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Subject: Follow-Up from State Directors Meeting

All,

Attached please find a list of follow-up items from our meeting several weeks ago. Because the list is all-inclusive it is a little long but I think it appropriate that we capture all of the issues that were discussed. I do want to share with you the priorities from my point of view and solicit feedback from all of you on your areas of priority. From EPA's standpoint I would prioritize:

1.Self-Audit Law MOUs – An MOU between EPA and the states establishing clear state-federal roles in the implementation of self-audit laws. If you have questions please let me know.
2.Cooperative Federalism: EPA will draft a "roles document" to share with states for input and feedback. This document will define the larger relationship between EPA and the states in the implementation of delegated programs. I will draft something for your review.
3.International transport. This was an issue Martha brought up and I've briefly discussed it with HQ. I would like to have a conference call with HQ and interested parties to discuss section 179(b) of the CAA. We'll work with your offices and the Air program to set up a call.
4.EPA Research. There are regional research opportunities that we would like to work with all of you on. Al Basile, my Science Advisor, will work with your staffs on a process to jointly identify R8 research priorities for HQ consideration.
5.Budget. We will try to identify any administrative fixes to ameliorate issues that arise because budgets arrive late and are unpredictable.
6.T- Norm. Dave Glatt brought this up and I thought further discussion on how to proceed would be appropriate. Dave, I'll give you a call and we can discuss how to proceed.
7.Tribal relations. Kim Varilek will reach out to her counterparts to discuss this issue further and how to bring the tribes into this conversation.

This list isn't to derogate other issues on the list, many of them are being worked already and we should continue to focus on them. I chose the above issues because they were process improvements that have the opportunity to improve how we coordinate the delivery of services and they have a regional impact.

Of course we will continue to also focus on state specific issues as well, but the above issues are one's that jumped out at me as priorities. If you have different or additional thoughts please share them, I would be willing to change the above list. If not we will move the prioritizations as outlined above. My apologies for the delay in getting this out.

Best,

Doug