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From: Edmondson, Lucy [Edmondson.Lucy@epa.gov]
Sent: 1/22/2021 3:42:11 AM
To: Murchie, Peter [Murchie.Peter@epa.gov]
CC: Opalski, Dan [Opalski.Dan@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Message from the Chief of Staff

Awesome ! Fun to see some familiar names !!!

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 21, 2021, at 5:52 PM, Murchie, Peter <Murchie.Peter@epa.gov> wrote:

See Casey Katims on the list!
Peter

From: MassMailer <massmailer@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2021 4:15 PM
To: MassMailer <massmailer@epa.gov>
Subject: Message from the Chief of Staff

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Dear Colleagues,

First, allow me to introduce myself. I'm Dan Utech, and it is my privilege to join the EPA team as the incoming

As you know, President Biden has nominated Michael Regan, Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Administrator. While we await Secretary Regan's confirmation, I am grateful that Jane Nishida will be serving agency, providing us with steady leadership.

Yesterday, President Biden signed an Executive Order on Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Climate Crisis, which states that: "it is the policy of my Administration to listen to the science; to improve publi environment; to ensure access to clean air and water; to limit exposure to dangerous chemicals and pesticide including those who disproportionately harm communities of color and low-income communities; to reduce gr resilience to the impacts of climate change; to restore and expand our national treasures and monuments; an justice and the creation of the well-paying union jobs necessary to deliver on these goals." EPA will be at the guided by science as we move to achieve these goals and address other threats to public health and the envi

President Biden also signed an Executive Order On Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved C Government. In addition to providing a framework for advancing equity, it revokes the EO 13950-Combating

In the coming days and weeks, we will be building out our leadership team. At the end of this email, please fi acting leaders as well as a list of the incoming appointees who onboarded this week. As we and other membe running, we look forward to learning from you and beginning to work together

I know that the work of EPA relies on the dedicated professionals who carry the agency's mission forward fro
Thank you for your ongoing service to EPA and our country, and for your efforts to protect Americans' health

Finally, I want to acknowledge that we begin this transition during the COVID-19 pandemic. I want to assure y
top priority. As a first step in that regard, yesterday President Biden signed an Executive Order requiring mas
federal buildings. This is not a change in telework status but rather a measure to further protect those whose

Thank you in advance for bearing with us as we onboard amidst these unprecedented circumstances. I am h

As we look to our shared work ahead, please take a few minutes to view this brief video message from Presi
commitment in his own words.

Sincerely,

Dan Utech
Chief of Staff

Current and acting leadership:

Acting Administrator: Jane Nishida
OCFO: David Bloom
OAR: Joseph Goffman
OW: Radhika Fox
OLEM: Barry Breen
OCSPP: Michal Freedhoff (as of 1/25)
ORD: Jennifer Orme-Zavaleta
OGC: Melissa Hoffer
OECA: Larry Starfield
OITA: Mark Kasman
OMS: Donna Vizian
OP: Victoria Arroyo
OCIR: Robin Richardson
OPEEE: Rosemary Enobakhare
OPA: Lindsay Hamilton
R1: Deb Szaro
R2: Walter Mugdan
R3: Diana Esher
R4: John Blevins
R5: Cheryl Newton
R6: David Gray
R7: Ed Chu
R8: Deb Thomas
R9: Deb Jordan
R10: Michelle Pirzadeh

Members of the incoming EPA leadership team who onboarded this week:

Radha Adhar, Deputy Associate Administrator for Congressional Affairs

Radha Adhar joins EPA from the Office of Senator Tammy Duckworth where she served as Senior Policy Ad
Science. In 2016 and 2017, Radha was an Advisor to the Jobs Strategy Council in the Office of the Secretar
Energy. She has also worked at the Sierra Club and the Natural Resources Defense Council, focusing on th
2012 Earth Summit. Radha holds a M.S.in Energy Policy and Climate Change Science from Johns Hopkins
the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Victoria Arroyo, Associate Administrator for Policy

Vicki Arroyo returns to EPA after having served as Executive Director of the Georgetown Climate Center for 1
and policy and supporting leading states and cities in their efforts to address and prepare for climate change.
Center on Global Climate Change as Vice President for Policy Analysis and General Counsel where she dire
adaptation, economics, and U.S. policy programs for a decade and was Managing Editor of the Center's boo
Strategies and Solutions. She was recently Chair of the Executive Committee of the Transportation Researc
of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine and has served on numerous other boards and committees advising
the National Center for Atmospheric Research, the U.S. Energy Information Administration, and the Californi
previously served in two offices at EPA, the Office of Air and Radiation and the Office of Research and Devel
development of standards under the Clean Air Act. Vicki also served as Policy Director for the Louisiana Dep
drafting legislation that reduced toxic air pollution by 50% and linking tax breaks to firms' environmental reco
College of Environmental Lawyers in 2018 and holds a B.S. in biology from Emory and a M.P.A. from Harvar

Tomás Elias Carbonell, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Stationary Sources, Office of Air and Radi

Since 2012, Tomás Carbonell has held a number of positions at the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF), mo
Director of Regulatory Policy for EDF's U.S. Clean Air program. His work included leading EDF's litigation an
the Clean Power Plan and carbon pollution standards for new, modified and reconstructed power plants; defe
hazardous air pollution from power plants and industrial sources; and advocacy in defense of EPA's use of ri
analysis. From 2008 until 2012, Tomás was an Associate at Van Ness Feldman, LLP, where he counseled d
regulatory matters related to climate change, clean energy, and environmental and electricity regulation. He
degrees in Environmental Change and Management and Development Economics from the University of Oxf
Chemical Engineering, Economics, and Multidisciplinary Studies from North Carolina State University.

Alison Cassady, Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy

Alison Cassady most recently served as the Deputy Staff Director for the U.S. House of Representatives, Se
where she managed a team of lawyers and scientists to conceptualize, draft and deliver a congressional poli
emissions by 2050 and building a clean energy economy that values workers and advances environmental ju
the Managing Director of the Energy and Environment Team at the Center for American Progress, providing
support to a team working on climate change policy, public lands conservation, and ocean protection. Alison
Committee on Energy and Commerce and Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. She holds a M
University School of Public and Environmental Affairs and a B.S. in Foreign Service from Georgetown Univer

Dimple Chaudhary, Deputy General Counsel for Nationwide Resource Protection Programs

Dimple Chaudhary joins EPA after serving as Deputy Litigation Director at the Natural Resources Defense C
and advocacy to protect communities from drinking water contamination and exposure to toxics. Dimple was
in Flint, Michigan, in a case brought to address lead contamination in the city's drinking water, which led to a
of all Flint's lead service lines within three years. Prior to joining NRDC, she was an associate at WilmerHale
Carol Bagley Amon of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York. She holds a bach
University, a master's degree in urban planning from the London School of Economics, and a J.D. from Colu

Rosemary Enobakhare, Associate Administrator for Public Engagement and Environmental Educatio

Rosemary Enobakhare returns to EPA where she served as the Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Er Education, leading the agency's community outreach and strategic engagement plans. Since then, she has b The Hub Project, developing and managing large-scale advocacy campaigns that shift the conversation arou also worked for two years as the Campaign Director at the Clean Water for All Campaign, serving as the prin stakeholders and overseeing all aspects of the campaign's daily operations. Rosemary is a graduate of Spel Economics.

Philip Fine, Principal Deputy Associate Administrator for Policy

Dr. Fine joins EPA after a 15-year career at the South Coast Air Quality Management District in Southern Cal the Deputy Executive Officer for the Planning, Rule Development & Area Sources Division, where he oversav including development of State Implementation Plans and Air Quality Management Plans, strategies and regu meteorology and forecasting, air quality evaluation, air toxics risk assessment, emissions inventories, socioec programs, and enforcement for area sources. Prior to this role, Dr. Fine's previous responsibilities at South C ambient air monitoring, laboratory services, quality assurance, and source testing. Dr. Fine served on the Cal legislatively mandated Research Screening Committee, and has also served on several EPA Clean Air Scien panels. Before joining the South Coast AQMD, Dr. Fine was a Research Assistant Professor at the University where he taught courses and conducted extensive research on particulate pollution, air monitoring technologi has over 50 peer-reviewed scientific publications to date. He received his Ph.D. from the California Institute o Science & Engineering, and his bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering and Materials Science & Engin California, Berkeley.

Radhika Fox, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Water

Prior to her appointment at EPA, Radhika Fox was the Chief Executive Officer of the US Water Alliance, a na advancing policies and programs that build a sustainable water future for all. She has more than 20 years of e programs and issue-based advocacy campaigns on the most salient water issues facing the nation including innovative finance, water infrastructure investment, equity, and the evolution of the One Water movement. Pr and government affairs for the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, which is responsible for providing 2 municipal power services to millions of Bay Area residents. She also served as the Federal Policy Director at the organization's policy agenda on a wide range of issues, including infrastructure investment, transportatior economic inclusion, and workforce development. Radhika has a M.A. in City and Regional Planning from the and a B.A. in Religion and Philosophy from Columbia University.

Michal Ilana Freedhoff, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator for Chemical Safety and Pollution Pr

Michal Ilana Freedhoff joined the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee as its Minority Director o has more than twenty years of government experience, beginning in 1996 in then-Congressman Ed Markey's and Engineering fellow after receiving a Ph.D. in physical chemistry at the University of Rochester. She has a House Science Committee, the House Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming, the Committee and the House Natural Resources Committee. Her legislative work includes the fuel economy pro Independence and Security Act, a law requiring the creation of an online database of dangerous consumer pr authorization of the Toxic Substances Control Act, and 2019 legislation to address PFAS contamination. She husband and four children.

Joseph Goffman, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation

Joe Goffman returns to EPA after serving from 2009 – 2017 as the Associate Assistant Administrator for Clim of Air and Radiation, where he provided policy and legal counsel on a wide range of climate policy and Clean implementation issues and rulemakings. Since 2017 he has served as the Executive Director of the Environm

Harvard Law School where he led a team of attorneys and communications specialists providing information a government decision makers and the media, and offering innovative responses on emerging issues in the are energy and electricity law and environmental and administrative law as well as in selected areas of corporate Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works as the Democratic Chief Counsel and Majority Senior C degrees from Yale University.

Lindsay Hamilton, Associate Administrator for Public Affairs

Lindsay Hamilton comes to EPA from Climate Nexus, a communications non-profit, where she was senior dir strategy. She also spent time as the chief spokesperson for The George Washington University, the chief of Center for American Progress, and she served in roles in both the U.S. House of Representatives and the an career, she worked for ABC News. Lindsay earned a B.A. in international affairs and political science from Th University. She earned her master's degree from the Columbia University School of International and Public Omaha, Nebraska.

Sinceré Harris, White House Liaison

Sinceré Harris joins EPA with years of senior-level experience in developing strategies to define, communicat 2015 she has served as the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Democratic Party, where she was at the f coordinated campaigns, approving and managing multi-million dollar coordinated budgets, and led the format 2020, Sinceré was named the Pennsylvania Senior Advisor for Joe Biden for President, including advising a t organizing, voter protection, political and coalition building, and communications. She previously worked as t Affairs for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Sinceré has a degree in Psychology from Temple University.

Melissa Hoffer, Principal Deputy General Counsel

Prior to joining EPA, Melissa Hoffer was with the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office where she served Environment Bureau and oversaw the work of the Bureau's attorneys on matters including prosecuting civil a environmental laws, energy policy, ratepayer advocacy, defensive cases, and affirmative advocacy, including Mercury and Air Toxics Standards. In 2020, Melissa was inducted as a Fellow into the American College of E received a 2020 Meritorious Service Award from the National Association of Attorneys General, a Massachus Law award in 2013, and a Boston Bar Association President's award in 2007. Melissa served for over five ye Conservation Law Foundation and director of its Healthy Communities and Environmental Justice Program, a Advocacy Center. Melissa practiced at WilmerHale for many years where her focus was environmental law a Northeastern University School of Law, an M.Ed. from the University of Massachusetts, and a B.A. from Ham education.

Casey Katims, Deputy Associate Administrator for Intergovernmental Affairs

Casey Katims most recently served as Director of Federal and Inter-State Affairs for Washington Governor Ja advisor on federal policy issues and directing the state of Washington's engagement with Congress, the Whit governors' offices and various other stakeholders in D.C. Prior to this role, he spent five years as a policy ad Representatives for Rep. Suzan DelBene, developing bills and amendments on a range of issues and helping House Ways and Means Committee. Casey has a degree in Political Science from Vassar College and grew

John Lucey, Special Assistant to the Administrator

John Lucey joins EPA from the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ), starting as a L served since 2019 as the Chief Strategy Officer, helping create and manage the strategic implementation of b Plan and Risk and Resiliency Plan. He also provided guidance to the Department on significant State initiativ

Ash Settlement, the North Carolina Environmental Justice and Equity Board and the Chemours Consent Orde
Science from North Carolina State University and an Associate of Arts degree from Central Piedmont Commu

Dan Utech, Chief of Staff

Dan Utech has over 20 years of experience in the federal environmental and energy sectors., including as a F
1997/1998 with assignments at EPA, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the U.S. Fore
served at the White House Domestic Policy Council, including as Deputy Assistant to the President for Energ
the White House and cross-governmental teams to implement and coordinate communications for President
oversaw the Administration's energy and climate change strategy, and promoted the President's agenda in C
Advisor to the Secretary at the U.S. Department of Energy, where his responsibilities included budget develop
initiatives such as nuclear waste. Prior to his federal agency experience, Dan was Senior Advisor to Senator
Senator on all energy and environmental issues, including climate change, clean diesel, and energy efficiency
toxic substances and endangered species. He has been a lecturer at the Yale School of Forestry and Enviro
received an M.E.S. degree. He also holds degrees from the Yale School of Management and Amherst Colleg

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