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Subject: RE: DUE 1/18/2018 - Region 8 Update - Survey of EPA's Activities Related to Overseeing State Implementation of Federal Environmental Programs

Will do.

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Subject: FW: DUE 1/18/2018 - Region 8 Update - Survey of EPA's Activities Related to Overseeing State Implementation of Federal Environmental Programs

Suzanne,
Please schedule some time to discuss or send me an email with where the national oversight effort is since submission of our information in mid-January. Thanks

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Subject: RE: DUE 1/18/2018 - Region 8 Update - Survey of EPA's Activities Related to Overseeing State Implementation of Federal Environmental Programs

Hello Robin, Latonia and Rob:

I apologize in advance – but we have had to make a few modifications to our earlier submission from Friday – mainly the additional program details column. Let me know if you need assistance determining the differences in this updated spreadsheet. The other two documents that I sent on Friday remain unchanged.

Thanks,

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Subject: RE: DUE 1/18/2018 - Survey of EPA's Activities Related to Overseeing State Implementation of Federal Environmental Programs

Good afternoon Robin, Latonia and Rob:

Attached please find a copy of our completed State Oversight survey of Region 8 activities related to overseeing state implementation of federal environmental programs. Also attached is a copy of our Region 8 summary statement of our overall approach to oversight activities and a document entitled "State Enforcement Performance FY 2018", that summarizes the Region's approach towards working with states to evaluate and improve enforcement performance in Region 8.

Please don't hesitate to contact me should you have questions and I look forward to discussing this data further during our face-to-face meeting in DC early next month.

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Subject: DUE 1/10/2018 - Survey of EPA's Activities Related to Overseeing State Implementation of Federal Environmental Programs

Hi all –

First, please find attached the survey of EPA's activities related to overseeing state implementation of federal environmental programs. We are asking for responses back by Wednesday, January 10, 2018 along with a summary statement of the region's overall approach to their oversight activities to Rob Cannon, cannon.rob@epa.gov, Latonia Cheatham-Strickland, Cheatham-strickland.Latonia@epa.gov and me. Additional background and details are provided below and in the survey spreadsheet.

Thank you very much for the good discussion during the EMC and the quick and thoughtful comments on the survey spreadsheet. Most of the comments focused on additions and sorting of the Activities pick list which have been incorporated. One general comment centered on the scope of the survey. To clarify, the intent of the survey is to collect,

broadly, what activities each region is undertaking today (e.g., reviews, inspections, oversight, planning, training etc.) to define the 'as is' state to inform the 'to be' future state - a comprehensive system designed to evaluate state and local implementation of federal environmental programs.

The workgroup understands some regions perform activities around a statutorily required review/inspection that isn't required but may be a 'best practice' (e.g., sharing plans for inspections). These are activities we'd like to collect. Once the data are collected and compiled, OGC will review the survey responses to ensure that the statutorily required actions are correctly noted. The Team anticipates seeing regional similarities and differences that will help us scope the system and compile best practices. Included in the Operational Definitions workbook within the survey is a footnote to help clarify 'oversight' activities from more programmatic, planning type activities. Hopefully this is helpful.

A separate request from the ECOS/EPA Enforcement Workgroup "Best Practices for Inspection Targeting and Enforcement Planning" co-chaired by Ed Chu, EPA R7, and Craig Butler, Ohio, is also requesting completion of a "Template for Inspection/Enforcement Collaboration Processes" by each Region. These two surveys are requesting *different but related* information and the results of each will be used by both workgroups as they move forward. We also anticipate that the results of both data collection efforts will also be shared with state environmental agencies.

Background & Details -

The Agency State Oversight Lean Workgroup includes representatives from OW, OAR, OGC, OECA, OCIR and Regions 4, 7, 8, and 9. The problem being addressed: there is no comprehensive system designed to evaluate state and local implementation of federal environmental programs resulting in the inability to determine the effectiveness and value of oversight activities. The workgroup goal is to define, develop, pilot, evaluate, and launch the comprehensive system to evaluate state and local implementation of federal environmental programs by 2020.

The workgroup developed and piloted in two regions the attached survey to collect information about current oversight activities, focused on a broad definition of oversight. There are detailed instructions for completing the template, operational definitions and example entries to ensure consistent collection of data are included as workbooks in the spreadsheet (see the Background, "READ ME" and Operational Definition tabs).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Rob Cannon at (202) 566-2925 or me at (202) 564-3358.

Thank you! Robin

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