Senior Leadership Team Meeting Notes
2/29/16
1:00-3:00 p.m. (RA Conference Room)

Shaun McGrath		Suzanne Bohan		Paul Logan		Darcy O'Connor	
Deb Thomas		Aaron Urdiales		Elyana Sutin		Jennifer Schuller	
Joan Card		Paula Smith		Martin Hestmark		Rick Buhl	
Alfreda Mitre				Sandy Stavnes		Patrice Kortuem	
		Pat Gilbride					
Betsy Varcoe, Recorder		Jeffrey Martinez					

1. Special Topics - None

2. HQ Call
   - Donna Vizian is now Acting Asst. Administrator for OARM. John Showman is Acting Principal Deputy Asst. Administrator.
   - The RMP rule was signed last week.
   - There will be 3 tribal meetings this week; Shaun will participate in the 3/2 meeting with Chairman Archambault of the Standing Rock Sioux.
   - Financial systems are being upgraded today.
   - The Administrative IT Systems Plan will include posting of upgrades and training.
   - Lead and copper rule – Letters will be sent today to Governors and DEQs on what steps states can take. Rebecca will contact our Congressionals. Press inquiries should be sent to OW and OPA. Darcy will brief Shaun/Deb on rollout, response and R8 obligations.
   - Discussed the challenges of using pesticides to combat the Zika virus.
   - Despite the stay, states are meeting on the Clean Power Plan.

3. RA/DRA/Policy Advisor Highlights – Calendar Updates/Meeting Prep
   Shaun
   - Attended the RA/DRA meeting with Deb in Seattle last week. Subjects discussed included: priorities for the year, elevation policy, lead and copper rule, PFOS, forthcoming policies, workforce support, the Union's failure to ratify the collective bargaining agreement, which includes the full-time telework policy.
   - Received positive response from the Governor on the proposed Anita Peaks Superfund site.
   - Martin reported on the ND pipeline which transports Bakken crude to Illinois.
   - Update on EJ strategy for Flint incident – Michael Wenstrom will travel to Flint for 2 weeks to do community outreach as an "EPA Navigator."
   - Discussion of letter from Sen. Tester's officer asking for more public information on the Columbia Falls Aluminum Co. situation.
   - Received Gov. Hickenlooper's letter of support for NPL in Silverton.
   - The White House will hold a water summit in mid-March. John Tubbs will represent Gov. Bullock.
   - The meeting with MHA on the FIP will be rescheduled, probably mid-April.
   - Discussed proposed schedule for Administrator's visit on 3/8.

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- Spoke at the Montana Rural Water Systems Conference in Great Falls on 2/18. Emphasized how events such as the one in Flint affect the whole country and that good communication between local, state and the federal governments is essential.
- The water reorganization does not require Congressional review; therefore it has been approved. R8 will now work on implementation and recruiting. The SES positions will be announced ASAP. OPRA is working on PDs for the Shared Service Center.

Joan – At the IOGCC meeting in Washington, D.C.

4. Report from Deputies – Will report at Resource Management meeting.

5. Round Robin
   - Alfreda – Update on RTOC meeting scheduled for 3/22. ARAs should encourage their employees to attend the All Hands meeting which will be part of the ceremonial opening.
   - Martin – Will meet all day tomorrow on the Rocky Mountain Arsenal. Will travel next week to Helena and Butte.
   - Elyana – Discussed NOI sent to Shaun and Gina from Western Mining Action Projectenvironmental groups' letters on Montanore mine. Update on WY and MT regional haze.
   - Darcy – Update on UT regional haze and U&O FIP. The Utah legislation is voting on a bill to amend the definitions of solid waste and solid waste facility. Will travel to Billings tomorrow for consultation on Dewey Burdock.
   - Paul – Update on Anaconda Superfund site and the Lean project with Colorado on water supply permitting.
   - Rick – He and Patrice will travel to MOO to review TMS functions conducted there. Ann Dunkin will visit R8 on 3/15-16. Patrice will travel to D.C. on 3/15 to meet with BIA. The Resource Management meeting will move to 3/9 due to the Administrator's visit on 3/8.
   - Paula – Update on press about the BSNF settlement. The recent PAD meeting discussed the formation of 4 teams for emergency response and incident management. Seeking volunteers for the Denver Pow Wow on 3/25-27.
   - Aaron – Will brief Shaun and Deb on import-export. Will meet with R10 about Simplot.
   - Suzanne – Participated on a call with ECOS Enforcement and Compliance Subcommittee on EJ 2020 enforcement. Update on Northern Cheyenne Utility Commission's permit expiration.

6. RECAP OF DECISIONS/TASKS
   - Alfreda will brief Shaun on RTOC protocol.
   - Elyana will send summary to Shaun on WY regional haze.
   - Aaron will brief Shaun/Deb on import-export.
   - OPRA will brief Shaun/Deb on rollout of lead and copper rule.

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