Message

From: McIntosh, Karen [McIntosh.Karen@epa.gov]
Sent: 2/16/2021 7:18:37 PM
To: Daly, Carl [Daly.Carl@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Air quality/inland port issues in Utah

Cool. Thanks

Karen

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From: Daly, Carl <Daly.Carl@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 12:11 PM
To: McIntosh, Karen <McIntosh.Karen@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Air quality/inland port issues in Utah

We will get her the talking points and then see what she wants. We already had a call with her on this issue last week.

Carl Daly
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From: McIntosh, Karen <McIntosh.Karen@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 11:54 AM
To: Daly, Carl <Daly.Carl@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Air quality/inland port issues in Utah

p.s. Do you want to schedule a briefing time with Deb on this issue? Just wondering.

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Subject: RE: Air quality/inland port issues in Utah

Karen

From ARD: Monica, Scott Jackson, Kerri Fiedler, Laura Farris, and Crystal Ostigaard.

Thanks

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From: McIntosh, Karen <McIntosh.Karen@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 16, 2021 9:39 AM
To: Daly, Carl <Daly.Carl@epa.gov>; Morales, Monica <Morales.Monica@epa.gov>; Fiedler, Kerri <Fiedler.Kerri@epa.gov>; Jackson, Scott <Jackson.Scott@epa.gov>; Farris, Laura <Farris.Laura@epa.gov>; Ostigaard, Crystal <Ostigaard.Crystal@epa.gov>
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Hello
The scheduler made a mistake, the meeting is February 25 at 9 am mountain time.

Please let me know who you would like to attend this meeting.

Thank you

Karen

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So we need to prepare some key messages/talking points for the SLC inland port project for Deb to provide to Avi Garbow, who is now in the Administrator's office as senior counselor. This would be in preparation for a call with Dr. Moench and Utah Physicians for a Healthy Environment.

Avi's office just sent a call invite for 2/23 at 9, during the time we planned to brief Deb on Wyodak and Bridger, D'oh.

Thanks

Carl Daly
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From: Thomas, Deb <thomas.debrah@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 1:07 PM
To: Garbow, Avi <Garbow.Avi@epa.gov>

Cc: Goffman, Joseph <Goffman.Joseph@epa.gov>; Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Gibson, Neshawne <Gibson.Neshawne@epa.gov>; McIntosh, Karen <McIntosh.Karen@epa.gov>; Daly, Carl <Daly.Carl@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Air quality/inland port issues in Utah

Thank you Avi, I will be sure to get an update with key messages prepared prior to the meeting.

Deb

From: Garbow, Avi <Garbow.Avi@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 1:00 PM
To: Thomas, Deb <thomas.debrah@epa.gov>
Cc: Goffman, Joseph <Goffman.Joseph@epa.gov>; Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Gibson, Neshawne <Gibson.Neshawne@epa.gov>; McIntosh, Karen <McIntosh.Karen@epa.gov>; Daly, Carl <Daly.Carl@epa.gov>
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All good. Prior to any meeting with the outside groups, would be helpful to get an update (oral or written – whatever is easiest) from folks in the region most familiar with the issue.

Avi

From: Thomas, Deb <thomas.debrah@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 2:56 PM
To: Garbow, Avi <Garbow.Avi@epa.gov>
Cc: Goffman, Joseph <Goffman.Joseph@epa.gov>; Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Gibson, Neshawne <Gibson.Neshawne@epa.gov>; McIntosh, Karen <McIntosh.Karen@epa.gov>; Daly, Carl <Daly.Carl@epa.gov>
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Avi,

Sounds good Avi. Karen McIntosh will reach out to Neshawne on scheduling. Does a 30 minute meeting sometime after next week sound good to you? I will include Carl Daly, R8 ARD Director, and a couple of staff most familiar with our EJ work and Port Initiative.

Deb

From: Garbow, Avi <Garbow.Avi@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 12, 2021 6:46 AM
To: Thomas, Deb <thomas.debrah@epa.gov>
Cc: Utech, Dan <Utech.Dan@epa.gov>; Goffman, Joseph <Goffman.Joseph@epa.gov>; Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Gibson, Neshawne <Gibson.Neshawne@epa.gov>
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Deb,

Ex. 5 AC/DP

I've added Neshawne Gibson to this email, as she is helping with my schedule. Perhaps Neshawne can get with Deb's scheduler and see what we can pull together. Thx all.

Avi

From: Thomas, Deb <thomas.debrah@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 11, 2021 1:53 PM
To: Garbow, Avi <Garbow.Avi@epa.gov>
Cc: Utech, Dan <Utech.Dan@epa.gov>; Goffman, Joseph <Goffman.Joseph@epa.gov>; Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
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Ex. 5 AC/DP

Happy to discuss further, if you would like.

Deb

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From: Garbow, Avi <Garbow.Avi@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 12:28 PM
To: Thomas, Deb <thomas.debrah@epa.gov>
Cc: Utech, Dan <Utech.Dan@epa.gov>; Goffman, Joseph <Goffman.Joseph@epa.gov>; Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Air quality/inland port issues in Utah

Of course – thanks very much.

Avi

From: Thomas, Deb <thomas.debrah@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 2:26 PM
To: Garbow, Avi <Garbow.Avi@epa.gov>
Cc: Utech, Dan <Utech.Dan@epa.gov>; Goffman, Joseph <Goffman.Joseph@epa.gov>; Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Air quality/inland port issues in Utah

Avi, I need to follow up with several of my senior managers on this issue. Will sometime next week be soon enough to get back to you?

Deb

From: Garbow, Avi <Garbow.Avi@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 12:00 PM
To: Thomas, Deb <thomas.debrah@epa.gov>; Goffman, Joseph <Goffman.Joseph@epa.gov>; Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Cc: Utech, Dan <Utech.Dan@epa.gov>
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Adding a few folks for awareness purposes.

Deb and Joe – would value your input on this issue and request for a meeting. Radha – also welcome your thoughts regarding any Utah state/congressional issues relating to this matter. Thanks very much.

Avi

From: brian moench <Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 1:51 PM
To: Thomas, Deb <thomas.debrah@epa.gov>; Garbow, Avi <Garbow.Avi@epa.gov>; Utech, Dan <Utech.Dan@epa.gov>
Subject: Air quality/inland port issues in Utah

Feb. 5, 2021

Dear Ms. Thomas, Mr. Garbow, and Mr. Utech:

Leading Utah state and regional environmental groups are very concerned about serious plans being made by the Utah legislature to subsidize and otherwise facilitate the development of an inland port, i.e. a massive warehouse farm and intermodal shipping and transportation hub a few miles northwest of the center of Salt Lake City. The legislature has proceeded in defiance of environmental, wildlife, and public health concerns for the population centers of the state, especially for the 270,000 people that live close enough to the proposed port to be severely affected by the new sources of air pollution. The anticipated public health harm is easily predicted by the saga of other inland port developments, like the Inland Empire in Riverside/San Bernardino, So. California, that has been infamously nick named, The Diesel Death Zone by many residents in the area. Polls show that the majority of Salt Lake Valley residents oppose the port.

As you are undoubtedly aware, the Salt Lake Valley has been in non-attainment status for the 24 hr. PM2.5 standard for many years, although the EPA under the previous administration proposed changing that status using inappropriate criteria in our view. At full build out, this facility would create a massive new source of pollution from nearly 70,000 daily diesel semi-trucks, and 150,000 passenger vehicle trips, dozens of new fully loaded commodity train trips, new large train "switcher" diesel engines, a new rail yard, diesel-powered cranes and increased air traffic. The size of the warehouse farm would be comparable to what now exists at the Inland Empire.

As a multi-faceted, new source of pollution, this facility would undermine, if not shatter our attainment status, especially for nearby residents, and represent an environmental justice issue of an unprecedented magnitude in Utah. But it has not been factored into the state's implementation plan (SIP).

We are aware that the state is attempting to justify NAAQS attainment status using Section 179B of the CAA, negating emissions emanating from outside the US. That in itself strikes a blow at public health in Utah. Yet now the state is trying to make it even worse trying to write off or ignore the multiple new sources of pollution from their port proposal which they have proclaimed the largest economic project in the history of the state.

The port is also intended to facilitate a substantial increase in fossil fuel extraction from the state, something that clearly would be contrary to the climate goals of the new administration.

On behalf of multiple environmental NGOs and community groups, we request an opportunity to explain to you more details of our many objections to this proposal. Given that the state is moving quickly with supporting legislation right now, we hope such a virtual meeting could take place as soon as possible. We look forward to hearing back from you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian Moench
President, Utah Physicians for a Healthy Environment
801 243 9089

Heather Dove
President, Great Salt Lake Audubon

Richard Holman
Chair, Board of Directors, Westside Coalition

Dorothy P. Owen
Chairman of the Board,
Westpointe Community Council (home of the Utah Inland Port Authority)

Jeanine Kuhn-Coker
President, League of Women Voters of Salt Lake

Catherine Weller, Vickie Samuelson
Co-presidents, League of Women Voters of Utah

Alan Neuman,
Chairman, Utah Environmental Caucus

Roger Borgenicht, Ann Floor
Co-chairs, Utahns for Better Transportation

Steve Erickson, Policy Advocate
Utah Audubon Council

Alex Farley
Sustainability Director
University of Utah

Joan M. Gregory
Co-Chair, Environmental Ministry, First Unitarian Church of Salt Lake City

Jill Merritt
Director, Elders Rising for Intergenerational Justice

Raphael Cordray
Director, Utah Tar Sands Resistance

Marc Coles-Ritchie

Board Chair, Mormon Environmental Stewardship Alliance