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Subject: FW: EPW request for a USE IT update

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Subject: RE: EPW request for a USE IT update

Good Afternoon, Karen is on vacation this week and next so I am filling in on this task. I spoke to Radha Adhar today and we need to get this scheduled for the Hill staff soon. Accordingly I am going to set up an internal call to go over what you plan to say according to the outline Karen provided below. So please look for an invitation from me and not Karen. Thanks, Pat

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Subject: EPW request for a USE IT update

Hi All – Last Friday I emailed you about USE IT, and now this Friday, I have another update for you: Time for a pivot!

EPA is going to provide a status update for EPW committee staff on the 3 specific USE IT topics where EPA is the lead (topics listed below).
With this email I am 1) sharing parameters of this update and 2) asking for your feedback.

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1)Parameters of the update:
The topics and suggested speakers are:

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I suggest this speaker arrangement in an effort to reduce the burden on program leadership teams and to reduce the burden on the technical staff implementing this program. In addition, this arrangement should facilitate having a update call shortly after Memorial Day holiday.

2)Request for feedback:

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Don't hesitate to call/email. I'm happy to answer any questions or clarify anything here. After this Friday, I'm on AL through June 16th. Please include my supervisor, Pat Haman, on any replies - - thank you!

Karen.

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Subject: RE: Hill request for USE IT briefing

Hi All – Thank you to ORD, OW, OP and OAR for sharing your feedback on status of standing up a new program of USE IT activities in your offices. It was helpful in prepping to talk to the staffers.

I have connected with most of you with the latest by now, but just in case – Radha has indicated that DOE will take the lead on a briefing for USE IT. I'll reach out if/when I have an update.

Also, FYSA since some offices have been working with CEQ on USE IT provisions: Yesterday a bipartisan group of senators (Capito, Whitehouse, Barrasso, Manchin + others) sent a letter yesterday to CEQ about USE IT implementation. The senators want a full accounting of CEQ's progress on USE IT by early June, and regular updates every 3 months.

Don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or would like any clarification.

Karen.

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Subject: Hill request for USE IT briefing

Hi All,

Radha got a request for a briefing on EPA's progress in implementing the USE IT Act. I'm reaching out to you because your office may have a role in USE IT.
USE IT was a part of the FY2021 Omnibus signed into law at the end of last year.

The request for a briefing originated with SEPW minority, but EPA will invite a larger set of offices given the bipartisan interest in both chambers. We're aiming to provide the briefing in the next couple of weeks.

I'll give you a call next week to discuss what, if any, work your office may have initiated from USE IT. If nothing has been started, let me know. In addition, it might be useful for us to talk as a group as well. Based on feedback from your office and feedback from Radha, I'll come up with some parameters for any kind of briefing that is provided. I welcome any feedback you might have.

Attached is the USE IT language and here is a brief list of USE IT EPA provisions:

-Directs EPA to establish a competitive prize program that awards funds to direct air capture research projects to reduce CO2 from stationary sources.
-Authorizes the establishment of a Direct Air Capture Technology Advisory Board of experts to advise the Administrator.
-Requires EPA to prepare a report regarding carbon dioxide storage in deep saline formations, in consultation with DOE.
-Directs GAO to submit a report to Congress, not later than 5 years after enactment, identifying Federal grant programs regarding carbon capture and utilization technology research and examining any overlap or duplication.
-Requires DOE, in consultation with EPA, to carry out a research, development, demonstration, and commercialization program for carbon utilization.
-Directs DOE and EPA to have the National Academies conduct a study examining the barriers and opportunities related to commercial application of CO2.
-Not later than 180 days after enactment, CEQ, EPA and other Departments will also compile a report on relevant Federal permitting and review information for project developers in the carbon capture, utilization, sequestration (CCUS) space.
-Serve on a task force established by CEQ that will identify successes and challenges faced by developers and operators of CCUS projects and CO2 pipelines, and make recommendations to improve the permitting and regional coordination for efficient, orderly and responsible development of such projects.

Former EPW Chairman Barrasso's press release highlighting USE IT becoming law has some context. It's available here. Attached is the OCIR email that went out to EPA and program office leadership on EPA items in the FY2021 Omnibus.

Let me know if you have any questions or need any more info. Talk to you next week - -

Karen.

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