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Subject: The Hatch Act: Hot Topics for 2020 and Beyond--reminder and housekeeping
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Required Attendees: R5 ALL EPA
Optional Attendees: Becker, Michelle; Jass, Theodore; Palermo, Mark; Magnuson, Janet; Cunningham, Michael; Prendiville, Timothy; Dolan, Sheila

I'm am really excited (and a little nervous because of the Teams format) about today's Hatch Act training. Here are a few important reminders and housekeeping items:

- This training is NOT mandatory. It's relevant, timely, and interesting, but not required.
- Participation is limited to 250 people. I'm not sure what happens if we meet that limit, but if we do, I'll schedule another training.
- I will do my best to record the training. A link to the recording will be made available to everyone in the Region through a Regional Roundup.
- I obtained a call-in number. It, along with a link to the training, are below.
- PLEASE **MUTE YOUR MIKES**, especially if you are calling in on your phone.

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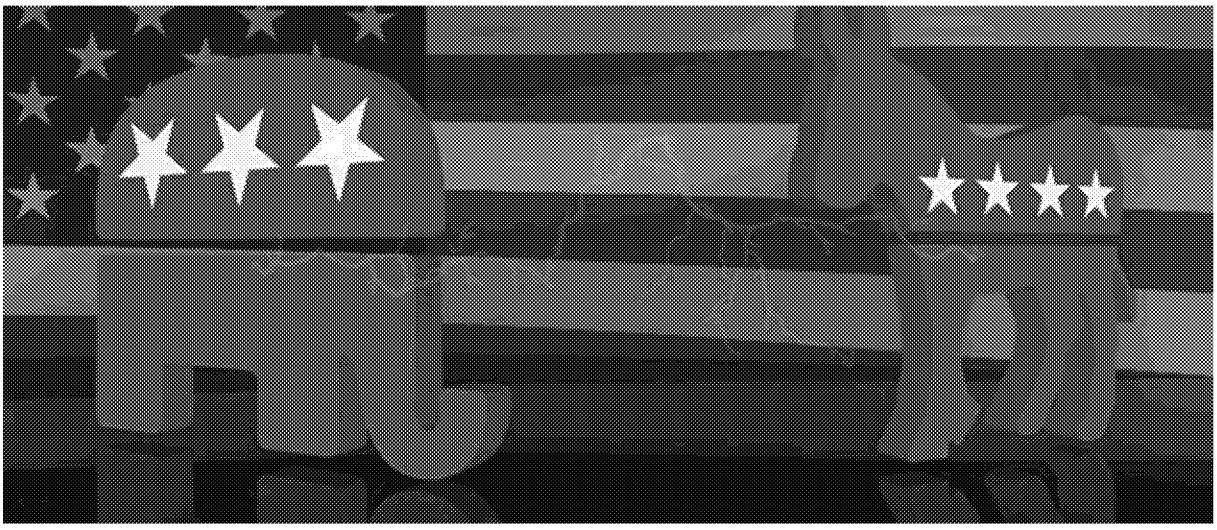
The Presidential election is exactly 28 days away and Americans of every viewpoint are getting involved and working to get the candidates they believe to be most qualified win.



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But, what can *you*, as a federal employee, do?

On Tuesday, October 6, I will be doing a live presentation on the Hatch Act, the federal statute governing the partisan political activity of federal employees. We will discuss some of the biggest issues of 2020: the COVID-19 pandemic and fulltime remote workplaces, the very latest interpretations of "partisan political activity" by the Office of Special Counsel, and the most frequently asked question of this campaign season. (No spoiler alert here!)

Historically, it has been highly interactive and very well received. I look forward to talking with you next week!

As always, if you have any questions about the Hatch Act or ethics in general, please do not hesitate to contact me at coyle.ann@epa.gov.

Take care,
Ann

p.s. If you are a lawyer licensed in IL, we will be seeking professional responsibility CLE credit for the course.

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