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Subject: epa stuff

Hey Patrick,

Off-the-record, here are some bullets regarding how Obama's EPA operated and how the administrator he is doing more to advance Trump's agenda on regulatory certainty and environmental stewardship – declaring a war on lead, cleaning up toxic superfund sites – than his predecessor. Please let me know if you need anything else or have any questions.

Best,
James

BACKGROUND …

Scott Pruitt's Back-to-Basics Agenda for the EPA. "Republican presidents tend to nominate one of two types of administrator to lead the Environmental Protection Agency. The first is the centrist—think Christie Todd Whitman (2001-03)—who might be equally at home in a Democratic administration. The other is the fierce conservative—think Anne Gorsuch (1981-83)—who views the agency in a hostile light. Scott Pruitt, whom the Senate confirmed Friday, 52-46, doesn't fit either mold. His focus is neither expanding nor reducing regulation. 'There is no reason why EPA's role should ebb or flow based on a particular administration, or a particular administrator,' he says. 'Agencies exist to administer the law. Congress passes statutes, and those statutes are very clear on the job EPA has to do. We're going to do that job.' You might call him an EPA originalist." (The Wall Street Journal, 02/17/17)

REPEALING OBAMA'S JOB-KILLING REGULATIONS …

EPA moves to repeal Obama's Clean Power Plan coal regs. "EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt announced Monday that the Trump administration is moving to scrap the Clean Power Plan, the Obama administration's signature regulatory program to curb emissions from coal-fired power plants. Pruitt made the announcement at an event in Hazard, Ky., casting the previous policy as unfair. "That rule really was about picking winners and losers," Pruitt said. "The past administration was unapologetic, they were using every bit of power, authority to use the EPA to pick winners and losers on how we pick electricity in this country. That is wrong." (Fox News, 10/09/17)

EPA's Pruitt moves to repeal Obama-era Clean Power Plan. "EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt on Tuesday formally proposed repealing the Obama administration's "Clean Power Plan," in a move to ease regulations on coal-fired power plants. The EPA said the move to repeal would facilitate new developments of U.S. energy resources and reduce unnecessary rules that have curbed their development. "The president made a promise to the American people that the EPA would not be an agency that picks winners and losers as we generate electricity in this country," Pruitt told Fox News' "Special Report with Bret Baier" Tuesday night. "The [Obama] administration made a commitment to declare a war on coal. And effective yesterday and today, that war is

over." The EPA said in a statement that the agency wants to declare that the Clean Power Plan exceeded the government's authority." (Fox News, 10/10/17)

Pruitt's Clean Power Break. "The Trump Administration is giving the economy a boost with its deregulatory agenda, and the latest example comes Tuesday when Environmental Protection Agency chief Scott Pruitt will propose to repeal the Obama Administration's Clean Power Plan. Ending this power grab will uphold the letter of the law and restore cooperative federalism with the states." (The Wall Street Journal, 10/08/17)

An executive order was issued to rescind WOTUS. "President Trump and EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt issued an executive order to rescind or revise the 2015 Clean Water Rule: Definition of 'Waters of the United States.'" (Press Release, 02/28/17)

EPA's Scott Pruitt finalizes regulation blocking Obama's Waters of the US rule. "Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt signed a finalized regulation Wednesday blocking the Obama administration's Waters of the U.S. rule. 'Today, EPA is taking action to reduce confusion and provide certainty to America's farmers and ranchers,' said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. 'The 2015 WOTUS rule developed by the Obama administration will not be applicable for the next two years, while we work through the process of providing long-term regulatory certainty across all 50 states about what waters are subject to federal regulation.'" (Washington Examiner, 01/31/18)

EPA's Scott Pruitt declares 'war on lead,' three years after Flint water crisis began. "EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt has begun an effort to 'eradicate' lead poisoning from drinking water, more than three years after the crisis in Flint, Michigan, started. Pruitt hosted a meeting Jan. 8 for state and local officials at agency headquarters in Washington to obtain feedback on ways to update the 1991 Lead and Copper Rule, a federal mandate that dictates how communities test for lead in drinking water. It has not been revised in more than a decade. Participants are convinced Pruitt is committed to making the rule tougher as the main focus of his 'war on lead.'" (The Washington Examiner,

Pruitt's EPA awarded $100 million to upgrade drinking water in Flint, Michigan. "The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) today awarded a $100 million grant to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to fund drinking water infrastructure upgrades in Flint, Mich." (Press Release, 03/17/17)

Pruitt's EPA committed additional funds surround the Gold King Mine release, bringing the total to $29 million. "The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has provided over $90,000 in additional reimbursements to five entities in Colorado and Utah for their costs incurred responding to the August 5, 2015, Gold King Mine release." (Press Release, 03/16/17)

Scott Pruitt says EPA "walked away" from Colorado after Gold King spill, commits to making Silverton clean-up a priority. "Environmental Protection Agency chief Scott Pruitt says his agency 'walked away' from Colorado after the Gold King Mine spill under the Obama administration, vowing Friday to make a federal cleanup of the Gold King and other abandoned mines around Silverton a priority. He also said he will re-evaluate rejected damage claims — totaling hundreds of millions of dollars — made in the disaster's wake." (The Denver Post, 08/04/17)

DOUBLE-STANDARD ON EPA'S TRAVEL ...

Obama's EPA appointees spent as much, or more, on travel than Trump's Pruitt, data show. "'As the media continue to criticize Pruitt and his 'luxury' international travel, his expenses are nothing out of the ordinary – or even lower – compared to previous EPA directors under the Obama administration, who avoided the

criticism. "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,' Jahan Wilcox, an EPA spokesman, told the Washington Free Beacon. 'But under the Trump administration the costs to protect our government officials is somehow scandalous.' Lisa Jackson, who was Obama's EPA director between 2009 and 2013, spent more than $332,000 on airfare and security for four international trips, on average $83,000 per trip, according to documents obtained by the Washington Free Beacon. She 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. Gina McCarthy, the agency's director between 2013 and 2017, embarked on 10 international trips, spending nearly $630,000 on airfare and security, on average $63,000 per trip. The documents revealed costs for McCarthy's journeys 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)." (Fox News, 03/22/18)

Anybody Recall The Media Looking At Gina McCarthy's Travel Expenses? "Scouring the pages of the usual mainstream media outlets, I'm simply failing to find any sort of outraged pieces about how much all those trips cost or asking why there was a need for security details to accompany the EPA chiefs. But ever since Donald Trump came to town it appears to be a subject of keen interest. It almost seems as if there's some deeper, hidden meaning here but I just can't put my finger on it." (Hot Air, 03/22/18)

OBAMA'S EPA ITEMS THE PRESS RARELY COVERED ...

Former EPA chief under fire for new batch of 'Richard Windsor' emails. "Critics are leaping on private emails from the former head of the Environmental Protection Agency that seem to show her using the alias of 'Richard Windsor' to communicate with people outside the government. Messages released Wednesday show former EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson using the Windsor email account to talk with people who would later serve in the Obama administration." (The Hill, 05/01/13)

EPA Employee Downloaded 7,000 Files Of Porn At Work And Watched Them 2-6 Hours A Day. "An employee at the Environmental Protection Agency allegedly downloaded over 7,000 files of pornography on a government computer and watched them two to six hours per day, the agency's investigative unit revealed Wednesday. 'When an OIG special agent arrived at this employee's work space to conduct an interview, the special agent witnessed the employee actively viewing pornography on his government-issued computer,' Allan Williams, deputy assistant inspector general for investigations at the EPA, told the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee. 'Subsequently, the employee confessed to spending, on average, between two and six hours per day viewing pornography while at work,' he added. The improper conduct emerged as a result of a broader investigation into the agency following the 2013 conviction of senior EPA official John Beale, who falsely claimed to have been working for the CIA and defrauded the agency out of almost $900,000 in pay and benefits. The employee's identity has not yet been released pending an ongoing Justice Department investigation, but he is still on the government's payroll earning about $120,000 per year." (The Huffington Post, 05/07/14)

The Trump administration is ending a program which subsidizes gym memberships for Environmental Protection Agency employees. "'We have ended taxpayer-funded fitness centers at EPA; a program that was costing American taxpayers $900,000 per year,' EPA spokesperson Jahan Wilcox told CNN in a statement. 'Disinvestment in using federal funds for EPA fitness centers will allow the agency to invest this money in core activities to protect the environment.' An EPA official told CNN that the move came after EPA employees in Las Vegas billed the agency $15,000 worth of yearly gym memberships at the Las Vegas 24 Hour Fitness, even though they had free access to the University of Las Vegas gym. The 24 Hour Fitness chain has more than five

locations in Las Vegas, which offer varying amenities like indoor lap pool, steam room, sauna, group exercise classes and a full-sized basketball court." (CNN, 06/19/17)

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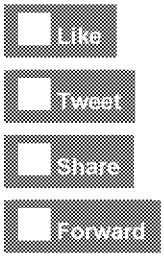

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Molly

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Molly- This is Amanda comms director at nasda they are preparing a statement for the conference. Wanted to connect you guys so you could drop it in the release.

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CC: Hupp, Millan [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=92cac7b684b64f90953b753a01bee0d5-Hupp, Milla]; Kundinger, Kelly [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=e3c9a5d16e2244079e222f342bf9992f-Kundinger,]; McMurray, Forrest [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=344246fb2cb643bfab4f92fe016566e2-McMurray, F]; Hewitt, James [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=41b19dd598d340bb8032923d902d4bd1-Hewitt, Jam]; Bowman, Liz [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=c3d4d94d3e4b4b1f80904056703ebc80-Bowman, Eli]; Abboud, Michael [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=b6f5af791a1842f1adcc088cbf9ed3ce-Abboud, Mic]; Wagner, Kenneth [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=048236ab99bc4d5ea16c139b1b67719c-Wagner, Ken]; Nitsch, Chad [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=d1d117eb89ff410fb6ccd21643b34447-CNitsch]; britt@nasda.org
Subject: Bio for Pruitt

Hi Commissioner! We are excited you will be introducing the Admin at NASDA next week. One of our public affairs folks (CC'd on here) will make sure you get the Admin's agriculture-specific bio. See you soon. Best. Tate

Message

From: Patrick Hedger [phedger@freedomworks.org]
Sent: 1/17/2018 8:57:12 PM
To: Abboud, Michael [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=b6f5af791a1842f1adcc088cbf9ed3ce-Abboud, Mic]
CC: Hewitt, James [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=41b19dd598d340bb8032923d902d4bd1-Hewitt, Jam]
Subject: Re: Wanted to flag this interview

Great stuff! We'll definitely share. Thanks for keeping us in the loop.

On Wed, Jan 17, 2018 at 3:52 PM, Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov> wrote:

Patrick-

Wanted to flag this interview from Pruitt on remaking the Agency, including this line from a union official.

"At the same time [Mr. Pruitt] is making these comments, he's basically doing everything he can to gut the agency of quality personnel," said John O'Grady, president of the American Federation of Government Employees Council 238, which represents EPA workers. **"They are basically going to break government and then somehow declare victory."**

I thought you guys might enjoy it. Pruitt also highlighted his intention to speed up permitting processes and transform the "bureaucratic" culture of the agency.

https://www.wsj.com/articles/scott-pruitt-aims-to-accelerate-his-efforts-to-remake-the-epa-1516220866

Michael Abboud

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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Excellent! Thanks James. I'll email her shortly.

And good to know regarding the comment period. I had wondered that as I typed the email haha

A lunch next week sounds great. My calendar is clear either Monday or Tuesday, but I could make Wednesday work.

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November 3, 2017

The Honorable Scott Pruitt
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Pruitt,

I want to cordially invite you to speak at FreedomWorks' Restore Liberty conference. Each year, FreedomWorks hosts a private, off-the-record meeting with our board of directors, top investors, and others who are interested in making freedom work again. Past speakers include Judge Andrew Napolitano, Steve Forbes, Glenn Beck, and Senators Ted Cruz, Rand Paul, Mike Lee, and Ben Sasse. If your schedule permits, I hope you will consider joining the conversation.

Restore Liberty will be held April 5 through 8, 2018 in Naples, Florida. If you are willing, I know our guests would be deeply appreciative of an opportunity to hear from you on the rollback of burdensome regulations at EPA under your leadership.

What: FreedomWorks' Annual Investor Retreat: Restore Liberty

When: April 5-8, 2018

Where: The Ritz Carlton Golf Resort
2600 Tiburon Dr, Naples, FL 34109

Audience: We expect 150 attendees for this year's Restore Liberty program. Our audience is both educated and politically savvy. Many attendees lean libertarian, but some are traditional conservatives. The average age is between 45-65, approximately 55% male and 45% female.

In the meantime, please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or would like additional details. I can be reached by phone at Ex. 6 or via email at abrandon@freedomworks.org.

Thank you for the consideration. Let's make freedom work.

In Liberty,

Adam Brandon
President

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Subject: RE: flagging these stories + future meeting

Patrick,

This all looks great. Mike and I should be able to meet everyone the week after Thanksgiving if that works with you?

As for the livestream, I think next month we can work towards organizing something as we begin our end-of-year agenda recap.

Best,
James

From: Patrick Hedger [mailto:phedger@freedomworks.org]
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 2:11 PM
To: Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>
Cc: Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: flagging these stories + future meeting

Hi James,

Thanks for following up. I've been a little out of commission with a cold these past few days so I apologize for the delayed response.

Thanks for flagging these articles. I'll make sure we do some promoting with our marketing team and get some blogs together. Hopefully you already saw our press release regarding the advisory council event and directive.

As far as the coalition, yes I've been doing some thinking and I have a few names for you.

Chrissy Harbin at Americans for Prosperity

Paul Blair & Katie McAuliffe at Americans for Tax Reform (they are doing double duty on energy&environment pending a new hire there, but they'd be good people to connect with at this time).

Taylor Barkley at the Competitive Enterprise Institute

Daren Bakst at the Heritage Foundation

Charles Rigler at the Charles Koch Institute

Phil Kerpen at American Commitment

I also asked Chrissy Harbin at AFP who she would (hypothetically) think would be a good fit. She suggested someone from American Energy Alliance but I'm still waiting on a specific name, but I agree with her regarding that organization.

I have contacts for all of the above and would be happy to make any introductions necessary, but think this is really the core group of allies you want to be in touch with on the right.

Really looking forward to working together on this and setting up a meeting. Also happy to host meetings if that helps.

Finally, would like to also get the ball rolling on doing a livestream with Administrator Pruitt. We're very flexible on time, date, location, and topic... but it's a platform we've had tremendous success with. We can also send over questions well in advance. We're currently driving comments in support of CPP rollback, so if we can schedule something before that closes in mid-December, we can promote that comment period in conjunction and really drive up our numbers.

Best,

Patrick

Sent from my iPhone

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> Hi Patrick,
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> Hope you enjoyed a nice weekend and are starting the week off on a positive note.
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> I wanted to flag these two stories that went up recently to see if you might be interested in sharing with some conservative folks regarding unfair media treatment over our nominees and staff:
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> http://thehill.com/opinion/energy-environment/359847-the-medias-tactics-to-silence-science-at-trumps-epa
>
> http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/no-the-toxicologist-trump-nominated-to-head-the-epa-chemical-office-does-not-kick-puppies-and-poison-kids/article/2640166
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> James Hewitt
> Environmental Protection Agency
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Message

From: Amelia Berger [amelia.berger@bracewell.com]
Sent: 8/13/2018 9:34:08 PM
To: Press [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=b293283291dc44e0b5d1c36be9281d8a-Press]
Subject: Help Protect Refiners Jobs from RFS Flaws In Reference to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2017-0091

Dear EPA Press,

The time is now to help prevent a massive loss of good-paying American jobs. Refinery workers across the country are potentially at risk if U.S. independent refiners go out of business due to the skyrocketing costs associated with the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS). The EPA currently implements the RFS in a way that makes all U.S. refiners responsible for ensuring that certain levels of renewable fuels are blended into gasoline, even if they do not have the capabilities to do such blending.

This nonsensical set-up gives large integrated oil companies that blend more fuel than they refine, coupled with big convenience store gasoline chains (who actually do much of the blending), a competitive market advantage. These companies gather valuable credits from the U.S. government for each gallon of renewable fuel they blend into gasoline produced by independent refiners, who do little or no blending themselves. Independent refiners are then forced to purchase those credits, often at astronomical prices, to comply with the RFS. These credits contributed to the bankruptcy of PES. Other refiners are at risk due to this backwards regulation, with 75,000 - 150,000 U.S. workers potentially impacted.

Finally, EPA should reduce the renewable fuel volumes to a level all engines and infrastructure can handle, which will help reduce the cost to refiners.

Please help save our jobs and make this right. We ask that you take action to reduce the renewable fuel volumes and address the dysfunctional RFS credit system in a way that fixes this inequity and preserves the viability of America's refining sector.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Amelia Berger
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Message

From: Wossen Abebe [wossen.abebe@hollyfrontier.com]
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2828 N Harwood
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Sent: 2/2/2018 11:32:57 PM
To: John Pence [jpence@donaldtrump.com]
Subject: Re: Also wanted to flag this

Yes sir.

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 2, 2018, at 6:18 PM, John Pence <jpence@donaldtrump.com> wrote:

> Thanks for sharing, Michael
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> Can you add me to your listServ?
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> _____
> John E. Pence, J.D.
> Deputy Executive Director
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> **From:** Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
> **Sent:** Friday, February 2, 2018 4:16:12 PM
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> **From:** EPA Press Office [mailto:press=epa.gov@cmail20.com] **On Behalf Of** EPA Press Office
> **Sent:** Friday, February 2, 2018 3:52 PM
> **To:** Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** EPA's Weekly Report For 02/02/18
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> # EPA'S WEEKLY REPORT
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> From a monumental State of the Union Address, to a historic decision on the West Lake Superfund site, to a speech at the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture, to a meeting with the Florida Farm Bureau, and an in-depth interview on *The New York Times' The Daily* podcast it was a week of action at the EPA.

In an interview with The St. Louis Post-Dispatch**, Administrator Pruitt outlined his course of action to cleanup West Lake.** "In a long-awaited decision that appears to be a compromise, the Environmental Protection Agency on Thursday recommended partial excavation of the West Lake Landfill in Bridgeton to remove radioactive waste linked to the Manhattan Project. The EPA said the proposed remedy, which it calls 'Excavation Plus,' is expected to take five years to implement and will remove the "majority" of radioactivity by digging to a depth of about 16 feet, while installing an engineered cover system for long-term protection. 'The consideration here was timing, it was certainty, it was respect to human health that was being protected,' EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt told the Post-Dispatch in a phone call Thursday morning. Radioactive waste was dumped illegally at West Lake in the early 1970s, but the landfill wasn't placed on the Superfund National Priorities List until 1990. Today, the landfill is widely regarded as one of the most high-profile — and complex — Superfund sites in the country, and in December was named one of 21 nationwide to be targeted for 'immediate, intense action' by the EPA Superfund Task Force."

St. Louis' CBS Radio **reported that Just Moms STL was happy with Pruitt's decision.** "Dawn Chapman and Karen Nickel of the Just Moms STL advocacy group say at first, the group was worried a partial removal would mean only 5 percent removed. With a 70 percent or more removal — they are pleased. 'I can tell you that we are happy with this decision, and what this does for us is it gives us direction,' Nickel says. 'We've gone without a decision at the site for 10 years, and it's time that we have direction.'"

Additionally, Pruitt appeared on Fox Business **to discuss West Lake.**

The Washington Post **reported that West Lake was Exhibit A in Pruitt's mission to cleanup Superfund sites.** "The Environmental Protection Agency on Thursday ordered a long-awaited cleanup of a Superfund site northwest of St. Louis, saying residents living near the landfill contaminated with World War II-era nuclear waste deserve action after waiting 27 years for federal regulators to issue a decision. … 'The people of the St. Louis region deserve clarity and answers,' Pruitt said in a statement Thursday. 'I promised them an answer, and today I am making good on that commitment.' He added that he sought a remedy at the site that would 'protect public health, comply with the law, and hold potentially responsible parties accountable.' Thursday's announcement also was intended to be Exhibit A in demonstrating Pruitt's commitment to revitalizing the agency's Superfund program, which includes the nation's most polluted sites, by streamlining and accelerating cleanups."

In a sit-down interview with the Wall Street Journal**, Pruitt said West Lake sends a results driven message.** "'This sends a message that we're actually going to get results,' Mr. Pruitt said in an interview with The Wall Street Journal. 'Frankly it's just what we ought to be doing.' Major progress on that work could become a legacy-shifting

achievement for a regulator now known largely for making friendlier relationships with industry and dismantling programs from the previous administration under President Barack Obama. … Mr. Pruitt has also argued the EPA could be more productive by focusing more on longstanding programs and problems, especially superfund cleanups."

Pruitt also joined The New York Times' The Daily to discuss how he's a rule of law Administrator who is focused on protecting the environment and human health.

In an op-ed to the Pensacola News-Journal, the head of the Florida State Hispanic Chamber of Commerce praised the work that is being done at the EPA. "As a chamber that sees how federal policies and regulations impact even our smallest businesses, I applaud the recent actions our president and the EPA have taken to positively impact an important industry here in Florida — agriculture."

The Deseret News **reported that Utah farmers and ranchers praised Pruitt's work on WOTUS.** "When new U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt visited Utah last summer, he told Gov. Gary Herbert and local ranchers he wanted to retool a federal rule redefining the meaning of 'waters' of the United States. Pruitt revisited that promise Thursday when his office announced a two-year delay to the implementation of the Waters of the United States rule that has been fiercely condemned by ranchers, farmers and energy companies. … Farmers and ranchers were adamant over a repeal or rewrite of the rule. 'We applaud the EPA and Army Corps for hitting the pause button while we search for added clarity and certainty for America's farmers,' said Dennis Nuxoll in a statement released by the Western Growers, which represents local and regional farmers in multiple Western states."

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Wanted to make sure you saw what Pruitt has been up to this week.

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EPA'S WEEKLY REPORT

From a monumental State of the Union Address, to a historic decision on the West Lake Superfund site, to a speech at the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture, to a meeting with the Florida Farm Bureau, and an in-depth interview on *The New York Times' The Daily* podcast it was a week of action at the EPA.

In an interview with The St. Louis Post-Dispatch**, Administrator Pruitt outlined his course of action to cleanup West Lake.** "In a long-awaited decision that appears to be a compromise, the Environmental Protection Agency on Thursday recommended partial excavation of the West Lake Landfill in Bridgeton to remove radioactive waste linked to the Manhattan Project. The EPA said the proposed remedy, which it calls 'Excavation Plus,' is expected to take five years to implement and will remove the "majority" of radioactivity by digging to a depth of about 16 feet, while installing an engineered cover system for long-term protection. 'The consideration here was timing, it was certainty, it was respect to human health that was being protected,' EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt told the Post-Dispatch in a phone call Thursday morning. Radioactive waste was dumped illegally at West Lake in the early 1970s, but the landfill wasn't placed on the Superfund National Priorities List until 1990. Today, the landfill is widely regarded as one of the most high-profile — and complex — Superfund sites in the country, and in December was named one of 21 nationwide to be targeted for 'immediate, intense action' by the EPA

Superfund Task Force."

St. Louis' CBS Radio **reported that Just Moms STL was happy with Pruitt's decision.** "Dawn Chapman and Karen Nickel of the Just Moms STL advocacy group say at first, the group was worried a partial removal would mean only 5 percent removed. With a 70 percent or more removal — they are pleased. 'I can tell you that we are happy with this decision, and what this does for us is it gives us direction,' Nickel says. 'We've gone without a decision at the site for 10 years, and it's time that we have direction.'"

Additionally, Pruitt appeared on Fox Business **to discuss West Lake.**

The Washington Post **reported that West Lake was Exhibit A in Pruitt's mission to cleanup Superfund sites.** "The Environmental Protection Agency on Thursday ordered a long-awaited cleanup of a Superfund site northwest of St. Louis, saying residents living near the landfill contaminated with World War II-era nuclear waste deserve action after waiting 27 years for federal regulators to issue a decision. … 'The people of the St. Louis region deserve clarity and answers,' Pruitt said in a statement Thursday. 'I promised them an answer, and today I am making good on that commitment.' He added that he sought a remedy at the site that would 'protect public health, comply with the law, and hold potentially responsible parties accountable.' Thursday's announcement also was intended to be Exhibit A in demonstrating Pruitt's commitment to revitalizing the agency's Superfund program, which includes the nation's most polluted sites, by streamlining and accelerating cleanups."

In a sit-down interview with the Wall Street Journal**, Pruitt said West Lake sends a results driven message.** "'This sends a message that we're actually going to get results,' Mr. Pruitt said in an interview with The Wall Street Journal. 'Frankly it's just what we ought to be doing.' Major progress on that work could become a legacy-shifting achievement for a regulator now known largely for making friendlier relationships with industry and dismantling programs from the previous administration under President Barack Obama. … Mr. Pruitt has also argued the EPA could be more productive by focusing more on longstanding programs and problems, especially superfund cleanups."

Pruitt also joined The New York Times' The Daily **to discuss how he's a rule of law Administrator who is focused on protecting the environment and human health.**

In an op-ed to the Pensacola News-Journal**, the head of the Florida State Hispanic Chamber of Commerce praised the work that is being done at the EPA.** "As a chamber that sees how federal policies and regulations impact even our smallest businesses, I applaud the recent actions our president and the EPA have taken to positively impact an important industry here in Florida — agriculture."

The Deseret News **reported that Utah farmers and ranchers praised Pruitt's work on WOTUS.** "When new U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt visited Utah last summer, he told Gov. Gary Herbert and local ranchers he wanted to retool a federal rule redefining the meaning of 'waters' of the United States. Pruitt revisited that promise Thursday when his office announced a two-year delay to the implementation of the Waters of the United States rule that has been fiercely condemned by ranchers, farmers and energy companies. … Farmers and ranchers were adamant over a repeal or rewrite of the rule. 'We applaud the EPA and Army Corps for hitting the pause button while we search for added clarity and certainty for America's farmers,' said Dennis Nuxoll in a statement released by the Western Growers, which represents local and regional farmers in multiple Western states."

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Hey Patrick wanted to flag this for you and make sure you caught the Administrator's trip to Nevada yesterday. Great example of cooperative federalism at work.

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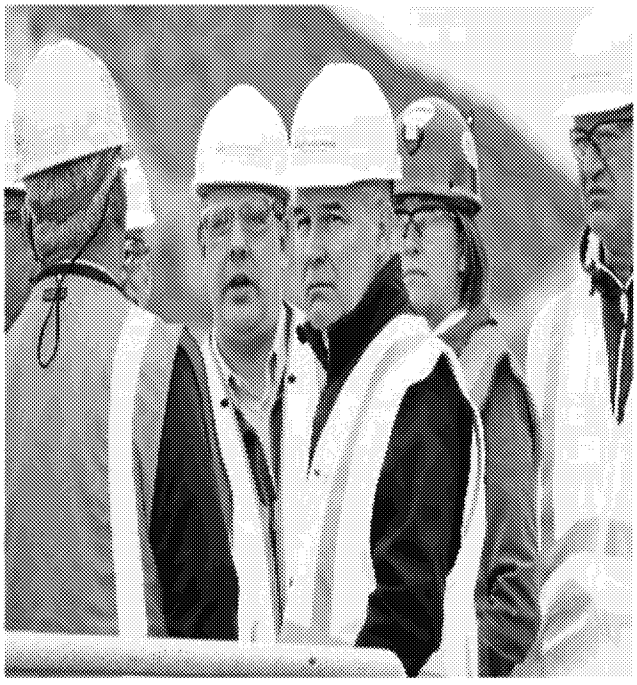

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt, center, tours Coeur Mining Inc.'s Rochester mine during a visit Feb. 5 to discuss the recent EPA decision not to impose additional financial assurances for reclamation on certain hardrock mines. Looking on are Jay Gear, Coeur vice president of environment, and Dana Bennett, president of the Nevada Mining Association.

EPA's Pruitt visits mine

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2 men jailed for drugs

ELKO DAILY

ELKO – Two Elko men were arrested Saturday morning on drug charges after one of them was pulled over for an alleged traffic violation.

Alberro

Peter J. Alberro, 52, was stopped for failure to yield at Spruce Road and Mountain City Highway, and he consented to a search of his vehicle, according to Elko Police Department Lt. Michael Pallegyi. Officers found a meth pipe so they called in a canine to determine if drugs were in the vehicle.

Police confiscated 24.86 grams of methamphetamine.

Based on that arrest and earlier investigation, police obtained a search warrant for a home in the 400 block of Oak Street. Assisted by the narcotics task force and SWAT team, they found additional meth and prescription pills packaged for sale.

Estrella

Anthony J. Estrella, 39, of Elko was arrested at the residence.

Alberro faces two counts of trafficking a controlled substance, three felony counts of possession of a controlled substance, possession with intent to sell, possession of a dangerous drug without a prescription, six counts of use or possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to yield at a stop or yield sign, and passenger obstructing driver's vision or control of vehicle. His bail was set at $205,400.

Estrella was arrested for felony possession with intent to sell a controlled substance, and use or possession of drug paraphernalia. His bail was set at $100,540.

According to Elko Daily Free Press records, Estrella was also arrested in December on a felony warrant for trafficking and selling a controlled substance.

Pallegyi said the investigation is ongoing.

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"In our state, there are requirements that have been in place since 1991," Sandoval

said, explaining that Nevada requires $2.7 billion in bonding for 167,000 acres. “I’m really proud of our regulatory system. It serves as a national model.”

Pruitt said he aims to help restore cooperative partnerships between the states and the federal government to be good stewards of the environment. What he described as a “commonsense” approach acknowledges that states have financial assurances already in place and that the proposed policy was not cost-effective for taxpayers. He said the decision reflects the direction of President Donald Trump to “put America first.”

“We recognized that you in Nevada recognize that you care about the air that you breath, the water you drink and how you take care of your land in the state,” Pruitt said. “Having a rule that was punitive, weaponized against the mining sector, was not a reason to have the rule, so we stopped the rule.”

The administrator and governor stressed that the result of not requiring additional financial assurances should stimulate the economy, as mining companies invest in jobs and expand operations.

“This truly is something we should all celebrate because it does reverberate to all of you, because we don’t have to do this redundant bonding. That allows the mine to continue to invest in all of you,” Sandoval said. “It allows you to go beyond and expand the mine to have that mine life so that all of you can have this continuous employment.”

Pruitt also announced that EPA staff members are examining their processes for approving permits, which sometimes take 20 years to approve. He said they plan to streamline processes so that EPA-approved environmental permits can be decided in six months, starting in late 2018.

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While in Nevada, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt also visited the Anaconda Copper Mine near Yerington for an announcement regarding site reclamation.

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Patrick, below is a lot of information regarding the Pebble Mine process at EPA since the Obama EPA's 2014 decision to stop Pebble Limited Partnership from being able to apply for a mining permit. What Administrator Pruitt is announcing tomorrow is a win for rule and due process.

Administrator Pruitt is allowing the well-established Section 404 process under the Clean Water Act to play out. The previous administration took the unprecedented step of vetoing this project before it was even allowed to apply. With Administrator Pruitt's actions to propose a withdrawal to the "proposed determination" in July 2017, Pebble Limited Partnership was allowed to file a permit with the Army Corps of Engineers and did just that. Administrator Pruitt's decision to terminate the July 2017 proposal came after over million comments on the proposal most of which were negative.

But to be clear, the no final decision on the "proposed determination" has been proposed and won't be until 2021 as required by a court settlement or when the environmental impact statement of Pebble Limited Partnership's project is complete.

Below is a tick-tock of these actions as well as our actions that will take place tomorrow:

- The EPA's upcoming announcement on Pebble Mine may surprise many people. But it's right in line with Administrator Pruitt's top priorities: fulfilling the Agency's core mission of protecting our nation's waters, while doing so in a way that respects due process and our statutory authority.

- In 2014, EPA's Region 10 (Seattle office) issued a "proposed determination" that, if finalized, would have effectively vetoed the Pebble Mine project. This happened before Pebble Mine had even applied to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for a permit. EPA does have the legal authority to issue such determinations before a company applies for a permit ("preemptively"), but the Agency has almost never done so.

- Pebble sued the Obama Administration in 2014, and the U.S. District Court for the District of Alaska issued an injunction that prohibited EPA from taking the next step in the "determination" process. Under EPA's regulations, the regions first make a "proposed determination," then forward it as a "recommended determination" to the Administrator. If the Administrator approves, it becomes a "final determination." The Corps cannot issue a final permit while a "determination" at any of these stages is outstanding. However, the Corps can and will *review* Pebble's permit application. In this review, the Corps will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under NEPA (National Environmental Protection Act), and EPA plays a role in advising the Corps in that process.

- The Obama Administration explored settlement with Pebble, but was unable to come to terms. In May 2017, EPA settled with Pebble. Under this settlement, Pebble released all claims against EPA. In exchange, EPA agreed to initiate a process to propose to withdraw the 2014 "proposed determination." EPA also agreed that, if Pebble did apply to the Corps for a permit, Region 10 would not forward any "recommended determination" to the Administrator until May 2021 or until the Corps issued its final Environmental Impact Statement on the Pebble application, whichever came earlier.

- In July 2017, the EPA proposed to withdraw the 2014 "proposed determination." Over one million comments were submitted in response to the proposed withdrawal. The vast majority were opposed to withdrawal, raising concerns about threats to the environment and to the local fishing and recreational economy posed by the Pebble project.

- In December 2017, **Pebble submitted its application to the Corps, and the Corps is proceeding to review the application.** This process will involve a detailed study of the environmental impacts of the proposed mine, and EPA will be able to provide input to the Corps as part of that process.

- Now, EPA is announcing its decision not to withdraw the 2014 "proposed determination" at this time. On the one hand**, any uncertainty over whether Pebble would be able to apply to the Corps for a permit has been resolved**; Pebble did so last December. On the other, serious concerns regarding the environmental and economic impact of the project remain.

- It's important to note that **the Corps' permitting process will now play out,** but EPA retains the prerogative to keep its "proposed determination" of the project in place, or to modify or withdraw it at a later time. **Any ultimate decision EPA makes will be made with due consideration of all relevant factors, chief among these being protection of the environment in a responsible manner consistent with proper process, respect for the limits of the agency's statutory authority, and the relevant science and record.**

Call James or I with any questions whatsoever. We want to make sure you guys are fully informed when it is announced.

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Patrick-

Wanted to flag this interview from Pruitt on remaking the Agency, including this line from a union official.

"At the same time [Mr. Pruitt] is making these comments, he's basically doing everything he can to gut the agency of quality personnel," said John O'Grady, president of the American Federation of Government Employees Council 238, which represents EPA workers. **"They are basically going to break government and then somehow declare victory."**

I thought you guys might enjoy it. Pruitt also highlighted his intention to speed up permitting processes and transform the "bureaucratic" culture of the agency.

https://www.wsj.com/articles/scott-pruitt-aims-to-accelerate-his-efforts-to-remake-the-epa-1516220866

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