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Sent: 11/11/2017 6:13:11 PM
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Subject: RE: Invite to Meet with ACOEL Region 8 Fellows

Hi John, sorry for the late reply. I would enjoy meeting with all of you when I'm next in town. I'm in Montana all of this upcoming week and then Thanksgiving week I am in Wyoming until Wednesday night or Thursday morning. Diane would you please set up time for a meeting convenient for everyone. Thank you.

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Subject: Invite to Meet with ACOEL Region 8 Fellows

Doug:

I am sure you are extremely busy in your new position. Am hoping this email finds you, and will also call your office at EPA. Look forward to catching up about this soon. Have copied your Deputy RA, Deb Thomas, to hopefully get this to you despite my lack of knowing your exact EPA email address. Also left a vmail message for Diane Moon (sp?) in your office, but could not fine her email in the staff directory either.

Please let me know when we might schedule a morning, mid-day, or late afternoon gathering with ACOEL Fellows here in Region 8. I attended the annual meeting of the College last week, and spoke with several who would like to attend such a meeting with you here in Denver (Jim Spaanstra, Tom Sansonetti, Martha Rudolph, etc.).

Regards,
John

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Subject: Fwd: Congratulations - Invite to Meet with ACOEL Region 8 Fellows

Doug:

Just following up on this. Might we get on your calendar for early December?

Regards,

John

Sent from my iPhone

From: Jacus, John
Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 3:56 PM
To: Benevento, Doug <doug.benevento@xcelenergy.com>
Cc: thomas.debrah@epa.gov; Miller, Zach <Zach.Miller@dgslaw.com>
Subject: RE: Congratulations - Invite to Meet with ACOEL Region 8 Fellows

Doug:

Thanks so much for the quick response. We look forward to scheduling a date and time that works for you.

Regards,

John

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Subject: RE: Congratulations - Invite to Meet with ACOEL Region 8 Fellows

Thanks for the invite John, it is something I would like to do. Let me get into the office next week and start organizing myself and then get back to you.

Thanks again,

Doug

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Doug:

Congrats on your appointment as EPA Region 8 Regional Administrator! I know you are probably being inundated with requests, but I was hoping I could get into the queue with a request for you to address a meeting of Region 8 Fellows of the American College of Environmental Lawyers (ACOEL) and their colleagues and guests. We did this with former EPA General Counsel Avi Garbow in connection with the ABA-SEER Fall conference here in Denver last year and it was well received. I have been trying to organize another ACOEL meeting for some months now, as evidenced by the email strand below. The occasion of your appointment would be a good one for scheduling a meeting later this fall with you as the new R.A. here in Denver, possibly here at Davis Graham just a block from EPA offices.

In an attempt to better coordinate such a gathering, I am taking the liberty of also copying Deb Thomas, your Deputy Regional Administrator and current Acting R.A., so she is also aware of this request for your attendance at an ACOEL Region 8 meeting in the near future. The meeting would also be open to the guests and colleagues of ACOEL Fellows, and certainly members of your staff.

Congratulations again, Doug. We look forward to working with you in the years to come, and are hoping you can make time to meet with our Region 8 Fellows, many of whom you know well, of course.

Regards,

John

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Subject: RE: ACOEL Region 8 - Regional Meeting Attempt

Dear Region 8 Fellows:

Sorry my execution on this was poor, but my attempt on short notice to arrange a meeting next Thursday with state environmental commissioners coming to meet with EPA has not been successful, so I have cancelled such plans by my email below. I was hoping to get some positive responses from our prospective regulator guests and then promote a small gathering to those of you who could be in Denver to attend. My apologies for not getting invitations out sooner to ensure a successful meeting. As you can see by my email, I tried to leave the door open for holding a meeting in the future, although the ECOS meeting option (Sept. in Jackson) was met with resistance due to full schedules and attendee recreation plans, from what I can tell. Perhaps once we have a new Regional Administrator…?

I look forward to seeing many of you in Charleston, if not before. Please let me know if you want to take a crack at a Region 8 meeting or have an idea for one…I'd be glad to help or just stay out of your way, as you prefer.

Best wishes for a pleasant summer season.

Regards,

John

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Subject: RE: Lunch Session on June 29th in Denver with ACOEL Fellows?

Dear Environmental Commissioners and Acting Regional Administrator Thomas:

Based on a few of your responses to date, it looks like this proposed meeting over lunch on the 29th will not work. I am therefore cancelling plans to meet. I appreciate your consideration of the request for an informal meeting with ACOEL Fellows.

I would like to keep the possibility for such a meeting later this year or early next year open, if you will be meeting again (other than at the ECOS meeting in Jackson, the schedule for which is quite full, as I understand). I can assure you of much better advance notice, if the opportunity arises.

Best wishes for productive meetings next week at EPA offices, and safe travels.

Regards,

John

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Subject: Lunch Session on July 29th in Denver with ACOEL Fellows?

Dear Acting R.A. Thomas and State Environmental Commissioners in EPA Region 8:

I am writing to inquire on behalf of the American College of Environmental Lawyers (ACOEL), of which I am fortunate to be a Fellow, whether some or all of you might join some of us ACOEL Fellows in Region 8 for informal conversation over a simple box lunch at the conclusion of your planned meetings here in Denver on Thursday, June 29th? I do apologize for the short notice, and am hoping this might still work for enough of you to make it worth our while. I understand from Martha Rudolph, also a Fellow of the College, that your meetings at EPA should conclude around noon on Thursday. If this goes forward, we could convene at my firm's offices shortly thereafter, just a block from EPA Region 8 offices. My hope is that your schedules might still accommodate this.

This gathering is part of ACOEL's broader outreach efforts, and this year's emphasis on outreach by ACOEL President Jim Bruen. There have been several regional meetings this year under Jim's leadership, and though some were planned with a speaker, others were more of an informal gathering and simple networking event with the opportunity to visit about current developments of interest to the Fellows and their guests. I am hopeful there is still time to take advantage of your planned gathering in Denver next week for an informal meeting over lunch before many of you return home. I certainly understand if some or all of you cannot accommodate this request on such short notice.

In keeping with your respective ethics in government requirements, we can take payment for your lunch and provide you with a receipt (cost tbd, approx. $15) for purposes of your reimbursement. If you are able to attend, please let me know as soon as you are able, and also indicate if you have any dietary restrictions of which we should be aware. We are also just a block from Union Station, for ease of transport to DIA for those flying home afterward.

Assuming enough of you can attend, I will forward this invite to the ACOEL Fellows in Region 8, many of whom are local here in Denver. I am hoping we'll have 15-20 people or so in attendance. Please also feel free to check out ACOEL's webpage for more information on the College. It is at http://www.acoel.org/ And thanks in advance for your consideration of this belated request.

Sincerely,

John

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Subject: ACOEL Region 8 - Regional Meeting or Call Ideas

Dear ACOEL Region 8 Fellows:

I am writing to solicit input from each of you regarding a Region 8 regional meeting or conference call. Below is an email from Ted Garrett reporting on a meeting led by Jim Bruen in Region 9, and a call recently held in region 10. Given the distances and tight state budgets here in the West, I was thinking a call might be easier to promote, or possibly piggybacking on another live program at which state environmental agency directors would be present. I indicated on a prior call with Ted and others that the ECOS Fall Meeting in Jackson, WY on Sept. 11-12, might be the first good opportunity where Region 8 state environmental regulators should be well represented. There may be other planned programs we should also consider.

I am remiss in not sending an email like this earlier. I welcome your thoughts and suggestions for such a call or meeting, a featured speaker or topic for the call or meeting, etc. I'm also glad to organize a short planning conference call among us to discuss this opportunity for ACOEL functions in Region 8.

Also, I assembled this email list from the ACOEL website manually, so if you believe I overlooked a Fellow here in the region, please let me know. I have included our emeritus fellows, and hope they can participate in any future Region 8 call or meeting.

Regards,

John

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