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Subject: RE: Bullets for Hill request for USE IT briefing

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Subject: RE: Bullets for Hill request for USE IT briefing

Nice work!

From: Bates, William <bates.william@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 10:08 AM
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Subject: Fwd: Bullets for Hill request for USE IT briefing

Hi Bill,

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Corr, Elizabeth" <Corr.Elizabeth@epa.gov>
Date: May 12, 2021 at 10:00:14 AM EDT
To: "Bergman, Ronald" <Bergman.Ronald@epa.gov>, "Bates, William" <bates.william@epa.gov>
Cc: "Cooper, Tiffany" <Cooper.Tiffany@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Bullets for Hill request for USE IT briefing

Thanks much. Will clarify that OGWDW is doing this and will share with YTG, then on to OW. Do you want me to let Greg know [redacted] Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

From: Bergman, Ronald <Bergman.Ronald@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 12, 2021 9:49 AM
To: Corr, Elizabeth <Corr.Elizabeth@epa.gov>; Bates, William <bates.william@epa.gov>
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Subject: RE: Bullets for Hill request for USE IT briefing

Hi Elizabeth,

Here are a few bullets on the deep saline report we are required to produce.

Deep Saline Formation Report:

- In the FY'21 Omnibus Appropriations Act Congress mandated that EPA develop a report on deep saline formations that looks at: 1) identification of potential risks and benefits to project developers associated with increased storage of carbon dioxide captured from stationary sources in deep saline formations, 2) recommendations for managing the potential risks, including those on public lands, and 3) recommendations for Federal legislation or other policy changes to mitigate any potential risks. The deadline for this report is December, 2021.
- The Office of Water's Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water has taken the lead for developing the report and has begun coordination with other offices.
- [redacted] Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
- [redacted]

From: Corr, Elizabeth <Corr.Elizabeth@epa.gov>
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Subject: FW: Bullets for Hill request for USE IT briefing

Re Greg's email: Please see my email to you just now. The key point is that we need to share the bullets in advance with JLM and YTG – and Anita needs to be on board also.

Also on a related note: Greg Spraul seems willing to explore [redacted] Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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If there is any way I can assist LMK.

Thank you!

From: Spraul, Greg <Spraul.Greg@epa.gov>
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Elizabeth and Bill,

Please develop some high level bullets for this piece:

-Requires EPA to prepare a report regarding carbon dioxide storage in deep saline formations, in consultation with DOE.

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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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