Message

From: Kovner, Karissa [Kovner.Karissa@epa.gov]
Sent: 3/27/2020 1:39:04 PM
To: Smith, Walker [Smith.Walker@epa.gov]
Subject: Fwd: OCSPP input for USMCA assessment report to Congress

Hi — so I appreciate very much your efforts to shield OCSPP from ridiculous timeframes. Thank you. I mean that very much. You're a good barometer for your leadership, I hope they know that!

My guess, however, is that the real issue is not my PT schedule or Ashley's Friday off, but rather a Chad issue. Can you tell me when you guys really need this? Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

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I'm not saying we can't get this done, but our Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)s on top of Alex's issue where we have a big call with USTR at 4 today and then need to write our memo to Alex for Wheeler on that, I'm not sure I feel comfortable asking Ashley to spend her weekend on a Chad timing problem. We sent these two issues for the environmental review to OITA almost two weeks ago, maybe more, in fact. Why are we getting so little time to turn these around? Perhaps I could be more sympathetic if I understood the timing better — which is why I'm sending this just to you?

Thanks,
Karissa

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Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Kovner, Karissa" <Kovner.Karissa@epa.gov>
> **Date:** March 27, 2020 at 9:11:14 AM EDT
> **To:** "Muehling, Brian" <Muehling.Brian@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** "Nelsen, Ashley" <Nelsen.Ashley@epa.gov>, "Almodovar, Lisa" <Almodovar.Lisa@epa.gov>, "Finman, Hodayah" <Finman.Hodayah@epa.gov>
> **Subject: Re: OCSPP input for USMCA assessment report to Congress**
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> We'll touch base this morning and get back to you. It's probably a mix of both #1 and #2. They are closely related.
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> On timing, we'll do our best. Alex has an issue front and center with the Administrator on Monday morning that she has asked us to work on today and both Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
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> On the template, you are likely going to need to engage your own CEC or Mexico experts to assist with your middle item as we are not going to be familiar enough with the nitty-gritty details of Mexican law and infrastructure. We can tell you where the problems are and what the trade impacts are, but presumably USTR will need to use its own expertise and review writing team, building on what we provide and what your office might need to expand on for us, to flesh out.
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> Will do our best, of course.

Thanks,
Karissa

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On Mar 27, 2020, at 8:47 AM, Muehling, Brian <Muehling.Brian@epa.gov> wrote:

Ashley and Karissa,

I presume you will work from item #1 below in your one pager on MX chems/pesticides issues for the assessment/gap report due to Congress. Correct?

Thanks,
Brian

From: Nelsen, Ashley <Nelsen.Ashley@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 8:06 AM
To: Muehling, Brian <Muehling.Brian@epa.gov>; Ferland, Henry <Ferland.Henry@epa.gov>
Subject: OCSPP USMCA Implementation
Importance: High

Good morning Brian,

Below are the issues OCSPP has flagged that may hinder the effective implementation of USMCA. USTR should be aware of these issues as well, but always important to put them in writing. If USTR needs additional information I am happy to provide more detail.

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Thank you,

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