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Subject: Prep materials for the pat Rizzuto interview: Monday, Jan 25, 1-2PM
Attachments: IRIS_MULTIYEAR_AGENDA_12-2015.PDF; iris_report_to_congress_nov2015 (1).pdf; Notes in Preparation for the Meeting with GAO on January 26.docx; Rizzuto Outlook Article - Burke & Bahadori _01-13-16.pdf

Hi Ken and Vince,

This email will cover the logistics and prep for the BNA interview with Pat Rizzuto. I apologize in advance for the length. With the uncertainty with the weather, and my being out of the office for the next 4 days, I want to make sure you have everything you need. I've cc'd the incomparable Dahnish Shams and Megan Maguire on this message, in case my travel has me missing the interview (In theory, I return to DC Sunday night). If I'm not there, Dahnish will sit in to hear the interview and note if anything wonky comes up or happens. You should feel free to reach out to Megan directly to coordinate any of the logistics, or interface with OPA (but Megan, I'm hoping no further coordination with OPA is necessary).

LOGISTICS:

- The interview will take place in Ken's office from 1-2PM on Monday, Jan 25. PY N7623. In case of inclement weather, OPA has provided a teleconference line so the interview could still take place: telecon 866-299-3188 code 202-564-7854.
- If you do not want to hold the interview in the event of bad weather/the office being closed, please let us know as soon as possible. If we don't do the interview in person on Monday, we may have to explore with Pat if she wants to delay, or possibly go ahead the following week just with Vince. (Ken is unavailable the first two weeks of February, and Vince is at a workshop in RTP from the 27th-29th). I believe the 26th is booked solid for both Ken and Vince.

BACKGROUND/PREP MATERIALS:

- I've attached to this email the most recent IRIS Report to Congress and the multiyear agenda. Those are our most recent public statements that address programmatic improvements in IRIS. I've also attached a copy of the notes Ted circulated in prep for the GAO briefing, which seemed like a good summary and pulls from the FMFIA excerpts that Gina sent to us all on 1/20/16 at 9:48am (if you want to look at the original FMFIA materials).
- I've attached a copy of Pat's outlook article where she interviewed Tom Burke who, when talking about IRIS, is quoted as saying: 1) "IRIS is source of frustration. I would like to see it move much quicker, and we're working in that direction." and 2) "Burke said improving a product sometimes slows production. 'We're in a transition stage, where we're looking to push that process.' 'Every new bar we set takes time to adapt to,' he said." **I wouldn't be surprised if Pat brought up Tom's "frustrations" in her interview questions, and we should probably be prepared to echo Tom's sentiments (or proactively bring them up ourselves, but affirm we're moving in the right direction.**
- The following are our list of anticipated accomplishments in CY2016, broken out by HHRA (2) and NCEA (10). We have NOT publicly committed to all of these, but we could certainly discuss them. Dates are approximate, and I wouldn't get into specifics with her (I also wouldn't bring up hydraulic fracturing, but it shouldn't come up in the context of IRIS):

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I think that's everything. I'll try to check email intermittently over the next few days, but won't be responding quickly. I won't have my work computer with me either. Dahnish and Megan can help out where possible. Hopefully I'll see you all Monday morning.

-Lou

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