letter says the administrator demanded and received 24-hour-a-day security starting on his very first day in office. Can you clarify?

Also, the letter says Nino Perrotta is under investigation. Could you please provide comment?

Thanks,

Michael

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Subject: Re: quick press question from NYT on new EPA security spending numbers

Thank you! Just as a follow up, are these numbers going to be posted regularly in the future?

On Fri, May 25, 2018 at 4:20 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

The numbers posted are for McCarthy, Jackson and Pruitt and available at https://www.epa.gov/foia/national-online-foia-library#request.

"Administrator Pruitt has faced an unprecedented amount of death threats against him and to provide transparency EPA will post the costs of his security detail and pro-actively release these numbers on a quarterly basis. Americans should all agree that members of the President's cabinet should be kept safe from violent threats." – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

BACKGROUND …

Here are some of the threats made against EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. "CBS News has obtained an August 2017 report prepared by the Environmental Protection Agency's office of inspector general that contains a list of 13 threats made against EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt and his family. The threats range in severity, credibility and specificity." (CBS News, 04/11/18)

Patrick Sullivan, EPA's Assistant Inspector General For Investigations said there are a number of threats against EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. "'We have at least four times -- four to five times the number of threats against Mr. Pruitt than we had against Ms. [Gina] McCarthy,' said Patrick Sullivan, EPA's assistant inspector general for investigations, referring to Pruitt's predecessor during the Obama administration. He declined to provide the specific numbers of threats against Pruitt. 'They run the variety of direct death threats -- 'I'm going to put a bullet in your brain' -- to implied threats -- 'if you don't classify this particular chemical in this particular way, I'm going to hurt you,'' Sullivan told CNN in an interview. 'Then there's implied threats -- like they say in New York, with the mafia: 'If you come after me and my family, I'll come after you and your family.'' (CNN, 11/28/17)

According to Patrick Sullivan, threats have nearly doubled against Pruitt. "In an interview with E&E News, Patrick Sullivan, EPA's assistant IG for investigations, said the watchdog opened roughly 70 threat probes in fiscal 2017, including cases and complaints related to EPA facilities and personnel. That surpassed the total of about 45 such probes into threats against EPA from fiscal 2016. Sullivan also said Pruitt has faced more threats than his immediate predecessors, former administrators Gina McCarthy and Lisa Jackson. 'He has had significantly more threats directed against him. There's absolutely no question about it,' Sullivan said." (E&E News, 01/11/18)

Threats have been made against Pruitt and his family. "The administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency said an increase in his security detail is the result of an escalation in threats to him and his family. 'The quantity and the volume -- as well as the type -- of threats are different," Pruitt said in an interview with Bloomberg News. "What's really disappointing to me as it's not just me -- it's family.'" (Bloomberg, 10/26/17)

Pruitt said threats the level of protection is decided by the threat. "The level of protection is dictated by the level of threat," Pruitt said, noting security arrangements are decided by others assessing the situation." (Bloomberg, 10/26/17)

EPA's Office EPA's Office of Criminal Enforcement, Henry Barnet said there have been incidents of aggressive behavior against Pruitt. "There were 'incidents where he was being approached -- vulgar language, people were being somewhat aggressive towards him -- and so the special agent in charge provided documentation -- a memo -- to me and up the chain of command requesting the administrator be placed in business- or first-class to avoid these potential issues for the safety of the administrator.'" (Bloomberg, 02/15/18)

EPA's Office EPA's Office of Criminal Enforcement, Henry Barnet said it's their job to ensure they can pull Pruitt away from threats. "The agents have to make sure he's in a position where they can protect him," the director of EPA's Office of Criminal Enforcement, Henry Barnet, said in an interview. "If he's surrounded by other members of the public or it's a threat, their job is to push him and pull him away from those threats. That's why it is imperative to keep him away from the individuals so they can keep him safe." (Bloomberg, 02/15/18)

EPA's Protective Service Detail says there is a high level of interest against Pruitt. "Perrotta described a "high level of unusual interest in the administrator," calling it the most he's ever seen while safeguarding EPA chiefs." (Bloomberg, 02/15/18)

Sent from my iPhone

On May 25, 2018, at 4:19 PM, Plumer, Brad <brad.plumer@nytimes.com> wrote:

Hi Jahan,

Quick question about the security spending data released today — is this something that is going to be released periodically going forward? And do you have a comment from the EPA we'd be able to use on this if we did do a story?

Thanks so much—

Brad

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She originally gave us a 3pm deadline.

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Hi Jahan and Liz

We are finishing work on a story about the EPA that addresses concerns that were raised by certain HQ staff members related to travel, office spending and issues related to security protocols by the Office of the Administrator.

The story notes how four individuals who raised these objections--Kevin Chmielewski, John E. Reeder and Reginald E. Allen, and Eric Weese--were later transferred to different jobs, or moved on their own to a different job after being told to find a new role, or in Kevin's case, put on leave.

We know that there are different circumstances involving each of these individuals, three of whom are career and one is political. But we wanted to go in detail here through some of the issues that these staff members raised and then the way their jobs were shifted after their raised these issues.

We welcome your specific responses to these issues. But we need any response you want to offer by 3 p.m. today, Thursday, April 5.

Here are the specific factual assertions I welcome you to address;

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Right, let's have an in person conversation when we believe we have it all ready to send.

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I agree. I was just referring to the calling of 4 people disgruntled and she gave us the names. Just my opinion.

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Jahan –

Good morning. Looking for comment on this letter from the acting director of the Office of Government Ethics on Sec. Pruitt's rental agreement:

https://oge.app.box.com/v/LettertoEPADAEO

Thanks –

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Answers in bold.

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Jahan –

Good morning. I'm doing a story off of Politico's report about Administrator Pruitt's use of first-class flights and the new cost figures for those flights. Please send me any comment you have on that report and its contents.

"We have responded to Chairman Gowdy. The letter explains, EPA's Protective Service Detail identified specific ongoing threats associated with Administrator Pruitt's travel and shifted his class based on certain security protocols that require him to be near the front of the plane." – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

I'd also like to know if Mr. Pruitt has made any changes in the way he travels as a result of the controversy over the issue of costs.

"We answered this in a podcast with CBS News."

https://www.cbsnews.com/news/scott-pruitt-my-very-next-flight-will-be-coach-epa-administrator-the-takeout-interview/

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Subject: Re: Did you release security docs today?

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The comparable time periods look like almost $2 million for the first year under Adms. Jackson and McCarthy

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To: Wilcox, Jahan
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Subject: Re: Did you release security docs today?

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Can you give any more detail on background on what these numbers include? For example are the travel numbers all costs and expenses while traveling including flights and lodging? What documents were used to compile them and do the payroll numbers include overtime?

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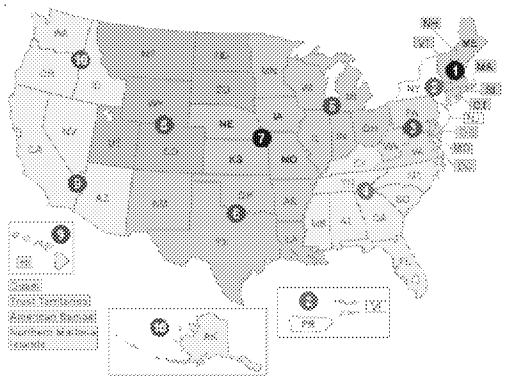
> The numbers posted are for McCarthy, Jackson and Pruitt and available at https://www.epa.gov/foia/national-online-foia-library#request.



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"Administrator Pruitt has faced an unprecedented amount of death threats against him and to provide transparency EPA will post the costs of his security detail and pro-actively release these numbers on a quarterly basis. Americans should all agree that members of the President's cabinet should be kept safe from violent threats." – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

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Thanks

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- **Oklahoma Office**
  - Shortly before he became your chief of staff, Ryan Jackson was the chief of staff for Senator Jim Inhofe of Oklahoma. In that role, Mr. Jackson directed EPA staff to consider opening an office in your hometown of Tulsa—and that EPA staffers believed that the request was "coming directly from Administrator Pruitt". **Did you ask for such a request to be made?**
- **Threats/First Class**
  - The former chief of your security detail, Eric Weese, was reluctant to sign off on requests for you to travel in first class based on security concerns. Mr. Weese was replaced with Nino Perratto who has no concerns with signing off on your use of first class. Do you think the following "threats" justify your 24/7 security or flying first class?
    - One of the threats, made in March, consisted of someone drawing a mustache on your face on the cover of Newsweek and taping the magazine inside of an elevator at an EPA building.

    - Another incident characterized as a threat was made on Nov. 8, 2017, by an 85-year-old who sent a letter to the agency on the back of Department of Veterans Affairs letterhead that was riddled with expletives.

      "Just read your denial of global warming recently released by the National Academy of Sciences," the person wrote. "Hope that you & your kind die and choke to death of cancer of the guts, slowly in agony, & rot forever in a toxic

sewer in hell forever!"

- At an April 26th hearing in the House, you said that an EPA Inspector General assessment justified spending taxpayer money on first class travel—which the IF refuted that day, saying that it never signed off on the document. Why did you cite the IG without verifying this claim?

- On trips back to Oklahoma you flew in coach; however, when you flew on official business, you flew in first class. How can you justify flying in first class when the tax payer if footing the bill, but flying in coach when you are paying?

- Has your agency turned over the waivers required by law to book first-class flights reserved for you, which were requested by Trey Gowdy?

- **Rose Bowl**

    - Who paid for your tickets to the Rose Bowl?

- **Italy**
    - Leonard Leo not only planned and accompanied you on your trip to Italy—he also bought you pricey dinner in Italy. You claim you have reimbursed Mr. Leon—did you reimburse him for the full amount? Can you provide with committee with proof that you reimbursed Mr. Leo?
    - Did Mr. Leo pay for anything else on the trip?
    - Newly released documents showed that you **only spent four hours** of official business during your two-day trip to Rome. It was also revealed that you spent more than twice that amount of time in private meetings. **Why was so much time on this official trip devoted to private interests?**
- **Morocco**
    - Was it necessary to spend $40,000 to take 10 staffers to Morocco on a two-day trip with two one-hour public meetings?
    - Did Richard Smotkin accompany you in meetings with government officials in Morocco?
    - What was the purpose of Mr. Smotkin accompanying you?
    - Did you know Mr. Smotkin was a registered lobbyist?
    - Did you play a role in Mr. Smotkin receiving a retroactive lobbying contract for the Moroccan government?
    - Did you approve a first-class ticket for Samantha Dravis to fly with you on your return trip from Morocco?
    - Did Kevin Chmielewski refused to retroactively approve the first-class ticket for Ms. Dravis, despite being pressured by you?

- **Phone Booth**
    - On April 16, 2018, the GAO issues a legal opinion that found the EPA violated federal law when the agency obligates federal funds totaling $43,238.68 on the installation of a soundproof privacy booth in your office. These obligations violated both the

Antideficiency Act—which prohibits agencies from incurring obligations more than legally available amounts. Section 710 of Division E of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, which requires advance notification to the Committees on Appropriations of the House and Senate for obligations or expenditures more than $5,000 to furnish or redecorate the office of the head of an agency.

  - Several weeks have passed, and the EPA has not transmitted the statutorily-required Antideficiency Act report regarding this violation, nor has the agency fulfilled related notification requirements regarding other expenditures made to furnish or redecorate your office (biometric locks, Captain's Desk). **When do you plan to fulfill your statutory requirements?**
  - After the GAO concluded that this expenditure violted the Financial Services and General Appropriations Act, an EPA spokesman disagrees that the expenditure required notice to Congress. **Why does the agency disagree?**

- **Australia**
  - What was the intended purpose behind your planned trip last year to Australia?
  - What role did Matthew Freedman—who has ties to Paul Manafort—play in planning your trip?
- **Travel (General)**
  - Did you pick travel destinations based on your personal desires and did you ask your staff to "find me something to do" to justify the use of taxpayer money?
  - Did you instruct your staff to only book your flights on Delta, despite cheaper more direct flights being available?
    - For example—on July 6th you took a trip to Birmingham, Alabama and flew on Delta and connected through Atlanta. You booked this flight despite US AIRWAYS flying almost hourly, direct flights to Birmingham. Why was this arrangement made?
  - Did you ask staff to find reasons for you to travel back to Oklahoma?
  - Why did you frequently stay in hotels that exceeded the allowable U.S government per diem and even the 300 percent cap permitted in exceptional circumstances—and get reimbursed even as members of your security detail were not?
  - Why does your scheduling office put "travel" on your schedule instead of the details related to your travels?

- **Retaliation**
  - Was your chief of staff uninvited from scheduling meetings when he raised concerns about your travel? Does he attend your scheduling meetings now?
  - Kevin Chmielewski has said that he was "100% forced out" after raising concerns about your spending and for not retroactively approving Samantha Dravis' first class ticket. The agency claims Mr. Chmielewksi resigned; however, he claims he was fired. Which is it? Do you know why Mr. Chmielewski is no longer with the agency?
- **Condo**
  - Did your daughter stay with you at the condo? If so, did she use a second room? Was rent paid for use of the second room?

- Did you leave your belongings at the apartment when you were not using the apartment?
- Was your rent always paid on time?
- Could you provide this committee with bank statements to show your checks were timely and cashed?
- Why did you not consult with lawyers or ethics officials before renting an apartment from the wife of an energy lobbyist?
- You claimed that Steve Hart never lobbied the agency; however, emails released from FOIA prove your claim to be false. He in fact recommended someone to serve on EPA's Science Advisory Board.
- Why is Steve Hart's name crossed off the lease?
- In emails with Sydney Hupp, Mr. Hart mentions that he has contacted your via text. Did you ever text with Mr. Hart on your personal or official telephone?

- **Personal Business on Official Time**
  - Did Millan Hupp, Sydney Hupp or any other EPA employees assist in your search for an apartment?
  - Did any EPA employee contact a realtor on your behalf?
  - Did any EPA employee accompany you and your realtor at any rental property?

- **Pay Raises**
  - What did Sarah Greenwalt and Millan Hupp do to merit raises of $57,000 and $28,000, respectively?
  - Were you aware that the White House rejected the request to increase their pay?

- **Samantha Dravis**
  - As you know, on of your most trusted aids—Samantha Dravis—is being investigated by the IG for time and attendance fraud. **Did Samantha Dravis report to work during the months of November 2017—January 2018?**
  - Can you account for her whereabouts during this period?
  - If you cannot answer definitively—do you believe Ms. Dravis accurately accounted for her time and attendance?
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  - The story also alleges that some of the leaks about allegations of improper activity by you may have come from Porter. Is the agency investigating?
  - When Trey Gowdy's committee asked to speak to Ms. Dravis she reportedly backdated her resignation by a full week to avoid appearing before the committee. Would you encourage Ms. Dravis to cooperate with Mr. Gowdy's investigation? Do you approve of her actions?

- **Legal Defense Fund**
  - Who will administrator the fund?

- Will contributions be public?
- Will donations from entities with business before the EPA be refused?

Message

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Subject: RE: APPROVAL: Security spending

Thanks for this. I'm good with that.

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I'm available on my cell Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

Thanks,
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- **Zinke**
  - Recent reports claim that one of your press staffers, Michael Abboud, attempted to distract from your troubles by planting stories that would reflect poorly on Secretary Zinke. **Did you or anyone on your staff instruct Mr. Abboud to engage in such behavior? Do you approve of Mr. Abboud's behavior?**
  - The White House reportedly reached out to EPA to see if Michael Abboud is a Schedule C or an Administratively Determined position to determine what disciplinary actions could be taken. Given that Abboud it AD, no actions were taken. Also, Abboud's uncle, Andy Abboud, reportedly called the White House to save his nephew's job. Andy Abboud is a long-time advisor to Sheldon Adelson, a major donor to President Trump. **Given all of Michael Abboud's protections, do you plan to discipline him?**

  - The only information I know about this story is what I have read in the press reports. Mr. Addoud has denied these allegations and I have no reason to question him.

- **Oklahoma Office**
  - Shortly before he became your chief of staff, Ryan Jackson was the chief of staff for Senator Jim Inhofe of Oklahoma. In that role, Mr. Jackson directed EPA staff to consider opening an office in your hometown of Tulsa—and that EPA staffers believed that the request was "coming directly from Administrator Pruitt". **Did you ask for such a request to be made?**

  - I am not familiar with any of these conversations.

Threats/First Class

  - The former chief of your security detail, Eric Weese, was reluctant to sign off on requests for you to travel in first class based on security concerns. Mr. Weese was replaced with Nino Perratto who has no concerns with signing off on your use of first class. Do you think the following "threats" justify your 24/7 security or flying first class?

- One of the threats, made in March, consisted of someone drawing a mustache on your face on the cover of Newsweek and taping the magazine inside of an elevator at an EPA building.

- Another incident characterized as a threat was made on Nov. 8, 2017, by an 85-year-old who sent a letter to the agency on the back of Department of Veterans Affairs letterhead that was riddled with expletives.

  "Just read your denial of global warming recently released by the National Academy of Sciences," the person wrote. "Hope that you & your kind die and choke to death of cancer of the guts, slowly in agony, & rot forever in a toxic sewer in hell forever!"

➢ I trust and rely on my security team to make the appropriate assessments as it relates to my security.

- At an April 26th hearing in the House, you said that an EPA Inspector General assessment justified spending taxpayer money on first class travel—which the IF refuted that day, saying that it never signed off on the document. Why did you cite the IG without verifying this claim?

  ➢ Again, I trust and rely on my security team to make the appropriate assessments as it relates to my security.

- On trips back to Oklahoma you flew in coach; however, when you flew on official business, you flew in first class. How can you justify flying in first class when the tax payer if footing the bill, but flying in coach when you are paying?

  ➢ On most of my personal flights back to Oklahoma I fly Southwest Airlines, which only offers one class of travel.

- Has your agency turned over the waivers required by law to book first-class flights reserved for you, which were requested by Trey Gowdy?

  ➢ This agency is fully cooperating with Chairman Gowdy and his staff.

- **Rose Bowl**

  - Who paid for your tickets to the Rose Bowl?

- **Italy**
  - Leonard Leo not only planned and accompanied you on your trip to Italy—he also bought you pricey dinner in Italy. You claim you have reimbursed Mr. Leon—did you reimburse him for the full amount? Can you provide with committee with proof that you reimbursed Mr. Leo?

- Mr. Leon was reimbursed

  - Did Mr. Leo pay for anything else on the trip?

  - Newly released documents showed that you **only spent four hours** of official business during your two-day trip to Rome. It was also revealed that you spent more than twice that amount of time in private meetings. **Why was so much time on this official trip devoted to private interests?**

- **Morocco**
  - Was it necessary to spend $40,000 to take 10 staffers to Morocco on a two-day trip with two one-hour public meetings?

  - The staff that accompanied me to Morocco were both career and political staff who served vital functions.

  - Did Richard Smotkin accompany you in meetings with government officials in Morocco?
  - What was the purpose of Mr. Smotkin accompanying you?

  - Did you know Mr. Smotkin was a registered lobbyist?

  - Did you play a role in Mr. Smotkin receiving a retroactive lobbying contract for the Moroccan government?

  - Did you approve a first-class ticket for Samantha Dravis to fly with you on your return trip from Morocco?

  - I do not approve staff travel. This is done by career staff.

  - Did Kevin Chmielewski refused to retroactively approve the first-class ticket for Ms. Dravis, despite being pressured by you?

  - I do not recall any of those conversations.

- **Phone Booth**
  - On April 16, 2018, the GAO issues a legal opinion that found the EPA violated federal law when the agency obligates federal funds totaling $43,238.68 on the installation of a soundproof privacy booth in your office. These obligations violated both the Antideficiency Act—which prohibits agencies from incurring obligations more than legally available amounts. Section 710 of Division E of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2017, which requires advance notification to the Committees on Appropriations of

the House and Senate for obligations or expenditures more than $5,000 to furnish or redecorate the office of the head of an agency.

- Several weeks have passed, and the EPA has not transmitted the statutorily-required Antideficiency Act report regarding this violation, nor has the agency fulfilled related notification requirements regarding other expenditures made to furnish or redecorate your office (biometric locks, Captain's Desk). **When do you plan to fulfill your statutory requirements?**

- After the GAO concluded that this expenditure violted the Financial Services and General Appropriations Act, an EPA spokesman disagrees that the expenditure required notice to Congress. **Why does the agency disagree?**

- **Australia**
  - What was the intended purpose behind your planned trip last year to Australia?

  - What role did Matthew Freedman—who has ties to Paul Manafort—play in planning your trip?

- **Travel (General)**
  - Did you pick travel destinations based on your personal desires and did you ask your staff to "find me something to do" to justify the use of taxpayer money?
    - I have set a robust travel agenda to hear directly from individuals across this country who have been impacted by EPA's overreach during the Obama administration.

  - Did you instruct your staff to only book your flights on Delta, despite cheaper more direct flights being available?
    - For example—on July 6th you took a trip to Birmingham, Alabama and flew on Delta and connected through Atlanta. You booked this flight despite US AIRWAYS flying almost hourly, direct flights to Birmingham. Why was this arrangement made?

    - I do not handle to logistics of my travel arrangements.

  - Did you ask staff to find reasons for you to travel back to Oklahoma?

  - Why did you frequently stay in hotels that exceeded the allowable U.S government per diem and even the 300 percent cap permitted in exceptional circumstances—and get reimbursed even as members of your security detail were not?

    - I do not handle to logistics of my travel arrangements.

- Why does your scheduling office put "travel" on your schedule instead of the details related to your travels?

  - I am not aware that is the case; however, my schedule is made public on EPA's website and is updated regularly.

- **Retaliation**
  - Was your chief of staff uninvited from scheduling meetings when he raised concerns about your travel? Does he attend your scheduling meetings now?
  - Kevin Chmielewski has said that he was "100% forced out" after raising concerns about your spending and for not retroactively approving Samantha Dravis' first class ticket. The agency claims Mr. Chmielewksi resigned; however, he claims he was fired. Which is it? Do you know why Mr. Chmielewski is no longer with the agency?

    - I am not familiar with the circumstances that led to Mr. Chmielewski's departure from the agency; however, I believe performance played a factor.
- **Condo**
  - Did your daughter stay with you at the condo? If so, did she use a second room? Was rent paid for use of the second room?

  - Did you leave your belongings at the apartment when you were not using the apartment?

  - Was your rent always paid on time?

  - Could you provide this committee with bank statements to show your checks were timely and cashed?

  - Why did you not consult with lawyers or ethics officials <u>before</u> renting an apartment from the wife of an energy lobbyist?

  - You claimed that Steve Hart never lobbied the agency; however, emails released from FOIA prove your claim to be false. He in fact recommended someone to serve on EPA's Science Advisory Board.

  - Why is Steve Hart's name crossed off the lease?

  - In emails with Sydney Hupp, Mr. Hart mentions that he has contacted you via text. Did you ever text with Mr. Hart on your personal or official telephone?

- **Personal Business on Official Time**
  - Did Millan Hupp, Sydney Hupp or any other EPA employees assist in your search for an apartment?
  - Did any EPA employee contact a realtor on your behalf?
  - Did any EPA employee accompany you and your realtor at any rental property?
- **Pay Raises**
  - What did Sarah Greenwalt and Millan Hupp do to merit raises of $57,000 and $28,000, respectively?
    - Both employees had and continued to perform multiple roles.
  - Were you aware that the White House rejected the request to increase their pay?
    - As I have stated, I was unaware of the process.
- **Samantha Dravis**
  - As you know, on of your most trusted aids—Samantha Dravis—is being investigated by the IG for time and attendance fraud. **Did Samantha Dravis report to work during the months of November 2017—January 2018?**
  - Can you account for her whereabouts during this period?
  - If you cannot answer definitively—do you believe Ms. Dravis accurately accounted for her time and attendance?
    - Given the IG's ongoing investigation, I should not comment.
  - A media report suggests that Ms. Dravis may have provided internal EPA information to WH staffer, Rob Porter. Did the EPA investigate this allegation to see if any information was disclosed contrary to federal law?
  - The story also alleges that some of the leaks about allegations of improper activity by you may have come from Porter. Is the agency investigating?
    - Ms. Dravis is no longer an EPA employee.
  - When Trey Gowdy's committee asked to speak to Ms. Dravis she reportedly backdated her resignation by a full week to avoid appearing before the committee. Would you encourage Ms. Dravis to cooperate with Mr. Gowdy's investigation? Do you approve of her actions?
    - Ms. Dravis is no longer an EPA employee.
- **Legal Defense Fund**

- Who will administrator the fund?
- Will contributions be public?
- Will donations from entities with business before the EPA be refused?

Message

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True, I'm just providing information for us.

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It's an ongoing personnel issue so we need to be careful what we say

On Apr 10, 2018, at 2:31 PM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

> Thank you.
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> So Troy, this was the culmination of a full year's worth of investigation which was going on nearly on the first day I arrived.
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> He left escorted by Ted and one of my labor relations staff at 11am today.
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> **From:** Jackson, Ryan
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> **Subject:** FW: APPROVAL: security threat - comment request
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> Here is the trail.
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> CNN has also asked us about Mario being walked out of the building to which we have responded that we don't discuss personnel issues. Mario is #2 in DHS. He has lost his security clearance and been

investigated for the past year to reach the conclusion of placing him on administrative leave. However, with Whitehouse saying he has something from OHS and Mario coinciding on the same day is not good. Donna is checking on whether Mario has actually left the building and whether this action has been taken as of yet.

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UPDATED STATEMENT (With RJ's suggestion):

"Scott Pruitt has faced an unprecedented amount of death threats against him and these threat assessments are conducted within OECA using information collected from the PSD, EPA's Office of Homeland Security, and Inspector General. Americans should all agree that members of the President's cabinet should be kept safe from these violent threats." – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

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Also, I would include that threat assessments are conducted within OECA and involves information collected from the PSD, EPA's Office of Homeland Security, and Inspector General.

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I think we just stick to what we have been saying. That said it's odd for us to respond to a letter between 2 Senators. Will wait for RJ or Troy's guidance.

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BACKGROUND …

Patrick Sullivan, EPA's Assistant Inspector General For Investigations said there are a number of threats against EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. "'We have at least four times -- four to five times the number of threats against Mr. Pruitt than we had against Ms. [Gina] McCarthy,' said

Patrick Sullivan, EPA's assistant inspector general for investigations, referring to Pruitt's predecessor during the Obama administration. He declined to provide the specific numbers of threats against Pruitt. 'They run the variety of direct death threats -- 'I'm going to put a bullet in your brain' -- to implied threats -- 'if you don't classify this particular chemical in this particular way, I'm going to hurt you,'' Sullivan told CNN in an interview. 'Then there's implied threats -- like they say in New York, with the mafia: 'If you come after me and my family, I'll come after you and your family.'' (CNN, 11/28/17)

According to Patrick Sullivan, threats have nearly doubled against Pruitt. "In an interview with E&E News, Patrick Sullivan, EPA's assistant IG for investigations, said the watchdog opened roughly 70 threat probes in fiscal 2017, including cases and complaints related to EPA facilities and personnel. That surpassed the total of about 45 such probes into threats against EPA from fiscal 2016. Sullivan also said Pruitt has faced more threats than his immediate predecessors, former administrators Gina McCarthy and Lisa Jackson. 'He has had significantly more threats directed against him. There's absolutely no question about it,' Sullivan said." (E&E News, 01/11/18)

Threats have been made against Pruitt and his family. "The administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency said an increase in his security detail is the result of an escalation in threats to him and his family. 'The quantity and the volume -- as well as the type -- of threats are different," Pruitt said in an interview with Bloomberg News. "What's really disappointing to me as it's not just me -- it's family.'" (Bloomberg, 10/26/17)

Pruitt said threats the level of protection is decided by the threat. "The level of protection is dictated by the level of threat," Pruitt said, noting security arrangements are decided by others assessing the situation." (Bloomberg, 10/26/17)

EPA's Office EPA's Office of Criminal Enforcement, Henry Barnet said there have been incidents of aggressive behavior against Pruitt. "There were 'incidents where he was being approached -- vulgar language, people were being somewhat aggressive towards him -- and so the special agent in charge provided documentation -- a memo -- to me and up the chain of command requesting the administrator be placed in business- or first-class to avoid these potential issues for the safety of the administrator.'" (Bloomberg, 02/15/18)

EPA's Office EPA's Office of Criminal Enforcement, Henry Barnet said it's their job to ensure they can pull Pruitt away from threats. "The agents have to make sure he's in a position where they can protect him," the director of EPA's Office of Criminal Enforcement, Henry Barnet, said in an interview. "If he's surrounded by other members of the public or it's a threat, their job is to push him and pull him away from those threats. That's why it is imperative to keep him away from the individuals so they can keep him safe." (Bloomberg, 02/15/18)

EPA's Protective Service Detail says there is a high level of interest against Pruitt. "Perrotta described a "high level of unusual interest in the administrator," calling it the most he's ever seen while safeguarding EPA chiefs." (Bloomberg, 02/15/18)

From: Friedman, Lisa [mailto:lisa.friedman@nytimes.com]
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To: Press <Press@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
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Sen. Whitehouse has sent a letter to Barrass - he said he has an EPA Homeland Security intelligence assessment that he says undercuts the October memo of Mr. Pruitt's security detail justifying the need for first-class travel, etc. as security measures. We're doing a story quickly - if you have any immediate comment I will put it in as quickly as possible; we are also writing through the story today.

Best,
Lisa

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Subject: APPROVAL: Questions regarding Pruitt coach flights to Tulsa

This is what we will send to AP. Please speak up in the next 10 minutes if you have a concern.

"A companion pass enables one person who has a ticket for a flight to then buy a second, or, companion, ticket for $5.60 in fees. In the instances where the Administrator flew on a companion ticket, he has paid the $5.60 fee for the second ticket he used plus one-half of the cost of Mr. Wagner's ticket. EPA's ethics officials were asked whether any additional steps needed to be taken to ensure full compliance with the ethics requirements and are consulting with the Office of Government Ethics on the response." – Kevin Minoli, Principal Deputy General Counsel

"The same security procedures are followed whether Administrator Pruitt is on official or personal travel." – Jahan Wilcox, EPA Spokesman

BACKGROUND …

Southwest does not have various classes – however, he was always seated in the first row of the plane.

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Here is a possible response. If it is too many words or there are other concerns let me know.

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Subject: RE: Questions regarding Pruitt coach flights to Tulsa
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Kevin has worked with Ken on this issue. Ccing him here to help.

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Subject: Re: Questions regarding Pruitt coach flights to Tulsa

Good statement and that has been approved. We need something about the buddy pass.

On Apr 18, 2018, at 2:07 PM, Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov> wrote:

> For review:
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>
> ON BACKGROUND:
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> The companion pass is for Southwest Airlines. Southwest does not have various classes – however, he was always seated in the first row of the plane.
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> **From:** Ford, Hayley
> **Sent:** Wednesday, April 18, 2018 1:54 PM
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>
> Believe Matt/OGC have done an analysis on the buddy pass so will let him answer.

It's my understanding that Southwest does not do first class but anytime he has flown it with Ken he has sat first row or first couple rows per security team guidance. So this is consistent with his first class travel when the government pays for it – it's Southwest equivalent. But Millan may need to go back and verify his exact seat number.

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Matt knows better than I do here, but if they have a preexisting relationship (years of friendship) does it matter?

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Subject: Re: Questions regarding Pruitt coach flights to Tulsa

Hayley do you have anything in regards to the buddy pass? Or can you track it down.

On Apr 18, 2018, at 1:42 PM, Biesecker, Michael <MBiesecker@ap.org> wrote:

> Liz, Jahan,
>
> AP is preparing to report that EPA records confirm that Administrator Pruitt flew in coach-class seats to Oklahoma on at least two occasions last year when the agency wasn't paying for his ticket. Both instances were for legs of EPA-funded trips on which Ken Wagner was traveling with the administrator.
>
> You'll remember that AP reported earlier this month that an EPA official said Pruitt flew home on weekend trips for Oklahoma Sooners football games using a companion pass obtained with Wagner's frequent flyer miles. Ethics experts say that is a potential violation of federal ethics rules barring officials from accepting gifts from their subordinates that have a market value of more than $10.
>
> Please provide on the record response to two questions:

1) If the administrator needed to fly in premium class seats due to security concerns, as both he and the agency have claimed, then why did he fly coach when the agency wasn't paying?
2) Did the administrator consult with EPA ethics counsel before accepting a companion pass from Wagner, a federal employee who is his subordinate? If so, did he receive a waiver allowing him to accept the airfare as a gift?

I'm writing on deadline, so a quick response would be appreciated.

Thanks,

Michael

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Subject: FW: APPROVAL: Setting The Record Straight About The AP's Story ...

Are you good with this? Ryan has approved and I can't reach Matt.

From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Wednesday, April 18, 2018 6:27 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Leopold, Matt <Leopold.Matt@epa.gov>; Wagner, Kenneth <wagner.kenneth@epa.gov>; Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov>; Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov>
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Updated with Kevin's updated statement.

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Subject: APPROVAL: Setting The Record Straight About The AP's Story ...
Importance: High

Approval Needed For This Includes: Ryan and Matt

Good afternoon –

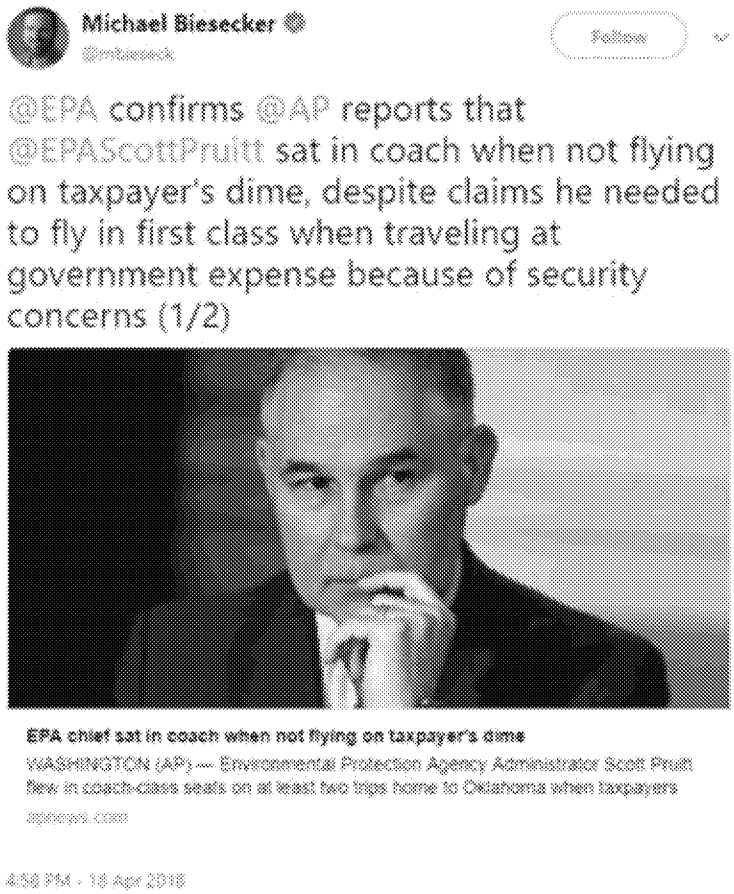
The Associated Press is out with a new story with a misleading headline that reads: "AP report: When not flying on taxpayer's dime, EPA head Scott Pruitt sat in coach."

- **Despite their misleading headline, the Associated Press knowingly reported that that there are no premium-class seats on Southwest Airlines.** "Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt flew in coach-class seats on at least two trips home to Oklahoma when taxpayers weren't footing the bill, despite claims he needed to travel in first class at government expense because of security threats. Copies of Pruitt's official schedule released this week following a public records request show flights made in August and October to Tulsa on Southwest Airlines, a budget carrier that doesn't offer premium-class seats." (The Associated Press, 04/18/18)

The fact is: Administrator Pruitt consistently follows the same security measures, which is not about sitting in first class but sitting near the front of the plane. Additionally, it's impossible to fly first-class on Southwest Airlines, however Administrator Pruitt always sat in the first few rows of the aircraft.

Additionally, the AP falsely tweeted out that EPA confirmed the report, which is not accurate. Below is the on-the-record statement that was given to the Associated Press:

- **EPA STATEMENT: "The same security procedures are followed whether Administrator Pruitt is on official or personal travel."** – Jahan Wilcox, EPA Spokesman



ADDITIONAL EPA STATEMENT …

- **ADDITIONAL EPA STATEMENT: "A companion pass enables one person who has a ticket for a flight to then buy a second, or, companion, ticket for $5.60 in fees. Ethics officials were informed that in the instances where the Administrator flew on a companion ticket, he has paid the $5.60 fee for the second ticket he used plus one-half of the cost of Mr. Wagner's ticket. EPA's ethics officials were then asked whether any additional steps needed to be taken to ensure full compliance with the ethics requirements and we are currently consulting with the Office of Government Ethics on the response**." – Kevin Minoli, Principal Deputy General Counsel

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Subject: FW: Security spending

From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 10:41 AM
To: 'Jennifer A. Dlouhy' <jdlouhy1@bloomberg.net>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>
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Thanks for your consideration.

Jen.

From: wilcox.jahan@epa.gov At: 04/09/18 22:30:45
To: Jennifer A. Dlouhy (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:)
Cc: Press@epa.gov
Subject: Re: Security spending

Can we circle back tomorrow?
Sent from my iPhone

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Subject: FW: Couple of other questions.
Attachments: 03.05.2013.pdf

From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 4:16 PM
To: 'Lipton, Eric' <lipton@nytimes.com>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Couple of other questions.

Eric –

Attached is the waiver Mr. Perrotta received on March 5, 2013 for outside employment, which should be included in your story.

From: Lipton, Eric [mailto:lipton@nytimes.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 1:42 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Couple of other questions.

Hi Liz and Jahan.

We are about to post the story we have done re Nino Perrotta and we had a few other items wanted to run by you, raised by my boss.

1) Do you know if the security sweep of Mr. Pruitt's office from last year, from March 2017, see attached, found any evidence of listening devices in Mr. Pruitt's office or other security concerns.

2) Mr. Perrotta has a firm called Sequoia Security Group. I have been told that EPA employees require approval from the agency if they have outside employment like this. Can you confirm that Mr. Perrotta has such approval.

http://sequoiasecuritygroup.com/nino-perrota.html

3) We have been told that Mr. Perrotta flew next to Mr. Pruitt on first class flights, at times, including the trip to Italy. Just repeating that, to make sure you do not dispute this fact. We have this from several folks. More just running this by you again.

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Subject: FW: On-The-Record Statements ...

From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 6:00 PM
To: 'Lipton, Eric' <lipton@nytimes.com>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>
Subject: On-The-Record Statements ...

Below are on-the-record statements that you can use for your story. Have a great evening.

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From: Lipton, Eric [mailto:lipton@nytimes.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 2:46 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: Questions related to Scott Pruitt's security detail. Responses needed by end of the day, please

Hello Liz

We intend to report the following things. Please let us know if you would like to comment or provide background context on any of them.

--Pasquale "Nino" Perrotta recommended the hiring of Edwin Steinmetz Associates LLC to sweep for covert/illegal surveillance devices at agency headquarters. Mr. Steinmetz is the Vice President of Technical Surveillance Countermeasures at Sequoia Security Group, a firm owned by Mr. Perrotta.
--The $3,000 contract to Edwin Steinmetz Associates LLC for the sweep did not go through the EPA's Office of Homeland Security, which is the normal procedure for such contracts.
--Mr. Perrotta recommended building a $43,000 sound-proof security booth in Administrator Pruitt's office, and for purchasing a bullet-proof desk for the security station outside Mr. Pruitt's office suite and purchasing a bullet-proof SUV for Mr. Pruitt.
--The EPA's Office of Inspector General is looking into the contract and the role of Mr. Perrotta in the selection of Edwin Steinmetz Associates LLC.
--Mr. Perrotta is personally friendly with the deputy inspector general conducting the investigation, Patrick Sullivan, with whom Mr. Perrotta worked at the United States Secret Service.
--Mr. Perrotta and Mr. Sullivan have spent time together socially since Mr. Sullivan's office initiated its investigation into the security sweep contract.
--EPA employees including John C. Martin, Steve Williams and Kevin Chmielewski raised concerns about the bug-sweeping contract and the security booth.
--Mr. Perrotta instructed Mr. Chmielewski to confiscate Mr. Martin's gun and badge.
--Mr. Perrotta instructed one of his agents to confiscate Mr. Chmielewski's credentials and electronic security card after Mr. Chmielewski returned from a trip abroad with Vice President Pence.
--When Mr. Chmielewski refused, Mr. Perrotta called Mr. Chmielewski and said that, if Mr. Chmielewski did not immediately return to the E.P.A. to surrender his credentials and security card, Mr. Perrotta would drive to Mr. Chmielewski's home that night and personally secure them.
--Mr. Chmielewski was subsequently placed on unpaid administrative leave and was recently terminated.
--Mr. Perrotta anonymously filed a complaint with the inspector general alleging that Mr. Chmielewski and Mr. Martin had run afoul of security rules.
--The EPA spent money hiring supplemental local security during Administrator Pruitt's trip to Italy.
--Mr. Perrotta was involved in selecting the supplemental local security personnel, which included several people with whom he had pre-existing relationships.
--Mr. Perrotta has dined with Mr. Pruitt on multiple occasions, including during a dinner towards the end of the Italy trip, at which the local supplemental security personnel also dined with a group that included Mr. Pruitt.
--Mr. Perrotta signed off on requests for first-class airfare for Mr. Pruitt and for Mr. Perrotta himself.
--Mr. Perrotta flew first class with Mr. Pruitt on several trips.
--Mr. Perrotta sometimes wears a cowboy hat while fulfilling his EPA duties.
-- The Office of Homeland Security and the administrator's security detail have had disagreements over the significance of the threat that Mr. Pruitt faces, and the appropriate resources that should be used to provide security. Can you discuss this matter and address why it is that the Office of Homeland Security recommendations did not prevail, given that this is the division at EPA that historically has the authority and expertise to make such judgments.
-- Did the EPA take action related to Mario Caraballo in anyway related to the Feb 2018 memo that the Homeland Security office produced questioning the security detail assessment of the threat?
--Officials from the EPA's Homeland Security office and Office of Inspector General met recently to discuss the sharing of intelligence related to threats against Mr. Pruitt. Was Mr. Pruitt's protective detail represented at this meeting?
--How is the EPA working to try to resolve conflict between homeland security division and the security detail?

If you disagree with any of these characterizations, please let us know.
We need a response by close of business today.

Happy to clarify anything here

Eric

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Subject: Re: Administrator Pruitt's travel

Jahan,

More broadly, does EPA have comment today on the administrator's travel, living arrangements and other issues that appear to be the subject of increasing scrutiny -- and is he confident that he continues to have the confidence of the White House?

Louise

On Tue, Mar 27, 2018 at 10:14 AM, Radnofsky, Louise <louise.radnofsky@wsj.com> wrote:

Thank you. Was it the practice of past administrations for EPA administrators to fly first or business class on domestic travel?

On Tue, Mar 27, 2018 at 9:13 AM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

Louise –

On background, want to make sure you saw this Washington Post article from March 20, 2018 as they reported on this.

- **Washington Post: New documents show nearly $68,000 in recent premium flights, hotel stays for EPA's Pruitt. https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2018/03/20/new-documents-show-nearly-68000-in-recent-premium-flights-hotel-stays-for-epas-pruitt/?utm_term=.bed7a2ddae44**

Additionally, regarding international travel we wanted to make sure you saw these two stories from Fox News and the New York Post:

- **Fox News: Obama's EPA appointees spent as much, or more, on travel than Trump's Pruitt, data show. http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2018/03/22/obamas-epa-appointees-spent-as-much-or-more-on-travel-than-trumps-pruitt-data-show.amp.html**

- **New York Post: Scott Pruitt slammed for spending less on travel than Obama's EPA chiefs. https://nypost.com/2018/03/23/scott-pruitt-in-hot-water-for-spending-less-on-travel-than-obamas-epa-chiefs/amp/**

Finally, here is our on-the-record statement:

- **"We have responded to Chairman Gowdy. The letter explains, EPA's Protective Service Detail identified specific ongoing threats associated with Administrator Pruitt's travel and shifted his class based on certain security protocols that require him to be near the front of the plane."** – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

From: Radnofsky, Louise [mailto:louise.radnofsky@wsj.com]
Sent: Monday, March 26, 2018 5:02 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Administrator Pruitt's travel

All:

I received a copy of the administrator's travel records through FOIA today. My understanding of the documents, after reviewing them, is that they show dozens of short domestic flights in which he flew first class and incurred four-figure bills for tickets as a result. And in all, with two international trips and a handful of chartered and military flights, Mr. Pruitt's travel costs exceeded $150,000 in the year after he became administrator.

I'd welcome comment from you, both on the tally and on the substantive issue. Please let me know.

Best,

Louise Radnofsky

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Subject: Re: Hey

Thanks!

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Here is what we sent the New York Times. You can use anything below as on-the-record.

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]--> >https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/05/business/epa-officials-questioned-scott-pruitt.html

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From: Ferguson, Lincoln
Sent: Thursday, April 5, 2018 3:02 PM
To: Friedman, Lisa <lisa.friedman@nytimes.com>
Cc: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Request for comment please

Lisa –

The below statements can be attributed to Jahan Wilcox, EPA Spokesman.

"We dispute the veracity of the accusations."

++ Mr. Chmielewski objected to a proposal to buy a charter aircraft membership for $100,000-per-month that would have allowed Mr. Pruitt to take an unlimited number of private jet trips for official business

"This is not news. EPA's chief financial officer regularly receives solicitations for this type of travel, we did our due diligence, found it was not as cost efficient and continued to fly commercial."

++ One of these staff members objected to a proposal to spend more than $70,000 to replace the desks in Mr. Pruitt's office suite, including both the administrator's personal desk and one at a security station just outside his office. Pasquale Perrotta argued that the desks should be replaced with a bullet-proof model. This purchase did not go ahead. Instead, a brown-maple wood stand-up desk, was purchased from an Ohio craftsman and a separate desk retrieved a federal government warehouse in Virginia and was refurbished at a cost of $2,075 for Mr. Pruitt

"The Administrator never considered the proposal."

<u>ON BACKGROUND:</u> OARM was asked to locate a desk for the Administrator's office since it did not have a desk. In place of a desk, the office had a long table. OARM acquired the desk from the GSA surplus warehouse. The warehouse contained many desks, all were in need of some type of repair. We selected a desk at no cost and proceeded to have the desk repaired/refurbished for use in the Administrator's office or another office should a need arise. We also worked with OGC to ensure that the cost of the refurbishment could be charged to OARM.

++ The security detail lead questioned Mr. Pruitt's desire to utilize use of lights and sirens in his motorcade if he was running late, like on his way to a restaurant or airport. In at least one case, Mr. Pruitt wanted these used on his way to Le Diplomate,

"The suggestion that Administrator Pruitt directs the abuse of emergency lights is ridiculous. The security detail for the past 15 years has used them in very limited fashion. i.e. to avoid possible compromise of the vehicle in a flow of traffic."

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3. That those four people and John C. Martin were all reassigned or demoted, or requested new jobs after they raised concerns about the spending and management of the agency. You mentioned that they were disgruntled, but is that supposed to dismiss that timeline of facts? What if they were disgruntled because they objected to this spending and those considerations on good government or ethical grounds, only to be rebuffed or ignored? That seems very plausible.

I'm eager to talk tomorrow, but ***I'm hoping you can correct any of this understanding or fill in more details sooner than that.*** We're going to consult now about what to do with this. I'l let you know if we make a decision that we can't wait until the morning. Again, eager for any corrections or further details, and we'd love to hear from the administrator directly on all of this and his future in the administration.

On Thu, Apr 5, 2018 at 6:54 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

> **"This is a group of disgruntled employees who have either been dismissed or reassigned." – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox**
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> **"EPA Chief of Staff Ryan Jackson, is committed to advancing**

President Trump's agenda of regulatory certainty and environmental stewardship and continues to do so under Administrator Pruitt's leadership." – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

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From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Thursday, April 5, 2018 6:51 PM
To: 'Puko, Tim' <tim.puko@wsj.com>
Subject: Hey

Here is what we sent the New York Times. You can use anything below as on-the-record.

- https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/05/business/epa-officials-questioned-scott-pruitt.html

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From: Ferguson, Lincoln
Sent: Thursday, April 5, 2018 3:02 PM
To: Friedman, Lisa <lisa.friedman@nytimes.com>
Cc: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Request for comment please

Lisa –

The below statements can be attributed to Jahan Wilcox, EPA Spokesman.

"We dispute the veracity of the accusations."

++ Mr. Chmielewski objected to a proposal to buy a charter aircraft membership for $100,000-per-month that would have allowed Mr. Pruitt to take an unlimited number of private jet trips for official business

"This is not news. EPA's chief financial officer regularly receives solicitations for this type of travel, we did our due diligence, found it was not as cost efficient and continued to fly commercial."

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"The Administrator never considered the proposal."

<u>ON BACKGROUND:</u> OARM was asked to locate a desk for the Administrator's office since it did not have a desk. In place of a desk, the office had a long table. OARM acquired the desk from the GSA surplus warehouse. The warehouse contained many desks, all were in need of some type of repair. We selected a desk at no cost and proceeded to have the desk repaired/refurbished for use in the Administrator's office or another office should a need arise. We also worked with OGC to ensure that the cost of the refurbishment could be charged to OARM.

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"The suggestion that Administrator Pruitt directs the abuse of emergency lights is ridiculous. The security detail for the past 15 years has used them in very limited fashion. i.e. to avoid possible compromise of the vehicle in a flow of traffic."

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See response below.
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"Administrator Pruitt never asked for a sound proof booth. He asked for a secure phone line. Any discussion about a sound proof booth took place amongst staffers who oversaw the project. They are no longer with the Administrator's Office."

What message does it send to the American public if Mr. Pruitt switches his security detail chief and two other career officials involved with overseeing expenses and a political appointee who did the same thing, after these individuals raise concerns about spending and security practices? Was this appropriate?

"The premise in the question that these people were moved or released for the reasons stated are incorrect."

Should Mr. Pruitt resign based on the series of questions that have been raised about his performance and if not why not?

Under his leadership, EPA has saved more than $1 billion in taxpayer dollars and rolled back more than 22 regulations. He is advancing the President's agenda on a daily basis.

From: Friedman, Lisa [mailto:lisa.friedman@nytimes.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 5, 2018 10:02 AM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Request for comment please

Hi Jahan and Liz

We are finishing work on a story about the EPA that addresses concerns that were raised by certain HQ staff members related to travel, office spending and issues related to security protocols by the Office of the Administrator.

The story notes how four individuals who raised these objections--Kevin Chmielewski, John E. Reeder and Reginald E. Allen, and Eric Weese--were later transferred to different jobs, or moved on their own to a different job after being told to find a new role, or in Kevin's case, put on leave.

We know that there are different circumstances involving each of these individuals, three of whom are career and one is political. But we wanted to go in detail here through some of the issues that these staff members raised and then the way their jobs were shifted after their raised these issues.

We welcome your specific responses to these issues. But we need any response you want to offer by 3 p.m. today, Thursday, April 5.

Here are the specific factual assertions I welcome you to address;

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As an aside, we know of the allegations raised against Mr. Chmielewski related to his security clearance that the IG investigated and found were not substantiated. We also know of complaints that he was hard to reach while he was out of the office doing advance work for the VP.

Finally a few additional questions.

Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

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Thanks very much - I'm on my cell,
Lisa

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Message

From: Miranda Green [mgreen@thehill.com]
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Subject: Fwd: New Duckworth Bill Would Require Public Disclosure of Trump Administration's Travel Spending

Can I get a comment from EPA in response to this bill and the fact that Pruitt is named?

Thanks,
Miranda

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: **Press (Duckworth)** <Press@duckworth.senate.gov>
Date: Fri, Mar 23, 2018 at 11:25 AM
Subject: New Duckworth Bill Would Require Public Disclosure of Trump Administration's Travel Spending
To: "Press (Duckworth)" <Press@duckworth.senate.gov>

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 23, 2018
Contact: Sean Savett, sean_savett@duckworth.senate.gov

New Duckworth Bill Would Require Public Disclosure of Trump Administration's Travel Spending

Trump Cabinet officials have wasted exorbitant amounts of taxpayer dollars traveling on private planes & purchasing first class tickets

[WASHINGTON, D.C.] – After several Trump Administration senior officials including Secretaries Zinke, Mnuchin and Pruitt violated the Federal Travel Regulation by wasting exorbitant amounts of taxpayer dollars on inappropriate travel expenses like charter jets and first class airfare, U.S Senator Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) introduced legislation today to help ensure the Trump Administration—and any future administration—spends taxpayer dollars more responsibly. Duckworth's new *Federal Travel Transparency Act* would increase transparency and oversight by making the air travel activities of cabinet secretaries and agency leaders available to the public online and requiring that the data be in an open, easily accessible format.

"Every public servant has a responsibility to be a good steward of public dollars but it's clear that Donald Trump and his Cabinet secretaries do not always see it that way," said Duckworth. "**When Trump Administration officials spend thousands of taxpayer dollars to charter a private or military plane or purchase a first-class ticket, they should—at the very least—be required to tell the American people who are bankrolling their luxurious travel why it is necessary. By shining a light on the travel practices of Trump Cabinet officials, this bill would protect taxpayers from the Trump Administration's wasteful spending on needless luxury travel."**

The *Federal Travel Transparency Act* follows a number of reports revealing Trump Cabinet Secretaries have spent an exorbitant amount of taxpayer dollars to fly themselves around the country and the world on private and military planes and in first-class. For instance, Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke is being investigated for mixing government travel with political events, and he is under public scrutiny this week for bringing his government-funded security detail on a two-week vacation to Europe last summer. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin spent nearly $1 million dollars to charter eight flights on U.S. military planes, and he even requested the use of a military aircraft to fly him and his wife around Europe on their honeymoon before withdrawing his request after coming under public scrutiny. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt spent more than $163,000 of taxpayer dollars on air travel in 2017, including $105,000 on first class seats that he insists are necessary for his security. Former Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price was also forced to resign last year after reports revealed he unnecessarily spent more than $1 million to travel on dozens of private and government planes instead of taking cheaper, widely available commercial alternatives.

Senator Duckworth's new good government legislation does not seek to reinvent the wheel on travel rules and would avoid establishing new bureaucracies or offices. It would simply require the government to publicly disclose, on a quarterly basis, the official air travel activities of agency leadership, including the duration, destination(s), travel party, justification and costs of official travel on an existing website such as USASpending.gov. That would save the government from having to expend resources responding to numerous FOIA requests for agency leadership travel information, while pushing top administration officials to make better official travel decisions and allow the public to track how its taxpayer dollars are being spent. USASpending.gov was created by the bipartisan *Coburn-Obama Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006*, which then-U.S. Senators Barack Obama (D-IL) and Tom Coburn (R-OK) passed to increase transparency of federal spending.

The *Federal Travel Transparency Act* has been endorsed by the Sunlight Foundation and the Project On Government Oversight (POGO). More information on the *Federal Travel Transparency Act* is available here and here. A list of the positions in the administration it would apply to is available here.

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Message

From: Grandoni, Dino [Dino.Grandoni@washpost.com]
Sent: 3/27/2018 7:46:58 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=88fd588e97d3405d869bcae98d391984-Wilcox, Jah]
Subject: Re: Obama EPA Heads Spent Nearly $1 Million On Foreign Trips

Cell is 716-818-0825

From: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2018 3:46:28 PM
To: Grandoni, Dino
Subject: RE: Obama EPA Heads Spent Nearly $1 Million On Foreign Trips

What is your number?

From: Grandoni, Dino [mailto:Dino.Grandoni@washpost.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2018 3:38 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Obama EPA Heads Spent Nearly $1 Million On Foreign Trips

Thanks for writing in, Jahan. I'm going to do a short Energy 202 story about this and other pushback on the travel spending narrative, including the interview the administrator gave to KMOX. Do you have a documentation of the totals for Gina McCarthy and Lisa Jackson? Also let me know if there is anything else I should know.

-Dino

From: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2018 2:18:44 PM
To: Eilperin, Juliet; Dennis, Brady; Grandoni, Dino
Subject: Obama EPA Heads Spent Nearly $1 Million On Foreign Trips

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]
Obama EPA Heads Spent Nearly $1 Million On Foreign Trips
Michael Bastasch
The Daily Caller
March 21, 2018
http://dailycaller.com/2018/03/21/obama-epa-heads-foreign-travel-expense/ [dailycaller.com]

Two Obama administration Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) chiefs racked up nearly $1 million tab for overseas trips, The Daily Caller News Foundation has learned.

Former EPA Administrators Gina McCarthy and Lisa Jackson spent at least $961,847 on foreign travel over six years, according to figures obtained by TheDCNF. McCarthy's overseas trips cost taxpayers $629,736 and Jackson's cost $332,111.

Recent media coverage has focused on current EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt's travel, including a new Washington Post report that Pruitt's July trip to Italy for the G7 summit cost upwards of $120,000. The Post's

story claims Pruitt's trip cost nearly $90,000, "including $36,000 for use of a military jet to catch a flight in New York and a $7,000 premium-class ticket for Pruitt on the transatlantic flight." Adding the $30,000 security detail bumped the cost to around $120,000.

On the other hand, the Washington Examiner reported Pruitt's Italy trip only cost $84,000, including the costs of his security detail. It's not really clear why the two estimates differ.

Virtually no attention has been paid to travel of past EPA administrators. Pruitt's security costs may be higher, which EPA attributes to increased threats against their chief. However, former President Barack Obama's administration also racked up costly foreign travel tabs.

For example, Jackson's 2011 trip to China cost taxpayers $155,763, which includes the cost of her security detail. Jackson left EPA in 2013 amid questions over her use of a secret email account to conduct federal business. Records obtained by TheDCNF show she made at least four foreign trips during her tenure.

McCarthy, who served from 2013 to early 2017, took at least 10 foreign trips while heading EPA. The most expensive for which TheDCNF obtained figures was a 2015 trip to Dubai. McCarthy's trip to Dubai cost taxpayers $90,367, including the cost of her security detail, according to the figures.

For months, reports have focused on Trump administration officials' travel. Former Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price resigned after it came to light he spent $400,000 on non-commercial flights in just a couple of months in 2017.

Reporters and environmental activists have since gone after travel by Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and Pruitt, seeking to tie them to Price's scandal. Media oversight can shed light on lavish spending, yet reporters have largely ignored Obama administration travel.

TheDCNF previously found that former Obama administration Interior secretaries spent nearly $1 million on non-commercial flights, including chartered jets. It turns out, Zinke had actually spent less than his immediate predecessors on non-commercial flights.

However, Pruitt came under scrutiny for his frequent flying on first class. Pruitt has since said he would fly coach, and EPA officials noted Pruitt flew first class because of security concerns. Pruitt's first-class travel was approved by career officials.

Documents given to the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform by EPA officials show Pruitt spent $105,000 on first class, The Daily Beast reported. Chairman Trey Gowdy requested Pruitt's travel information from EPA in February.

EPA told Gowdy that Pruitt's travel was approved "on an individualized basis," and that his security team "identified specific, ongoing threats associated with the administration administrator's air travel and, therefore, shifted his class based on security protocols that require him to be near the front of the plane."

So far, Pruitt has only taken two foreign trips, the costs of which are in line with past administrators, an EPA spokesman said.

"The double-standard couldn't be more clear: under Barack Obama's EPA the media chose not to report on expenditures to protect the EPA Administrator for international travel or the costs of their trips, but under the

Trump Administration the costs to protect our government officials is somehow scandalous," EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox told TheDCNF.

Listed below are all the foreign trips McCarthy and Jackson took while heading EPA.

McCarthy 2016 trips (includes security costs):

- Ghana — $68,382
- Peru — $45,139
- Tokyo — $74,737

McCarthy 2015 trips:

- Paris — $41,320
- Dubai — $90,367
- Tokyo — $67,702
- Italy — $56,192

McCarthy 2014 trips:

- Vancouver — $62,246
- Vietnam — $68,267

McCarthy 2013 trips:

- China — $55,384

Jackson 2012 trips:

- Israel — $64,963

Jackson 2011 trips:

- Rio De Janeiro — $59,950
- Montreal — $51,435
- China — $155,763

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Message

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Sent: 3/21/2018 1:16:34 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=88fd588e97d3405d869bcae98d391984-Wilcox, Jah]
Subject: cnbc.com query - EPA Admin Scott Pruitt travel

Jahan –

Good morning. I'm doing a story off of Politico's report about Administrator Pruitt's use of first-class flights and the new cost figures for those flights. Please send me any comment you have on that report and its contents. I'd also like to know if Mr. Pruitt has made any changes in the way he travels as a result of the controversy over the issue of costs.

Thanks –

Dan Mangan

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Message

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Subject: RE: Looking for the Pruitt protection detail cost docs that CBS has

Thanks much

David Martosko
US Political Editor
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From: Wilcox, Jahan [mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, May 25, 2018 2:29 PM
To: David Martosko
Cc: Press
Subject: Re: Looking for the Pruitt protection detail cost docs that CBS has

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The numbers posted are for McCarthy, Jackson and Pruitt and available at https://www.epa.gov/foia/national-online-foia-library#request.

"Administrator Pruitt has faced an unprecedented amount of death threats against him and to provide transparency EPA will post the costs of his security detail and pro-actively release these numbers on a quarterly basis. Americans should all agree that members of the President's cabinet should be kept safe from violent threats." – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

BACKGROUND …

Here are some of the threats made against EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. "CBS News has obtained an August 2017 report prepared by the Environmental Protection Agency's office of inspector general that contains a list of 13 threats made against EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt and his family. The threats range in severity, credibility and specificity." (CBS News, 04/11/18)

Patrick Sullivan, EPA's Assistant Inspector General For Investigations said there are a number of threats against EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. "'We have at least four times -- four to five times the number of threats against Mr. Pruitt than we had against Ms. [Gina] McCarthy,' said Patrick Sullivan, EPA's assistant inspector general for investigations, referring to Pruitt's predecessor during the Obama administration. He declined to provide the specific numbers of threats against Pruitt. 'They run the variety of direct death threats -- 'I'm going to put a bullet in your brain' -- to implied threats -- 'if you don't classify this particular chemical in this particular way, I'm going to hurt you,'' Sullivan told CNN in an interview. 'Then there's implied threats -- like they say in New York, with the mafia: 'If you come after me and my family, I'll come after you and your family.'' (CNN, 11/28/17)

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EPA's Office EPA's Office of Criminal Enforcement, Henry Barnet said it's their job to ensure they can pull Pruitt away from threats. "The agents have to make sure he's in a position where they can protect him," the director of EPA's Office of Criminal Enforcement, Henry Barnet, said in an interview. "If he's surrounded by other members of the public or it's a threat, their job is to push him and pull him away from those threats. That's why it is imperative to keep him away from the individuals so they can keep him safe." (Bloomberg, 02/15/18)

EPA's Protective Service Detail says there is a high level of interest against Pruitt. "Perrotta described a "high level of unusual interest in the administrator," calling it the most he's ever seen while safeguarding EPA chiefs." (Bloomberg, 02/15/18)

On May 25, 2018, at 2:08 PM, David Martosko <David.Martosko@mailonline.com> wrote:

Can you please send the documents to me, or point me to where they live?

Thanks much.

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Subject: Re: security threat - comment request

Can you ask her if Sen. Whitehouse gave her the letter? I would but she has yet to reach out to me.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 10, 2018, at 10:51 AM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

FYI ...

From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 10:49 AM
To: 'Friedman, Lisa' <lisa.friedman@nytimes.com>; Press <Press@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
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Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 10:32 AM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: security threat - comment request

Sen. Whitehouse has sent a letter to Barrass - he said he has an EPA Homeland Security intelligence assessment that he says undercuts the October memo of Mr. Pruitt's security detail justifying the need for first-class travel, etc. as security measures. We're doing a story quickly - if you have any immediate comment I will put it in as quickly as possible; we are also writing through the story today.

Best,
Lisa

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Attachments: 2018_4_26 EPA DOCUMENT Pruitt-hearing.pdf

Does a bear shit in the woods?

Great job everyone.

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Thanks Jahan

Please do update me on what we discussed on the phone. I am interested in those comparative figures.

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Sent: Wednesday, March 21, 2018 7:49 PM
To: Volcovici, Valerie (Reuters)
Cc: Press
Subject: Re: Seeking comment on EPA confirmation to House Dems re: private security travel

"Security decisions are made by EPA's Protective Service Detail and are similar to security protocol across the federal government."

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Here is an updated on-the-record statement: **"Once again Senate EPW Democrats went to the press, before sending their letter to EPA. Security sweeps are common practice in government and former EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson had her office swept. We looked at a couple of different vendors and our career administrative officials approved locks that are used for the Inspector General and other offices within EPA."** – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

I will follow this up with a phone call.

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Hey Liz, thanks for this, and I just called you. So if we're reading this right, the biometric locks were installed by Locktech, and no Ed Steinmetz, whereas the sweep was done by Steinmetz? While our story doesn't say that Steinmetz did the locks, we will clarify that if you just confirm we are interpreting this email correctly. We understand if the AP story was in error.

And would it be accurate to say that one of the reasons the biometric locks were installed was because EPA staffers were going in and out of the Administrator's office unannounced, including when he was not there?

Also, is it possible to get the date of the security sweep?

Thanks, and feel free to call me any time if you'd like.
Juliet

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

The security office within EPA approved the expenditure of funds for this contractor; it was paid on a card because it was below the threshold.

Locktech is not Ed Steinmetz, and the security office within EPA looked at competing bids with the amount over $5,000. Ultimately, it was the same materials and likely same contractor installing the locks, as the one used in the Office of the Inspector General.

Washington Post

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2018/03/06/man-hired-to-sweep-scott-pruitts-office-for-bugs-is-in-business-with-a-top-epa-security-official/?utm_term=.cdf72ed34a4e

Man hired to sweep Scott Pruitt's office for bugs is in business with a top EPA security official

By Juliet Eilperin and Brady Dennis, 3/6/18, 10:45 AM

Two senior Senate Democrats asked Environment Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt on Tuesday to provide details about how a business associate of the head of his security detail got a security contract with the agency.

Pasquale "Nino" Perrotta — who heads Pruitt's security detail and also serves as a principal of Rockville-based Sequoia Security Group — suggested last year to EPA officials that they hire a fellow member of the management team at Sequoia, Edwin Steinmetz, according to an administration official who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss internal agency decisions. The roughly $3,000 contract to sweep Pruitt's office for concealed listening devices was conducted by Edwin Steinmetz Associates, the official said.

The Associated Press reported last year that the EPA had hired Steinmetz to conduct the bug sweep, though it did not report that Perrotta had suggested agency officials seek Steinmetz's services, or that they are in business together. Pruitt also had biometric locks installed in his office, for two separate payments of $3,390 and $2,495, according to the AP. Those expenditures weren't disclosed on the government's contracting website because the threshold for reporting stands at $3,500.

Steinmetz is listed as Sequoia's vice president of technical surveillance measures. And while it was his own firm, based in New Jersey, that received the bug-sweeping contract, Sens. Thomas R. Carper (Del.) and Sheldon Whitehouse (R.I.) — both senior Democrats on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee — are seeking documentation to prove that Perrotta obeyed federal conflict-of-interest rules.

"These facts raise questions about Mr. Perrotta's compliance with EPA regulations and concerns that he may have used his position at the agency to influence the award of EPA contracts to a person or company in which he has a financial interest," they wrote in Tuesday's letter.

In a statement Tuesday morning, EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox said, "We will respond to Senator Carper and Senator Whitehouse through the proper channel." Steinmetz could not be reached for comment Tuesday morning.

Under federal statute, the senators noted, a government official cannot participate "in a … contract, claim … or other particular matter in which, to his knowledge, he, his … general partner, [or] organization in which he is serving as officer, director, trustee, general partner or employee … has a financial interest."

The letter continued, "EPA officials can only issue a waiver from this provision, in advance, if they determine that the employee's financial interest in the contract is not so substantial as to be deemed likely to affect the integrity of the services which the Government may expect from such employee."

Perrotta, a former Bronx criminal investigator and Secret Service agent who held several overseas posts, has protected EPA leaders dating to the George W. Bush administration. Despite that full-time job, he has pursued numerous side ventures over the years.

He was head of a contracting business, P&P Construction, from 2004 through late 2012, according to LinkedIn and various public records. He wrote that he began the business "as a hobby" and "accomplished numerous home improvement projects throughout the D.C. area."

Since early 2013, he has managed Sequoia, a "boutique security and investigative firm." On Sequoia's website, Perrotta is listed as the firm's principal leader. In the past, he also has referred to himself as the company's "founder and CEO."

Steinmetz, meanwhile, is listed as part of the firm's "management team" and a vice president of technical surveillance measures. His online biography says he has "over 30 years of combined law enforcement, public and private sector experience in 'specialized' security services," and that he is an expert in conducting surveillance sweeps.

Steinmetz's own firm, Edwin Steinmetz Associates, has received at least one other government contract, according to public records — a $25,000 award last year from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for "miscellaneous alarm, signal and security detection systems."

The firm is registered at what appears to be Steinmetz's home address in New Jersey. The company's website reads, "Bug sweeping is our business."

On his LinkedIn page, Steinmetz lists himself as having worked as a "privacy officer" for Sequoia since 2013, adding that he has provided security sweeps "for a number of high profile corporate clients throughout the United States."

Pruitt's security expenses during his short tenure have repeatedly drawn scrutiny. Shortly after taking office in February 2017, he switched to a 24-hour, seven-day-a-week protective detail, drawn in part from the agency's environmental crime investigation staff, after his staff concluded that he faced a higher level of threat than did his predecessors. After a public critic confronted the administrator while traveling last spring, according to a top EPA official, it was Perrotta who recommended that Pruitt fly in either first or business class to avoid such situations.

Henry Barnet, who directs the EPA's Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training, said in an interview with The Washington Post last month that Perrotta's recommendation was prompted by an incident in which a person approached Pruitt "with threatening language" that was "vulgar."

Speaking in New Hampshire last month, Pruitt emphasized that members of his security detail decide his travel arrangements. "I'm not involved in any of those decisions. Those are all made by the detail, the security assessment in addition to the chief of staff," he said.

Perrotta has traveled personally with Pruitt on multiple occasions, the senators noted, including to Kentucky, Oklahoma, Colorado and North Dakota last summer. In his capacity as a principal at Sequoia, Perrotta has advertised his expertise in "threat analysis and mitigation" and "VIP travel."

Separately, Pruitt spent nearly $25,000 in agency funds last year to build a secure, soundproof communications booth in his office. The EPA inspector general's office confirmed in December that it would investigate the matter, though Pruitt told lawmakers that month that he installed the booth to have confidential conversations with key administration officials.

"It's necessary for me to be able to do my job," Pruitt said during a hearing on Capitol Hill.

In their letter, Carper and Whitehouse asked for details about the agency approval Perrotta received for his outside employment, as well as how he has weighed in on Pruitt's security measures.

"Please provide any written assessments authored in whole or in part, or reviewed by, Mr. Perrotta, of security threats to you," they wrote, "including but not limited to the determination that security considerations required you to fly first-class, that you needed to have your office swept for electronic listening devices, that you needed to install biometric locks, that you needed a secure communications booth, that you require round-the-clock security protection, and any other non-disclosed security measure or project you have decided to undertake."

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Liz – can you approve

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Subject: FW: URGENT-Response to Gowdy

From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2018 3:00 PM
To: White, Elizabeth <white.elizabeth@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: URGENT-Response to Gowdy

The flights were $45,000
Hotels are not included in that cost and likely brings to $52,000
The detail is on top of that.
The $36,000 flight on a military jet is something which we ate, but I think we need to push back on this being part of the trip. It was what we got charged after the fact.

From: Lyons, Troy
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2018 1:29 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Cc: Leopold, Matt <Leopold.Matt@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>; Baptist, Erik <Baptist.Erik@epa.gov>
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With this story out OGR is breathing down our necks. I'm trying to hold them back but I'm running out of life boat.

By Emily Holden

03/20/2018 11:57 AM EDT

The cost for the security team to accompany EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt on a trip to Italy for international meetings in June totaled nearly $31,000, bringing the price tag for Pruitt's trip to at least $120,000, according to public recordsreleased to the Environmental Integrity Project under a lawsuit.

The additional expenditures include airline fare, lodging and accommodations for Pruitt's security guards, EIP said. EPA would not disclose whether any security staff flew first or business class alongside Pruitt, the group said.

Information obtained by EIP last month showed the four-day trip by Pruitt and his staffers cost about $53,000 in expenses. Pruitt also spent $36,000 on a military flight to New York to catch a plane to Rome for meetings ahead of the G-7 Environment Ministerial in Bologna, after attending an infrastructure event with the president in Cincinnati.

Pruitt appeared briefly at the G-7 talks before returning to Washington for a Cabinet meeting.

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> > On Mar 19, 2018, at 7:12 PM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:
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> > I hope. Tomorrow for sure.
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> > -----Original Message-----
> > From: Lyons, Troy
> > Sent: Monday, March 19, 2018 7:11 PM
> > To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
> > Cc: Leopold, Matt <Leopold.Matt@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>; Baptist, Erik <Baptist.Erik@epa.gov>
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> > Will we be able to meet the deadline?
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Sent from my iPhone

Questions:

GENERAL--TROY

- Q: Your defense for most of these controversies is that your staff made the decisions and you were unaware. **This defense is unacceptable—either you are incompetent or you are lying—which is it?**

- Q: We have seen your financial disclosures and understand that you have been more well-to-do than most Americans; however, when compared to your colleagues on President Trump's cabinet, you are much more modest than the rest. In fact, your frivolities and fiduciary recklessness lends me to believe you were trying to keep up with the Jones' by using America's credit card. **Please take a minute to justify your spending habits in light of these realities.**

- Q: It has been reported that dozens of photos of yourself were framed and hung on the halls of EPA's 3rd floor surrounding where your office is located. **What was the cost of this project and who authorized this decision? Will you send me information pertaining to the cost of this endeavor?**

- Q: The New York times reported that you wanted to update EPA's "Challenge coins" by removing the EPA logo which you believe looks like a Marijuana leaf, and replacing it with your name and other symbols. Allegedly similar conversations took place regarding leather bound notebooks, pens and stationary… **When were these conversations taking place? Approximately how much time did you and others spend on this project? What would the cost of this endeavor have been and what personalized items were ultimately purchased?**

- Q: You have claimed to follow your security detail's advice on your travel; however, when your former lead agent refused to use lights and sirens to get you to personal meetings you demoted him—**how do you rectify this double standard?**

Kevin Chmielewski—ERIK

- Q: As you know, your former staffer Kevin Chmielewski was recently interviewed by Congressional investigators. Mr. Chmielewski appears by all accounts to be loyal to this administration and President Trump once even called him a "star." **Did you fire Mr. Chmielewski?**
    - **FOLLOW-UP: If not, why does he seem to think you did?**
    - **FOLLOW-UP: If so, why? Not answering the phone while with the Vice President hardly seems like a reasonable cause for removal.**

- Q: Is it true that you removed your Chief of Staff, Director of Scheduling, and other senior officials from your scheduling meetings because they voiced concern with your travel plans?

- Q: According to reports that site a former political staffer, Kevin Chmielewski, you have created a toxic atmosphere that upon Mr. Chmielewski's arrival at the agency, your Chief of Staff, Ryan Jackson that "the nightmare is now yours," which is clearly in reference to you. **Do you understand what it takes to be a leader?**
    - **FOLLOW-UP: If your political staff are troubled and drained by your requests, how can you expect the rank and file career employees who you have marginalized to an unbelievable degree not feel demoralized with your leadership?**

CONDOMINIUM—RYAN

- Q: You enjoyed a sweetheart deal by living in a condominium owned by a well-known energy lobbyist. There are conflicting reports about whether you actually paid rent. Did you pay rent?
    - **FOLLOW-UP: Can you produce bank statements to prove you paid the Harts for using their apartment?**
    - **FOLLOW-UP: Did you pay your rent on time and according to the terms of your lease or was it after-the-fact?**

- Q: There are reports that your daughter also stayed at the condo owned by a high profile energy lobbyist. Did your daughter stay with you while interning at the White House?
    - **FOLLOW-UP: If yes, did she sleep in your bedroom or an alternative bedroom?**
    - **FOLLOW-UP: If yes, did your daughter have a separate lease?**
    - **FOLLOW-UP: Did your daughter ever have guests stay at the apartment?**
    - **FOLLOW-UP: Did you compensate the Harts for the use of a second room?**

- Q: It has been reported that when your daughter stayed at your one-bedroom apartment owned by the Harts, she drug her luggage across the floor, causing significant damage to the hardwood floors. **Did you pay for the repairs to the property that resulted from your stay?**

- Q: The terms of your lease strictly state that the room afforded to you was only for use while you were in Washington, D.C., and would be left free and available for use by the owners when you were not occupying the room. **Did you leave any belongings at the apartment on days you did not stay at the apartment?**

- Q: According to reports, you were such an awful tenant that outstayed his welcome to the point that the Harts changed the locks to keep you from returning. **Are these reports accurate? Were you forced out to the Harts' apartment? Did the Harts kick you out of their apartment because you failed to pay your rent, or were late with payment?**

- Q: It's been widely reported that the lobbyist owned condo you stayed at held various fundraisers for political candidates, it is incredibly hard for me to believe you never attended one of these numerous events while staying feet away from the event. **Did you ever attend? If you**

did attend while living there did you list these as official meetings or keep records of these encounters of any form?

- Q: We have heard rumors that you conducted official business at the condo owned by the Harts. **Did you staff ever visit the condo in an official or unofficial manner? If so who?**

- Q: I understand that the condo owned by the Harts was often used for political fundraisers. **During your time renting a room, were you aware of any of these fundraisers taking place? Did you attend any of these fundraisers? Did you ever encounter any of the attendees?**

- Q: **What were the conditions for your vacancy from your apartment owned by the Harts? Why did you leave the apartment without having an alternative living arrangement?**

- **Q: Were you forced out of the Harts' apartment?**

- Q: I have serious concerns that there is not a date on your lease with the Harts. **Was this lease signed in February 2017?**

PAY RAISES—TROY

- Q: In addition to your questionable ethics and spending habits, you used an obscure provision in the Safe Drinking Water Act to secure hefty pay increases for you two of your favorite aides from Oklahoma. We are also aware of emails that contradict your claim to Fox News' Ed Henry that you were not aware of the raises. **Did you authorize their pay increases?**
    - **FOLLOW-UP: If not, then why was your Chief of Staff, Ryan Jackson, removed from his position for improperly executing the SDWA provision that is at the sole discretion of the Administrator?**

- Q: You clearly authorized the substantial pay increases for two of your favorite staff to the tune of $56,765 and $28,130; however, the latter figure is misleading because the employee had already received a pay increase of $19,950, which brings her total pay increase to $48,080. Both of these totals are well above the annual household earnings for many families in my state, let alone such massive pay increases over the course of a single year. **Do you think it is appropriate and a good use of taxpayer dollars for two of your prized employees to receive these pay increases in a single year?**
    - **FOLLOW-UP: Do you even know what the median income is for American households?**

- Q: You said in a recent Fox News interview that you were not aware of the raises given to your staff members Sarah Greenwalt and Millan Hupp, **is this still correct?**
    - **FOLLOW-UP: Well by law you are required to know this for any AD appointments under the SDWA, someone signed on your behalf, are you aware of that sir because we have the documents?**

- **FOLLOW-UP: So, what does it say about you and your leadership of the agency if you or members of your team are signing documents on your behalf but not making you aware? What critical environmental decisions are they making without your awareness?**

- Q: During your Fox News interview with Ed Henry you stated that you were unaware of the raises given to certain staff. **If this is the case, why did Sarah Greenwalt send an email claiming that you had personally authorized the raise? Was Ms. Greenwalt lying? And if so has she been disciplined?**

- Q: During your Fox News interview with Ed Henry, you stated that even though you had taken back Ms. Greenwalt and Ms. Hupp's raises, they were defensible because "they work for a very important person." **Do you believe that you are such an important person that your staff should get $60K raises?**

- It's been said that a good leader takes a little more than his share of the blame and a little less than his share of the credit. **Would you say it was good leadership to let your Chief of Staff Ryan Jackson take the blame for this embarrassing pay raise situation involving Ms. Hupp and Ms. Greenwalt?**

- Q: **Can you commit to providing this committee with all emails and correspondences related to the pay increases for Sarah Greenwalt and Millan Hupp?**

- Q: **Did Millan Hupp and/or Sarah Greenwalt ever discuss their compensation with you?**

- Q: In less than a year, Sarah Greenwalt and Millan Hupp – two of your closest aides – received a 68% and a 72% increase, respectively. **How can you explain this pay increase to the average American?**

- Q: According to reports and direct statements taken from individuals who were fired, forced to resign, or otherwise marginalized after providing pushback on one of your many extravagant ideas, you have a propensity for punishing staff that disagree with you on an issue. Conversely, when you were given a blank check by your staff to do as you see fit, they received lucrative security contracts and pay increases approaching 75% of their yearly salary. **How can any reasonable individual not see your actions as being a reward for never pushing back against your demands?**

TRAVEL—MATT

- **Q:** In response to growing criticism for your premium travel, you told Major Garrett in a February 28 interview "your very next flight would be coach" and you would be changing how you travel. **Was your next flight in fact economy? You were recently in Cincinnati, Ohio—was your travel in first class?**

- Q: You routinely rely on enhanced security concerns for justifying your regular use of premium travel. I will be the first person to stand up for the need to ensure the safety of any elected or presidentially appointed official, but, with all due respect, you can't hide behind the occasional mean tweet to justify flying first class. In fact, I would tend to agree with Chairman Gowdy of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform when he appeared on Fox News Sunday on April 15th when he said, "I'd be shocked if that many people knew who Scott Pruitt was, so the notion that 'I've got to fly first class because I don't want people to be mean to me' — you need to go into another line of work if you don't want people to be mean to you. Like maybe a monk." **During your tenure as Administrator, why have you used your position to stroke your own ego and waste taxpayer dollars?**

- Q: **Do you think it was appropriate for you to ask Millan Hupp to inquire about securing a $100,000/month contract with NetJets for your use?**

- Q: It has been reported that you directed you scheduling and advance team to schedule travel based off of your desire to visit particular cities or states and to find reasons justifying going there. **Do you honestly think it is the best use of taxpayer dollars for you to throw a dart at a map and then direct your staff to find a reason for you to go to a particular destination?**

- Q: You have cited that "security" is the reason you flew first class on the taxpayer's dime for official travel, let's for a second give you the benefit the doubt that is true, **then why when traveling on your own dime or as reported a friend's "companion pass" that these security rules no longer applied? Was there just no more threat when you were paying?**
    - **FOLLOW-UP: Also, did you ever compensate your friend for use of this gift of the companion pass?**

- Q: You reportedly benefited from a "companion pass" owned by one your subordinates, Ken Wagner, which gave you the ability to travel for free with the associated air carrier. **Do you understand that it is highly suspect and ethically unconscionable to accept a gift of this magnitude from a subordinate?**

- Q: During your trip in Paris, it has been reported that you missed multiple flights. **Why did these missed flights occur? What was the cost of the changes to your travel? How did you spend your additional time in Paris?**

- Q: **Are you prepared to pay back the American taxpayers if the EPA Inspector determines that you misused federal funds for your travel?**

- Q: We have reports that you instructed your staff to book your flights on solely Delta, even if more direct, less expensive flights were available. This was your way to accumulate points with the airline. **Did you instruct your staff to only book flights on Delta?**
    - **FOLLOW-UP: Can you commit to forfeiting the miles you accumulated from Delta on government travel?**

- Q: **Why did you think you were entitled to have a private plane at your disposal when you solicited a quote from NetJets?**

- Q: **Did you push aside a staffer who voiced opposition to pursuing a NetJets account for you?**

- Q: **Did you direct your staff to schedule a robust travel agenda for the month of August (2017) because you did not have a place to live in Washington, D.C.?**

- Q: According to reports you have had a propensity for scheduling travel to Oklahoma by way of scheduling meetings with old friends and acquaintances to ensure the American taxpayer foots the bill for your travels to and from your home. **Can you provide all documents, including travel documents and schedules unredacted, relating to your travels to and within Oklahoma?**

- Q: It has been reported that you frequently seek hotels while traveling that exceed the allowable U.S. government per diem, sometimes even exceeding the 300 percent cap permitted in exceptional circumstances. **How do you justify staying at hotels at such expensive rates?**
    - **FOLLOW-UP: Have you been reimbursed for the totals exceeding the allowable per diem?**
    - **FOLLOW-UP: If so, can you say the same about the staff and security detailees that accompanied you?** In order to corroborate your assertions, please provide all travel vouchers relating to this request.

<u>Morocco:</u>

- Q: **Why did you travel to Morocco in December 2017 promoting the export of liquid natural gas if your agency doesn't have jurisdiction over this issue?**

- Q: Given that the EPA is not responsible for overseeing the export of LNG, **who directed you to travel to Morocco in December 2017 to promote its export?**

- Q: When you first moved to Washington, D.C., you enjoyed a to-good-to-be true living arrangement where you paid for a room in a condo at $50 per night, only when you stayed in Washington, from the family of a high profile energy lobbyist, J. Steven Hart. It just so happens that one of clients at Mr. Hart's firm is Cheniere Energy which owned the only active LNG export plant in the U.S. when you traveled to Morocco in December 2017 to promote the export of LNG. **Did Mr. Hart, or anybody associated with him, direct you to take this trip as a quid pro quo for your living arrangement?**
    - **FOLLOW-UP: Do you understand that this situation creates an image of questionable ethics on your part?**

- Q: **Do you know which state ranks third in the nation in natural gas production?**
    - **FOLLOW-UP:** The answer would be Oklahoma, your home state. **Do you know what happens if the export of a product such as LNG increases?**

- **FOLLOW-UP:** I hope you understand that your position as Administrator of the EPA is to protect human health and the environment of the entirety of the United States and the territories. **Please explain why you spent taxpayer dollars to travel to Morocco in December 2017 to explicitly promote the export of a leading industry of your home state when LNG export is not under overseen by the EPA.**

EMAILS/FOIA—RYAN

- Q: Dating back to your days as the Oklahoma Attorney General, your use of email to conduct official business is troubling. You have stated publically that you use three email addresses; however, it is now reported you use four email accounts. **How many is it?**
  - **FOLLOW-UP: Are you employing these tactics to avoid compliance with the Freedom of Information Act?**
  - **FOLLOW-UP: Are all of your emails searched when responding to FOIA requests?**

- **Q: Do you ever communicate with staff via email?**
  - **FOLLOW-UP: So you are insisting that you only give verbal directives?** I find this highly unlikely and deeply troubling.

- Q: Administrator Pruitt, despite EPA's claims of regular threats to you, which this committee takes seriously, I fail to see how sitting in the first class cabin of a plane adds any safety benefit to you. As Congressman Trey Gowdy noted, the back of the plane would likely be safer for you to avoid running into someone dangerous. Additionally, it seems like the concern was simply that someone might say something mean to you… Of course this would be a ridiculous use of taxpayer dollars—most of the members on this committee fly coach back and forth to our districts every week. I know if my constituents saw me in the first class of a plane I would be totally humiliated. **So, since you've recently stated that you will be flying coach now, will you reimburse the taxpayers for all of your first class trips?**

- Q: It has been reported that one of your staff has allowed you to use his "Buddy Pass" when flying for personal reasons back to Oklahoma. **Have you cleared this arrangement with your ethics official? What would the approximate cost or savings of this arrangement be for you? And would this constitute as a gift to you?**
  - **FOLLOW-UP:** I understand that the federal government has a maximum allowable price for gifts to superiors. **Does this arrangement fall within the acceptable price of that regulation?**

OFFICE REDECORATION--JAHAN

- Q: The GAO recently determined that you broke federal law by authorizing the installation of a private phone booth in your office because the cost exceeded the mandated $5,000 threshold that requires you to inform House and Senate Appropriations Committees PRIOR to spending funds for your office. **Can you explain why you felt it was necessary to spend taxpayer funds on a phone booth for "secure communications" when a SCIF is readily available at EPA HQ?**

- Q: **Do you have leased paintings or other art on loan from the Smithsonian Institution?**
    - **FOLLOW-UP: What authority did you do to pay for the leases?**

- Q: **Why did you order the framing of an 8'x10' American Flag?**

- Q: **Did you direct agency personnel to hang an unseemly number of pictures of yourself around the halls of EPA HQ? Does your vanity know no bounds?**

- : **Have you actually used your secret phone booth?**

- Q: Given the nature of your soundproof phone booth, conversations not deemed sensitive in nature, such as non-classified communications with Administration officials or those not regarding issues of national security, should be subject to open records regulations and statutes. **Will you commit to providing all records, including calls or meetings and the names of all parties, held within the phone booth?**

- Q: **Do you understand that when you direct the Agency spend more than $5000 to furnish your office you must notify Congress?**
    - **FOLLOW-UP: Why did you fail to do so when you installed your private, soundproof phone booth, which costed the American taxpayer $43.238.68?**
    - **FOLLOW-UP:** If you are insisting that the phone booth was not a furnishing, **then why did the non-partisan Government Accountability Office issue a report confirming the fact that you violated law in failing to do so?**

PERSONAL BUSINESS/MILLAN—TROY

- Q: **Did you direct or ask Millan or Sydney Hupp to assist you in securing a place to live?**
    - **FOLLOW-UP: Was the work on your behalf conducted on official EPA time?**
    - **FOLLOW-UP: Do you understand that it is highly suspect and ethically unconscionable to actively or passively direct a subordinate to conduct personal business on your behalf, even if the employee was willing or using their own time?**

- Q: **Can you commit to providing this committee with any agency communications related to your housing search?**

SAMANTHA DRAVIS--MATT

- Q: As you know, your closets aide, Samantha Dravis, is being investigated by the EPA's Inspector General for not consistently showing up to work during the period of November 2017-January 2018. **Did you allow this to occur because of your close relationship with Ms. Dravis?**
    - **FOLLOW-UP:** Ms. Dravis alleged absence from work coincides with the Rob Porter/Hope Hicks drama being in the news. As you may know, Ms. Dravis has reportedly been named as the source of the stories about Mr. Porter. **Do you think it is appropriate for Ms. Dravis to spend taxpayer dollars to launch a campaign to destroy the life, reputation, and career of a former boyfriend?**

- Q: It's been reported that you have given special treatment to your close personal friends and staff members at the agency, besides the staff raises to Sarah Greenwalt and Millan Hupp, there is also an IG investigation into the work schedule of Samantha Dravis, **are you aware of the letter to the IG from the Senate and this investigation sir? Are the reports true that Ms. Dravis is your closest confidant and aide at the agency?**
    - **FOLLOW-UP: Were you aware that she had not been working full time at the agency for nearly three months? I'm sure as close as you are, as described by reports that you knew where your top aide was working? Was she regularly attending meetings with you in the months cited in the IG investigation?**
    - **FOLLOW-UP:** See Mr. Pruitt I always know where my closest staff members are and what they are working on, so I'm sure you are willing to tell the committee today that the IG will find Ms. Dravis regularly was at the agency and attending meetings**, are you willing to say that to this committee, because I know three months would not have gone by without you not knowing where and what your top policy aide and friend was working on?**

- Q: You have worked with Ms. Dravis since your days at the Republican Attorney Generals Association, where Ms. Dravis worked as a fundraiser. **What made her qualified to be hired as the head of EPA's policy office when her previous experience was as a political fundraiser?**

- Q: During your trip to Morocco in December 2017 you authorized Samantha Dravis to fly first-class and directed your staff to sign-off on the decision after the trip was completed, for which there was no legal justification. **Can you explain this decision and provide all documents related to your travel and all staff that joined you on this trip?**

- Q: According to reports, following your trip to Morocco in December 2017 when you allowed Samantha Dravis to travel first-class, you directed Kevin Chmielewski to retroactively approve Ms. Dravis's travel accommodations despite there being no legal defensibility for doing so. However, when he refused to sign documents authorizing the upgrade, you directed Ryan Jackson, your Chief of Staff, to remove Mr. Chmielewski from his position. **Why did you authorize Ms. Dravis to upgrade her travel on this trip?**

- **FOLLOW-UP: Do you think it is appropriate to remove employees who refuse to retroactively signoff on decisions for you, particularly when there is scant legal authority justifying your directive?**

SECURITY--JAHAN

- Q: Leaked internal memos have cast doubt on the actual number of threats to you EPA has encountered. Allegedly, the security threats to you include someone yelling at you on a plane and someone else threatening to spill paint on you. **Do you believe these threats are enough to warrant the additional security expenses you've incurred?**
  - **FOLLOW-UP: Are we to understand that you are spending this money on security due to people being mean to you on the internet?**
  - **FOLLOW-UP: It has been reported that none of your security threats have been prosecuted. Why is this?**
  - **FOLLOW-UP: Would you make all security information regarding threats to you available to the committee?**

- Q: There are reports that you requested 24-hour security before you even came to the agency. **How could this be justified? Were you/your life threatened before taking office?**

- Q: According to recent reports you upgraded your agency vehicle to a costlier, larger, and more high-end Chevy Suburban, which included bullet resistant covers over bucket seats and extravagant amenities such as Wi-Fi. Worse yet, you awarded another contract to a leasing company based in Connecticut for a 2018 Suburban with four-wheel-drive, extra captain's chairs, a sunroof, and GPS navigation. To add insult to injury, you continue to maintain the lease of the vehicle used by former Administrator Gina McCarthy. **Do you honestly believe you are under more scrutiny or threat than former EPA administrators to justify not only upgrading the fleet to fancier vehicles, but expanding the fleet to such degrees?**

- Q: There have been numerous reports that you have extended security contracts to friends, associates, and even to an outside company with which your security lead, Nino Perrotta, has part ownership. **Can you provide an accounting, including the names of owners and investors, of all security contracts, equipment, and other related hardware that has been purchased since January 20th, 2017?**

- Q: Under your leadership, Nino Perrotta, your Special Agent who leads your security detail has personally benefited from security contracts entered into by the Agency. Coincidentally, Mr. Perrotta has provided primary justification for your enhanced security. There is clearly a concerted effort being taken by you to reward Mr. Perrotta monetarily for granting your requests for excessive security improvements. **Can you provide unredacted documentation for this committee for all security related purchases and contracts, including information relating to whether or not the solicitations were made available for open bidding?**

- Q: During your travel to Italy in June 2017, the EPA, under the direction of Mr. Nino Perrotta, entered into a $30,000 contract with private Italian security personnel. It just so happens that Mr. Perrotta has familial and professional ties to security related personnel and firms in Italy. **Can you detail the circumstances, including the production of all documents, relating to this contract and explain how there is not a conflict of interest?**

- Q: **Has the EPA under your leadership entered into a contract, purchased hardware, or otherwise employed agents invested in or otherwise associated with Sequoia Security Group, Inc. or a subdivision thereof?**
    - **FOLLOW-UP: Do you commit to making all documents available related to this request?**

- Q: According to reports, when you were planning travel to Australia and Italy, you refused to stay at hotels recommended by the local U.S. Embassies. This is concerning because U.S. Embassies have an intimate relationship with their host governments and are strategically placed to ensure the security and safety of officials traveling abroad. Further, by not heeding the advice of local officials and staying at hotels not prepared to meet the security standard you seem to require, you set a course of unnecessary security spending at facilities not positioned to meet this threshold. **Can you speak to why you sought alternative accommodations than what was recommended by the U.S. embassy officials?**
FOLLOW-UP: Was this another instance where you told your staff that you wanted to visit a specific city in the world and directed them to find a reason to make the trip seem legitimate?

- **Q: Why did you feel it was necessary to order a brand new Chevy Suburban when the agency maintains a Tahoe? Was it the leather, bullet proof, bucket seats? Or was it because you needed to have what your fellow cabinet secretaries drive?**

Message

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It's actually different.

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This is the same response from last week. Can you address your own internal reports suggesting the actual threats don't justify his security arrangements? Thank you.

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"Scott Pruitt has faced an unprecedented amount of death threats against him and these threat assessments are conducted within OECA using information collected from the PSD, EPA's Office of Homeland Security, and Inspector General. Americans should all agree that members of the President's cabinet should be kept safe from these violent threats." – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

BACKGROUND …

Patrick Sullivan, EPA's Assistant Inspector General For Investigations said there are a number of threats against EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. "'We have at least four times -- four to five times the number of threats against Mr. Pruitt than we had against Ms. [Gina] McCarthy,' said Patrick Sullivan, EPA's assistant inspector general for investigations, referring to Pruitt's predecessor during the Obama administration. He declined to provide the specific numbers of threats against Pruitt. 'They run the variety of direct death threats -- 'I'm going to put a bullet in your brain' -- to implied threats -- 'if you don't classify this particular chemical in this particular way, I'm going to hurt you,'' Sullivan told CNN in an interview. 'Then there's implied threats -- like they say in New York, with the mafia: 'If you come after me and my family, I'll come after you and your family.'' (CNN, 11/28/17)

According to Patrick Sullivan, threats have nearly doubled against Pruitt. "In an interview with E&E News,

Patrick Sullivan, EPA's assistant IG for investigations, said the watchdog opened roughly 70 threat probes in fiscal 2017, including cases and complaints related to EPA facilities and personnel. That surpassed the total of about 45 such probes into threats against EPA from fiscal 2016. Sullivan also said Pruitt has faced more threats than his immediate predecessors, former administrators Gina McCarthy and Lisa Jackson. 'He has had significantly more threats directed against him. There's absolutely no question about it,' Sullivan said." (E&E News, 01/11/18)

Threats have been made against Pruitt and his family. "The administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency said an increase in his security detail is the result of an escalation in threats to him and his family. 'The quantity and the volume -- as well as the type -- of threats are different," Pruitt said in an interview with Bloomberg News. "What's really disappointing to me as it's not just me -- it's family.'" (Bloomberg, 10/26/17)

Pruitt said threats the level of protection is decided by the threat. "The level of protection is dictated by the level of threat," Pruitt said, noting security arrangements are decided by others assessing the situation." (Bloomberg, 10/26/17)

EPA's Office EPA's Office of Criminal Enforcement, Henry Barnet said there have been incidents of aggressive behavior against Pruitt. "There were 'incidents where he was being approached -- vulgar language, people were being somewhat aggressive towards him -- and so the special agent in charge provided documentation -- a memo -- to me and up the chain of command requesting the administrator be placed in business- or first-class to avoid these potential issues for the safety of the administrator.'" (Bloomberg, 02/15/18)

EPA's Office EPA's Office of Criminal Enforcement, Henry Barnet said it's their job to ensure they can pull Pruitt away from threats. "The agents have to make sure he's in a position where they can protect him," the director of EPA's Office of Criminal Enforcement, Henry Barnet, said in an interview. "If he's surrounded by other members of the public or it's a threat, their job is to push him and pull him away from those threats. That's why it is imperative to keep him away from the individuals so they can keep him safe." (Bloomberg, 02/15/18)

EPA's Protective Service Detail says there is a high level of interest against Pruitt. "Perrotta described a "high level of unusual interest in the administrator," calling it the most he's ever seen while safeguarding EPA chiefs." (Bloomberg, 02/15/18)

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Do you have a comment on this letter? Are these examples of threats all of what you have used to justify Pruitt's higher security level and expenses? Why doesn't the report list any threats during air travel? Would need a comment ASAP, thanks.

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Hi again, all,

We have another letter for you from Senators Whitehouse and Carper on Pruitt. This one calls into question the justification for Pruitt's 24-7 security detail and other security measures (first-class flights, security sweeps of EPA facilities, etc.) based on documents brought to our attention by a whistleblower. This information is being sent to Senator Barrasso calling for bipartisan oversight hearings by Senate EPW. The full details are below, but here are the key take-aways:

- Secret Service security threat assessments from 2017 and 2018 identify no "reports of behaviors of interest" against the administrator
- The Joint Terrorism Task Force reported in October there are "no known investigations underway concerning threats to Scott Pruitt"
- Pruitt's security detail's justification for the extensive security measures Pruitt enjoys relies largely on negligible threats such as non-violent protests, negative feedback about the Administrators actions or other First Amendment protected activity
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Note: Given that this information deals with details of threats to a cabinet official, we are not making the underlying reports available.
Full text of the Senators' letter is below. A PDF is attached.

April 10, 2018

The Honorable John Barrasso
Chairman
Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Barrasso,

We write to request that the Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee immediately initiate bipartisan oversight hearings into the extent and justification of security spending for Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt. Documents provided to us by EPA official(s) suggest the agency has relied on questionable "threats" to the Administrator, including reports of non-violent protests, negative feedback about the Administrator's actions, or other First Amendment protected activity, to justify millions of dollars in

additional security spending, including first-class air travel, as compared to his predecessors at the agency. These non-public documents include security threat assessments from the United States Secret Service that identify no "reports of behaviors of interest" against Administrator Pruitt, and an internal EPA Intelligence Office report that disputes the Administrator's claims that the nature of the threats against him justify his expenditures. We are providing this information to you under confidential cover in an abundance of caution to protect any specific ongoing security efforts.

Administrator Pruitt has adopted numerous, unprecedented safety measures during his tenure at EPA: 24-7 security staffed by a detail of as many as 20 EPA officers, first-class flights ostensibly to more effectively protect the Administrator while travelling by air, and a security sweep of and biometric locks for the Administrator's office. The Associated Press reported this weekend that total security costs and associated travel expenses have already cost taxpayers $3 million.[1]

EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox was quoted on April 6 as saying the Administrator and his family have faced an "unprecedented" number of death threats, a statement that was amplified the following day by President Trump who stated that "Scott Pruitt has received death threats because of his bold actions at EPA."[2] In its March 21, 2018 response to a February 15, 2018 letter from Senators Tom Carper and Gary Peters about the Administrator's first-class flights, EPA wrote that its Protective Security Detail (PSD) "has identified specific, ongoing threats associated with the Administrator's air travel" and has relied on assessments from EPA's Office of Inspector General (EPA OIG) that the Administrator is facing more security threats than his predecessor. These assertions do not appear to be consistent with the non-public EPA documents we have obtained and enclose here.

For example, one document we are providing to you is an October 17, 2017 memorandum from William Stull, Special Agent on the Administrator's PSD, to Pasquale Nino Perrotta, the PSD's Special Agent in Charge.[3] The memo purports to summarize available threat information regarding Administrator Pruitt, claiming that the EPA OIG data showed 16 threats directed against the Administrator, a 400% increase over threats in the previous fiscal year against then-EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy. A closer look at the description of many of these threats cast doubt that they appropriately justify the kinds of security measures Mr. Pruitt has sought, as they include:

- Protestors attempting to disrupt a speech given by Mr. Pruitt at a closed event.
- A social media post in which an individual "stated he is not happy with some of the Administrator's policies and wanted to express his displeasure."
- A postcard sent to the Administrator stating "CLIMATE CHANGE IS REAL!!! We are watching you. For the sake of our planet, our children & our grandchildren, will you be a reasonable man? I repeat, we are watching you!"
- An email stating: "Hi, I am considering dumping the old paint I just scraped off of my home outside your office door on Tuesday."
- A letter addressed to the Administrator that did not include "overt threatening language" from an incarcerated individual.

Notably, none of the incidents listed in this report concerned air travel and the only threat to Administrator Pruitt currently being prosecuted by a United States Attorney's office was a threat made to him <u>and</u> his predecessor Gina McCarthy.

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[1] Michael Biesecker, "AP sources: EPA chief spent millions on security and travel," *The Associated Press*, April 7, 2018 https://www.apnews.com/e2fdc3fc88be43279281779 5a34fda46.

[2] https://twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/982770847046922240?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw&ref_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cnn.com%2F2018%2F04%2F07%2Fpolitics%2Ftrump-pruitt-epa-tweet%2Findex.html

[3] We wrote to EPA on March 6, 2018, raising numerous concerns about Mr. Perrotta, including potential self-dealing, and questioning his ability to run a security consulting business while employed at EPA. We also raised concerns about how Mr. Perrotta came to be Special Agent in Charge, which have been heightened in light of recent reporting by the New York Times that Mr. Perrotta's predecessor, Eric Weese, was removed from his position for when he "questioned Mr. Pruitt's desire to use flashing lights and sirens in his motorcade." *See* Eric Lipton, Kenneth P. Vogel, Lisa Friedman, "E.P.A. Officials Sidelined After Questioning Scott Pruitt," *New York Times,* April 5, 2018. We have not yet received a response from EPA to that letter.

The October 17 assessment also states that at the time there were "no known investigations underway concerning threats to Scott Pruitt" by the Joint Terrorism Task Force, and that an open-source review of social media uncovered "no evidence of a direct threat to the Administrator's life or physical well-being."

We have also obtained, and are providing to you, a document dated February 14, 2018, from EPA's Office of Homeland Security Intelligence Team titled "Preliminary Intelligence Enterprise Threat Assessment Review," which reviewed the PSD's October 17, 2017 memo. This memo concluded PSD's October 17 memo "***DOES NOT*** employ sound analysis or articulate relevant 'threat specific' information appropriate to draw any resource or level of threat conclusions regarding the protection posture for the Administrator." (Emphasis in original.) The memo states that "[u]sing all source intelligence resources, **EPA Intelligence has not identified any specific credible direct threat to the EPA Administrator**."[4] (Emphasis in original.)

The February 2018 memo describes repeated efforts by EPA Intelligence officials to tell EPA OIG and EPA's senior leadership that "the 'threat' to the Administrator was being inappropriately mischaracterized by the Protective Service Detail (PSD) and the OIG" and notes that EPA Intelligence has "not seen any analysis to indicate why the Administrator would be at any greater risk on a commercial airline than any other passenger, or why a trained EPA PSD member could not protect the Administrator in a different location on the aircraft [than in the business or first-class section]."

EPA's Intelligence Team requested from the United States Secret Service a "Direction of Interest Query" on February 21, 2017 and on February 22, 2018 for potential threats against Administrator Pruitt. Neither query returned any "reports of behaviors of interest directed toward EPA Administrator Pruitt." We have provided you both United States Secret Service reports with this letter.

It is hard to reconcile the public statements of EPA, and the President, with these internal and external assessments. It may be that the materials we have been provided are incomplete and that EPA has additional information that justifies its public position. However, another view is that certain factions within EPA have justified the exorbitant taxpayer spending incurred by the Administrator's first-class travel and large entourage of security personnel through unsubstantiated claims about threats to his security, either at the direction of the Administrator himself or others in the agency. Either way, the EPW Committee has a responsibility to look into these matters.

As you review this information, we urge you to remind EPA of its obligations under the Whistleblowers Protection Act, as amended. In our view, the documents provided to us may constitute evidence of a "violation of law, rule, regulation, gross mismanagement, a gross waste of funds, an abuse of authority, or a substantial and specific danger to public health or safety."[5] As such, any adverse personnel action against a person providing this information to Congress is prohibited, and it is in our shared interest that these rights be protected.

We thank you for your prompt attention to this matter, and look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Thomas R. Carper United States Senator	Sheldon Whitehouse United States Senator

cc: Arthur A. Elkins, Jr., Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency

[4] One role of this office "is to identify potential vulnerabilities, and to provide information and guidance to mitigate potential violent actions evolving from inappropriate communications and/or threats that are directed at EPA protected persons and facilities." Apparently it has been excluded from assessments and decision-making related to the Administrator's security. This suggests a breakdown of communication and coordination within EPA that should also be an area of inquiry by the EPW Committee.
[5] 5 U.S.C. 2302(b)

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Deputy Communications Director
Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

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"Scott Pruitt has faced an unprecedented amount of death threats against him and these threat assessments are conducted within OECA using information collected from the PSD, EPA's Office of Homeland Security, and Inspector General. Americans should all agree that members of the President's cabinet should be kept safe from these violent threats." – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

BACKGROUND …

Patrick Sullivan, EPA's Assistant Inspector General For Investigations said there are a number of threats against EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. "'We have at least four times -- four to five times the number of threats against Mr. Pruitt than we had against Ms. [Gina] McCarthy,' said Patrick Sullivan, EPA's assistant inspector general for investigations, referring to Pruitt's predecessor during the Obama administration. He declined to provide the specific numbers of threats against Pruitt. 'They run the variety of direct death threats -- 'I'm going to put a bullet in your brain' -- to implied threats -- 'if you don't classify this particular chemical in this particular way, I'm going to hurt you,'' Sullivan told CNN in an interview. 'Then there's implied threats -- like they say in New York, with the mafia: 'If you come after me and my family, I'll come after you and your family.'' (CNN, 11/28/17)

According to Patrick Sullivan, threats have nearly doubled against Pruitt. "In an interview with E&E News, Patrick Sullivan, EPA's assistant IG for investigations, said the watchdog opened roughly 70 threat probes in fiscal 2017, including cases and complaints related to EPA facilities and personnel. That surpassed the total of about 45 such probes into threats against EPA from fiscal 2016. Sullivan also said Pruitt has faced more threats than his immediate predecessors, former administrators Gina McCarthy and Lisa Jackson. 'He has had significantly more threats directed against him. There's absolutely no question about it,' Sullivan said." (E&E News, 01/11/18)

Threats have been made against Pruitt and his family. "The administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency said an increase in his security detail is the result of an escalation in threats to him and his family. 'The quantity and the volume -- as well as the type -- of threats are different," Pruitt said in an interview with Bloomberg News. "What's really disappointing to me as it's not just me -- it's family.'" (Bloomberg, 10/26/17)

Pruitt said threats the level of protection is decided by the threat. "The level of protection is dictated by the level of threat," Pruitt said, noting security arrangements are decided by others assessing the situation." (Bloomberg, 10/26/17)

EPA's Office EPA's Office of Criminal Enforcement, Henry Barnet said there have been incidents of aggressive behavior against Pruitt. "There were 'incidents where he was being approached -- vulgar language, people were being somewhat aggressive towards him -- and so the special agent in charge provided documentation -- a memo -- to me and up the chain of command requesting the administrator be placed in

business- or first-class to avoid these potential issues for the safety of the administrator.'" (Bloomberg, 02/15/18)

EPA's Office EPA's Office of Criminal Enforcement, Henry Barnet said it's their job to ensure they can pull Pruitt away from threats. "The agents have to make sure he's in a position where they can protect him," the director of EPA's Office of Criminal Enforcement, Henry Barnet, said in an interview. "If he's surrounded by other members of the public or it's a threat, their job is to push him and pull him away from those threats. That's why it is imperative to keep him away from the individuals so they can keep him safe." (Bloomberg, 02/15/18)

EPA's Protective Service Detail says there is a high level of interest against Pruitt. "Perrotta described a "high level of unusual interest in the administrator," calling it the most he's ever seen while safeguarding EPA chiefs." (Bloomberg, 02/15/18)

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Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 11:58 AM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Request for comment

Liz and Jahan,

Sens. Carper and Whitehouse have issued a letter saying they obtained internal EPA documents that show no evidence of specific, credible, physical threats against Administrator Pruitt. The letter says they reviewed confidential security assessments describing 16 purported threats. Among them: public protests, criticism of Pruitt's policies and other activities protected by the First Amendment.

The Democrats say they saw no records describing specific, credible threats against Pruitt or his family.

Obviously, this does not square with Jahan's statement on Friday citing "unprecedented" death threats against Pruitt and his family.

Please provide on-the-record response.

Thanks,

Michael

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Thanks,
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To: Jeff.Mason@thomsonreuters.com
Subject: RE: Reuters story on Millan Hupp travel to Australia last year

First-Class Travel: Referring you to our statement made to CBS News - https://www.cbsnews.com/news/scott-pruitt-my-very-next-flight-will-be-coach-epa-administrator-the-takeout-interview/

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Got it, that's helpful. And were his dates the same as well (Aug 26-29)?

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Background …

Millan Hupp: $8,987.56
Kevin Chmielewski: $9,318.76

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Thanks very much, Jahan.

Can you confirm the cost of Kevin's ticket? If he flew the same itinerary that Millan did, was it also around $9,000?

From: Wilcox, Jahan [mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
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Cc: Press
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Yes. Off-the-record (can say it on the record if you want) hope you story notes it takes about a day to get to Australia and a day to return.

From: Jeff.Mason@thomsonreuters.com [mailto:Jeff.Mason@thomsonreuters.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 1:14 PM

To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Reuters story on Millan Hupp travel to Australia last year

Got it, that's helpful. And were his dates the same as well (Aug 26-29)?

From: Wilcox, Jahan [mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 1:10 PM
To: Mason, Jeff (Reuters)
Subject: RE: Reuters story on Millan Hupp travel to Australia last year

Background …

Millan Hupp: $8,987.56
Kevin Chmielewski: $9,318.76

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Thanks very much, Jahan.

Can you confirm the cost of Kevin's ticket? If he flew the same itinerary that Millan did, was it also around $9,000?

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Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 1:00 PM
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Cc: Press
Subject: RE: Reuters story on Millan Hupp travel to Australia last year

"This is not news. Government employees who travel for longer than 14 hours are able to fly in business class and our advance team, which included Millan Hupp and Kevin Chmielewski, were adhering to the federal government's travel policy. Their job was to arrive before Administrator Pruitt, who had meetings planned with the Australian government, but his trip was cancelled due to Hurricane Harvey." – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

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Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 10:31 AM
To: 'Wilcox.jahan@epa.gov'
Subject: Reuters story on Millan Hupp travel to Australia last year

Hi Jahan,

This is Jeff Mason with Reuters. I'm doing a story about Millan Hupp having traveled on official business last August to Australia on a "business elite" ticket that cost $8,987. According to the information I have, the trip lasted three days. A comparison fare would have cost $1,410.

Could you please let me know what the purpose of her trip to Australia was? What was she doing there for the EPA? Was the "business elite" cost approved in advance? And if so, why was that determination made instead of going with a less expensive fare? Was Administrator Pruitt aware of this trip and/or did he direct her to take it?

Any information you could share would be very helpful, and any comment you have that I could include in the story would be helpful, too. Please respond in the next couple hours. We're planning to run the story around 1 pm.

Thanks,
Jeff

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Subject: RE: a question about the removal of the Deputy Associate Administrator at EPA's Office of Homeland Security

EPA STATEMENT: "**We do not comment on personnel matters. The action today was based on a recommendation by the Office of Administration and Resources Management. I am not aware of any connection between the personnel matter and the document mentioned in media reports.**"
– Donna Vizian, EPA Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator

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Will handle

Sent from my iPhone

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> Dear Press Team,
> We are writing that Mario Caraballo, Deputy Associate Administrator at EPA's Office of Homeland Security, has been removed from his post. (We know Politico has reported this, and we had independently confirmed it.)
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> Would you like to provide a comment?
> Best, Juliet

> **From:** Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
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> **Cc:** Eilperin, Juliet <Juliet.Eilperin@washpost.com>
> **Subject:** RE: Seeking comment re: security detail
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Subject: Seeking comment re: security detail

Hi all,

We are writing on a just-released letter from Sen. Carper and Sen. Whitehouse, questioning the agency's justifications for Administrator Pruitt's 24/7 security. The letter is attached.

For now, we have made sure to include the comments on security needs that Jahan sent over the weekend. But wanted to reach back out for any additional comment.

Thanks,
Brady

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Sent: 4/11/2018 7:32:40 PM
To: Alemany, Jacqueline [AlemanyJ@cbsnews.com]
CC: Farhi, Arden [FarhiA@cbsnews.com]
Subject: RE: comment on document?

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Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 3:25 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Cc: Farhi, Arden <FarhiA@cbsnews.com>
Subject: comment on document?

Hi Jahan,
CBS News obtained a document outlining threats made against Administrator Pruitt in an EPA OIG report. Any comment or statement? Feel free to give us a call if you would like more information on the document we have obtained.
Thanks in advance for your time and help,
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To: Biesecker, Michael [MBiesecker@ap.org]; Feldman, Carole [CFeldman@ap.org]
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Subject: RE: Security detail costs for Italy

I was just trying to be helpful and confirm numbers that are currently being circulated. You can report however you want. Have a good day, Michael.

From: Biesecker, Michael [mailto:MBiesecker@ap.org]
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2018 2:37 PM
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Jahan,

This doesn't include the cost of $36,000 for the military jet from Ohio to JFK.

I guess I'm confused what distinction you are trying to draw? Between career EPA staff and political appointees. Are they all not accurately described as "EPA staff"?

Do you expect that with providing the documents to the oversight committee, the records will also be released to the public? As I'm sure you are aware, AP is among those who have pending FOIAs for them.

Also, do you have figures for total travel costs for Pruitt, aides and security for 2018?

Thanks,

Michael

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Subject: RE: Security detail costs for Italy

I saw your story. Regarding this line: "The known cost of Pruitt's previously reported trip grew this week after the agency disclosed a highly redacted document showing expenses for Pruitt's security detail cost more than $30,500. "

On background, here is the information, but we ask that you note this includes EPA career (in bold) and EPA political appointees if you are reporting a grand total.

Traveler	Commercial Airfare	Total Expenses

Pruitt, Scott	$7,003.32	$8,997.83
Chmielewski, Kevin	$1,809.63	$5,445.37
Dravis, Samantha	$2,330.98	$5,704.81
Ferguson, Lincoln	$1,906.12	$4,461.08
Finman, Hodayah	**$1,553.16**	**$3,421.72**
Greenwalt, Sarah	$1,919.96	$5,173.92
Gunasekara, Amanda	$2,046.18	$4,549.78
Hupp, Millan	$2,144.57	$5,988.36
Jackson, Ryan	$2,438.28	$4,689.55
Nishida, Jane	**$2,014.64**	**$5,201.56**
Security Detail	$30,553.88	$30,553.88
Grand Total	$55,720.72	$84,187.86

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The statement is regarding international travel.

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Jahan, on this point: "EPA's security procedures have not deviated over the past 14 years."

Is this accurate? It's been previously reported that neither Jackson nor McCarthy had a full-time security detail and McCarthy was not accompanied by security on weekend trips home to Boston.

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On-the-record statement regarding travel: **"Administrator Pruitt's security detail followed the same procedures for the G7 environmental meeting in Italy that were used during EPA Administrators Stephen Johnson, Lisa Jackson, and Gina McCarthy's trips to Italy. EPA's security procedures have not deviated over the past 14 years."** – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

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Jahan,

Do you have updated comment on the release of the figure for the cost of the administrator's security detail to go to Italy last year? Also, can you comment on whether the security team flew with him in business class/first class?

I've heard EPA may turn over travel records to House Oversight this week, potentially as soon as today. Can you confirm?

Thanks,

Michael

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https://mobile.twitter.com/realDonaldTrump/status/982770847046922240

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Sent: Friday, April 6, 2018 12:20 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Requests for comment

Didn't get a response to these questions yesterday. I remain hopeful you will provide on the record comment about the reasons for the administrator's upsized security detail, which has included 20 full-time staff and additional officers that have rotated in from around the country. We are preparing to report on the total cost of the administrator's security precautions.

From: Biesecker, Michael
Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2018 1:06 PM
To: 'Bowman, Liz' <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
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Thanks for getting back to me Liz.

I also want to confirm something else with you: EPA has said previously on background that Administrator Pruitt's 24-hour security detail and use of premium class airfare were initiated following unprecedented threats to his security, including an incident last March where a person yelled at him in an airport to "Stop f-ing up the environment." Is all that accurate?

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We have searched state and federal court records and cannot find any instances of individuals being charged with communicating threats against Pruitt. Can you point me to any?

Thanks,

Michael

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Hi Michael – Here is our statement on Samantha: "After serving for over a year as EPA's head of policy, Samantha Dravis has decided to pursue other opportunities. She has been integral in the Agency's successful implementation of the President's environmental agenda and the Agency wishes her success in her future endeavors."

I understand that Kevin Minoli has a statement on the new memo, which he can share with you directly.

Thank you,

Liz

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Jahan, Liz,

Please provide comment on the resignation of Samantha Dravis and Kevin Minoli's letter saying he wasn't given full info Pruitt's living arrangement before issuing the earlier memo you distributed.

Thanks,

Michael

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Subject: Interview with Christie Todd Whitman earlier today

Jahan,

Former EPA administrator Whitman was sharply critical of Scott Pruitt in an interview with the Bergen (N.J.) Record this morning. Among some of her remarks:

- She called the need for a sound proof booth in his office "absolutely ridiculous" and unnecessary and said the EPA building has a sound proof room for sensitive matters, which they used during the 2001 anthrax crisis.
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- She dismissed the need for bullet proof desk or cars as unnecessary and said Pruitt would be the "last person anyone is going to want to take out, frankly."

Wondering if you have any reaction. I'm writing on deadline, 5 p.m. today, Mon. April 9, and will post probably in early evening. I sent this request earlier to press@epa.gov.

Thanks,

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> > Checking on this;
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> > Sara Ganim
> > CNN Correspondent
> > New York
> > 954-663-2523
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Subject: RE: Security spending

Alright working on this right now.

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Absolutely. I just wanted to make sure you all had it asap, since this is not a brief request. I expect the story to be filed and in edit tomorrow morning, so a response by mid morning would be welcomed. Late morning *should* be fine.

Thank you,
Jen.

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Below are draft responses in bold. Every statement – with the exception of the motorcade in Italy – has been approved and already used somewhere. Please feel free to edit or put someone else name behind the statements.

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Subject: APPROVAL: security threat - comment request

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From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Thursday, April 5, 2018 6:51 PM
To: 'Puko, Tim' <tim.puko@wsj.com>
Subject: Hey

Here is what we sent the New York Times. You can use anything below as on-the-record.

- https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/05/business/epa-officials-questioned-scott-pruitt.html

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From: Ferguson, Lincoln
Sent: Thursday, April 5, 2018 3:02 PM
To: Friedman, Lisa <lisa.friedman@nytimes.com>
Cc: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Request for comment please

Lisa –

The below statements can be attributed to Jahan Wilcox, EPA Spokesman.

"We dispute the veracity of the accusations."

++ Mr. Chmielewski objected to a proposal to buy a charter aircraft membership for $100,000-per-month that would have allowed Mr. Pruitt to take an unlimited number of private jet trips for official business

"This is not news. EPA's chief financial officer regularly receives solicitations for this type of travel, we did our due diligence, found it was not as cost efficient and continued to fly commercial."

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"The Administrator never considered the proposal."

<u>ON BACKGROUND:</u> OARM was asked to locate a desk for the Administrator's office since it did not have a desk. In place of a desk, the office had a long table. OARM acquired the desk from the GSA surplus warehouse. The warehouse contained many desks, all were in need of some type of repair. We selected a desk at no cost and proceeded to have the desk repaired/refurbished for use in the Administrator's office or another office should a need arise. We also worked with OGC to ensure that the cost of the refurbishment could be charged to OARM.

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"The suggestion that Administrator Pruitt directs the abuse of emergency lights is ridiculous. The security detail for the past 15 years has used them in very limited fashion. i.e. to avoid possible compromise of the vehicle in a flow of traffic."

++ A member of the security detail also made it be known that he would be reluctant to sign off on requests—which were part of his job to review—for authorization for Mr. Pruitt to fly first class, based on security concerns. Only after Mr. Perrotta took over as security detail lead did Mr. Pruitt begin to regularly fly first class
See response below.
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EPA's assistant inspector general told CNN the following: 'We have at least four times -- four to five times the number of threats against Mr. Pruitt than we had against Ms. McCarthy. They run the variety of direct death threats -- 'I'm going to put a bullet in your brain' -- to implied threats -- 'if you don't classify this particular chemical in this particular way, I'm going to hurt you.'

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"Administrator Pruitt never asked for a sound proof booth. He asked for a secure phone line. Any discussion about a sound proof booth took place amongst staffers who oversaw the project. They are no longer with the Administrator's Office."

What message does it send to the American public if Mr. Pruitt switches his security detail chief and two other career officials involved with overseeing expenses and a political appointee who did the same thing, after these individuals raise concerns about spending and security practices? Was this appropriate?

"The premise in the question that these people were moved or released for the reasons stated are incorrect."

Should Mr. Pruitt resign based on the series of questions that have been raised about his performance and if not why not?

Under his leadership, EPA has saved more than $1 billion in taxpayer dollars and rolled back more than 22 regulations. He is advancing the President's agenda on a daily basis.

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To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Request for comment please

Hi Jahan and Liz

We are finishing work on a story about the EPA that addresses concerns that were raised by certain HQ staff members related to travel, office spending and issues related to security protocols by the Office of the Administrator.

The story notes how four individuals who raised these objections--Kevin Chmielewski, John E. Reeder and Reginald E. Allen, and Eric Weese--were later transferred to different jobs, or moved on their own to a different job after being told to find a new role, or in Kevin's case, put on leave.

We know that there are different circumstances involving each of these individuals, three of whom are career and one is political. But we wanted to go in detail here through some of the issues that these staff members raised and then the way their jobs were shifted after their raised these issues.

We welcome your specific responses to these issues. But we need any response you want to offer by 3 p.m. today, Thursday, April 5.

Here are the specific factual assertions I welcome you to address;

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As an aside, we know of the allegations raised against Mr. Chmielewski related to his security clearance that the IG investigated and found were not substantiated. We also know of complaints that he was hard to reach while he was out of the office doing advance work for the VP.

Finally a few additional questions.

Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

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Thanks very much - I'm on my cell,
Lisa

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Subject: RE: cnbc.com query - EPA Admin Scott Pruitt travel

Answers in bold.

From: Mangan, Daniel (NBCUniversal) [mailto:Daniel.Mangan@nbcuni.com]
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To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: cnbc.com query - EPA Admin Scott Pruitt travel

Jahan –

Good morning. I'm doing a story off of Politico's report about Administrator Pruitt's use of first-class flights and the new cost figures for those flights. Please send me any comment you have on that report and its contents.

"We have responded to Chairman Gowdy. The letter explains, EPA's Protective Service Detail identified specific ongoing threats associated with Administrator Pruitt's travel and shifted his class based on certain security protocols that require him to be near the front of the plane." – EPA spokesman, Jahan Wilcox

I'd also like to know if Mr. Pruitt has made any changes in the way he travels as a result of the controversy over the issue of costs.

"We answered this in a podcast with CBS News."

https://www.cbsnews.com/news/scott-pruitt-my-very-next-flight-will-be-coach-epa-administrator-the-takeout-interview/

Thanks –

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Yes, I can take a look. Thanks much

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Thanks so much,
Valerie

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