September 23, 2019
12:00-1:15pm

Luncheon with Members of the US Council for International Business

Location: Harvard Club, 35 West 44th Street (between 5th and 6th Avenues)

Attendees:
- Administrator Wheeler
- Michael Molina
- Jane Nishida
- Corey Scott
- Michael Abboud

Annotated Agenda:

11:45 Guests arrive and are seated

12:00 YOU arrive and are escorted to the head table, where your lunch will be waiting for you at the table. You will be seated next to Peter Robinson (President, USCIB).

12:05 Peter Robinson makes brief remarks, followed by lunch. YOU will be able to eat lunch while he is presenting his remarks.
- USCIB priority issues in international environmental policy arena
- USCIB members – multisectoral, active in global markets, seeking to promote innovation and investment towards environmental stewardship while promoting economic opportunity abroad and at home
- Partnerships with Administration are key to this, likewise the need to remove barriers to some business sectors in some parts of the UN system

12:08 Lunch commences

12:20 YOU are introduced and deliver 5-minute remarks before discussion begins

12:25 Facilitated discussion topic #1: Promoting American private sector innovation and initiative to tackle global environmental challenges

Moderated by Cal Dooley, American Chemistry Council on:
- Marine Litter
- Food Waste
- Recycling

12:45 Facilitated discussion topic #2: Advancing public-private partnership to promote U.S. investment opportunities in energy, water infrastructure and other innovative technologies.

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Moderated by Peder Holk Nielsen (CEO, Novozymes).

- Water Infrastructure
- Environmental Technology

1:00 Peter Robinson will provide comments on takeaways from discussion and follow-up ideas.

1:05 YOU will make courtesy concluding remarks

1:06 Luncheon adjourns

1:08 Family photo

1:15 End of event

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Notes: USCIB coordinates input for the UN on behalf of the private sector and will be active doing so during UNGA 74 and related Summit events.

35-40 participants, primarily U.S. businesses, along with global business and other stakeholders, are expected to attend this event.

Attachment: Background on OECD Objection Letter re: Basel Amendment
Draft Participant List

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Talking Points

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Questions for Facilitated Discussion Sessions

Session One: **Promoting American private sector innovation and initiative to tackle global environmental challenges**

Anticipated Moderator Questions to the Room

- *As a follow up from this discussion, what can EPA do to deepen coordination with you and your companies on marine litter?*
- *How can we get the word out about U.S. leadership on the marine litter issue?*
- *To what extent do you see a need for international coordination with governments on the issue of food waste?*

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Session Two: **Advancing public private partnership to promote U.S. competitiveness, infrastructure and technologies**

Anticipated Moderator Questions to the Room

- *What do you see as the private sector role vs government role as we talk about delivering clean water and clean water infrastructure at home and internationally?*

- *What else can EPA do to be a strong advocate for exporting U.S. technologies and know-how in the water, energy, and other sectors?*

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Background on the OECD Objection Letter

At the May 2019 Meeting of the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and Their Disposal, Basel Parties decided to newly classify most plastic scrap as subject to Basel Convention requirements, effective January 1, 2021. Under the OECD Council Decision, Basel Convention scrap/waste listings are automatically incorporated into the OECD Council Decision unless an OECD member country objects within 60 days after new Basel scrap/waste listings are adopted. The U.S. objection suspends the automatic incorporation of the Basel plastic scrap/waste listings into the OECD Council Decision and triggers negotiations to decide how transboundary movements of plastic scrap/waste should be addressed under the OECD Council Decision. The OECD Secretariat created a small technical working group, called the Ad Hoc Task Team, to negotiate new plastic scrap/waste listings and develop a proposal for submission to the OECD Working Party on Resource Productivity and Waste. EPA's Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery represents the U.S. government on the OECD Ad Hoc Task Team. The first face-to-face meeting is scheduled for mid-September.

Rationale

The Basel plastic scrap/waste amendments were adopted to reduce the presence of plastic scrap/waste in the environment in countries that have ineffective waste management systems. By contrast, the OECD is a group of 36 developed countries that have attained high environmental standards and have the capacity to manage scrap and waste in an environmentally sound manner. Less than one percent of plastic waste generated in OECD countries is mismanaged. Facilitating trade in plastic scrap for recycling among OECD countries helps ensure that the material is traded between countries that can recycle it in an environmentally sound manner -- reducing some sources of marine plastic litter and other environmental problems associated with the improper disposal of wastes generated from plastic recycling operations in some non-OECD importing countries. Since China imposed its strict import restrictions on plastic scrap, export flows have been redirected to other countries in Southeast Asia and other regions that may not have adequate capacity to manage it.

The US government is committed to reducing plastic pollution to protect the marine environment and believes that working through the OECD will help achieve this goal. In 2015, plastics recycling in the United States reduced over 2.32 million metric tons of CO_2 equivalent (MTCO2E) and provided approximately 4,930 jobs (when compared to landfilling).

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USCIB Luncheon with USEPA Administrator Andrew R. Wheeler

List of Participants

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