Message

From: Brown, Elizabeth [Elizabeth.Brown@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 4/6/2021 1:07:05 AM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
CC: Jenkins, Brandi [Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov]; Borum, Denis [Borum.Denis@epa.gov]; Jackson, Joicelynne [Joicelynne.Jackson@mail.house.gov]; Mejia, Marcia [Marcia.Mejia@mail.house.gov]
Subject: Re: Connecting you to EPA team in HQ and Region 4

Thank you! It's very helpful.

Sent from my iPhone

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Subject: RE: Connecting you to EPA team in HQ and Region 4

Thank you so much for reaching out, Radha. I've included Rep. Castor's enviro LA, Joicelynne, and our District Director, Marcia, on this email too.

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Message

From: Martin, Kenneth (EPW) [Kenneth_Martin@epw.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/6/2021 11:55:00 AM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Hi can I have your cell!

Yes of course! It is Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 9:27 PM
To: Martin, Kenneth (EPW) <Kenneth_Martin@epw.senate.gov>
Subject: Hi can I have your cell!

Want to coordinate for Wednesday when you have a sec.

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Sent: 4/6/2021 12:27:58 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: Draft questions

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Sounds great.

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Yep, Red for Adminstrator to ask y'all, the once you drafted to ask us/other members.

You like?

From: Martin, Kenneth (EPW) <Kenneth_Martin@epw.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 10:07 AM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
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Just to clarify, the red questions are for the Administrator, correct? I had drafted the other questions for TC.

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 10:02 AM
To: Martin, Kenneth (EPW) <Kenneth_Martin@epw.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Draft questions

Thanks Kenneth, how is this as a run of show:

From: Martin, Kenneth (EPW) <Kenneth_Martin@epw.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 8:28 AM
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Subject: Draft questions

Regan's short remarks:

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e. Question 4- What legislative opportunities should me and my team have on our radar to ensure your staff have what they need when drafting bills to support EPA's mission?

If you agree, can I send to the team that met yesterday?

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Thanks! And does a letter from my boss regarding water quality testing still make sense with the enhanced EPA participation at Piney Point? I know he's getting antsy to push something out.

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Also flagging that it looks like my boss wants to get out to Piney Point this afternoon. I'm not sure when or what the logistics of that are yet, but I will keep you posted.

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Sent: 4/6/2021 4:05:40 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: Thank You For Contacting Senator Booker

Thank you for contacting Senator Booker's office regarding a meeting request. This message is to confirm that the Senator's scheduling team has received and will review your request.

We do our best to accommodate as many requests as possible, and due to high volume of requests we appreciate your patience and flexibility. A member of Senator Booker's staff will be in touch within ten days of your requested meeting date with the Senator's potential availability.

Message

From: Cashwell, Morgan (King) [Morgan_Cashwell@king.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/6/2021 4:30:27 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Nomination o Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) for EPA Advisory Committee

Hello! I cant believe I haven't reached out yet but here we are in our (relatively) new roles! I hope all is going well with you and your new addition to your family!

This is a bit random, but I'm not sure what the normal protocol is with the request below. Would you mind giving me a call to quickly chat about this? My cell is Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Can't wait to catch up!

Morgan Cashwell
Legislative Director
Office of Senator Angus S. King, Jr., Maine
133 Hart Senate Office Building | Washington, D.C. 20510
Office: 202-224-5344 | morgan_cashwell@king.senate.gov

From: Rector, Chris (King) <Chris_Rector@king.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 11:10 AM
To: Connery_Dawe, Kathleen (King) <Kathleen_Connery_Dawe@king.senate.gov>; Cashwell, Morgan (King) <Morgan_Cashwell@king.senate.gov>; Colan, Caroline (King) <Caroline_Colan@king.senate.gov>
Cc: Lachman, Adam (King) <Adam_Lachman@king.senate.gov>
Subject: FW: Nomination of Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) for EPA Advisory Committee

Kathleen, et al:
I received the request below from the Commissioner of the Dept. of Environmental Protection for the State of Maine. I responded to let her know I would be forwarding this request to DC. I don't know what your procedure is for consideration of this sort of nomination.

I want to include a personal observation, if I may. Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) is an exceptional leader, very capably Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) for several years as their Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) has overseen the sale of much of the former Verso Paper Mill site in town and the expected arrival of Whole Oceans aquaculture operations, as well as a Maine Maritime Academy educational facility on site. The town has been thriving unde Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) direction is also a long-time volunteer board member of Maine's Board of Environmental Protection that rules on environmental approvals much like an "appeals board" does for community issues. Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) for a number of years and has an excellent reputation as thoughtful, careful desire to protect the environment but also common-sense oriented and reflecting Maine values.

I expect that you all will take this matter under advisement and make your own determination. The Commissioner will be expecting a direct response from DC.
Thanks,
Chris
Chris Rector

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Hello! I am excited to reach out to you in both of our new roles! I hope everything is going well with you.

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Thanks so much!

From: Loyzim, Melanie <Melanie.Loyzim@maine.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 10:57 AM
To: Rector, Chris (King) <Chris_Rector@king.senate.gov>
Subject: Nomination of Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) for EPA Advisory Committee

Hi Chris,
The Maine DEP would like to nominate Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) for EPA's Local Government Advisory Committee - Small Communities Advisory Subcommittee. Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) has direct experience with the effects of EPA policies at the local level in Maine's communities, and has been a constructive intergovernmental partner on environmental issues. A letter of recommendation is needed as part of the nomination process. Would Senator King be willing to provide such a letter?

Here is a link to the EPA solicitation for nominations: Federal Register :: Local Government Advisory Committee and Small Communities Advisory Subcommittee: Request for Nominations

Thank you,
Melanie Loyzim
Commissioner, Maine Department of Environmental Protection
(207) 441-4589
www.maine.gov/dep

Message

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Sent: 4/6/2021 6:21:33 PM
To: Solow, Corey [Corey.Solow@mail.house.gov]; Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: EJ Roundtable

Hi Radha,

Can you give me a call when you can? My cell is in my signature below. I look forward to connecting with you soon.

All my best,

Ralph Jones, Jr.
Director of Communications | Office of U.S. Representative A. Donald McEachin
314 Cannon House Office Building | Washington, DC 20515
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U.S. Congressman A. Donald
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Date: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 10:41 AM
To: "Adhar, Radha" <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>, "Jones, Ralph" <Ralph.Jones@mail.house.gov>
Subject: EJ Roundtable

Good morning Radha!

Thank you again for inviting Congressman McEachin to tomorrow's roundtable with Administrator Regan – he is looking forward to the discussion on environmental justice and how we can work together to advance our shared priorities!

I wanted to introduce you to Ralph Jones, our Director of Communications. Ralph would love to chat with you about the format of tomorrow's meeting.

Thank you and I will let the two of you take it from here!

Corey

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Hi Radha!

Is there an update on if press will be attending and a zoom link?

Thanks,

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Radha,

Thank you for the information over the phone earlier! The Congressman would like to attend the EJ Roundtable. As discussed on the phone, Congressman McEachin will not be able to have his camera on during the Zoom.

Please let me know if press will be attending and please provide me with the zoom link & any other briefing materials we need (run of show, finalized participants, etc.).

Thank you,

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Hi Radha,

Could you send me some more information regarding this roundtable (i.e. run of show, what you would like the Congressman to be talking about, list of participants, virtual location, etc.). I will follow up after that to speak to the Congressman's availability.

Thanks,

Christopher Nguyen
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U.S. Congressman Donald McEachin (VA-04)
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Please know the Congressman will make every effort to be present for your meeting. However, due to the unpredictable nature of the voting schedule it is possible that a member of our staff will meet with your group on his behalf.

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Hi Radha and thank you for responding so quickly to my email!

I am adding Chris Nguyen, the Congressman's wonderful Director of Operations, to our email exchange. Chris can speak to the Congressman's availability on Wednesday.

Thank you so much for including the Congressman and actively engaging our bicameral EJ-focused caucuses in your efforts!

Corey

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Yes ma'am you bet.

On Wednesday at 2:00 we will be hosting the House EJ Taskforce and Senate EJ Caucus leaders to discuss proactive steps the Agency is taking on EJ and how we can work together. We would be honored if Congressman McEachin could join us for this conversation.

Looking forward to hearing from you,
Radha

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Hi Radha – love getting emails from you!

Unfortunately, I am not familiar with an EJ roundtable – are you in a position to share more details? I will check with our scheduler right away.

Thank you!!

Corey

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
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Subject: Roundtable

Hey Corey!!!

Do you mind checking your boss's calendar re: participating in the EJ Roundtable? Want to make sure he's on if he can be!

Thanks in advance,
Radha

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Message

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Subject: Letter from Senator Collins to Administrator Regan re RFS
Attachments: 2021-04-06 Letter to Administrator Regan re RFS.pdf; Maine Forestry Industry White Paper.pdf

Hi Radha,

Please see the attached letter from Senator Collins to Administrator Regan regarding the RFS issue they discussed during their meeting. I also attached the white paper Administrator Regan committed to reviewing, which is referenced in Senator Collins' letter. Let me know if I should send this along to anyone else at EPA. Thanks so much!

Best,
Molly

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April 6, 2021

Michael Regan
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Dear Administrator Regan:

Congratulations on your confirmation to lead the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. During our meeting on February 22, you committed to reviewing the enclosed white paper, prepared by Maine's forestry industry, which explains how Maine wood harvest residuals and pre-commercial thinnings qualify as renewable biomass under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS). Allowing Maine forest products to receive parity under the RFS is critical, as this issue affects the future of Maine's working forests, the economic development potential in our state, and the ability to further reduce carbon dioxide emissions by producing biofuels from low-grade wood.

As you know, the RFS was intended to reduce our country's reliance on fossil fuels and cut back on carbon dioxide emissions. Under the current RFS statute, several tree, crops or biowaste uses are defined as "renewable biomass," including "slash and pre-commercial thinnings that are from non-federal forestlands." As discussed in the attached white paper, Maine forestry experts agree that, as defined by EPA, most of the wood currently harvested in Maine qualifies as slash or pre-commercial thinnings.

EPA's implementation of the RFS has lacked clarity. As a result, Maine has lost markets for 4.3 million tons of low-grade wood, which is equivalent to nearly 400 truckloads of wood every day. Allowing Maine foresters to use their low-grade wood to produce biofuels has the potential to create over 1,600 rural jobs at biorefineries and in the direct supply chain. EPA can help create these jobs in Maine, without changes to the statute, by recognizing that timber harvesting activities in naturally regenerated forests using the same standards that the USDA Forest Service utilizes.

I urge you to closely review the enclosed white paper, which informs the conclusion that Maine wood harvest residuals and pre-commercial thinnings qualify as renewable biomass under RFS. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff with any questions.

Sincerely,

Susan M. Collins

Susan M. Collins
United States Senator

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Qualifying Feedstocks for RFS Biofuels: Maine and New England

March 2021

Background

Since 2014, Maine has lost markets for 4.3 million tons of low-grade wood[1], or nearly 400 truckloads of wood every day of the year. This has occurred as pulp mills and biomass energy facilities have closed due to changing market conditions, and it is well understood they will not be coming back. In fact, many of the mills that closed – and provided critical support to the forests and rural economy of Maine - have been dismantled and could not possibly restarted. As these markets have vanished, so too have the economic and environmental benefits they provided.

Maine has embarked on a concerted effort to replace these markets, and the significant economic and environmental benefits they provide. The federally funded Forest Opportunity Roadmap / Maine[2] effort (www.formaine.org) has identified a range of biofuels as promising opportunities to replace these lost markets, while displacing fossil fuels. Additionally, the University of Maine is a leader in research for the development of wood-based biofuels.

If the 4.3 million tons of wood that previously went to now closed pulp mills and biomass power plants were to be used to produce biofuels, the state could have twelve biorefineries using 500 dry metric tonnes per day (which converts to 357,291 green tons per year at a 92% capacity factor). If each of these facilities employed 24, the biorefineries utilizing this woody feedstock would directly employ 288 individuals.

In addition to jobs at the biorefineries, there would be jobs generated in the harvesting and trucking of woody feedstock from Maine forests. Using information developed by the University of Southern Maine[3], it is estimated that an average Maine logger harvests 3,925 green tons of wood annually. Given this assumption, these 12 biorefineries' annual wood use directly supports the creation of 1,096 full-time (FTE) logging jobs.

In addition to logging jobs, providing wood fuel to the facility requires trucks, and thus generates trucking jobs. Again assuming 30 tons per load, 4.3 million tons wood use requires 143,333 deliveries per year, or 551 deliveries per day (assumes 260 delivery days). Assuming that each

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[1] Innovative Natural Resource Solutions LLC. *Economic Trends in the Northeast Forest Industry*. November 2020. https://www.slideshare.net/erickingsley/economic-trends-in-the-northeast-forest-industry-november-2020

[2] Forest Opportunity Roadmap / Maine (FOR/Maine) is a unique cross-sector collaboration between industry, communities, government, education, and non-profits, which have come together to ensure that Maine strategically adapts and capitalizes on changing markets, to maintain our leading role in the global forest economy and support prosperity. The coalition was created with support from the U.S. Economic Development Administration and U.S. Dept. of Agriculture.

[3] Maine Center for Business and Economic Research, University of Southern Maine. *Maine Logger and Log Trucker Availability and Wage Analysis Report: Data Appendix.* Prepared for the Professional Logging Contractors of Maine. February 2019.

truck can make 2.5 deliveries per day, this means that the facilities support 221 trucks and FTE truckers.

In total, *the use of this low-grade wood to produce biofuels has the potential to create a total of 1,605 jobs* at the biorefineries and directly in the supply chain. All of these would be rural jobs in a state that needs new markets for wood.

Biofuel companies are evaluating opportunities in Maine and across New England, seeking to utilize low-grade wood from the region to manufacture biofuels and bioproducts. These facilities would utilize low-grade wood, including wood previously used at regional forest industries that have closed or reduced consumption.

One issue frequently comes up in these discussions:

> "What type of wood available in the region qualifies for participation in the EPA-administered national Renewable Fuel Standard as amended by the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (RFS)?"

Unfortunately, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's interpretation of the federal Renewable Fuel Standard disqualifies significant portions of Maine's timber harvest from use as a Renewable Fuel Standard eligible feedstock, and thus serves as an enormous barrier to attracting biofuel facilities to the state. As discussed below, this is a flawed and unsupported interpretation of the existing statute and rules, and is not consistent with how responsible forest management is conducted in natural forests. As has been communicated to Maine stakeholders, EPA sought to define forestry terms, "as consistently with [U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)] and industry standards as possible, while keeping them workable for purposes of program implementation."[4] As professionals in the forest industry, we respectfully disagree.

The EPA can remedy this, without changes to the statute or rules that govern the Renewable Fuel Standard, by recognizing timber harvesting activities in naturally regenerated forests using the same standards that the forest industry and the USDA Forest Service utilize.

At this time, we would ask that the EPA reconsider its position or, at a minimum, designate a work group to include staff from US EPA, USFS, the University of Maine and other forestry professionals to review your policy and ensure that it accurate reflects the statute and rules.

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[4] Letter to Maine Stakeholders from Anne Idsal, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, March 5, 2020. Page 4.

Qualifying Feedstocks for RFS Biofuels: Maine and New England

March 2021

This white paper addresses the statute and rules, as well as the forests and forest practices prevalent in New England, to provide guidance on this question.

Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007

The Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007[5] established the federal RFS program and provided key definitions for feedstocks eligible to be used for fuels participating in this program. For woody feedstocks, several definitions found under the heading "Renewable Biomass"[6] are important.

Plantations

Trees grown in a "tree plantation" established and cleared prior to December 2007 are eligible feedstocks.

> "Planted trees and tree residue from actively managed tree plantations on non-federal land cleared at any time prior to enactment of this sentence, including land belonging to an Indian tribe or an Indian individual, that is held in trust by the United States or subject to a restriction against alienation imposed by the United States"[7,8]

Maine and New England have *de minimis* timberland in 'tree plantations", as the forests of the region regenerate naturally. (Tree plantations are stands of trees that were man or machine planted.) In Maine, 98 percent of the timberland in the state is naturally regenerated[9]. Across New England, 99 percent of timberland is naturally regenerated[10]. Given the exceptionally low percentage of tree plantations in the region, and the fact that recently planted plantations are not defined as "renewable biomass", meaningful supply from such lands is not a realistic feedstock for facilities in New England.

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[5] https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/PLAW-110publ140/pdf/PLAW-110publ140.pdf

[6] PUBLIC LAW 110–140—DEC. 19, 2007, TITLE II—ENERGY SECURITY THROUGH INCREASED PRODUCTION OF BIOFUELS Subtitle A—Renewable Fuel Standard, SEC. 201. DEFINITIONS. 1.I – definitions of "Renewable Biomass"

[7] PUBLIC LAW 110–140—DEC. 19, 2007, TITLE II—ENERGY SECURITY THROUGH INCREASED PRODUCTION OF BIOFUELS Subtitle A—Renewable Fuel Standard, SEC. 201. DEFINITIONS. 1.I.ii – definitions of "Renewable Biomass"

[8] "This day" refers to the date this Act became law; December 19, 2007.

[9] USDA Forest Service, Forest Inventory and Analysis Program, Tue Jun 05 14:14:04 GMT 2018. Forest Inventory EVALIDator web-application Version 1.7.0.01. St. Paul, MN: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Northern Research Station. [Available only on internet: http://fsxopsx1056.fdc.fs.usda.gov:9001/Evalidator/evalidator.jsp]

[10] USDA Forest Service, Forest Inventory and Analysis Program, Tue Jun 05 14:14:04 GMT 2018. Forest Inventory EVALIDator web-application Version 1.7.0.01. St. Paul, MN: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Northern Research Station. [Available only on internet: http://fsxopsx1056.fdc.fs.usda.gov:9001/Evalidator/evalidator.jsp]

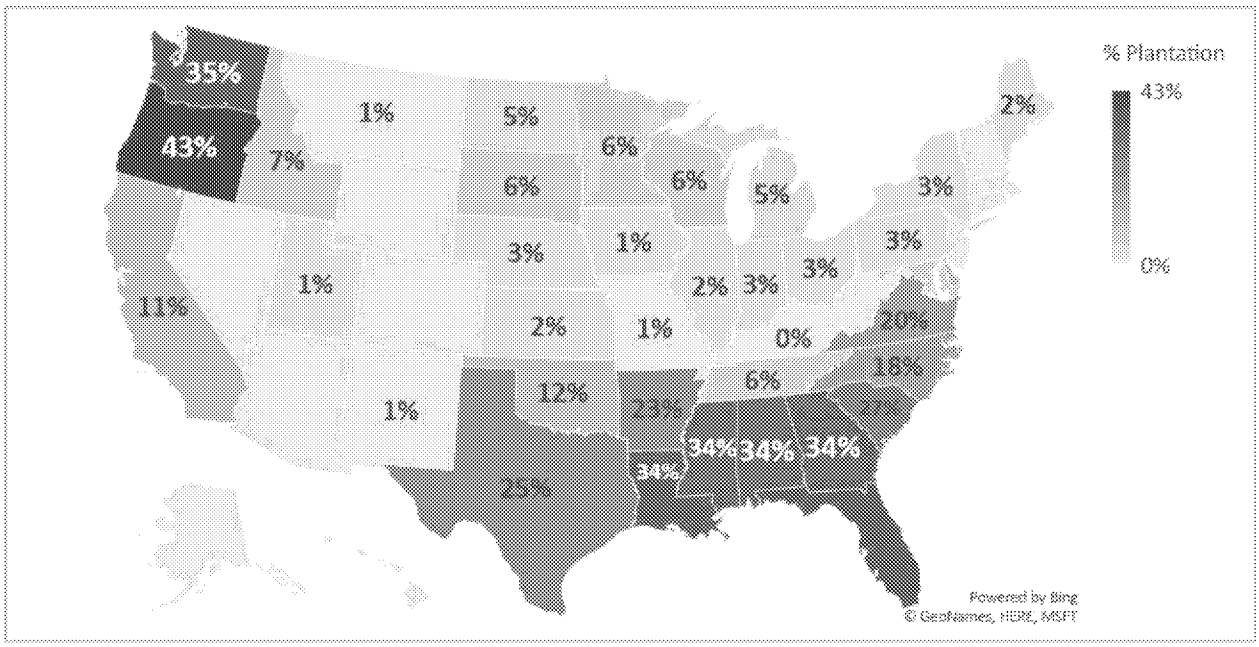

Figure 1. Private Timberland by State: Percent that is Established via Plantation[11]

Slash and Precommercial Thinnings

The statute defines "slash and precommercial thinnings" as "Renewable Biomass", using the following definition:

> ''Slash and pre-commercial thinnings that are from non-federal forestlands, including forestlands belonging to an Indian tribe or an Indian individual, that are held in trust by the United States or subject to a restriction against alienation imposed by the United States, but not forests or forestlands that are ecological communities with a global or State ranking of critically imperiled, imperiled, or rare pursuant to a State Natural Heritage Program, old growth forest, or late successional forest."[12]

The eligibility of this feedstock, which presents significant opportunity for wood harvested in New England, is further refined as part of the rules implementing the statute and discussed below.

[11] Data Source: USDA Forest Service, Forest Inventory & Analysis

[12] PUBLIC LAW 110–140—DEC. 19, 2007, TITLE II—ENERGY SECURITY THROUGH INCREASED PRODUCTION OF BIOFUELS Subtitle A—Renewable Fuel Standard, SEC. 201. DEFINITIONS. 1.I.iv – definitions of "renewable biomass"

Rules Implementing RFS

The Final Rule implementing RFS was published in the *Federal Register* on March 26, 2010[13]. The rules provide further detail and guidance not found in the statute, and the eligibility of New England feedstocks derived from forestry activities is discussed.

Slash

As noted in the statute, only slash and pre-commercial thinnings (as defined in these rules) from non-federal forestland can be used for the production of RFS-qualifying fuels. In Maine, more than 99% of all timberland is non-federally owned; across New England more than 96% of timberland is in non-federal ownership. For purposes of RFS qualification, the rules define "slash" as follows:

> "Slash is the residue, including treetops, branches, and bark, left on the ground after logging or accumulating as a result of a storm, fire, delimbing, or other similar disturbance."[14]

This definition of slash allows the residue left on the ground after logging, including, but not restricted to, all tops, bark, and branches from non-federal timberland to be used in the production of RFS-qualifying fuel; a significant volume of this material is available in Maine and across New England, including much of the material that is currently or has recently been used as biomass fuel for electric and large-scale combined heat and power projects.

The accepted definition of slash should also include cull logs and other unused material. As has been communicated to Maine stakeholders and noting the Federal Register, EPA sought to define forestry terms, "as consistently with [U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)] and industry standards as possible, while keeping them workable for purposes of program implementation."[15] The USDA has communicated to EPA that slash is a broader term than EPA currently recognizes, noting:

> "USDA Forest Service definitions of Slash include all residue left on the ground after logging, *including unused cull logs* and other unused material, and are not restricted only to treetops, limbs and bark."[16] (*emphasis added*)

Precommercial Thinnings

In addition to slash, the rule allows for the use of "pre-commercial thinnings" from non-federal forestland. Importantly, the definition for purposes of RFS qualification may not align with the definition used by some in the forestry profession. It is important to use the definition in rules,

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[13]Federal Register / Vol. 75, No. 58 / Friday, March 26, 2010 / Rules and Regulations, https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2010-03-26/pdf/2010-3851.pdf

[14] Federal Register. Vol. 75, No. 58. Friday, March 26, 2010. Page 14866

[15] Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives: Changes in Renewable Fuel Standard Program; Proposed Rule, 74 Fed Reg24904, 24931 (May 26, 2009).

[16] Letter from James Hubbard, Undersecretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA to Anne Idsal, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, EPA. December 18, 2020.

and not a perceived definition, when evaluating the eligibility of particular feedstocks for RFS qualification.

> "Pre-commercial thinnings are trees, including unhealthy or diseased trees, primarily removed to reduce stocking to concentrate growth on more desirable, healthy trees, or other vegetative material that is removed to promote tree growth."[17]

Of note, this definition states that trees removed "to reduce stocking to concentrate growth on more desirable, healthy trees" are included in the definition of "pre-commercial thinnings". This differs from the assumed definitions that many foresters have used. The discussion included in the rulemaking further explains what qualifies as feedstock, including a clear statement that there is no "financial return test" for what qualifies as pre-commercial thinnings for purposes of RFS eligibility:

> "As for ''pre-commercial thinnings,'' the Dictionary of Forestry defines the act of such thinning as ''the removal of trees not for immediate financial return but to reduce stocking to concentrate growth on the more desirable trees.'' Because what may now be considered pre-commercial may eventually be saleable as renewable fuel feedstock, <u>we proposed not to include any reference to ''financial return'' in our definition, but rather to define pre-commercial thinnings as those trees removed from a stand of trees in order to reduce stocking to concentrate growth on more desirable trees.</u>"[18] [emphasis added]

Further, the discussion in the *Federal Register* makes clear that there is no "diameter test" for what qualifies as "pre-commercial thinnings for purposes of RFS qualification:

> "We sought comment on whether our definition of pre-commercial thinnings should include a maximum diameter and, if so, what the appropriate maximum diameter should be…Many commenters argued that EPA should not use a maximum tree diameter as a basis for defining pre-commercial thinning as tree diameter varies greatly by forest type and location, making any diameter limitation EPA might set arbitrary. EPA agrees with this assessment."[19]

In summary, <u>for purposes of RFS qualification</u>, pre-commercial thinnings are:

- Trees removed to reduce stocking to concentrate growth on more desirable, healthy trees;
- Not subject to any financial return test; and
- Not subject to any diameter test.

Given these criteria and as discussed below, almost all low-grade wood harvested as part of forest management activities in Maine and New England, except for clearcuts and wood from land use change harvests, would qualify as "pre-commercial thinnings". According to data from

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[17] *Federal Register*. Vol. 75, No. 58. Friday, March 26, 2010. Page 14865
[18] *Federal Register*. Vol. 75, No. 58. Friday, March 26, 2010. Page 14695
[19] *Federal Register*. Vol. 75, No. 58. Friday, March 26, 2010. Page 14695

the Maine Forest Service, 6% of the timberland harvested in 2016 was clearcut, and 1% was a land use change harvest.[20]

Maine Timber Harvesting Practices

In Maine and across New England, several forest management methods are used that allow harvested stems to meet the definition of "precommercial thinning", as described above. These forest management techniques are described and explained below.

Dense Overstocked Even-Age Stands

These stands, throughout Northern, Western and Downeast Maine – as well as Northern New Hampshire and Vermont - are the result of the spruce-budworm infestation of 1976-86 or other major disturbances. Stocking in these is typically >2,500 stems per acre. Approximately 25% of the stems attain a dominant position in the canopy at 45' to 50' height. The dominants range from 5" diameter at breast height (dbh) to 7" dbh. The understory trees range from 2" dbh to 4" dbh. The high density in these stands decreases per-stem growth, and thinning needs to occur in order for dominant stems to reach their commercial potential. Maine alone has 5.8 million acres of timberland that may fit this description[21].

[20] Maine Forest Service. *2016 Silvicultural Activities Report,* September 13, 2017.
[21] Cooperative Forestry Research Unit (CFRU) at the University of Maine, the Maine Forest Products Council, and the Maine Forest Service. Coming Spruce Budworm Outbreak: Initial Risk Assessment and Preparation & Response Recommendations for Maine's Forestry Community. March 16, 2016. http://www.sprucebudwormmaine.org/docs/SBW_full_report_web.pdf

Figure 2. Dense Spruce-Fir Stand[22].

One way to manage these severely overstocked stands is to conduct a thinning from below. The harvest is directed towards removing the suppressed understory to give the dominants more growth potential. Dominants are removed as necessary to provide room for crown expansion. Crowns will close after five years or so. Regeneration can become established, but the management focus is on growing the dominant trees larger to sawtimber size. Stems removed as part of such a thinning should be considered pre-commercial thinnings and a qualifying feedstock for the Renewable Fuel Standard, as the stems are removed "to reduce stocking to concentrate growth on more desirable, healthy trees." Due to the small size of these stems, there are not alternative markets available for this material.

[22] Photos and drawings by John McNulty, unless otherwise noted.

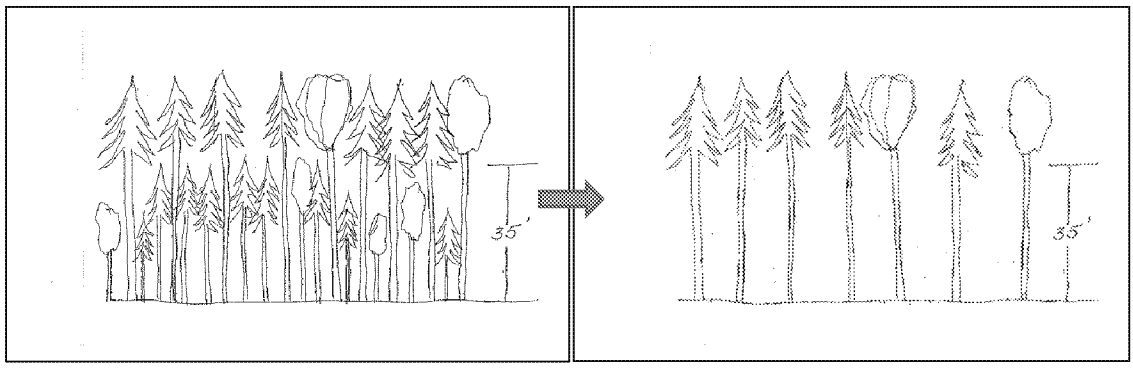

Figure 3. Schematic of Overstocked Stand Before and After a Thinning from Below

Following a thinning of these overstocked stands, threes have sufficient spacing to thrive and grow into higher value individual stems.

Figure 4. Spruce-Fir Stand After Thinning

Multi-Aged/Uneven-Aged Silviculture

These stands are quite common in Maine and across New England because of past-harvest practices and the abundance of shade tolerant species – spruce, fir, hemlock, maples, beech, and birches. Harvest entries every +/- 15 to 20 years result in regeneration of shade tolerant species in the understory.

Repeated entries release pockets of seedlings, saplings, and poles. These stands tend to be perpetuated on good sites through repeated low-volume removals on a 15 to 20 year cutting cycle. The most common management techniques used in these stands are single tree selection and group selection.

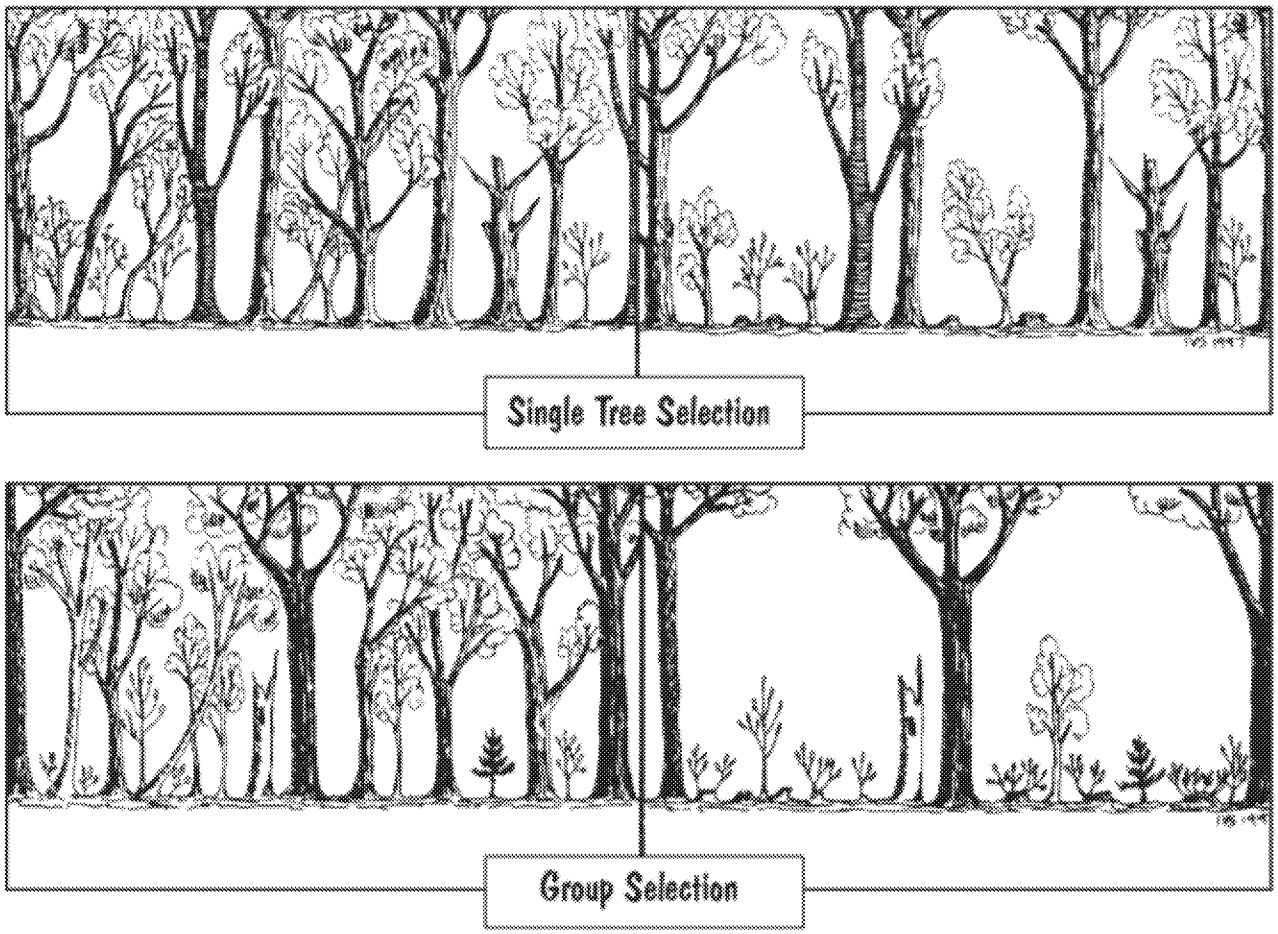

Figure 5. Schematic of Uneven Aged Forest Management Techniques.[23]

Both single tree selection and group selection are "Regeneration Harvest Methods"[24], where the purpose of the timber harvest is to "reduce stocking to concentrate growth on more desirable, healthy trees."

- In a single-tree selection harvest, a quarter to a third of the volume of the stand is removed, either in single trees or in small groups. This method is used to encourage the growth of species such as beech, sugar maple, red maple, red spruce, balsam fir and hemlock.
- In group selection harvests, openings of roughly a quarter acre to two acres are made and are utilized to regenerate shade tolerant species such as white ash, yellow birch, red oak,

[23] Bennet, Karen P. (editor). *Good Forestry in the Granite State: Recommended Voluntary Forest Management Practices for New Hampshire.* 2010. https://extension.unh.edu/goodforestry/index.htm
[24] Bennet, Karen P. (editor). *Good Forestry in the Granite State: Recommended Voluntary Forest Management Practices for New Hampshire.* 2010. https://extension.unh.edu/goodforestry/index.htm

and white pine. Larger openings (>1 acre) can be utilized to encourage the regeneration of less shade tolerant aspen and paper birch.[25]

Non-sawlog stems removed as part of these of uneven aged management systems should be considered precommercial thinnings and a qualifying feedstock for the Renewable Fuel Standard, as the stems are removed "to reduce stocking to concentrate growth on more desirable, healthy trees."

[25] Bennet, Karen P. (editor). *Good Forestry in the Granite State: Recommended Voluntary Forest Management Practices for New Hampshire.* 2010. https://extension.unh.edu/goodforestry/index.htm

Stand Rehabilitation (Seed Tree)

It is common in Maine to find diseased stands of nectria-infested beech, primarily in the understory where beech thrives as a very shade tolerant specie. The overstory often contains thrifty, vigorous maples, spruce, and birch. The beech is occupying the understory and retarding regeneration and development of more desirable maples, birches, and softwoods. The management objective is to rehabilitate the site and restore it to growing more valuable and productive species such as the maples and birches. The diseased and defective beech, culls and mature trees are harvested, and quality seed producing trees are retained to regenerate the site. All other stems are harvested, and the site is well-scarified from the harvest. The site will regenerate within 2 years following a good seed year.

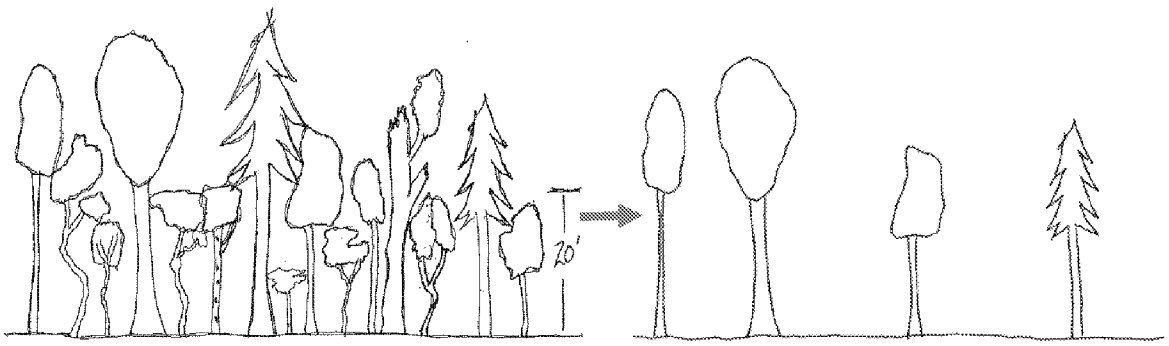

Figure 6. Schematic of Seed Tree Harvest for Stand Rehabilitation

The stems, tops, slash, and rotten trees clearly qualify as eligible feedstock for the Renewable Fuel Standard, as they are either slash, or qualify as pre-commercial thinnings as defined in the rules.

Timing and Purpose of Timber Harvest

In prior communication with Maine stakeholders, the issue of the timing and purpose of timber harvests has been offered as a reason that some Maine feedstocks cannot qualify as eligible for the Renewable Fuel Standard. "The EPA believes that woody biomass generated from activities the primary objective of which is harvesting trees for commercial value could not qualify as pre-commercial thinnings."[26] EPA goes on to suggest that forest management activities conducted *prior to a commercial harvest* that are removed would qualify as an RFS-eligible feedstock.

The letter further states that, "[Allowing] woody biomass harvested at the same time as merchantable timber to qualify as pre-commercial thinnings is not only contrary to the plain language to the CAA but also to congressional intent…"[27]

This position is not in the plain language of the CAA, nor is it realistic. It is common and ordinary for precommercial stems (individual trees) to be harvested as part of a commercial timber operation, and these precommercial stems are removed for the purpose of decreasing stand density in order to improve the health and commercial viability of the remaining trees.[28] Given these trees are of little to no value, and felling them costs money (personnel, equipment, and fuel), what other reason would there be for harvesting them? EPA's position is wholly inconsistent with common understanding and practice in the forest industry; most timber harvesting in natural forests generate a broad range of products, some of commercial value and some not.

Further, this distinction between precommercial stems harvested as part of a commercial harvest and stems harvested absent other commercial products is wholly inconsistent with EPA's own guidance. On the EPA website titled, "*What materials from non-federal forestlands meet the definition of renewable biomass in RFS?*" the following statement is made:

> "Pre-commercial thinnings that meet these criteria are considered renewable biomass *regardless of the timing of the thinning process (whether the thinning is conducted before a commercial harvest or during a selective commercial harvest of a portion of the trees in a stand for purposes other than renewable fuel feedstock production)* or the diameter of the thinned trees."[29] (emphasis added)

There is nothing incompatible with removing some commercial products and some pre-commercial products as part of a single harvest, both in an effort to, "reduce stocking to concentrate growth on more desirable, healthy trees."[30] The fact that some of the trees are removed for commercial purposes does not negate the fact that some of the stems harvested are

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[26] Letter to Maine Stakeholders from Anne Idsal, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, March 5, 2020. Page 5.
[27] Letter to Maine Stakeholders from Anne Idsal, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, March 5, 2020. Page 6.
[28] Federal Register. Vol. 75, No. 58. Friday, March 26, 2010. Page 14695.
[29] https://www.epa.gov/fuels-registration-reporting-and-compliance-help/what-materials-non-federal-forestlands-meet Last updated February 25, 2020.
[30] Federal Register. Vol. 75, No. 58. Friday, March 26, 2010. Page 14695.

pre-commercial, and it is entirely appropriate that harvests that have a commercial component simultaneously, "reduce stocking to concentrate growth on more desirable, healthy trees."

EPA appears to view precommercial thinning as a process rather than a product. For example, EPA notes that, 'precommercial thinnings,' eligible under the RFS program must be limited to woody biomass resulting from the *practice of pre-commercial thinning*" (emphasis added).[31] In the case of natural forests, this is incorrect. Precommercial thinnings are those stems that are removed (a product, not a process) – usually during a harvest that includes commercial activities – of limited to no commercial value. These stems are removed in order to allow other stems to grow; in the words of the RFS rules, these stems are "removed to reduce stocking to concentrate growth on more desirable, healthy trees."[32] The fact that these pre-commercial stems are thinned as part of a harvest that includes commercial products should not be relevant, and certainly is not how the forest industry understands management in natural forests.

As detailed above, we believe that EPA's position that much of the harvest coming from the natural forests of Maine does not qualify as an RFS-eligible feedstock is flawed, both because of a misinterpretation of US Forest Service policy, but also based upon a basic misunderstanding of the forest practices used in natural forests. Therefore, US EPA has landed upon a flawed and unsupported position that pre-commercial thinnings cannot be generated at the same time as commercial products.

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[31] Letter to Maine Stakeholders from Anne Idsal, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, March 5, 2020. Page 10.
[32] Federal Register. Vol. 75, No. 58. Friday, March 26, 2010. Page 14695.

Mill Residue

Sawmills and other forest product manufacturing in the region produce a significant volume of mill residue annually. One recent assessment estimates that Maine sawmills produce in excess of 1.8 million green tons of residue – chips, bark, and sawdust – annually.[33] However, this wood does not appear to be a Renewable Fuel Standard qualified feedstock, as the rules make clear that mill residues must come from plantation forests:

> "EPA is expanding the definition of ''tree residue'' to include residues from processing planted trees at lumber and paper mills, but is limiting it to the biogenically derived portion of the residues that can be traced back to feedstocks meeting the definition of renewable biomass (i.e., planted trees and tree residue from actively managed tree plantations on non-federal land cleared at any time prior to December 19, 2007)."[34]

As discussed above, Maine and New England do not have meaningful volumes of wood from plantations, and as such mill residue in this region is not a qualified feedstock.

Ecologically Sensitive Forestland

In addition to the tests above, RFS wood needs to come from land that is <u>not</u> considered "ecologically sensitive" at the state or federal level, defined as:

> "Ecologically sensitive forestland means forestland that meets either of the following criteria:
>
> (1) An ecological community with a global or state ranking of critically imperiled, imperiled or rare pursuant to a State Natural Heritage Program…, [or]
>
> (2) Old growth or late successional, characterized by trees at least 200 years in age."

For purposes of RFS qualification, these would be sites with a designation of G1, G2, G3, S1, S2, or S3.[35] These are natural communities that are rare or imperiled at the global or state level, and wood from such locations cannot be used as an RFS qualifying feedstock. These sites are, by definition, uncommon, and not expected to be present on many sites in Maine or New England.[36] It is anticipated that there will be very few instances where a harvest site is located at such a community, but it is necessary to be able to confirm – for each harvest site that feedstock comes from – that such an ecologically sensitive forestland is NOT impacted by the harvest.[37]

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[33] Innovative Natural Resource Solutions LLC and Meister Consultants Group. *Analysis of the Energy & Environmental Economics of Maine's Biomass Industry.* Prepared for the State of Maine – Governor's Energy Office. October 2017.

[34] *Federal Register.* Vol. 75, No. 58. Friday, March 26, 2010. Page 14695

[35] *Federal Register.* Vol. 75, No. 58. Friday, March 26, 2010. Page 14695

[36] According to staff at the Maine Natural Communities Program, in Maine these communities would be expected to be near mountain tops, in cedar bogs, or proximate to water bodies.

[37] Each state has a system where foresters and landowners can get information on the presence of such ecologically sensitive sites, either by accessing maps via the internet, or by providing state officials with a harvest map and receiving confirmation that the land in question is not considered ecologically sensitive, as defined above. See, for

Conclusion

Given the statute and rules, as discussed above, most of the wood currently harvested in Maine and New England should be eligible for use as a feedstock for RFS qualified biofuels as it meets the definitions of either slash or pre-commercial thinnings under the existing regulations. Most Maine and New England sawmill residue will not qualify under the current regulations. Each renewable fuel production facility will need to carefully evaluate the available supply of feedstock in proximity to their particular location and design a woody biomass tracking system to ensure and document compliance with the RFS regulations.

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example, the Maine Natural Areas Program's Forest Management Plan Review, http://www.maine.gov/dacf/mnap/assistance/fmp.htm

Message

From: Nguyen, Chris [Chris.Nguyen@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 4/6/2021 6:43:23 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: EJ Roundtable Discussion

Thank you!

Christopher Nguyen
Director of Operations
U.S. Congressman Donald McEachin (VA-04)
314 Cannon House Office Building
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U.S. Congressman A. Donald McEACHIN

Please know the Congressman will make every effort to be present for your meeting. However, due to the unpredictable nature of the voting schedule it is possible that a member of our staff will meet with your group on his behalf.

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 2:31 PM
To: Nguyen, Chris <Chris.Nguyen@mail.house.gov>
Subject: FW: EJ Roundtable Discussion

Hey Chris, hope this is helpful!

From: Adhar, Radha
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 1:21 PM
To: Zipkin, Adam (Booker) <Adam_Zipkin@booker.senate.gov>; Olsen, Lizzy (Duckworth) <Lizzy_Olsen@duckworth.senate.gov>; D'Amato, Annie (EPW) <Annie_D'Amato@epw.senate.gov>; Dernoga, Matt <Matt.Dernoga@mail.house.gov>; Martin, Kenneth (EPW <Kenneth_Martin@epw.senate.gov>; Solow, Corey <Corey.Solow@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Gentile, Laura (EPW) <Laura_Gentile@epw.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: EJ Roundtable Discussion

Hey y'all,

I wanted to confirm that we will not have press tomorrow and share the run of show below with you guys. Our expectation is that this roundtable will run between 30-45 minutes.Below is also the zoom information- can you please make sure your colleagues have this information?

- **Guests** arrive virtually.
- **Administrator Regan** greets the members and give brief opening remarks.
- **Administrator Regan** opens a discussion with members on how EPA and the leader of the House and Senate EJ Taskforce and Caucus can work together.
- **Senator Carper** will help this discussion, and we suggest the following format:

Question from Regan to the group - I want to understand what motivated you all to create the House and Senate EJ taskforce and Caucus. What have you heard from your constituents that compels you to work on these issues?

Question from Senator Carper to Regan- Administrator Regan, what actions has Congress taken in the past few years that have been helpful to your agency in advancing Environmental Justice, and what do you see as our biggest opportunities to collaborate in the next two years?

Question from Senator Carper to group - This question is for my fellow colleagues, what actions do you think the federal government could take to address the Environmental Justice issues facing communities within your state?

Question from Senator Carper to Regan - Mr. Regan, how does President Biden plan to use his executive power to complement the work that my colleagues and I are doing in order to deliver real relief to the communities that need it most**?**

Question from Regan to the group- What legislative opportunities should I have on my radar to ensure your staff have what they need when drafting bills to support EPA's mission?

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From: Hanson, Sarah [Sarah.Hanson1@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 4/6/2021 7:30:17 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: FYI

Thank you! We're hoping to get our letter out shortly! Will share as soon as we do!

On Apr 6, 2021, at 2:04 PM, Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov> wrote:

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Message

From: Hanson, Sarah [Sarah.Hanson1@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 4/6/2021 9:02:21 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: FYSA
Attachments: Crist DeSantis Piney Point EPA_04-06-21.pdf

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April 6, 2021

The Honorable Ron DeSantis, Governor
State of Florida
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Dear Governor DeSantis,

I write today regarding the horrific and potentially disastrous situation occurring at Piney Point, an abandoned phosphate plant located in Manatee County, Florida. I have been in contact with staff at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to encourage them to assist the State of Florida with water quality sampling, testing, and monitoring in Tampa Bay. It is my understanding that they have offered to provide the state with additional resources, including an independent analysis of the toxic water being discharged into Tampa Bay. Given the severity and scale of the situation, I strongly urge you to consider taking the help and directing the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to fully cooperate and work with the EPA.

As you know, a leak was detected in one of Piney Point's phosphogypsum stack containment walls on March 26 and is now at risk of collapsing. Over 300 homes and businesses have been evacuated from the area, as well as the ground floor of the nearby Manatee County Jail. Models show that a full breach of Piney Point could result in a 20-foot wall of toxic water. Should this occur, hundreds of millions of gallons of contaminated water would flood the surrounding area, devastating homes and environmentally sensitive areas.

Per your direction, the State has been pumping wastewater into Tampa Bay, informing that "the water meets water quality standards for marine waters with the exception of pH, total phosphorous, total nitrogen and total ammonia nitrogen." The millions of gallons of wastewater being dumped into Tampa Bay each day raises concerns for outbreaks of harmful algae blooms and impacts to marine life. It is also my understanding that while these discharges do not currently pose a threat to drinking water, that may change in the event of a full breach.

A full breach or a massive outbreak of harmful algae blooms in Tampa Bay or the Gulf of Mexico would be a significant threat to environmental and human health. This is not a drill. In a situation like this, we should be all hands on deck. Transparency is key. Partnering with federal agencies and making water quality data public is one way to reassure Tampa Bay residents who are fearful of what your discharges may mean for their health and their livelihoods. Thank you for your attention to this extremely serious matter.

Sincerely,

Charlie Crist
UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN

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Message

From: Hanson, Sarah [Sarah.Hanson1@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 4/6/2021 9:08:31 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
CC: Z115 Crist, Charlie [Charlie.Crist@mail.house.gov]
Subject: Thank you letter from Rep. Crist to Admin Regan
Attachments: Crist EPA Piney Point Water Quality_04-06-21.pdf

Hi Radha,

Rep. Crist wanted to thank the Administrator for his attention to Piney Point and his generous offer to assist Florida with water quality monitoring, so attached is a letter doing that. We really appreciate everything you've done thus far and look forward to continuing to work together on this.

Thanks!

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April 6, 2021

The Honorable Michael S. Regan, Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Regan,

I write to thank you for your offer to provide additional federal assistance to the State of Florida in dealing with the horrific and potentially disastrous situation occurring at Piney Point, an abandoned phosphate plant located in Manatee County, Florida. I especially appreciate your office's responsiveness to my concerns about water quality in Tampa Bay and the Gulf of Mexico.

My constituents are concerned about just what is in the toxic water being discharged into Tampa Bay. Some have heard that the water is radioactive; others fear that the high nitrogen and phosphorus content could trigger harmful algae blooms (HAB). In your April 6 letter to Florida Governor Ron DeSantis, you outline EPA's willingness to conduct an independent analysis of the water being discharged. I share your belief that such a move would assure Tampa Bay residents. I would also encourage EPA to monitor water quality in Tampa Bay and areas in the Gulf of Mexico as long as contaminants from Piney Point can be detected. As the situation unfolds, the public deserves to be kept informed of the risk to their own health and marine life, including the increased threat of HABs in Tampa Bay and the Gulf of Mexico. Thank you for your attention to this extremely serious matter.

Sincerely,

Charlie Crist
UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN

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From: Flory, Fiona [Fiona.Flory@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 4/6/2021 11:53:07 PM
To: Richardson, RobinH [Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]
CC: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]; Kaiser, Sven-Erik [Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Message from the office of Rep. Lamb regarding PPG Section 3 FIFRA Application

Thank you for your assistance!

Fiona Flory
Office of Congressman Conor Lamb (PA-17)
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On Apr 6, 2021, at 19:33, Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov> wrote:

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From: Flory, Fiona

Message

From: Thompson, Janie [Janie.Thompson@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 4/7/2021 2:24:04 AM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Can I give you a ring

Sure Anytime after 9 tomorrow! Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 6, 2021, at 9:59 PM, Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov> wrote:

When you have a sec? Want to flag something for you.

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Message

From: Vlasaty, Andrew (Blunt) [Andrew_Vlasaty@blunt.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/7/2021 12:06:52 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Scheduling Senator Blunt - Janet McCabe (nominee for EPA Deputy Administrator) meeting

Sure, I'm tied up from 10:30-11:30 but otherwise should be open. Just give me a call whenever works for you.

On Apr 6, 2021, at 10:13 PM, Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Andrew, thanks for ringing me back and sorry I missed you. Ok to try you in the AM?

From: Vlasaty, Andrew (Blunt) <Andrew_Vlasaty@blunt.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 5:44 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Scheduling Senator Blunt - Janet McCabe (nominee for EPA Deputy Administrator) meeting

Sorry I missed you earlier and tried calling you back. Feel free to call me anytime.

On Apr 6, 2021, at 11:38 AM, Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov> wrote:

Thank you, looking forward to it!

From: Vlasaty, Andrew (Blunt) <Andrew_Vlasaty@blunt.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 11:34 AM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Scheduling Senator Blunt - Janet McCabe (nominee for EPA Deputy Administrator) meeting

Sure let's shoot for 5 then. You can reach me at Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

On Apr 6, 2021, at 11:32 AM, Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Andrew,

I wish I didn't have a conflict but I do at 3! Can I call you at 5? I hope you won't mind I'll be in the car getting my girl from daycare but I'm happy to ring you then if it's not too late on your end.

Thanks,

Radha

From: Vlasaty, Andrew (Blunt) <Andrew_Vlasaty@blunt.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 10:13 AM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Scheduling Senator Blunt - Janet McCabe (nominee for EPA Deputy Administrator) meeting

Could you do 3? I have something at 2:30 that should be finished by then.

On Apr 6, 2021, at 10:07 AM, Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Andrew, would it be possible to ring you at 2:45 today? Thanks for taking the time.

From: Vlasaty, Andrew (Blunt) <Andrew_Vlasaty@blunt.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 9:54 AM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Scheduling Senator Blunt - Janet McCabe (nominee for EPA Deputy Administrator) meeting

Hi Radha,

Do you have any availability tomorrow afternoon or Thursday morning?

Thanks,
Andrew

On Apr 5, 2021, at 4:28 PM, Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov> wrote:

Thank you Amanda! Andrew, do you mind letting me know if you have time to chat about Janet's nomination this week? Would love to connect.

From: Peper, Amanda (Blunt) <Amanda_Peper@blunt.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 4:10 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>
Cc: Carlile, Amy L <acarlile@iu.edu>; Vlasaty, Andrew (Blunt) <Andrew_Vlasaty@blunt.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Scheduling Senator Blunt - Janet McCabe (nominee for EPA Deputy Administrator) meeting

Definitely. His email is andrew_vlasaty@blunt.senate.gov. I also included him on this email.

Thank you – have a good evening.
Amanda

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 4:08 PM
To: Peper, Amanda (Blunt) <Amanda_Peper@blunt.senate.gov>; Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>
Cc: Carlile, Amy L <acarlile@iu.edu>
Subject: RE: Scheduling Senator Blunt - Janet McCabe (nominee for EPA Deputy Administrator) meeting

Hi Amanda,

Thank you for your email. I would appreciate connecting with Andrew, do you mind sharing his email?

Thanks in advance,
Radha

From: Peper, Amanda (Blunt) <Amanda_Peper@blunt.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 10:08 AM
To: Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Carlile, Amy L <acarlile@iu.edu>
Subject: RE: Scheduling Senator Blunt - Janet McCabe (nominee for EPA Deputy Administrator) meeting

Good Morning,
Thank you all for reaching out. Senator Blunt is unable to meet, but I am happy to connect you all with Andrew Vlasaty – he covers the EPA and related issues for the Senator – if you would like to set up a call with him.

Thank you,
Amanda

From: Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 1, 2021 2:48 PM
To: Scheduling (Blunt) <Scheduling_Blunt@blunt.senate.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Carlile, Amy L <acarlile@iu.edu>
Subject: Scheduling Senator Blunt - Janet McCabe (nominee for EPA Deputy Administrator) meeting

Hi Richard,

I hope you are doing well. I'm reaching out to find time on Senator Blunt's calendar to meet and talk with Janet McCabe, nominee for the post of EPA Deputy Administrator. Could a meeting late next week or the week of April 12th work for his schedule? Would you please share some possible time slots that could work for your boss? We are happy to work around Senator Blunt's schedule.

Thank you for considering,

Karen.

Karen Thundiyil
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Message

From: Durost, Kate (King) [Kate_Durost@king.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/7/2021 2:16:01 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
CC: Bond, Patrick (King) [Patrick_Bond@king.senate.gov]; Cashwell, Morgan (King) [Morgan_Cashwell@king.senate.gov]
Subject: Letter from the Maine Delegation on RFS Renewable Biomass
Attachments: 04-07-21_Delegation to EPA and USDA re RFS Qualifications_Policy.pdf; Maine Forestry Industry White Paper.pdf

Good morning Radha,

I am reaching out on behalf of Senator King and the Maine delegation to share the attached letter and white paper with Administrator Regan. Can you please pass it along to him or ensure that it gets to the right staffer?

Thank you and please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,
Kate

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Congress of the United States
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April 7, 2021

The Honorable Michael Regan
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

The Honorable Tom Vilsack
Secretary
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Administrator Regan and Secretary Vilsack,

We write in regard to an important issue that affects the future vitality of Maine's economy, the strength of our state's working forests, and the ability to further reduce carbon dioxide emissions by producing biofuels from sustainably harvested low-grade wood. We ask for your attention to this matter and request a meeting to discuss steps to ensure that Maine wood harvest residuals and pre-commercial thinnings qualify as renewable biomass under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS).

As you know, the RFS was drafted and signed into law with the intent to reduce our country's reliance on fossil fuels and cut back on carbon dioxide emissions. Under the RFS, several tree, crop, or biowaste uses are defined as "renewable biomass," including "(iv) Slash and pre-commercial thinnings that are from non-federal forestlands." Utilizing slash and pre-commercial thinnings from Maine to develop biofuel—materials that are routinely produced in our standard forestry practices—will help meet this goal of carbon reduction as well as provide a market for these waste products.

Forestry experts agree that, as defined by EPA, most of the wood currently harvested in Maine qualifies as slash or pre-commercial thinnings. With regard to pre-commercial thinnings, most low-grade wood harvested as part of forest management activities in Maine are trees removed to reduce stocking to concentrate growth on more desirable, healthy trees. This practice qualifies these materials as "pre-commercial thinnings" under the RFS and should be recognized as such. Further EPA defines slash as "the residue, including treetops, branches, and bark, left on the ground after logging or accumulating as a result of a storm, fire, delimbing, or other similar disturbance, " which is also prevalent in typical Maine forest practices. Our offices have raised these issues and provided a study detailing a clear analysis of Maine harvest practices to EPA in the past to clarify these points, and we have attached an updated study to this letter again.

Without clarity from EPA, potential biofuel producers are turning away from Maine and instead investing in states with less sustainable forest harvesting practices, and whose plantation style management approaches more easily fit the EPA's definition of "renewable biomass." Maine foresters need EPA to provide clear guidance that their products qualify as slash and pre-commercial thinnings under the RFS.

We urge you to review the attached study to help your agencies determine that these forest products qualify as "renewable biomass" under the RFS, and offer clarity to a changing industry that is working with manufacturers to create a sustainable biomass based fuel industry that will help reduce our country's fossil fuel dependence. We look forward to the opportunity to meet and speak directly with you both on this issue.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

SUSAN M. COLLINS
United States Senator

ANGUS S. KING, JR.
United States Senator

CHELLIE PINGREE
Member of Congress

JARED GOLDEN
Member of Congress

Cc: Robert Bonnie, Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy and Senior Advisor on Climate, U.S. Department of Agriculture;

Doug McKalip, Senior Advisor to the Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Qualifying Feedstocks for RFS Biofuels: Maine and New England

March 2021

Background

Since 2014, Maine has lost markets for 4.3 million tons of low-grade wood[1], or nearly 400 truckloads of wood every day of the year. This has occurred as pulp mills and biomass energy facilities have closed due to changing market conditions, and it is well understood they will not be coming back. In fact, many of the mills that closed – and provided critical support to the forests and rural economy of Maine - have been dismantled and could not possibly restarted. As these markets have vanished, so too have the economic and environmental benefits they provided.

Maine has embarked on a concerted effort to replace these markets, and the significant economic and environmental benefits they provide. The federally funded Forest Opportunity Roadmap / Maine[2] effort (www.formaine.org) has identified a range of biofuels as promising opportunities to replace these lost markets, while displacing fossil fuels. Additionally, the University of Maine is a leader in research for the development of wood-based biofuels.

If the 4.3 million tons of wood that previously went to now closed pulp mills and biomass power plants were to be used to produce biofuels, the state could have twelve biorefineries using 500 dry metric tonnes per day (which converts to 357,291 green tons per year at a 92% capacity factor). If each of these facilities employed 24, the biorefineries utilizing this woody feedstock would directly employ 288 individuals.

In addition to jobs at the biorefineries, there would be jobs generated in the harvesting and trucking of woody feedstock from Maine forests. Using information developed by the University of Southern Maine[3], it is estimated that an average Maine logger harvests 3,925 green tons of wood annually. Given this assumption, these 12 biorefineries' annual wood use directly supports the creation of 1,096 full-time (FTE) logging jobs.

In addition to logging jobs, providing wood fuel to the facility requires trucks, and thus generates trucking jobs. Again assuming 30 tons per load, 4.3 million tons wood use requires 143,333 deliveries per year, or 551 deliveries per day (assumes 260 delivery days). Assuming that each

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[1] Innovative Natural Resource Solutions LLC. *Economic Trends in the Northeast Forest Industry*. November 2020. https://www.slideshare.net/erickingsley/economic-trends-in-the-northeast-forest-industry-november-2020

[2] Forest Opportunity Roadmap / Maine (FOR/Maine) is a unique cross-sector collaboration between industry, communities, government, education, and non-profits, which have come together to ensure that Maine strategically adapts and capitalizes on changing markets, to maintain our leading role in the global forest economy and support prosperity. The coalition was created with support from the U.S. Economic Development Administration and U.S. Dept. of Agriculture.

[3] Maine Center for Business and Economic Research, University of Southern Maine. *Maine Logger and Log Trucker Availability and Wage Analysis Report: Data Appendix.* Prepared for the Professional Logging Contractors of Maine. February 2019.

truck can make 2.5 deliveries per day, this means that the facilities support 221 trucks and FTE truckers.

In total, *the use of this low-grade wood to produce biofuels has the potential to create a total of 1,605 jobs* at the biorefineries and directly in the supply chain. All of these would be rural jobs in a state that needs new markets for wood.

Biofuel companies are evaluating opportunities in Maine and across New England, seeking to utilize low-grade wood from the region to manufacture biofuels and bioproducts. These facilities would utilize low-grade wood, including wood previously used at regional forest industries that have closed or reduced consumption.

One issue frequently comes up in these discussions:

> "What type of wood available in the region qualifies for participation in the EPA-administered national Renewable Fuel Standard as amended by the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (RFS)?"

Unfortunately, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's interpretation of the federal Renewable Fuel Standard disqualifies significant portions of Maine's timber harvest from use as a Renewable Fuel Standard eligible feedstock, and thus serves as an enormous barrier to attracting biofuel facilities to the state. As discussed below, this is a flawed and unsupported interpretation of the existing statute and rules, and is not consistent with how responsible forest management is conducted in natural forests. As has been communicated to Maine stakeholders, EPA sought to define forestry terms, "as consistently with [U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)] and industry standards as possible, while keeping them workable for purposes of program implementation."[4] As professionals in the forest industry, we respectfully disagree.

The EPA can remedy this, without changes to the statute or rules that govern the Renewable Fuel Standard, by recognizing timber harvesting activities in naturally regenerated forests using the same standards that the forest industry and the USDA Forest Service utilize.

At this time, we would ask that the EPA reconsider its position or, at a minimum, designate a work group to include staff from US EPA, USFS, the University of Maine and other forestry professionals to review your policy and ensure that it accurate reflects the statute and rules.

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[4] Letter to Maine Stakeholders from Anne Idsal, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, March 5, 2020. Page 4.

Qualifying Feedstocks for RFS Biofuels: Maine and New England

March 2021

This white paper addresses the statute and rules, as well as the forests and forest practices prevalent in New England, to provide guidance on this question.

Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007

The Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007[5] established the federal RFS program and provided key definitions for feedstocks eligible to be used for fuels participating in this program. For woody feedstocks, several definitions found under the heading "Renewable Biomass"[6] are important.

Plantations

Trees grown in a "tree plantation" established and cleared prior to December 2007 are eligible feedstocks.

> "Planted trees and tree residue from actively managed tree plantations on non-federal land cleared at any time prior to enactment of this sentence, including land belonging to an Indian tribe or an Indian individual, that is held in trust by the United States or subject to a restriction against alienation imposed by the United States"[7,8]

Maine and New England have *de minimis* timberland in 'tree plantations", as the forests of the region regenerate naturally. (Tree plantations are stands of trees that were man or machine planted.) In Maine, 98 percent of the timberland in the state is naturally regenerated[9]. Across New England, 99 percent of timberland is naturally regenerated[10]. Given the exceptionally low percentage of tree plantations in the region, and the fact that recently planted plantations are not defined as "renewable biomass", meaningful supply from such lands is not a realistic feedstock for facilities in New England.

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[5] https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/PLAW-110publ140/pdf/PLAW-110publ140.pdf

[6] PUBLIC LAW 110–140—DEC. 19, 2007, TITLE II—ENERGY SECURITY THROUGH INCREASED PRODUCTION OF BIOFUELS Subtitle A—Renewable Fuel Standard, SEC. 201. DEFINITIONS. 1.I – definitions of "Renewable Biomass"

[7] PUBLIC LAW 110–140—DEC. 19, 2007, TITLE II—ENERGY SECURITY THROUGH INCREASED PRODUCTION OF BIOFUELS Subtitle A—Renewable Fuel Standard, SEC. 201. DEFINITIONS. 1.I.ii – definitions of "Renewable Biomass"

[8] "This day" refers to the date this Act became law; December 19, 2007.

[9] USDA Forest Service, Forest Inventory and Analysis Program, Tue Jun 05 14:14:04 GMT 2018. Forest Inventory EVALIDator web-application Version 1.7.0.01. St. Paul, MN: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Northern Research Station. [Available only on internet: http://fsxopsx1056.fdc.fs.usda.gov:9001/Evalidator/evalidator.jsp]

[10] USDA Forest Service, Forest Inventory and Analysis Program, Tue Jun 05 14:14:04 GMT 2018. Forest Inventory EVALIDator web-application Version 1.7.0.01. St. Paul, MN: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Northern Research Station. [Available only on internet: http://fsxopsx1056.fdc.fs.usda.gov:9001/Evalidator/evalidator.jsp]

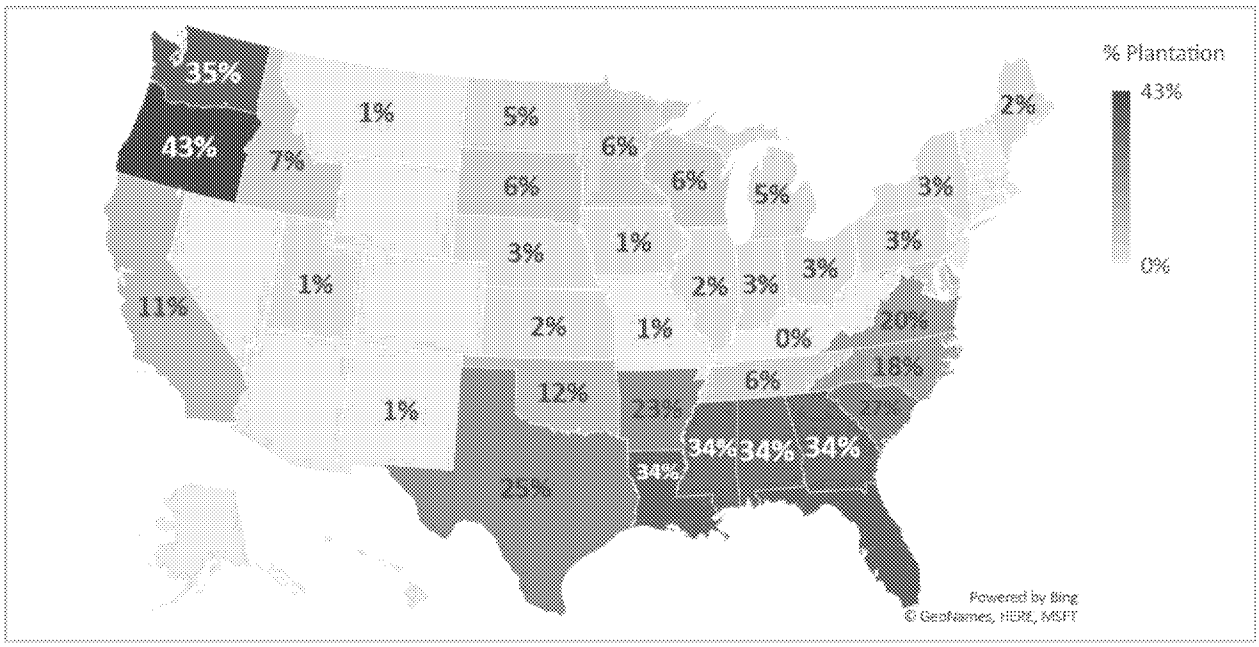

Figure 1. Private Timberland by State: Percent that is Established via Plantation[11]

Slash and Precommercial Thinnings

The statute defines "slash and precommercial thinnings" as "Renewable Biomass", using the following definition:

> ''Slash and pre-commercial thinnings that are from non-federal forestlands, including forestlands belonging to an Indian tribe or an Indian individual, that are held in trust by the United States or subject to a restriction against alienation imposed by the United States, but not forests or forestlands that are ecological communities with a global or State ranking of critically imperiled, imperiled, or rare pursuant to a State Natural Heritage Program, old growth forest, or late successional forest."[12]

The eligibility of this feedstock, which presents significant opportunity for wood harvested in New England, is further refined as part of the rules implementing the statute and discussed below.

[11] Data Source: USDA Forest Service, Forest Inventory & Analysis

[12] PUBLIC LAW 110–140—DEC. 19, 2007, TITLE II—ENERGY SECURITY THROUGH INCREASED PRODUCTION OF BIOFUELS Subtitle A—Renewable Fuel Standard, SEC. 201. DEFINITIONS. 1.I.iv – definitions of "renewable biomass"

Rules Implementing RFS

The Final Rule implementing RFS was published in the *Federal Register* on March 26, 2010[13]. The rules provide further detail and guidance not found in the statute, and the eligibility of New England feedstocks derived from forestry activities is discussed.

Slash

As noted in the statute, only slash and pre-commercial thinnings (as defined in these rules) from non-federal forestland can be used for the production of RFS-qualifying fuels. In Maine, more than 99% of all timberland is non-federally owned; across New England more than 96% of timberland is in non-federal ownership. For purposes of RFS qualification, the rules define "slash" as follows:

> "Slash is the residue, including treetops, branches, and bark, left on the ground after logging or accumulating as a result of a storm, fire, delimbing, or other similar disturbance."[14]

This definition of slash allows the residue left on the ground after logging, including, but not restricted to, all tops, bark, and branches from non-federal timberland to be used in the production of RFS-qualifying fuel; a significant volume of this material is available in Maine and across New England, including much of the material that is currently or has recently been used as biomass fuel for electric and large-scale combined heat and power projects.

The accepted definition of slash should also include cull logs and other unused material. As has been communicated to Maine stakeholders and noting the Federal Register, EPA sought to define forestry terms, "as consistently with [U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)] and industry standards as possible, while keeping them workable for purposes of program implementation."[15] The USDA has communicated to EPA that slash is a broader term than EPA currently recognizes, noting:

> "USDA Forest Service definitions of Slash include all residue left on the ground after logging, *including unused cull logs* and other unused material, and are not restricted only to treetops, limbs and bark."[16] (*emphasis added*)

Precommercial Thinnings

In addition to slash, the rule allows for the use of "pre-commercial thinnings" from non-federal forestland. Importantly, the definition for purposes of RFS qualification may not align with the definition used by some in the forestry profession. It is important to use the definition in rules,

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[13]Federal Register / Vol. 75, No. 58 / Friday, March 26, 2010 / Rules and Regulations, https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2010-03-26/pdf/2010-3851.pdf

[14] Federal Register. Vol. 75, No. 58. Friday, March 26, 2010. Page 14866

[15] Regulation of Fuels and Fuel Additives: Changes in Renewable Fuel Standard Program; Proposed Rule, 74 Fed Reg24904, 24931 (May 26, 2009).

[16] Letter from James Hubbard, Undersecretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA to Anne Idsal, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, EPA. December 18, 2020.

and not a perceived definition, when evaluating the eligibility of particular feedstocks for RFS qualification.

> "Pre-commercial thinnings are trees, including unhealthy or diseased trees, primarily removed to reduce stocking to concentrate growth on more desirable, healthy trees, or other vegetative material that is removed to promote tree growth."[17]

Of note, this definition states that trees removed "to reduce stocking to concentrate growth on more desirable, healthy trees" are included in the definition of "pre-commercial thinnings". This differs from the assumed definitions that many foresters have used. The discussion included in the rulemaking further explains what qualifies as feedstock, including a clear statement that there is no "financial return test" for what qualifies as pre-commercial thinnings for purposes of RFS eligibility:

> "As for ''pre-commercial thinnings,'' the Dictionary of Forestry defines the act of such thinning as ''the removal of trees not for immediate financial return but to reduce stocking to concentrate growth on the more desirable trees.'' Because what may now be considered pre-commercial may eventually be saleable as renewable fuel feedstock, <u>we proposed not to include any reference to ''financial return'' in our definition, but rather to define pre-commercial thinnings as those trees removed from a stand of trees in order to reduce stocking to concentrate growth on more desirable trees.</u>"[18] [emphasis added]

Further, the discussion in the *Federal Register* makes clear that there is no "diameter test" for what qualifies as "pre-commercial thinnings for purposes of RFS qualification:

> "We sought comment on whether our definition of pre-commercial thinnings should include a maximum diameter and, if so, what the appropriate maximum diameter should be…Many commenters argued that EPA should not use a maximum tree diameter as a basis for defining pre-commercial thinning as tree diameter varies greatly by forest type and location, making any diameter limitation EPA might set arbitrary. EPA agrees with this assessment."[19]

In summary, <u>for purposes of RFS qualification</u>, pre-commercial thinnings are:

- Trees removed to reduce stocking to concentrate growth on more desirable, healthy trees;
- Not subject to any financial return test; and
- Not subject to any diameter test.

Given these criteria and as discussed below, almost all low-grade wood harvested as part of forest management activities in Maine and New England, except for clearcuts and wood from land use change harvests, would qualify as "pre-commercial thinnings". According to data from

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[17] *Federal Register*. Vol. 75, No. 58. Friday, March 26, 2010. Page 14865
[18] *Federal Register*. Vol. 75, No. 58. Friday, March 26, 2010. Page 14695
[19] *Federal Register*. Vol. 75, No. 58. Friday, March 26, 2010. Page 14695

the Maine Forest Service, 6% of the timberland harvested in 2016 was clearcut, and 1% was a land use change harvest.[20]

Maine Timber Harvesting Practices

In Maine and across New England, several forest management methods are used that allow harvested stems to meet the definition of "precommercial thinning", as described above. These forest management techniques are described and explained below.

Dense Overstocked Even-Age Stands

These stands, throughout Northern, Western and Downeast Maine – as well as Northern New Hampshire and Vermont - are the result of the spruce-budworm infestation of 1976-86 or other major disturbances. Stocking in these is typically >2,500 stems per acre. Approximately 25% of the stems attain a dominant position in the canopy at 45' to 50' height. The dominants range from 5" diameter at breast height (dbh) to 7" dbh. The understory trees range from 2" dbh to 4" dbh. The high density in these stands decreases per-stem growth, and thinning needs to occur in order for dominant stems to reach their commercial potential. Maine alone has 5.8 million acres of timberland that may fit this description[21].

[20] Maine Forest Service. *2016 Silvicultural Activities Report,* September 13, 2017.

[21] Cooperative Forestry Research Unit (CFRU) at the University of Maine, the Maine Forest Products Council, and the Maine Forest Service. Coming Spruce Budworm Outbreak: Initial Risk Assessment and Preparation & Response Recommendations for Maine's Forestry Community. March 16, 2016. http://www.sprucebudwormmaine.org/docs/SBW_full_report_web.pdf

Figure 2. Dense Spruce-Fir Stand[22].

One way to manage these severely overstocked stands is to conduct a thinning from below. The harvest is directed towards removing the suppressed understory to give the dominants more growth potential. Dominants are removed as necessary to provide room for crown expansion. Crowns will close after five years or so. Regeneration can become established, but the management focus is on growing the dominant trees larger to sawtimber size. Stems removed as part of such a thinning should be considered pre-commercial thinnings and a qualifying feedstock for the Renewable Fuel Standard, as the stems are removed "to reduce stocking to concentrate growth on more desirable, healthy trees." Due to the small size of these stems, there are not alternative markets available for this material.

[22] Photos and drawings by John McNulty, unless otherwise noted.

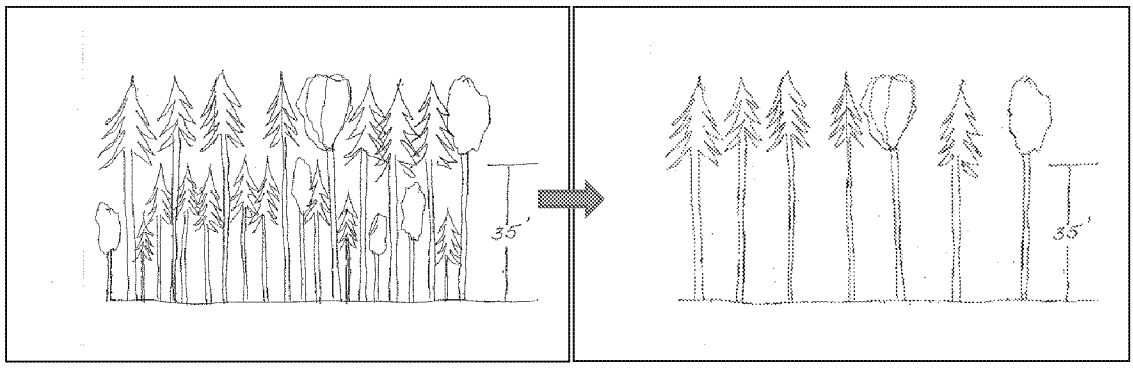

Figure 3. Schematic of Overstocked Stand Before and After a Thinning from Below

Following a thinning of these overstocked stands, threes have sufficient spacing to thrive and grow into higher value individual stems.

Figure 4. Spruce-Fir Stand After Thinning

Multi-Aged/Uneven-Aged Silviculture

These stands are quite common in Maine and across New England because of past-harvest practices and the abundance of shade tolerant species – spruce, fir, hemlock, maples, beech, and birches. Harvest entries every +/- 15 to 20 years result in regeneration of shade tolerant species in the understory.

Repeated entries release pockets of seedlings, saplings, and poles. These stands tend to be perpetuated on good sites through repeated low-volume removals on a 15 to 20 year cutting cycle. The most common management techniques used in these stands are single tree selection and group selection.

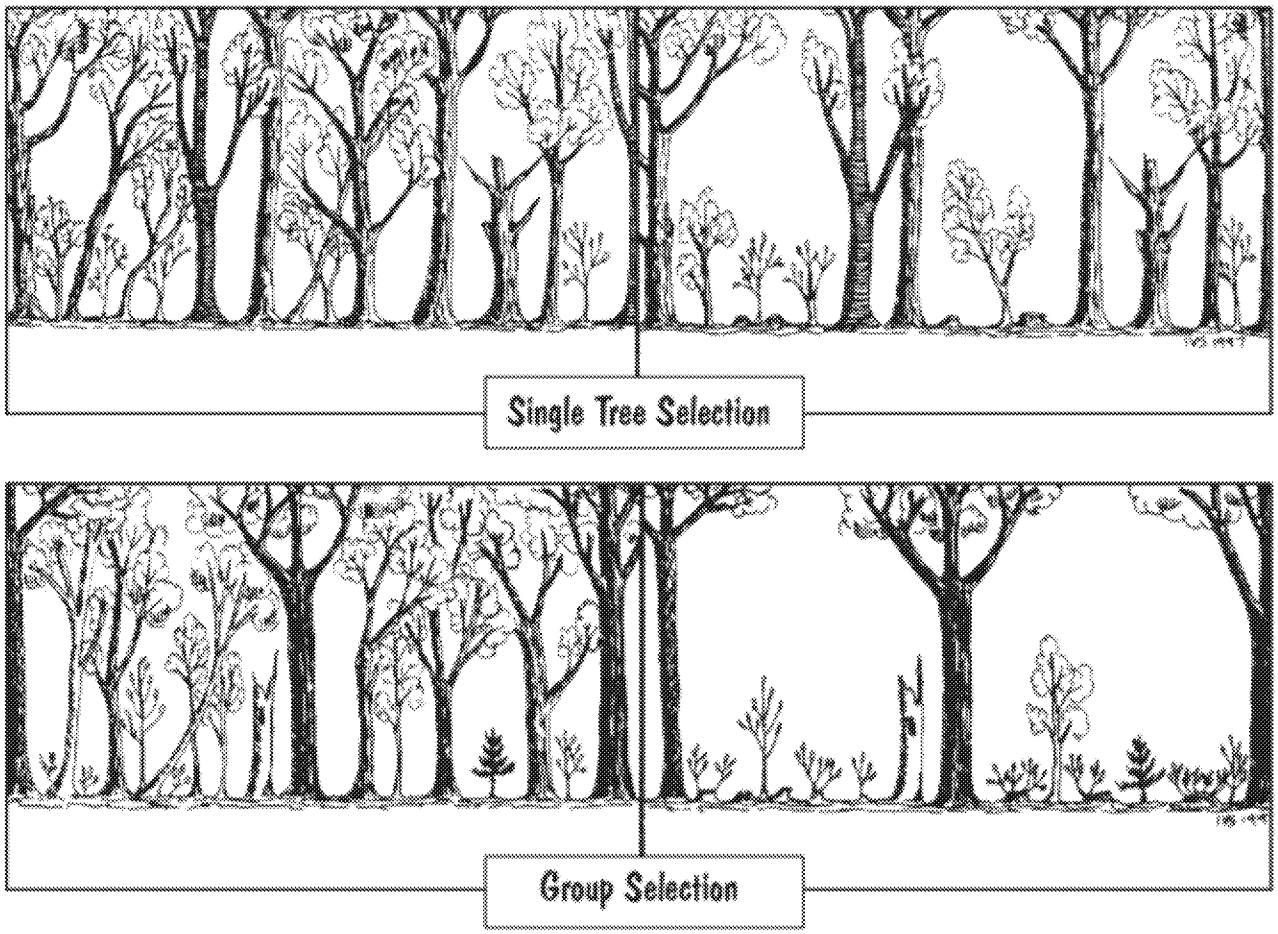

Figure 5. Schematic of Uneven Aged Forest Management Techniques.[23]

Both single tree selection and group selection are "Regeneration Harvest Methods"[24], where the purpose of the timber harvest is to "reduce stocking to concentrate growth on more desirable, healthy trees."

- In a single-tree selection harvest, a quarter to a third of the volume of the stand is removed, either in single trees or in small groups. This method is used to encourage the growth of species such as beech, sugar maple, red maple, red spruce, balsam fir and hemlock.
- In group selection harvests, openings of roughly a quarter acre to two acres are made and are utilized to regenerate shade tolerant species such as white ash, yellow birch, red oak,

[23] Bennet, Karen P. (editor). *Good Forestry in the Granite State: Recommended Voluntary Forest Management Practices for New Hampshire.* 2010. https://extension.unh.edu/goodforestry/index.htm
[24] Bennet, Karen P. (editor). *Good Forestry in the Granite State: Recommended Voluntary Forest Management Practices for New Hampshire.* 2010. https://extension.unh.edu/goodforestry/index.htm

and white pine. Larger openings (>1 acre) can be utilized to encourage the regeneration of less shade tolerant aspen and paper birch.[25]

Non-sawlog stems removed as part of these of uneven aged management systems should be considered precommercial thinnings and a qualifying feedstock for the Renewable Fuel Standard, as the stems are removed "to reduce stocking to concentrate growth on more desirable, healthy trees."

[25] Bennet, Karen P. (editor). *Good Forestry in the Granite State: Recommended Voluntary Forest Management Practices for New Hampshire.* 2010. https://extension.unh.edu/goodforestry/index.htm

Stand Rehabilitation (Seed Tree)

It is common in Maine to find diseased stands of nectria-infested beech, primarily in the understory where beech thrives as a very shade tolerant specie. The overstory often contains thrifty, vigorous maples, spruce, and birch. The beech is occupying the understory and retarding regeneration and development of more desirable maples, birches, and softwoods. The management objective is to rehabilitate the site and restore it to growing more valuable and productive species such as the maples and birches. The diseased and defective beech, culls and mature trees are harvested, and quality seed producing trees are retained to regenerate the site. All other stems are harvested, and the site is well-scarified from the harvest. The site will regenerate within 2 years following a good seed year.

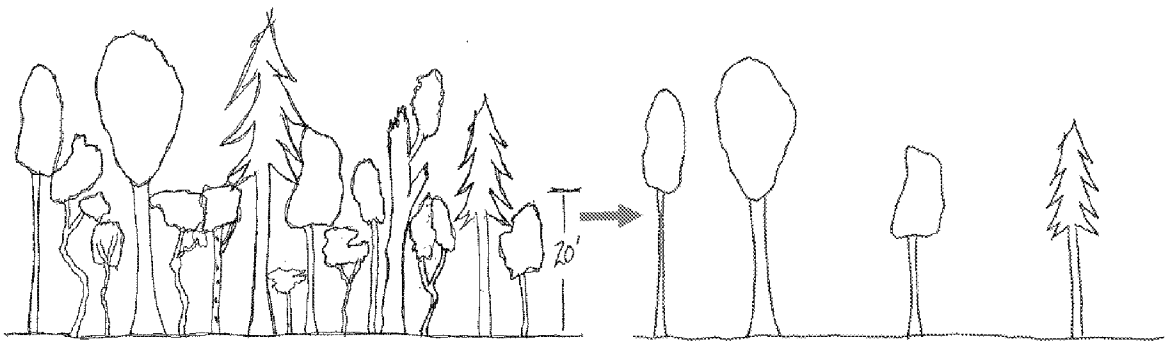

Figure 6. Schematic of Seed Tree Harvest for Stand Rehabilitation

The stems, tops, slash, and rotten trees clearly qualify as eligible feedstock for the Renewable Fuel Standard, as they are either slash, or qualify as pre-commercial thinnings as defined in the rules.

Timing and Purpose of Timber Harvest

In prior communication with Maine stakeholders, the issue of the timing and purpose of timber harvests has been offered as a reason that some Maine feedstocks cannot qualify as eligible for the Renewable Fuel Standard. "The EPA believes that woody biomass generated from activities the primary objective of which is harvesting trees for commercial value could not qualify as pre-commercial thinnings."[26] EPA goes on to suggest that forest management activities conducted *prior to a commercial harvest* that are removed would qualify as an RFS-eligible feedstock.

The letter further states that, "[Allowing] woody biomass harvested at the same time as merchantable timber to qualify as pre-commercial thinnings is not only contrary to the plain language to the CAA but also to congressional intent…"[27]

This position is not in the plain language of the CAA, nor is it realistic. It is common and ordinary for precommercial stems (individual trees) to be harvested as part of a commercial timber operation, and these precommercial stems are removed for the purpose of decreasing stand density in order to improve the health and commercial viability of the remaining trees.[28] Given these trees are of little to no value, and felling them costs money (personnel, equipment, and fuel), what other reason would there be for harvesting them? EPA's position is wholly inconsistent with common understanding and practice in the forest industry; most timber harvesting in natural forests generate a broad range of products, some of commercial value and some not.

Further, this distinction between precommercial stems harvested as part of a commercial harvest and stems harvested absent other commercial products is wholly inconsistent with EPA's own guidance. On the EPA website titled, "*What materials from non-federal forestlands meet the definition of renewable biomass in RFS?*" the following statement is made:

> "Pre-commercial thinnings that meet these criteria are considered renewable biomass *regardless of the timing of the thinning process (whether the thinning is conducted before a commercial harvest or during a selective commercial harvest of a portion of the trees in a stand for purposes other than renewable fuel feedstock production)* or the diameter of the thinned trees."[29] (emphasis added)

There is nothing incompatible with removing some commercial products and some pre-commercial products as part of a single harvest, both in an effort to, "reduce stocking to concentrate growth on more desirable, healthy trees."[30] The fact that some of the trees are removed for commercial purposes does not negate the fact that some of the stems harvested are

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[26] Letter to Maine Stakeholders from Anne Idsal, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, March 5, 2020. Page 5.
[27] Letter to Maine Stakeholders from Anne Idsal, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, March 5, 2020. Page 6.
[28] Federal Register. Vol. 75, No. 58. Friday, March 26, 2010. Page 14695.
[29] https://www.epa.gov/fuels-registration-reporting-and-compliance-help/what-materials-non-federal-forestlands-meet Last updated February 25, 2020.
[30] Federal Register. Vol. 75, No. 58. Friday, March 26, 2010. Page 14695.

pre-commercial, and it is entirely appropriate that harvests that have a commercial component simultaneously, "reduce stocking to concentrate growth on more desirable, healthy trees."

EPA appears to view precommercial thinning as a process rather than a product. For example, EPA notes that, 'precommercial thinnings,' eligible under the RFS program must be limited to woody biomass resulting from the *practice of pre-commercial thinning*" (emphasis added).[31] In the case of natural forests, this is incorrect. Precommercial thinnings are those stems that are removed (a product, not a process) – usually during a harvest that includes commercial activities – of limited to no commercial value. These stems are removed in order to allow other stems to grow; in the words of the RFS rules, these stems are "removed to reduce stocking to concentrate growth on more desirable, healthy trees."[32] The fact that these pre-commercial stems are thinned as part of a harvest that includes commercial products should not be relevant, and certainly is not how the forest industry understands management in natural forests.

As detailed above, we believe that EPA's position that much of the harvest coming from the natural forests of Maine does not qualify as an RFS-eligible feedstock is flawed, both because of a misinterpretation of US Forest Service policy, but also based upon a basic misunderstanding of the forest practices used in natural forests. Therefore, US EPA has landed upon a flawed and unsupported position that pre-commercial thinnings cannot be generated at the same time as commercial products.

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[31] Letter to Maine Stakeholders from Anne Idsal, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, March 5, 2020. Page 10.
[32] Federal Register. Vol. 75, No. 58. Friday, March 26, 2010. Page 14695.

Mill Residue

Sawmills and other forest product manufacturing in the region produce a significant volume of mill residue annually. One recent assessment estimates that Maine sawmills produce in excess of 1.8 million green tons of residue – chips, bark, and sawdust – annually.[33] However, this wood does not appear to be a Renewable Fuel Standard qualified feedstock, as the rules make clear that mill residues must come from plantation forests:

> "EPA is expanding the definition of ''tree residue'' to include residues from processing planted trees at lumber and paper mills, but is limiting it to the biogenically derived portion of the residues that can be traced back to feedstocks meeting the definition of renewable biomass (i.e., planted trees and tree residue from actively managed tree plantations on non-federal land cleared at any time prior to December 19, 2007)."[34]

As discussed above, Maine and New England do not have meaningful volumes of wood from plantations, and as such mill residue in this region is not a qualified feedstock.

Ecologically Sensitive Forestland

In addition to the tests above, RFS wood needs to come from land that is <u>not</u> considered "ecologically sensitive" at the state or federal level, defined as:

> "Ecologically sensitive forestland means forestland that meets either of the following criteria:
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> (1) An ecological community with a global or state ranking of critically imperiled, imperiled or rare pursuant to a State Natural Heritage Program…, [or]
>
> (2) Old growth or late successional, characterized by trees at least 200 years in age."

For purposes of RFS qualification, these would be sites with a designation of G1, G2, G3, S1, S2, or S3.[35] These are natural communities that are rare or imperiled at the global or state level, and wood from such locations cannot be used as an RFS qualifying feedstock. These sites are, by definition, uncommon, and not expected to be present on many sites in Maine or New England.[36] It is anticipated that there will be very few instances where a harvest site is located at such a community, but it is necessary to be able to confirm – for each harvest site that feedstock comes from – that such an ecologically sensitive forestland is NOT impacted by the harvest.[37]

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[33] Innovative Natural Resource Solutions LLC and Meister Consultants Group. *Analysis of the Energy & Environmental Economics of Maine's Biomass Industry.* Prepared for the State of Maine – Governor's Energy Office. October 2017.

[34] *Federal Register.* Vol. 75, No. 58. Friday, March 26, 2010. Page 14695

[35] *Federal Register.* Vol. 75, No. 58. Friday, March 26, 2010. Page 14695

[36] According to staff at the Maine Natural Communities Program, in Maine these communities would be expected to be near mountain tops, in cedar bogs, or proximate to water bodies.

[37] Each state has a system where foresters and landowners can get information on the presence of such ecologically sensitive sites, either by accessing maps via the internet, or by providing state officials with a harvest map and receiving confirmation that the land in question is not considered ecologically sensitive, as defined above. See, for

Conclusion

Given the statute and rules, as discussed above, most of the wood currently harvested in Maine and New England should be eligible for use as a feedstock for RFS qualified biofuels as it meets the definitions of either slash or pre-commercial thinnings under the existing regulations. Most Maine and New England sawmill residue will not qualify under the current regulations. Each renewable fuel production facility will need to carefully evaluate the available supply of feedstock in proximity to their particular location and design a woody biomass tracking system to ensure and document compliance with the RFS regulations.

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example, the Maine Natural Areas Program's Forest Management Plan Review, http://www.maine.gov/dacf/mnap/assistance/fmp.htm

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Good morning,

Please see the attached letter to Administrator Regan from Congressman James Comer, Ranking Member of the House Committee on Oversight and Reform and Congressman Ralph Norman, Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Environment on the House Committee on Oversight and Reform. Thank you for your assistance in getting this letter to the Administrator and we appreciate your prompt and full reply. Please acknowledge receipt of this letter.

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The Honorable Michael S. Regan
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Dear Administrator Regan:

We are conducting oversight of your decision to abruptly fire all Trump administration appointed members of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) and Science Advisory Board (SAB).[1] As such, we request documents and information about the decision to fire these officials, including the process used for this unprecedented decision.

According to media reports, the EPA "will purge more than 40 outside experts appointed under President Donald Trump" from both the CASAC and SAB panels in a decision the *Washington Post* describes as "unusual."[2] Members are appointed to three-year terms and generally complete the entire term.[3] Traditionally science advisory boards are bipartisan panels used to provide advice to the Administrator. Unfortunately, it appears the Biden administration is continuing to purge officials in the government who do not share its political beliefs.[4]

In 2017 during the Trump administration, House Democrats raised concerns because nine members of one scientific advisory committee were not renewed for a second term, writing to the EPA Administrator that they were "seriously concerned that you now intend to fill these newly open positions with members who will serve as advocates for specific policies rather than as unbiased experts.[5] In contrast, the Biden Administration has now fired more than 40 board

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[1] Alex Guillén, *Regan fires Trump EPA scientific board members for 'reset'*, POLITICO Pro, Mar. 31, 2021, *available at* https://subscriber.politicopro.com/article/2021/03/regan-fires-trump-epa-scientific-board-members-for-reset-3987934.

[2] Dino Grandoni, *EPA dismisses dozens of key science advisers picked under Trump,* Wash. Post, Mar. 31, 2021, *available at* https://www.washingtonpost.com/climate-environment/2021/03/31/epa-advisory-panels/.

[3] *Id.*

[4] *See* letter from Ranking Member James Comer, Committee on Oversight and Reform, et. al., to Dana Remus, Counsel to the President, Feb. 2, 2021, *available at* https://republicans-oversight.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/2-2-21-letter-to-WHCO.pdf.

[5] *See* letter from Frank Pallone, et. al., Ranking Member, H. Comm. On Energy and Commerce, et. al., to Scott Pruitt, Administrator, U.S. EPA, Apr. 18, 2017, *available at*

members appointed during the previous administration, not even allowing them to complete their terms. The midterm firing of science advisory board members within the first months of a new Administration demonstrates a deeply troubling partisan political agenda.

Your apparent decision to use a political litmus test to determine who should serve on EPA scientific advisory boards raises serious concerns about the politization of the EPA. Ironically, an EPA spokesman stated that fired board members are "eligible and encouraged to reapply," raising questions about why the agency would "encourage" board members to apply after being fired unless the rationale for their dismissal is not related to qualifications.[6] Indeed, removing science advisory board members simply because they were appointed by a different political party seriously undermines the creditability of EPA and its advisory boards.

In order for Committee Republicans to better understand EPA's reasoning for firing science advisory board members in what appears to be a political purge, please provide the following documents and information as soon as possible but no later than April 21, 2021.

(1) All documents and communications from January 20, 2021 to present, related to EPA's decision to fire members on the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee and the Science Advisory Board.

(2) All documents and communications from January 20, 2021 to present, related to the "internal review" conducted by EPA's Science Advisor and Scientific Integrity Official referenced in Administrator Regan's email to staff on March 30, 2021. [7]

(3) All documents and communications between EPA and any outside persons or organizations, from January 20, 2021 to present related to EPA's decision to fire members on the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee and the Science Advisory Board.

(4) All documents and communications between EPA and the White House, from January 20, 2021 to present related to EPA's decision to fire members on the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee and the Science Advisory Board.

To ask any follow-up or related questions, please contact Committee on Oversight and Reform Republican staff at (202) 225-5074. The Committee on Oversight and Reform is the principal oversight committee of the U.S. House of Representatives and has broad authority to

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https://energycommerce.house.gov/sites/democrats.energycommerce.house.gov/files/documents/EPA.%20Pruitt.2017.05.18.%20Letter%20re%20EPA%20Board%20of%20Scientific%20Counselors.OI_.EE_.pdf

[6] Dino Grandoni, *supra* note 2.
[7] E-mail from Michael S. Regan, EPA Administrator, to All Staff, Mar. 30, 2021, *available at* https://subscriber.politicopro.com/f/?id=00000178-60f0-d9ca-af78-7cf8dff00000.

investigate "any matter" at "any time" under House Rule X. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this inquiry.

Sincerely,

James Comer
Ranking Member
Committee on Oversight and Reform

Ralph Norman
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Environment

cc: The Honorable Carolyn Maloney, Chairwoman
Committee on Oversight and Reform

The Honorable Ro Khanna, Chairman
Subcommittee on Environment

Message

From: Dernoga, Matt [Matt.Dernoga@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 4/7/2021 3:33:10 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: EJ Roundtable Discussion

Hey, just wanted to round back on this question. Thanks!

From: "Adhar, Radha" <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Date: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 10:01 PM
To: "Dernoga, Matt" <Matt.Dernoga@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: EJ Roundtable Discussion

Hey Matt! I am not sure and I will ask!

From: Dernoga, Matt <Matt.Dernoga@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 9:56 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: EJ Roundtable Discussion

Thank you, I had one other question. Are staff allowed to be on the call in the background or is it members only? Just wanted to be able to tell my boss ahead of time whether she should expect me there.

From: "Adhar, Radha" <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Date: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 2:52 PM
To: "Dernoga, Matt" <Matt.Dernoga@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: EJ Roundtable Discussion

Yes definitely, whatever feels good and natural.

From: Dernoga, Matt <Matt.Dernoga@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 2:50 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: EJ Roundtable Discussion

Thank you Radha! In terms of how long a members' response should be to questions they're asked, does aiming for a 1 to 2 minute response sound alright?
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Sincerely,

Matt Dernoga

Senior Legislative Assistant
Congresswoman Nanette Diaz Barragán
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Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-8220
barragan.house.gov |

From: "Adhar, Radha" <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Date: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 1:21 PM
To: "Zipkin, Adam (Booker)" <Adam_Zipkin@booker.senate.gov>, "Olsen, Lizzy (Duckworth)" <Lizzy_Olsen@duckworth.senate.gov>, "D'Amato, Annie (EPW)" <Annie_D'Amato@epw.senate.gov>, "Dernoga, Matt" <Matt.Dernoga@mail.house.gov>, "Martin, Kenneth (EPW" <Kenneth_Martin@epw.senate.gov>, "Solow, Corey" <Corey.Solow@mail.house.gov>
Cc: "Gentile, Laura (EPW)" <Laura_Gentile@epw.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: EJ Roundtable Discussion

Hey y'all,

I wanted to confirm that we will not have press tomorrow and share the run of show below with you guys. Our expectation is that this roundtable will run between 30-45 minutes.Below is also the zoom information- can you please make sure your colleagues have this information?

- **Guests** arrive virtually.
- **Administrator Regan** greets the members and give brief opening remarks.
- **Administrator Regan** opens a discussion with members on how EPA and the leader of the House and Senate EJ Taskforce and Caucus can work together.
- **Senator Carper** will help this discussion, and we suggest the following format:

Question from Regan to the group - I want to understand what motivated you all to create the House and Senate EJ taskforce and Caucus. What have you heard from your constituents that compels you to work on these issues?

Question from Senator Carper to Regan- Administrator Regan, what actions has Congress taken in the past few years that have been helpful to your agency in advancing Environmental Justice, and what do you see as our biggest opportunities to collaborate in the next two years?

Question from Senator Carper to group - This question is for my fellow colleagues, what actions do you think the federal government could take to address the Environmental Justice issues facing communities within your state?

Question from Senator Carper to Regan - Mr. Regan, how does President Biden plan to use his executive power to complement the work that my colleagues and I are doing in order to deliver real relief to the communities that need it most**?**

Question from Regan to the group- What legislative opportunities should I have on my radar to ensure your staff have what they need when drafting bills to support EPA's mission?

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Message

From: Hardacker, Francisco (DSOC) [Francisco_Hardacker@dsoc.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/7/2021 4:01:17 PM
To: Leone, Kate (DSOC) [Kate_Leone@dsoc.senate.gov]; Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Intro

Yes, both of those times work for me.

From: Leone, Kate (DSOC) <Kate_Leone@dsoc.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 12:00 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Hardacker, Francisco (DSOC) <Francisco_Hardacker@dsoc.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Intro

Great, thanks! Sure – would 1 or after 4:45 work on your end? (Francisco, not sure, do those work for you too?)

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 11:33 AM
To: Leone, Kate (DSOC) <Kate_Leone@dsoc.senate.gov>; Hardacker, Francisco (DSOC) <Francisco_Hardacker@dsoc.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Intro

Hi Kate, I think I should have an answer for y'all later today and apologize for the inconvenience. Do you have a second to chat about something else we could use your help on?

From: Leone, Kate (DSOC) <Kate_Leone@dsoc.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 10:48 AM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Hardacker, Francisco (DSOC) <Francisco_Hardacker@dsoc.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Intro

Hi Radha,
I wanted to check in on whether the Administrator will be able to participate in the call with Senators on April 28 from 9-10 am. We have been brainstorming about other participants and would love to touch base with you before inviting anyone to join him if he is going to be able to be on the call. Please let us know if you have any time today to discuss this!

Thanks,
Kate

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 1:17 PM
To: Leone, Kate (DSOC) <Kate_Leone@dsoc.senate.gov>; Hardacker, Francisco (DSOC) <Francisco_Hardacker@dsoc.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Intro

Awesome, thank you! How is 11:30 tomorrow?

From: Leone, Kate (DSOC) <Kate_Leone@dsoc.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 12:29 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Hardacker, Francisco (DSOC) <Francisco_Hardacker@dsoc.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Intro

Tomorrow is great! Just let us know when works!

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 11:42 AM
To: Leone, Kate (DSOC) <Kate_Leone@dsoc.senate.gov>; Hardacker, Francisco (DSOC) <Francisco_Hardacker@dsoc.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Intro

Hey Kate, I would love to chat. Today is tough- anyway I could find you tomorrow? If not, let me know and I can jump off a call and ring you.

From: Leone, Kate (DSOC) <Kate_Leone@dsoc.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 11:05 AM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Hardacker, Francisco (DSOC) <Francisco_Hardacker@dsoc.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Intro

Hi Radha,
Just wanted to loop back on this and removing Dan to save his inbox. We are setting up a meeting in the Steering Committee for next month and were really hoping that the Commissioner would be able to join the conversation. If you have time to talk today, please let us know! We are looking at April 28 for the meeting (which would be a phone call with about 20 Senators because of the pandemic) at 9 am. We can provide more details and we'd love your thoughts on other guests! Thanks!
Kate

From: Leone, Kate (DSOC)
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 12:18 PM
To: 'Adhar, Radha' <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Dudis, Dan (Whitehouse) <Dan_Dudis@whitehouse.senate.gov>; Hardacker, Francisco (DSOC) <Francisco_Hardacker@dsoc.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Intro

Thank you both! Radha, we would love to hop on the phone with you later today or tomorrow if that would work for you! We are pretty open if you can find the time!

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 11:55 AM
To: Dudis, Dan (Whitehouse) <Dan_Dudis@whitehouse.senate.gov>; Leone, Kate (DSOC) <Kate_Leone@dsoc.senate.gov>; Hardacker, Francisco (DSOC) <Francisco_Hardacker@dsoc.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Intro

Thank you for the introduction Dan! Kate and Francisco, looking forward to hearing from you.

From: Dudis, Dan (Whitehouse) <Dan_Dudis@whitehouse.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 11:50 AM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Leone, Kate (DSOC) <Kate_Leone@dsoc.senate.gov>; Hardacker, Francisco (DSOC) <Francisco_Hardacker@dsoc.senate.gov>
Subject: Intro

Radha,

I wanted to introduce you to Kate Leone and Francisco Hardacker at DSOC. They have a few questions for you about an upcoming climate-themed Steering Committee meeting that they're planning.

All the best,

dan

Message

From: Bermudez, Navis [Navis.Bermudez@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 4/7/2021 4:06:48 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
CC: Seiger, Ryan [Ryan.Seiger@mail.house.gov]; Williams, Alexa [Alexa.Williams2@mail.house.gov]
Subject: FW: Letter re: nationwide permits
Attachments: 2021-03-16 PAD_TC LTR to Biden on NWPs_FINAL.pdf

Bumping up the NWP letter

From: Navis Bermudez <Navis.Bermudez@mail.house.gov>
Date: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 1:25 PM
To: "Adhar, Radha" <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Cc: "Seiger, Ryan" <Ryan.Seiger@mail.house.gov>, "Williams, Alexa" <Alexa.Williams2@mail.house.gov>, Christophe Tulou <Christophe_Tulou@epw.senate.gov>, "Gentile, Laura (EPW)" <Laura_Gentile@epw.senate.gov>
Subject: FW: Letter re: nationwide permits

Hello Radha-
Sharing with you this letter we sent up to the White House today. Let us know if you have any questions.
Best, Navis

From: Navis Bermudez <Navis.Bermudez@mail.house.gov>
Date: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 12:47 PM

Hello Lee,

Please find attached a letter from Chair DeFazio and Chair Carper, requesting a delay in the implementation of the nationwide permits the Corps finalized in January. In addition, we are requesting that the Corps re-open a comment period for the nationwide permits. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best regards,
Navis

Navis A. Bermudez
Senior Professional Staff
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment

Congress of the United States

March 16, 2021

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Thank you for prioritizing the revocation of multiple Trump administration Executive Orders that were harmful to public health and the environment, and contrary both to the rule of law and science. In addition, we were heartened by your commitment to review the deeply flawed "Reissuance and Modification of Nationwide Permits"[1] rulemaking by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps).

As the Chairs of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, which have primary jurisdiction over the water quality protection of our rivers, lakes, streams, and other surface waters, we are deeply concerned that this Trump administration action would ensure oil and gas pipelines, coal mining, and other potentially harmful activities are not thoroughly reviewed pursuant to the Clean Water Act, and are thus inconsistent with the goals of the Act.

We now urge you to direct the Corps to delay implementation of the Trump administration's nationwide permits rulemaking before it causes lasting damage to the health of our families, our environment, and our vital water resources. In addition, we request that your administration re-open for comment the "Reissuance and Modification of Nationwide Permits."

The Corps first issued regulations for the nationwide permit program in the mid 1970s, and Congress codified the program in the amendments to the Clean Water Act in 1977 (P.L. 95-217). The nationwide permits are intended to be used to authorize projects with minor environmental impacts to land, wetlands, and waterways. This streamlined process is not meant to be applied to projects that should be looked at more carefully on a case-by-case basis and require in-depth study and analyses.

As a Nation, we have made tremendous progress in improving the health and safety of our rivers, streams, and wetlands through steady implementation of the Clean Water Act. Collectively, we have doubled the number of rivers, lakes, and streams that are now safe for fishing and swimming, but we still have a way to go to ensure *all* our waters are safe—the ultimate goal of this landmark environmental law.

The expansion of nationwide permits and their broad use may put the Nation's wetlands and marshes at risk. The Corps must not abdicate its responsibility under the Clean Water Act to "restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the Nation's waters."[2]

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[1] 86 Fed. Reg. 2744 (Jan. 13, 2021).
[2] 33 USC §1251(a).

Should the Corps proceed with implementation of the finalized nationwide permits, it will be doing so despite the known risks to our economy, our infrastructure, and the health and well-being of our communities.

By implementing the 16 recently finalized nationwide permits, the Corps would fail to protect the health and safety of our Nation's waters and our communities. The Corps' finalized nationwide permits fail to recognize the importance of our waterways to the health of our communities and our economy. In crafting this rulemaking, the administration ignored science, ignored the law, and made clear they stand with special interests and polluters rather than the American people.

The Trump administration violated the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) when it finalized the nationwide permits in this rulemaking. NEPA requires an evaluation of alternatives, including a no-action alternative. The decision documents for this nationwide permit rulemaking reflect no analysis of a no-action alternative and fail to evaluate alternatives to the nationwide permits. In addition, the Corps did not take a hard look at the direct or indirect effects, or the cumulative impacts, of the nationwide permits—all of which are required by NEPA.

The Corps also relies on future actions that are not certain to minimize harms associated with the finalized permits. In the decision documents, the Corps determines that the nationwide permits will not cause significant impacts yet defers portions of the effects analysis that would affirm or deny that finding to the Corps' District engineers. This flawed approach precludes the Corps from finding that the permits will not cause significant impacts, and thus invalidates the final rule.

We are also concerned that the Corps has not interacted with the states in good faith by offering the draft—not final—nationwide permits to states for their certification under section 401 of the Clean Water Act. This unprecedented expectation of states to certify draft permits prompted many states to include "re-opener" clauses in the 401 certifications, thus reserving the opportunity to revisit their certifications should the Corps make substantive changes in its final promulgated rules. We understand that Corps Districts have invalidated at least one state certification in its entirety based on the inclusion of that re-opener. Such unprecedented processes and outcomes fly in the face of Congress' intentions in crafting, passing, and having enacted section 401 of the Clean Water Act, and provide yet another justification for delaying further implementation and allowing time for additional review and public comment.

Decades ago, when rivers starting catching fire, our country recognized the value of its water-related resources, as well as the inability of the states or the private sector to independently protect our rivers, lakes, streams, and wetlands, or to always act in the best interests of the Nation. In response, Congress enacted the Clean Water Act over the veto of former-President Nixon to "restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the Nation's waters." In the almost 50 years since that time, the goal of protecting clean water was championed by Democratic and Republican administrations alike.

If we are going to continue to make progress in improving the health of our Nation's waters, the Corps must rely on nationwide permits that have been lawfully and properly promulgated. That is why we urge you to immediately delay the implementation of the nationwide permits and initiate a process to re-open for public comment the "Reissuance and Modification of Nationwide Permits."

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

PETER A. DEFAZIO
Chair
U.S. House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

THOMAS R. CARPER
Chair
U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works

cc: Mr. Vance F. Stewart, III, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works)

Message

From: Price, Wendi (Inhofe) [Wendi_Price@inhofe.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/7/2021 4:26:12 PM
To: Lance, Kathleen [Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov]
CC: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Administrator Regan Call with Senator Inhofe Thursday, April 8

Kathleen – Great! I got the calendar invite. Jake Hinch will also be on the call with the Senator.

Take care, Wendi

From: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 11:11 AM
To: Price, Wendi (Inhofe) <Wendi_Price@inhofe.senate.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Administrator Regan Call with Senator Inhofe Thursday, April 8

Hi Wendi! Wonderful to hear, thank you.

I've just added you to the calendar invite with the call-in information.

Kindly,

Kathleen C. Lance
Director of Scheduling and Advance
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Cell: (202) 941-1109

From: Price, Wendi (Inhofe) <Wendi_Price@inhofe.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 10:31 AM
To: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Administrator Regan Call with Senator Inhofe Thursday, April 8

Kathleen - I would like to confirm a call tomorrow at 3:30pm ET with the Senator. Please provide a good number for him to call.

Wendi

> On Apr 6, 2021, at 4:36 PM, Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov> wrote:
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> Wonderful to hear from you!
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> We remain on standby.
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> Kindly,
>
> Kathleen C. Lance
> Director of Scheduling and Advance
> U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Cell: (202) 941-1109

From: Price, Wendi (Inhofe) <Wendi_Price@inhofe.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 5:34 PM
To: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Administrator Regan Call with Senator Inhofe Thursday, April 8

Kathleen - Sorry for my delay! The Senator is back in Oklahoma and has a few things planned that day. Let me check and I'll get back with you.

Wendi

> On Apr 6, 2021, at 9:10 AM, Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov> wrote:
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> Hi Wendi! Bumping this request to the top of your inbox. I appreciate you!
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> Kathleen C. Lance
> Director of Scheduling and Advance
> U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
> Cell: (202) 941-1109
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> **From:** Lance, Kathleen
> **Sent:** Monday, April 5, 2021 12:10 PM
> **To:** wendi_price@inhofe.senate.gov
> **Cc:** Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** Administrator Regan Call with Senator Inhofe Thursday, April 8
>
> Hi Wendi,
>
> I hope you are having a great start to the week!
>
> I am reaching out to see if Senator Inhofe's schedule offers availability to connect with Administrator Regan this Thursday, April 8 at 3:30pm for a phone call.
>
> Kindly,
>
> Kathleen C. Lance
> Director of Scheduling and Advance
> U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
> Cell: (202) 941-1109

Message

From: Hamilton, Jill (Whitehouse) [Jill_Hamilton@whitehouse.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/7/2021 4:33:06 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: Automatic reply: Save Our Seas 2.0 EPA Implementation

Thank you for your email. I am currently out of the office with limited access to email, returning Monday, April 12. For urgent matters, please contact Dan Dudis (dan_dudis@whitehouse.senate.gov) or Rachel Mitnick (rachel_mitnick@whitehouse.senate.gov).

Message

From: Hinch, Jake (Inhofe) [Jake_Hinch@inhofe.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/7/2021 4:41:02 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Call Request with Sen. Inhofe

Apologies on the delay! Looks like we are all set for the call tomorrow. Look forward to chatting soon.

Best,

Jake Hinch
Policy Advisor
U.S. Senator James M. Inhofe
205 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510
(202)224-4721

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 1:22 PM
To: Hinch, Jake (Inhofe) <Jake_Hinch@inhofe.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Call Request with Sen. Inhofe

Hey Jake, can you check to see if the boss is available at 3:30 on Thursday to chat with Administrator Regan?

From: Hinch, Jake (Inhofe) <Jake_Hinch@inhofe.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 12:33 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Call Request with Sen. Inhofe

Thanks. Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Jake Hinch
Policy Advisor
U.S. Senator James M. Inhofe
205 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510
(202)224-4721

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 12:23 PM
To: Hinch, Jake (Inhofe) <Jake_Hinch@inhofe.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Call Request with Sen. Inhofe

You bet, do you mind sharing your phone number and I will give you a ring?

From: Hinch, Jake (Inhofe) <Jake_Hinch@inhofe.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 12:22 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: Call Request with Sen. Inhofe

Hi Radha,

Hope you had a great weekend! I wanted to check in with you regarding a call request Admin. Regan made for Sen. Inhofe this week. We are checking on his schedule but I also wanted to check in to see if you could let me know what the call is regarding?

Thanks!

Jake Hinch
Policy Advisor
U.S. Senator James M. Inhofe
205 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510
(202)224-4721

Message

From: Bermudez, Navis [Navis.Bermudez@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 4/7/2021 4:35:50 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
CC: Seiger, Ryan [Ryan.Seiger@mail.house.gov]; Williams, Alexa [Alexa.Williams2@mail.house.gov]
Subject: Dirty Water Rule data request letter
Attachments: 2020-10-01 PAD_GN LTR to Corps on impacts of Dirty Water Rule_FINAL.pdf; 2021-02-25 - PAD-GN LTR to DOD-Army Corps on Navigable Waters Rule - FINAL.pdf

And here is the letter I think you ACTUALLY wanted. Attached is our original letter from October 2020 and then another from February re-upping our data request. -n

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Navis A. Bermudez
Senior Professional Staff
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment

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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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October 1, 2020

The Honorable R.D. James
Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works)
108 Army Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20310-0108

Dear Assistant Secretary James:

I remain deeply concerned with the Trump administration's unlawful actions to remove federal protections over our Nation's rivers, lakes, streams, and wetlands through implementation of its Navigable Waters Protection rule (hereinafter the Dirty Water Rule).[1] These actions are yet another disturbing example of the Trump administration's pattern of ignoring the law, ignoring science, and siding with special interests and polluters rather than the American people.

As highlighted in recent news reports[2], your agency is leading the Trump administration's unconscionable efforts to remove decades-old protections over our nation's waters and wetlands through implementation of the Dirty Water Rule—which is, without question, the single-largest rollback of clean water protections in history. This radical departure from water quality protections established by Congress and championed by Democratic and Republican administrations alike threatens the health and safety of American families, places our nation's drinking water supplies at risk, increases the cost to American taxpayers, and invites costly litigation.

The Dirty Water Rule is premised on this administration's misplaced view the private sector can, and will, always act in the best interests of the nation. That is the same failed logic that resulted in rivers catching fire in the 1970s and was universally rejected through enactment of the Clean Water Act. Yet, the Dirty Water Rule puts polluters and special interests back in charge of protecting human health and the health of our nation's waters and wetlands by removing historic Federal protections on what EPA's own internal analyses say are over 50 percent of the nation's remaining wetlands and between 18 and 71 percent of the nation's rivers, streams, and lakes.

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[1] 85 Fed. Reg. 22250 (Apr. 21, 2020).
[2] Saiyid, Amena H., "Companies Eager to 'Lock In" Trump-Era Water Rule Exemptions", *Bloomberg Environment* (Sept. 10, 2020), found at https://news.bloombergenvironment.com/environment-and-energy/companies-eager-to-lock-in-trump-era-water-rule-exemptions.

Further, the Dirty Water Rule transfers the costs for protecting the health and safety of our communities from polluters to working American families and squanders our Nation's precious natural resources—including our oceans, rivers, streams, and wetlands—to unfettered pollution and destruction. In short, the Dirty Water Rule fundamentally reverses our Nation's bipartisan commitment to protect our water-related environment.

The Dirty Water Rule ignores the fact that Americans depend on clean water for our health and the health of our communities and economy. We need clean water upstream to have healthy communities downstream.

The science is unequivocal that the health of rivers, lakes, bays, and coastal waters depend on the streams and wetlands where they begin—which is why the Dirty Water Rule ignores science. Streams and wetlands provide many benefits to communities by trapping floodwaters, recharging groundwater supplies, filtering pollution, and providing habitat for fish and wildlife. People depend on clean water for their health and 117 million Americans, or one out of every three individuals in this country, get their drinking water from sources fed by smaller, headwater streams that are especially vulnerable to pollution. Our cherished way of life depends on clean water and healthy ecosystems that provide wildlife habitat and places for people to fish, paddle, surf, and swim. Our economy depends on clean water—with manufacturing, farming, tourism, recreation, energy production, and other economic sectors requiring clean water to function and flourish.

I have already raised these concerns with you and with the political leadership of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); however, these warnings—and the warnings of millions of everyday Americans—have been summarily ignored. In fact, in formal testimony before the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, EPA's Assistant Administrator for the Office of Water, Dave Ross, refused to answer even the most basic questions I asked about the real-world implications of the Dirty Water Rule.

This administration's refusal to disclose the list of rivers, streams, lakes, and other waterbodies that are no longer protected under the Dirty Water Rule was an intentional effort to hide the scope of this giveaway to polluters. Even when presented with EPA's own internal estimates on the magnitude of waters and wetlands that would lose protection under that the Dirty Water Rule, agency officials have refused, and continue to refuse, to provide any clear answers on how many waterbodies would lose protection under the Dirty Water Rule.

I remain deeply concerned with the serious deficiencies and shortcuts the Trump administration took in finalizing the Dirty Water Rule.

The rule misinterprets the legal standards for asserting Clean Water Act jurisdiction announced in the three U.S. Supreme Court decisions relevant to Clean Water Act jurisdiction, ignores the peer-reviewed science on the chemical, physical, and biological connections among waters and wetlands, as well as on the protection of water quality, and fails to demonstrate the economic burden the rule imposes on everyday American families, municipalities, and small

businesses, including hard-working family farms. In addition, based on recent news accounts[3], Federal agencies appear to have increased the number of "desk assessments" (rather than field visits) of Clean Water Act protection, relying on sources of information that, only a few months ago, Assistant Administrator Ross testified to Congress were "not designed to do that, and have never been designed to do that."[4]

Now that the Dirty Water Rule has taken effect, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and EPA have an obligation to disclose how the agencies are implementing the Dirty Water Rule and to describe the methodology used by the agencies for eliminating Clean Water Act protections over our nation's waterbodies and wetlands.

In furtherance of that obligation and to help the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure (the Committee) properly fulfill its congressional role overseeing the Clean Water Act, I request you to provide the Committee with the following:

1. Please provide the Committee with a copy of every Clean Water Act jurisdictional determination (JD) that has been issued by the Corps since June 22, 2020.[5] Please include both JDs and non-jurisdictional determinations (NJD), and both approved and preliminary determinations. For each JD, please provide the following information:
    a. a summary of the basis for finding jurisdiction/no jurisdiction for the request;
    b. a description of the specific regulatory authority for finding jurisdiction/no jurisdiction for the request, and cumulative summary of such determinations (e.g., [X number] NJDs were based on a conclusion that the stream was ephemeral and therefore excluded under 33 CFR 328.3(b)(3));
    c. in instances where the decision was based on the Corps' interpretation of flow regime for the waterbody or wetlands:
        i. a detailed description of the analysis that went into determining the "typical year" conditions; and
        ii. the basis for determining that waterbody's flow or connections to other waters/wetlands falls within a "typical year" condition;
    d. a summary of whether the JD was made with or without a field visit, and for each instance where the JD was made without a field visit, a specific description of the information (including identification of any maps) used in making the determination, and the process undertaken to verify that such information is accurate, and reflects actual conditions of the waterbody and surrounding hydrologic and jurisdictional connections;
    e. a description of whether the requestor had technical or legal assistance to make the determination request; and

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[3] See id at 2.
[4] See Q&A testimony of the Honorable Dave Ross, Assistant Administrator for EPA's Office of Water, before the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing on "The Administration's Priorities and Policy Initiatives Under the Clean Water Act ", September 19, 2019.
[5] June 22, 2020 is the date that the Trump administration rule on "waters of the United States" went into effect. https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/04/21/2020-02500/the-navigable-waters-protection-rule-definition-of-waters-of-the-united-states.

f. for each instance where no jurisdiction was determined, a description of whether jurisdiction would have been asserted under the regulations in place immediately prior to the Dirty Water Rule (e.g. the 1986 regulations as interpreted by the Corps and EPA guidance following the *SWANCC*[6] and *Rapanos*[7] decisions).

2. Please provide the Committee with a cumulative calculation (broken down by Corps district) of each of the following:
   a. The total number of waters found jurisdictional and the total number of waters found non-jurisdictional through JDs since June 22, 2020;
   b. The total acreage of wetlands found jurisdictional and the total acreage found non-jurisdictional through JDs since June 22, 2020;
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   f. The total linear feet of intermittent streams found jurisdictional and the total linear feet found non-jurisdictional through JDs since June 22, 2020; and
   g. The total linear feet of ephemeral streams found jurisdictional and the total linear feet found non-jurisdictional through JDs since June 22, 2020.

3. Please provide the Committee with the number of requests for JDs or NJDs received by the Corps from June 22, 2020 until September 30, 2020 and for the same period in 2019.

4. Please identify each instance where an existing Clean Water Act permittee has asked EPA or the Corps for a new jurisdictional determination under the Dirty Water Rule and the disposition of any such determination.

5. Please provide the Committee with a copy of any policy guidance developed or under review by the Corps and/or EPA in connection with implementation of the Dirty Water Rule, including any implementation guidance, regulatory guidance letters, memorandums, or other policy documents interpreting how the Corps and/or EPA will implement the Rule.

6. In June 2020, the Corps and EPA released a memorandum establishing a new process for elevating to their respective headquarters certain determinations related to traditionally navigable waters (TNW).[8] This process establishes new procedural hurdles for designating a waterbody as a TNW when the sole basis for that determination is whether the waterbody is

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[6] *Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County v. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers*, 531 U.S. 159 (2001).
[7] *Rapanos v. United States*, 547 U.S. 715 (2006). *See* Revised Guidance on Clean Water Act Jurisdiction Following the Supreme Court Decision in Rapanos v. U.S. and Carabell v. U.S. (December 2, 2008), found at: https://usace.contentdm.oclc.org/utils/getfile/collection/p16021coll5/id/1411
[8] See Memorandum for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Director of Civil Works and U.S. EPA Regional Administrators I-X, signed by EPA Assistant Administrator Ross and Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works) James, found at https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2020-07/documents/final_tnw_elevation_memo_06.2020.pdf.

utilized for recreationally-based commerce; however, the memorandum does not require similar headquarters consultation when field staff decide that recreationally-based commerce does not warrant designating the waterbody as a TNW.

a. As you know, the Corps has been criticized for prior efforts to establish overly-bureaucratic processes to avoid making politically-disfavored JDs.[9] What is the legal and scientific rationale for this new elevation policy? What safeguards has the Corps and EPA put in place to ensure transparency on recreationally-based commerce JDs?
b. Please provide the Committee with the following information (broken down by Corps district):
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    ii. A copy of the resolution by headquarters of each TNW determination or JD referred to in (b)(i).
    iii. A copy of each TNW determination or draft JD covered by the June 2020 memorandum where the Corps district staff determined the waterbody was not a TNW or did not elevated the request to headquarters.
c. A copy of any draft or approved JD or NDJ that indicates a waterbody meets the requirements of paragraph (a)(1)[10] of the Dirty Water Rule, but no jurisdiction was determined based on the waterbody also meeting one or more of the exclusions under paragraph (b)[11] of the Rule.

Please provide this information as soon as possible, but no later than November 1, 2020. Provide two sets of copies of all the requested data and deliver one set of these records to the Majority Staff in Room 2165 of the Rayburn House Office Building and one set to the Minority Staff in Room 2164 of the Rayburn House Office Building. If you have any questions, please contact Ryan C. Seiger of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure at (202) 225-0060.

Sincerely,

PETER A. DEFAZIO
Chair
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

GRACE F. NAPOLITANO
Chair
Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment

cc: Representative Sam Graves, Ranking Member, Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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[9] In September 2005, the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), in assessing a similar headquarters elevation procedure related to "isolated" non-navigable waters, noted that Corps field staff viewed this procedure as signal that Corps "headquarters does not want them to assert jurisdiction over these waters or wetlands." See GAO, "Waters and Wetlands: Corps of Engineers Needs to Better Support Its Decisions for Not Asserting Jurisdiction (GAO-05-870)".
[10] 33 CFR 328.3(a)(1).
[11] 33 CFR 328.3(b).

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February 25, 2021

The Honorable Lloyd J. Austin, III
Secretary
U.S. Department of Defense
1300 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1300

Dear Secretary Austin:

We write to reiterate and renew for the 117th Congress our October 1, 2020, request to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works requesting records and information concerning the previous administration's unlawful actions to remove federal Clean Water Act protections over our Nation's rivers, lakes, streams, and wetlands through implementation of its Navigable Waters Protection rule.[1] A response was due November 1, 2020. However, we never received any response to this letter from the previous administration.

For your convenience, a copy of the original request letter is attached to this letter and we expect the Department to work diligently to respond to that request quickly and fully. Please also ensure that all the records requested in our October 1, 2020, letter includes searches of all responsive records up through the date of this new letter.

If you or your staff have any questions regarding these requests, please have your staff contact Ryan C. Seiger, Majority Staff Director of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure's Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment at (202) 225-0060 or via e-mail at Ryan.Seiger@mail.house.gov.

[1] 85 Fed. Reg. 22250 (Apr. 21, 2020)

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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Encl.:

Attachment A – Process for responding to House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure records requests in the 117th Congress

Attachment B – Committee's October 1, 2020, letter to R.D. James, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Work)

cc: The Honorable Sam Graves, Ranking Member

The Honorable David Rouzer, Ranking Member,
Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment

Mr. Vance F. Stewart, III, Senior Official Performing the Duties of
Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works)

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CC: Enobakhare, Rosemary [Enobakhare.Rosemary@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Invitation to join EJ Roundtable with EPA Administrator Michael Regan, Congressional Only

Is the link coming over?

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Yes on both fronts Andrew. Thanks for reaching out.

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Thanks. Can a staffer plan to join the meeting? And can you send the zoom link our way when you have the chance?

We appreciate it.

-Andrew

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Hey Andrew, Thanks for your note. We are confirmed and we have Senator Carper and Booker as well as Representatives Barragan and McEachin joining.

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Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 11:55 AM
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Checking in on tomorrow. Can you let me know if we are confirmed and what other members have confirmed their attendance?

Thanks.

-Andrew

From: "Lance, Kathleen" <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Date: Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 2:01 PM
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Thank you, Andrew and Stefan. Radha Adhar (copied) will keep you updated with additional details as they become available.

Kindly,

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Subject: Re: Invitation to join EJ Roundtable with EPA Administrator Michael Regan, Congressional Only

Thanks, Kathleen. Senator Booker can attend from 2-3pm on April 7. He may need to jump off a few minutes early but we will make it work. Thanks.

-Andrew

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Good afternoon,

Thank you for reaching out to Senator Booker with this. I'm looping in Andrew, our director of scheduling who will be able to speak to Senator Booker's availability.

Best,
Stefan

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Deputy Scheduler
Office of Senator Cory A. Booker
717 Hart Senate Building
Washington, DC 20510

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Good afternoon,

Administrator Regan would like to invite Senate EJ Caucus Chairs Duckworth, Booker and Carper and House EJ Taskforce Chairs McEachin, Barragan and Jayapal to join him in a virtual roundtable discussion on environmental justice, share the proactive steps the Agency is taking on this issue, and discuss how the House EJ Taskforce and Senate EJ Caucus work collaboratively together on these important issues.

Can you please share if your principal is available from 2:00pm-3:00pmET on Wednesday, April 7 and willing to participate?

I've copied my colleague, Ms. Radha Adhar, Principal Deputy Associate Administrator for Congressional Affairs, who is available for any questions.

Thank you,

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Sent: 4/7/2021 5:25:35 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: EJ Roundtable Discussion

Yep, passed onto our Comms Team.

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Yes, we do. Thank you for checking!

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Subject: RE: EJ Roundtable Discussion

Thank you, Radha ☺ Congressman McEachin has the zoom information and will be joining at 2:00 pm.

Just to confirm – are staff allowed to join using the same link? When you get a chance, please let me know.

Thanks again!

Corey

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 1:24 PM
To: Zipkin, Adam (Booker) <Adam_Zipkin@booker.senate.gov>; Olsen, Lizzy (Duckworth) <Lizzy_Olsen@duckworth.senate.gov>; D'Amato, Annie (EPW) <Annie_D'Amato@epw.senate.gov>; Dernoga, Matt <Matt.Dernoga@mail.house.gov>; Martin, Kenneth (EPW <Kenneth_Martin@epw.senate.gov>; Solow, Corey <Corey.Solow@mail.house.gov>; Green, Jamie <Green.Jamie.A@epa.gov>
Cc: Gentile, Laura (EPW) <Laura_Gentile@epw.senate.gov>; Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EJ Roundtable Discussion
Importance: High

Can you guys make sure your folks have this?

From: Adhar, Radha
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 9:17 AM
To: Zipkin, Adam (Booker) <Adam_Zipkin@booker.senate.gov>; Olsen, Lizzy (Duckworth) <Lizzy_Olsen@duckworth.senate.gov>; D'Amato, Annie (EPW) <Annie_D'Amato@epw.senate.gov>; Dernoga, Matt <Matt.Dernoga@mail.house.gov>; Martin, Kenneth (EPW <Kenneth_Martin@epw.senate.gov>; Solow, Corey <Corey.Solow@mail.house.gov>; Green, Jamie <Green.Jamie.A@epa.gov>
Cc: Gentile, Laura (EPW) <Laura_Gentile@epw.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: EJ Roundtable Discussion

Hey guys, I wanted to connect you to our digital director, Jamie. We are planning some digital engagement around this discussion- can you make sure she is connected to the right folks in your shop?

Also: copying the zoom info again just in case its helpful.

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To: Zipkin, Adam (Booker) <Adam_Zipkin@booker.senate.gov>; Olsen, Lizzy (Duckworth) <Lizzy_Olsen@duckworth.senate.gov>; D'Amato, Annie (EPW) <Annie_D'Amato@epw.senate.gov>; Dernoga, Matt <Matt.Dernoga@mail.house.gov>; Martin, Kenneth (EPW <Kenneth_Martin@epw.senate.gov>; Solow, Corey <Corey.Solow@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Gentile, Laura (EPW) <Laura_Gentile@epw.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: EJ Roundtable Discussion

Hey y'all,

I wanted to confirm that we will not have press tomorrow and share the run of show below with you guys. Our expectation is that this roundtable will run between 30-45 minutes.Below is also the zoom information- can you please make sure your colleagues have this information?

- **Guests** arrive virtually.
- **Administrator Regan** greets the members and give brief opening remarks.
- **Administrator Regan** opens a discussion with members on how EPA and the leader of the House and Senate EJ Taskforce and Caucus can work together.
- **Senator Carper** will help this discussion, and we suggest the following format:

Question from Regan to the group - I want to understand what motivated you all to create the House and Senate EJ taskforce and Caucus. What have you heard from your constituents that compels you to work on these issues?

Question from Senator Carper to Regan- Administrator Regan, what actions has Congress taken in the past few years that have been helpful to your agency in advancing Environmental Justice, and what do you see as our biggest opportunities to collaborate in the next two years?

Question from Senator Carper to group - This question is for my fellow colleagues, what actions do you think the federal government could take to address the Environmental Justice issues facing communities within your state?

Question from Senator Carper to Regan - Mr. Regan, how does President Biden plan to use his executive power to complement the work that my colleagues and I are doing in order to deliver real relief to the communities that need it most**?**

Question from Regan to the group- What legislative opportunities should I have on my radar to ensure your staff have what they need when drafting bills to support EPA's mission?

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Message

From: O'Connor, Jamie (Murkowski) [Jamie_O'Connor@murkowski.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/7/2021 5:37:59 PM
To: Thundiyil, Karen [Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov]
CC: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]; Haman, Patricia [Haman.Patricia@epa.gov]; Agnew, Lucas (Appropriations) [Lucas_Agnew@appro.senate.gov]; Wiegard, Pierce (Sullivan) [Pierce_Wiegard@sullivan.senate.gov]; Lesofski, Emy (Appropriations) [Emy_Lesofski@appro.senate.gov]; Hoefler, Annie (Murkowski) [Annie_Hoefler@murkowski.senate.gov]
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Thanks, Karen!

From: Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 8:20 AM
To: O'Connor, Jamie (Murkowski) <Jamie_O'Connor@murkowski.senate.gov>
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Hi Jamie – thanks for sharing these follow up questions. I'm not sure if all of this falls within EPA's purview, but I'll reach out to the program folks and share their feedback.

Karen.

From: O'Connor, Jamie (Murkowski) <Jamie_O'Connor@murkowski.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 06, 2021 6:04 PM
To: Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Haman, Patricia <Haman.Patricia@epa.gov>; Agnew, Lucas (Appropriations) <Lucas_Agnew@appro.senate.gov>; Wiegard, Pierce (Sullivan) <Pierce_Wiegard@sullivan.senate.gov>; Lesofski, Emy (Appropriations) <Emy_Lesofski@appro.senate.gov>; Hoefler, Annie (Murkowski) <Annie_Hoefler@murkowski.senate.gov>
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Hi Karen,
Thanks for this. We do have a few follow up questions:

- Will manufacturers need to make changes to their designs to pass the updated testing standard?
- Will manufacturers that have already sold new stoves under the previous testing protocol be manufacturing aftermarket catalytic converters etc. to bring the stoves into compliance with air quality standards?
- What communication can consumers expect surrounding this in places that rely heavily on wood heat like Fairbanks?
- What changes to the stove design do you foresee being necessary in order for modern wood stoves to adhere to strict air quality standards?

Thank you,

Jamie

From: Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 4:54 PM
To: Agnew, Lucas (Appropriations) <Lucas_Agnew@appro.senate.gov>; Wiegard, Pierce (Sullivan) <Pierce_Wiegard@sullivan.senate.gov>; O'Connor, Jamie (Murkowski) <Jamie_O'Connor@murkowski.senate.gov>; Lesofski, Emy (Appropriations) <Emy_Lesofski@appro.senate.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Haman, Patricia <Haman.Patricia@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Intro NESCAUM report discussion today] - conf call info

Hi there again, Lucas, Jaime & Pierce –

Just flagging for you this new EPA webpage that got posted on wood heaters: https://www.epa.gov/burnwise/epa-approved-test-labs-and-third-party-certifiers-residential-wood-heaters.
The site notes the actions the agency is taking to address concerns about the methods and manner in which wood heaters are tested for compliance with the 2015 standards, all of which you heard about last week.

In any case, I just wanted to make sure you were aware of the website. As there are program updates, we'll share them with you.

Take care,

Karen.

From: Agnew, Lucas (Appropriations) <Lucas_Agnew@appro.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 01, 2021 10:14 AM
To: Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>; Wiegard, Pierce (Sullivan) <Pierce_Wiegard@sullivan.senate.gov>; O'Connor, Jamie (Murkowski) <Jamie_O'Connor@murkowski.senate.gov>; Lesofski, Emy (Appropriations) <Emy_Lesofski@appro.senate.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Haman, Patricia <Haman.Patricia@epa.gov>
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Perfect. Thank you Karen.

From: Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 10:44 AM
To: Wiegard, Pierce (Sullivan) <Pierce_Wiegard@sullivan.senate.gov>; O'Connor, Jamie (Murkowski) <Jamie_O'Connor@murkowski.senate.gov>; Lesofski, Emy (Appropriations) <Emy_Lesofski@appro.senate.gov>; Agnew, Lucas (Appropriations) <Lucas_Agnew@appro.senate.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Haman, Patricia <Haman.Patricia@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Intro NESCAUM report discussion today] - conf call info

Hi Jaime, Pierce & Lucas – thanks for joining the call on Monday. Lucas, to your question, funding for wood heaters is out of Federal Support for Air Quality Management (EPM and S&T). If you need more info, please let me know.

Karen.

From: Thundiyil, Karen
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 1:44 PM
To: Wiegard, Pierce (Sullivan) <Pierce_Wiegard@sullivan.senate.gov>; O'Connor, Jamie (Murkowski) <Jamie_O'Connor@murkowski.senate.gov>; Lesofski, Emy (Appropriations) <Emy_Lesofski@appro.senate.gov>; Agnew,

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Great!

Here's the call-in line we'll use:

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Talk to you at 5pm Eastern today!

Karen.

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From: Wiegard, Pierce (Sullivan) <Pierce_Wiegard@sullivan.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 1:34 PM
To: Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>; O'Connor, Jamie (Murkowski) <Jamie_O'Connor@murkowski.senate.gov>; Lesofski, Emy (Appropriations) <Emy_Lesofski@appro.senate.gov>; Agnew, Lucas (Appropriations) <Lucas_Agnew@appro.senate.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Haman, Patricia <Haman.Patricia@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Intro [NESCAUM report discussion today]

I can make that work.

From: Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 1:33 PM
To: O'Connor, Jamie (Murkowski) <Jamie_O'Connor@murkowski.senate.gov>; Lesofski, Emy (Appropriations) <Emy_Lesofski@appro.senate.gov>; Agnew, Lucas (Appropriations) <Lucas_Agnew@appro.senate.gov>; Wiegard, Pierce (Sullivan) <Pierce_Wiegard@sullivan.senate.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Haman, Patricia <Haman.Patricia@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Intro [NESCAUM report discussion today]

Hi Pierce - does 5pm Eastern work for you?

From: O'Connor, Jamie (Murkowski) <Jamie_O'Connor@murkowski.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 1:18 PM
To: Lesofski, Emy (Appropriations) <Emy_Lesofski@appro.senate.gov>; Agnew, Lucas (Appropriations) <Lucas_Agnew@appro.senate.gov>; Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>
Cc: Wiegard, Pierce (Sullivan) <Pierce_Wiegard@sullivan.senate.gov>; Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Haman, Patricia <Haman.Patricia@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Intro [NESCAUM report discussion today]

Works for me! Thanks everyone.

From: Lesofski, Emy (Appropriations) <Emy_Lesofski@appro.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 1:05 PM
To: Agnew, Lucas (Appropriations) <Lucas_Agnew@appro.senate.gov>; 'Thundiyil, Karen' <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>; O'Connor, Jamie (Murkowski) <Jamie_O'Connor@murkowski.senate.gov>
Cc: Wiegard, Pierce (Sullivan) <Pierce_Wiegard@sullivan.senate.gov>; Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Haman, Patricia <Haman.Patricia@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Intro [NESCAUM report discussion today]

I'm unavailable then, but Lucas can handle it for the Interior Subcommittee. Thanks!

From: Agnew, Lucas (Appropriations) <Lucas_Agnew@appro.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 1:03 PM
To: 'Thundiyil, Karen' <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>; O'Connor, Jamie (Murkowski) <Jamie_O'Connor@murkowski.senate.gov>; Lesofski, Emy (Appropriations) <Emy_Lesofski@appro.senate.gov>
Cc: Wiegard, Pierce (Sullivan) <Pierce_Wiegard@sullivan.senate.gov>; Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Haman, Patricia <Haman.Patricia@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Intro [NESCAUM report discussion today]

Works for me

From: Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 12:33 PM
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Cc: Wiegard, Pierce (Sullivan) <Pierce_Wiegard@sullivan.senate.gov>; Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Haman, Patricia <Haman.Patricia@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Intro [NESCAUM report discussion today]

Thanks, Jamie. Would 5pm Eastern today work for everyone? (Emy, Lucas & Pierce?)

From: O'Connor, Jamie (Murkowski) <Jamie_O'Connor@murkowski.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 12:24 PM
To: Lesofski, Emy (Appropriations) <Emy_Lesofski@appro.senate.gov>; Agnew, Lucas (Appropriations) <Lucas_Agnew@appro.senate.gov>; Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>
Cc: Wiegard, Pierce (Sullivan) <Pierce_Wiegard@sullivan.senate.gov>; Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Haman, Patricia <Haman.Patricia@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Intro [NESCAUM report discussion today]

Apologies all, I'm on a call until 5 today.

From: Lesofski, Emy (Appropriations) <Emy_Lesofski@appro.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 11:41 AM
To: Agnew, Lucas (Appropriations) <Lucas_Agnew@appro.senate.gov>; Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>
Cc: Wiegard, Pierce (Sullivan) <Pierce_Wiegard@sullivan.senate.gov>; Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; O'Connor, Jamie (Murkowski) <Jamie_O'Connor@murkowski.senate.gov>; Haman, Patricia <Haman.Patricia@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Intro [NESCAUM report discussion today]

Works for me, thanks.

From: Agnew, Lucas (Appropriations) <Lucas_Agnew@appro.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 11:32 AM
To: Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>
Cc: Wiegard, Pierce (Sullivan) <Pierce_Wiegard@sullivan.senate.gov>; Lesofski, Emy (Appropriations) <Emy_Lesofski@appro.senate.gov>; Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; O'Connor, Jamie (Murkowski) <Jamie_O'Connor@murkowski.senate.gov>; Haman, Patricia <Haman.Patricia@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Intro [NESCAUM report discussion today]

Works for me. Thank you.

On Mar 29, 2021, at 11:29 AM, Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov> wrote:

Emy – thanks for looping in Lucas. Pierce – thanks for confirming you're available today at 4:30pm Eastern.
Lucas/Jamie/Emy – does this work for you?

Karen.

From: Wiegard, Pierce (Sullivan) <Pierce_Wiegard@sullivan.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 10:02 AM
To: Lesofski, Emy (Appropriations) <Emy_Lesofski@appro.senate.gov>; Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; O'Connor, Jamie (Murkowski) <Jamie_O'Connor@murkowski.senate.gov>; Haman, Patricia <Haman.Patricia@epa.gov>; Agnew, Lucas (Appropriations) <Lucas_Agnew@appro.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Intro [NESCAUM report discussion today]

4:30 today works for me.

From: Lesofski, Emy (Appropriations) <Emy_Lesofski@appro.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 8:47 AM
To: Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <adhar.radha@epa.gov>; Wiegard, Pierce (Sullivan) <Pierce_Wiegard@sullivan.senate.gov>; O'Connor, Jamie (Murkowski) <Jamie_O'Connor@murkowski.senate.gov>; Haman, Patricia <Haman.Patricia@epa.gov>; Agnew, Lucas (Appropriations) <Lucas_Agnew@appro.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: Intro [NESCAUM report discussion today]

Adding Lucas Agnew, who runs point on EPA for our subcommittee. Thanks!

On Mar 29, 2021, at 8:38 AM, Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov> wrote:

Hello – Today at 4:30pm Eastern would work for the key EPA folks to talk about the NESCAUM report. Jamie, Emy & Pierce - does that still work for you? (There's a lot less availability on Thursday afternoon.)
Let me know if today works and I can send a conference line around.

Karen.

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 26, 2021 4:12 PM
To: Wiegard, Pierce (Sullivan) <Pierce_Wiegard@sullivan.senate.gov>
Cc: O'Connor, Jamie (Murkowski) <Jamie_O'Connor@murkowski.senate.gov>; Lesofski, Emy (Appropriations) <Emy_Lesofski@appro.senate.gov>; Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>; Haman, Patricia <Haman.Patricia@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Intro

Hey guys,

Looping in team EPA who will help with getting this set up and Emy who will also join. Do you guys mind confirming if Monday and Thursday next week after noon still works?

Thanks in advance,
Radha

From: Wiegard, Pierce (Sullivan) <Pierce_Wiegard@sullivan.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 5:18 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Cc: O'Connor, Jamie (Murkowski) <Jamie_O'Connor@murkowski.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: Intro

Either of those days work for me.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 22, 2021, at 5:14 PM, Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov> wrote:
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> Awesome! Peirce, what do you say, can you join us in a briefing on our NESCUM report on woodstoves? Below is when Jamie is free.
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> **From:** O'Connor, Jamie (Murkowski) <Jamie_O'Connor@murkowski.senate.gov>
> **Sent:** Monday, March 22, 2021 5:09 PM
> **To:** Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Hoefler, Annie (Murkowski) <Annie_Hoefler@murkowski.senate.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: Intro
>
> Hi Radha,
> Sounds good! Looping in Pierce is a great idea. I'm pretty flexible on Monday and Thursday of next week. I'm available any time after noon D.C. time as I'll be on Alaska time.
>
> Talk soon,
>
> Jamie

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 4:21 PM
To: O'Connor, Jamie (Murkowski) <Jamie_O'Connor@murkowski.senate.gov>; Hoefler, Annie (Murkowski) <Annie_Hoefler@murkowski.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Intro

Thank you for connecting us Annie! Jamie, I am looking forward to working with you. Can you throw out some dates and times that would work for you during recess and we will set it up! Also, please let me know if you think we should reach out to Pierce in Senator Sullivan's office or if you'd prefer a briefing with just you and our team.

Best,
Radha

From: O'Connor, Jamie (Murkowski) <Jamie_O'Connor@murkowski.senate.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2021 4:55 PM
To: Hoefler, Annie (Murkowski) <Annie_Hoefler@murkowski.senate.gov>; Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Intro

Thanks for the introduction, Annie!

Looking forward to meeting you, Radha! A briefing on this issue would be great.

Take care,

Jamie

From: Hoefler, Annie (Murkowski) <Annie_Hoefler@murkowski.senate.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2021 3:02 PM
To: 'Adhar, Radha' <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; O'Connor, Jamie (Murkowski) <Jamie_O'Connor@murkowski.senate.gov>
Subject: Intro

Radha –

Thanks for your time on the phone. I'm putting you on an e-mail with Jamie O'Connor, who just joined team Murkowski this week. She is going to head up the oceans and environment team for our office.

It would be great to get a briefing on the wood heaters, so let us know if there is a good time over the first week of recess.

Thanks!
Annie

Annie Hoefler
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Message

From: Ackerman, Emily [Emily.Ackerman@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 4/7/2021 7:09:17 PM
To: Richardson, RobinH [Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]
CC: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]; Kaiser, Sven-Erik [Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Question about Section 3 FIFRA Application

Thanks Robin!

From: Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 2:57 PM
To: Ackerman, Emily <Emily.Ackerman@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Kaiser, Sven-Erik <Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Question about Section 3 FIFRA Application

Hi Emily –

Thank you for your email and inquiry. I've included Radha Adhar, Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Congressional Affairs, and Sven Kaiser, Water, Pesticides and Toxics Team Lead, who can assist with your request. Please do not hesitate to reach out to them.

Thank you again, Robin

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From: Ackerman, Emily <Emily.Ackerman@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 2:24 PM
To: Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>
Subject: Question about Section 3 FIFRA Application

Hi Robin-

I am reaching out regarding a Section 3 FIFRA application filed by a constituent company, PPG. The application is for a new antimicrobial coating that can be used to combat COVID-19. Would you be able to provide any information on how long these applications normally take?

Thanks!

Emily

Emily Ackerman
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Message

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Sent: 4/7/2021 5:56:09 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]; Knapp, Kristien [Knapp.Kristien@epa.gov]; Levine, Carolyn [Levine.Carolyn@epa.gov]; Kaiser, Sven-Erik [Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov]
CC: Horner, Elizabeth (EPW) [Elizabeth_Horner@epw.senate.gov]; Jenkins, Tyler (EPW) [Tyler_Jenkins@epw.senate.gov]
Subject: Letter from Ranking Member Capito - Regan Confirmation and Commitments
Attachments: 2021-04-07 SMC-Regan (Confirmation and Commitments).pdf

Hi All—

Attached is a letter to Administrator Regan from Ranking Member Capito on his confirmation and commitments made during the confirmation process. Let us know if you have any questions, we're available to discuss anytime.

Thanks,

Travis

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COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6175

April 7, 2021

The Honorable Michael Regan
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Administrator Regan:

I write to express my congratulations on your confirmation to be the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). I look forward to continuing the dialogue with you and your staff. I greatly appreciated your commitment to visit, and ensure meaningful engagement with, communities across the country, including West Virginia. I also appreciated your commitment to provide Congress with information necessary to complete its oversight functions.

As Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works (EPW), I ask to establish a process for EPA under your leadership to transmit information to EPW staff about EPA's personnel and activities on an ongoing basis. We request to receive updates and materials on the following matters on at least a monthly basis:

- Lists of all political appointees at EPA, including: the name of the appointee, position name, office, hiring authority or classification, start date of service, and end date of service, if applicable.

- Documents regarding compliance with ethics requirements of any political appointee, including: signed-and-dated copies of any ethics pledges, authorizations, waivers, or recusals issued with respect to a particular entity or matter.

- Calendars (including the subject and participants in calendar entries) of the Agency's senior leaders, including the Administrator, Deputy Administrator, General Counsel, Assistant Administrator(s), and Regional Administrator(s) (whether holding the position in an acting or permanent capacity).

Thank you for your consideration of this request. My staff is available to discuss with your staff the most efficient way to transmit this information. Please have them contact Elizabeth Horner at (202) 224-6176 or elizabeth_horner@epw.senate.gov.

Sincerely,

Shelley Moore Capito

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United States Senator
Ranking Member
Committee on Environment and Public Works

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Message

From: Ackerman, Emily [Emily.Ackerman@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 4/7/2021 7:18:24 PM
To: Kaiser, Sven-Erik [Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov]; Richardson, RobinH [Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]; Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Rep. Reschenthaler Inquiry on PPG's Copper Armor Product

Awesome – very much appreciate the quick response!!

From: Kaiser, Sven-Erik <Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 3:15 PM
To: Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>; Ackerman, Emily <Emily.Ackerman@mail.house.gov>; Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: Rep. Reschenthaler Inquiry on PPG's Copper Armor Product

Emily – thanks for the inquiry from Rep. Reschenthaler on behalf of PPG's Copper Armor disinfectant product. The product is going through the review process and we expect to have a status update for you early next week. Please let me know if any additional questions. Best,
Sven

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Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2021 2:57 PM
To: Ackerman, Emily <Emily.Ackerman@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Kaiser, Sven-Erik <Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Question about Section 3 FIFRA Application

Hi Emily –

Thank you for your email and inquiry. I've included Radha Adhar, Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Congressional Affairs, and Sven Kaiser, Water, Pesticides and Toxics Team Lead, who can assist with your request. Please do not hesitate to reach out to them.

Thank you again, Robin

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Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 2:24 PM
To: Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>
Subject: Question about Section 3 FIFRA Application

Hi Robin-

I am reaching out regarding a Section 3 FIFRA application filed by a constituent company, PPG. The application is for a new antimicrobial coating that can be used to combat COVID-19. Would you be able to provide any information on how long these applications normally take?

Thanks!

Emily

Emily Ackerman
Deputy Chief of Staff/Legislative Director
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Message

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Sent: 4/7/2021 7:45:31 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Introduction

Radha,
That sounds great. Thank you so much.

Jessica

Jessica Vu
Chief Counsel
Senator Marsha Blackburn
202.228.5827

On Apr 7, 2021, at 2:43 PM, Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov> wrote:

Hye Jessica, sorry for the delayed response was tracking down an answer. I believe it should be in your email tonight or tomorrow.

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Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 10:22 AM
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Subject: Re: Introduction

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Subject: Re: Introduction

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Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2021 4:25 PM
To: Vu, Jessica (Blackburn) <Jessica_Vu@blackburn.senate.gov>
Cc: Knapp, Kristien <Knapp.Kristien@epa.gov>
Subject: Introduction

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Looking forward to hearing from you,
Radha

Radha Adhar
Deputy Associate Administrator for Congressional Affairs
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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Message

From: Cantor, Chloe (Wicker) [Chloe_Cantor@wicker.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/7/2021 9:37:42 PM
To: Kaiser, Sven-Erik [Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov]; Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Sen. Wicker Inquiry on PurGo Disinfectant

Hi Sven,

Thank you for this update, and apologies for the delay. I will flag this information for our contact and follow up with any additional questions.

Best,

Chloe Cantor
Legislative Assistant | Office of Senator Roger F. Wicker (R-MS)
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From: Kaiser, Sven-Erik <Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 2, 2021 9:29 AM
To: Cantor, Chloe (Wicker) <Chloe_Cantor@wicker.senate.gov>; Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: Sen. Wicker Inquiry on PurGo Disinfectant

Chloe – this responds to Sen. Wicker's inquiry on behalf of the PurGo disinfectant product. We checked with the program and they report that the submission was rejected at the initial stage due to missing required forms, supporting documents, and the registration fee. The registrant, Environmental Manufacturing Solutions, was contacted on March 19 and March 22 regarding the status of the submission. EPA is glad to continue working with the company, including holding presubmission meetings to help expedite the application. Please let us know if any questions and if you would like a call to discuss. Thanks,
Sven

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From: Cantor, Chloe (Wicker) <Chloe_Cantor@wicker.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 5:04 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Cc: Kaiser, Sven-Erik <Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov>; Shamaskin, Andrew (Wicker) <Andrew_Shamaskin@wicker.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Quick Call

Hi Radha and Sven,

Hope you both had a good weekend. Thanks again for taking the time to talk with me on Friday. As I mentioned, our office was contacted about PurGo, which is a wipe solution manufactured by Environmental Manufacturing

Solutions. The company is pursuing approval of the product through EPA's List N. The company formally applied on March 18, 2021, and I've included the tracking information that they received below.

Sec3-New-000001: CDX_2021_003073

Senator Wicker wants to ensure the consideration of this product is moving forward. What is EPA's timeline for considering the approval of the product through the List N process? We appreciate any updates that you can provide.

Best,

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CC: Gansman, Dana [Dana.Gansman@mail.house.gov]
Subject: Re: Meeting request for Administrator Regan

Thanks!

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Subject: RE: Meeting request for Administrator Regan

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Sent: Friday, March 26, 2021 1:01 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting request for Administrator Regan

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Dana

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From: UnruhCohen, Ana <Ana.UnruhCohen@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 26, 2021 12:51 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
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To: Knapp, Kristien [Knapp.Kristien@epa.gov]
CC: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: EPA Response to Senator Blackburn

Thank you Kristien and Radha. Confirming receipt.

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From: Knapp, Kristien <Knapp.Kristien@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 8:48 AM
To: Vu, Jessica (Blackburn) <Jessica_Vu@blackburn.senate.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: EPA Response to Senator Blackburn

Hi Jessica—Attached please find EPA's response to Senator Blackburn's letter on Avi Garbow's federal ethics obligations.

Thanks,
Kristien

Kristien G. Knapp
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From: Vu, Jessica (Blackburn) <Jessica_Vu@blackburn.senate.gov>
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CC: Gansman, Dana [Dana.Gansman@mail.house.gov]
Subject: Re: Meeting request for Administrator Regan

Got it. We will get you a proposed agenda. Understood on the report. We will be happy to amplify when it is out or work with you on other activities. A congressional briefing might be a good idea

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Subject: RE: Rep. Lamb Inquiry on PPG Copper Armor disinfectant product

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From: Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 06, 2021 7:34 PM
To: Flory, Fiona <Fiona.Flory@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Kaiser, Sven-Erik <Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Message from the office of Rep. Lamb regarding PPG Section 3 FIFRA Application

Hi Fiona –

Thank you for your email and attached letter to Administrator Regan. I've included Radha Adhar, Deputy Associate Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, and Sven Kaiser, Team Lead, Water, Pesticides and Toxics Team, who can assist with your request. Please do not hesitate to reach out to them.

Thank you again, Robin

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From: Flory, Fiona <Fiona.Flory@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 2:30 PM
To: Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>
Subject: Message from the office of Rep. Lamb regarding PPG Section 3 FIFRA Application

Hi Robin,

I hope you are well. My office wanted to reach out on behalf of PPG to check on the status of their Section 3 FIFRA Application for their antimicrobial architectural coating, Copper Armor™. I was wondering if you could share any updates on this?

Thank you for your assistance!

Sincerely,

Fiona

Fiona Flory
Office of Congressman Conor Lamb (PA-17)
Legislative Assistant
1224 Longworth House Office Building | 202-225-2301

Message

From: Zimmerman, Melissa (Appropriations) [Melissa_Zimmerman@appro.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/8/2021 2:44:46 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
CC: Walsh, Ed [Walsh.Ed@epa.gov]; Roberts, Martha (Appropriations) [Martha_Roberts@appro.senate.gov]; Lance, Kathleen [Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Full Committee Hearing April 20th

Quick update due to judiciary schedule we will start the hearing at 1030. Invites coming today.

On Apr 8, 2021, at 8:46 AM, Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov> wrote:

Melissa,

Thank you for this invitation. We are excited to accept on behalf of Administrator Regan. Do you mind sharing if this hearing will be in person or virtual?

Thanks,
Radha

From: Zimmerman, Melissa (Appropriations) <Melissa_Zimmerman@appro.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 7:55 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Walsh, Ed <Walsh.Ed@epa.gov>
Cc: Roberts, Martha (Appropriations) <Martha_Roberts@appro.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: Full Committee Hearing April 20th

Hi again. We just got a hearing title and I thought it might help your process.

"The American Jobs Plan: Infrastructure, Climate Change, and Investing in our Nation's Future"

Chairman Leahy would like to notice the hearing Friday and send out formal invitations tomorrow.

I'm sorry for this going so quickly!

Melissa

On Apr 7, 2021, at 3:45 PM, Zimmerman, Melissa (Appropriations) <Melissa_Zimmerman@appro.senate.gov> wrote:

Hi Radha and Ed,

Just wanted to update you that Secretaries Fudge, Buttigieg and Raimondo have confirmed for this hearing. Please let us know what you hear.

Melissa

Melissa Zimmerman
Majority Clerk
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment & Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
(202) 224-9722 *Forwards to Cell Phone*

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
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Cc: Roberts, Martha (Appropriations) <Martha_Roberts@appro.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Full Committee Hearing April 20th

Thank you for this invitation Melissa, we hope to get back to you on the Administrator's availability soon.

From: Zimmerman, Melissa (Appropriations) <Melissa_Zimmerman@appro.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 9:37 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Walsh, Ed <Walsh.Ed@epa.gov>
Cc: Roberts, Martha (Appropriations) <Martha_Roberts@appro.senate.gov>
Subject: Full Committee Hearing April 20th

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Thank you!
Melissa

Melissa Zimmerman
Majority Clerk
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment & Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations

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Message

From: Bruce, Jacob [Jacob.Bruce@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 4/8/2021 3:05:29 PM
To: Kaiser, Sven-Erik [Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov]; Richardson, RobinH [Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]; Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Rep. Barr RE: Congressional Notifications

Mr. Kaiser,

I appreciate it. Please let me know if any additional information is needed.

Best,

Jacob Bruce
Constituent Services Representative
Congressman Andy Barr (KY-06)
Phone: (859) 219-1366
Fax: (859) 219-3437
2709 Old Rosebud Road
Lexington, KY 40509

Keep up with Rep. Barr:

Or click here to sign up for his eNewsletter!

From: Kaiser, Sven-Erik <Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:28 AM
To: Bruce, Jacob <Jacob.Bruce@mail.house.gov>; Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>; Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: Rep. Barr RE: Congressional Notifications

Jacob – EPA has a notification list maintained by our office of public affairs. We'll request they add you to the list. Thanks,
Sven

Sven-Erik Kaiser
Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
202-566-2753
kaiser.sven-erik@epa.gov

From: Bruce, Jacob <Jacob.Bruce@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2021 9:53 AM
To: Kaiser, Sven-Erik <Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov>
Subject: Congressional Notifications

Good morning,

Does EPA maintain a notification list for news and information for Congressional staff? If so, could you provide me with information on how I could get signed up?

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Message

From: Thompson, Janie [Janie.Thompson@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 4/8/2021 3:12:55 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: Automatic reply: See our press release?

I will be out of the office and unavailable from Wednesday (4/7) evening through late Thursday 4/8/21. I will not be able to check email until Thursday night. Please contact Dylan.Cohen@mail.house.gov for any urgent matters.

Message

From: Zimmerman, Melissa (Appropriations) [Melissa_Zimmerman@appro.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/8/2021 3:24:49 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
CC: Walsh, Ed [Walsh.Ed@epa.gov]; Roberts, Martha (Appropriations) [Martha_Roberts@appro.senate.gov]; Lance, Kathleen [Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Full Committee Hearing April 20th

The room will be Dirksen 106.

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 11:20 AM
To: Zimmerman, Melissa (Appropriations) <Melissa_Zimmerman@appro.senate.gov>
Cc: Walsh, Ed <Walsh.Ed@epa.gov>; Roberts, Martha (Appropriations) <Martha_Roberts@appro.senate.gov>; Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Full Committee Hearing April 20th

Thank you Melissa, I do not think there will be a concern, but will discuss it with our Director of Scheduling and Advance in case there are any. I think for now, expect us in person. When you can, can you please let us know the Committee Room we should head too?

Thanks again for all your assistance!
Radha

From: Zimmerman, Melissa (Appropriations) <Melissa_Zimmerman@appro.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:06 AM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Cc: Walsh, Ed <Walsh.Ed@epa.gov>; Roberts, Martha (Appropriations) <Martha_Roberts@appro.senate.gov>; Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Full Committee Hearing April 20th

Thank you Radha! I realize this was a curveball so I really apppreciate it. Chairman Leahy prefers to have the witnesses appear in person. The Office of Attending Physician has worked with our facilities experts and there is a floor plan for social distancing and a limit to the number of people in the rooms. I can provide more information if need be. Let me know if there are any concerns. Thanks!

> On Apr 8, 2021, at 8:46 AM, Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov> wrote:
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> Melissa,
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> Thank you for this invitation. We are excited to accept on behalf of Administrator Regan. Do you mind sharing if this hearing will be in person or virtual?
>
> Thanks,
> Radha
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> ---
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> **From:** Zimmerman, Melissa (Appropriations) <Melissa_Zimmerman@appro.senate.gov>
> **Sent:** Wednesday, April 7, 2021 7:55 PM
> **To:** Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Walsh, Ed <Walsh.Ed@epa.gov>

Cc: Roberts, Martha (Appropriations) <Martha_Roberts@appro.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: Full Committee Hearing April 20th

Hi again. We just got a hearing title and I thought it might help your process.

"The American Jobs Plan: Infrastructure, Climate Change, and Investing in our Nation's Future"

Chairman Leahy would like to notice the hearing Friday and send out formal invitations tomorrow.

I'm sorry for this going so quickly!

Melissa

On Apr 7, 2021, at 3:45 PM, Zimmerman, Melissa (Appropriations) <Melissa_Zimmerman@appro.senate.gov> wrote:

Hi Radha and Ed,
Just wanted to update you that Secretaries Fudge, Buttigieg and Raimondo have confirmed for this hearing. Please let us know what you hear.

Melissa

Melissa Zimmerman
Majority Clerk
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment & Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
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From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 1:49 PM
To: Zimmerman, Melissa (Appropriations) <Melissa_Zimmerman@appro.senate.gov>; Walsh, Ed <Walsh.Ed@epa.gov>
Cc: Roberts, Martha (Appropriations) <Martha_Roberts@appro.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Full Committee Hearing April 20th

Thank you for this invitation Melissa, we hope to get back to you on the Administrator's availability soon.

From: Zimmerman, Melissa (Appropriations) <Melissa_Zimmerman@appro.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 9:37 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Walsh, Ed <Walsh.Ed@epa.gov>

Cc: Roberts, Martha (Appropriations) <Martha_Roberts@appro.senate.gov>
Subject: Full Committee Hearing April 20th

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Message

From: Coughlin, Isabel [Isabel.Coughlin@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 4/8/2021 3:58:37 PM
To: Moody, Christina [Moody.Christina@epa.gov]
CC: Thomas, Katie [Katie.Thomas@mail.house.gov]; Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: ACTION - NEED CONFIRMATION AND ACCEPTANCE - Following up for R5 Update Meeting

Hi Christina,

I wanted to thank you very much for putting together the call and for your teammates' time and attention. We really appreciate the work you all are doing to navigate challenging dynamics and serve EPA's mission. I hope you have a good rest of your week!

Best,
Isabel

From: Moody, Christina <Moody.Christina@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:47 AM
To: Coughlin, Isabel <Isabel.Coughlin@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Thomas, Katie <Katie.Thomas@mail.house.gov>; Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: ACTION - NEED CONFIRMATION AND ACCEPTANCE - Following up for R5 Update Meeting

They will be able to join from the forward.

Thanks

Christina J. Moody
Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations
US EPA
Moody.Christina@epa.gov

On Apr 8, 2021, at 7:59 AM, Coughlin, Isabel <Isabel.Coughlin@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Good Morning Christina,

I received your meeting invitation and shared it with my teammates Bryce and Marcus who will also be joining us for the meeting. I just wanted to verify they would be able to access the meeting if I forwarded them the calendar invite. Thank you and I look forward to speaking later this morning.

Best,
Isabel

From: Moody, Christina <Moody.Christina@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 7:52 AM
To: Coughlin, Isabel <Isabel.Coughlin@mail.house.gov>; Thomas, Katie <Katie.Thomas@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>

Subject: ACTION - NEED CONFIRMATION AND ACCEPTANCE - Following up for R5 Update Meeting
Importance: High

Good Morning Isabel and Katie –

Following up on this request, I sent a meeting invitation earlier this week for a call today at 11 to discuss R5's implementation of the President's EO. Please confirm receipt of that invitation and that we are a go for 11am this morning. I'm happy to resend the information if needed.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards,

Christina J. Moody
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From: Coughlin, Isabel <Isabel.Coughlin@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 11:58 AM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Cc: Garza, Marcus <Marcus.Garza@mail.house.gov>; Causey, Bryce <Bryce.Causey@mail.house.gov>; Thomas, Katie <Katie.Thomas@mail.house.gov>; Fox, Kevin <kevin.fox@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Following up for R5 Update Meeting

Hi Radha,

Hope you had a great weekend! Thank you for making the time to chat on Friday and for helping schedule a meeting for an update. We are all available Wednesday (4/7) 1pm-2pm and Thursday (4/8) 10am-1pm. Please let me know what time in those windows may work for your group.

Thanks again and we look forward to talking later this week.

Best,
Isabel

Isabel Coughlin | Legislative Assistant
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Isabel.Coughlin@mail.house.gov

Message

From: Tulou, Christophe (EPW) [Christophe_Tulou@epw.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/8/2021 4:48:03 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: Briefing on April 28th?

Hi Radha –

Thank you for arranging and chaperoning the call with Radhika this morning. I think she'll be great to work with!

Meant to ask on our call, but any word back on a certain someone being able to do post-hearing briefing for Senators on April 28th? Or did we already resolve that question and I forgot? BTW – looks like the hearing on that topic will be June 9th.

CT

Christophe A. G. Tulou
Majority Senior Counsel
Environment and Public Works Committee
United States Senate

Message

From: Tomilchik, Rebecca [Rebecca.Tomilchik@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 4/8/2021 4:45:34 PM
To: Thundiyil, Karen [Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov]
CC: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]; Cohen, Jacqueline [jackie.cohen@mail.house.gov]
Subject: RE: Thursday, April 8th EPA tutorial on new air quality/NAAQS tools

Karen,

Ana Han is a fellow in Rep. Schrier's office, and the mysterious "Paul" was Paul Babbitt with Rep. O'Halleran's office.

Best,
Becky

From: Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 12:28 PM
To: Tomilchik, Rebecca <Rebecca.Tomilchik@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Cohen, Jacqueline <jackie.cohen@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Thursday, April 8th EPA tutorial on new air quality/NAAQS tools

And, Becky, here is the presentation. I'll keep an eye for questions.

Take care,

Karen.

From: Thundiyil, Karen
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2021 12:24 PM
To: Tomilchik, Rebecca <Rebecca.Tomilchik@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Cohen, Jacqueline <jackie.cohen@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Thursday, April 8th EPA tutorial on new air quality/NAAQS tools

Hi Becky,

Not a problem! Thank you for generating interest in the briefing!

There were two names I didn't recognize – Ana Han and Paul (*no last name provided – I think he signed in as Guest?*). Do you know those folks? What offices they are in?

I'll send the slides once I have them.

Karen.

From: Tomilchik, Rebecca <Rebecca.Tomilchik@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2021 12:05 PM
To: Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Cohen, Jacqueline <jackie.cohen@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Thursday, April 8th EPA tutorial on new air quality/NAAQS tools

Karen,

Thank you so much for organizing today's briefing! It was very helpful to get a demo of the tools. If I receive any further questions from the LAs about them, I'll reach out to you.

Best,
Becky

From: Tomilchik, Rebecca
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:22 AM
To: Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Cohen, Jacqueline <jackie.cohen@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Thursday, April 8th EPA tutorial on new air quality/NAAQS tools

Karen,

I don't have any announcements to make, so you kicking things off works for me. Thanks!

Best,
Becky

From: Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:17 AM
To: Tomilchik, Rebecca <Rebecca.Tomilchik@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Cohen, Jacqueline <jackie.cohen@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Thursday, April 8th EPA tutorial on new air quality/NAAQS tools

Hi Becky –

Great! Thanks for asking. We're happy to kick things off and hand the presentation over the project lead (Mia South), but I'll welcome any announcements you might have. I am happy to note that the briefing/demo is focused on the new tools.

Talk to you soon,

Karen.

From: Tomilchik, Rebecca <Rebecca.Tomilchik@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2021 9:05 AM
To: Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Cohen, Jacqueline <jackie.cohen@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Thursday, April 8th EPA tutorial on new air quality/NAAQS tools

Karen,

Thanks, we are all set! The Teams link was circulated to the invited LAs last week, and I will send a reminder to them around 10:45am. How would you like to proceed with getting the briefing started? Would you like to jump into things and introduce your presenting staff or do you need me to make any announcements?

Best,
Becky

From: Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 8:44 AM

To: Tomilchik, Rebecca <Rebecca.Tomilchik@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Cohen, Jacqueline <jackie.cohen@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Thursday, April 8th EPA tutorial on new air quality/NAAQS tools

Hi there Rebecca,

I'm just confirming our 11-11:30 demo this morning. If you have any updates on your end, please let me know, otherwise, talk to you in a couple of hours!

Karen.
202 564 1142

From: Tomilchik, Rebecca <Rebecca.Tomilchik@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 01, 2021 2:27 PM
To: Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Cohen, Jacqueline <jackie.cohen@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Thursday, April 8th EPA tutorial on new air quality/NAAQS tools

Karen,

No problem! Thank you for sending the official demo link. I will circulate it to the LAs.

I haven't heard of any questions LAs might ask on the tools, but Jackie would have a better sense of that if we did.

Best,
Becky

From: Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 1, 2021 2:10 PM
To: Tomilchik, Rebecca <Rebecca.Tomilchik@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Cohen, Jacqueline <jackie.cohen@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Thursday, April 8th EPA tutorial on new air quality/NAAQS tools

Hi Becky,

Thank you for making time to test out Teams together. I appreciate it.
This is the link we can use for the April 8th demo.

Here again is the link to the 3 tools that will be demo'd. Let me know if you have any early sense of questions from the LAs on the tools, otherwise, we'll just take them as they come next Thursday.

Take care,

Karen.

From: Tomilchik, Rebecca <Rebecca.Tomilchik@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 26, 2021 4:45 PM
To: Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Cohen, Jacqueline <jackie.cohen@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA tutorial on new air quality/NAAQS tools

Karen,

Great! Teams works well for us. When you can, please send me the meeting link and I can distribute it to E&C LAs. We are extending this briefing invite to the Environment and Climate Change Subcommittee LAs of both majority and minority E&C members, but we definitely don't expect to hit 100 participants.

Best,
Becky

From: Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 26, 2021 2:49 PM
To: Tomilchik, Rebecca <Rebecca.Tomilchik@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Cohen, Jacqueline <jackie.cohen@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA tutorial on new air quality/NAAQS tools

Hi Becky & Jackie,

Fantastic. 11am on Thursday, April 8th does work for the demo.

Becky – we use Microsoft Teams at the agency. I'll be able to send you a link that folks can use to access the meeting demo. Folks won't need to have Teams installed, but they'll have to use a browser on a computer (versus a phone).

If we got into a place with more than 100 participants, might have to look at another option, but I don't think we'll get that here, right 😉?

Happy to talk over the phone if easier.

Thanks a lot,

Karen.
202 564 1142

From: Tomilchik, Rebecca <Rebecca.Tomilchik@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 26, 2021 1:37 PM
To: Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Cohen, Jacqueline <jackie.cohen@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA tutorial on new air quality/NAAQS tools

Thanks, Jackie!

Karen,

Does 11am EDT on Thursday (4/8) work for you and your program lead for the demonstration? If yes, let me know how you would like to move forward with setting up a meeting access link.

Best,
Becky

From: Cohen, Jacqueline <jackie.cohen@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 26, 2021 12:13 PM
To: Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Tomilchik, Rebecca <Rebecca.Tomilchik@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Re: EPA tutorial on new air quality/NAAQS tools

Thanks, Karen! Becky, cc'd, will coordinate. We reached out to the minority about scheduling and will get back to you ASAP.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 26, 2021, at 10:50 AM, Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov> wrote:

> Hi Jackie,
> I hope you are doing okay. Radha might have flagged this for you, but EPA is happy to offer a virtual demonstration of the new air quality tools EPA released earlier this week (see below). EPA developed these tools to make it easier to access information about nonattainment areas and determine progress toward attaining and maintaining the air quality standards.
>
> I think the *Nonattainment and Maintenance Population Tool* might be the most interesting for you and your House colleagues – it provides information about the number of people living in nonattainment and maintenance areas for national air quality standards. All 3 tools have information that may be of interest through. They can be accessed here: https://www.epa.gov/air-quality-implementation-plans/tools-state-implementation-plan-sip-status.
>
> Our program lead for these tools can demonstrate the tools the afternoon of Wednesday, April 7th or the morning of Thursday, April 8th. Could a block of time - say, 30 minutes focused on the tools be something of interest? If so, we can discuss logistics, any particular questions you might have, etc. Please let me know what you think.
>
> Take care,
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> Karen.
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> Karen Thundiyil
> Office of Congressional Affairs
> U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
> (202) 564.1142
>
> From: Thundiyil, Karen
> Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 4:58 PM
> To: Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>
> Subject: EPA Hill Notification: New local air quality/NAAQS tools available
>
> Hello,
>
> Today, EPA released three new online tools that provide information about nonattainment and maintenance areas for the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). These tools will allow stakeholders to search for areas designated as nonattainment for one or more NAAQS, understand how many people are living in nonattainment areas, and to track related state implementation plan (SIP) information. These powerful new tools allow users to customize searches by location and status and will help policymakers and the public track regional progress toward clean air goals.

EPA plans on providing a virtual demonstration of these tools to congressional staff during recess. I'll send you more information about a demonstration as plans are firmed up.

In the meantime, below you will find more information about the tools, as well as link to the tools:
1. The Nonattainment and Maintenance Population Tool displays the number of people living in designated nonattainment and maintenance areas for current and revoked NAAQS, based on 2019 population. It also displays the individual counties in nonattainment and maintenance areas on an interactive map.
2. The Nonattainment and Maintenance Area Dashboard provides information about nonattainment and maintenance areas for current and revoked https://wcms.epa.gov/criteria-air-pollutants/naaqs-table. Information in the dashboard can be filtered by state, NAAQS, area name, area status, area classification, and other fields. When viewing information about a specific area, the history of EPA actions on the area is displayed at the bottom of the page.
3. The Required State Implementation Plan (SIP) Elements Dashboard provides details about individual states' Clean Air Act and regulatory planning requirements associated with implementing, attaining, and maintaining the NAAQS through SIPs. Information in the dashboard can be filtered by state, plan category, NAAQS, area, and specific SIP element.
The tools are available at: https://www.epa.gov/air-quality-implementation-plans/tools-state-implementation-plan-sip-status

If you have any specific questions you'd like addressed at the demonstration, please let me know!

Take care,

Karen.

Karen Thundiyil
Office of Congressional Affairs
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(202) 564.1142

Message

From: Chauvin, Hannah (Appropriations) [Hannah_Chauvin@appro.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/8/2021 4:58:14 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]; Walsh, Ed [Walsh.Ed@epa.gov]
CC: Zimmerman, Melissa (Appropriations) [Melissa_Zimmerman@appro.senate.gov]
Subject: Senate Appropriations Committee - Invitation to Testify
Attachments: 21.04.08 Regan_FC Invitation to Testify.pdf

Good afternoon,

Please see the attached invitation to Administrator Regan to testify before the Senate Appropriations Full Committee on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 10:30am. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Hannah

Hannah Chauvin
Professional Staff Member
Senate Appropriations Committee
Chairman Patrick Leahy
S-128, the Capitol
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April 8, 2021

The Honorable Michael Regan
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator Regan:

I am writing to invite you to testify before the U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations full committee on April 20, 2021. The subject of this hearing is the American Jobs Plan: Infrastructure, Climate Change, and Investing in Our Nation's Future.

The hearing will be held in open session in room SD-106 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 20, 2021. Please expect to deliver oral remarks, which should be limited to five minutes, during the hearing. Your written testimony in its entirety, along with any accompanying documents, will be placed in the hearing record. No later than one day prior to the hearing, please submit an electronic copy of your written testimony to Hannah Chauvin (Hannah_Chauvin@appro.senate.gov).

In addition to your written testimony and participation in this hearing, we expect a timely response to questions submitted for the record following the hearing.

I look forward to your testimony.

Sincerely,

PATRICK LEAHY
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations

Message

From: Leone, Kate (DSOC) [Kate_Leone@dsoc.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/8/2021 5:11:37 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
CC: Hardacker, Francisco (DSOC) [Francisco_Hardacker@dsoc.senate.gov]; Lance, Kathleen [Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Intro

Monday is fine for us! I am pretty open if you want to pick a time or two and Francisco and I can make it work!

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 12:11 PM
To: Leone, Kate (DSOC) <Kate_Leone@dsoc.senate.gov>
Cc: Hardacker, Francisco (DSOC) <Francisco_Hardacker@dsoc.senate.gov>; Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Intro

Ergh I am embarrassed that I am not free and unable to adjust. Mind sharing if you have time Monday?

Also, re sharing EPA's LCR info- if any office does amplify, if they can let me know so we can thank them, I'd be grateful!

From: Leone, Kate (DSOC) <Kate_Leone@dsoc.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 12:08 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Cc: Hardacker, Francisco (DSOC) <Francisco_Hardacker@dsoc.senate.gov>; Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Intro

Terrific, yes. We would love to run some names by you for the other guests as well. Does tomorrow afternoon work? We are free after 1:30.

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 11:12 AM
To: Leone, Kate (DSOC) <Kate_Leone@dsoc.senate.gov>
Cc: Hardacker, Francisco (DSOC) <Francisco_Hardacker@dsoc.senate.gov>; Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Intro

Thanks Kate, can we connect later this week to make sure the boss is prepped? Appreciate your assistance with this!

From: Leone, Kate (DSOC) <Kate_Leone@dsoc.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:34 AM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Cc: Hardacker, Francisco (DSOC) <Francisco_Hardacker@dsoc.senate.gov>; Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Intro

Hi there! I just talked to Senator Klobuchar and she is happy to have the Administrator on April 28th for the first 40 minutes! She is very excited and wants us to move forward and lock it in! Thank you so much!!! I'm so glad this will work out and we will make sure to make it worth his time. Should we touch base about other people we are considering inviting? I want to make sure you guys are comfortable with them.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 8, 2021, at 8:54 AM, Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov> wrote:

No need to apologize at all. I'm at Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) and will keep an eye on my phone if you have a minute to chat. We will get back to you re: the 12th!

From: Leone, Kate (DSOC) <Kate_Leone@dsoc.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 8:52 AM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Cc: Hardacker, Francisco (DSOC) <Francisco_Hardacker@dsoc.senate.gov>; Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Intro

Hi! I'm so sorry - I was doing school getting ready stuff. The senate is in recess the next week but would may 12 from 9-10 work?

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 8, 2021, at 8:19 AM, Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> Thanks Kate- do you have a few minutes now before 830? TOTALLY understand if that's way too early.
>
> Unfortunately with the boss testifying that morning, I don't think we can do the whole hour although I know I can speak for him when I say he wishes he could. Would it be possible to push this conversation by a week?
>
> Best,
> Radha
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> **From:** Leone, Kate (DSOC) <Kate_Leone@dsoc.senate.gov>
> **Sent:** Thursday, April 8, 2021 8:16 AM
> **To:** Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Hardacker, Francisco (DSOC) <Francisco_Hardacker@dsoc.senate.gov>; Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: Intro
>
> Hi Radha,
> Thanks! Would love to jump on the phone today. What time works?
>
> We don't typically have guests join for only part of the call because the Q and A section is the second half - is there any way he could do the whole hour? I can talk to Senator Klobuchar about a shorter time but would be really great if we could have him there for the conversation!
>
> Thanks,
> Kate
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
>> On Apr 7, 2021, at 5:38 PM, Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov> wrote:

Hey y'all,

Thank you again for extending this invitation to Administrator Regan. He is happy to accept, but we wanted to share that he will have a hard stop at 9:40. Do you mind sharing if y'all can accommodate that? He is disappointed he is unable to spend an entire hour with y'all.

Looking forward to hearing from you,
Radha

PS maybe tomorrow would work for a touch base? Would like to flag an issue for you.

From: Leone, Kate (DSOC) <Kate_Leone@dsoc.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 12:00 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Hardacker, Francisco (DSOC) <Francisco_Hardacker@dsoc.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Intro

Great, thanks! Sure – would 1 or after 4:45 work on your end? (Francisco, not sure, do those work for you too?)

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 11:33 AM
To: Leone, Kate (DSOC) <Kate_Leone@dsoc.senate.gov>; Hardacker, Francisco (DSOC) <Francisco_Hardacker@dsoc.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Intro

Hi Kate, I think I should have an answer for y'all later today and apologize for the inconvenience. Do you have a second to chat about something else we could use your help on?

From: Leone, Kate (DSOC) <Kate_Leone@dsoc.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 10:48 AM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Hardacker, Francisco (DSOC) <Francisco_Hardacker@dsoc.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Intro

Hi Radha,
I wanted to check in on whether the Administrator will be able to participate in the call with Senators on April 28 from 9-10 am. We have been brainstorming about other participants and would love to touch base with you before inviting anyone to join him if he is going to be able to be on the call. Please let us know if you have any time today to discuss this!

Thanks,
Kate

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 1:17 PM

To: Leone, Kate (DSOC) <Kate_Leone@dsoc.senate.gov>; Hardacker, Francisco (DSOC) <Francisco_Hardacker@dsoc.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Intro

Awesome, thank you! How is 11:30 tomorrow?

From: Leone, Kate (DSOC) <Kate_Leone@dsoc.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 12:29 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Hardacker, Francisco (DSOC) <Francisco_Hardacker@dsoc.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Intro

Tomorrow is great! Just let us know when works!

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 11:42 AM
To: Leone, Kate (DSOC) <Kate_Leone@dsoc.senate.gov>; Hardacker, Francisco (DSOC) <Francisco_Hardacker@dsoc.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Intro

Hey Kate, I would love to chat. Today is tough- anyway I could find you tomorrow? If not, let me know and I can jump off a call and ring you.

From: Leone, Kate (DSOC) <Kate_Leone@dsoc.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 11:05 AM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Hardacker, Francisco (DSOC) <Francisco_Hardacker@dsoc.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Intro

Hi Radha,
Just wanted to loop back on this and removing Dan to save his inbox. We are setting up a meeting in the Steering Committee for next month and were really hoping that the Commissioner would be able to join the conversation. If you have time to talk today, please let us know! We are looking at April 28 for the meeting (which would be a phone call with about 20 Senators because of the pandemic) at 9 am. We can provide more details and we'd love your thoughts on other guests! Thanks!
Kate

From: Leone, Kate (DSOC)
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 12:18 PM
To: 'Adhar, Radha' <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Dudis, Dan (Whitehouse) <Dan_Dudis@whitehouse.senate.gov>; Hardacker, Francisco (DSOC) <Francisco_Hardacker@dsoc.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Intro

Thank you both! Radha, we would love to hop on the phone with you later today or tomorrow if that would work for you! We are pretty open if you can find the time!

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 11:55 AM
To: Dudis, Dan (Whitehouse) <Dan_Dudis@whitehouse.senate.gov>; Leone, Kate (DSOC) <Kate_Leone@dsoc.senate.gov>; Hardacker, Francisco (DSOC) <Francisco_Hardacker@dsoc.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Intro

Thank you for the introduction Dan! Kate and Francisco, looking forward to hearing from you.

From: Dudis, Dan (Whitehouse) <Dan_Dudis@whitehouse.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 11:50 AM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Leone, Kate (DSOC) <Kate_Leone@dsoc.senate.gov>; Hardacker, Francisco (DSOC) <Francisco_Hardacker@dsoc.senate.gov>
Subject: Intro

Radha,

I wanted to introduce you to Kate Leone and Francisco Hardacker at DSOC. They have a few questions for you about an upcoming climate-themed Steering Committee meeting that they're planning.

All the best,

dan

Message

From: Zimmerman, Melissa (Appropriations) [Melissa_Zimmerman@appro.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/8/2021 8:51:53 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]; Walsh, Ed [Walsh.Ed@epa.gov]
CC: Roberts, Martha (Appropriations) [Martha_Roberts@appro.senate.gov]
Subject: FW: Notice of Hearing: Senate Appropriations Full Committee
Attachments: 21.04.08 SAC Hearing Notice -- American Jobs Plan.pdf

Just want to make sure you have this. Thx!

From: Chauvin, Hannah (Appropriations) <Hannah_Chauvin@appro.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 4:27 PM
To: Chauvin, Hannah (Appropriations) <Hannah_Chauvin@appro.senate.gov>
Subject: Notice of Hearing: Senate Appropriations Full Committee

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Secretary
Department of Housing and Urban Development

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Patrick Leahy,
Chairman

Message

From: Forsythe, Liam [Liam.Forsythe@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 4/8/2021 9:20:42 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Invitation to join EJ Roundtable with EPA Administrator Michael Regan, Congressional Only

Thanks again to you and the Administrator for setting up this conversation yesterday – the Congresswoman really enjoyed speaking with him and is really looking forward to working with him.

Liam

From: "Forsythe, Liam" <Liam.Forsythe@mail.house.gov>
Date: Friday, April 2, 2021 at 3:18 PM
To: "Adhar, Radha" <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Invitation to join EJ Roundtable with EPA Administrator Michael Regan, Congressional Only

That would be great. We love your new boss – and his focus on EJ issues is fantastic, it's my boss's #1 priority on the environment.

From: "Adhar, Radha" <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Date: Friday, April 2, 2021 at 3:11 PM
To: "Forsythe, Liam" <Liam.Forsythe@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Invitation to join EJ Roundtable with EPA Administrator Michael Regan, Congressional Only

YOU TOO LIAM! Would love to chat when you have time just to say hi!

From: Forsythe, Liam <Liam.Forsythe@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 2, 2021 3:09 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Invitation to join EJ Roundtable with EPA Administrator Michael Regan, Congressional Only

Ha! I was just happy that I was able to give you a hard time in your new role.

Hope you have a wonderful weekend Radha!

From: "Adhar, Radha" <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Date: Friday, April 2, 2021 at 3:08 PM
To: "Forsythe, Liam" <Liam.Forsythe@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Invitation to join EJ Roundtable with EPA Administrator Michael Regan, Congressional Only

NOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO

MY BADDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDDD

From: Forsythe, Liam <Liam.Forsythe@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 1, 2021 2:28 PM
To: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Enobakhare, Rosemary <Enobakhare.Rosemary@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Invitation to join EJ Roundtable with EPA Administrator Michael Regan, Congressional Only

Hey Kathleen.

Rep. Barraagán would love to join this roundtable discussion with Administrator Regan.

I'll let it slide that Radha forgot about me on the initial email!

Liam

From: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 1, 2021 1:43 PM
To: Kelsey_becker@duckworth.senate.gov; Jane Wiesenberge (Booker) <Jane_Wiesenberg@booker.senate.gov>; Austin Reed, Keenan <Keenan.AustinReed@mail.house.gov>; Dillon, Ryan <Ryan.Dillon@mail.house.gov>; Cummins, Emily <Emily.Cummins@mail.house.gov>; Ashley_Morgan@carper.senate.gov
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Enobakhare, Rosemary <Enobakhare.Rosemary@epa.gov>
Subject: Invitation to join EJ Roundtable with EPA Administrator Michael Regan, Congressional Only

Good afternoon,

Administrator Regan would like to invite Senate EJ Caucus Chairs Duckworth, Booker and Carper and House EJ Taskforce Chairs McEachin, Barragan and Jayapal to join him in a virtual roundtable discussion on environmental justice, share the proactive steps the Agency is taking on this issue, and discuss how the House EJ Taskforce and Senate EJ Caucus work collaboratively together on these important issues.

Can you please share if your principal is available from 2:00pm-3:00pmET on Wednesday, April 7 and willing to participate?

I've copied my colleague, Ms. Radha Adhar, Principal Deputy Associate Administrator for Congressional Affairs, who is available for any questions.

Thank you,

Kathleen C. Lance
Director of Scheduling and Advance
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Cell: (202) 941-1109

Message

From: Hanson, Sarah [Sarah.Hanson1@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 4/9/2021 12:57:30 AM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: Automatic reply: Thank you letter from Rep. Crist to Admin Regan

I am out of the office until Monday, April 12th. If you require immediate assistance, please contact christopher.fisher@mail.house.gov.

Message

From: Tomlinson, Connor (Rubio) [Connor_Tomlinson@rubio.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/9/2021 1:05:54 AM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: Automatic reply: Sen. Rubio Re: Piney Point Incident

Thank you for your message. I am currently out of the office. I will respond to your message as promptly as possible upon my return to the office.

Message

From: Reamy, Lauren (Rubio) [Lauren_Reamy@rubio.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/9/2021 1:08:45 AM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]; Tomlinson, Connor (Rubio) [Connor_Tomlinson@rubio.senate.gov]
Subject: RE: Sen. Rubio Re: Piney Point Incident

Thank you, Radha. Appreciate the update, and we'd be very interested in hearing what the samples show.

Best,
Lauren

Lauren A. Reamy
Legislative Director
Office of U.S. Senator Marco Rubio
202-224-3041

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:05 PM
To: Tomlinson, Connor (Rubio) <Connor_Tomlinson@rubio.senate.gov>
Cc: Reamy, Lauren (Rubio) <Lauren_Reamy@rubio.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Sen. Rubio Re: Piney Point Incident

Hey guys,

I wanted to share that there are three EPA Region 4 on-site-coordinators (OSC) now deployed at Piney Point. They are helping coordinate state and local partners, evaluate vendor and technology information, and coordinating logistics for splitting ambient water samples from several locations throughout the Bay. Today samples were shipped to a EPA Lab and are expected to be received at the lab tomorrow.

Please let me know if you have any questions,
Radha

From: Adhar, Radha
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 9:15 PM
To: Tomlinson, Connor (Rubio) <Connor_Tomlinson@rubio.senate.gov>
Cc: Reamy, Lauren (Rubio) <Lauren_Reamy@rubio.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Sen. Rubio Re: Piney Point Incident

Hey guys,

Thanks for taking the time to chat today. As mentioned, I wanted to share a copy of the letter Administrator Regan sent to Governor Desantis. You can find that letter here and a website with updates on Piney Point here.

Please let me know if you have any questions,
Radha

From: Tomlinson, Connor (Rubio) <Connor_Tomlinson@rubio.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 9:41 AM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Cc: Reamy, Lauren (Rubio) <Lauren_Reamy@rubio.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Sen. Rubio Re: Piney Point Incident

Thank you for the update.

Best,
Connor

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 9:07 PM
To: Reamy, Lauren (Rubio) <Lauren_Reamy@rubio.senate.gov>
Cc: Tomlinson, Connor (Rubio) <Connor_Tomlinson@rubio.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Sen. Rubio Re: Piney Point Incident

Hey y'all,

We are looking forward to chatting tomorrow but in the meantime, I wanted to let you know that earlier today the EPA R4 on-site-coordinator (OSC) transitioned from a liaison role and joined the Unified Command. FDEP requested EPA engineering support to coordinate with the various engineers represented onsite (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, FDEP, South Florida Water Management District, and private industry engineers) to support the response. EPA will attempt to fill this resource request through the Environmental Response Team (ERT). Also, EPA R4 is providing 3 OSCs in response to a request for 3 technical specialists to provide operational and logistical planning/coordination support.

I hope this update is helpful, and please let this team know if you have any questions.

Best,
Radha

From: Reamy, Lauren (Rubio) <Lauren_Reamy@rubio.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 4:08 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Cc: Tomlinson, Connor (Rubio) <Connor_Tomlinson@rubio.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Sen. Rubio Re: Piney Point Incident

Tomorrow: 10:30am, 2pm, 2:30pm, 3:00pm, 4:00pm
Wednesday: 9am, 9:30am, 2:30pm,

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 4:01 PM
To: Reamy, Lauren (Rubio) <Lauren_Reamy@rubio.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Sen. Rubio Re: Piney Point Incident

Hey Lauren, can you provide a few times and I'll see what we can do? Also happy to look at Wednesday if that works for y'all.

From: Reamy, Lauren (Rubio) <Lauren_Reamy@rubio.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 3:57 PM

To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Tomlinson, Connor (Rubio) <Connor_Tomlinson@rubio.senate.gov>; Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>
Cc: Wise, Allison <Wise.Allison@epa.gov>; Kaiser, Sven-Erik <Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov>; Borum, Denis <Borum.Denis@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Sen. Rubio Re: Piney Point Incident

Just kidding—my colleagues can do 10:30am—would that work for you?

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 3:54 PM
To: Reamy, Lauren (Rubio) <Lauren_Reamy@rubio.senate.gov>; Tomlinson, Connor (Rubio) <Connor_Tomlinson@rubio.senate.gov>; Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>
Cc: Wise, Allison <Wise.Allison@epa.gov>; Kaiser, Sven-Erik <Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov>; Borum, Denis <Borum.Denis@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Sen. Rubio Re: Piney Point Incident

Sold for 10! Will send a scheduler to hold time now.

From: Reamy, Lauren (Rubio) <Lauren_Reamy@rubio.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 3:50 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Tomlinson, Connor (Rubio) <Connor_Tomlinson@rubio.senate.gov>; Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>
Cc: Wise, Allison <Wise.Allison@epa.gov>; Kaiser, Sven-Erik <Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov>; Borum, Denis <Borum.Denis@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Sen. Rubio Re: Piney Point Incident

Possible for 9:45am? or 10am?

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 3:49 PM
To: Reamy, Lauren (Rubio) <Lauren_Reamy@rubio.senate.gov>; Tomlinson, Connor (Rubio) <Connor_Tomlinson@rubio.senate.gov>; Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>
Cc: Wise, Allison <Wise.Allison@epa.gov>; Kaiser, Sven-Erik <Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov>; Borum, Denis <Borum.Denis@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Sen. Rubio Re: Piney Point Incident

Thanks Lauren, could we try for 9?

From: Reamy, Lauren (Rubio) <Lauren_Reamy@rubio.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 3:46 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Tomlinson, Connor (Rubio) <Connor_Tomlinson@rubio.senate.gov>; Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>
Cc: Wise, Allison <Wise.Allison@epa.gov>; Kaiser, Sven-Erik <Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov>; Borum, Denis <Borum.Denis@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Sen. Rubio Re: Piney Point Incident

We are indeed available—have times?

Best,
Lauren

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From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
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To: Tomlinson, Connor (Rubio) <Connor_Tomlinson@rubio.senate.gov>; Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>
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Subject: RE: Sen. Rubio Re: Piney Point Incident

Hey Connor,

Do you mind sharing if your team is available to join a call tomorrow with EPA to discuss this issue?

Looking forward to hearing from you,
Radha

From: Adhar, Radha
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 3:36 PM
To: Tomlinson, Connor (Rubio) <Connor_Tomlinson@rubio.senate.gov>; Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>
Cc: Wise, Allison <Wise.Allison@epa.gov>; Kaiser, Sven-Erik <Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov>; Borum, Denis <Borum.Denis@epa.gov>; Reamy, Lauren (Rubio) <Lauren_Reamy@rubio.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Sen. Rubio Re: Piney Point Incident

Hey Connor, thanks for your note. We will circle back.

From: Tomlinson, Connor (Rubio) <Connor_Tomlinson@rubio.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 3:24 PM
To: Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>
Cc: Wise, Allison <Wise.Allison@epa.gov>; Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Kaiser, Sven-Erik <Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov>; Borum, Denis <Borum.Denis@epa.gov>; Reamy, Lauren (Rubio) <Lauren_Reamy@rubio.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Sen. Rubio Re: Piney Point Incident

Good afternoon,

We've received an update from Florida DEP that the EPA has assumed incident command at Piney Point. Would it be possible to receive an update on the EPA's role and a summary of resources now available, and possible additional actions that the EPA may take, as a result of this development?

Thanks,
Connor

From: Tomlinson, Connor (Rubio) <Connor_Tomlinson@rubio.senate.gov>
Sent: Sunday, April 4, 2021 7:58 AM
To: Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>
Cc: Wise, Allison <Wise.Allison@epa.gov>; Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Kaiser, Sven-Erik <Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov>; Borum, Denis <Borum.Denis@epa.gov>; Reamy, Lauren (Rubio) <Lauren_Reamy@rubio.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: Sen. Rubio Re: Piney Point Incident

Thank you, Brandi. I appreciate the update.

Best,
Connor

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 3, 2021, at 10:52 PM, Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov> wrote:

> Connor,
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> Thanks for your email. We are closely monitoring the ongoing situation and are in close communication with Governor DeSantis' office, as well as the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. FDEP is posting the latest information on site status and their response here.
>
> In addition to reaching out to FDEP, the Region has been in contact with the State Emergency Management Agency and the U.S. Coast Guard and we're receiving situational updates. We are deploying an EPA On-Scene Coordinator to liaise with the emergency management agencies in Tampa and to coordinate EPA support, as necessary.
>
> Please let me know if you have any other questions. As things change, we will keep you updated.
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> Thank you,
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> Brandi Jenkins, Director
> Outreach and External Engagement Office
> U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region 4
> 404-562-9124 (office)
> 678-575-2148 (cell)
>
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> Facebook: U.S. EPA Southeast Region
> Webpage: EPA Region 4 (Southeast Region)

From: "Kaiser, Sven-Erik" <Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov>
Date: April 3, 2021 at 12:55:20 PM CDT
To: "Tomlinson, Connor (Rubio)" <Connor_Tomlinson@rubio.senate.gov>, "Adhar, Radha" <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>, "Wise, Allison" <Wise.Allison@epa.gov>, "Borum, Denis" <Borum.Denis@epa.gov>, "Levine, Carolyn" <Levine.Carolyn@epa.gov>

Cc: "Reamy, Lauren (Rubio)" <Lauren_Reamy@rubio.senate.gov>
Subject: Sen. Rubio Re: Piney Point Incident

Connor - thanks for the request. Alerting HQ and EPA Region 4 folks.
Best,
Sven

On Apr 3, 2021, at 1:11 PM, Tomlinson, Connor (Rubio) <Connor_Tomlinson@rubio.senate.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon,

I hope you are well. I am reaching out with regard to the ongoing situation at Piney Point in Manatee County, Florida. Would it be possible to receive an update on EPA activities (including if EPA personnel are present at Piney Point currently) and consultations with entities from the state (the Governor's office, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Department of Emergency Management (FDEM), Manatee County, etc.) in response to the incident, as well as any plans by the EPA to prepare for a potential site remediation?

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Best regards,
Connor

Connor W. Tomlinson
Legislative Aide
Office of U.S. Senator Marco Rubio
284 Russell Senate Office Building
202-224-3041

Message

From: Hoefler, Annie (Murkowski) [Annie_Hoefler@murkowski.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/9/2021 2:09:00 AM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Commercial Fishermen for Bristol Bay on McCabe

Thanks!

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:00 PM
To: Hoefler, Annie (Murkowski) <Annie_Hoefler@murkowski.senate.gov>
Subject: FW: Commercial Fishermen for Bristol Bay on McCabe

Hi Annie! Wanted to make sure you saw this.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 8, 2021
Contact: Katherine Carscallen, Commercial Fishermen for Bristol Bay, (907) 843-2006

Alaskan Fishermen call for swift confirmation of Janet McCabe as Deputy Administrator to the EPA

Bristol Bay's commercial fishermen call on congress to support the nomination of Janet McCabe with a swift vote to see her seated Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Bristol Bay's residents and fishermen have asked the EPA to take action to protect our nation's greatest wild salmon fishery through the Clean Water Act and we believe McCabe's experience will ensure this process is overseen with experience and a commitment to a science based action with the best interests of Alaskans at heart. We urge Alaska's Senators Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan as well as all those who share that commitment to protect Bristol Bay to confirm McCabes' nomination as Deputy Administrator swiftly.

- Katherine Carscallen, Executive Director Commercial Fishermen for Bristol Bay

Message

From: Woods, Shayne [Shayne.Woods@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 4/9/2021 11:41:23 AM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
CC: Jenkins, Brandi [Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov]; Borum, Denis [Borum.Denis@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Connecting you to EPA team in HQ and Region 4

Great news! Thank you, Radha and Team EPA.

Have a wonderful weekend and be well!

Best,
Shayne

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From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:04 PM
To: Woods, Shayne <Shayne.Woods@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>; Borum, Denis <Borum.Denis@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Connecting you to EPA team in HQ and Region 4

You bet Shayne.

I also wanted to share that there are three EPA Region 4 on-site-coordinators (OSC) now deployed at Piney Point. They are helping coordinate state and local partners, evaluate vendor and technology information, and coordinating logistics for splitting ambient water samples from several locations throughout the Bay. Today samples were shipped to a EPA Lab and are expected to be received at the lab tomorrow.

Please let me know if you have any questions,
Radha

From: Woods, Shayne <Shayne.Woods@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 7:06 AM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Cc: Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>; Borum, Denis <Borum.Denis@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Connecting you to EPA team in HQ and Region 4

Excellent - thank you for flagging, Radha!

-Shayne

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 6, 2021, at 9:15 PM, Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov> wrote:

Hey Shayne,

I wanted to share that today Administrator Regan sent a letter to Governor Desantis. You can find that letter here and a website with updates on Piney Point here.

Please let me know if you have any questions,
Radha

From: Woods, Shayne <Shayne.Woods@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 8:10 AM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Cc: Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>; Borum, Denis <Borum.Denis@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Connecting you to EPA team in HQ and Region 4

Good Morning Radha,

Appreciate the continued updates for the Congressman - no additional questions at this time, but will certainly follow up should we need additional information or clarification.

Have a wonderful day and be well!

Best,
Shayne

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Rep. Gus Bilirakis (FL-12)
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Washington, DC 20515
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Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 5, 2021, at 9:07 PM, Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov> wrote:
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> Hi Shayne,
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> Thanks for your note. I wanted to share that earlier today the EPA R4 on-site-coordinator (OSC) transitioned from a liaison role and joined the Unified Command. FDEP requested EPA engineering support to coordinate with the various engineers represented onsite (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, FDEP, South Florida Water Management District, and private industry engineers) to support the response. EPA will attempt to fill this resource request through the Environmental Response Team (ERT). Also, EPA R4 is providing 3 OSCs in response to a request for 3 technical specialists to provide operational and logistical planning/coordination support.
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> I hope this update is helpful, and please let this team know if you have any questions.

Best,
Radha

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To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Cc: Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>; Borum, Denis <Borum.Denis@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Connecting you to EPA team in HQ and Region 4

Thank you, Radha and Team EPA – we really appreciate the proactive outreach/support on this one. All things considered, hope y'all had a restful weekend.

Have a wonderful week and be well!

Best,
Shayne

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Cc: Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>; Borum, Denis <Borum.Denis@epa.gov>
Subject: Connecting you to EPA team in HQ and Region 4

Hi Shayne,

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The latest information on Piney Point from @FLDEPNews can be found here: https://protectingfloridatogether.gov/PineyPointUpdate. Information from

@ManateeGov, including evacuation orders, can be found here:
https://www.mymanatee.org/news___events/what_s_new/piney_point_update
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Best regards,
Radha

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Message

From: Lomagistro, Collin (Rick Scott) [Collin_Lomagistro@rickscott.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/9/2021 1:21:50 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
CC: Jenkins, Brandi [Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov]; Borum, Denis [Borum.Denis@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Connecting you to EPA team in HQ and Region 4

Thanks for the update.

-Collin

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:03 PM
To: Lomagistro, Collin (Rick Scott) <Collin_Lomagistro@rickscott.senate.gov>
Cc: Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>; Borum, Denis <Borum.Denis@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Connecting you to EPA team in HQ and Region 4

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Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 8:42 AM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Cc: Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>; Borum, Denis <Borum.Denis@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Connecting you to EPA team in HQ and Region 4

Thank you

-Collin

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 9:16 PM
To: Lomagistro, Collin (Rick Scott) <Collin_Lomagistro@rickscott.senate.gov>
Cc: Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>; Borum, Denis <Borum.Denis@epa.gov>
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Cc: Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>; Borum, Denis <Borum.Denis@epa.gov>
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Best,
Radha

From: Lomagistro, Collin (Rick Scott) <Collin_Lomagistro@rickscott.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 8:12 AM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Cc: Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>; Borum, Denis <Borum.Denis@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Connecting you to EPA team in HQ and Region 4

Adhar,

Thanks for reaching out and for the update.

-Collin

Collin Lomagistro
Senior Policy Advisor
Senator Rick Scott
C: 202-355-8776
Collin_Lomagistro@rickscott.senate.gov

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Sunday, April 4, 2021 9:26 PM
To: Lomagistro, Collin (Rick Scott) <Collin_Lomagistro@rickscott.senate.gov>
Cc: Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>; Borum, Denis <Borum.Denis@epa.gov>
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Best regards,
Radha

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Message

From: Patel, Vandan (Schumer) [Vandan_Patel@schumer.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/9/2021 3:06:01 PM
To: Mata, Carsen [Mata.Carsen@epa.gov]; Byck, Sabina [Byck.Sabina@epa.gov]; Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
CC: Ryder, Tim (Schumer) [Tim_Ryder@schumer.senate.gov]
Subject: Letter: MCL for PFOA/PFOS and Review of PFAS as a Class
Attachments: 04092021 - EPA - MCL for PFOA and PFOS and Review as Class.pdf

Hi all –

Please find attached a letter from Leader Schumer asking the EPA to establish an MCL for PFOA and PFOS, review data to assess possibly regulating PFAS as a class, and phase out the non-essential uses of PFAS chemicals. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you all!

Vandan

CHARLES E. SCHUMER
NEW YORK

Majority Leader

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3203

April 9, 2021

The Honorable Michael Regan
Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Regan:

I write today to urge you to make it a top Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) priority to swiftly establish a Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) under the Safe Drinking Water Act for Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS), and expeditiously review the broader health data on Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) as a class in order to assess possible regulatory actions against additional members of the broader group of chemicals. Additionally, I urge EPA to quickly phase out the non-essential uses of PFAS chemicals while this assessment is completed.

The scientific and public health communities agree that PFAS chemicals pose a great public health challenge and need to be regulated at the federal level. This is reflected in the March 15 letter from 67 experts urging EPA to regulate PFAS as a class. After the previous Administration's lack of urgency on the issue, I was pleased to hear that the EPA was reviving efforts to regulate PFOA and PFOS, but EPA must go further and quickly evaluate the health data on the broader class of PFAS chemicals. Addressing each of the over 9,000 chemicals individually is impractical, and due to their similar accumulation potential, toxicity, extreme persistence, and potential risk, EPA should review the health data of the class or closely related members within subclasses in order to assess possible regulatory actions for the broader group. As the Agency moves forward in its effort to set a MCL on PFOA and PFOS, as well as assessing the PFAS class, I encourage you to work collaboratively with states, tribes, water systems and local communities – particularly those across New York – impacted by these "forever chemicals". While this work is undertaken, experts and advocates have urged the EPA to quickly phase out non-essential uses of PFAS chemicals, and I am adding my voice to this call for an expeditious move away from any non-essential uses of PFAS.

As you are aware, PFAS chemicals are a widespread class of toxic chemical contaminating drinking water across the nation. These chemicals have been linked to a number of adverse health effects, including certain types of cancers. Several communities across the state of New York are currently struggling with drinking water contamination, human exposure, and clean up challenges due to PFAS pollution. I have been working closely with these impacted communities to make the public aware of possible exposure to these toxic substances and to ensure proper cleanup however, without an enforceable standard these efforts are hindered. Our communities cannot continue to be left in the dark about the environmental and health risks they face from PFAS.

Although states, like New York, have set a MCL for some PFAS chemicals substances, federal drinking water standards and leadership are needed to provide tools to states, tribes, water systems, and local communities to secure safe drinking water. I strongly urge you to swiftly establish a drinking water standard for PFOA and PFOS, while expeditiously reviewing the broader health data on PFAS chemicals as a class, and phasing out the non-essential uses of PFAS chemicals.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact my staff.

Sincerely,

Charles Schumer

Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator

Message

From: Thompson, Janie [Janie.Thompson@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 4/9/2021 3:49:26 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Meeting

No problem! I was out yesterday so I'm still digging out... glad about that announcement though!!

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 9, 2021 11:35 AM
To: Thompson, Janie <Janie.Thompson@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting

Hey lady do you mind if we pull our chat this week down?

-----Original Appointment-----
From: Adhar, Radha
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 11:19 AM
To: Adhar, Radha; Thompson, Janie
Subject: Meeting
When: Friday, April 9, 2021 12:00 PM-12:30 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

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Message

From: Brown, Karly [Karly.Brown@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 4/9/2021 4:08:18 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]; Katims, Casey [Katims.Casey@epa.gov]
Subject: PA01 Congressional Inquiry - Ex. 6
Attachments: Hafer PRF.pdf

Good Afternoon,

My name is Karly Brown and I am a Constituent Advocate in the district office of Congressman Fitzpatrick (PA-01). We had a constituent reach out to us, Ex. 6, regarding a recurring issue he is experiencing at his residence. Please see the attached Privacy Release Form. The constituent mentioned that he was in contact with a representative from the EPA regarding this issue. The name is provided was Ms. Rebecca Flannery. Ex. 6 is currently experiencing a large fuel spill on his property and is trying to work with the EPA and a local environmental company to resolve the issue, to no avail. I am not exactly sure if any EPA personnel could help shed some light on this, but I wanted to make sure I exhausted all of my resources.

I am hoping for your full and fair consideration regarding this inquiry and I hope for your assistance in resolving the issue. Please contact me if you have any additional questions and I look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,

Karly Brown
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Brian K. Fitzpatrick

8th District of Pennsylvania
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20513-3808

Full name: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
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Street/Apt.: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
City/State/Zip: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Home Phone: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) **Work Phone: n/a**
Email Address: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

****Pursuant to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. § 552a), I hereby authorize appropriate Governmental agencies, including the IRS, to release information about me and relevant to this inquiry to Representative Brian K. Fitzpatrick and his staff members.**

Name (Please Print): Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Signature: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) **Date:** 12/13/2020

DESCRIPTION OF ASSISTANCE NEEDED

Please describe, in detail, the type of assistance you are seeking from Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick's office. Include any agency claim/file numbers and attach copies of any relevant documents and correspondence that maybe helpful to resolve your inquiry

On 11/30, I applied for SS benefits and Medicare online. During the process, I called the Social Security office at 800-772-1213 because I had a few questions. The agent instructed me not to apply for Part B until I had Part A approved. I called the following day because I did not see a status in my SS portal. A different agent stated that I had to apply for Part B and instructed that I fax SEP forms 40B and L564 showing that I was covered by Bucks County Free Library until 12/31/2020. The forms were faxed on 12/2/2020 to fax numbers 1-833-914-2016 and 1-833-515-0401. My online form has been assigned to Chelsea Pickett at the Social Security department of WSU in AL, (205-805-4840). I have left a few messages stating that my original application stated I did not want Part B, but I needed to clarify that I wanted Part B and my SEP forms are in Work Track (an electronic location where the forms are stored for all departments to view). I also stated that I needed Part A and Part B approvals to enroll in supplemental insurance by 12/31/2020. I have called Miss Pickett every day, at all times of the day but only go into voicemail. I spoke to Kyle at the Social Security office in Fairless Hills office, 215-943-5121, on 12/7 to see if I could cancel the online application and apply over the phone. The agent said this was not an option. However, Kyle stated that he would send a message to the WSU office in AL regarding my urgency.

The following is a snapshot of the status in my social security portal on 12/13/2020. This has not changed since 12/2/2020.

If you need any other information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Current Status

Step 2 of 3

Processing

12/01/2020	**Benefit Application Pending** We are reviewing your Retirement benefit application. A Social Security Representative may contact you directly if we need any additional documents or information.
11/30/2020	Your Retirement benefit application was submitted.

Message

From: Thompson, Janie [Janie.Thompson@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 4/9/2021 5:07:18 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: See our press release?

Oh yes lets please get our bosses to meet! EBJ would be thrilled. I'd advise emailing me, Priyanka and Dick Obermann to make the overture and we can link in the schedulers to find a time that works for both of them.

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 11:10 AM
To: Thompson, Janie <Janie.Thompson@mail.house.gov>
Subject: See our press release?

Was trying to give you a heads up but couldn't connect. Hope you guys are happy ♡
Also, should we get our boss's to meet?

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Message

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Sent: 4/9/2021 8:03:19 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Can you please send me your schedulers info?

Lol! Making sure that we're accessible for all Nevadans

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 9, 2021 3:58 PM
To: Lokken, Sean (Cortez Masto) <Sean_Lokken@cortezmasto.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Can you please send me your schedulers info?

TWO? How busy are y'all?!!

From: Lokken, Sean (Cortez Masto) <Sean_Lokken@cortezmasto.senate.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 9, 2021 3:57 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Can you please send me your schedulers info?

Absolutely!

Anaisy Tolentino – Anaisy_Tolentino@cortezmasto.senate.gov

Viviana Quintero – Viviana_Quintero@cortezmasto.senate.gov

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 9, 2021 3:53 PM
To: Lokken, Sean (Cortez Masto) <Sean_Lokken@cortezmasto.senate.gov>
Subject: Can you please send me your schedulers info?

Thank you in advance!

Radha Adhar
Deputy Associate Administrator for Congressional Affairs
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Cell: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Pronouns: She/her/hers

Message

From: Darner, Michael [Michael.Darner@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 4/11/2021 5:14:01 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
CC: Bhatt, Keane [Keane.Bhatt@mail.house.gov]
Subject: Scheduling a Meeting with the Administrator and the House Progressive Caucus

Ms. Adhar,

I hope you're having a lovely weekend. I'm reaching out at the suggestion of Alicia Molt over at OLA about the possibility of scheduling a meeting between the 95 members of the Congressional Progressive Caucus and EPA Administrator Regan.

The CPC meets every week when the House is in session and during Committee Weeks. Here are a few of our upcoming member meetings:

Thursday, April 15th at 1pm
Tuesday, April 20th at 1pm
Tuesday, April 27th at 1pm.

I look forward to being in touch with you soon.

Best,

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Mike Darner | Executive Director
Congressional Progressive Caucus (CPC)
https://progressives.house.gov/
Twitter: @usprogressives
Cell: 202.215.7623

Message

From: Hardacker, Francisco (DSOC) [Francisco_Hardacker@dsoc.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/12/2021 12:08:05 PM
To: Leone, Kate (DSOC) [Kate_Leone@dsoc.senate.gov]; Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Intro

Yes, that works!

From: Leone, Kate (DSOC) <Kate_Leone@dsoc.senate.gov>
Sent: Sunday, April 11, 2021 10:30 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Cc: Hardacker, Francisco (DSOC) <Francisco_Hardacker@dsoc.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: Intro

Hi! That works for me - Francisco?

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 11, 2021, at 9:50 PM, Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov> wrote:

Hey guys! Do you mind letting me know if 3 works ok for y'all tomorrow?

Looking forward to it,
Radha

From: Leone, Kate (DSOC) <Kate_Leone@dsoc.senate.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 9, 2021 12:05 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Cc: Hardacker, Francisco (DSOC) <Francisco_Hardacker@dsoc.senate.gov>; Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Intro

Hi – just checking back in to see if you want to pick a time for Monday? What time would work for you?

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 12:11 PM
To: Leone, Kate (DSOC) <Kate_Leone@dsoc.senate.gov>
Cc: Hardacker, Francisco (DSOC) <Francisco_Hardacker@dsoc.senate.gov>; Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Intro

Ergh I am embarrassed that I am not free and unable to adjust. Mind sharing if you have time Monday?

Also, re sharing EPA's LCR info- if any office does amplify, if they can let me know so we can thank them, I'd be grateful!

From: Leone, Kate (DSOC) <Kate_Leone@dsoc.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 12:08 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>

Cc: Hardacker, Francisco (DSOC) <Francisco_Hardacker@dsoc.senate.gov>; Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Intro

Terrific, yes. We would love to run some names by you for the other guests as well. Does tomorrow afternoon work? We are free after 1:30.

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 11:12 AM
To: Leone, Kate (DSOC) <Kate_Leone@dsoc.senate.gov>
Cc: Hardacker, Francisco (DSOC) <Francisco_Hardacker@dsoc.senate.gov>; Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Intro

Thanks Kate, can we connect later this week to make sure the boss is prepped? Appreciate your assistance with this!

From: Leone, Kate (DSOC) <Kate_Leone@dsoc.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:34 AM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Cc: Hardacker, Francisco (DSOC) <Francisco_Hardacker@dsoc.senate.gov>; Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Intro

Hi there! I just talked to Senator Klobuchar and she is happy to have the Administrator on April 28th for the first 40 minutes! She is very excited and wants us to move forward and lock it in! Thank you so much!!! I'm so glad this will work out and we will make sure to make it worth his time. Should we touch base about other people we are considering inviting? I want to make sure you guys are comfortable with them.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 8, 2021, at 8:54 AM, Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov> wrote:
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> No need to apologize at all. I'm at Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) and will keep an eye on my phone if you have a minute to chat. We will get back to you re: the 12th!
>
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>
> **From:** Leone, Kate (DSOC) <Kate_Leone@dsoc.senate.gov>
> **Sent:** Thursday, April 8, 2021 8:52 AM
> **To:** Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Hardacker, Francisco (DSOC) <Francisco_Hardacker@dsoc.senate.gov>; Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: Intro
>
> Hi! I'm so sorry - I was doing school getting ready stuff. The senate is in recess the next week but would may 12 from 9-10 work?
>
> Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 8, 2021, at 8:19 AM, Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks Kate- do you have a few minutes now before 830? TOTALLY understand if that's way too early.

Unfortunately with the boss testifying that morning, I don't think we can do the whole hour although I know I can speak for him when I say he wishes he could. Would it be possible to push this conversation by a week?

Best,
Radha

From: Leone, Kate (DSOC) <Kate_Leone@dsoc.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 8:16 AM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Cc: Hardacker, Francisco (DSOC) <Francisco_Hardacker@dsoc.senate.gov>; Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Intro

Hi Radha,
Thanks! Would love to jump on the phone today. What time works?

We don't typically have guests join for only part of the call because the Q and A section is the second half - is there any way he could do the whole hour? I can talk to Senator Klobuchar about a shorter time but would be really great if we could have him there for the conversation!

Thanks,
Kate

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 7, 2021, at 5:38 PM, Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> Hey y'all,
>
> Thank you again for extending this invitation to Administrator Regan. He is happy to accept, but we wanted to share that he will have a hard stop at 9:40. Do you mind sharing if y'all can accommodate that? He is disappointed he is unable to spend an entire hour with y'all.
>
> Looking forward to hearing from you,
> Radha

PS maybe tomorrow would work for a touch base? Would like to flag an issue for you.

From: Leone, Kate (DSOC) <Kate_Leone@dsoc.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 12:00 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Hardacker, Francisco (DSOC) <Francisco_Hardacker@dsoc.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Intro

Great, thanks! Sure – would 1 or after 4:45 work on your end? (Francisco, not sure, do those work for you too?)

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 11:33 AM
To: Leone, Kate (DSOC) <Kate_Leone@dsoc.senate.gov>; Hardacker, Francisco (DSOC) <Francisco_Hardacker@dsoc.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Intro

Hi Kate, I think I should have an answer for y'all later today and apologize for the inconvenience. Do you have a second to chat about something else we could use your help on?

From: Leone, Kate (DSOC) <Kate_Leone@dsoc.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 10:48 AM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Hardacker, Francisco (DSOC) <Francisco_Hardacker@dsoc.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Intro

Hi Radha,
I wanted to check in on whether the Administrator will be able to participate in the call with Senators on April 28 from 9-10 am. We have been brainstorming about other participants and would love to touch base with you before inviting anyone to join him if he is going to be able to be on the call. Please let us know if you have any time today to discuss this!

Thanks,
Kate

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 1:17 PM
To: Leone, Kate (DSOC) <Kate_Leone@dsoc.senate.gov>; Hardacker, Francisco

(DSOC) <Francisco_Hardacker@dsoc.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Intro

Awesome, thank you! How is 11:30 tomorrow?

From: Leone, Kate (DSOC)
<Kate_Leone@dsoc.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 12:29 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Hardacker, Francisco (DSOC)
<Francisco_Hardacker@dsoc.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Intro

Tomorrow is great! Just let us know when works!

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 11:42 AM
To: Leone, Kate (DSOC)
<Kate_Leone@dsoc.senate.gov>; Hardacker, Francisco (DSOC) <Francisco_Hardacker@dsoc.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Intro

Hey Kate, I would love to chat. Today is tough- anyway I could find you tomorrow? If not, let me know and I can jump off a call and ring you.

From: Leone, Kate (DSOC)
<Kate_Leone@dsoc.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 11:05 AM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Hardacker, Francisco (DSOC)
<Francisco_Hardacker@dsoc.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Intro

Hi Radha,
Just wanted to loop back on this and removing Dan to save his inbox. We are setting up a meeting in the Steering Committee for next month and were really hoping that the Commissioner would be able to join the conversation. If you have time to talk today, please let us know! We are looking at April 28 for the meeting (which would be a phone call with about 20 Senators because of the pandemic) at 9 am. We can provide more details and we'd love your thoughts on other guests! Thanks!
Kate

From: Leone, Kate (DSOC)
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 12:18 PM
To: 'Adhar, Radha' <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Dudis, Dan (Whitehouse)
<Dan_Dudis@whitehouse.senate.gov>; Hardacker,

Francisco (DSOC)
<Francisco_Hardacker@dsoc.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Intro

Thank you both! Radha, we would love to hop on the phone with you later today or tomorrow if that would work for you! We are pretty open if you can find the time!

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 11:55 AM
To: Dudis, Dan (Whitehouse)
<Dan_Dudis@whitehouse.senate.gov>; Leone, Kate (DSOC) <Kate_Leone@dsoc.senate.gov>; Hardacker, Francisco (DSOC)
<Francisco_Hardacker@dsoc.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Intro

Thank you for the introduction Dan! Kate and Francisco, looking forward to hearing from you.

From: Dudis, Dan (Whitehouse)
<Dan_Dudis@whitehouse.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 11:50 AM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Leone, Kate (DSOC) <Kate_Leone@dsoc.senate.gov>; Hardacker, Francisco (DSOC)
<Francisco_Hardacker@dsoc.senate.gov>
Subject: Intro

Radha,

I wanted to introduce you to Kate Leone and Francisco Hardacker at DSOC. They have a few questions for you about an upcoming climate-themed Steering Committee meeting that they're planning.

All the best,

dan

Message

From: Hanson, Sarah [Sarah.Hanson1@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 4/12/2021 1:22:53 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Thank you letter from Rep. Crist to Admin Regan

Thanks, Radha! I really appreciate you providing updates so I can share them with the boss 😊 Very helpful!

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 8:57 PM
To: Hanson, Sarah <Sarah.Hanson1@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Thank you letter from Rep. Crist to Admin Regan

You bet!

I also wanted to share that there are three EPA Region 4 on-site-coordinators (OSC) now deployed at Piney Point. They are helping coordinate state and local partners, evaluate vendor information, and coordinating logistics for splitting ambient water samples from 11 or more locations throughout the Bay. Today samples were shipped to a EPA Lab and are expected to be received at the lab tomorrow.

Please let me know if you have any questions,
Radha

PS I think there is something in writing, will check if I can share.

From: Hanson, Sarah <Sarah.Hanson1@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:19 AM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Thank you letter from Rep. Crist to Admin Regan

Thanks, Radha! Really appreciate that update and great news! Is there anything in writing we could point to to amplify Florida's acceptance?

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 10:51 PM
To: Hanson, Sarah <Sarah.Hanson1@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Z115 Crist, Charlie <Charlie.Crist@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Thank you letter from Rep. Crist to Admin Regan

Hi Sarah,

I wanted to let you know we heard from Florida today that they will take us up on our offer to conduct sampling. Also, thank you for your kind note to EPA.

Best,
Radha

From: Hanson, Sarah <Sarah.Hanson1@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 5:09 PM

To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Cc: Z115 Crist, Charlie <Charlie.Crist@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Thank you letter from Rep. Crist to Admin Regan

Hi Radha,

Rep. Crist wanted to thank the Administrator for his attention to Piney Point and his generous offer to assist Florida with water quality monitoring, so attached is a letter doing that. We really appreciate everything you've done thus far and look forward to continuing to work together on this.

Thanks!

Sarah Hanson | Senior Policy Advisor/Deputy Legislative Director
Congressman Charlie Crist (FL-13)
215 Cannon House Office Building | (202) 225-5961
Pronouns: she/her/hers

Message

From: Fleming, Denise [Denise.Fleming@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 4/12/2021 2:34:45 PM
To: Sanders, LaTonya [Sanders.Latonya@epa.gov]; Kaiser, Sven-Erik [Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov]; McComiskey, Tony [Tony.McComiskey@mail.house.gov]; Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]; Borum, Denis [Borum.Denis@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Rep. Axne RE: Des Moines Water Meeting Request

Hi Sven,
Rep. Axne would like to participate in this meeting and I'm happy to facilitate setting everything up between EPA, our office, and DMWW. At this point, dates in May are best given Rep. Axne's schedule!

The background from DMWW on what type of meeting they'd like is:

- Tell our story about Harmful Algal Blooms: Update on our source water, in particular, the imminent threat from microcystin/cyanobacteria and the fact that one of our two rivers was **UNUSABLE** for hundreds of days the past two years. This is a risky situation when providing water for one-sixth of Iowa's population; and it should raise alarm bells about the condition of the water in the Upper Miss. Risk is compounded by the fact that our other source, the Raccoon, may be headed for another dry year.
- Hypoxia Task Force: Ask if there is a larger role we could play in informing the work of the Gulf Hypoxia Task Force. Reiterate our request to do a presentation at their next meeting and then, going forward, give drinking water utilities in the Upper Miss a stronger voice on the Task Force (advisory panel, work group, update at every Task Force meeting, or something similar). Is the Task Force hearing stories from utilities like ours??
- Ask for a focused Harmful Algal Blooms research and restoration initiative aimed at the Upper Miss. We can tell our story about how we are meeting with a diverse mix of groups who care about HABs, including pet groups, farm groups, farmers cooperatives, land management companies, nonprofits in the MRB, etc. We support legislation and/or policy that established an EPA office to strengthen the nutrient reduction strategies in the Upper Miss, and include drinking water as an important player at the table (or some other work group focused on the Upper Miss.)

A few months ago, DMWW met with Katie Flahive, who is on the Gulf Hypoxia Task Force, regarding DMWW's interest in the Hypoxia Task Force—I'm told that meeting went well and also included Lynda Hall and a few others of the staff.

Jen Terry from DMWW contacted EPA Region 7 few weeks ago asking if they could set a meeting with their team as well Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig, as he is co-chair of the Task Force, but did not hear back.

Please let me know if this information is helpful or I can provide more!

Denise

From: Kaiser, Sven-Erik <Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 9, 2021 8:35 AM
To: Denise.Fleming@mail.house.gov; Tony.McComiskey@mail.house.gov; Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Borum, Denis <Borum.Denis@epa.gov>; Sanders, LaTonya <Sanders.Latonya@epa.gov>
Subject: Rep. Axne RE: Des Moines Water Meeting Request

Denise – thanks for the request to talk about Des Moines Water Works and harmful algae blooms impacting local water supply. We'll be glad to work with you and your constituent about the concerns. So we can get the

right folks together, perhaps you can provide background on the issue. Does your office, including Rep Axne, want to be personally involved in a call, or if you prefer, provide a point of contact for Des Moines water and we can reach out directly. I'm including EPA HQ and Region 7 folks on this note to facilitate responding. Please let us know if any questions. Thanks,
Sven

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From: Fleming, Denise <Denise.Fleming@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 12:06 PM
To: OCIRmail <OCIRmail@epa.gov>
Cc: McComiskey, Tony <Tony.McComiskey@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Rep. Axne - Constituent Meeting Request

Good afternoon,
I am hoping to speak with one of your Congressional Liaisons about a possible meeting between Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator Radhika Fox and our local water utility Des Moines Water Works. The meeting topic is concerns over harmful algae blooms impacting local water supply.

Rep. Axne is happy to participate and facilitate this meeting and I'd be happy to connect to discuss more details.

Respectfully,
Denise Fleming
Legislative Director
Congresswoman Cindy Axne (IA-03)
Cell: (202) 336-3614

Message

From: Tomilchik, Rebecca [Rebecca.Tomilchik@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 4/12/2021 5:33:33 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: Today's EPA/E&C Weekly

Hi Radha,

Let me know if you have issues joining the Teams meeting for our 1:30pm weekly meeting.

Best,
Becky

Rebecca Tomilchik
Policy Analyst
Environment and Climate Change
Committee on Energy & Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
(202) 225-2927

Message

From: Marcus, Jeremy [Jeremy.Marcus@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 4/12/2021 5:36:15 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: Time to chat?

Radha,
Hey hope all is going well at EPA! I'm sure quite the busy time for you…curious if you have a few minutes to chat this week though?
Thanks!

Jeremy Marcus
Deputy Chief of Staff
Congressman Matt Cartwright
202-225-5546

Message

From: Cantor, Chloe (Wicker) [Chloe_Cantor@wicker.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/12/2021 5:39:37 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: Water Infrastructure

Hi Rahda,

I hope this reaches you well. We have been in touch previously about the water infrastructure needs of Mississippi, specifically the City of Jackson. I wanted to update you on our efforts on this. We championed a provision that was included in water infrastructure legislation recently considered by EPW that would establish a pilot program to provide grants to utilities to ensure low-income customers maintain access to drinking water and wastewater services. Eligible entities would be those that have taken on an unsustainable level of debt due to customer nonpayment, and utilities that are under a consent decree would be prioritized. We think Jackson could be a good candidate for such a program.

I'm happy to talk with you further about this. Additionally, if there are other programs that should be on our radar that could help Jackson and other similarly situated cities in Mississippi, we are happy to discuss those further! 202-224-0602

Chloe Cantor
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Message

From: Beach, Nathaniel [Nathaniel.Beach@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 4/12/2021 6:40:29 PM
To: Kaiser, Sven-Erik [Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov]; Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]; Beckmann, Ronna Erin [beckmann.ronna@epa.gov]; Borum, Denis [Borum.Denis@epa.gov]; Klasen, Matthew [Klasen.Matthew@epa.gov]; Boylan, Thomas [boylan.thomas@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Rep. Stivers Septic Inquiry

I appreciate the assistance.

Best,
Nathaniel Beach
Office of Congressman Steve Stivers (OH-15)
(202) 934-4307

From: Kaiser, Sven-Erik <Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 11:31 AM
To: Beach, Nathaniel <Nathaniel.Beach@mail.house.gov>; Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Beckmann, Ronna Erin <beckmann.ronna@epa.gov>; Borum, Denis <Borum.Denis@epa.gov>; Klasen, Matthew <Klasen.Matthew@epa.gov>; Boylan, Thomas <boylan.thomas@epa.gov>
Subject: Rep. Stivers Septic Inquiry

Nathaniel- thanks for forwarding the constituent inquiry regarding their septic system. I'm looping in my EPA Region 5 colleague Ronna Beckmann as this looks to be a local issue and possibly under state jurisdiction. We'll be glad to provide a response. Please let us know if any questions. Thanks,
Sven

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From: Beach, Nathaniel <Nathaniel.Beach@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 10:36 AM
To: Boylan, Thomas <boylan.thomas@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Inquiry

Good Morning,

My constituent is the President of a Christian rehabilitation facility and they are looking for a new facility by need a new septic system and are awaiting the EPA to assist. Could you help in getting them connected?

Best,

Nathaniel Beach

Office of Congressman Steve Stivers (OH-15)

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Message

From: Ryan, Molly (Collins) [Molly_Ryan@collins.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/12/2021 6:51:39 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: A second to chat?

No worries, I am sure you are very busy ☺

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 2:50 PM
To: Ryan, Molly (Collins) <Molly_Ryan@collins.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: A second to chat?

My bad Molly. Doing now.

From: Ryan, Molly (Collins) <Molly_Ryan@collins.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 2:49 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: A second to chat?

Hi, not yet, but I would greatly appreciate it!

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 2:44 PM
To: Ryan, Molly (Collins) <Molly_Ryan@collins.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: A second to chat?

Hey lady, did I connect you to my colleague on this issue? I was just thinking about this and it occurred to me it may have slipped through the cracks.

From: Ryan, Molly (Collins) <Molly_Ryan@collins.senate.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 2, 2021 11:08 AM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: A second to chat?

Thanks.. according to Heinrich's staff EPA is already working on something, but just wanted to reach out to you directly as well. Happy Friday!

Molly

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 2, 2021 11:07 AM
To: Ryan, Molly (Collins) <Molly_Ryan@collins.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: A second to chat?

Hey Molly, will circle back! Thanks for reaching out.

From: Ryan, Molly (Collins) <Molly_Ryan@collins.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 1, 2021 5:00 PM

To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: A second to chat?

Hi Radha,

Quick question… I understand lawyers at EPA weighed in with King/Heinrich staff about the Methane CRA, specifically how passing the CRA would not prevent EPA from issuing a substantially similar reg. Senator Collins has supported methane regs in the past, and is interested in hearing EPA's thinking on the "substantially the same" issue. Are you able to send me their analysis on this, or maybe connect with me with someone who can provide more clarify on why EPA is comfortable with Congress pursuing this CRA? Thanks so much in advance.

Molly

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 2:27 PM
To: Ryan, Molly (Collins) <Molly_Ryan@collins.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: A second to chat?

Wonderful! Can you remind me of our number?

From: Ryan, Molly (Collins) <Molly_Ryan@collins.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 2:23 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: A second to chat?

Hi Radha,

Sure! I am free until 3PM.. and then after 4PM. I am at 4-1355.

Molly

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 1:51 PM
To: Ryan, Molly (Collins) <Molly_Ryan@collins.senate.gov>
Subject: A second to chat?

Hey Molly!

I hope all is well. Do you mind letting me know if I can give you a ring for 1 minute today? Want to update you on a request you flagged for me.

Thanks,
Radha

Radha Adhar
Deputy Associate Administrator for Congressional Affairs
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Cell: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Pronouns: She/her/hers

Appointment

From: Ryan, Molly (Collins) [Molly_Ryan@collins.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/12/2021 7:47:38 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]

Subject: Accepted: EPA/Collins connect
Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Start: 4/16/2021 8:00:00 PM
End: 4/16/2021 8:30:00 PM
Show Time As: Busy

Recurrence: (none)

Message

From: Davis, Bryer (Manchin) [Bryer_Davis@manchin.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/12/2021 8:20:19 PM
To: Lance, Kathleen [Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov]
CC: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Call with EPA Administrator Michael Regan

Ok, that was quick – he'll be there and back tomorrow so we're all good for Wednesday dinner. Yes, Mrs. Manchin is in town and will cook dinner (usually Italian, but I'm not positive). Does 6pm work for you?

When you arrive at Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) Senator Manchin or Tyler Brewster (our Special Assistant) will meet Mr. Regan there. If you can give us about a 5 – 10 minute heads up on arrival, we'll be sure someone is there waiting. Tyler can be reached at Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) My cell is Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Thanks very much!

From: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 3:57 PM
To: Davis, Bryer (Manchin) <Bryer_Davis@manchin.senate.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Call with EPA Administrator Michael Regan

Copy, ty!

Kathleen C. Lance
Director of Scheduling and Advance
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Cell: (202) 941-1109

From: Davis, Bryer (Manchin) <Bryer_Davis@manchin.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 3:51 PM
To: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Call with EPA Administrator Michael Regan

Hi Kathleen – There's a chance Senator Manchin may have to go back to WV tomorrow and/or Wednesday for a personal matter. I should know within the next few hours and will circle back with details if we don't need to postpone dinner. Thanks!

From: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 8:59 AM
To: Davis, Bryer (Manchin) <Bryer_Davis@manchin.senate.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Call with EPA Administrator Michael Regan

Good morning Bryer!

I hope you had a great weekend. At your earliest convenience, could you please share the additional arrival logistics for dinner this Wednesday, April 14 at 6:00pm?

Will Mrs. Manchin also be joining?

Thank you again!

Kindly,

Kathleen C. Lance
Director of Scheduling and Advance
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Cell: (202) 941-1109

From: Lance, Kathleen
Sent: Friday, April 2, 2021 2:31 PM
To: Davis, Bryer (Manchin) <Bryer_Davis@manchin.senate.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Call with EPA Administrator Michael Regan

Wonderful, thank you!

Kathleen C. Lance
Director of Scheduling and Advance
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Cell: (202) 941-1109

From: Davis, Bryer (Manchin) <Bryer_Davis@manchin.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 1:31 PM
To: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Call with EPA Administrator Michael Regan

Hello, great news! Yes, the Senator's boat is located at Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) We can coordinate specific arrival logistics and contact info earlier that week if that works for you. We're flexible on timing, but my boss suggested 6pm. I believe the plan is just 1 on 1. There's a chance Mrs. Manchin is in town, but I'm sure just yet. Thank you!

From: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 1:16 PM
To: Davis, Bryer (Manchin) <Bryer_Davis@manchin.senate.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Call with EPA Administrator Michael Regan

Hi Bryer,

Thank you for this kind invitation. To confirm, is the boat located in Washington DC?

I am pleased to share that the Administrator is able to join Senator Manchin for dinner. Could you please confirm that this will be a 1 on 1 dinner, or does the Senator plan to have a member of his team join?

Please also share with me the time and address for dinner.

Kindly,

Kathleen C. Lance
Director of Scheduling and Advance
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From: Davis, Bryer (Manchin) <Bryer_Davis@manchin.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2021 4:14 PM
To: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Call with EPA Administrator Michael Regan

Hi Kathleen – Senator Manchin would like to invite the Administrator down to his boat for a casual dinner when we return from the recess. Would Wednesday, April 14 work on your end? Please let me know! Thanks.

From: Davis, Bryer (Manchin)
Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 4:58 PM
To: 'Lance, Kathleen' <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Call with EPA Administrator Michael Regan

I'm happy to pass along Senator Manchin's cell number for your contacts, but the Senator will be in the office tomorrow during this time and prefers to take the call on his desk line. Can you please call Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) at 3:30pm? And the Senator's cell is Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) for your contacts. Thank you!

From: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 2:41 PM
To: Davis, Bryer (Manchin) <Bryer_Davis@manchin.senate.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Call with EPA Administrator Michael Regan

Tomorrow, Thursday, March 25 at 3:30pm would be great! This would be a general conversation with Senator Manchin and Administrator Regan, and the Administrator was hoping to reach out to Senator Manchin directly. Is there a number you can share?

Kindly,

Kathleen C. Lance
Director of Scheduling and Advance
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Cell: (202) 941-1109

From: Davis, Bryer (Manchin) <Bryer_Davis@manchin.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 2:27 PM
To: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Call with EPA Administrator Michael Regan

A call tomorrow afternoon at 3:30pm would work for Senator Manchin. He's traveling much of the day Friday. Please let me know if 3:30pm works and if you can provide some information on the specific topics. Thank you!

From: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 3:18 PM

To: Davis, Bryer (Manchin) <Bryer_Davis@manchin.senate.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Call with EPA Administrator Michael Regan

Not a problem! Does Senator Manchin have time on Thursday or Friday of this week?

Kathleen C. Lance
Director of Scheduling and Advance
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From: Davis, Bryer (Manchin) <Bryer_Davis@manchin.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 3:12 PM
To: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Call with EPA Administrator Michael Regan

Hi Kathleen – any way to look later in the week? The Senator's travel was delayed today and our scheduled is very backed up. Please let me know, thanks!

From: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2021 2:10 PM
To: Davis, Bryer (Manchin) <Bryer_Davis@manchin.senate.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: Call with EPA Administrator Michael Regan

Hi Bryer,

Administrator Regan is hoping to reach out to Senator Manchin for a quick call on Monday. Is there a general time that works well for the Senator and is there a number the Administrator can dial out to him directly?

Kindly,

Kathleen C. Lance
Director of Scheduling and Advance
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Cell: (202) 941-1109

Message

From: Scheduling, Merkley (Merkley) [Merkley_Scheduling@merkley.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/12/2021 8:53:01 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: Thank you for your scheduling request!

Thank you for contacting Senator Merkley's Office. To ensure your scheduling request is handled in a timely manner, please confirm your request includes the following:

- Requested meeting date(s)
- Name(s) and title(s) of those who will be attending the meeting
- Organization(s) represented
- Location of Organization(s) and meeting/event
- Contact name(s)
- Phone number(s), including cell phone
- Issues to be discussed

If your email already included those details, there is no further action needed on your part. Please do not resend your request unless it is missing some of the information requested above. You will receive this automated response for each email you send to State_Scheduling@merkley.senate.gov.

If your request for an Oregon meeting or an Oregon event is extremely urgent, please contact the DC scheduling team via email at Merkley_Scheduling@merkley.senate.gov. Or if your request is for Senator Merkley's time in Washington, D.C., please contact the DC scheduling team via email at Merkley_Scheduling@merkley.senate.gov.

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Warm regards,

Carly Vandegrift — Director of Scheduling

Lucky Sasiphong — Assistant Scheduler

Message

From: Hernandez, Jessica (Gillibrand) [Jessica_Hernandez@gillibrand.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/12/2021 9:35:39 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
CC: Jones, Jarred (Gillibrand) [Jarred_Jones@gillibrand.senate.gov]; Zeltmann, Chris (Schumer) [Chris_Zeltmann@schumer.senate.gov]; Ryder, Tim (Schumer) [Tim_Ryder@schumer.senate.gov]
Subject: EPA authority

Hi Radha,

Hope you are doing well. I wanted to re-introduce myself as I have since taken over Senator Gillibrand's E&E portfolio from Jordan. I have cced a few Senate colleagues both from our office and Leader Schumer's office. We were hoping you might have a few minutes to chat this week regarding EPA's authority over a water situation in New York. Can you send us your availability for this week?

For context, there is a bitcoin company that purchased an old power plant in the Finger Lakes region (it sits on one of the lakes) and has since hooked it up to natural gas (since that is the only profitable form of energy for them to run) and local enviros are sounding the alarm that this is going to impact the air and water quality of the lake and surrounding area. The advocates claim that EPA has jurisdiction through the Clean Water Act. We are trying to figure out if EPA does in fact have any jurisdiction since the plant's discharges are regulated by a New York DEC-issued State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) permit. Any clarification you could provide would be helpful.

Appreciate your time!

Best,
Jessica

Jessica Hernandez
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Message

From: Voyles, Travis (EPW) [Travis_Voyles@epw.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/12/2021 9:54:32 PM
To: Kaiser, Sven-Erik [Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov]
CC: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]; Kramer, Jess (EPW) [Jess_Kramer@epw.senate.gov]; Horner, Elizabeth (EPW) [Elizabeth_Horner@epw.senate.gov]; Cone, Travis (EPW) [Travis_Cone@epw.senate.gov]; Jenkins, Tyler (EPW) [Tyler_Jenkins@epw.senate.gov]
Subject: RE: SEPW RE: EPA/CISA Senate Briefing on Water Sector Cybersecurity

Sven—Thank you from our team for facilitating the call on Friday! Please pass along our appreciation to Jennifer and David for taking the time on a Friday afternoon to talk with us. Jess spoke up as our representative, but a few of us were also on the call. I know there were a few follow ups and links from questions that were discussed during the call. Not sure if you have sent anything out yet, but we would appreciate receiving that information as well.

Also, do you have a congressional affairs contact for CISA you worked with in case we have any specific follow up questions for them?

Thanks!

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Travis Voyles
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

From: Kaiser, Sven-Erik <Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 9, 2021 9:55 AM
To: Voyles, Travis (EPW) <Travis_Voyles@epw.senate.gov>; Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Kramer, Jess (EPW) <Jess_Kramer@epw.senate.gov>; Horner, Elizabeth (EPW) <Elizabeth_Horner@epw.senate.gov>; Cone, Travis (EPW) <Travis_Cone@epw.senate.gov>; Jenkins, Tyler (EPW) <Tyler_Jenkins@epw.senate.gov>
Subject: SEPW RE: EPA/CISA Senate Briefing on Water Sector Cybersecurity

Travis – for the call today, anticipated briefers from EPA and DHS/CISA:

Jennifer McLain, Director, EPA Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water

David Travers, Director, EPA Water Security Division

Bridgette Walsh, Deputy Assistant Director, Stakeholder Engagement
Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency
Department of Homeland Security

Thanks,
Sven

Sven-Erik Kaiser
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From: Voyles, Travis (EPW) <Travis_Voyles@epw.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2021 11:14 AM
To: Kaiser, Sven-Erik <Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov>; Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>

Cc: Kramer, Jess (EPW) <Jess_Kramer@epw.senate.gov>; Horner, Elizabeth (EPW) <Elizabeth_Horner@epw.senate.gov>; Cone, Travis (EPW) <Travis_Cone@epw.senate.gov>; Jenkins, Tyler (EPW) <Tyler_Jenkins@epw.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA/CISA Senate Briefing on Water Sector Cybersecurity

Hi Sven and Radha—Just following up on this again before the briefing tomorrow. Can you give us some insight in whether EPA or DHS/CISA will be leading the briefing and how much time you anticipate will be available for questions. Also, are you able to provide the list of the briefers that will be speaking?

Finally, we noticed that you included staff for Sen. Peters in the invite, but we wanted to make sure that Sen. Portman's staff would also be included with his role on HSGAC.

Thanks!

Travis Voyles
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

From: Voyles, Travis (EPW)
Sent: Monday, April 5, 2021 10:13 AM
To: 'Kaiser, Sven-Erik' <Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov>
Cc: 'Adhar, Radha' <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Kramer, Jess (EPW) <Jess_Kramer@epw.senate.gov>; Horner, Elizabeth (EPW) <Elizabeth_Horner@epw.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA/CISA Senate Briefing on Water Sector Cybersecurity

Thanks Sven! Hope y'all are doing well. I see that the subject line includes "EPA/CISA"—does that mean the briefing will be conducted by staff from both EPA and DHS? Could we get a list of the briefers beforehand?

Travis Voyles
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

-----Original Appointment-----
From: Kaiser, Sven-Erik <Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 2, 2021 4:04 PM
To: Marohl, Chris (Cramer); Chambers, Micah (Cramer); Munoz, Darrin (Lummis); Burnett, Andrew (Shelby); Armentrout, Clay (Shelby); Caldwell, Anne (Shelby); Harris, Jimmy (Boozman); Brown, Joe (Boozman); McMillin, Neal (Wicker); Cantor, Chloe (Wicker); Shamaskin, Andrew (Wicker); Wiegard, Pierce (Sullivan); Farr, Michael (Ernst); Graber, Scott (L. Graham); Hall, Amanda (Inhofe); Hinch, Jake (Inhofe); Hillenbrand, Dan (Inhofe); Martina, Rafi (Warner); Wadhams, Caroline (Warner); VanJohnson, Rachel (Warner); Barrett, Catherine (Peters); Walsh, Brian (Rubio); Roberts, Samantha (Rubio); Tomlinson, Connor (Rubio); Diaz, Christine (Rick Scott); Lomagistro, Collin (Rick Scott); Frede, Shannon (Cardin); Hinch, Ethan (Sanders); Dudis, Dan (Whitehouse); Hollers, Logan (Merkley); Woods, Olivia (Merkley); Brandon, Anja Malawi (Merkley); Parker, Richard (Merkley); Joseph, Avenel (Markey); Vogel, Hannah (Markey); Olsen, Lizzy (Duckworth); Suntag, Aaron (Stabenow); Campbell, Katie (Kelly); Russell, Joe (Kelly); Swig, Sarah (Padilla); Ebiner, Angela (Padilla); D'Amato, Annie (EPW); Tulou, Christophe (EPW); Horner, Elizabeth (EPW); Kramer, Jess (EPW); Kane, John (EPW); Gentile, Laura (EPW); Cone, Travis (EPW); Voyles, Travis (EPW); Adhar, Radha; Borum, Denis; Klasen, Matthew; Skane, Elizabeth
Subject: EPA/CISA Senate Briefing on Water Sector Cybersecurity
When: Friday, April 9, 2021 3:00 PM-4:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: Call Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Following up on the save the date invitation sent earlier, this is to confirm the water sector cybersecurity briefing on **Fri, Apr 9 at 3pm**. To participate, please call:
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Please let us know if any questions. Thanks,
Sven

Message

From: Thompson, Janie [Janie.Thompson@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 4/13/2021 12:47:38 AM
To: Palasits, Sara [Sara.Palasits@mail.house.gov]; Moody, Christina [Moody.Christina@epa.gov]
CC: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]; Williams, Thea [Williams.Thea@epa.gov]; Hooghan, Priyanka [Priyanka.Hooghan@mail.house.gov]
Subject: RE: EPA witness for HSST 5/7

Chiming in -- to clarify, the full scope of the hearing will include a level set on why independent science advice is so valuable for federal agencies in decision-making; ethics requirements for advisory board members; a look back at the prior Administration's requirement to eliminate 1/3 of FACA Committees across the government; how transparency in documentation and structured processes help ensure purposeful and apolitical selection of candidates, etc. Not just a hearing about SAB and CASAC, but that is just a key topic for the discussion.

Janie

-----Original Message-----
From: Palasits, Sara <Sara.Palasits@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 1:12 PM
To: Moody, Christina <Moody.Christina@epa.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Williams, Thea <Williams.Thea@epa.gov>; Hooghan, Priyanka <Priyanka.Hooghan@mail.house.gov>; Thompson, Janie <Janie.Thompson@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Re: EPA witness for HSST 5/7

Yes, the hearing will be virtual, either on WebX or Zoom.

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> On Apr 12, 2021, at 1:11 PM, Moody, Christina <Moody.Christina@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> Sara, would this be a virtual hearing?
>
> Christina J. Moody
> United States Environmental Protection Agency
> Appropriations|CrossCutting|Multi-Programmatic Initiatives
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> 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW|Washington,DC 20460|MC-1301A
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Palasits, Sara <Sara.Palasits@mail.house.gov>
> Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 1:07 PM
> To: Moody, Christina <Moody.Christina@epa.gov>; Adhar, Radha
> <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Williams, Thea <Williams.Thea@epa.gov>
> Cc: Hooghan, Priyanka <Priyanka.Hooghan@mail.house.gov>; Thompson,
> Janie <Janie.Thompson@mail.house.gov>
> Subject: EPA witness for HSST 5/7
>
> Hi all,
>
> We're reaching out to inquire about an EPA witness for a joint I&O and Environment subcommittee hearing we are planning on EPA science advisory committees on May 7 at 11am. Our members would like to hear about Administrator Regan's decision to dismiss the SAB and CASAC and the other steps he will take to correct the damage under the last administration. This hearing is a follow-on to our previous hearing in July 2019. We believe Dr. Orme-Zavaleta would be an appropriate witness. Can you please advise on whether her schedule allows for her participation in this hearing? Also, would it be possible for her to sit on a mixed panel with 3-4 non-federal witnesses?
>
> Thank you,
> Sara

Message

From: Contes, Helena (Schumer) [Helena_Contes@schumer.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/13/2021 1:51:05 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: EPA

Hi Radha–

Any more on how the mods are feeling towards McCabe?

Sent from my iPhone

Message

From: Schulze, Angela (Tillis) [Angela_Schulze@tillis.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/13/2021 1:51:25 PM
To: Thundiyil, Karen [Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov]; Dever, Maggie (Tillis) [Maggie_Dever@tillis.senate.gov]
CC: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]; Carlile, Amy L [acarlile@iu.edu]
Subject: RE: Scheduling Senator Tillis - Janet McCabe (nominee for EPA Deputy Administrator) meeting
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

Thank you, he's doing well.

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Follow Senator Tillis on social media!

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THOM TILLIS
U.S. SENATOR for NORTH CAROLINA

From: Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 7:44 AM
To: Schulze, Angela (Tillis) <Angela_Schulze@tillis.senate.gov>; Dever, Maggie (Tillis) <Maggie_Dever@tillis.senate.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Carlile, Amy L <acarlile@iu.edu>
Subject: RE: Scheduling Senator Tillis - Janet McCabe (nominee for EPA Deputy Administrator) meeting

Hi Angela – I appreciate your response. Best thoughts as the Senator recovers from surgery.

Take care,

Karen.

From: Schulze, Angela (Tillis) <Angela_Schulze@tillis.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 6:17 PM
To: Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>; Dever, Maggie (Tillis) <Maggie_Dever@tillis.senate.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Carlile, Amy L <acarlile@iu.edu>
Subject: RE: Scheduling Senator Tillis - Janet McCabe (nominee for EPA Deputy Administrator) meeting

Karen,
Thank you for reaching out and offering the opportunity. However, the Senator is in NC recovering from surgery this week and unable to meet.

Take care,
Angela

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THOM TILLIS
U.S. SENATOR *for* NORTH CAROLINA

From: Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 5:21 PM
To: Schulze, Angela (Tillis) <Angela_Schulze@tillis.senate.gov>; Dever, Maggie (Tillis) <Maggie_Dever@tillis.senate.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Carlile, Amy L <acarlile@iu.edu>
Subject: Scheduling Senator Tillis - Janet McCabe (nominee for EPA Deputy Administrator) meeting

Hi Angela and Maggie,

I hope you are doing well. I'm reaching out to find time on Senator Tillis's calendar to meet and talk with Janet McCabe, nominee for the post of EPA Deputy Administrator. Could a meeting this week work for his schedule? Would you please share some possible time slots that could work for your boss? We are happy to work around Senator's schedule.

Thank you for considering,

Karen.

Karen Thundiyil
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
(202) 564.1142

Message

From: Olsen, Lizzy (Duckworth) [Lizzy_Olsen@duckworth.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/13/2021 3:10:37 PM
To: Beckmann, Ronna Erin [beckmann.ronna@epa.gov]
CC: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]; McDonald, Chelsea (Duckworth) [Chelsea_McDonald@duckworth.senate.gov]; Fortin, Denise [Fortin.Denise@epa.gov]; Thundiyil, Karen [Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov]; Kelley, Jeff [kelley.jeff@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: EPA Response to Senator Duckworth - Veolia facility in Sauget, IL

Great feedback thanks. We will not be discussing this with them. Appreciate the quick turnaround.

Very Best,
Elizabeth "Lizzy" Olsen
Counsel
Office of Senator Tammy Duckworth

From: Beckmann, Ronna Erin <beckmann.ronna@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 11:07 AM
To: Olsen, Lizzy (Duckworth) <Lizzy_Olsen@duckworth.senate.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; McDonald, Chelsea (Duckworth) <Chelsea_McDonald@duckworth.senate.gov>; Fortin, Denise <Fortin.Denise@epa.gov>; Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>; Kelley, Jeff <kelley.jeff@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Response to Senator Duckworth - Veolia facility in Sauget, IL

Hi, Lizzy. I hope you're well. Thank you for checking with us in advance of the Senator's meeting.

EPA has not directly told Veolia that we are moving the Xact monitor to Sauget. We are still looking at potential sites and are working on the logistics of relocating it.

However, as our commitment to monitoring is in the letter EPA sent to the Senator, we don't consider it to be confidential.

Please let us know if you have any additional questions.

All the best,

Ronna Beckmann
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beckmann.ronna@epa.gov

From: Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 9:17 AM
To: Olsen, Lizzy (Duckworth) <Lizzy_Olsen@duckworth.senate.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Beckmann, Ronna Erin <beckmann.ronna@epa.gov>; McDonald, Chelsea (Duckworth) <Chelsea_McDonald@duckworth.senate.gov>; Fortin, Denise <Fortin.Denise@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Response to Senator Duckworth - Veolia facility in Sauget, IL

Hi Lizzy – thanks for your email. We are checking and will get back to you shortly.

Karen.

From: Olsen, Lizzy (Duckworth) <Lizzy_Olsen@duckworth.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 9:56 AM
To: Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Beckmann, Ronna Erin <beckmann.ronna@epa.gov>; McDonald, Chelsea (Duckworth) <Chelsea_McDonald@duckworth.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Response to Senator Duckworth - Veolia facility in Sauget, IL

Hi All,

Senator Duckworth has a meeting with Veolia today. I would like to know if Veolia is aware of the mobile, continuous multimetals monitor that will be placed near Veolia this spring. If they do not yet, this is not a problem, I just do not want her to discuss it so please advise what has been disclosed. Thank you.

Very Best,
Elizabeth "Lizzy" Olsen
Counsel
Office of Senator Tammy Duckworth

From: Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 11:10 AM
To: Olsen, Lizzy (Duckworth) <Lizzy_Olsen@duckworth.senate.gov>; McDonald, Chelsea (Duckworth) <Chelsea_McDonald@duckworth.senate.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Beckmann, Ronna Erin <beckmann.ronna@epa.gov>
Subject: EPA Response to Senator Duckworth - Veolia facility in Sauget, IL

Hi Chelsea and Lizzy,

Attached is EPA's response to Senator Duckworth's January 2021 letter regarding the Veolia facility in Sauget, IL. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Take care,

Karen.

Karen Thundiyil
Office of Congressional Affairs
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
(202) 564.1142

Message

From: McGrath, John [John.McGrath@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 4/13/2021 3:52:17 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Meeting

That works great, look forward to meeting.

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 11:51 AM
To: McGrath, John <John.McGrath@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting

Just shot you a meeting invite but please let me know if it doesn't work for you.

From: McGrath, John <John.McGrath@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 11:22 AM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting

I am free almost all day tomorrow and Thursday and will make whatever is best for you, work.

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 11:16 AM
To: McGrath, John <John.McGrath@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting

Hi John,

Thank you for the email- it is so nice to be connected. Do you mind sharing when would be a good time to chat about this later in the week?

I am looking forward to working with your office.

Radha

From: McGrath, John <John.McGrath@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 10:16 AM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: Meeting

Adhar,

My name is JJ McGrath, I serve as the Deputy Chief of Staff to Congressman Peter Meijer of MI03. We have entered office with a very interesting scenario. The member preceding us did not hold the belief that it was not within the Congressional duties to advocate and/or recommend constituents/constituencies for federal grant opportunities. Our member feels much the opposite and would like us to do some of the heavy lifting/homework to help folks in the district with opportunities they may not be aware of or have applied for but historically received no recommendations for. I am hoping to set up a time to discuss grant opportunities and learn a bit more about how we can partner up in the future.

Please let me know if this is something you'd be able to do and what days/times work for you!

Look forward to hearing back,
JJ

JJ McGrath
Deputy Chief of Staff
Congressman Peter Meijer (MI-03)
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Phone: (202) 225-3831

Message

From: Chaffetz, Taylor (Rounds) [Taylor_Chaffetz@rounds.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/13/2021 3:58:51 PM
To: Thundiyil, Karen [Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov]
CC: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]; Carlile, Amy L [acarlile@iu.edu]; Foth, Erin (Rounds) [Erin_Foth@rounds.senate.gov]
Subject: RE: Scheduling Senator Rounds - Janet McCabe (nominee for EPA Deputy Administrator) meeting

Hi Karen,

I am so sorry for the delay – we're definitely getting back in the swing of things since recess ended!

Unfortunately, due to a few unexpected scheduling conflicts, Senator Rounds is unable to meet this week. Is there a time next week that works?

Thanks so much,

Taylor

From: Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 5:12 PM
To: Chaffetz, Taylor (Rounds) <Taylor_Chaffetz@rounds.senate.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Carlile, Amy L <acarlile@iu.edu>; Foth, Erin (Rounds) <Erin_Foth@rounds.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Scheduling Senator Rounds - Janet McCabe (nominee for EPA Deputy Administrator) meeting

Hi Taylor,

Just wanted to check back in – any sense of availability of Senator Rounds?

Thank you,

Karen.

From: Chaffetz, Taylor (Rounds) <Taylor_Chaffetz@rounds.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 01, 2021 3:56 PM
To: Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Carlile, Amy L <acarlile@iu.edu>; Foth, Erin (Rounds) <Erin_Foth@rounds.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Scheduling Senator Rounds - Janet McCabe (nominee for EPA Deputy Administrator) meeting

Hi Karen,

Thank you for reaching out! I will circle back with Senator Rounds' availability as soon as possible.

Best,

Taylor

From: Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 1, 2021 2:44 PM
To: Chaffetz, Taylor (Rounds) <Taylor_Chaffetz@rounds.senate.gov>

Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Carlile, Amy L <acarlile@iu.edu>
Subject: Scheduling Senator Rounds - Janet McCabe (nominee for EPA Deputy Administrator) meeting

Hi Taylor,

I hope you are doing well. I'm reaching out to find time on Senator Rounds's calendar to meet and talk with Janet McCabe, nominee for the post of EPA Deputy Administrator. Could a meeting late next week or the week of April 12th work for his schedule? Would you please share some possible time slots that could work for your boss? We are happy to work around Senator Rounds's schedule.

Thank you for considering,

Karen.

Karen Thundiyil
Office of Congressional Affairs
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
(202) 564.1142

Message

From: Riddle, Kelly (Rosen) [Kelly_Riddle@rosen.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/13/2021 10:58:45 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Renewables Enhancement Growth Support (REGS) Rule

Hi Radha,

Wanted to circle back on this and see if you're free tomorrow/this week to talk?

Thanks so much,

Kelly

From: Riddle, Kelly (Rosen)
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 10:02 AM
To: 'Adhar, Radha' <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Cc: Lokken, Sean (Cortez Masto) <Sean_Lokken@cortezmasto.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Renewables Enhancement Growth Support (REGS) Rule

Sure thing - my work # is 202-510-1367.

Thanks,

Kelly

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 10:07 PM
To: Riddle, Kelly (Rosen) <Kelly_Riddle@rosen.senate.gov>
Cc: Lokken, Sean (Cortez Masto) <Sean_Lokken@cortezmasto.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Renewables Enhancement Growth Support (REGS) Rule

Thank you for your email Kelly. Happy to chat on the phone- do you mind sharing your best number?

Looking forward to connecting,
Radha

From: Riddle, Kelly (Rosen) <Kelly_Riddle@rosen.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 6:46 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Cc: Lokken, Sean (Cortez Masto) <Sean_Lokken@cortezmasto.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Renewables Enhancement Growth Support (REGS) Rule

Hi Radha,

I wanted to circle back on this and let you know we heard from Fulcrum that their meeting with Goffman was productive and very appreciated.

Do you happen to have a status on the pending rule or any information you can share with us?

Thanks,

Kelly

Kelly Riddle
Policy Advisor
U.S. Senator Jacky Rosen
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From: Riddle, Kelly (Rosen)
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2021 10:08 AM
To: 'adhar.radha@epa.gov' <adhar.radha@epa.gov>
Subject: Renewables Enhancement Growth Support (REGS) Rule

Hi Radha,

Hope you're doing well, and congrats on the new job!

I was hoping to touch base with you about the Renewables Enhancement Growth Support (REGS) Rule (EPA-HQ-OAR-2016-0041), which has been stalled at the EPA for more than four years. Among other items, this rule would allow biointermediates to produce a low carbon fuel for which renewable identification numbers would be generated.

Sen. Rosen has been hearing from constituents who are affected by the delay in the rulemaking process and wondering when this would be completed. As you know, the FY21 Consolidated Appropriations bill includes language directing EPA to complete the REGS rulemaking within 90 days of the Act's enactment and report to Congress within 60 days about the Agency's plans for action on the rule.

In December, my boss and Sen. Cortez Masto sent the attached letter to then-President elect Biden asking for immediate attention to the rulemaking.

Understanding things have been a bit hectic with the transition, I was wondering if you have a status update on the pending rule? May be easier to hop on the phone to discuss – my work cell is 202-510-1367.

Thanks,

Kelly

Kelly Riddle
Policy Advisor

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JACKY ROSEN
U.S. SENATOR FOR NEVADA

To request an event or meeting with the Senator, please visit: https://www.rosen.senate.gov/scheduling-requests.

Message

From: Hooghan, Priyanka [Priyanka.Hooghan@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 4/13/2021 11:09:34 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
CC: Moody, Christina [Moody.Christina@epa.gov]; Williams, Thea [Williams.Thea@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Invitation for Administrator Regan to testify before the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee

Thanks, Radha.

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 5:39 PM
To: Hooghan, Priyanka <Priyanka.Hooghan@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Moody, Christina <Moody.Christina@epa.gov>; Williams, Thea <Williams.Thea@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Invitation for Administrator Regan to testify before the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee

Thank you for the invitation Priyanka. Confirming receipt and will get back to you soon.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 13, 2021, at 4:01 PM, Hooghan, Priyanka <Priyanka.Hooghan@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Hi Radha, Christina, and Thea,

Chairwoman Eddie Bernice Johnson of the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee would like to invite EPA Administrator Michael Regan to testify at a Full Committee hearing in late May or early June. The purpose of the hearing would be to review science and technology activities at the EPA including: agency-wide policies and practices related to the development and use of science in regulatory decisions; the role of independent scientific advisory bodies such as the EPA Science Advisory Board and the EPA Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee; and the importance of transparency and integrity in the Agency's science activities.

The Committee is willing to work with EPA in selecting a mutually agreeable date and time for the Administrator to testify. Ideally, we would like to hold the hearing sometime during the **week of May 24** or the **week of June 7**. These are both Committee Work Periods in the House, so all five days of each week are available. Can you please provide a few dates during these two weeks that would work for the Administrator's schedule? Please let me know if you have any questions, and I look forward to hearing about Administrator Regan's availability to testify.

Thanks,
Priyanka

Priyanka K. Hooghan
Staff Director – Subcommittee on Environment
Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
U.S. House of Representatives
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Washington, DC 20515
202-853-2786 (cell)

Message

From: Thompson, Janie [Janie.Thompson@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 4/13/2021 11:20:49 PM
To: Williams, Thea [Williams.Thea@epa.gov]; Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]; Moody, Christina [Moody.Christina@epa.gov]
CC: Hooghan, Priyanka [Priyanka.Hooghan@mail.house.gov]; Schneider, Josh [Josh.Schneider@mail.house.gov]; Palasits, Sara [Sara.Palasits@mail.house.gov]
Subject: Chairwoman Johnson letter to Administrator Regan re chlorpyrifos
Attachments: 4.13.2021 EBJ to EPA re Chlorpyrifos.pdf

Hello all,

Please see attached for a letter from Chairwoman Johnson to Administrator Regan encouraging the review of chlorpyrifos rules. Please let us know if you have any questions!

Janie

EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON, Texas
CHAIRWOMAN

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April 13, 2021

The Honorable Michael Regan
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator Regan,

First, congratulations on your recent confirmation as Administrator. Your professional achievements give me confidence that under your leadership, EPA policymaking will be driven by the best available science. I look forward to working with you to support clean air, land and water in every American community, to address the inequity in environmental conditions faced by people of color and vulnerable populations, and to restore our national leadership role in the global fight against climate change.

Today, I write to direct your attention to a matter which is having a disproportionate effect on low-income rural communities in the United States.

Chlorpyrifos is a toxic chemical. It is prohibited for household use, but sold legally as a pesticide and used widely in the agricultural sector. Chlorpyrifos has been found to have acute impacts on the nervous system, causing nausea and dizziness and, in extreme cases, vomiting, muscle tremors, convulsions, and paralysis. Over a decade starting in the mid-2000s, researchers from the EPA-funded Columbia Center for Children's Environmental Health (CCCEH) published landmark research which found that chlorpyrifos is particularly harmful to the developing brains of young children and fetuses. When pregnant women are exposed to even low levels of chlorpyrifos, their babies experience more developmental delays, attention deficit disorders, hyperactivity disorders, and decreased birth weights. These health risks and others have been affirmed in independent studied conducted by the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), the University of California-Berkeley, and the University of California-Davis, among others.

In October 2015, EPA under President Obama announced a proposed rule to ban the chemical entirely due to chlorpyrifos's impact on children's brain development.[1] In 2017, however, then-Administrator Scott Pruitt dismissed the science used by the Agency to justify the regulation and reversed the decision to ban chlorpyrifos, claiming that "the science addressing neurodevelopmental effects remains unresolved." The American Academy of Pediatrics was "deeply alarmed" by this decision and wrote to EPA that "the risk to infant and children's health and development is unambiguous."[2]

Legal challenges followed, resulting in a federal court ruling that required EPA to make a final decision about whether to ban chlorpyrifos by the end of July 2019. On July 18, 2019, EPA formally affirmed that it would still allow chlorpyrifos to be used in the United States and would not plan to revisit its status until October 1, 2022.[3] These decisions were an afront to scientific integrity, as EPA's own scientists had determined in its Human Health Risk Assessments that chlorpyrifos exposures were unsafe, and a callous dismissal of what we know to be a grave threat to children's health.[4]

Further, in justifying the decision, Administrator Wheeler specifically excluded consideration of the seminal studies from CCCEH because it could not obtain "raw data" about the study's subjects. This strategy to sideline research that shows the harmful health consequences of chemical exposures was a hat tip to the Trump Administration's *Strengthening Transparency in Pivotal Science Underlying Significant Regulatory Actions and Influential Scientific Information* rulemaking, which sought to establish arbitrary requirements for data transparency as a procedural hurdle to reduce the influence of the best available science in EPA policymaking.

In February, the *Strengthening Transparency* rule was vacated and remanded by a federal court, just two weeks after it was finalized in the Federal Register.[5] As such, its principles for sidelining epidemiological findings like the CCCEH studies are no more in place today than they were in 2019 when EPA moved to keep chlorpyrifos in circulation.

Accordingly, I support President Biden's direction to EPA to reconsider chlorpyrifos, and I urge you to act quickly to protect the American public by getting chlorpyrifos out of the foods that we eat. I also urge EPA to consider all available peer-reviewed research on the health effects of chemical exposures in its policy decisions going forward.

I appreciate your consideration of this important issue and I look forward to working with you. Please have your staff contact Janie Thompson of the Committee on Science, Space and Technology at 202-225-6375 with any questions.

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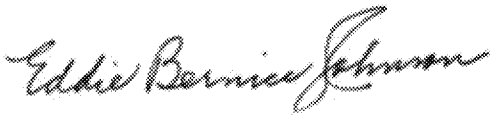
[1] https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2015-11-06/pdf/2015-28083.pdf
[2] https://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-epa-pesticide-dow-20170627-story.html
[3] https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/07/24/2019-15649/chlorpyrifos-final-order-denying-objections-to-march-2017-petition-denial-order
[4] https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EPA-HQ-OPP-2015-0653-0001
[5] https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2021-02/documents/vacatur_and_remand_final_order_case_421-cv-00003-bmm.pdf

Sincerely,



Eddie Bernice Johnson
Chairwoman
Committee on Science, Space, and Technology

Message

From: Kessler, Rick [Rick.Kessler@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 4/14/2021 1:04:48 AM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]; Peel, Kaitlyn [Kaitlyn.Peel@mail.house.gov]
CC: Lance, Kathleen [Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Link for our hearing

Adding Kaitlyn Peel, our digital director.

Kaitlyn: this is in regard to our 4/29 hearing with EPA Administrator Regan in the ECC Subcommittee

Rick Kessler
Senior Advisor
US House Energy and Commerce Committee

On Apr 13, 2021, at 8:52 PM, Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Rick!

Thanks again for connecting earlier. Do you mind connecting me and my colleague Kathleen, our Director of Scheduling and Advance, to your team that will be sending out the zoom link for our hearing?

Have a wonderful evening,
Radha

Radha Adhar
Deputy Associate Administrator for Congressional Affairs
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Pronouns: She/her/hers

Message

From: Kessler, Rick [Rick.Kessler@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 4/14/2021 1:09:44 AM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
CC: Lance, Kathleen [Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Link for our hearing

Technically 48 hours before, but I think no later than 24 hours in advance of the hearing is fine.

Rick Kessler
Senior Advisor
US House Energy and Commerce Committee

On Apr 13, 2021, at 8:57 PM, Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov> wrote:

Also Rick, can you please let me know when our testimony will be due?

From: Adhar, Radha
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 8:51 PM
To: Kessler, Rick <Rick.Kessler@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Subject: Link for our hearing

Hi Rick!

Thanks again for connecting earlier. Do you mind connecting me and my colleague Kathleen, our Director of Scheduling and Advance, to your team that will be sending out the zoom link for our hearing?

Have a wonderful evening,
Radha

Radha Adhar
Deputy Associate Administrator for Congressional Affairs
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Message

From: Sudbay, Karen [Karen.Sudbay@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 4/14/2021 9:54:10 AM
To: Lance, Kathleen [Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov]
CC: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Video call with Administrator Michael Regan, EPA

Absolutely. Same info with an updated time.

Thanks very much – and take care,
Karen

Time: Apr 16, 2021 08:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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From: "Lance, Kathleen" <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 9:09 PM
To: "Sudbay, Karen" <Karen.Sudbay@mail.house.gov>
Cc: "Adhar, Radha" <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Video call with Administrator Michael Regan, EPA

Great! Can you please share the updated link?

Kathleen C. Lance
Director of Scheduling and Advance
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Cell: (202) 941-1109

From: Sudbay, Karen <Karen.Sudbay@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 9:06 PM
To: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Video call with Administrator Michael Regan, EPA

Yes - that works! Thanks so much, Kathleen.

Karen Sudbay
Scheduler
Congresswoman Chellie Pingree
(207) 774-5019

On Apr 13, 2021, at 8:21 PM, Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov> wrote:

It's ok! Would Friday at 8:00am work well?

Kathleen C. Lance
Director of Scheduling and Advance
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Cell: (202) 941-1109

From: Sudbay, Karen <Karen.Sudbay@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 3:41 PM
To: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Video call with Administrator Michael Regan, EPA

Hi Kathleen,

It's been a minute since we had to change the meeting time, so here I am back again as Monday morning no longer works. Is there any chance this Friday morning at 9:00am or 9:30am might work? If not, can you suggest some times (except Thursday is completely crazy) that might work before the hearing next Wednesday?

Thanks so much – and sorry for another change!

Karen

From: "Lance, Kathleen" <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 10:39 AM
To: "Sudbay, Karen" <Karen.Sudbay@mail.house.gov>
Cc: "Adhar, Radha" <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Video call with Administrator Michael Regan, EPA

Confirmed for Monday, April 19 at 100:00am EST! We appreciate you!

Kathleen C. Lance
Director of Scheduling and Advance
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Cell: (202) 941-1109

From: Sudbay, Karen <Karen.Sudbay@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:54 AM
To: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Video call with Administrator Michael Regan, EPA

Yes, let's confirm 10:00am on Monday, April 19.

Thanks, Kathleen!

Karen

Time: Apr 19, 2021 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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From: "Lance, Kathleen" <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 7:34 PM
To: "Sudbay, Karen" <Karen.Sudbay@mail.house.gov>
Cc: "Adhar, Radha" <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Video call with Administrator Michael Regan, EPA

Thank you, Karen! Would Monday, April 19 at 9:30am or 10:00am work well?

Kathleen C. Lance
Director of Scheduling and Advance
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From: Sudbay, Karen <Karen.Sudbay@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 2:49 PM
To: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Video call with Administrator Michael Regan, EPA

Hey Kathleen,

Unfortunately, Rep. Pingree is taking the flight that gets in around 2:15pm so 2:30pm doesn't work. Do you want to throw out some options for next week and I can check the calendar?

Thanks,
Karen

From: "Lance, Kathleen" <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 1:25 PM
To: "Sudbay, Karen" <Karen.Sudbay@mail.house.gov>
Cc: "Adhar, Radha" <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Video call with Administrator Michael Regan, EPA

Wonderful, thank you Karen!

Kathleen C. Lance
Director of Scheduling and Advance
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Cell: (202) 941-1109

From: Sudbay, Karen <Karen.Sudbay@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 1:06 PM
To: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Video call with Administrator Michael Regan, EPA

Let me check on her travel plans; she may be taking a flight that arrives in time for a 3pm meeting but is a bit tight for a 2:30pm. I'll text her now and let you know. If it doesn't work, we can certainly find another time for you.

Thanks,
Karen

From: "Lance, Kathleen" <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Date: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 12:54 PM
To: "Sudbay, Karen" <Karen.Sudbay@mail.house.gov>
Cc: "Adhar, Radha" <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Video call with Administrator Michael Regan, EPA

Hi Karen! BY chance, does the Congresswoman's schedule offer availability for a 2:30pm call next Tuesday, April 13?

Kathleen C. Lance
Director of Scheduling and Advance
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Cell: (202) 941-1109

From: Lance, Kathleen
Sent: Friday, April 2, 2021 7:56 AM
To: Sudbay, Karen <Karen.Sudbay@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Video call with Administrator Michael Regan, EPA

Thank you, Karen! Tuesday, April 13 at 3:00pm works great for the Administrator.

Would you please share with me a link for the video-call?

Joining the Administrator will be Radha Adhar, Principal Deputy Associate Administrator for Congressional Affairs and John Lucey, Special Assistant to the Administrator.

Kindly,

Kathleen C. Lance
Director of Scheduling and Advance
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From: Sudbay, Karen <Karen.Sudbay@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 1, 2021 10:37 PM
To: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Video call with Administrator Michael Regan, EPA

Hi Kathleen,

Thanks very much for your message. Here are a few options to start; if none of them work, feel free to share a couple on your end and we'll go from there.

Wednesday, April 7, 9:00am – 10:00am
Thursday, April 8, 9:00am – 11:30am
Monday, April 12, 1:30pm
Tuesday, April 13, 3:00pm – 5:00pm

Thanks so much,
Karen

Karen A. Sudbay
Scheduler
Congresswoman Chellie Pingree (ME-01)
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DC: 202-225-6116 / 2162 Rayburn

From: "Lance, Kathleen" <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Date: Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 12:33 PM
To: "Sudbay, Karen" <Karen.Sudbay@mail.house.gov>
Cc: "Adhar, Radha" <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: Video call with Administrator Michael Regan, EPA

Good afternoon Karen,

I am reaching out to help connect Chairwoman Pingree and Administrator Regan in the next couple of weeks.

Could you please share any possible windows of time for them to connect?

Kindly,

Kathleen C. Lance
Director of Scheduling and Advance
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Message

From: Weber, Corey (Tillis) [Corey_Weber@tillis.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/14/2021 1:01:15 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Time to chat Janet McCabe's floor vote?

Of course – thanks for sharing!

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 9:20 PM
To: Weber, Corey (Tillis) <Corey_Weber@tillis.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Time to chat Janet McCabe's floor vote?

Thanks for letting me know Corey, and no need to apologize at all. In case it is helpful, I hope you don't mind me sharing some letters of support we received on her behalf.

From: Weber, Corey (Tillis) <Corey_Weber@tillis.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 7:24 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Time to chat Janet McCabe's floor vote?

Hey Radha, so sorry for the delayed response! I was out last week and getting caught up still.

The Senator is still reviewing her record and hasn't made a final decision yet, but as we get closer to next week, if he has any questions, I'll be sure to reach out.

Thank you,
Corey

> On Apr 8, 2021, at 3:58 PM, Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> Hey Corey!
>
> I hope all is well. I wanted to ask for a few minutes of your time- do you mind letting me know if I could give you a ring to chat about Janet McCabe's vote? She has been nominated to serve as Deputy Administrator at EPA and is likely to be on the floor the week of the 19th. We were proud to have a bipartisan vote in EPW Committee and would be honored to have Senator Tillis's support on the floor.
>
> Thanks in advance,
> Radha
>
> **Radha Adhar**
> Deputy Associate Administrator for Congressional Affairs
> U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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> Pronouns: She/her/hers

Message

From: Fischer, Adam [Adam.Fischer@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 4/14/2021 1:20:20 PM
To: Boylan, Thomas [boylan.thomas@epa.gov]
CC: Haman, Patricia [Haman.Patricia@epa.gov]; Moody, Christina [Moody.Christina@epa.gov]; Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Invite: Webinar on EPA's Ports Initiative, Community-Port Collaboration, and Ports-Related EJ Opportunities

Apologies for the delay — but thank you, Thomas! I appreciate it.

Best,
Adam

—
Adam Fischer
Committee on Energy & Commerce | Democratic Staff
(202) 981-3031

On Apr 13, 2021, at 9:58 AM, Boylan, Thomas <boylan.thomas@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Adam,

Thanks, I hope you're doing well too. The team is still working on cleaning up the recording and pulling together the webpage, but I'll be sure to pass the link along once it goes live.

Thanks,
Thomas

From: Fischer, Adam <Adam.Fischer@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 9:18 AM
To: Boylan, Thomas <boylan.thomas@epa.gov>
Cc: Haman, Patricia <Haman.Patricia@epa.gov>; Moody, Christina <Moody.Christina@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Invite: Webinar on EPA's Ports Initiative, Community-Port Collaboration, and Ports-Related EJ Opportunities

Hi Thomas,

I hope you're doing well! I was wondering if you have a recording available for last week's webinar. I lead the Energy and Commerce Committee's port emissions efforts, but unfortunately I was offline on Friday.

Thank you!
Adam

—

Adam Fischer
Committee on Energy & Commerce | Democratic Staff
(202) 981-3031

On Apr 7, 2021, at 1:46 PM, Boylan, Thomas <boylan.thomas@epa.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon—

You are invited to join EPA's **Friday, April 9 webinar at 12:00pm Eastern** that will provide an overview of the EPA Ports Initiative, community-port collaboration resources, the EJ small grants opportunity, and real-world examples of community-port collaboration. The examples will include the recently-released San Pedro Bay case study and lessons learned from community-port collaboration pilot projects conducted in Seattle, Washington and Savannah, Georgia.

More information and pre-registration info is available here: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/epa-community-port-collaboration-resources-to-address-diesel-pollution-tickets-147187065475.

Please reach out with any questions.

Thomas

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boylan.thomas@epa.gov

Message

From: Zimmerman, Melissa (Appropriations) [Melissa_Zimmerman@appro.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/14/2021 4:19:18 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]; Roberts, Martha (Appropriations) [Martha_Roberts@appro.senate.gov]
Subject: this was from blunt in Fy16

Community Affordability.—Within the funds provided, the Committee directs the EPA to contract with the National Academy of Public Administration—an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization chartered by the U.S. Congress—to conduct an independent study to create a definition and framework for ''community affordability.'' The Academy shall consult with the EPA, States and localities, and such organizations, including, but not limited to the National Association of Counties, the National League of Cities, and the U.S. Conference of Mayors; review existing studies of the costs and benefits associated with major regulations under such laws as the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the Safe Drinking Water Act, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act; and determine how different localities can effectively fund municipal projects. The Academy shall submit a report with its findings, conclusions, and recommendations no later than 1 year after the date of contract with EPA.

Melissa Zimmerman
Majority Clerk
Subcommittee on Interior, Environment & Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
(202) 224-9722 **Forwards to Cell Phone**

Message

From: Cantor, Chloe (Wicker) [Chloe_Cantor@wicker.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/14/2021 4:37:54 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
CC: Shamaskin, Andrew (Wicker) [Andrew_Shamaskin@wicker.senate.gov]
Subject: RE: Constituent Request

That would be great to coordinate as we get closer to the EPW hearing later this month. If you have a quick minute to touch base on the request for a meeting, that would be great.

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 12:05 PM
To: Cantor, Chloe (Wicker) <Chloe_Cantor@wicker.senate.gov>
Cc: Shamaskin, Andrew (Wicker) <Andrew_Shamaskin@wicker.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Constituent Request

That is SO nice Chloe. We will be before EPW later this month and would love to coordinate with you then. I will also check in on the Levee Board meeting and happy to ring you if it's helpful- just let me know.

From: Cantor, Chloe (Wicker) <Chloe_Cantor@wicker.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 11:59 AM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Cc: Shamaskin, Andrew (Wicker) <Andrew_Shamaskin@wicker.senate.gov>
Subject: Constituent Request

Hi Radha,

We understand that the Mississippi Levee Board has reached out to EPA for a meeting. We appreciate the agency's timely consideration of this request.

Additionally, Senator Wicker has the vote tally from Administrator Regan's confirmation vote that he would like to give to the Administrator. Please let us know the next time Administrator Regan will be on the Hill.

Please feel free to call me if you would like to discuss further or if you have any questions. My direct is 202-224-0602 and my cell is Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Chloe Cantor
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Message

From: Thompson, Janie [Janie.Thompson@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 4/14/2021 5:24:33 PM
To: Kaiser, Sven-Erik [Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov]; Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Chairwoman Johnson letter to Administrator Regan re chlorpyrifos

Thanks Sven-Erik! The Chairwoman would appreciate that. I hope you are well.

Janie

Janie Wise Thompson
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From: Kaiser, Sven-Erik <Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 1:19 PM
To: Thompson, Janie <Janie.Thompson@mail.house.gov>; Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: Chairwoman Johnson letter to Administrator Regan re chlorpyrifos

Janie – thank you for the letter from Chairwoman Johnson regarding chlorpyrifos. We'll be glad to provide a response. Please let us know if any additional questions. Best,
Sven

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From: Thompson, Janie <Janie.Thompson@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 7:21 PM
To: Williams, Thea <Williams.Thea@epa.gov>; Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Moody, Christina <Moody.Christina@epa.gov>
Cc: Hooghan, Priyanka <Priyanka.Hooghan@mail.house.gov>; Schneider, Josh <Josh.Schneider@mail.house.gov>; Palasits, Sara <Sara.Palasits@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Chairwoman Johnson letter to Administrator Regan re chlorpyrifos

Hello all,

Please see attached for a letter from Chairwoman Johnson to Administrator Regan encouraging the review of chlorpyrifos rules. Please let us know if you have any questions!

Janie

Message

From: Scheduling, Merkley (Merkley) [Merkley_Scheduling@merkley.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/14/2021 5:43:01 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: Thank you for your scheduling request!

Thank you for contacting Senator Merkley's Office. To ensure your scheduling request is handled in a timely manner, please confirm your request includes the following:

- Requested meeting date(s)
- Name(s) and title(s) of those who will be attending the meeting
- Organization(s) represented
- Location of Organization(s) and meeting/event
- Contact name(s)
- Phone number(s), including cell phone
- Issues to be discussed

If your email already included those details, there is no further action needed on your part. Please do not resend your request unless it is missing some of the information requested above. You will receive this automated response for each email you send to State_Scheduling@merkley.senate.gov.

If your request for an Oregon meeting or an Oregon event is extremely urgent, please contact the DC scheduling team via email at Merkley_Scheduling@merkley.senate.gov. Or if your request is for Senator Merkley's time in Washington, D.C., please contact the DC scheduling team via email at Merkley_Scheduling@merkley.senate.gov.

Please Note: Meetings with Senator Merkley and staff are closed to the media. Meeting participants who wish to take photos, record video or to publish accounts of their meetings in the media must get explicit permission from Senator Merkley's office in advance.

Warm regards,

Carly Vandegrift — Director of Scheduling

Lucky Sasiphong — Assistant Scheduler

Message

From: Abbott, Jake (EPW) [Jake_Abbott@epw.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/14/2021 5:49:17 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
CC: Levitan, Rachel (EPW) [Rachel_Levitan@epw.senate.gov]; Connolly, Gil (EPW) [Gil_Connolly@epw.senate.gov]
Subject: RE: Can you please add me to your list serve?

Hey Radha, we can make sure you are added to our distro list.

Jake Abbott
Press Secretary & Digital Director
Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
(202) 494-1444

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 12:56 PM
To: DemPress (EPW) <DemPress_DemPress@epw.senate.gov>
Subject: Can you please add me to your list serve?

Thank you!

Radha Adhar
Deputy Associate Administrator for Congressional Affairs
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Message

From: Chauvin, Hannah (Appropriations) [Hannah_Chauvin@appro.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/14/2021 6:20:46 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]; Walsh, Ed [Walsh.Ed@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Senate Appropriations Committee - Invitation to Testify

Thank you!!

Let me know if there's anything we can do to help or answer before the hearing.

Hannah

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 1:44 PM
To: Chauvin, Hannah (Appropriations) <Hannah_Chauvin@appro.senate.gov>; Walsh, Ed <Walsh.Ed@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Senate Appropriations Committee - Invitation to Testify

Hi Hannah,

Here is our information:

- Group contact: Radha Adhar, Adhar.Radha@epa.gov, Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
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- Anticipated arrival time
  - 10:00am
- Vehicle information: year, make, model, color, tag
  - Ex. 7(E)
- Driver information: name, license state and number, cell phone
  - Ex. 6 PP / Ex. 7(C)

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To: 'Adhar.Radha@epa.gov' <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; 'Walsh.Ed@epa.gov' <Walsh.Ed@epa.gov>
Cc: Zimmerman, Melissa (Appropriations) <Melissa_Zimmerman@appro.senate.gov>
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Hannah Chauvin
Professional Staff Member
Senate Appropriations Committee
Chairman Patrick Leahy
S-128, the Capitol
202-341-2134

Message

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Sent: 4/14/2021 6:20:57 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Senate Appropriations Committee - Invitation to Testify

Tracking down who that will be – stay tuned

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 1:45 PM
To: Chauvin, Hannah (Appropriations) <Hannah_Chauvin@appro.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Senate Appropriations Committee - Invitation to Testify

Hi Hannah,

Senator Leahy and Administrator Regan are meeting tomorrow. Do you mind connecting me with your colleague that will be staffing that meeting?

Thanks in advance,
Radha

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From: Chabot, Erica (Leahy) [Erica_Chabot@leahy.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/14/2021 7:01:46 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Senate Appropriations Committee - Invitation to Testify

Rural, rural, rural! How can we make sure these investments we want to make via infrastructure get to rural needs.

And, also, Lake Champlain and the wood stoves rebate program. The Lake is near and dear to Chairman Leahy's heart and legacy.

Erica Chabot
Legislative Director
U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.)
Chairman, Senate Appropriations Committee
Erica_Chabot@leahy.senate.gov

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 2:52 PM
To: Chabot, Erica (Leahy) <Erica_Chabot@leahy.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Senate Appropriations Committee - Invitation to Testify

Yes ma'am, sure am! If possible to convey over email, I hope you will feel free to do that. But also understand you are busy.

From: Chabot, Erica (Leahy) <Erica_Chabot@leahy.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 2:50 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Senate Appropriations Committee - Invitation to Testify

I am in back to back calls until later today -- assume you're looking for issues that Chairman Leahy will raise?

Erica Chabot
Legislative Director
U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.)
Chairman, Senate Appropriations Committee
Erica_Chabot@leahy.senate.gov

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Cc: Chabot, Erica (Leahy) <Erica_Chabot@leahy.senate.gov>; McDonald, Kevin (Leahy) <Kevin_McDonald@leahy.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: Senate Appropriations Committee - Invitation to Testify

Thank you Hannah! Erica do you have time for a quick chat?

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 14, 2021, at 2:28 PM, Chauvin, Hannah (Appropriations) <Hannah_Chauvin@appro.senate.gov> wrote:

Hi Radha,

Connecting you with Senator Leahy's legislative director, Erica Chabot, and his scheduler, Kevin McDonald.

Thanks!
Hannah

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Message

From: Pohl, Meredith (HSGAC) [Meredith_Pohl@hsgac.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/14/2021 7:37:25 PM
To: Beckmann, Ronna Erin [beckmann.ronna@epa.gov]
CC: Denis, Lydia (Portman) [Lydia_Denis@portman.senate.gov]; Kaiser, Sven-Erik [Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov]; Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]; Levine, Carolyn [Levine.Carolyn@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Sen. Portman Permitting Inquiry - City of Green, OH

Hi Ronna,

I really appreciate y'all taking a look at this for us. This status check is exactly what we needed; given that active enforcement is ongoing, this status check is the extent of our involvement with this matter.

Thanks again,
Meredith

From: Beckmann, Ronna Erin <beckmann.ronna@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 3:21 PM
To: Pohl, Meredith (HSGAC) <Meredith_Pohl@hsgac.senate.gov>
Cc: Denis, Lydia (Portman) <Lydia_Denis@portman.senate.gov>; Kaiser, Sven-Erik <Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov>; Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Levine, Carolyn <Levine.Carolyn@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Sen. Portman Permitting Inquiry - City of Green, OH

Hi, Meredith. Thanks for your time yesterday. As I'd hoped, the additional information you shared was sufficient for me to identify the appropriate EPA staff.

As you will see from the attached letter, Congressman Gonzalez has expressed interest in this property. As you'll also see in the letter and as you predicted, there isn't much we can share given that this is an active enforcement matter. What I can tell you is that the cease and desist order you mentioned yesterday was issued by the Corps. EPA cannot remove the cease and desist order. And we understand that the Corps won't engage on the matter until after EPA has made its determination. In other words, the ball is currently in EPA's enforcement court.

I appreciate your sensitivity given that this is an enforcement matter, but please don't hesitate to ask if you have any additional questions. We will answer them if we can.

All the best,

Ronna Beckmann
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5
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From: Pohl, Meredith (HSGAC) <Meredith_Pohl@hsgac.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 11:46 AM
To: Beckmann, Ronna Erin <beckmann.ronna@epa.gov>
Cc: Denis, Lydia (Portman) <Lydia_Denis@portman.senate.gov>; Kaiser, Sven-Erik <Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Sen. Portman Permitting Inquiry - City of Green, OH

That works great, thanks! Let's say 3:30PM EST? Is the number listed in your signature block the best way to reach you?

From: Beckmann, Ronna Erin <beckmann.ronna@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 12:43 PM
To: Pohl, Meredith (HSGAC) <Meredith_Pohl@hsgac.senate.gov>
Cc: Denis, Lydia (Portman) <Lydia_Denis@portman.senate.gov>; Kaiser, Sven-Erik <Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Sen. Portman Permitting Inquiry - City of Green, OH

Hi, Meredith. Happy to chat. I'm free after 3pm ET today if that might work for you. If not, I'll share times for tomorrow.

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On Apr 13, 2021, at 11:39 AM, Pohl, Meredith (HSGAC) <Meredith_Pohl@hsgac.senate.gov> wrote:

Hi Ronna,

Do you have a few minutes to chat about this later today or tomorrow? I am happy to give you a call whenever is convenient for you.

Thanks,
Meredith

Meredith Pohl
Deputy General Counsel to Senator Rob Portman
Counsel, Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee
O: 4-7496
C: (202)-940-6085

From: Beckmann, Ronna Erin <beckmann.ronna@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 10:11 AM
To: Denis, Lydia (Portman) <Lydia_Denis@portman.senate.gov>
Cc: Kaiser, Sven-Erik <Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov>; Pohl, Meredith (HSGAC) <Meredith_Pohl@hsgac.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Sen. Portman Permitting Inquiry - City of Green, OH

Good morning, Lydia. I've checked with staff here in Region 5 Chicago, which covers Ohio. Based on the information shared, they've been unable to identify anything pending.

Have you checked in with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to see if the permit is with that agency?

If the matter is in fact with the U.S. EPA, I'm very happy to assist further; but we'd appreciate additional information so we can identify the staff working on the matter. Documentation regarding the permitting request or compliance matter (such as letters to/from the agency) would be helpful.

Thanks,

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From: Denis, Lydia (Portman) <Lydia_Denis@portman.senate.gov>
Sent: Saturday, March 27, 2021 8:45 AM
To: Kaiser, Sven-Erik <Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov>; Pohl, Meredith (HSGAC) <Meredith_Pohl@hsgac.senate.gov>; Beckmann, Ronna Erin <beckmann.ronna@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Sen. Portman Permitting Inquiry - City of Green, OH

Hi Sven,

Thanks for the response. It's related to Clean Water Act compliance by the company Union Square within the City of Green.

Best,
Lydia

From: Kaiser, Sven-Erik <Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 26, 2021 5:23 PM
To: Denis, Lydia (Portman) <Lydia_Denis@portman.senate.gov>; Pohl, Meredith (HSGAC) <Meredith_Pohl@hsgac.senate.gov>; Beckmann, Ronna Erin <beckmann.ronna@epa.gov>
Subject: Sen. Portman Permitting Inquiry - City of Green, OH

Lydia – thanks for the inquiry. Can you provide more information on the permitting request so we can get it to the right folks at EPA. Best,
Sven

Sven-Erik Kaiser
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From: Denis, Lydia (Portman) <Lydia_Denis@portman.senate.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 26, 2021 4:38 PM
To: OCIRmail <OCIRmail@epa.gov>
Cc: Pohl, Meredith (HSGAC) <Meredith_Pohl@hsgac.senate.gov>
Subject: status update - City of Green, OH

Good afternoon,

We would like to schedule a call to receive a status update on a permitting request related to the City of Green, OH. Thank you for connecting us with the appropriate EPA staff.

Best,
Lydia
(603) 703-2107

Message

From: St. John, Cabelle (Leahy) [Cabelle_St.John@leahy.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/14/2021 7:45:22 PM
To: scheduling [scheduling@epa.gov]; Kulkarni, Vikram (Leahy) [Vikram_Kulkarni@leahy.senate.gov]; Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]; Bahrenburg, Andrew (Leahy) [Andrew_Bahrenburg@leahy.senate.gov]; Lucey, John [Lucey.John.D@epa.gov]; McDonald, Kevin (Leahy) [Kevin_McDonald@leahy.senate.gov]
CC: O'Brien, Grant [OBrien.Grant@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Phone-call: Senator Patrick Leahy, VT

Yes, it is just poorly written out.
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-----Original Appointment-----
From: McDonald, Kevin (Leahy) <Kevin_McDonald@leahy.senate.gov> **On Behalf Of** scheduling
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 3:44 PM
To: St. John, Cabelle (Leahy); Kulkarni, Vikram (Leahy); Bahrenburg, Andrew (Leahy)
Subject: FW: Phone-call: Senator Patrick Leahy, VT
When: Thursday, April 15, 2021 2:30 PM-3:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: tel: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

This is what I got on my calendar for the Regan call. Does this make sense?

-----Original Appointment-----
From: scheduling <scheduling@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 9, 2021 1:07 PM
To: scheduling; Adhar, Radha; Lucey, John; McDonald, Kevin (Leahy)
Cc: O'Brien, Grant
Subject: Phone-call: Senator Patrick Leahy, VT
When: Thursday, April 15, 2021 2:30 PM-3:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: tel: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

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Message

From: Clark, Catherine (Durbin) [Catherine_Clark@durbin.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/14/2021 9:24:07 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: Automatic reply: Reminder on LCR Listening Sessions

Hello,

I am out of the office from April 12-16. I will try to respond as quickly as possible to your emails and appreciate your patience.

Best,

Catherine

Message

From: Gillam, Laura Haynes (EPW) [Laura_Gillam@epw.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/15/2021 12:31:21 AM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Can we catch up?

We can also try for tomorrow morning if you would like to get some rest tonight.

Laura Haynes Gillam
Senior Policy Advisor for Clean Air and Climate
U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, Democratic Staff
Laura_gillam@epw.senate.gov

-----Original Message-----
From: Gillam, Laura Haynes (EPW) <Laura_Gillam@epw.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 7:55 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Can we catch up?

I'm sorry, it didn't show up! I'm free tonight, but not too late.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 14, 2021, at 7:36 PM, Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> Yes! I tried you but free to chat tonight if that works for you. Let me know!
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
>> On Apr 14, 2021, at 6:54 PM, Gillam, Laura Haynes (EPW) <Laura_Gillam@epw.senate.gov> wrote:
>>
>> Did I miss a call from you?
>>
>> Sent from my iPhone
>>
>>>> On Apr 14, 2021, at 9:54 AM, Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov> wrote:
>>>
>>> Yes ma'am, can I call you in ten?
>>>
>>> -----Original Message-----
>>> From: Gillam, Laura Haynes (EPW) <Laura_Gillam@epw.senate.gov>
>>> Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 9:51 AM
>>> To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
>>> Subject: Can we catch up?
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>>>
>>> Sent from my iPhone

Message

From: Berg, Kelsey (Romney) [Kelsey_Berg@romney.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/15/2021 1:08:12 AM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Time to chat Janet McCabe's nomination

Hey Radha,

I'm sorry I didn't respond... one of those weeks. I'm free most the day tomorrow so please call any time. Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Best,

Kelsey Berg
Deputy Chief of Staff
Senator Mitt Romney

From: "Adhar, Radha" <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Date: Monday, April 12, 2021 at 12:08 PM
To: "Berg, Kelsey (Romney)" <Kelsey_Berg@romney.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Time to chat Janet McCabe's nomination

Hey Kelsey, I hope all is well. Do you mind sharing if I can give you a ring today?

From: Berg, Kelsey (Romney) <Kelsey_Berg@romney.senate.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 2, 2021 7:16 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Time to chat Janet McCabe's nomination

Hey Radha,

So sorry, I was on the road most of last week. Happy to chat either Monday or Tuesday of this coming week. Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Give me a call whenever.

Best,

Kelsey Berg
Deputy Chief of Staff
Senator Mitt Romney

From: "Adhar, Radha" <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Date: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at 8:31 AM
To: "Berg, Kelsey (Romney)" <Kelsey_Berg@romney.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Time to chat Janet McCabe's nomination

Hi Kelsey,

Hope you don't mind me circling back. Do you have time to chat this week?

Looking forward to hearing from you,
Radha

From: Adhar, Radha
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2021 2:28 PM
To: Berg, Kelsey (Romney) <Kelsey_Berg@romney.senate.gov>
Subject: Time to chat Janet McCabe's nomination

Hi Kelsey!

By way of introduction, my name is Radha Adhar and I am the Deputy Associate Administrator of Congressional Affairs at EPA. Do you have some time to chat about the nomination of Janet McCabe to be Deputy Administrator of EPA? We would be honored to have Senator Romney's support, and I am sharing some letters that I think will be of assistance to you as you and the Senator think about this decision.

Looking forward to hearing from you,
Radha

Message

From: Olsen, Lizzy (Duckworth) [Lizzy_Olsen@duckworth.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/15/2021 2:23:41 AM
To: Kaiser, Sven-Erik [Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov]
CC: Mazzuca, Gina (Durbin) [Gina_Mazzuca@durbin.senate.gov]; Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]; Clark, Catherine (Durbin) [Catherine_Clark@durbin.senate.gov]; Posegay, Andrew (Durbin) [Andrew_Posegay@durbin.senate.gov]; McDonald, Chelsea (Duckworth) [Chelsea_McDonald@duckworth.senate.gov]
Subject: Re: Reminder on LCR Listening Sessions

Forwarding to Catherine and Andrew as Gina is no longer with Sen Durbin's office.

Very Best,
Elizabeth "Lizzy" Olsen
Counsel
Office of Senator Tammy Duckworth

On Apr 14, 2021, at 5:12 PM, Kaiser, Sven-Erik <Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov> wrote:

In light of the letter from Senators Duckworth and Durbin, to which EPA is preparing a response, we wanted to make sure you're aware of the approaching April 23 deadline for the upcoming LCR listening sessions.

The public listening sessions and roundtables are to ensure that communities and stakeholders have the opportunity to provide their perspectives to the agency on protections from lead in drinking water. The impact of lead exposure, including through drinking water, is a public health issue of paramount importance and its adverse effects on children and public health are serious and well known. The goal of public engagement is to obtain further input on EPA's Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR), including from individuals and communities that are most at-risk of exposure to lead in drinking water.

Virtual public listening sessions will be held on April 28, 2021, and May 5, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., eastern daylight time. Those interested in speaking can sign up for a 3-minute speaking slot on EPA's website at: www.epa.gov/safewater.

During this event, registered members of the public will be provided the opportunity to share their thoughts and concerns about the impact of lead in their community as it relates to the LCRR with EPA senior officials and managers.

EPA will then host community-focused virtual roundtables, starting in May of 2021. The roundtables will facilitate discussion of their unique perspectives on LCRR-related topics among EPA and local organizations including but not limited to, local government entities, public water utilities, community-organized groups, environmental groups and elected officials.

Starting in June of 2021, EPA will also host virtual roundtables with other important stakeholder groups, including drinking water utilities, intergovernmental associations, environmental organizations, environmental justice organizations, public health organizations, and consumer associations. These stakeholder roundtables will allow representatives of national organizations to discuss LCRR-related topics and provide their national perspective to the Agency. Finally, EPA also intends to host a national co-regulator meeting with primacy agencies (e.g., states, tribes, and territories) in July 2021 to discuss the feedback received from communities and stakeholders.

EPA requests that communities or organizations that would like to be considered for a community-focused or stakeholder roundtable submit a nomination letter to the Agency not later than April 23, 2021.

Members of the public that are unable to attend any of the events will be able to submit comments via the docket at: http://www.regulations.gov, Docket ID: EPA-HQ-OW-2021-0255 until June 30, 2021.

For details on what should be included in the nomination letters, meeting materials, and for additional event details visit: www.epa.gov/safewater.

Please let us know if any questions. Thanks,
Sven

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Message

From: Gillam, Laura Haynes (EPW) [Laura_Gillam@epw.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/15/2021 3:03:19 PM
To: Haman, Patricia [Haman.Patricia@epa.gov]
CC: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: CSAPR briefing for You

Did you send an invitation, I don't see it.

Laura Haynes Gillam
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U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, Democratic Staff
Laura_gillam@epw.senate.gov

From: Haman, Patricia <Haman.Patricia@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 1:09 PM
To: Gillam, Laura Haynes (EPW) <Laura_Gillam@epw.senate.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: CSAPR briefing for You

Hi, We can do 2:45-3:15. I will send a TEAMS invitation. Let us know if you have any particular questions. Otherwise, we will walk through what is in the final rule and answer questions as they pop up. Thanks, Pat

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From: Gillam, Laura Haynes (EPW) <Laura_Gillam@epw.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 10:46 AM
To: Haman, Patricia <Haman.Patricia@epa.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: CSAPR briefing for You

I'm going to see if Hannah can join.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 14, 2021, at 10:44 AM, Haman, Patricia <Haman.Patricia@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> I will check. And will it just be EPW majority staff or wider?
>
> ---
>
> **From:** Gillam, Laura Haynes (EPW) <Laura_Gillam@epw.senate.gov>
> **Sent:** Wednesday, April 14, 2021 10:40 AM
> **To:** Haman, Patricia <Haman.Patricia@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: CSAPR briefing for You
>
> Can we try for 2:30 or 2:45 instead? We now have an earlier meeting that may run over.
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
>> On Apr 13, 2021, at 5:06 PM, Haman, Patricia <Haman.Patricia@epa.gov> wrote:

No worries. I hope you had a good week off. Have you heard back from the others about 2 pm Thursday? And do you have any specific questions you would like addressed? Right now I have a staff level briefing to walk you through what is in the final rule but still have time to change that if you want to drill down on something specific. Pat

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From: Gillam, Laura Haynes (EPW) <Laura_Gillam@epw.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 10:29 AM
To: Haman, Patricia <Haman.Patricia@epa.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: CSAPR briefing for You

Hi Pat, I'm sorry for the radio silence. I was out all last week with limited email access. I can do Thursday at 2pm, checking with my other colleagues if that time works for them too.

Laura Haynes Gillam
Senior Policy Advisor for Clean Air and Climate
U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, Democratic Staff
Laura_gillam@epw.senate.gov

From: Haman, Patricia <Haman.Patricia@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 3:11 PM
To: Gillam, Laura Haynes (EPW) <Laura_Gillam@epw.senate.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: CSAPR briefing for You

Hi Laura, Checking in with you on these times. Pat

From: Haman, Patricia
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 1:48 PM
To: Laura Haynes (Laura_Gillam@epw.senate.gov) <laura_gillam@epw.senate.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: CSAPR briefing for You

Try 2 – an extra word got inserted in the last try.

From: Haman, Patricia
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 11:49 AM
To: Gillam, Laura <HayLaura_Gillam@epw.senate.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: CSAPR briefing for You

Hi Laura, I hope you are enjoying your week off. We have gathered some blocks of time as options for the staff to brief you on our most recent CSAPR rule. Please let me know if there are 30 minutes (or an hour if you think it will be needed) within these blocks that could work for you. Also, if there are any specific questions you can share ahead of time, that would be welcome. Thanks, Pat

Options:

- 4/12 afternoon between 2-4pm.
- 4/13 Tuesday before 1pm except 11-12.
- 4/15 Thursday afternoon between 2-4pm.

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Message

From: Sandlin, Erin [Erin.Sandlin@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 4/15/2021 11:32:06 PM
To: Kaiser, Sven-Erik [Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov]; Gill, Sonam [Gill.Sonam@epa.gov]; Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Rep. Carbajal Inquiry on Seresto

Hi Sven-Erik—I just wanted to follow up on this request below. If you would like a formal letter from my boss, please let me know.

Erin

From: Sandlin, Erin
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 10:26 AM
To: Kaiser, Sven-Erik <Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov>; Gill, Sonam <Gill.Sonam@epa.gov>; Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Rep. Carbajal Inquiry on Seresto

Thank you, Sven-Erik!

Erin

From: Kaiser, Sven-Erik <Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 7:12 PM
To: Sandlin, Erin <Erin.Sandlin@mail.house.gov>; Gill, Sonam <Gill.Sonam@epa.gov>; Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: Rep. Carbajal Inquiry on Seresto

Erin – thanks for the request from Rep. Carbajal on Seresto pet products. We'll be glad to provide a response. Please let me know if any additional questions. Best,
Sven

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From: Sandlin, Erin <Erin.Sandlin@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 11:38 AM
To: Gill, Sonam <Gill.Sonam@epa.gov>
Subject: Seresto Q-Rep. Carbajal

Hi Sonam,

I hope this email finds you well! I was wondering if there was any information or background you could send me about the EPA's past actions and future plans for the regulation of the Seresto flea and tick collar.

My boss wanted a brief update since we have a group of constituents asking about it (mostly concerned regarding the reports of negative effects on pets), and just wanted him to be informed on how the agency is dealing with it since I know the EPA has taken some oversight actions.

Thank you in advance for your consideration!

Erin Sandlin
Director of Operations
Congressman Salud Carbajal (CA-24)
Office: (202) 225-3601

More updates from Congressman Carbajal:

Message

From: Roberts, Martha (Appropriations) [Martha_Roberts@appro.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/15/2021 11:58:49 PM
To: Lance, Kathleen [Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov]; Chauvin, Hannah (Appropriations) [Hannah_Chauvin@appro.senate.gov]
CC: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Hearing information

Thank you!

From: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 4:56 PM
To: Chauvin, Hannah (Appropriations) <Hannah_Chauvin@appro.senate.gov>; Roberts, Martha (Appropriations) <Martha_Roberts@appro.senate.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Hearing information

Thank you, Martha. Confirmed for the private hold room SD-112 (the anteroom). He will be arriving at 10:00am.

Kathleen C. Lance
Director of Scheduling and Advance
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Cell: (202) 941-1109

From: Chauvin, Hannah (Appropriations) <Hannah_Chauvin@appro.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 1:48 PM
To: Roberts, Martha (Appropriations) <Martha_Roberts@appro.senate.gov>; Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Hearing information

All – my apologies. Please use SD-112 (the anteroom) prior to the hearing. I'll make sure it's open. SD-116 will be more of a staff overflow room, and I'm sure the Administrator would prefer a quieter space.

From: Roberts, Martha (Appropriations) <Martha_Roberts@appro.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 1:06 PM
To: 'Lance, Kathleen' <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Chauvin, Hannah (Appropriations) <Hannah_Chauvin@appro.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Hearing information

Thank you Kathleen!

Dirksen 116 will be available prior to the hearing and also available during the hearing for overflow. Please note that to abide by social distancing requirements only one EPA staffer may be in the hearing room with the Administrator during the hearing.

I believe Hannah Chauvin, who is helping coordinate the hearing on our end, has shared ID requirements and arrival logistics details with Radha. Cc'ing her here to help keep us all in the same loop. Her phone is 2 Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Kindly share the Administrator's testimony electronically with Hannah by 5 pm the day prior to the hearing.

Don't hesitate to reach out to us if you have any further questions. Best,

Martha

From: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 11:26 AM
To: Roberts, Martha (Appropriations) <Martha_Roberts@appro.senate.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Hearing information
Importance: High

HI Martha! Can you please share the private room location and number for the Administrator as a hold room on April 20 at 10:00am?

Can I share with you the list of attendees who will be joining the Administrator? What do they need in terms of identification to enter the building? Please also share arrival logistics and escort POC contact information.

Thank you!!

Kathleen C. Lance
Director of Scheduling and Advance
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Cell: (202) 941-1109

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 8:49 PM
To: Roberts, Martha (Appropriations) <Martha_Roberts@appro.senate.gov>
Cc: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Hearing information

Thank you Martha, do you mind sharing how many panels there will be (will each senator get one or two rounds) of questions?
Also, Administrator Regan is expected to arrive at 10:00 am. Can you please share if he can sit in the Committee ante room between his arrival and the hearing. If he can, can you also share the room number?

Thanks in advance,
Radha

From: Roberts, Martha (Appropriations) <Martha_Roberts@appro.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 8:44 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: Hearing information

Radha, look forward to talking tomorrow. Wanted to share a few additional logistical details for the April 20 hearing—

As I believe we mentioned Sen. Leahy expects witnesses to be in person. Each witness can have one staffer.

The order of witnesses will be: Buttigieg; Regan; Raimondo; Fudge. The question rounds are 5 minutes.

Best,

Martha

Message

From: Lokken, Sean (Cortez Masto) [Sean_Lokken@cortezmasto.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/16/2021 4:44:44 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Can you please send me your schedulers info?

Any chance you have some time today?

From: Lokken, Sean (Cortez Masto)
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 3:51 PM
To: 'Adhar, Radha' <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Can you please send me your schedulers info?

Hey Radha,

Did you have a few minutes to connect this afternoon?

Thanks,
Sean

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 9, 2021 3:58 PM
To: Lokken, Sean (Cortez Masto) <Sean_Lokken@cortezmasto.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Can you please send me your schedulers info?

TWO? How busy are y'all?!!

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From: Lokken, Sean (Cortez Masto) <Sean_Lokken@cortezmasto.senate.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 9, 2021 3:57 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Can you please send me your schedulers info?

Absolutely!

Anaisy Tolentino – Anaisy_Tolentino@cortezmasto.senate.gov

Viviana Quintero – Viviana_Quintero@cortezmasto.senate.gov

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 9, 2021 3:53 PM
To: Lokken, Sean (Cortez Masto) <Sean_Lokken@cortezmasto.senate.gov>
Subject: Can you please send me your schedulers info?

Thank you in advance!

Radha Adhar
Deputy Associate Administrator for Congressional Affairs
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Cell: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Pronouns: She/her/hers

Message

From: Brogan, Kelsi [Kelsi.Brogan@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 4/16/2021 6:44:26 PM
To: Lance, Kathleen [Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov]
CC: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Video call with Administrator Michael Regan, EPA

Here's the link we can use!

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From: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 1, 2021 2:52 PM
To: Brogan, Kelsi <Kelsi.Brogan@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Video call with Administrator Michael Regan, EPA

Yes, of course!

Kathleen C. Lance
Director of Scheduling and Advance
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Cell: (202) 941-1109

From: Brogan, Kelsi <Kelsi.Brogan@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 1, 2021 2:37 PM
To: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Video call with Administrator Michael Regan, EPA

Sure. Will send one as we get closer if that's okay.

Best,

Kelsi Brogan
Congressman David P. Joyce (OH-14)
2065 Rayburn HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515
(202) 225-5731

From: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 1, 2021 2:20 PM
To: Brogan, Kelsi <Kelsi.Brogan@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Video call with Administrator Michael Regan, EPA

Thank you. Would you mind sharing a link?

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From: Brogan, Kelsi <Kelsi.Brogan@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 1, 2021 2:15 PM
To: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Video call with Administrator Michael Regan, EPA

Great, locked in! Chris Cooper will join from our team.

From: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 1, 2021 2:10 PM
To: Brogan, Kelsi <Kelsi.Brogan@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Video call with Administrator Michael Regan, EPA

Thank you, Kelsi. Tuesday, 4/20 from 2:00pm-2:30pm works great. Could I ask you share with me a zoom link for the meeting?

Joining the Administrator will be Radha Adhar, Principal Deputy Associate Administrator for Congressional Affairs and John Lucey, Special Assistant to the Administrator.

Kindly,

Kathleen C. Lance
Director of Scheduling and Advance
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From: Brogan, Kelsi <Kelsi.Brogan@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 1, 2021 1:49 PM
To: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Video call with Administrator Michael Regan, EPA

Hello,

Would between 2-3pm on 4/20 work? Feel free to send over times that work well for Administrator Regan. Thanks!

Best,

Kelsi Brogan
Congressman David P. Joyce (OH-14)
2065 Rayburn HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515
(202) 225-5731

From: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 1, 2021 1:43 PM
To: Brogan, Kelsi <Kelsi.Brogan@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Video call with Administrator Michael Regan, EPA

Thank you, Anna.

Kelsi – please let me know what windows work well for your office.

Kindly,

Kathleen C. Lance
Director of Scheduling and Advance
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Cell: (202) 941-1109

From: Alburger, Anna <Anna.Alburger@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 1, 2021 12:51 PM
To: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Kelsi.Brogan <Kelsi.Brogan@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Video call with Administrator Michael Regan, EPA

Hi Kathleen,

Adding Congressman Joyce's scheduler into the email thread. She will be able to help you find a time that works.

Anna Alburger
Chief of Staff
Congressman David P. Joyce (OH-14)
2065 Rayburn HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

From: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 1, 2021 12:45 PM
To: Alburger, Anna <Anna.Alburger@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: Video call with Administrator Michael Regan, EPA

Hi Anna,

I am reaching out to request assistance in helping me connect Ranking Member Joyce and Administrator Regan in the next couple of weeks.

Are there any windows that work well on your end?

Kindly,

Kathleen C. Lance
Director of Scheduling and Advance
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Cell: (202) 941-1109

Message

From: McAloon, Kevin [Kevin.McAloon@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 4/16/2021 9:03:13 PM
To: Knapp, Kristien [Knapp.Kristien@epa.gov]
CC: Gervasi, Marissa [Marissa.Gervasi@mail.house.gov]; Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: E&C letter on SolarWinds

Thanks Kristien. We'll take a look and circle back with any questions.

Kevin

From: Knapp, Kristien <Knapp.Kristien@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 16, 2021 4:44 PM
To: McAloon, Kevin <Kevin.McAloon@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Gervasi, Marissa <Marissa.Gervasi@mail.house.gov>; Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: E&C letter on SolarWinds

Hi Kevin—Attached is EPA's response. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any follow-up needs.

Thanks, again, for your patience.—Kristien

Kristien G. Knapp
Legislative and Oversight Counsel
Office of Congressional Affairs
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Office: (202) 564-3277
Cell: (202) 379-8531

From: McAloon, Kevin <Kevin.McAloon@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 8:03 PM
To: Knapp, Kristien <Knapp.Kristien@epa.gov>
Cc: Gervasi, Marissa <Marissa.Gervasi@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: E&C letter on SolarWinds

Hi Kristien,

Can you provide an update on when you expect to submit EPA's response to the Committee?

Thanks,
Kevin

Kevin McAloon
Professional Staff
House Committee on Energy & Commerce
Democratic Staff
(202) 997-3204

From: Knapp, Kristien <Knapp.Kristien@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 11:05 AM
To: McAloon, Kevin <Kevin.McAloon@mail.house.gov>

Cc: Gervasi, Marissa <Marissa.Gervasi@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: E&C letter on SolarWinds

Will do—I appreciate your understanding. –Kristien

From: McAloon, Kevin <Kevin.McAloon@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 10:56 AM
To: Knapp, Kristien <Knapp.Kristien@epa.gov>
Cc: Gervasi, Marissa <Marissa.Gervasi@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: E&C letter on SolarWinds

Thanks Kristien. Please keep us updated.

Kevin

From: Knapp, Kristien <Knapp.Kristien@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 9:46 AM
To: McAloon, Kevin <Kevin.McAloon@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Gervasi, Marissa <Marissa.Gervasi@mail.house.gov>; Barstow, Kevin <Kevin.Barstow@mail.house.gov>; Kessler, Rick <Rick.Kessler@mail.house.gov>; Young, CJ <CJ.Young@mail.house.gov>
Subject: FW: E&C letter on SolarWinds

Hi Kevin—Our folks are working on EPA's response to this letter but we are going to need a little more time. I expect we'll be able to send you our response next week.

Thanks,
Kristien

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From: McAloon, Kevin <Kevin.McAloon@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 6:29 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Cc: Gervasi, Marissa <Marissa.Gervasi@mail.house.gov>; Barstow, Kevin <Kevin.Barstow@mail.house.gov>; Kessler, Rick <Rick.Kessler@mail.house.gov>; Young, CJ <CJ.Young@mail.house.gov>
Subject: E&C letter on SolarWinds

Hi Adhar,

I have attached a letter from bipartisan leaders of the Energy & Commerce Committee regarding the recent SolarWinds incident. The press on this letter will be going out early tomorrow morning.

Please acknowledge receipt, and please reach out if you have any questions about the information the Committee is requesting.

Thanks for your help.

Kevin

Kevin McAloon
Professional Staff
House Committee on Energy & Commerce
Democratic Staff
(202) 997-3204

Message

From: Cooper, Chris [Chris.Cooper@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 4/18/2021 12:48:49 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Video call with Administrator Michael Regan, EPA

Yes, noon also works for me. Do you want to call me at Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Sunday, April 18, 2021 8:35 AM
To: Cooper, Chris <Chris.Cooper@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Video call with Administrator Michael Regan, EPA

Hey Chris, sorry to ask but do you mind sharing additional times? Would noon work on your end?

From: Cooper, Chris <Chris.Cooper@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Sunday, April 18, 2021 8:32 AM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Cc: Kelsi.Brogan <Kelsi.Brogan@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Video call with Administrator Michael Regan, EPA

Thank you. I am available at 11 or 11:30 AM tomorrow. Let me know if either time works for you.

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Sunday, April 18, 2021 8:20 AM
To: Cooper, Chris <Chris.Cooper@mail.house.gov>; Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Cc: Brogan, Kelsi <Kelsi.Brogan@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Video call with Administrator Michael Regan, EPA

Good morning Chris,

Thank you for your note. The Administrator's Special Assistant, John Lucey, and I, the Deputy Associate Administrator for Congressional Affairs, will be on. I'd be happy to connect beforehand if you have time- just let me know if you are free for a ring.

Thanks,
Radha

From: Cooper, Chris <Chris.Cooper@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Sunday, April 18, 2021 8:14 AM
To: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Kelsi.Brogan <Kelsi.Brogan@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Video call with Administrator Michael Regan, EPA

Will anyone from EPA join Administrator Regan? Thanks!

Chris Cooper
Chief Appropriations Counsel
Office of Congressman David P. Joyce

From: Alburger, Anna <Anna.Alburger@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 1, 2021 12:51 PM
To: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Brogan, Kelsi <Kelsi.Brogan@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Video call with Administrator Michael Regan, EPA

Hi Kathleen,

Adding Congressman Joyce's scheduler into the email thread. She will be able to help you find a time that works.

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Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: Video call with Administrator Michael Regan, EPA

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Kindly,

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Director of Scheduling and Advance
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Cell: (202) 941-1109

Message

From: Borja, Anais [Anais.Borja@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 4/19/2021 12:45:18 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Meeting request - Office of Air and Radiation

Hi Radha,

Hope you're well! Looks like my email requesting a meeting with Mr. Goffman might have gotten buried. Would it be possible to set something up this week?

Thanks so much!

Best,
Anaïs

From: Borja, Anais
Sent: Thursday, April 1, 2021 4:10 PM
To: adhar.radha@epa.gov
Subject: Meeting request - Office of Air and Radiation

Hi Radha,

Hope you're well! We are working on a methane emissions bill. I was hoping I might be able to chat to Joe Goffman and Tomás Carbonell. We have developed a bill and I've been working with many outside groups, including the Robert Kleinberg, Kate Konschnik, Kyle Danish, and Mark Boling, Arvind Ravikumar among many others!

Would it be possible to set something up? I'm happy to send along the section by section and the bill itself.

Many thanks!

Best,
Anaïs

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Pronunciation of Anaïs using International Phonetic Alphabet notation:
a:naɪi:s

Message

From: Goddard, Jaron (Murray) [Jaron_Goddard@murray.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/19/2021 8:00:35 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
CC: Henshaw, Bree (Murray) [Bree_Henshaw@murray.senate.gov]
Subject: Re: Time to chat your bill?

Hi Radha - my apologies, my internet is down and I can't use Teams. Can we use my call in line instead? Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) pin: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 19, 2021, at 9:25 AM, Goddard, Jaron (Murray) <Jaron_Goddard@murray.senate.gov> wrote:

Hi Radha –

Thanks! Yep that timing works. Let us know a good call-in line. Thank you!

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 10:23 AM
To: Goddard, Jaron (Murray) <Jaron_Goddard@murray.senate.gov>
Cc: Henshaw, Bree (Murray) <Bree_Henshaw@murray.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Time to chat your bill?

Hey guys, can you please let me know if I can ring you today? I am free at 4:15 if that works on your end.

From: Goddard, Jaron (Murray) <Jaron_Goddard@murray.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 1:41 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Cc: Henshaw, Bree (Murray) <Bree_Henshaw@murray.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Time to chat your bill?

Hi Radha –

Following up on this.

Jaron

From: Goddard, Jaron (Murray) <Jaron_Goddard@murray.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 8:33 AM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Cc: Henshaw, Bree (Murray) <Bree_Henshaw@murray.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: Time to chat your bill?

Hey Radha! Removing Logan as he's actually left Merkleys office now. We can do 130 or 2 if that works on Thursday?

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 6, 2021, at 10:15 PM, Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov> wrote:

Hey Jarron, thank you for following up! I am so sorry I let the ball drop last week. Can you let me know if y'all can chat at 1 on Thursday? If note let me know a few times that do and I'll move some things around!

From: Goddard, Jaron (Murray) <Jaron_Goddard@murray.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 5:02 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Hollers, Logan (Merkley) <Logan_Hollers@merkley.senate.gov>; Henshaw, Bree (Murray) <Bree_Henshaw@murray.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Time to chat your bill?

Hi Radha!

Would the team have some time this week?

Separately, I wanted to send through some initial ideas we are considering adding on to the bill. These came from Tracy Hester at Houston Law, the expert who originally testified for the bill in EPW in 2017.

- Expand the assessment of potential climate change effects on natural disasters to include scenarios beyond a default 2 degrees C outcome; selected remedies should anticipate effects from climate change reaching 4 degrees C at least.

- Find ways to encourage similar assessments of climate change vulnerabilities for non-NPL sites, including sites within brownfields, voluntary cleanup, and state Superfund programs. These approach might involve use of targeted financial support or a revolving loan fund (for remediated sites that generate income).

- Integrate local emergency response authorities directly into planning for natural disasters (including remedy evaluations) that assess magnifying effects of climate change.

- Explore use of infrastructure funding under proposed legislation from Biden Administration to include bolstering selected remedial actions at CERCLA sites to anticipate potential climate change effects.

- Explicitly provide for assessment of environmental justice impacts that might arise from emergency responses to climate-enhanced natural disasters, especially for communities already disproportionately affected by climate change.

From: Goddard, Jaron (Murray)
Sent: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 4:00 PM
To: 'Adhar, Radha' <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Hollers, Logan (Merkley) <Logan_Hollers@merkley.senate.gov>; Henshaw, Bree (Murray) <Bree_Henshaw@murray.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Time to chat your bill?

Noon works for us, thanks! Also Radha, FYI we will send through a few more possible adds to the bill tomorrow after speaking with some additional experts.

Thanks!

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 2:50 PM
To: Hollers, Logan (Merkley) <Logan_Hollers@merkley.senate.gov>; Goddard, Jaron (Murray) <Jaron_Goddard@murray.senate.gov>; Henshaw, Bree (Murray) <Bree_Henshaw@murray.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Time to chat your bill?

I can do 15 at 12 and will speak fast if that works for everyone!

From: Hollers, Logan (Merkley) <Logan_Hollers@merkley.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 2:23 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Goddard, Jaron (Murray) <Jaron_Goddard@murray.senate.gov>; Henshaw, Bree (Murray) <Bree_Henshaw@murray.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Time to chat your bill?

Apologies, but I'm booked up at that time – have open from noon to 1:00 pm on Friday.

LOGAN L. HOLLERS, J.D., LL.M.
Policy Advisor / Counsel
OFFICE OF SENATOR JEFF MERKLEY
531 Hart Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510 | (202) 224.3753

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 2:20 PM
To: Goddard, Jaron (Murray) <Jaron_Goddard@murray.senate.gov>; Henshaw, Bree (Murray) <Bree_Henshaw@murray.senate.gov>; Hollers, Logan (Merkley) <Logan_Hollers@merkley.senate.gov>
Subject: Time to chat your bill?

Hello Senator Murray and Merkley's staff!

I hope all is well and apologies that Carlton and I had to reschedule our meeting yesterday. We were looking forward to it, and I'm wondering if you don't mind sharing with me if y'all have availability to chat later this week. Do you all mind sharing if you could make 2:30 Friday work on your end?

Looking forward to working with you,
Radha

Radha Adhar
Deputy Associate Administrator for Congressional Affairs
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Pronouns: She/her/hers

Message

From: Guarascio, Tiffany [Tiffany.Guarascio@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 4/19/2021 8:04:27 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: E&C Hearing Request

Just following up. Are we going to have any time constraints?
Thanks

From: Guarascio, Tiffany <Tiffany.Guarascio@mail.house.gov>
Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 12:31 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: E&C Hearing Request

Hi there
Wanted to follow up to confirm we have no scheduling restraints. We will plan for 11 am – and he can stay until every member who wants to ask a Q can ask a question – correct? (w cmte work weeks we tend to get more participation than voting days)

Thanks

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Date: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 1:51 PM
To: Guarascio, Tiffany <Tiffany.Guarascio@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: E&C Hearing Request

Heheh I have to defer to our scheduling team but I am confident Administrator Regan will make sure to have the time he needs.

From: Guarascio, Tiffany <Tiffany.Guarascio@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 1:41 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: E&C Hearing Request

Awesome. An no timing restrictions right? It's not a huge subcmte but all members are able to waive on to ask Qs and I suspect this to be a popular hearing ☺

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Date: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 1:39 PM
To: Guarascio, Tiffany <Tiffany.Guarascio@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: E&C Hearing Request

You bet. 11am it is.

From: Guarascio, Tiffany <Tiffany.Guarascio@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 1:38 PM

To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: E&C Hearing Request

So that is a committee work week. And bc of west coast members – we start our hearings at 11 am. Does that work?

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Date: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 1:26 PM
To: Guarascio, Tiffany <Tiffany.Guarascio@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: E&C Hearing Request

Hey Tiffany! Can we lock in the April 29, 2021 at 10:00 AM?

From: Guarascio, Tiffany <Tiffany.Guarascio@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 11:16 AM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: E&C Hearing Request

Hi Radha
Just wanted to check in to make sure you received this email.
Could we start coordinating dates?

Thanks

On Mar 23, 2021, at 10:32 AM, Guarascio, Tiffany <Tiffany.Guarascio@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Hi Radha

Sorry we haven't had a chance to "meet" – but I am reaching out on behalf of the Chairman to request the EPA administrator come and testify before the E&C Committee – likely in the Environment and Climate Change Subcommittee. We have a number of dates available in April (listed below). We are holding hearings all virtually. Ideally we could make this happen sooner rather than later. I am sharing these dates with other Admin officials too, so hopefully we can coordinate as I finalize the Committee calendar.

Dates:
4/15
4/21
4/27, 28 or 29

Please let me know what might work and if you have any questions – I can be reached at Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Thanks!
Tiffany

Tiffany Guarascio

Deputy Staff Director
House Energy and Commerce Committee

Message

From: Palasits, Sara [Sara.Palasits@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 4/19/2021 9:36:13 PM
To: Moody, Christina [Moody.Christina@epa.gov]; Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]; Williams, Thea [Williams.Thea@epa.gov]
CC: Hooghan, Priyanka [Priyanka.Hooghan@mail.house.gov]; Thompson, Janie [Janie.Thompson@mail.house.gov]
Subject: RE: EPA witness for HSST 5/7

Hi all,

We have decided to postpone the SAC hearing. Please let us know when Dr. Orme-Zavaleta would be available to testify in June.

Thank you,
Sara

-----Original Message-----
From: Palasits, Sara
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 12:25 PM
To: Moody, Christina <Moody.Christina@epa.gov>; Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Williams, Thea <Williams.Thea@epa.gov>
Cc: Hooghan, Priyanka <Priyanka.Hooghan@mail.house.gov>; Thompson, Janie <Janie.Thompson@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA witness for HSST 5/7

Hi Christina,

Hope you had a nice weekend. Is there an update on Dr. Orme-Zavaleta's availability for the May 7th hearing?

Thanks,
Sara

-----Original Message-----
From: Moody, Christina <Moody.Christina@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 1:10 PM
To: Palasits, Sara <Sara.Palasits@mail.house.gov>; Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Williams, Thea <Williams.Thea@epa.gov>
Cc: Hooghan, Priyanka <Priyanka.Hooghan@mail.house.gov>; Thompson, Janie <Janie.Thompson@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA witness for HSST 5/7

Sara, would this be a virtual hearing?

Christina J. Moody
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-----Original Message-----
From: Palasits, Sara <Sara.Palasits@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 1:07 PM
To: Moody, Christina <Moody.Christina@epa.gov>; Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Williams, Thea <Williams.Thea@epa.gov>
Cc: Hooghan, Priyanka <Priyanka.Hooghan@mail.house.gov>; Thompson, Janie <Janie.Thompson@mail.house.gov>
Subject: EPA witness for HSST 5/7

Hi all,

We're reaching out to inquire about an EPA witness for a joint I&O and Environment subcommittee hearing we are planning on EPA science advisory committees on May 7 at 11am. Our members would like to hear about Administrator Regan's decision to dismiss the SAB and CASAC and the other steps he will take to correct the damage under the last administration. This hearing is a follow-on to our previous hearing in July 2019. We believe Dr. Orme-Zavaleta would be an appropriate witness. Can you please advise on whether her schedule allows for her participation in this hearing? Also, would it be possible for her to sit on a mixed panel with 3-4 non-federal witnesses?

Thank you,
Sara

Message

From: Vlasaty, Andrew (Blunt) [Andrew_Vlasaty@blunt.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/21/2021 12:58:39 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Letters of support

Hi Radha,

I haven't had a chance to touch base with my boss on where he might be on the nomination yet. As the vote gets closer I'm happy to stay in touch.

On a totally different note, I do have an EPA permitting issue that's come up. I will send it your way in a new email but was hoping to get some information from EPA.

Andrew

-----Original Message-----
From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 3:19 PM
To: Vlasaty, Andrew (Blunt) <Andrew_Vlasaty@blunt.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Letters of support

Hey Andrew,

Hope you had a wonderful weekend. Do you mind letting me know if you have any thoughts you can share about your boss's support of Janet's nomination? We would be honored to have it and I want to make sure you have the information you need to make a recommendation for your boss.

-----Original Message-----
From: Vlasaty, Andrew (Blunt) <Andrew_Vlasaty@blunt.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 8:47 AM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Letters of support

Thank you.

> On Apr 7, 2021, at 9:27 PM, Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> Hi Andrew,
>
> Thanks so much for connecting this morning. I wanted to share some letters from industry that we have received in support of Janet's nomination. We would be honored if Senator Blunt supported Janet and I hope you will let me know if there's any information I can share that would be helpful.
>
> Thanks again,
> Radha
>
> Radha Adhar
> Deputy Associate Administrator for Congressional Affairs U.S.
> Environmental Protection Agency
> Cell: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
> Pronouns: She/her/hers
>

Message

From: Hancock, Phil (Manchin) [Phil_Hancock@manchin.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/23/2021 5:48:28 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: McCabe Background Info

Yes. m: 202-431-7858

Phil A. Hancock | *phil_hancock@manchin.senate.gov*

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 23, 2021 1:45 PM
To: Hancock, Phil (Manchin) <Phil_Hancock@manchin.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: McCabe Background Info

Hey Phil, can you shoot over your number?

From: Hancock, Phil (Manchin) <Phil_Hancock@manchin.senate.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 23, 2021 12:37 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: McCabe Background Info

No worries. Any time is okay. The earlier the better.

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 23, 2021 11:50 AM
To: Hancock, Phil (Manchin) <Phil_Hancock@manchin.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: McCabe Background Info

Phil. SO sorry I missed this. Can you let me know when I can try you today?

From: Hancock, Phil (Manchin) <Phil_Hancock@manchin.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 22, 2021 5:31 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: McCabe Background Info

Great - we are en route to tour a daycare for our 1-year old this evening. Possible to connect tomorrow morning, say 930?

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 22, 2021, at 5:00 PM, Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov> wrote:

> Hey Phil! We do have some updates, do you mind letting me know if I can ring you?
>
> ---
>
> **From:** Hancock, Phil (Manchin) <Phil_Hancock@manchin.senate.gov>
> **Sent:** Thursday, April 22, 2021 4:55 PM
> **To:** Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: McCabe Background Info

Hey Radha – Reconnecting. Looks like it's lights, camera, and action on this nomination next week. What is the current lay of the land regarding Republican support? Are there new industry endorsements?

Phil A. Hancock | *phil_hancock@manchin.senate.gov*

From: Hancock, Phil (Manchin) <Phil_Hancock@manchin.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 7:10 AM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: McCabe Background Info

Roger that. Thanks again

-phil

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 23, 2021, at 1:39 PM, Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov> wrote:

Hey Phil! I think their CEO is going to give Senator Manchin a call and I'll get a hold of the letter.

From: Hancock, Phil (Manchin) <Phil_Hancock@manchin.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 9:37 AM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: McCabe Background Info

Hey Radha – Did you happen to find Duke Energy's letter of support?

From: Hancock, Phil (Manchin)
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2021 12:41 PM
To: 'Adhar, Radha' <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: McCabe Background Info

Thank you!

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2021 1:55 PM
To: Hancock, Phil (Manchin) <Phil_Hancock@manchin.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: McCabe Background Info

Hey Phil,

Wanted to make sure you saw the letter attached from EEI.

Thanks in advance,
Radha

From: Hancock, Phil (Manchin) <Phil_Hancock@manchin.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 5:07 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: McCabe Background Info

I will!

On Mar 15, 2021, at 4:57 PM, Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov> wrote:

> Hi Phil, can you please pass this along to Senator Manchin?
>
> **From:** Hancock, Phil (Manchin) <Phil_Hancock@manchin.senate.gov>
> **Sent:** Monday, March 15, 2021 4:00 PM
> **To:** Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: McCabe Background Info
>
> Woot!
>
> ---
> ***Phil A. Hancock*** | *phil_hancock@manchin.senate.gov*
>
> **From:** Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
> **Sent:** Monday, March 15, 2021 2:46 PM
> **To:** Hancock, Phil (Manchin) <Phil_Hancock@manchin.senate.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: McCabe Background Info
>
> Cummins attached!
>
> **From:** Hancock, Phil (Manchin) <Phil_Hancock@manchin.senate.gov>
> **Sent:** Monday, March 15, 2021 2:35 PM
> **To:** Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: McCabe Background Info
>
> Thanks so much Radha. During the call she raised Cummins, Duke Energy, and WV Attorney Scott Segal, so he's especially tuned into anything from them. –phil
>
> **From:** Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
> **Sent:** Monday, March 15, 2021 2:16 PM
> **To:** Hancock, Phil (Manchin) <Phil_Hancock@manchin.senate.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: McCabe Background Info
>
> Hey Phil, let me know if I'm missing any that came through? I'll do a thorough look tonight too!
>
> **From:** Hancock, Phil (Manchin) <Phil_Hancock@manchin.senate.gov>
> **Sent:** Monday, March 15, 2021 1:28 PM
> **To:** Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: McCabe Background Info
>
> Hey Radha – I'll need those letters of support ASAP!

From: Hancock, Phil (Manchin) <Phil_Hancock@manchin.senate.gov>
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 3:02 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: McCabe Background Info

Just tried to call you. Went to VM.

2024317858

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 13, 2021, at 10:53 AM, Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov> wrote:

> Absolutely! My cell is Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) and I'm looking forward to it.
>
> Hope you have a great weekend,
> Radha
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
>> On Mar 13, 2021, at 9:56 AM, Hancock, Phil (Manchin) <Phil_Hancock@manchin.senate.gov> wrote:
>>
>> Very much appreciated. Can I give you a call tomorrow (Sunday, 3/14) say 3p? What's a good number?
>>
>> -phil
>>
>> Sent from my iPhone
>>
>>> On Mar 12, 2021, at 5:18 PM, Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov> wrote:
>>>
>>> Hi Philip!
>>>
>>> So sorry for having not responded earlier. Do you have some time this weekend to touch base before our boss's connect? Sorry to ask, and no worries if you're out enjoy the beautiful weather. Below is

Janet's bio and I'm attaching some letters of support that may interest you. Every Deputy Administrator alive, republican and democrat, signed a letter in support of her nomination. Also Ben Grumbles is the republican head of MD DEQ

Looking forward to hearing from you,
Radha

Janet McCabe is Professor of Practice at the Indiana University McKinney School of Law and Director of the IU Environmental Resilience Institute, where she started as Assistant Director for Policy and Implementation in 2017. In 2020, she was appointed Adjunct Professor of Practice at the IU O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs. From July 2013 through January 2017, Janet McCabe was the Acting Assistant Administrator for the Office of Air and Radiation at the United States Environmental Protection Agency and was

nominated by President Barack Obama to be Assistant Administrator of that office. She joined EPA in November 2009, serving as the Principal Deputy to the Assistant Administrator of OAR. Prior to joining EPA in November 2009, Janet McCabe was Executive Director of Improving Kids' Environment, Inc., a children's environmental health advocacy organization based in Indianapolis, Indiana and was an adjunct faculty member at the Indiana University School of Medicine, Department of Public Health, and at the School of Public and Environmental Affairs. From 1993 to 2005, Ms. McCabe held several leadership positions in the Indiana Department of Environmental Management's Office of Air Quality and was the office's Assistant Commissioner from 1998 to 2005. Before coming to

Indiana in 1993, Ms. McCabe served as Assistant Attorney General for environmental protection for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts from 1984-1989 and Assistant Secretary for Environmental Impact Review from 1989-1993. Ms. McCabe clerked for Justice Neil L. Lynch of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court from 1983-4. Ms. McCabe grew up in Washington, DC and graduated from Harvard College in 1980 and Harvard Law School in 1983.

From: Hancock, Phil (Manchin) <Phil_Hancock@manchin.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 3:09 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Cc: Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: McCabe Background Info

Thanks so much Karen.

Hey Radha – Great to connect with you. Do

you have any background/bio/cv info that you think would be helpful to brief the Senator on ahead of their call on Monday? Anything you can share would be most appreciated. Thank you!

-phil

Phil A. Hancock *|*
phil_hancock@manchin.senate.gov

From: Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 2:21 PM
To: Hancock, Phil (Manchin) <Phil_Hancock@manchin.senate.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: McCabe Background Info

Hi Phil –

Thanks for your message! We are looking forward to the Monday meeting with Senator Manchin. I'm looping in Radha Adhar, our Deputy Associate Administrator for Congressional Affairs, who can more fully respond.

Take care,

Karen.

Karen Thundiyil
Office of Congressional Affairs

U.S. Environmental
Protection Agency
(202) 564.1142

From: Hancock, Phil (Manchin) <Phil_Hancock@manchin.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 1:22 PM
To: Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>
Subject: McCabe Background Info

Hi Karen – I understand that Ms. McCabe will be meeting with Senator Manchin on Monday afternoon. Do you have any background materials that you could share with me ahead of that meeting? Anything you have would be greatly appreciated. –phil

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Phil A. Hancock *| Legislative Assistant | Office of U.S. Senator Joe Manchin, III | m: 202-431-7858 | o: 202-228-5658 | phil_hancock@manchin.senate.gov*

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Message

From: Wehrley, Lydia (Carper) [Lydia_Wehrley@carper.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/23/2021 9:47:13 PM
To: Thundiyil, Karen [Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov]; Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]; Carlile, Amy L [acarlile@iu.edu]
CC: Cameron, Jacqueline (Carper) [Jacqueline_Cameron@carper.senate.gov]; Morgan, Ashley (Carper) [Ashley_Morgan@carper.senate.gov]
Subject: RE: Call with Senator Carper and Janet McCabe

Hi Karen –

Conference line Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP), ID Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) is open for this call at 6:00 pm.

Thanks!
Lydia

From: Wehrley, Lydia (Carper)
Sent: Friday, April 23, 2021 11:16 AM
To: 'Thundiyil, Karen' <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>; Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Carlile, Amy L <acarlile@iu.edu>
Cc: Cameron, Jacqueline (Carper) <Jacqueline_Cameron@carper.senate.gov>; Morgan, Ashley (Carper) <Ashley_Morgan@carper.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Call with Senator Carper and Janet McCabe

Wonderful! Thanks so much, Karen. Let's use conference line Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP), ID Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) at 6:00 pm.

Thanks again!
Lydia

From: Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 23, 2021 11:02 AM
To: Wehrley, Lydia (Carper) <Lydia_Wehrley@carper.senate.gov>; Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Carlile, Amy L <acarlile@iu.edu>
Cc: Cameron, Jacqueline (Carper) <Jacqueline_Cameron@carper.senate.gov>; Morgan, Ashley (Carper) <Ashley_Morgan@carper.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Call with Senator Carper and Janet McCabe

Hi Lydia,

Thanks for your message. After 6pm works. Would you please share your preferred zoom/conference line info?

Take care,

Karen.

From: Wehrley, Lydia (Carper) <Lydia_Wehrley@carper.senate.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 23, 2021 10:29 AM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Carlile, Amy L <acarlile@iu.edu>; Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>
Cc: Cameron, Jacqueline (Carper) <Jacqueline_Cameron@carper.senate.gov>; Morgan, Ashley (Carper) <Ashley_Morgan@carper.senate.gov>
Subject: Call with Senator Carper and Janet McCabe

Hello –

I hope you are all having a good week. Senator Carper would like to speak with Janet McCabe today to discuss her pending confirmation vote next week. Senator Carper is available at 3:00 pm and after 6:00 pm. Would either of those times work for Ms. McCabe?

Thank you!
Lydia

Lydia Wehrley
Executive Assistant/Deputy Scheduler
Office of Senator Thomas Carper
(202) 224-3058

Message

From: Lokken, Sean (Cortez Masto) [Sean_Lokken@cortezmasto.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/23/2021 11:30:49 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
CC: Chapman, Kyle (Cortez Masto) [Kyle_Chapman@cortezmasto.senate.gov]
Subject: RE: Can you please send me your schedulers info?

Hey Radha,

I'm adding my colleague, Kyle Chapman, to this email chain. Thanks again for hopping on the phone with me earlier today. Per our discussion, I wanted to follow up with some technical questions –

- Is there a way to bifurcate and consider the biointermediates piece of the REGS rule on its own?
- If not (and it were to be included as part of an overall REGS rule for consideration), would a future proposal require a similar 60-day comment period – as it previously did in November 2016?

Lastly, I wanted to provide an update and let you know that our office has recommended that the Senator lift her soft hold on the McCabe nomination. Hope you have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to your response!

Many thanks,

Sean Lokken
Legislative Assistant | Office of Senator Catherine Cortez Masto
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Sign up for updates from the Senator.

From: Lokken, Sean (Cortez Masto) <Sean_Lokken@cortezmasto.senate.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 9, 2021 3:57 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Can you please send me your schedulers info?

Absolutely!

Anaisy Tolentino – Anaisy_Tolentino@cortezmasto.senate.gov

Viviana Quintero – Viviana_Quintero@cortezmasto.senate.gov

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 9, 2021 3:53 PM
To: Lokken, Sean (Cortez Masto) <Sean_Lokken@cortezmasto.senate.gov>
Subject: Can you please send me your schedulers info?

Thank you in advance!

Radha Adhar
Deputy Associate Administrator for Congressional Affairs
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Cell: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Pronouns: She/her/hers

Message

From: Vandegrift, Carly (Merkley) [Carly_Vandegrift@merkley.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/26/2021 2:53:37 PM
To: Lance, Kathleen [Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov]
CC: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]; Scheduling, Merkley (Merkley) [Merkley_Scheduling@merkley.senate.gov]
Subject: RE: CONFIRMED: Sen. Merkley/Administrator Regan (hearing 6/9 & pre-meeting 5/27)

Hi Kathleen,

I got the calendar item with the link, thanks so much.

Carly

From: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 10:01 AM
To: Vandegrift, Carly (Merkley) <Carly_Vandegrift@merkley.senate.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Scheduling, Merkley (Merkley) <Merkley_Scheduling@merkley.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: CONFIRMED: Sen. Merkley/Administrator Regan (hearing 6/9 & pre-meeting 5/27)

Wonderful! Sending the invite and link to you now.

Kindly,

Kathleen C. Lance
Director of Scheduling and Advance
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Cell: (202) 941-1109

From: Vandegrift, Carly (Merkley) <Carly_Vandegrift@merkley.senate.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 23, 2021 6:33 PM
To: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Scheduling, Merkley (Merkley) <Merkley_Scheduling@merkley.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: CONFIRMED: Sen. Merkley/Administrator Regan (hearing 6/9 & pre-meeting 5/27)

Hi Kathleen,

Awesome, we're confirmed for 2:30pm ET on Thursday, May 27 for the meeting before our June 9 hearing.

A Microsoft Teams link is great, thank you!

Carly

From: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 22, 2021 5:19 PM
To: Vandegrift, Carly (Merkley) <Carly_Vandegrift@merkley.senate.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: CONFIRMED: Sen. Merkley/Administrator Regan (hearing 6/9)

Hi Carly!

2:30pmET on 5/27 works great, thank you. Can I share with you a link for the Microsoft Teams Video-call?

Kathleen C. Lance
Director of Scheduling and Advance
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Cell: (202) 941-1109

From: Vandegrift, Carly (Merkley) <Carly_Vandegrift@merkley.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 12:13 PM
To: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: CONFIRMED: Sen. Merkley/Administrator Regan (hearing 6/9)

Just tried you, feel free to try me back at Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

From: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 11:27 AM
To: Vandegrift, Carly (Merkley) <Carly_Vandegrift@merkley.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: CONFIRMED: Sen. Merkley/Administrator Regan (hearing 6/9)

Yes please!

Kathleen C. Lance
Director of Scheduling and Advance
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Cell: (202) 941-1109

From: Vandegrift, Carly (Merkley) <Carly_Vandegrift@merkley.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 11:27 AM
To: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: CONFIRMED: Sen. Merkley/Administrator Regan (hearing 6/9)

Sure, on your cell?

From: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 11:26 AM
To: Vandegrift, Carly (Merkley) <Carly_Vandegrift@merkley.senate.gov>; Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Cc: Zimmerman, Melissa (Appropriations) <Melissa_Zimmerman@appro.senate.gov>; Roberts, Martha (Appropriations) <Martha_Roberts@appro.senate.gov>; Scheduling, Merkley (Merkley) <Merkley_Scheduling@merkley.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: CONFIRMED: Sen. Merkley/Administrator Regan (hearing 6/9)

Hi Carly! Can you please give me a quick call?

Kathleen C. Lance
Director of Scheduling and Advance
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Cell: (202) 941-1109

From: Vandegrift, Carly (Merkley) <Carly_Vandegrift@merkley.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 9:52 AM
To: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>; Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Cc: Zimmerman, Melissa (Appropriations) <Melissa_Zimmerman@appro.senate.gov>; Roberts, Martha (Appropriations) <Martha_Roberts@appro.senate.gov>; Scheduling, Merkley (Merkley) <Merkley_Scheduling@merkley.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: CONFIRMED: Sen. Merkley/Administrator Regan (hearing 6/9)

Hi Kathleen,

Would either 12:15pm or 2:30pm ET on Thursday, May 27 work for a pre-meeting?

We could also do 4-5pm ET on Wednesday, May 26, too.

Best,

Carly

From: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 15, 2021 7:02 AM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Vandegrift, Carly (Merkley) <Carly_Vandegrift@merkley.senate.gov>
Cc: Zimmerman, Melissa (Appropriations) <Melissa_Zimmerman@appro.senate.gov>; Roberts, Martha (Appropriations) <Martha_Roberts@appro.senate.gov>; Scheduling, Merkley (Merkley) <Merkley_Scheduling@merkley.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: CONFIRMED: Sen. Merkley/Administrator Regan (hearing 6/9)

Thank you, Radha.

Carly – I am happy to work with you to schedule this conversation! Please share a few dates in advance of the hearing that work well for the Chairman.

Kindly,

Kathleen C. Lance
Director of Scheduling and Advance
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Cell: (202) 941-1109

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 1:42 PM
To: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>; Vandegrift, Carly (Merkley) <Carly_Vandegrift@merkley.senate.gov>
Cc: Zimmerman, Melissa (Appropriations) <Melissa_Zimmerman@appro.senate.gov>; Roberts, Martha (Appropriations) <Martha_Roberts@appro.senate.gov>; Scheduling, Merkley (Merkley) <Merkley_Scheduling@merkley.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: CONFIRMED: Sen. Merkley/Administrator Regan (hearing 6/9)

Thanks for your email Kathleen. If there is additional time for Chairman Merkley and Administrator Regan to connect to discuss their shared priorities, I recommend they try and fit it!

From: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 12:26 PM
To: Vandegrift, Carly (Merkley) <Carly_Vandegrift@merkley.senate.gov>; Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
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Subject: RE: CONFIRMED: Sen. Merkley/Administrator Regan (hearing 6/9)

Thank you, Carly. I'm not sure what the pre-meeting is, and ask @Adhar, Radha to please advise.

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From: Vandegrift, Carly (Merkley) <Carly_Vandegrift@merkley.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 12:13 PM
To: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>; Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Cc: Zimmerman, Melissa (Appropriations) <Melissa_Zimmerman@appro.senate.gov>; Roberts, Martha (Appropriations) <Martha_Roberts@appro.senate.gov>; Scheduling, Merkley (Merkley) <Merkley_Scheduling@merkley.senate.gov>
Subject: CONFIRMED: Sen. Merkley/Administrator Regan (hearing 6/9)

Hi Kathleen,

Wonderful, we're confirmed for a 10am hearing on June 9, so please hold that time. I'll follow up on the in person vs. virtual component as soon as I can, we're still working those details out.

In regards to a pre-meeting, would moving to 2:30pm ET on Thursday, May 27 work? That way the meeting is closer to the hearing itself and most timely.

Best,

Carly

From: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 11:19 AM
To: Vandegrift, Carly (Merkley) <Carly_Vandegrift@merkley.senate.gov>; Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Cc: Zimmerman, Melissa (Appropriations) <Melissa_Zimmerman@appro.senate.gov>; Roberts, Martha (Appropriations) <Martha_Roberts@appro.senate.gov>; Scheduling, Merkley (Merkley) <Merkley_Scheduling@merkley.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: NEW DATE?: Sen. Merkley/Administrator Regan

Hi Carly – it looks like June 9 works well. Will this be in person or virtual? If in person, can you please share the physical address?

Kindly,

Kathleen C. Lance
Director of Scheduling and Advance
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From: Vandegrift, Carly (Merkley) <Carly_Vandegrift@merkley.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 8:21 AM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Cc: Zimmerman, Melissa (Appropriations) <Melissa_Zimmerman@appro.senate.gov>; Roberts, Martha (Appropriations) <Martha_Roberts@appro.senate.gov>; Scheduling, Merkley (Merkley) <Merkley_Scheduling@merkley.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: NEW DATE?: Sen. Merkley/Administrator Regan

Hi Kathleen,

Sorry to bother so soon, but curious if you have a sense of if June 9 or June 16 -- both at 10am -- will work for Administrator Regan for a hearing?

We're trying to confirm another hearing for one of those dates, too, so when you know please let us know.

Best,

Carly

From: Vandegrift, Carly (Merkley)
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 5:00 PM
To: 'Adhar, Radha' <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Cc: Zimmerman, Melissa (Appropriations) <Melissa_Zimmerman@appro.senate.gov>; Roberts, Martha (Appropriations) <Martha_Roberts@appro.senate.gov>; Scheduling, Merkley (Merkley) <Merkley_Scheduling@merkley.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: NEW DATE?: Sen. Merkley/Administrator Regan

Hi Radha,

Correct, Chairman Leahy now plans to hold a different full committee hearing on the 12th, so we'll need to reschedule our subcommittee hearing from the 12th to mid-June.

Once you all know if June 9 or June 16 will work for the Administrator for the subcommittee hearing, we can firm that up and then reschedule the pre-meeting based on that date.

Carly

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 4:53 PM
To: Vandegrift, Carly (Merkley) <Carly_Vandegrift@merkley.senate.gov>; Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Cc: Zimmerman, Melissa (Appropriations) <Melissa_Zimmerman@appro.senate.gov>; Roberts, Martha (Appropriations) <Martha_Roberts@appro.senate.gov>; Scheduling, Merkley (Merkley) <Merkley_Scheduling@merkley.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: NEW DATE?: Sen. Merkley/Administrator Regan (4/27)

Hey Carly,

We are going to be before the Appros committee on the 20th (full) and May 12th (sub). Do you mind confirming we should plan on the 12th being rescheduled?

Thanks in advance,
Radha

From: Vandegrift, Carly (Merkley) <Carly_Vandegrift@merkley.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 4:46 PM
To: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Cc: Zimmerman, Melissa (Appropriations) <Melissa_Zimmerman@appro.senate.gov>; Roberts, Martha (Appropriations) <Martha_Roberts@appro.senate.gov>; Scheduling, Merkley (Merkley) <Merkley_Scheduling@merkley.senate.gov>; Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: NEW DATE?: Sen. Merkley/Administrator Regan (4/27)

Hi Kathleen,

Our approps team unfortunately asked us to move both the hearing and the pre-meeting to June, given some updated budget timeline information they received late last week.

Would a 10am hearing on either Wednesday, June 9 or Wednesday, June 16 work for Administrator Regan?

We'd also then reschedule the pre-meeting to the week or two prior.

Apologies for the change, and thank you in advance for the flexibility.

Best,

Carly

From: Vandegrift, Carly (Merkley)
Sent: Thursday, April 1, 2021 8:57 AM
To: 'Lance, Kathleen' <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Cc: Zimmerman, Melissa (Appropriations) <Melissa_Zimmerman@appro.senate.gov>; Roberts, Martha (Appropriations) <Martha_Roberts@appro.senate.gov>; Scheduling, Merkley (Merkley) <Merkley_Scheduling@merkley.senate.gov>; Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: CONFIRMED: Sen. Merkley/Administrator Regan (4/27)

Thank you, Kathleen.

Carly

From: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 1, 2021 8:27 AM
To: Vandegrift, Carly (Merkley) <Carly_Vandegrift@merkley.senate.gov>
Cc: Zimmerman, Melissa (Appropriations) <Melissa_Zimmerman@appro.senate.gov>; Roberts, Martha (Appropriations) <Martha_Roberts@appro.senate.gov>; Scheduling, Merkley (Merkley) <Merkley_Scheduling@merkley.senate.gov>; Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: CONFIRMED: Sen. Merkley/Administrator Regan (4/27)

Thank you, Carly. Confirmed for 12:00pET on Tuesday, April 27.

Joining Administrator Regan will be Radha Adhar, Principal Deputy Associate Administrator for Congressional Affairs and John Lucey, Special Assistant to the Administrator.

Kindly,

Kathleen C. Lance
Director of Scheduling and Advance
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Cell: (202) 941-1109

From: Vandegrift, Carly (Merkley) <Carly_Vandegrift@merkley.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 7:41 PM
To: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Cc: Zimmerman, Melissa (Appropriations) <Melissa_Zimmerman@appro.senate.gov>; Roberts, Martha (Appropriations) <Martha_Roberts@appro.senate.gov>; Scheduling, Merkley (Merkley) <Merkley_Scheduling@merkley.senate.gov>; Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: CONFIRMED: Sen. Merkley/Administrator Regan (4/27)

Perfect, we're confirmed for 12pm ET on Tuesday, April 27.

We can use the below link for the meeting.

Can you send me the names of anyone who will join the Administrator in the meetings?

Martha Roberts and Melissa Zimmerman on the Interior Appropriations Committee will join, in addition to a policy staffer from the Senator's personal office, who's name I'll send you as soon as I have it.

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Best,

Carly

From: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 7:33 PM
To: Vandegrift, Carly (Merkley) <Carly_Vandegrift@merkley.senate.gov>
Cc: Zimmerman, Melissa (Appropriations) <Melissa_Zimmerman@appro.senate.gov>; Roberts, Martha (Appropriations) <Martha_Roberts@appro.senate.gov>; Scheduling, Merkley (Merkley) <Merkley_Scheduling@merkley.senate.gov>; Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: PENDING: Sen. Merkley/Administrator Regan

12pET 4/27 works great. Could I ask you share with me a link?

I appreciate your help with this!

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Director of Scheduling and Advance
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From: Vandegrift, Carly (Merkley) <Carly_Vandegrift@merkley.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 7:27 PM
To: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Cc: Zimmerman, Melissa (Appropriations) <Melissa_Zimmerman@appro.senate.gov>; Roberts, Martha (Appropriations) <Martha_Roberts@appro.senate.gov>; Scheduling, Merkley (Merkley) <Merkley_Scheduling@merkley.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: PENDING: Sen. Merkley/Administrator Regan

Hi Kathleen,

We could do 12pm ET that Tuesday, April 27?

Mondays are usually always tricky for us since the Senator travels back to DC from Oregon then.

Carly

From: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 7:25 PM
To: Vandegrift, Carly (Merkley) <Carly_Vandegrift@merkley.senate.gov>

Cc: Zimmerman, Melissa (Appropriations) <Melissa_Zimmerman@appro.senate.gov>; Roberts, Martha (Appropriations) <Martha_Roberts@appro.senate.gov>; Scheduling, Merkley (Merkley) <Merkley_Scheduling@merkley.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: PENDING: Sen. Merkley/Administrator Regan

Thank you, Carly. By chance, is there availability Monday or Tuesday that week?

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From: Vandegrift, Carly (Merkley) <Carly_Vandegrift@merkley.senate.gov>
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Cc: Zimmerman, Melissa (Appropriations) <Melissa_Zimmerman@appro.senate.gov>; Roberts, Martha (Appropriations) <Martha_Roberts@appro.senate.gov>; Scheduling, Merkley (Merkley) <Merkley_Scheduling@merkley.senate.gov>
Subject: PENDING: Sen. Merkley/Administrator Regan

Thanks, all.

Hi Kathleen,

Nice to meet you, too. Would a meeting at 9:15 or 9:30am ET on Thursday, April 29th work for the Administrator?

Best,

Carly

From: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 6:54 PM
To: Vandegrift, Carly (Merkley) <Carly_Vandegrift@merkley.senate.gov>
Cc: Zimmerman, Melissa (Appropriations) <Melissa_Zimmerman@appro.senate.gov>; Roberts, Martha (Appropriations) <Martha_Roberts@appro.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Connecting with Administrator Regan's scheduler

Thank you, Radha.

Carly – nice to meet you! Please let me know if we can work to find time to connect Chairman Merkley and Administrator Regan in the coming weeks.

Kindly,

Kathleen C. Lance
Director of Scheduling and Advance
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Cell: (202) 941-1109

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 4:07 PM
To: Vandegrift, Carly (Merkley) <Carly_Vandegrift@merkley.senate.gov>; Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Cc: Zimmerman, Melissa (Appropriations) <Melissa_Zimmerman@appro.senate.gov>; Roberts, Martha (Appropriations) <Martha_Roberts@appro.senate.gov>
Subject: Connecting with Administrator Regan's scheduler

Hi Carly,

By way of introduction, my name is Radha Adhar and I work on congressional affairs at EPA. Administrator Regan will be testifying before the Appropriations Subcommittee in May, and we would like to request your assistance on scheduling a meeting with him and Chairman Merkley. Our Director of Scheduling and Advance is Kathleen Lance and copied on this note.

I'll let y'all take it from here!

Thanks,
Radha

Radha Adhar
Deputy Associate Administrator for Congressional Affairs
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Pronouns: She/her/hers

Message

From: Ryan, Molly (Collins) [Molly_Ryan@collins.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/27/2021 2:07:38 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Letter from Senator Collins to Administrator Regan re RFS

Amazing, thank you!

Molly

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 27, 2021 10:06 AM
To: Ryan, Molly (Collins) <Molly_Ryan@collins.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Letter from Senator Collins to Administrator Regan re RFS

Hey Molly,

I just emailed the white paper to Janet. Thanks for setting this call up for us.

From: Ryan, Molly (Collins) <Molly_Ryan@collins.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 1:11 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Cc: Woodcock, Carol (Collins) <Carol_Woodcock@collins.senate.gov>
Subject: Letter from Senator Collins to Administrator Regan re RFS

Hi Radha,

Please see the attached letter from Senator Collins to Administrator Regan regarding the RFS issue they discussed during their meeting. I also attached the white paper Administrator Regan committed to reviewing, which is referenced in Senator Collins' letter. Let me know if I should send this along to anyone else at EPA. Thanks so much!

Best,
Molly

Molly Ryan
Office of U.S. Senator Susan Collins
413 Dirksen Senate Office Building
202.224.2523

Message

From: Romero, Jennifer (Indian Affairs) [Jennifer_Romero@indian.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/29/2021 10:04:07 PM
To: Blackburn, Christine (Schatz) [Christine_Blackburn@schatz.senate.gov]; Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: introduction

So sorry for the delay – happy to chat whenever is convenient, Radha.
Best,
Jennifer

From: Blackburn, Christine (Schatz) <Christine_Blackburn@schatz.senate.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 2, 2021 5:13 PM
To: Romero, Jennifer (Indian Affairs) <Jennifer_Romero@indian.senate.gov>; Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: introduction

Hi Jennifer,

I wanted to connect you with Radha Adhar, who is the Deputy Associate Administrator for Congressional Affairs at EPA. She was recently staff to Senator Duckworth and worked closely with our office on the Climate Committee.

She has an issue she wanted to put on your radar....so I'll let you two take it from here.

Thanks
Chris

Message

From: Hooghan, Priyanka [Priyanka.Hooghan@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 4/30/2021 1:36:05 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
CC: Moody, Christina [Moody.Christina@epa.gov]; Williams, Thea [Williams.Thea@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Invitation for Administrator Regan to testify before the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee

Sounds good, talk soon!

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 30, 2021 9:34 AM
To: Hooghan, Priyanka <Priyanka.Hooghan@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Moody, Christina <Moody.Christina@epa.gov>; Williams, Thea <Williams.Thea@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Invitation for Administrator Regan to testify before the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee

Awesome, will ring your cell and putting something on your calendar for us. Thanks for making the time.

From: Hooghan, Priyanka <Priyanka.Hooghan@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 30, 2021 9:21 AM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Cc: Moody, Christina <Moody.Christina@epa.gov>; Williams, Thea <Williams.Thea@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Invitation for Administrator Regan to testify before the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee

Hi Radha – happy to chat. I'm free between 11-12 and after 2 pm today.

Priyanka K. Hooghan
Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
U.S. House of Representatives
202-853-2786 (cell)

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 30, 2021 9:15 AM
To: Hooghan, Priyanka <Priyanka.Hooghan@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Moody, Christina <Moody.Christina@epa.gov>; Williams, Thea <Williams.Thea@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Invitation for Administrator Regan to testify before the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee

Hey Priyanka!

Hope all is well and so sorry for having not responded earlier. Was waiting to hear back form the boss's director of scheduling. Do you think you could make time for a call today?

Let me know, and looking forward to connecting.
Radha

From: Hooghan, Priyanka <Priyanka.Hooghan@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 30, 2021 8:52 AM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Cc: Moody, Christina <Moody.Christina@epa.gov>; Williams, Thea <Williams.Thea@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Invitation for Administrator Regan to testify before the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee

Hi everyone –

Checking in on the status of this request. The House Science Committee would welcome the opportunity for Administrator Regan to testify before its Members as he has done for the House and Senate Appropriations Committees as well as House Energy and Commerce and Senate Environment and Public Works Committees as recently as this week. Our Members take the Committee's oversight role of EPA's S&T programs very seriously, and they are eager to hear from the Administrator on the priorities that he and the Biden-Harris Administration have laid out for the agency.

Please let me know the dates and times that would work best for the Administrator to testify before the Science Committee during the weeks of **June 7 or 14**.

Thanks,
Priyanka

Priyanka K. Hooghan
Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
U.S. House of Representatives
202-853-2786 (cell)

From: Hooghan, Priyanka
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 10:30 AM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Cc: Moody, Christina <Moody.Christina@epa.gov>; Williams, Thea <Williams.Thea@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Invitation for Administrator Regan to testify before the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee

Hi everyone,

Hope you had a good weekend. I wanted to check-in on this request and also provide an update. The Committee's schedule has filled in since I initially reached out, so we would appreciate if you could share dates and times that the Administrator would be available to testify before the Full Committee during the **weeks of June 7 or 14**. The week of May 24 is no longer available. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Thanks,
Priyanka

Priyanka K. Hooghan
Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
U.S. House of Representatives
202-853-2786 (cell)

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 13, 2021 5:39 PM
To: Hooghan, Priyanka <Priyanka.Hooghan@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Moody, Christina <Moody.Christina@epa.gov>; Williams, Thea <Williams.Thea@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Invitation for Administrator Regan to testify before the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee

Thank you for the invitation Priyanka. Confirming receipt and will get back to you soon.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 13, 2021, at 4:01 PM, Hooghan, Priyanka <Priyanka.Hooghan@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Hi Radha, Christina, and Thea,

Chairwoman Eddie Bernice Johnson of the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee would like to invite EPA Administrator Michael Regan to testify at a Full Committee hearing in late May or early June. The purpose of the hearing would be to review science and technology activities at the EPA including: agency-wide policies and practices related to the development and use of science in regulatory decisions; the role of independent scientific advisory bodies such as the EPA Science Advisory Board and the EPA Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee; and the importance of transparency and integrity in the Agency's science activities.

The Committee is willing to work with EPA in selecting a mutually agreeable date and time for the Administrator to testify. Ideally, we would like to hold the hearing sometime during the **week of May 24** or the **week of June 7**. These are both Committee Work Periods in the House, so all five days of each week are available. Can you please provide a few dates during these two weeks that would work for the Administrator's schedule? Please let me know if you have any questions, and I look forward to hearing about Administrator Regan's availability to testify.

Thanks,
Priyanka

Priyanka K. Hooghan
Staff Director – Subcommittee on Environment
Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
U.S. House of Representatives
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Washington, DC 20515
202-853-2786 (cell)

Message

From: Flory, Fiona [Fiona.Flory@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 5/3/2021 2:08:46 PM
To: Kaiser, Sven-Erik [Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov]; Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Rep. Lamb Inquiry on PPG's Copper Armor Application

Thanks for updating me, Sven!

I appreciate it.

Take care,

Fiona

From: Kaiser, Sven-Erik <Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 30, 2021 5:44 PM
To: Flory, Fiona <Fiona.Flory@mail.house.gov>; Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: Rep. Lamb Inquiry on PPG's Copper Armor Application

Fiona – this responds to Rep. Lamb's inquiry on behalf of PPG. Over the past year, EPA expedited review and approval of viral disinfectants, including new products to be used in the COVID-19 response. These are added to EPA's List N, which now has more than 500 approved products that are effective against COVID-19. The List N webpage includes registration information and FAQs answering a range of COVID-19 disinfectant questions.

Regarding PPG's Copper Armor product, on April 22, EPA pesticides staff met with the company and their consultant to discuss issues with the application. Attached is a copy of the meeting minutes. Following that meeting, on April 26, EPA sent a 75 day deficiency letter to the company regarding their application (also attached). That letter formally lists application deficiencies and provides 75 days for the company to respond.

Please let us know if any additional questions. Thanks,
Sven

Sven-Erik Kaiser
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kaiser.sven-erik@epa.gov

From: Flory, Fiona <Fiona.Flory@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 2:30 PM
To: Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>
Subject: Message from the office of Rep. Lamb regarding PPG Section 3 FIFRA Application

Hi Robin,

I hope you are well. My office wanted to reach out on behalf of PPG to check on the status of their Section 3 FIFRA Application for their antimicrobial architectural coating, Copper Armor™. I was wondering if you could share any updates on this?

Thank you for your assistance!

Sincerely,

Fiona

Fiona Flory
Office of Congressman Conor Lamb (PA-17)
Legislative Assistant
1224 Longworth House Office Building | 202-225-2301

Message

From: Neill, Allie [Allie.Neill@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 5/3/2021 7:30:10 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]; Lance, Kathleen [Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov]
CC: Corbin, Kim [Kim.Corbin@mail.house.gov]
Subject: RE: Roundtable discussion with Rules Committee Members

Thanks, speak to you Wednesday!

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 3, 2021 3:28 PM
To: Neill, Allie <Allie.Neill@mail.house.gov>; Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Cc: Corbin, Kim <Kim.Corbin@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Roundtable discussion with Rules Committee Members

Hey Allie, Will send you an invite! Thank you for taking the time to chat.

From: Neill, Allie <Allie.Neill@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 3, 2021 3:12 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Cc: Corbin, Kim <Kim.Corbin@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Roundtable discussion with Rules Committee Members

Radha,
Thanks. Would Wed. or Thur. between 12pm - 2:30pm work for you?
Or Friday at 12pm or 4pm?

If so, I'll send an invite.

Best,
Allie

Allie Neill|Senior Advisor
Committee on Rules
Chairman James P. McGovern
202-807-8096

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 3, 2021 2:08 PM
To: Neill, Allie <Allie.Neill@mail.house.gov>; Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Cc: Corbin, Kim <Kim.Corbin@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Roundtable discussion with Rules Committee Members

Hi Allie, would be happy to discuss this. Can you let me know when would work for you later this week?

From: Neill, Allie <Allie.Neill@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 3, 2021 1:44 PM

To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Cc: Corbin, Kim <Kim.Corbin@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Roundtable discussion with Rules Committee Members

Hello Radha,
Hope you're doing well. Wanted to reup our chain.

Would you have time this week to discuss this request?
In the meantime, would any of the following times work for the Secretary?

May
5/24 at 2pm
5/26 at 11am
5/27 at 11am, 3:30pm

June
6/1 at 11am

Best,
Allie

Allie Neill|Senior Advisor
Committee on Rules
Chairman James P. McGovern
202-807-8096

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 10:05 PM
To: Neill, Allie <Allie.Neill@mail.house.gov>; Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Cc: Corbin, Kim <Kim.Corbin@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Roundtable discussion with Rules Committee Members

So sorry for missing your note Allie, do you mind letting me know if we can chat next week?

From: Neill, Allie <Allie.Neill@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:20 AM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Cc: Corbin, Kim <Kim.Corbin@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Roundtable discussion with Rules Committee Members

Thanks, Kathleen and Radha.

Radha - would 11, 12 or 5 work for you today?
Could also look at tomorrow.

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 9:32 PM

To: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>; Neill, Allie <Allie.Neill@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Corbin, Kim <Kim.Corbin@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Roundtable discussion with Rules Committee Members

Thank you for connecting us Kathleen!

Allie,

Thank you for this invitation. Do you mind sharing if you have time tomorrow for a quick ring?

Looking forward to connecting,
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From: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 8:08 PM
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Cc: Corbin, Kim <Kim.Corbin@mail.house.gov>
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Hi Allie,

I am so glad you reached back out. I apologize for my delay in getting back to you.

I am adding Ms. Radha Adhar, Principal Deputy Associate Administrator for Congressional Affairs to this request. Radha will reach out to you for additional information on this request.

Kindly,

Kathleen C. Lance
Director of Scheduling and Advance
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Cell: (202) 941-1109

From: Neill, Allie <Allie.Neill@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 9:14 AM
To: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Cc: Corbin, Kim <Kim.Corbin@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Roundtable discussion with Rules Committee Members

Hello Kathleen,
Hope this note finds you well!
Would you have a few minutes this week to discuss this request for Secretary Regan to meet with the Rules Committee Members?

As mentioned below, our team at the House Rules Committee is working to line up a series of Roundtable discussions. Secretary Buttigieg will join this month and we'd love to find a time to hear from Secretary Regan.

Thanks,
Allie

Allie Neill|Senior Advisor
Committee on Rules

Chairman James P. McGovern
202-807-8096

From: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 1:11 PM
To: Neill, Allie <Allie.Neill@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Corbin, Kim <Kim.Corbin@mail.house.gov>; utech.dan@epa.gov
Subject: Re: Hello from Rules Committee - roundtable discussion with Rules Committee Members

Hi Allie and Kim - good to hear from you! As you'd expect we are juggling tons of requests but this is an intriguing one. Let me get with the scheduling team on it. And to that end, the best point of contact is lance.kathleen@epa.gov. I will forward this to her; I'm also cc'ing my work address for records purposes and for your future reference. Best, Dan

On Mar 23, 2021, at 10:39 AM, Neill, Allie <Allie.Neill@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Dan,

First, congratulations on your new job! We are thrilled you're there, know you're killing it AND righting all wrongs over at EPA.

Kim Corbin and I are over at the Rules Committee working for Chairman Jim McGovern and we're developing a schedule of off-the-record "lunches"/discussions with Agency heads. In short, Chairman McGovern would convene the Committee Members (just Ds, or Ds & Rs) and ask the Secretary to join for an hour.

This could be a nice opportunity for Secretary Regan to learn how Rules can partner and collaborate with the Department and offer Members a glimpse of the vision and priorities of the Admin. Great way to lay the foundation for a coordinated path ahead.

Secretary Buttigieg has agreed to join in early April and we'd love to start looking at the calendar and pin down a time with Secretary Regan.

Two questions for you:

What do you think?

Who should we work with on your end to schedule?

Thanks in advance for considering and let us know if you have any questions.

Best,

Allie

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House Committee on Rules

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Message

From: Riddle, Kelly (Rosen) [Kelly_Riddle@rosen.senate.gov]
Sent: 5/5/2021 4:11:16 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Renewables Enhancement Growth Support (REGS) Rule

Hi Radha,

8:15 didn't work for me today – I'm free now until 1:30 or after 4pm today.

Thanks,

Kelly

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 9:56 PM
To: Riddle, Kelly (Rosen) <Kelly_Riddle@rosen.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Renewables Enhancement Growth Support (REGS) Rule

Hey Kelly! Is it possible to try you at 8:15 am tomorrow?

From: Riddle, Kelly (Rosen) <Kelly_Riddle@rosen.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 5:56 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Renewables Enhancement Growth Support (REGS) Rule

Hi Radha,

Do you have some time this week to connect?

Thanks,

Kelly

From: Riddle, Kelly (Rosen)
Sent: Thursday, April 22, 2021 6:47 PM
To: 'Adhar, Radha' <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Renewables Enhancement Growth Support (REGS) Rule

Hi Radha – no worries, I know how busy it's been. I'm free tomorrow at 1 EST. thanks!

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 3:30 PM
To: Riddle, Kelly (Rosen) <Kelly_Riddle@rosen.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Renewables Enhancement Growth Support (REGS) Rule

Hey Kelly, so sorry I let this slip. Do you have time Friday at 1?

From: Riddle, Kelly (Rosen) <Kelly_Riddle@rosen.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2021 3:10 PM

To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Renewables Enhancement Growth Support (REGS) Rule

Hi Radha,

Circling back on this and seeing if you're free this week to connect.

Thanks,

Kelly

From: Riddle, Kelly (Rosen) <Kelly_Riddle@rosen.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 7:14 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Renewables Enhancement Growth Support (REGS) Rule

No problem! I'm free 1-3 tomorrow if there's a time in there that works.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 13, 2021, at 9:27 PM, Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> Hey Kelly you bet, sorry for letting the ball drop on this. Do you mind letting me know how your Thursday looks?
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> **From:** Riddle, Kelly (Rosen) <Kelly_Riddle@rosen.senate.gov>
> **Sent:** Tuesday, April 13, 2021 6:59 PM
> **To:** Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: Renewables Enhancement Growth Support (REGS) Rule
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> Hi Radha,
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> Wanted to circle back on this and see if you're free tomorrow/this week to talk?
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> Thanks so much,
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> Kelly
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> **From:** Riddle, Kelly (Rosen)
> **Sent:** Wednesday, April 7, 2021 10:02 AM
> **To:** 'Adhar, Radha' <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Lokken, Sean (Cortez Masto) <Sean_Lokken@cortezmasto.senate.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: Renewables Enhancement Growth Support (REGS) Rule
>
> Sure thing - my work # is 202-510-1367.
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> Thanks,
>
> Kelly

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 10:07 PM
To: Riddle, Kelly (Rosen) <Kelly_Riddle@rosen.senate.gov>
Cc: Lokken, Sean (Cortez Masto) <Sean_Lokken@cortezmasto.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Renewables Enhancement Growth Support (REGS) Rule

Thank you for your email Kelly. Happy to chat on the phone- do you mind sharing your best number?

Looking forward to connecting,
Radha

From: Riddle, Kelly (Rosen) <Kelly_Riddle@rosen.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 6, 2021 6:46 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Cc: Lokken, Sean (Cortez Masto) <Sean_Lokken@cortezmasto.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Renewables Enhancement Growth Support (REGS) Rule

Hi Radha,

I wanted to circle back on this and let you know we heard from Fulcrum that their meeting with Goffman was productive and very appreciated.

Do you happen to have a status on the pending rule or any information you can share with us?

Thanks,

Kelly

Kelly Riddle
Policy Advisor
U.S. Senator Jacky Rosen
Kelly_Riddle@rosen.senate.gov

From: Riddle, Kelly (Rosen)
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2021 10:08 AM
To: 'adhar.radha@epa.gov' <adhar.radha@epa.gov>
Subject: Renewables Enhancement Growth Support (REGS) Rule

Hi Radha,

Hope you're doing well, and congrats on the new job!

I was hoping to touch base with you about the Renewables Enhancement Growth Support (REGS) Rule (EPA-HQ-OAR-2016-0041), which has been stalled at the EPA for more than four years. Among other items, this rule would allow biointermediates to produce a low carbon fuel for which renewable identification numbers would be generated.

Sen. Rosen has been hearing from constituents who are affected by the delay in the rulemaking process and wondering when this would be completed. As you know, the FY21 Consolidated Appropriations bill

includes language directing EPA to complete the REGS rulemaking within 90 days of the Act's enactment and report to Congress within 60 days about the Agency's plans for action on the rule.

In December, my boss and Sen. Cortez Masto sent the attached letter to then-President elect Biden asking for immediate attention to the rulemaking.

Understanding things have been a bit hectic with the transition, I was wondering if you have a status update on the pending rule? May be easier to hop on the phone to discuss – my work cell is 202-510-1367.

Thanks,

Kelly

Kelly Riddle
Policy Advisor

t: 202-224-6244

e: Kelly_Riddle@rosen.senate.gov
713 Hart Senate Office Building

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To request an event or meeting with the Senator, please visit: https://www.rosen.senate.gov/scheduling-requests.

Message

From: Eiler, Brian (EPW) [Brian_Eiler@epw.senate.gov]
Sent: 2/25/2021 9:21:27 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Can you imagine any questions

I don't know

Senator INHOFE. With that, I would ask you, Ms. McCabe, when the EPA put out its utility MACT rule, it estimated it would result in retirement of fewer than 10,000 megawatts at power plants. That was 2 years ago. Do you stand by that assessment?
Ms. MCCABE. Senator Inhofe, let me first say how much I enjoyed meeting with you the other day and look forward to working with you.
As I recall from that record, what was estimated as part of that record was that less than half of a percent of coal-fired generation would retire as a result of the MACT's rule.
Senator INHOFE. In spite of what they have said, a recent report concluded that 51,000 megawatts of generation as a direct result of this regulation and most of this will occur in the next 53 weeks, as I said in my opening statement, when you add to that the 316 rule.
FERC Commissioner Moeller recently said these reductions to our baseload electricity generation could result in rolling blackouts in the next few years. If we find ourselves in that situation of blackouts and you are in the position you own right now, will you admit that this the fault of the EPA and its regulations?
Ms. MCCABE. I am not familiar with the specific statistics that you are citing, Senator. I will tell you that we work very closely with the Department of Energy and with FERC.
Senator INHOFE. That's fine. This was 1977 or whenever it was the Clean Air Act was passed or the amendments, section 321(a) says the Administrator shall conduct continuing evaluations of po134 tential loss or shifts of employment which may result from the administration or enforcement of the provisions of this Act and applicable implementation plans.
You said in my office, when I read this to you—to me this is very specific—what is vague about this statement?
Ms. MCCABE. I don't think I suggested anything was vague about the statement, Senator.

Don't contradict

The agency does conduct ongoing reviews
and inquiries into the expected impacts of the rules through the regulatory impact assessments that we do with every single rule.

What she should have said……..(this is important because XXXXXXXX)

Senator INHOFE. If you are doing that, you are doing it internally because nobody knows this is going on. Since you made that statement, let me ask this question.
I have a Senate bill, we now have quite a number of co-sponsors, that will put teeth in 321(a) because I don't believe you have been complying with this. The bill that we would have, the amendment I would have that we are going to try to get through would say you

have to do it before you pass or bring forth any more regulations. In other words, it puts teeth in it, says you have to do it. Would you support that?

Ms. McCabe. I am not going to take a position on the bill, Senator, but I will tell you that through the rulemaking process, which is a public and open process, we do conduct economic analyses.

What she should have said. "I'm happy to look at this bill in conjunction with XXX leadership. Your objective is an important one XXXX as we weigh it against the environmental goal of YYYYY

Senator Inhofe. If that is true, then why would you not want to support legislation that makes it a requirement because you may be gone some day and someone else may be in there and they may not be as cooperative as you are?

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2021 3:54 PM
To: Eiler, Brian (EPW) <Brian_Eiler@epw.senate.gov>
Subject: Can you imagine any questions

That would be directed to both McCabe and Mallory?

Message

From: Dotson, Greg (EPW) [Greg_Dotson@epw.senate.gov]
Sent: 2/25/2021 9:38:04 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]

SEC. 3301. FUNDING FOR POLLUTION AND DISPARATE IMPACTS OF THE COVID–19 PANDEMIC.

(a) IN GENERAL. – In addition to amounts otherwise made available, there is appropriated to the Environmental Protection Agency for fiscal year 2021, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, $100,000,000, to remain available until expended, to address health outcome disparities from pollution and the COVID-19 pandemic, of which –

(1) $50,000,000, shall be for grants, contracts, and other agency activities that identify and address disproportionate environmental or public health harms and risks in minority populations or low-income populations under-

(A) section 103(b) of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7403(b));

(B) section 1442 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j-1);

(C) section 8001(a) of the Solid Waste Disposal Act (42 U.S.C. 6981(a));

(D) section l0(a) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (15 U.S.C. 2609(a));

(E) section 104(k)(7)(A) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9604(k)(7)(A)); and

(F) sections 791 through 797 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16131through 16137); and

(2) $50,000,000 shall be for grants and activities authorized under subsections (a) through (c) of section 103 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7403) and grants and activities authorized under section 105 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 7405).

(b) ADMINISTRATION OF FUNDS. –

(1) Of the funds made available pursuant to subsection (a)(1), the Administrator shall reserve 2 percent for administrative costs necessary to carry out activities funded pursuant to such subsection.

(2) Of the funds made available pursuant to subsection (a)(2), the Administrator shall reserve 5 percent for activities funded pursuant to such subsection other than grants.

Message

From: Woytcke, Holly [Holly.Woytcke@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 2/28/2021 9:46:21 PM
To: 'Eiler, Brian (EPW)' [Brian_Eiler@epw.senate.gov]; Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
CC: Simpson, Shayla [Shayla.Simpson@mail.house.gov]
Subject: RE: EPW/Congressman Carson connect
Attachments: Rep. Carson Introductory Remarks for Janet McCabe.docx

Good Afternoon Brian,

Please find Congressman Carson's remarks attached. If there's anything else you might need – please let us know. Enjoy the rest of your Sunday!

Kindest regards,

Holly
Office of Congressman André Carson (IN-07)

From: Woytcke, Holly
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To: 'Eiler, Brian (EPW)' <Brian_Eiler@epw.senate.gov>; Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
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Hi Brian,

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All my best,

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Thanks,

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Message

From: LaCroix, Cole (Lee) [Cole_LaCroix@lee.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/5/2021 1:28:06 PM
To: Utech, Dan [Utech.Dan@epa.gov]
CC: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: EPA Superfund

Thanks, Dan!

Radha, I'm working on an amendment on this topic. Would be you available to talk through it?

I can be reached at Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

> On Mar 5, 2021, at 6:43 AM, Utech, Dan <Utech.Dan@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> Hi Cole - connecting you with Radha Adhar in our congressional office to assist you.
>
> > On Mar 5, 2021, at 6:03 AM, LaCroix, Cole (Lee) <Cole_LaCroix@lee.senate.gov> wrote:
> >
> > Hi Dan,
> >
> > I'm looking to connect with someone at EPA who could help inform me on issues related to Superfund projects targeting uranium tailings cleanup. Do you know who would be best to reach out to?
> >
> > Thanks,
> > Cole

Message

From: Kane, John (EPW) [John_Kane@epw.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/5/2021 2:27:32 PM
To: D'Amato, Annie (EPW) [Annie_D'Amato@epw.senate.gov]
CC: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Anyway we can do a different time today

Let's just cancel and touch base via text later today.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 5, 2021, at 9:12 AM, D'Amato, Annie (EPW) <Annie_D'Amato@epw.senate.gov> wrote:
>
> 930 would actually be better for me. I have an appointment at 10
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
>> On Mar 5, 2021, at 9:09 AM, Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov> wrote:
>>
>> Hey y'all, wanna check in but I just got scheduled for 10- any way y'all can do 9:30 or a different time today? So sorry to be a bother!

Message

From: Baugh, Jordan (Gillibrand) [Jordan_Baugh@gillibrand.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/6/2021 1:09:39 AM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Time to chat

Thanks, likewise! Just looped you with my LD

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 5, 2021 7:54 PM
To: Baugh, Jordan (Gillibrand) <Jordan_Baugh@gillibrand.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: Time to chat

Hey Jordan! That would be great and looking forward to working with you on EPW!

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 5, 2021, at 6:05 PM, Baugh, Jordan (Gillibrand) <Jordan_Baugh@gillibrand.senate.gov> wrote:
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> Hey Radha -- Sorry just seeing this, for some reason it went to my spam filter. I'm happy to chat, although I also have news to share. Today's my last day in the Gillibrand office. I'm moving over to the EPW Committee to work on the transportation team.
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> Let me know if you want me to loop you with my LD.
>
> Hope you're doing well at EPA!
>
> Jordan
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> **From:** Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
> **Sent:** Friday, March 5, 2021 1:06 PM
> **To:** Baugh, Jordan (Gillibrand) <Jordan_Baugh@gillibrand.senate.gov>
> **Subject:** Time to chat
>
> Hey homey, do you have a second to chat? Want to put something on your radar.

Message

From: Jamison, Brooke (Gillibrand) [Brooke_Jamison@gillibrand.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/6/2021 5:35:28 AM
To: Baugh, Jordan (Gillibrand) [Jordan_Baugh@gillibrand.senate.gov]; Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Looping

Great! Hi Radha - Happy to chat. How urgent is it? Shall we talk tomorrow or Monday?

From: Baugh, Jordan (Gillibrand) <Jordan_Baugh@gillibrand.senate.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 5, 2021 8:09 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Jamison, Brooke (Gillibrand) <Brooke_Jamison@gillibrand.senate.gov>
Subject: Looping

Hey Radha – Per our previous email I'm looping you in with Senator Gillibrand's LD, Brooke Jamison.

Brooke – Radha is over at EPA doing Congressional Affairs and wanted to give you a heads-up on something.

Best,
Jordan

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Message

From: Gillam, Laura Haynes (EPW) [Laura_Gillam@epw.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/7/2021 12:17:14 AM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: Fwd: RELEASE: Carper Champions Environmental, Health, Economic Wins in American Rescue Plan Passage
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

FYI

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Connolly, Gil (EPW)" <Gil_Connolly@epw.senate.gov>
> **Date:** March 6, 2021 at 7:03:21 PM EST
> **To:** Carper ALL Staff <CarperALLStaff@routing.senate.gov>, EPW Carper Staff <EPWCarperStaff@routing.senate.gov>
> **Subject: RELEASE: Carper Champions Environmental, Health, Economic Wins in American Rescue Plan Passage**

FOR RELEASE: March 6, 2021
CONTACT: Rachel Levitan

Carper Champions Environmental, Health, Economic Wins in American Rescue Plan Passage

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, U.S. Senator Tom Carper (D-Del.), Chairman of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, released the following statement after voting with Senate Democrats to pass the American Rescue Plan.

"The American people need support during this challenging time of crisis. The American Rescue Plan passed today helps our communities in need and puts our nation on the road to recovery," said Senator Carper. **"In addition to passing key relief measures for families, I'm proud that we succeeded in including crucial investments to address the economic, environmental, and public health challenges facing the nation.**

"I'm delighted that we took action on the serious public health impacts associated with air pollution exposure during this pandemic—a situation that is devastating communities across the country. With this funding, we will help communities across the country make critical investments in identifying and easing the pollution burden they face. We do so through proven EPA grant programs known to reduce pollution and spur economic opportunities—a win-win."

Chairman Carper's leadership secured the following investments in the COVID-19 relief bill passed today:

$100 million to address environmental factors and COVID-19:
Communities with higher air pollution exposure have experienced significantly higher COVID-19 mortality rates. Just as air pollution poses special risks to those with asthma and other respiratory diseases, pollution poses extra risks for those suffering from COVID.

The American Rescue Plan helps us get a handle on this deadly situation by providing funds for the Environmental Protection Agency to address health outcome disparities from pollution and the COVID-19 pandemic. The agency will do this through $50 million in grants to minority and low-income communities.

The relief bill also includes critical funds to help the federal government, states, and communities monitor and mitigate air pollution that puts Americans at risk of dying prematurely from COVID-19 or a future pandemic.

$95 million to work on preventing future pandemics:
The American Rescue Plan provides $65 million to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to prevent wildlife trafficking and create robust tracking and monitoring systems that can help us prevent the spread of zoonotic diseases such as COVID-19.

The legislation also provides $30 million in relief for zoos and aquariums that have experienced lost revenues due to the coronavirus and are caring for federally owned, confiscated, and/or species protected by the Endangered Species Act.

$3 billion to strengthen local economies and support communities:
States and communities across the nation are struggling to make ends meet after the pandemic upended their economies. Many of these communities suffer from significant job losses and the closure of many small businesses. These cities and small towns across the nation have diverse economies and many depend on tourism, outdoor travel, and recreation—sectors that have been devastated in the past year by COVID-19.

The American Rescue Plan provides $3 billion in key funds for the Economic Development Administration to assist and support communities suffering from job losses and economic challenges.

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Message

From: Kane, John (EPW) [John_Kane@epw.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/8/2021 2:19:31 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: checking in on the Cyber Brief

Our minority is pushing really hard to get this in. Any chance we can make this happen on Friday?

John

Message

From: Mazzuca, Gina (Durbin) [Gina_Mazzuca@durbin.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/8/2021 1:31:29 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: Lead and copper

Hi! I was a little confused because I thought the comment period has ended. Did you say it's being extended? Does that mean reopening?

Gina Mazzuca
Office of Senator Richard J. Durbin
Hart 711 Office Building

Message

From: Tomilchik, Rebecca [Rebecca.Tomilchik@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 3/8/2021 2:47:01 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: Health Staff Replacement for Weekly 1:30pm EPA/E&C Meeting

Hi Radha,

I hope you had a relaxing weekend! I'm flagging for you that Joe Banez, the E&C staffer who handles EPA equities for the Health Subcommittee, is officially Ex. 6 Meghan Mullon, the Health Policy Analyst, is temporarily taking on the EPA piece of his portfolio while he is out, so she is going to take his place at our weekly 1:30pm meetings.

Best,
Becky

Rebecca Tomilchik
Policy Analyst
Environment and Climate Change
Committee on Energy & Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
(202) 225-2927

Message

From: Vogel, Hannah (Markey) [Hannah_Vogel@markey.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/8/2021 7:18:44 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: PIP (3:1) rule question

Of course! Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 2:12 PM
To: Vogel, Hannah (Markey) <Hannah_Vogel@markey.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: PIP (3:1) rule question

Hey lady! Do you have a number I can try? Have some news on this front I'd like to share.

From: Vogel, Hannah (Markey) <Hannah_Vogel@markey.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 12:38 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: PIP (3:1) rule question

Hi Radha—was re-upping this and then realized I sent it to your old address, alas! Any updates that we might expect today on the PIP rule? Thanks so much & my apologies for flagging this very specific issue during what I'm sure is a wildly busy week.

From: Vogel, Hannah (Markey)
Sent: Thursday, March 4, 2021 12:10 PM
To: Radha Adhar (Duckworth) (Radha_Adhar@duckworth.senate.gov) <Radha_Adhar@duckworth.senate.gov>
Subject: PIP (3:1) rule question

Hi Radha—

We just heard from some MA-based life sciences companies that are very concerned about what the PIP (3:1) rule going into effect will mean for their products (many of which are being used for COVID-19 testing and surveillance). This rule is set to go into effect on Monday—I apologize for the rush question, but is there any chance we could chat with some toxics folks and get a better sense of what's behind the rule and what it might mean for these research & life sciences products? From the companies it sounds like there is broad support for the aims of phasing out this chemical, but it is just a challenge to identify and move away from the use of this chemical in all their products within the 60-day timeframe in the final rule.

Thanks for any clarity you can provide & hope you're doing well!

HV

Hannah Vogel
Senior Legislative Assistant
Office of Senator Edward J. Markey
255 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510
Ph: 202-224-2742

Message

From: Mazzuca, Gina (Durbin) [Gina_Mazzuca@durbin.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/8/2021 7:30:59 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: PIP 3:1

Hi Radha!
Was just checking back around to see if EPA was planning to issue any guidance on this issue today?

Gina Mazzuca | *Legislative Assistant*
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Tel: 202.224.2152

Message

From: Segal, Alexis (Feinstein) [Alexis_Segal@feinstein.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/8/2021 8:54:11 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
CC: Fox, Radhika [Fox.Radhika@epa.gov]; Gill, Sonam [Gill.Sonam@epa.gov]; maier.brent@epa.gov
Subject: Letter from Senator Feinstein to Acting Administrator Nishida
Attachments: DF to EPA AA Nishida.pdf

Good afternoon, please find attached a letter from Senator Feinstein to EPA Acting Administrator Nishida. Please advise if I've missed anyone that I should be aware of as a POC. Many thanks, and please don't hesitate to reach out to me with any questions.

Best,
Alexis

Alexis K. Segal
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Office of Senator Dianne Feinstein
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U.S. SENATOR DIANNE FEINSTEIN
CALIFORNIA

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COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

United States Senate

March 8, 2021

Ms. Jane Nishida
Acting Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency

Dear Acting Administrator Nishida:

I write regarding DDT contamination off the coast of California and ask that you prioritize urgent and meaningful action to remediate this serious threat to human and environmental health.

From 1947 to 1983, Montrose Chemical Corporation, the nation's largest manufacturer of DDT, was located in Torrance, California. Despite the 1972 ban on DDT, production continued for about the next decade and it was common practice to dispose of industrial waste off the California coast. In 1989, EPA added the Montrose Chemical site to the Superfund National Priorities List, and investigation of these coastal waters revealed that DDT and PCB-laced contaminated sewage dumped in the ocean had created a serious public health risk.

A settlement between federal and state agencies and several chemical companies was reached to help fund the cleanup of DDT contamination of the off-shore site known as the Palos Verdes shelf. However, after two decades of studies and monitoring, the Palos Verdes Shelf clean-up is still not complete. I know this is a complex undertaking, however I am dismayed at the slow progress despite tens of millions of dollars spent on the cleanup over the last two decades.

Now, scientists at UC Santa Barbara have discovered what they estimate to be hundreds of thousands of industrial waste barrels in varying states of decay on the ocean floor near Catalina Island, about 22 miles off the California coast. The barrels contain industrial waste laced with toxic chemicals, including DDT and PCBs, and some appear to be leaking.

Alarmingly, some areas off Catalina Island have recorded concentrations of DDT at rates 40 times higher than the highest level of contamination at Palos Verdes. It is scientifically established that DDT, PCB, and other industrial waste are serious threats to wildlife and human health. DDT pollution has been linked to increased cancer rates among California sea lions and is a known cancer risk to humans.

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0504
http://feinstein.senate.gov

I ask that EPA prioritize both of these issues, and I look forward to working with you on these and other California priorities. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

DF/as

cc:
Radhika Fox, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, EPA Office of Water
Deborah Jordan, Acting Regional Administrator, EPA Region 9

Message

From: Martinez, Nancy (Young) [Nancy_Martinez@young.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/9/2021 12:01:08 AM
To: Kaiser, Sven-Erik [Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov]
CC: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Sen. Young RE: TSCA rule on PIP

Thanks so much the response!

On Mar 8, 2021, at 6:14 PM, Kaiser, Sven-Erik <Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov> wrote:

Nancy – thanks for the question from Sen. Young on behalf of your constituents. EPA is aware of the concern and we anticipate sending out an update later tonight. I'll be sure to include you on what goes out. Please let us know if any additional questions. Best,
Sven

Sven-Erik Kaiser
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
202-566-2753
kaiser.sven-erik@epa.gov

From: Martinez, Nancy (Young) <Nancy_Martinez@young.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 4:33 PM
To: OCIRmail <OCIRmail@epa.gov>
Subject: Urgent Constituent Inquiry - TSCA rule on PIP
Importance: High

Hello,

I am emailing with an urgent constituent inquiry. We have been informed that the Toxic Substances Control Act rule on PIP will go into effect by midnight if a delay is not issued. We have constituents in Indiana that will have to cease operations and lay off employees if a delay is not issued, or if they receive no indication that a delay will be coming. Please let me know if there are any updates on this effort.

If there is any additional information that you need, please let me know.

Thank you!
Nancy
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Nancy Martinez
Legislative Assistant
Senator Todd Young (IN)
185 Dirksen Senate Office Building
202-224-5623

Message

From: Gustafson, Eric (Hoeven) [Eric_Gustafson@hoeven.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/9/2021 12:01:03 AM
To: Chambers, Micah (Cramer) [Micah_Chambers@cramer.senate.gov]
CC: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Notification: EPA Seeks Public Comment on Protecting Human Health and the Environment from PBT Chemicals

Yes thank you Radha!

On Mar 8, 2021, at 18:52, Chambers, Micah (Cramer) <Micah_Chambers@cramer.senate.gov> wrote:

Thank you!

Micah Chambers
Legislative Director
Senator Kevin Cramer | North Dakota
Russell 400 | 202-224-2043
Email Website

On Mar 8, 2021, at 6:51 PM, Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov> wrote:

FYI

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Kaiser, Sven-Erik" <Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov>
Date: March 8, 2021 at 6:42:09 PM EST
Subject: Notification: EPA Seeks Public Comment on Protecting Human Health and the Environment from PBT Chemicals

Greetings – today EPA is asking for additional public input on five final rules for persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic (PBT) chemicals issued on January 6, 2021 under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). These rules, which went into effect last month, address exposure to toxic chemicals that remain in the environment for long periods of time and build up in the body.
As a first step in its efforts to immediately review these rules, EPA is opening a 60 day comment period for the public to provide new input on:

- Whether the rules sufficiently reduce exposure to these chemicals, including exposures to potentially exposed or susceptible subpopulations, and the environment;

- Newly-raised compliance issues associated with the final rule on phenol, isopropylated phosphate (3:1) (PIP (3:1)) including the compliance dates for certain regulated articles; and

- Whether to consider additional or alternative measures or approaches.

This review is being done in accordance with the Executive Order on Protecting Public Health and Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle to Climate Crisis, which asks all agencies to review their actions to ensure that they meet statutory obligations, are guided by the best available science, ensure the integrity of federal decision-making, and protect human health and the environment.

EPA will use the feedback received during this public comment period to determine the best path forward, which could include amending the current rules to include additional or alternative exposure reduction measures or extending compliance dates for certain regulated products and articles. Upon publication of the Federal Register notice, EPA will accept public comments in docket EPA-HQ-OPPT-2021-0202 on www.regulations.gov for 60 days.

As noted above, the notice seeks comment on newly raised issues associated with the March 8, 2021, compliance date for the prohibitions on processing and distribution of Phenol, Isopropylated Phosphate (3:1) (PIP (3:1)) for use in articles, and the articles to which PIP (3:1) has been added. Stakeholders recently informed EPA that the prohibition on processing and distribution of PIP (3:1) could impact articles used in a wide variety of electronics, from cell phones, to robotics used to manufacture semiconductors, to equipment used to move COVID-19 vaccines and keep them at the appropriate temperature. Stakeholders note that the complexity of international supply chains makes locating the presence of, and finding alternatives to, PIP (3:1) in components challenging. They assert that an extension to the compliance deadline is necessary to avoid significant disruption to the supply chain for a wide variety of articles. It was not EPA's intent during the development of the rule to have such a broad disruptive impact. Thus, EPA is also announcing its expectation that this specific issue will be addressed as part of the broader re-examination of these rules. Based in part on the information collected as part of the effort announced today, EPA intends to extend compliance dates as necessary for the prohibitions on processing and distribution of PIP (3:1) for use in some articles, and some of the articles to which PIP (3:1) has been added.

For these same reasons, EPA is issuing a temporary 180 day "No Action Assurance" indicating that the agency will exercise its enforcement discretion regarding the prohibitions on processing and distribution of PIP (3:1) for use in articles, and the articles to which PIP (3:1) has been added. The agency is taking this action to ensure that the supply chain of these important articles is not interrupted while EPA continues to collect the information needed to best inform subsequent regulatory efforts and allow for the issuance of a final agency action to extend the March 8, 2021, compliance date as necessary.

Learn about the public comment period and view the documents related to the "No Action Assurance."

Learn more about the PBT rules.

Please let me know if any questions. Thanks,
Sven

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kaiser.sven-erik@epa.gov

Message

From: Thomas, Colleene (Baldwin) [Colleene_Thomas@baldwin.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/9/2021 12:41:22 AM
To: Kaiser, Sven-Erik [Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov]; Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Notification: EPA Seeks Public Comment on Protecting Human Health and the Environment from PBT Chemicals

Thank you for all your work on this!

From: Kaiser, Sven-Erik <Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 8, 2021 6:42 PM
Subject: Notification: EPA Seeks Public Comment on Protecting Human Health and the Environment from PBT Chemicals

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Learn more about the PBT rules.

Please let me know if any questions. Thanks,
Sven

Sven-Erik Kaiser
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kaiser.sven-erik@epa.gov

Message

From: Ryder, Tim (Schumer) [Tim_Ryder@schumer.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/9/2021 7:43:31 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Do you know time for Regan vote today?

I think around 2 but I am not sure. Helena will know more!

-----Original Message-----
From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 2:43 PM
To: Ryder, Tim (Schumer) <Tim_Ryder@schumer.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: Do you know time for Regan vote today?

Sorry I meant tomorrow! Do we have an idea when?

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 9, 2021, at 2:41 PM, Ryder, Tim (Schumer) <Tim_Ryder@schumer.senate.gov> wrote:
>
> I thought the Regan vote was Wednesday?
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
> Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 2:37 PM
> To: Ryder, Tim (Schumer) <Tim_Ryder@schumer.senate.gov>
> Subject: Do you know time for Regan vote today?
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> Sent from my iPhone

Message

From: Shomo, Logan (Manchin) [Logan_Shomo@manchin.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/9/2021 11:40:27 PM
To: Thundiyil, Karen [Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov]; Davis, Bryer (Manchin) [Bryer_Davis@manchin.senate.gov]
CC: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]; acarlile@iu.edu
Subject: RE: Scheduling Senator Manchin - Janet McCabe (nominee for EPA Deputy Administrator) meeting

Hi Karen,

Great! Confirming we are on for 1:00pm on Monday, 3/15! We have a few things going on around that time, so 30 minutes works best on our end. Also, thank you for a participants list! We aren't sure exactly who will be joining in, but it will likely be Wes Kungel, Lance West, Renae Black, and Brie Van Cleve. Thank you very much!

If you could send over a Microsoft teams link, that would be great! Thank you very much and I'm glad we got this planned! Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Logan Shomo
Deputy Scheduler
Office of Senator Joe Manchin III
202-224-3954

From: Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 5:58 PM
To: Shomo, Logan (Manchin) <Logan_Shomo@manchin.senate.gov>; Davis, Bryer (Manchin) <Bryer_Davis@manchin.senate.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; acarlile@iu.edu
Subject: RE: Scheduling Senator Manchin - Janet McCabe (nominee for EPA Deputy Administrator) meeting

Hi there Logan,

Wonderful! Thanks for figuring some time out on Senator Manchin's schedule. Yes, let's book that Monday, March 15th time slot. If the Senator would like 1 hour with Janet McCabe let's do that, or we're happy with half an hour as well.

Do you do Teams? If so, I can send a link. If you prefer Zoom, would you mind sending a link? Also, Radha Adhar & I will join Janet McCabe. Who will join Senator Manchin?

Really appreciate it,

Karen.

Karen Thundiyil
Office of Congressional Affairs
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
(202) 564.1142

From: Shomo, Logan (Manchin) <Logan_Shomo@manchin.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2021 5:52 PM
To: Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>; Davis, Bryer (Manchin) <Bryer_Davis@manchin.senate.gov>

Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; acarlile@iu.edu
Subject: RE: Scheduling Senator Manchin - Janet McCabe (nominee for EPA Deputy Administrator) meeting

Hi Karen!

Thank you so much for your flexibility in working through how crazy the schedule has been. How does sometime between 1 – 2pm on Monday, March 15th work for a call with Nom. McCabe? Thank you very much and I look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,
Logan

Logan Shomo
Deputy Scheduler
Office of Senator Joe Manchin III
202-224-3954

From: Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 4:33 PM
To: Davis, Bryer (Manchin) <Bryer_Davis@manchin.senate.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; acarlile@iu.edu; Shomo, Logan (Manchin) <Logan_Shomo@manchin.senate.gov>
Subject: Scheduling Senator Manchin - Janet McCabe (nominee for EPA Deputy Administrator) meeting

Hi Bryer – Just following up on my vmail. I'm reaching out to find some time on Senator Manchin's calendar to meet and talk with Janet McCabe, nominee for the post of EPA Deputy Administrator. I realize he is very busy, but could a meeting in the next couple of weeks fit his schedule? Would you please share some possible time slots that could work for your boss? Happy to work around his schedule.

Thank you for considering,

Karen.

Karen Thundiyil
Office of Congressional Affairs
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
(202) 564.1142

Message

From: Chambers, Micah (Cramer) [Micah_Chambers@cramer.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/10/2021 2:22:15 AM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: Fwd: Sen. Cramer: EPA Seeking Public Comment on Toxic Chemical Rules Affecting Manufacturers

Thanks to you and the team over there. Senator wanted to say thanks for this initial flexibility

Micah Chambers
Legislative Director
Senator Kevin Cramer | North Dakota
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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Wilkins, Jake (Cramer)" <Jake_Wilkins@cramer.senate.gov>
Date: March 9, 2021 at 8:59:25 PM EST
To: "Wilkins, Jake (Cramer)" <Jake_Wilkins@cramer.senate.gov>
Cc: "Bomar, Delanie (Cramer)" <Delanie_Bomar@cramer.senate.gov>
Subject: Sen. Cramer: EPA Seeking Public Comment on Toxic Chemical Rules Affecting Manufacturers

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"As written, the EPA's rules would have unintended consequences on the ability of American equipment manufacturers to build and sell their products," ***said Senator Cramer.*** *"I appreciate the agency's willingness to reopen the comment period and gather further input*

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To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Do you mind sharing TY note with boss

What is you number again?

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 10, 2021, at 11:04 AM, Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov> wrote:

Hey Pierce, thanks for following up. I missed this note when you sent it last week. Do you have one sec to chat? I'll circle back over after we touch base.

From: Wiegard, Pierce (Sullivan) <Pierce_Wiegard@sullivan.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 11:01 AM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Do you mind sharing TY note with boss

Hey, any update on the memo linked below that my boss raised with the Sec.?

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 8, 2021, at 12:10 PM, Wiegard, Pierce (Sullivan) <Pierce_Wiegard@sullivan.senate.gov> wrote:

Happy to.

Also I believe my boss mentioned two things to Secretary Regan, and asked that I pass on the information to you. First is the 2018 MOU on mitigation in Alaska between EPA and the Corps. It can be found here. The second is the WIIN Act Small and Disadvantaged Communities program allocation formula here. The initial formula announced several years ago did not adequately target small and disadvantaged communities. The new allocation formula announced last year more accurately distributes assistance across Alaska and the lower 48 to communities in need of assistance. We supported this change in the allocation.

Call with any questions.
Pierce

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To: Wiegard, Pierce (Sullivan) <Pierce_Wiegard@sullivan.senate.gov>
Subject: Do you mind sharing TY note with boss

Hey Pierce,

Hope you had a restful weekend. Do you mind sharing the attached note with your boss from Janet? We appreciated the opportunity to chat with him and the discussion we had during her noms hearing.

Thanks in advance,
Radha

Message

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Sent: 3/10/2021 4:13:40 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Thank you not for Senator Padilla

Yep, I'll make sure he gets it. Thanks!

Josh

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Hi Josh,

By way of introduction, my name is Radha Adhar and I am the Deputy Associate Administrator for Congressional Affairs at EPA. I am looking forward to working with your office and wanted to share the attached thank you note from Janet McCabe to your boss. Do you mind passing it along to him?

Looking forward to working with you,
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Subject: Chats with EPA staff. . .

Hi Radha –

Hope all's well. Very happy you are there.

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1. Would it be possible to set up a meeting with Radhika Fox to say hello and chat about WOTUS, 401 certification, etc.?
2. Who is leading the PFAS effort at EPA these days, or is it handled by the various offices implicated various PFAS challenges (e.g., drinking water standards, CERCLA hazardous substance designation, Clean Water Act regulation, air emissions, etc.)? Bottom line there is to begin a dialogue regarding who should do what on each of these areas (i.e., what needs to happen through executive action vs legislation, etc.).
3. Understand EPA is taking a fresh look at the Lead and Copper rule (per your discussion with John Kane last week) – just a quick update on what's happening there.

Happy to discuss this by phone, if easier. Just wanted to lay out these interests.

Christophe

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Message

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Sent: 3/10/2021 5:19:02 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: EPA Modeling Planning

That's probably the most adorable excuse I have ever heard!

Yes, the IPM team please!

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Subject: RE: EPA Modeling Planning

Hey Tim, my daughter drew all over my notes so I can't read them! Can you remind me what modeling group you want to chat with EPA? I wrote down a specific crew over here.

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Cc: Deveny, Adrian (Schumer) <Adrian_Deveny@schumer.senate.gov>
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Also looping in Vandan who can help if our schedules start to fill up!

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To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Cc: Deveny, Adrian (Schumer) <Adrian_Deveny@schumer.senate.gov>
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Thanks for talking today! I am looking forward to nerding out further =)

Some times that work, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday at 2:00 PM are all free next week. Can we lock in one of those? They will fill up so if you can let me know that would be awesome!

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Sent: 3/10/2021 3:32:25 PM
To: Kaiser, Sven-Erik [Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov]; Wise, Allison [Wise.Allison@epa.gov]; Levine, Carolyn [Levine.Carolyn@epa.gov]; Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]; Beckmann, Ronna Erin [beckmann.ronna@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Rep. Banks Inquiry on behalf of VetBiotek-Microsilver spray

Sven-Erik,

Thanks for your help on chasing down this information. Historically our office hasn't done many EPA inquiries. What timeframe would you like for me to follow up with you on the status of this inquiry?

Sincerely,
Derek Pillie

Derek A. Pillie
Constituent Services Director

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From: Kaiser, Sven-Erik <Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 9:34 AM
To: Pillie, Derek <Derek.Pillie@mail.house.gov>; Wise, Allison <Wise.Allison@epa.gov>; Levine, Carolyn <Levine.Carolyn@epa.gov>; Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Beckmann, Ronna Erin <beckmann.ronna@epa.gov>
Subject: Rep. Banks Inquiry on behalf of VetBiotek-Microsilver spray

Derek – thank you for the request on behalf of VetBioTek. We'll work on responding with our EPA Region 4 office where the product was impounded, as well as with EPA's pesticides and enforcement offices. Please let us know if any additional questions. Best,
Sven

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From: Derek.Pillie@mail.house.gov <Derek.Pillie@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 2, 2021 4:43 PM
To: OCIRmail <OCIRmail@epa.gov>
Subject: Inquiry on behalf of VetBiotek

Dear Administrator Richardson,

Enclosed please find correspondence from VetBiotek. Congressman Banks' constituents works for the company and asked him to follow up with the Environmental Protection Agency regarding your position on VetBiotek's responses to the EPA's decision to impound their products.

Any information you can provide which might be helpful to Congressman Banks' constituent is very much appreciated. Thank you for your time and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,
Derek Pillie

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Message

From: Henderson, Claytrice [Claytrice.Henderson@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 3/10/2021 5:29:33 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
CC: Jenkins, Brandi [Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Time to chat

Hi Radha,

I hope all is well. I will circle back on a time a little later today.

Thanks,

Claytrice

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 12:16 PM
To: Henderson, Claytrice <Claytrice.Henderson@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Time to chat

Hey Claytrice,

Hope you don't mind us circling back. We would love to chat with you this week if possible and make sure you are in the loop re: conversations we have had with the Mayor of Jackson and Senator Wicker's office.

Knowing how busy you are, we will do our best to work our schedule's around yours so don't hesitate to reach out with some windows of time!

Thanks,
Radha

From: Adhar, Radha
Sent: Friday, March 5, 2021 1:13 PM
To: Henderson, Claytrice <Claytrice.Henderson@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>
Subject: Time to chat

Hi Claytrice,

By way of introduction, my name is Radha Adhar and I cover congressional affairs for EPA. My colleague Brandi, who works in Region 4's office, and I wanted to grab some time with you to discuss how we can help your boss's efforts to assist folks in Jackson who remain without water. Do you mind letting us know when works for you for a call?

Looking forward to hearing from you,
Radha

Ex. 6

Message

From: Tulou, Christophe (EPW) [Christophe_Tulou@epw.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/10/2021 6:42:18 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
CC: Gentile, Laura (EPW) [Laura_Gentile@epw.senate.gov]; Eiler, Brian (EPW) [Brian_Eiler@epw.senate.gov]
Subject: RE: Chats with EPA staff. . .

Thanks, Radha. I'm good today from 3-4; tomorrow at 11-12, 2-3, and after 4:00.

OK if Brian and Laura join? If so, they can weigh in on availabilities and we can lock something down. I can send an invite with call-in, if helpful.

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 1:22 PM
To: Tulou, Christophe (EPW) <Christophe_Tulou@epw.senate.gov>
Cc: Gentile, Laura (EPW) <Laura_Gentile@epw.senate.gov>; Eiler, Brian (EPW) <Brian_Eiler@epw.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Chats with EPA staff. . .

Hey Christophe! Do you mind letting me know if I can give you a ring? Today or tomorrow? Happy to work around your calendar, just let me know.

From: Tulou, Christophe (EPW) <Christophe_Tulou@epw.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 11:59 AM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Cc: Gentile, Laura (EPW) <Laura_Gentile@epw.senate.gov>; Eiler, Brian (EPW) <Brian_Eiler@epw.senate.gov>
Subject: Chats with EPA staff. . .

Hi Radha –

Hope all's well. Very happy you are there.

Wanted to run a few things by you:

1. Would it be possible to set up a meeting with Radhika Fox to say hello and chat about WOTUS, 401 certification, etc.?
2. Who is leading the PFAS effort at EPA these days, or is it handled by the various offices implicated various PFAS challenges (e.g., drinking water standards, CERCLA hazardous substance designation, Clean Water Act regulation, air emissions, etc.)? Bottom line there is to begin a dialogue regarding who should do what on each of these areas (i.e., what needs to happen through executive action vs legislation, etc.).
3. Understand EPA is taking a fresh look at the Lead and Copper rule (per your discussion with John Kane last week) – just a quick update on what's happening there.

Happy to discuss this by phone, if easier. Just wanted to lay out these interests.

Christophe

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United States Senate
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Message

From: Merchant, Kusai [Kusai.Merchant@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 3/10/2021 7:27:13 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Knock knock

Yes, can I call you in about 20 minutes? Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 2:23 PM
To: Merchant, Kusai <Kusai.Merchant@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Knock knock

Hey Kusai, do you have a sec to chat?

Message

From: Kane, John (EPW) [John_Kane@epw.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/10/2021 8:32:21 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Please join us on a briefing re: the LCR

I am not on these lists but the Carper personal office LD is?

From: Xiao, Lucy (Carper) <Lucy_Xiao@carper.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 3:31 PM
To: Kane, John (EPW) <John_Kane@epw.senate.gov>; Repko, Mary Frances (EPW) <MaryFrances_Repko@epw.senate.gov>; Dotson, Greg (EPW) <Greg_Dotson@epw.senate.gov>
Subject: FW: Please join us on a briefing re: the LCR

Passing along in case you're not on this list for some reason!

From: OCIRmail <OCIRmail@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 3:28 PM
Subject: Please join us on a briefing re: the LCR

Dear Congressional Partners:

You are invited to join a briefing call tomorrow with EPA Acting Assistant Administrator for the Office of Water, Radhika Fox, and Senior EPA Officials on a Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) update.

WHAT: Congressional Briefing Call on an EPA LCR update

WHO: EPA Acting Assistant Administrator Radhika Fox
Senior EPA Officials

WHEN: Thursday, March 11, 2021
11:00 AM ET

DIAL: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

CONFERENCE ID: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Given the large number of participants, please plan to dial in at least 15 minutes prior to call start time to ensure your office is connected through the operator before the call begins. If you have any questions, please reach out to OCIRmail@epa.gov.

Message

From: Tulou, Christophe (EPW) [Christophe_Tulou@epw.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/10/2021 8:58:40 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: EPA to Request Additional Input on the Lead and Copper Rule
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

Thanks, Radha.

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 3:47 PM
To: Tulou, Christophe (EPW) <Christophe_Tulou@epw.senate.gov>
Subject: Fwd: EPA to Request Additional Input on the Lead and Copper Rule

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** EPA Press Office <noreply@cision.com>
> **Date:** March 10, 2021 at 3:40:56 PM EST
> **To:** "Adhar, Radha" <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
> **Subject: EPA to Request Additional Input on the Lead and Copper Rule**
> **Reply-To:** noreply@cision.com

CONTACT: press@epa.gov

EPA to Request Additional Input on the Lead and Copper Rule

This important step would ensure that EPA consults with stakeholders on protections from lead in drinking water.

WASHINGTON (MARCH 10, 2021) – Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing that it is extending the effective date of the Revised Lead and Copper Rule (LCR) so that the agency can seek further public input, particularly from communities that are most at-risk of exposure to lead in drinking water. EPA is committed to ensuring that the revised LCR protects families and communities—especially children—from lead, which can cause irreversible and life-long health effects, including decreasing IQ, focus, and academic achievement.

"The purpose of these two actions is to enable EPA to conduct a thorough review of the Revised Lead and Copper Rule and fully consult with stakeholders, including those that have been disproportionately impacted by lead in drinking water," **said EPA Acting Assistant Administrator for Water Radhika Fox**. "Exposure to lead in drinking water can be a very serious problem for children's health. It is essential that EPA takes the time now to review this important rule to ensure that we are protecting current and future generations."

EPA is committed to following the best science to address lead in the nation's drinking water and will take the appropriate time to review the revised LCR and make sure communities that have been impacted the most are protected. To accomplish this goal, EPA has posted two pre-publication notices on its website regarding the revised LCR.

The first action is a final rule that announces an extension of the effective date for the revised LCR from March 16, 2021 until June 17, 2021. The purpose of this additional time is to enable EPA to take public comment on a second action that would provide a longer extension of the effective date and for EPA to undertake its review of the rule in a deliberate and thorough manner consistent with the public health purposes of the Safe Drinking Water Act, President Biden's Executive Order on Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis, the President's Chief of Staff's Regulatory Freeze Pending Review Memorandum, and in consultation with affected stakeholders.

The second action proposes to extend the effective date until December 16, 2021 and also proposes a corresponding extension of the revised LCR's compliance deadline to September 16, 2024. This action would ensure that drinking water systems and primacy states continue to have the full three years provided by the Safe Drinking Water Act to take actions needed to assure regulatory compliance. EPA is seeking comment on this proposal for 30 days after it publishes in the Federal Register.

Moving forward, EPA will maintain a flexible approach by learning from stakeholders, including communities that have been impacted by lead, drinking water utilities and EPA's state partners, incorporating the best available science, and adapting solutions to meet needs at the local level. EPA will deploy the full suite of our capabilities to help communities—especially low-income communities and those who have been historically disproportionately impacted by water-related challenges—reduce exposure to lead in drinking water.

For more information, visit: www.epa.gov/safewater

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Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460 United States

Message

From: Eiler, Brian (EPW) [Brian_Eiler@epw.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/10/2021 9:11:23 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Any sense on questions

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From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 4:10 PM
To: Eiler, Brian (EPW) <Brian_Eiler@epw.senate.gov>
Subject: Any sense on questions

I know I'm being annoying, and I hate myself for it!

Message

From: Eiler, Brian (EPW) [Brian_Eiler@epw.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/10/2021 9:11:31 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Any sense on questions

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From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 4:10 PM
To: Eiler, Brian (EPW) <Brian_Eiler@epw.senate.gov>
Subject: Any sense on questions

I know I'm being annoying, and I hate myself for it!

Appointment

From: Eiler, Brian (EPW) [Brian_Eiler@epw.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/10/2021 9:34:20 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]

Subject: Accepted: EPA/EPW connect
Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Start: 3/11/2021 7:30:00 PM
End: 3/11/2021 8:00:00 PM
Show Time As: Busy

Recurrence: (none)

Appointment

From: Tulou, Christophe (EPW) [Christophe_Tulou@epw.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/10/2021 9:35:02 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]

Subject: Accepted: EPA/EPW connect
Location: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Start: 3/11/2021 7:30:00 PM
End: 3/11/2021 8:00:00 PM
Show Time As: Busy

Recurrence: (none)

Message

From: Gillam, Laura Haynes (EPW) [Laura_Gillam@epw.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/10/2021 9:40:19 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: can talk now until 5

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Laura Haynes Gillam
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Message

From: Voyles, Travis (EPW) [Travis_Voyles@epw.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/10/2021 10:31:28 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: upcoming votes

Definitely—I'm free the entire afternoon.

Travis Voyles
(202) 603-6152

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 3:08 PM
To: Voyles, Travis (EPW) <Travis_Voyles@epw.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: upcoming votes

Thanks Travis, appreciate the kind note. Happy to chat- maybe Friday would work?

From: Voyles, Travis (EPW) <Travis_Voyles@epw.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 1:47 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: upcoming votes

Just wanted to say congrats in advance of the upcoming votes. I know what it takes to pull a nominee through this long process and you don't have a full team over there yet to provide all the support. It is always good to get the first one across the finish line.

Let me know if you have some time later this week to catch up. I'd be interested to hear how your first few weeks have gone and give you some insight that might help with things.

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Message

From: Devlin, Katie [Kathleen.Devlin@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 3/10/2021 10:48:43 PM
To: Kaiser, Sven-Erik [Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov]; Gill, Sonam [Gill.Sonam@epa.gov]; Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Rep. LaMalfa Inquiry RE: Interim Registration Review Decision on the use of metal phosphide

Thanks Sven! I'll let you know if I have any follow up on this.

From: Kaiser, Sven-Erik <Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 2:48 PM
To: Devlin, Katie <Kathleen.Devlin@mail.house.gov>; Gill, Sonam <Gill.Sonam@epa.gov>; Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: Rep. LaMalfa Inquiry RE: Interim Registration Review Decision on the use of metal phosphide

Katie – thank you for the questions regarding the Proposed Interim Registration Review Decision (PID) for phosphine and aluminum and magnesium phosphide.

In October 2020, EPA released the phosphine PID for public input. In the PID, EPA proposed requirements to establish buffer zones around fumigation sites to protect non-occupational bystanders from unsafe exposure to phosphine gas. The proposed buffer zones are based on the Agency's *Phosphide (Al and Mg) and Phosphine. Human Health Non-Occupational Bystander Assessment to Support the Preliminary Interim Decision* (or bystander assessment).

To assess the potential for bystander exposure, EPA employed a statistical model, called Probabilistic Exposure and Risk Model for Fumigants (PERFUM). Though PERFUM is designed to be applicable to a variety of fumigants, the Agency used input parameters specific to phosphine and the metal phosphides for its bystander assessment. These specifics were gathered from local weather station records, from the instructions for use on phosphine and metal phosphide product labels, and from information provided by the Phosphine Producers Association (an industry group representing manufactures of phosphine and metal phosphide products).

The bystander assessment looked at scenarios specific to phosphine and the metal phosphides. For each input scenario, PERFUM indicated the distance from the fumigation site beyond which concentrations of phosphine do not exceed regulatory safety standards (such as levels set by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration).

Based on the modeling described above, EPA determined that there was potential for phosphine exposure to bystanders in excess of regulatory safety standards. In many of the modeled scenarios, the resulting maximum concentration of phosphine was below the regulatory safety levels at the edge of the treatment area (*i.e.*, no buffer is needed to protect bystanders); however, there were other scenarios that require buffer zones to protect bystanders. Thus, EPA has proposed requirements to establish buffer zones around treatment sites to protect bystanders.

In proposing the buffer zones, EPA strove to achieve two important goals: 1) to protect bystanders from unsafe levels of exposure; and 2) to avoid disruptions to growers and fumigators. The Agency is aware of the importance of phosphine for preventing food spoilage, controlling the spread of invasive pests, and in protecting food security. Current regulations require buffer zones around fumigation sites in some situations. The proposed buffer zones are intended to strengthen these requirements, but also to allow flexibility for fumigant applicators.

EPA is currently reviewing the comments submitted during the comment period for the PID, including comments from the Almond Board of California, for information that might affect any aspect of its risk assessments or mitigation proposal. In its PID, EPA solicited comments about potential impacts of buffer zones

on growers and fumigators. It also sought information to help refine the PERFUM modeling, such as the details of real-world fumigations. The Agency will respond to the comments in its forthcoming Interim Registration Review Decision (ID) for phosphine and the metal phosphides. Any changes to the proposed mitigation resulting from these comments will be detailed in the ID.

The PID and other supporting materials for the phosphine and metal phosphides registration review case are located in the public docket with docket ID EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0081, available at www.regualtions.gov. Additional information about EPA's registration review process can be found on our website.

Please let me know if any additional questions. Best,
Sven

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From: Devlin, Katie <Kathleen.Devlin@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Friday, February 5, 2021 12:52 PM
To: OCIRmail <OCIRmail@epa.gov>
Subject: Interim Registration Review Decision on the use of metal phosphide

Hi,

I wanted to reach out to you about the proposed Interim Registration Review Decision on the use of metal phosphide products. California almond growers have expressed concerns with this—in particular with the proposed buffer zones, which would hinder almond farmers in properly fumigating of their crops. Due to California's regulations, growers in California already use certified professionals for fumigation ensuing that the materials are used safely and precisely. And this decision would also impact grains, avocados, cotton, lettuce, pistachios, and rice all of which are grown in California, so any decision will have widespread impacts on California agriculture.

It is my understanding that the buffer zones are based on computer modeling, which is not phosphine specific. Are there plans to look specifically at metal phosphide products before a decision is made? If not, how did the EPA decide that it did not need to use phosphine specific data? Is it being considered whether the food supply will be safe if these chemicals are not used for fumigation? And is there consideration to the negative impact that this would have on agriculture?

Thank you,

Katie Devlin
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Message

From: Spain, Emily (Carper) [Emily_Spain@carper.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/11/2021 12:42:52 AM
To: Utech, Dan [Utech.Dan@epa.gov]; Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]; Sincere Harris [sincere.harris@epa.gov]
CC: Repko, Mary Frances (EPW) [MaryFrances_Repko@epw.senate.gov]
Subject: Congratulations!

Great vote guys! So happy for you all and the amazing work you are doing and will do.

Emily Spain
Chief of Staff
Senator Tom Carper (Delaware)

Message

From: Jones, Caroline (EPW) [Caroline_Jones@epw.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/11/2021 1:14:46 AM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]; Utech, Dan [Utech.Dan@epa.gov]
CC: Repko, Mary Frances (EPW) [MaryFrances_Repko@epw.senate.gov]; Eiler, Brian (EPW) [Brian_Eiler@epw.senate.gov]; Gillam, Laura Haynes (EPW) [Laura_Gillam@epw.senate.gov]; Dotson, Greg (EPW) [Greg_Dotson@epw.senate.gov]; Tomlinson, Adam (EPW) [Adam_Tomlinson@epw.senate.gov]
Subject: Questions for the Record: 3/3 EPW Committee hearing entitled, "The Nominations of Brenda Mallory to be a Member and Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality and Janet McCabe to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency"
Attachments: 03-03-2021 - ALL McCabe QFRs.pdf; 03-03-2021 - ALL McCabe QFRs.docx

Hi all,

Please see attached for follow-up questions for Ms. McCabe from the EPW Committee. More information is in the attached letter, but please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Caroline

Caroline Jones
Legislative Aide
Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
Chairman Tom Carper (D-Del.)
o: 202-224-8832

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS
WASHINGTON, DC 20510–6175

March 10, 2021

Janet McCabe
2042 North Alabama Street
Indianapolis, IN 46202

Dear Ms. McCabe:

On behalf of the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, we would like to thank you for testifying before the Committee on Wednesday, March 3, 2021, at the hearing entitled, "The Nominations of Brenda Mallory to be a Member and Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality and Janet McCabe to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency." The Committee greatly appreciates your attendance and participation in this hearing.

In order to maximize the opportunity for communication between you and the Committee, follow-up questions have been submitted by the members. To comply with Committee rules, please e-mail a copy of your responses to QFR@epw.senate.gov or deliver one hard copy to the EPW Committee at 410 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510, by 10:00 AM on Wednesday, March 17, 2021.

If you have any questions about the requests or the hearing, please feel free to contact Mary Frances Repko, Democratic Staff Director, at (202) 224-8832, or Adam Tomlinson, Republican Staff Director, at (202) 224-6176.

Sincerely,

Thomas R. Carper
Chairman

Shelley Moore Capito
Ranking Member

Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
Hearing entitled, *"The Nominations of Brenda Mallory to be a Member and Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality and Janet McCabe to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency."*
March 3, 2021
Questions for the Record for Janet McCabe

Senator Carper:

1. One of the largest sectors of direct particulate matter pollution nationwide comes from old residential wood heating sources. Air pollution from old wood heaters are creating real air quality issues in many parts of the issues and causing some communities to struggle to meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for fine particulate matter. In 2015, EPA issued the Standards of Performance for New Residential Wood Heaters, New Residential Hydronic Heaters and Forced-Air Furnaces (2015 NSPS), which in addition to new emission standards for wood heaters, required more transparency in the testing and certification process by requiring certification test reports to be publicly posted.

    a. State air directors from the northeast and Alaska have reported that it is difficult to find test reports or the underlying testing data used to certify wood heaters are meeting the 2015 NSPS. State officials have also flagged that important test data that should be public has been withheld under claims of confidential business information. If confirmed, do you commit to holding meetings with states and the wood heater industry to improve transparency and accessibility of the testing and certification data as required by the 2015 NSPS and which is needed by the states and the public?

    b. State officials from several northeast states and Alaska have voiced concerns about EPA's current certification process that ensures new wood heaters meet the 2015 NSPS. For example, EPA in 2015 delegated a number of test review responsibilities to outside 3rd parties to ensure that lab tests are done appropriately, but these reviewers can include the labs themselves that did the testing, which raises serious concerns over possible conflicts of interest. In addition, those within the industry who have put resources toward developing high performing wood heaters have raised issues on the 2015 NSPS certification process. Will you commit to holding meetings with states and the wood heater industry to improve the certification process to ensure certified new wood heaters are in fact meeting the 2015 NSPS.

Senator Capito:

1. If you are confirmed as Deputy Administrator, will the Agency prioritize staff and resources to address climate issues arising out of the Office of Air and Radiation over critical programs like Superfund and Brownfields out of the Office of Land and Emergency Management?

2. Do you agree that focusing on environmental justice means prioritizing the Superfund and Brownfields programs?

3. Do you support directly regulation of greenhouse gas emissions from U.S. manufacturing facilities?

4. Does the Clean Air Act allow EPA to take into account international competitiveness in setting emissions standards?

5. Do you support policies that increase transparency in scientific analysis?

6. Do you believe that the American public should have access to underlying scientific data used to make consequential and costly regulatory decisions?

7. The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine recently released a report, *The Use of Systematic Review in EPA's Toxic Substances Control Act Risk Evaluations*, which included recommendations to EPA to improve review methods for assessments. Following the release of the report, EPA issued a press release announcing that the Agency "is not using, and will not again use, the systematic review approach that was reviewed by the Academies" and that EPA has already begun efforts to "incorporate approaches from the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) Program."[1] Specifically, which IRIS approaches will OCSPP incorporate into the TSCA systematic review protocol?

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[2] https://insideepa.com/daily-news/regan-suggests-potential-middle-ground-wotus-policy-biden-epa

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35. Do you commit to notifying the Committee immediately upon discovery of any additional failures to provide necessary information?

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37. Do you believe that all political appointees should follow the Department of Justice (DOJ) ethics guidelines?

38. If confirmed, will you commit to directing all political appointees at EPA to comply with DOJ ethics guidelines to recuse themselves for a one-year period from any matter in which their former employer whom they provided services to within the previous year is a party or represents a party?

39. Do you commit to providing all ethics documents of political appointees, including those hired in administratively determined roles and authorities?

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41. Do you believe that the public should have clarity on why an agency makes the decisions it makes, including the science on which those decisions are based?

42. Should that science, including the associated data, be available to the public for review?

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51. If you are not committing to any of the preceding, please explain why.

52. Many senior positions within the agency for which you have been nominated have been filled. This is concerning since this has taken place seemingly without your input or consent. Did the White House ask you for your input on the political staff it hired?

53. What was the role of the White House climate czars and staff in the selection of political staff already in place in agencies such as EPA?

54. During this ongoing COVID-driven economic downturn, it is critical that American businesses have regulatory certainty for those businesses to manage their companies. If confirmed, how will you prioritize policies and activities to provide regulatory certainty?

55. If confirmed, will you regularly communicate to this Committee how you incorporate regulatory certainty into your agency's decision-making process?

56. Do you believe agencies should regularly review existing policies to identify outdated and unnecessary policies to minimize costly duplication?

57. Section 218 of Executive Order 14008 establishes an interagency working group focused—among other things—on steering federal resources to communities and individuals that will be harmed by the Biden Administration's energy and environmental policies. Can you elaborate on your understanding of the mission of this interagency working group?

58. Do you believe establishing an interagency work group is the most effective manner for the federal government to ensure "coal and power plant communities" will not be targeted and left behind?

59. The Executive Order directs the interagency working group to submit a report making recommendations to President Biden within 60 days of it being signed. If confirmed, as a member of the interagency working group, do you commit to working with the Congressional delegations representing these communities as you develop recommendations?

60. If confirmed, do you commit to sharing a draft version of the report with myself and other representatives of these communities prior to finalization?

61. If confirmed, do you commit to timely answering requests for information on the activities of the interagency working group from this Committee and the Congressional delegations representing these communities?

62. In January, the Washington Post fact-checked U.S. Climate Envoy, John Kerry after saying fossil fuel workers were being "fed a false narrative" on the renewable energy transition, saying, "*The same people can do those jobs. But the choice of doing the solar power one is a better choice.*" Do you agree with John Kerry that solar jobs are a better choice for fossil fuel workers?

63. If you are confirmed and the Biden Administration establishes the social cost of carbon (SCC), social cost of nitrous oxide (SCN), and social cost of methane (SCM), how will you ensure such a revision is based on the best available science?

64. Should federal agencies consider *all* economic costs associated with the environmental regulatory decisions necessary to implement any proposed cost figures, including job losses, increased costs to consumers, and offshoring of American industries, businesses, and jobs?

65. Should the Biden Administration propose to revise the social cost of greenhouse gases and you are confirmed, will you commit to a process that includes public involvement, including a public notice and comment period, prior to such a revision?

66. In applying any SCC, SCN, and SCM estimates to regulatory proposals, will you take into account the emissions impact of offshoring American industry to places where those activities have higher emissions impacts?

67. Do you agree that our environment has improved over the last fifty years?

68. If confirmed, do you plan on following the direction of the White House and revoking a long list of actions taken under the Trump Administration under Executive Order 13990, even if doing so would contribute to regulatory uncertainty?

69. How will you balance environmental and economic considerations?

70. Do you pledge to work with industry, states, and technology experts to ensure commonsense, technically feasible, and economically viable environmental solutions are proposed and implemented?

71. On January 20, 2021, President Biden directed the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to review and update OMB Circular A-4 through a Presidential Memorandum. OMB Circular A-4 is the overarching guidance document that dictates how to develop regulatory analysis. Do you believe there are gaps in Circular A-4 that require it to be revised?

72. Please identify the gaps (if any) in Circular A-4 that should be addressed.

73. Do you believe the American public's confidence and trust in regulatory decisions is increased when regulatory analysis is based on quantifiable analysis?

74. If confirmed, will you commit that any revisions to OMB Circular A-4 will be subject to a public notice and comment period?

75. If confirmed, will you pursue a balanced approach between regulatory costs, including increased costs passed along to American consumers, and environmental protection?

76. Under the Obama Administration, the direct, quantifiable benefits of a single rule, EPA's *Mercury and Air Toxics Standards*, were estimated in the millions, while compliance costs were $9.6 billion annually. Should the direct, quantifiable benefits of a rule exceed its costs?

77. If you are confirmed, will you consider all costs of significant new regulations, including potential job losses and associated health impacts?

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80. Does the definition of "interests of future generations" under the Modernizing Regulatory Review include debt or regulatory burdens?

81. Could a regulation be justified solely on international benefits?

82. In evaluating the costs of regulations, will you commit to present estimates of benefits and costs using discount rates that reflect the opportunity cost of capital for businesses?

83. In estimating benefits and costs, will you commit to identifying all major assumptions and uncertainties in the benefit and cost estimates?

84. Will you also commit to conducting and presenting sensitivity and uncertainty analyses of those uncertainties?

85. If confirmed, how will you ensure that other Federal agencies are not duplicating environmental policies defined as falling under another federal agency's authority?

86. Do you agree that where Congress has elected not to legislate is as important as where it has legislated for the purposes of shaping executive policies?

87. Do you acknowledge that Congress has passed climate change legislation regarding specific matters, such as the recently passed AIM Act to regulate hydrofluorocarbons?

88. Do you acknowledge that the States and the people have demonstrated that they are able to take substantial and significant steps concerning climate change *without* requiring action at the federal level?

89. Do you agree that at least some steps addressing climate change can be best taken by the states and the people rather than the federal government?

90. Do you agree that Executive Branch agencies have only the powers delegated by Congress?

91. Do you agree the obligation imposed by the Administrative Procedure Act and other statutes on agencies not to take actions that are arbitrary, capricious, or an abuse of discretion is a necessary and critical check and safeguard?

92. Do you commit to follow the Supreme Court's decision in *Michigan v. EPA*, 135 S. Ct. 2699 (2015)?

93. If confirmed, will you commit to ensuring that your agency considers all significant costs and drawbacks of its actions, including localized impacts, and considers all potentially superior alternatives raised by stakeholders, except where Congress has affirmatively forbidden such consideration as a part of a specific regulatory process?

94. I'm concerned because thus far, we've heard the Administration talk extensively about climate change and less so about other environmental issues. If confirmed, where specifically will PFAS rank within your priorities?

95. With competing priorities across federal agencies and limited resources, what would your first significant action be to address PFAS?

96. What role will senior, non-Senate-confirmed Biden Administration officials outside of EPA—including but not limited to Gina McCarthy, John Kerry, and David Hayes—play in the development of environmental policy?

97. Is the Office of Domestic Climate Policy, which Gina McCarthy heads, a permanent office within the White House?

98. Do any of the White House climate czars and staff have significant authority—regulatory or informal?

99. Will these White House climate czars and staff have a role in personnel, legal, or budgetary decisions at federal agencies such as EPA?

100. Both David Hayes and Gina McCarthy joined the White House from organizations involved in hundreds of active lawsuits against federal agencies, as well as lobbying activity on federal rules. Will these White House climate czars and staff be subject to federal ethics requirements, including signing the Ethics Pledge in President Biden's Executive Order?

101. Do you commit to working with the White House to provide all ethics documents of the White House climate czars and staff to this Committee if requested?

102. Just as important to knowing any ethical issues these officials may have is the need for the American public to have clear, timely, and appropriate access to their communications and understand any forms of accountability that are in place. Are Gina McCarthy, John Kerry, David Hayes and their staff subject to FOIA?

103. Are they subject to scientific integrity policies?

104. Since your nomination, have you spoken with any of the political appointees already in place at the White House?

105. The Biden Administration has established a National Climate Task Force led by White House National Climate Advisor Gina McCarthy, former Administrator of the EPA during the Obama-Biden Administration. What is your understanding of the role of the National Climate Task Force?

106. Will the Task Force have oversight over some or any actions by federal agencies?

107. Will any of the climate czars in the White House report to you, or any other Senate-confirmed official, or will you report to them?

108. Executive Order 13990, "Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis," required heads of agencies to submit to the Director of OMB a preliminary list of any actions being considered for review under that Executive Order by February 19th. Were you consulted on the preliminary list of actions prior to its submission to OMB?

109. If confirmed, given the Biden Administration's continual emphasis on the importance of transparency, will you commit to sharing what actions were included in that preliminary list and why?

110. Did you provide the White House with any input on their recent Executive Orders on climate change, including Executive Order 13990 or Executive Order 14008?

Senator Inhofe:

1. Ms. McCabe, are you committed to supporting retaining the recent amendments to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) implementation regulations, which are consistent with

case law and Congressional intent, such that States and tribes shall be required to act on a certification request within a reasonable period of time, not to exceed one year?

   a. Given the authority granted under the CWA, are you also committed to ensuring that those regulations continue to limit the scope of State and tribal review to water quality standards?

2. Ms. McCabe, do you agree that natural gas is a vital and necessary source of electric power generation in the U.S. today and in the years ahead?

   a. And do you believe natural gas plays an important and valuable role in reducing CO2 emissions in the U.S. power sector?

3. Ms. McCabe, as you recall, Mr. Regan told Members of this Committee during his nomination hearing that the Administration will look to its own solution to address emissions from power plants following the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit's decision to vacate the Affordable Clean Energy rule. I'm sure you are aware that the electric sector has already achieved significant carbon reductions, beyond what was required by the Clean Power Plan that you helped design. This is in large part a result of the expanded use of natural gas. Given that natural gas helps ensure reliability and affordability for energy consumers, do you believe the EPA needs to positively account for and include the continued use of natural gas in any future power plant emissions regulations?

4. Ms. McCabe, as you know, the EPA operates both the Natural Gas STAR and Methane Challenge programs, which are focused on information sharing, technology transfer and providing a public means to report methane emission reductions. Are you committed to continuing to operate these successful, voluntary programs, including maintaining the option to comply through the ONE Future option?

5. Ms. McCabe, I am aware that the EPA has reversed its long-held position on the continuity standard as it relates to small refinery exemptions (SREs). During your time as the Acting Assistant Administrator for the Office of Air and Radiation, did EPA ever impose a continuity requirement for the SRE program?

6. Ms. McCabe, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 (P.L.116-260) was signed into law in December 2020. The joint explanatory statement of Division G, which provides appropriations for the EPA, among other agencies, includes report language directing the EPA to brief the Appropriations Committees within 60 days of enactment regarding the actions the EPA plans to take in response to potential changes to emission standards established under section 111(b) of the Clean Air Act to facilitate the greater use of quick start stationary combustion turbines which are needed to accommodate the increased use of renewable resources in the power sector. As you know, the increased use of renewables elevates the risk of intermittency issues for renewable energy generation. This is a significant issue impacting the 14 states of the Southwest Power Pool, including Oklahoma. Moreover, as the need for the use of quick start generators increases, the 111(b) limitations on those

types of generators limits their use, thus creating a predictable conflict between the increased use of renewables and system reliability. Ms. McCabe, if confirmed, will you help ensure the aforementioned report is provided to Congress and done so in a timely manner?

a. Will you also ensure I am provided with a copy of this report?

b. And will you commit to working with the Southwest Power Pool and other concerned parties on this issue so we can arrive at an appropriate resolution to this issue?

Senator Cramer:

1. Given the recent ruling in the DC Circuit, EPA may be rewriting the section 111(d) rule again to limit greenhouse gas emissions from electric generating facilities. As you know, the Clean Power Plan (CPP) was stayed at the Supreme Court and the Affordable Clean Energy (ACE) rule was vacated and remanded back to the EPA.

   a. In your opinion, if another proposal is written should it be somewhere between CPP and ACE, rather than going even further outside the bounds of the Clean Air Act by issuing an even stricter regulation than the CPP?

   b. Will you ensure that if such a rule is promulgated, it recognizes the statutory limits of the Clean Air Act and cooperative federalism, preserves the remaining useful life of these facilities, and does not negatively affect ratepayers?

   c. Should you be confirmed, if the Biden administration contemplates a rule under section 111(d) to replace the Clean Power Plan, in your opinion how should the Supreme Court's stay of the CPP affect the agency's presumed authorities in devising a new power plant rule?

   d. Will you commit to convening and working with all stakeholders – including North Dakota's rural electric cooperatives in the power sector – before you begin developing any possible replacement to the ACE rule?

   e. Considering the economic hardship facing American families, manufacturers and small businesses, would you agree that right now would be a particularly bad time to have a significant rate increase for electricity?

   f. Can you commit to ensuring that any greenhouse gas regulations issued by the EPA will take into account any increased cost to ratepayers before being finalized?

2. During the Obama Administration, there was a strategy of innovative enforcement. However, some saw it as backroom deals to promulgate regulations via consent decree or heavy-handed threats of massive penalties that were not about compliance or reducing emissions, but more about punishment, media splash, and generating new revenue.

   a. Should you be confirmed, will you repeat this punitive approach?

b. Should you be confirmed, will you work with industry and state regulators to achieve compliance in a cooperative manner?

3. As you know, EPA finalized revised methane regulations for the oil and natural gas industry last August. I, along with many of my colleagues, applauded the final rule for many reasons, but chief among them for me was that the rule takes into account existing regulations which effectively encompass methane emissions so producers are saved from duplicative requirements under EPA and states. Other important amendments included a recognition of low-production wells situation, removing burdens for industry emission reduction innovation, and practical cost saving repair schedules and record keeping. Part of President Biden's environment plan includes "aggressive methane pollution limits for new and existing oil and gas operations."

   a. With that in mind, do you believe this is a task that falls under the EPA's regulatory authority?

   b. If so, would you agree with the assessment that there should be accommodation for states who already have strong regulations in place tailored to operations in their states, low-producing wells, industry innovation flexibility, and practical repair schedules and record keeping?

4. Carbon capture, utilization, and storage (CCUS) is essential to meeting any emission targets set by the Biden administration and President Biden rightly included CCUS implementation in his climate plan. I, along with my colleagues on EPW, have worked in a bipartisan fashion to support wide scale commercial deployment of CCUS technology.

   a. If confirmed, will you commit to Congress to accelerate development and deployment of CCUS technology for all types of carbon sources and storage methods, including timely management of EPA's role in 45Q tax credit policy?

   b. If confirmed, will you commit to working collaboratively with CEQ and other federal agencies to support infrastructure, such as pipelines, that will enable greater CO2 storage?

5. In November 2014, you submitted a memo titled, *Addressing Biogenic Carbon Dioxide Emissions from Stationary Sources*. In that memo, you included the language: "For sustainable non-waste feedstocks, the EPA intends to propose exempting biogenic C02 emissions from GHG BACT analyses if the applicant can demonstrate that these feedstocks in fact come from sustainably managed lands."

   a. What legal authority does EPA have to regulate sustainable land management for agricultural crops as a condition for obtaining a Clean Air Act permit?

   b. What is the definition of "sustainably managed lands" you referred to in the memo? Please cite your answer.

   c. Does sustainable agricultural land management fall under the jurisdiction of the EPA or the U.S. Department of Agriculture? Please cite your answer.

Senator Sullivan:

1. I spoke to you about the struggles facing rural Alaska in regards to water and sewer infrastructure. I appreciated our earlier conversation on this matter, and would like to work on this issue with you. Alaska has significant challenges related to water systems and in particular rural water development. While rural development is generally addressed under other programs at USDA and DOI, the Clean Water and Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Funds (SRFs) and Small and Disadvantaged Communities Drinking Water Grants are still important programs that need to be cultivated to address the nation's drinking water needs. EPA is in charge of the SRF, in addition to providing funds to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation to address the needs of rural and native Alaska communities. Can I get your commitment to working closely with me and Alaskan stakeholders on this issue?

2. Regulations like the Clean Power Plan clearly would have resulted in higher costs of energy and a loss of energy jobs. The Administration via Secretary Kerry and Administrator McCarthy have already stated that we should effectively kill fossil fuels and good paying energy jobs to transition to renewable energy. They promise that workers will easily transition to new renewable energy jobs, but Labor leaders have significantly questioned the ability of this sector to deliver in the near term adequate middle class jobs. Terry O'Sullivan the President of LIUNA stated, ""It's pie in the sky [BS] about these green jobs being good middle-class jobs, because they're not, I'm concerned about union members and union families being left behind ... and I think they've already been left behind. If we're transitioning into a new energy economy, as we do are those going to be as good as the jobs that my members are losing? And if it's not, well there's going to be hell to pay for it."

    a. Do you support all of the above energy solutions to reduce emissions and protect the environment?
    b. What is your view of expanding natural gas production and LNG exportation as a way to reduce global emissions by displacing coal from countries like China and India?
    c. Do you really believe that renewable energy jobs can replace and benefit existing middle class workers and laborers that will lose their jobs as a result of the administration's first week orders and policies?
    d. Do you think it's a good idea to kill these jobs right now when there's no clear path in the near term to replace them? Or do you disagree with labor leaders like Terry O'Sullivan, the President of LIUNA, who said "It's pie in the sky bullshit about these green jobs being good middle-class jobs, because they're not." What are your thoughts?

3. You were Gina McCarthy's principle subordinate at the EPA. From the Administration's first week the agenda on climate, air, environmental, and jobs issues seem fixed and extremely radical even when compared to the Obama Administration's actions under your watch. Nominee Regan has outlined a more collaborative approach reflecting his experience in state government that seems on its face different from what Ms. McCarthy and the President have outlined.

    a. Who will be the guiding policy at EPA?

b. How will you reconcile directive from the White House and Ms. McCarthy that conflict with Secretary Regan's stated approach.

Senator Ernst:

1. Given the proven GHG reductions that renewable fuels like ethanol and biodiesel deliver, do you agree that any reduction in the RFS volume requirements would constitute a step backwards, yes or no?

2. A July 2017 court ruling has ordered EPA to address an illegal waiver of 500 million gallons in the 2014-2016 RVOs. These were RVOs completed while you previously served as Acting Administrator of Air and Radiation at EPA. We are still waiting on these remanded gallons—will you ensure that the upcoming RVOs for 2020 and 2021 address this missing gallons?

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4. Do you believe EPA has the authority to establish a Low Carbon Fuel Standard under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) "set" process?

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Senator Capito:

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10. Do you agree that a state waives its Clean Water Act Section 401 certification authority if it fails or refuses to act within the "reasonable period of time" established by the statute?

11. Do you believe the scope of a state's review of a request for a Section 401 water quality certification should be limited to water quality issues?

12. It was recently reported that if Mr. Regan is confirmed by the Senate, he may consider an approach for defining "waters of the United States" that takes elements of both the Obama and Trump administration's competing policies to address concerns from multiple stakeholders.[2] Do you agree with this approach?

13. Which, if any, aspects of the 2015 WOTUS Rule do you support?

14. From a policy and regulatory perspective—how do you define environmental justice?

15. Do you believe there should be a consistent definition of environmental justice across all federal agencies engaged on environmental justice policies?

16. If confirmed, how do you plan to integrate environmental justice into agency decision making?

17. Do you agree that renewable energy sources and infrastructure can pose environmental inequities for communities in which they are sited?

18. How will energy poverty, in the form of less resilience, less reliability, and higher costs, be taken into consideration for environmental justice?

19. Do you agree that poverty has negative health outcomes, including deaths of despair such as drug overdose or suicide?

20. Should economic harm resulting from environmental regulations that are likely to increase poverty be considered an environmental justice issue and factored into federal cost-benefit analyses as a net-negative health effect?

21. Do you feel that the effects of poverty in rural and urban environmental justice communities are functionally similar?

22. Do you agree that environmental injustice in disadvantaged communities is exacerbated by policies which seek to ban natural gas as a reliable, clean, and affordable energy source?

23. Do you view access to jobs and energy affordability as a justice issue for poor and disadvantaged communities?

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[2] [HYPERLINK "https://insideepa.com/daily-news/regan-suggests-potential-middle-ground-wotus-policy-biden-epa"]

24. Low-income families and communities spend a larger share of their budget on energy costs compared to middle- and upper-class families. Do you agree that increased energy costs have a disproportionate impact on low-income families and communities?

25. If confirmed, will you take into account the impact of higher energy costs that would result from environmental regulations under consideration?

26. Terry O'Sullivan, General President of the Laborers' International Union of North America, recently stated, "It's pie in the sky bullshit about these green jobs being good middle-class jobs, because they're not. I'm concerned about union members and union families being left behind... and I think they've already been left behind." Do you agree with Mr. O'Sullivan?

27. North America's Building Trade Unions issued a 2020 report which found—"Many of the trades that work on oil and natural gas projects are not as prevalent on renewables projects, indicating that skilled trade jobs are not highly interchangeable between industries." Do you agree with the report?

28. A power sharing agreement of the U.S. Senate enables us to run the Senate—and this Committee—in a spirit of fairness and cooperation. While Republicans are still considered the Minority, it is important to emphasize that we are under a unique 50-50 split in the Senate and have a mandate to continue to conduct meaningful oversight of the Agency and ensure this Administration does not make the same mistakes that political appointees made under the Obama-Biden Administration. In light of this unique situation, if confirmed, do you commit to granting the Minority equal access to information and documents, including any necessary briefings and discussions with Agency personnel?

29. If confirmed, do you commit to holding all political appointees at your agency to this same standard?

30. If confirmed, will you commit to hosting public outreach and listening sessions in those states most likely to be negatively impacted by a proposed rulemaking?

31. If confirmed, do you commit to provide the Ranking Member and Minority staff of the Committee notification and to consult with the Committee prior to any proposed or final action?

32. If confirmed and if requested, do you commit to make yourself and your staff available to provide additional information and briefings to the Committee on any action prior to it being taken by your agency?

33. If confirmed, will you commit to notifying the Committee of your participation in any matter involving any of your former employers or organization of which you are a part?

34. Is there any additional information you need to provide to the Committee at this time that you have previously failed to provide?

35. Do you commit to notifying the Committee immediately upon discovery of any additional failures to provide necessary information?

36. Will you commit to instructing all of your political staff to take the appropriate steps to avoid any appearance of having their impartiality questioned in the performance of their official duties?

37. Do you believe that all political appointees should follow the Department of Justice (DOJ) ethics guidelines?

38. If confirmed, will you commit to directing all political appointees at EPA to comply with DOJ ethics guidelines to recuse themselves for a one-year period from any matter in which their former employer whom they provided services to within the previous year is a party or represents a party?

39. Do you commit to providing all ethics documents of political appointees, including those hired in administratively determined roles and authorities?

40. Do you believe that agencies should clearly and transparently document its decisions?

41. Do you believe that the public should have clarity on why an agency makes the decisions it makes, including the science on which those decisions are based?

42. Should that science, including the associated data, be available to the public for review?

43. If confirmed, do you commit to notifying the Committee of all of the email addresses you plan to use upon confirmation and also provide additional notice within seven days of using a new email address, including any aliases or pseudonyms?

44. If confirmed, do you commit to holding all of your political appointees to this standard?

45. If confirmed, do you commit to conducting all business using official email addresses and other means and to refrain from any mediums that are outside the Freedom of Information Act's reach?

46. If confirmed, do you commit to holding all of your political appointees to this standard?

47. If confirmed, do you commit to ensuring calendars for all the senior officials throughout are shared with the public?

48. If confirmed, do you commit to ensuring the calendar entries you share with the public are timely and contain meaningful details that will enable the public to understand how you are conducting yourself as leader of the Agency?

49. If confirmed, do you commit to providing the Committee within seven days of any travel, details relating to travel and associated expenses, including lodging, paid for by the agency for any political appointee?

50. If confirmed, do you commit to holding all of your political appointees to this standard?

51. If you are not committing to any of the preceding, please explain why.

52. Many senior positions within the agency for which you have been nominated have been filled. This is concerning since this has taken place seemingly without your input or consent. Did the White House ask you for your input on the political staff it hired?

53. What was the role of the White House climate czars and staff in the selection of political staff already in place in agencies such as EPA?

54. During this ongoing COVID-driven economic downturn, it is critical that American businesses have regulatory certainty for those businesses to manage their companies. If confirmed, how will you prioritize policies and activities to provide regulatory certainty?

55. If confirmed, will you regularly communicate to this Committee how you incorporate regulatory certainty into your agency's decision-making process?

56. Do you believe agencies should regularly review existing policies to identify outdated and unnecessary policies to minimize costly duplication?

57. Section 218 of Executive Order 14008 establishes an interagency working group focused—among other things—on steering federal resources to communities and individuals that will be harmed by the Biden Administration's energy and environmental policies. Can you elaborate on your understanding of the mission of this interagency working group?

58. Do you believe establishing an interagency work group is the most effective manner for the federal government to ensure "coal and power plant communities" will not be targeted and left behind?

59. The Executive Order directs the interagency working group to submit a report making recommendations to President Biden within 60 days of it being signed. If confirmed, as a member of the interagency working group, do you commit to working with the Congressional delegations representing these communities as you develop recommendations?

60. If confirmed, do you commit to sharing a draft version of the report with myself and other representatives of these communities prior to finalization?

61. If confirmed, do you commit to timely answering requests for information on the activities of the interagency working group from this Committee and the Congressional delegations representing these communities?

62. In January, the Washington Post fact-checked U.S. Climate Envoy, John Kerry after saying fossil fuel workers were being "fed a false narrative" on the renewable energy transition, saying, "*The same people can do those jobs. But the choice of doing the solar power one is a better choice.*" Do you agree with John Kerry that solar jobs are a better choice for fossil fuel workers?

63. If you are confirmed and the Biden Administration establishes the social cost of carbon (SCC), social cost of nitrous oxide (SCN), and social cost of methane (SCM), how will you ensure such a revision is based on the best available science?

64. Should federal agencies consider *all* economic costs associated with the environmental regulatory decisions necessary to implement any proposed cost figures, including job losses, increased costs to consumers, and offshoring of American industries, businesses, and jobs?

65. Should the Biden Administration propose to revise the social cost of greenhouse gases and you are confirmed, will you commit to a process that includes public involvement, including a public notice and comment period, prior to such a revision?

66. In applying any SCC, SCN, and SCM estimates to regulatory proposals, will you take into account the emissions impact of offshoring American industry to places where those activities have higher emissions impacts?

67. Do you agree that our environment has improved over the last fifty years?

68. If confirmed, do you plan on following the direction of the White House and revoking a long list of actions taken under the Trump Administration under Executive Order 13990, even if doing so would contribute to regulatory uncertainty?

69. How will you balance environmental and economic considerations?

70. Do you pledge to work with industry, states, and technology experts to ensure commonsense, technically feasible, and economically viable environmental solutions are proposed and implemented?

71. On January 20, 2021, President Biden directed the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to review and update OMB Circular A-4 through a Presidential Memorandum. OMB Circular A-4 is the overarching guidance document that dictates how to develop regulatory analysis. Do you believe there are gaps in Circular A-4 that require it to be revised?

72. Please identify the gaps (if any) in Circular A-4 that should be addressed.

73. Do you believe the American public's confidence and trust in regulatory decisions is increased when regulatory analysis is based on quantifiable analysis?

74. If confirmed, will you commit that any revisions to OMB Circular A-4 will be subject to a public notice and comment period?

75. If confirmed, will you pursue a balanced approach between regulatory costs, including increased costs passed along to American consumers, and environmental protection?

76. Under the Obama Administration, the direct, quantifiable benefits of a single rule, EPA's *Mercury and Air Toxics Standards*, were estimated in the millions, while compliance costs were $9.6 billion annually. Should the direct, quantifiable benefits of a rule exceed its costs?

77. If you are confirmed, will you consider all costs of significant new regulations, including potential job losses and associated health impacts?

78. The White House's new memo on Modernizing Regulatory Review calls on agency heads to consider "public health and safety, economic growth, social welfare, racial justice, environmental stewardship, human dignity, equity, and the interests of future generations." How do you define each of those terms?

79. The White House's new memo on Modernizing Regulatory Review calls on agency heads to consider "public health and safety, economic growth, social welfare, racial justice, environmental stewardship, human dignity, equity, and the interests of future generations." If confirmed, what would you do in developing regulations if the organic statute does not include any or all of those considerations?

80. Does the definition of "interests of future generations" under the Modernizing Regulatory Review include debt or regulatory burdens?

81. Could a regulation be justified solely on international benefits?

82. In evaluating the costs of regulations, will you commit to present estimates of benefits and costs using discount rates that reflect the opportunity cost of capital for businesses?

83. In estimating benefits and costs, will you commit to identifying all major assumptions and uncertainties in the benefit and cost estimates?

84. Will you also commit to conducting and presenting sensitivity and uncertainty analyses of those uncertainties?

85. If confirmed, how will you ensure that other Federal agencies are not duplicating environmental policies defined as falling under another federal agency's authority?

86. Do you agree that where Congress has elected not to legislate is as important as where it has legislated for the purposes of shaping executive policies?

87. Do you acknowledge that Congress has passed climate change legislation regarding specific matters, such as the recently passed AIM Act to regulate hydrofluorocarbons?

88. Do you acknowledge that the States and the people have demonstrated that they are able to take substantial and significant steps concerning climate change *without* requiring action at the federal level?

89. Do you agree that at least some steps addressing climate change can be best taken by the states and the people rather than the federal government?

90. Do you agree that Executive Branch agencies have only the powers delegated by Congress?

91. Do you agree the obligation imposed by the Administrative Procedure Act and other statutes on agencies not to take actions that are arbitrary, capricious, or an abuse of discretion is a necessary and critical check and safeguard?

92. Do you commit to follow the Supreme Court's decision in *Michigan v. EPA*, 135 S. Ct. 2699 (2015)?

93. If confirmed, will you commit to ensuring that your agency considers all significant costs and drawbacks of its actions, including localized impacts, and considers all potentially superior alternatives raised by stakeholders, except where Congress has affirmatively forbidden such consideration as a part of a specific regulatory process?

94. I'm concerned because thus far, we've heard the Administration talk extensively about climate change and less so about other environmental issues. If confirmed, where specifically will PFAS rank within your priorities?

95. With competing priorities across federal agencies and limited resources, what would your first significant action be to address PFAS?

96. What role will senior, non-Senate-confirmed Biden Administration officials outside of EPA—including but not limited to Gina McCarthy, John Kerry, and David Hayes—play in the development of environmental policy?

97. Is the Office of Domestic Climate Policy, which Gina McCarthy heads, a permanent office within the White House?

98. Do any of the White House climate czars and staff have significant authority—regulatory or informal?

99. Will these White House climate czars and staff have a role in personnel, legal, or budgetary decisions at federal agencies such as EPA?

100. Both David Hayes and Gina McCarthy joined the White House from organizations involved in hundreds of active lawsuits against federal agencies, as well as lobbying activity on federal rules. Will these White House climate czars and staff be subject to federal ethics requirements, including signing the Ethics Pledge in President Biden's Executive Order?

101. Do you commit to working with the White House to provide all ethics documents of the White House climate czars and staff to this Committee if requested?

102. Just as important to knowing any ethical issues these officials may have is the need for the American public to have clear, timely, and appropriate access to their communications and understand any forms of accountability that are in place. Are Gina McCarthy, John Kerry, David Hayes and their staff subject to FOIA?

103. Are they subject to scientific integrity policies?

104. Since your nomination, have you spoken with any of the political appointees already in place at the White House?

105. The Biden Administration has established a National Climate Task Force led by White House National Climate Advisor Gina McCarthy, former Administrator of the EPA during the Obama-Biden Administration. What is your understanding of the role of the National Climate Task Force?

106. Will the Task Force have oversight over some or any actions by federal agencies?

107. Will any of the climate czars in the White House report to you, or any other Senate-confirmed official, or will you report to them?

108. Executive Order 13990, "Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis," required heads of agencies to submit to the Director of OMB a preliminary list of any actions being considered for review under that Executive Order by February 19th. Were you consulted on the preliminary list of actions prior to its submission to OMB?

109. If confirmed, given the Biden Administration's continual emphasis on the importance of transparency, will you commit to sharing what actions were included in that preliminary list and why?

110. Did you provide the White House with any input on their recent Executive Orders on climate change, including Executive Order 13990 or Executive Order 14008?

Senator Inhofe:

1. Ms. McCabe, are you committed to supporting retaining the recent amendments to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) implementation regulations, which are consistent with

case law and Congressional intent, such that States and tribes shall be required to act on a certification request within a reasonable period of time, not to exceed one year?

   a. Given the authority granted under the CWA, are you also committed to ensuring that those regulations continue to limit the scope of State and tribal review to water quality standards?

2. Ms. McCabe, do you agree that natural gas is a vital and necessary source of electric power generation in the U.S. today and in the years ahead?

   a. And do you believe natural gas plays an important and valuable role in reducing CO2 emissions in the U.S. power sector?

3. Ms. McCabe, as you recall, Mr. Regan told Members of this Committee during his nomination hearing that the Administration will look to its own solution to address emissions from power plants following the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit's decision to vacate the Affordable Clean Energy rule. I'm sure you are aware that the electric sector has already achieved significant carbon reductions, beyond what was required by the Clean Power Plan that you helped design. This is in large part a result of the expanded use of natural gas. Given that natural gas helps ensure reliability and affordability for energy consumers, do you believe the EPA needs to positively account for and include the continued use of natural gas in any future power plant emissions regulations?

4. Ms. McCabe, as you know, the EPA operates both the Natural Gas STAR and Methane Challenge programs, which are focused on information sharing, technology transfer and providing a public means to report methane emission reductions. Are you committed to continuing to operate these successful, voluntary programs, including maintaining the option to comply through the ONE Future option?

5. Ms. McCabe, I am aware that the EPA has reversed its long-held position on the continuity standard as it relates to small refinery exemptions (SREs). During your time as the Acting Assistant Administrator for the Office of Air and Radiation, did EPA ever impose a continuity requirement for the SRE program?

6. Ms. McCabe, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 (P.L.116-260) was signed into law in December 2020. The joint explanatory statement of Division G, which provides appropriations for the EPA, among other agencies, includes report language directing the EPA to brief the Appropriations Committees within 60 days of enactment regarding the actions the EPA plans to take in response to potential changes to emission standards established under section 111(b) of the Clean Air Act to facilitate the greater use of quick start stationary combustion turbines which are needed to accommodate the increased use of renewable resources in the power sector. As you know, the increased use of renewables elevates the risk of intermittency issues for renewable energy generation. This is a significant issue impacting the 14 states of the Southwest Power Pool, including Oklahoma. Moreover, as the need for the use of quick start generators increases, the 111(b) limitations on those

types of generators limits their use, thus creating a predictable conflict between the increased use of renewables and system reliability. Ms. McCabe, if confirmed, will you help ensure the aforementioned report is provided to Congress and done so in a timely manner?

a. Will you also ensure I am provided with a copy of this report?

b. And will you commit to working with the Southwest Power Pool and other concerned parties on this issue so we can arrive at an appropriate resolution to this issue?

Senator Cramer:

1. Given the recent ruling in the DC Circuit, EPA may be rewriting the section 111(d) rule again to limit greenhouse gas emissions from electric generating facilities. As you know, the Clean Power Plan (CPP) was stayed at the Supreme Court and the Affordable Clean Energy (ACE) rule was vacated and remanded back to the EPA.

   a. In your opinion, if another proposal is written should it be somewhere between CPP and ACE, rather than going even further outside the bounds of the Clean Air Act by issuing an even stricter regulation than the CPP?

   b. Will you ensure that if such a rule is promulgated, it recognizes the statutory limits of the Clean Air Act and cooperative federalism, preserves the remaining useful life of these facilities, and does not negatively affect ratepayers?

   c. Should you be confirmed, if the Biden administration contemplates a rule under section 111(d) to replace the Clean Power Plan, in your opinion how should the Supreme Court's stay of the CPP affect the agency's presumed authorities in devising a new power plant rule?

   d. Will you commit to convening and working with all stakeholders – including North Dakota's rural electric cooperatives in the power sector – before you begin developing any possible replacement to the ACE rule?

   e. Considering the economic hardship facing American families, manufacturers and small businesses, would you agree that right now would be a particularly bad time to have a significant rate increase for electricity?

   f. Can you commit to ensuring that any greenhouse gas regulations issued by the EPA will take into account any increased cost to ratepayers before being finalized?

2. During the Obama Administration, there was a strategy of innovative enforcement. However, some saw it as backroom deals to promulgate regulations via consent decree or heavy-handed threats of massive penalties that were not about compliance or reducing emissions, but more about punishment, media splash, and generating new revenue.

   a. Should you be confirmed, will you repeat this punitive approach?

b. Should you be confirmed, will you work with industry and state regulators to achieve compliance in a cooperative manner?

3. As you know, EPA finalized revised methane regulations for the oil and natural gas industry last August. I, along with many of my colleagues, applauded the final rule for many reasons, but chief among them for me was that the rule takes into account existing regulations which effectively encompass methane emissions so producers are saved from duplicative requirements under EPA and states. Other important amendments included a recognition of low-production wells situation, removing burdens for industry emission reduction innovation, and practical cost saving repair schedules and record keeping. Part of President Biden's environment plan includes "aggressive methane pollution limits for new and existing oil and gas operations."

   a. With that in mind, do you believe this is a task that falls under the EPA's regulatory authority?

   b. If so, would you agree with the assessment that there should be accommodation for states who already have strong regulations in place tailored to operations in their states, low-producing wells, industry innovation flexibility, and practical repair schedules and record keeping?

4. Carbon capture, utilization, and storage (CCUS) is essential to meeting any emission targets set by the Biden administration and President Biden rightly included CCUS implementation in his climate plan. I, along with my colleagues on EPW, have worked in a bipartisan fashion to support wide scale commercial deployment of CCUS technology.

   a. If confirmed, will you commit to Congress to accelerate development and deployment of CCUS technology for all types of carbon sources and storage methods, including timely management of EPA's role in 45Q tax credit policy?

   b. If confirmed, will you commit to working collaboratively with CEQ and other federal agencies to support infrastructure, such as pipelines, that will enable greater CO2 storage?

5. In November 2014, you submitted a memo titled, *Addressing Biogenic Carbon Dioxide Emissions from Stationary Sources*. In that memo, you included the language: "For sustainable non-waste feedstocks, the EPA intends to propose exempting biogenic C02 emissions from GHG BACT analyses if the applicant can demonstrate that these feedstocks in fact come from sustainably managed lands."

   a. What legal authority does EPA have to regulate sustainable land management for agricultural crops as a condition for obtaining a Clean Air Act permit?

   b. What is the definition of "sustainably managed lands" you referred to in the memo? Please cite your answer.

   c. Does sustainable agricultural land management fall under the jurisdiction of the EPA or the U.S. Department of Agriculture? Please cite your answer.

Senator Sullivan:

1. I spoke to you about the struggles facing rural Alaska in regards to water and sewer infrastructure. I appreciated our earlier conversation on this matter, and would like to work on this issue with you. Alaska has significant challenges related to water systems and in particular rural water development. While rural development is generally addressed under other programs at USDA and DOI, the Clean Water and Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Funds (SRFs) and Small and Disadvantaged Communities Drinking Water Grants are still important programs that need to be cultivated to address the nation's drinking water needs. EPA is in charge of the SRF, in addition to providing funds to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation to address the needs of rural and native Alaska communities. Can I get your commitment to working closely with me and Alaskan stakeholders on this issue?

2. Regulations like the Clean Power Plan clearly would have resulted in higher costs of energy and a loss of energy jobs. The Administration via Secretary Kerry and Administrator McCarthy have already stated that we should effectively kill fossil fuels and good paying energy jobs to transition to renewable energy. They promise that workers will easily transition to new renewable energy jobs, but Labor leaders have significantly questioned the ability of this sector to deliver in the near term adequate middle class jobs. Terry O'Sullivan the President of LIUNA stated, ""It's pie in the sky [BS] about these green jobs being good middle-class jobs, because they're not, I'm concerned about union members and union families being left behind ... and I think they've already been left behind. If we're transitioning into a new energy economy, as we do are those going to be as good as the jobs that my members are losing? And if it's not, well there's going to be hell to pay for it."

    a. Do you support all of the above energy solutions to reduce emissions and protect the environment?
    b. What is your view of expanding natural gas production and LNG exportation as a way to reduce global emissions by displacing coal from countries like China and India?
    c. Do you really believe that renewable energy jobs can replace and benefit existing middle class workers and laborers that will lose their jobs as a result of the administration's first week orders and policies?
    d. Do you think it's a good idea to kill these jobs right now when there's no clear path in the near term to replace them? Or do you disagree with labor leaders like Terry O'Sullivan, the President of LIUNA, who said "It's pie in the sky bullshit about these green jobs being good middle-class jobs, because they're not." What are your thoughts?

3. You were Gina McCarthy's principle subordinate at the EPA. From the Administration's first week the agenda on climate, air, environmental, and jobs issues seem fixed and extremely radical even when compared to the Obama Administration's actions under your watch. Nominee Regan has outlined a more collaborative approach reflecting his experience in state government that seems on its face different from what Ms. McCarthy and the President have outlined.

    a. Who will be the guiding policy at EPA?

b. How will you reconcile directive from the White House and Ms. McCarthy that conflict with Secretary Regan's stated approach.

Senator Ernst:

1. Given the proven GHG reductions that renewable fuels like ethanol and biodiesel deliver, do you agree that any reduction in the RFS volume requirements would constitute a step backwards, yes or no?

2. A July 2017 court ruling has ordered EPA to address an illegal waiver of 500 million gallons in the 2014-2016 RVOs. These were RVOs completed while you previously served as Acting Administrator of Air and Radiation at EPA. We are still waiting on these remanded gallons—will you ensure that the upcoming RVOs for 2020 and 2021 address this missing gallons?

3. EPA currently fails to distinguish in its permitting regulations under the Clean Air Act between the one-year life cycle of carbon dioxide emissions resulting from the use or processing of agricultural crops and the carbon stock emissions released by fossil fuel combustion. EPA is the only regulator in the world with this policy on biogenic emissions, which stifles investment in innovative biomaterials like bioplastics. Will you review this policy that stands in the way of American production of renewable and sustainable alternatives to petroleum-based products, and report back to the committee within 6 months of your confirmation?

4. Do you believe EPA has the authority to establish a Low Carbon Fuel Standard under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) "set" process?

Message

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Thanks so much Karen.

Hey Radha – Great to connect with you. Do you have any background/bio/cv info that you think would be helpful to brief the Senator on ahead of their call on Monday? Anything you can share would be most appreciated. Thank you!

-phil

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Hi Phil –

Thanks for your message! We are looking forward to the Monday meeting with Senator Manchin. I'm looping in Radha Adhar, our Deputy Associate Administrator for Congressional Affairs, who can more fully respond.

Take care,

Karen.

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Hi Karen – I understand that Ms. McCabe will be meeting with Senator Manchin on Monday afternoon. Do you have any background materials that you could share with me ahead of that meeting? Anything you have would be greatly appreciated. –phil

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Good afternoon,

I hope this reaches your team well!

We are reaching out for a status update on the completion of the consent decree for the Tremont City Barrel Fill in Clark County, Ohio. Any information on the status of the consent decree would be greatly appreciated by the stakeholders impacted by the project in our district.

Project site:
3112 SNYDER-DOMER RD
GERMAN TOWNSHIP, OH 45502

Please let me know if I can provide any additional information.

Respectfully,
Ben

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Hi there,

Wanted to follow up on this link for tomorrow.

Thanks,
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Yes, that works.

Best,
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Thanks Earvin, ok to send a calendar invite with a teams link?

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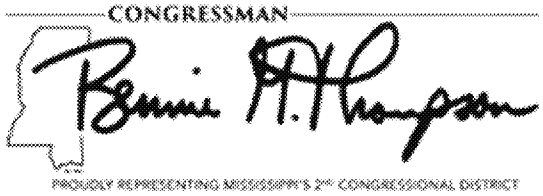
Subject: Office of Congressman Bennie G. Thompson

Good Afternoon,

Claytrice Henderson is available to speak with you on Friday, March 12th at 2:30pm EST. Please provide us with the Zoom link or conference call line for this call.

Best Regards,
Earvin Miers
Scheduler

Earvin Miers | Executive Assistant/Scheduler
Congressman Bennie G. Thompson (MS-02)
Chairman, House Committee on Homeland Security
2466 Rayburn HOB | Washington, DC
O: 202.225.5876 | C: 202.826.8626 | F: 202.225.5898



From: Henderson, Claytrice <Claytrice.Henderson@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 12:17 PM
To: Miers, Earvin <Earvin.Miers@mail.house.gov>
Subject: FW: Time to chat

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 12:16 PM
To: Henderson, Claytrice <Claytrice.Henderson@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Time to chat

Hey Claytrice,

Hope you don't mind us circling back. We would love to chat with you this week if possible and make sure you are in the loop re: conversations we have had with the Mayor of Jackson and Senator Wicker's office.

Knowing how busy you are, we will do our best to work our schedule's around yours so don't hesitate to reach out with some windows of time!

Thanks,
Radha

From: Adhar, Radha
Sent: Friday, March 5, 2021 1:13 PM
To: Henderson, Claytrice <Claytrice.Henderson@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>
Subject: Time to chat

Hi Claytrice,

By way of introduction, my name is Radha Adhar and I cover congressional affairs for EPA. My colleague Brandi, who works in Region 4's office, and I wanted to grab some time with you to discuss how we can help your boss's efforts to assist folks in Jackson who remain without water. Do you mind letting us know when works for you for a call?

Looking forward to hearing from you,
Radha

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Message

From: Conklin, Meghan (Van Hollen) [Meghan_Conklin@vanhollen.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/11/2021 10:39:38 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]; Morgan Gray [Leslie_Morgan_Gray@ios.doi.gov]
Subject: Fwd: Van Hollen, Sarbanes Announce Working Group to Explore Designation of a Chesapeake National Recreation Area

FYI...hope you are both well!

Meghan

Meghan Conklin
Office of Senator Van Hollen (D-MD)
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Press (Van Hollen)" <Press@vanhollen.senate.gov>
Date: March 11, 2021 at 3:48:00 PM EST
To: "Amodeo, Francesca (Van Hollen)" <Francesca_Amodeo@vanhollen.senate.gov>
Subject: Van Hollen, Sarbanes Announce Working Group to Explore Designation of a Chesapeake National Recreation Area

For Immediate Release
March 11, 2021

Contact: Francesca Amodeo (Van Hollen)

Van Hollen, Sarbanes Announce Working Group to Explore Designation of a Chesapeake National Recreation Area

WASHINGTON – Today, U.S. Senator Chris Van Hollen and Congressman John Sarbanes (both D-Md.) led a bicameral group of lawmakers and more than 30 regional organizations in forming a Working Group to explore the designation of a Chesapeake National Recreation Area managed by the National Park Service.

Despite its ecological importance, iconic landscape, rich culture and history, and vast recreational benefits, the Chesapeake Bay region does not have a unified National Park System designation. Proponents agree that a unified designation provides an opportunity to help conserve the Bay, deliver additional federal resources to the region, and spur economic growth and prosperity across the Watershed. The Working Group, led by Senator Van Hollen and Congressman Sarbanes, will collaborate over the coming months to consider legislation that would designate a unified Chesapeake National Recreation Area. The proposed legislation would be released for public comment.

"Marylanders know the Chesapeake Bay is a national treasure. Designating a Chesapeake National Recreation Area will highlight that reality – and bring national recognition to the importance of the Bay and its natural, cultural, historical, and recreational significance. This is also a unique chance to bring new resources to protecting the Bay and to generate new

opportunities to grow Maryland tourism and outdoor recreation. While this will be a challenging undertaking, I have confidence that this Working Group will unite behind these common goals," **said Senator Van Hollen.**

"Designating a national recreation area in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed could help protect the Bay for future generations and permanently enshrine the Bay as an American treasure," **said Congressman Sarbanes, who co-chairs the Chesapeake Bay Watershed Task Force.** "I look forward to working with communities and stakeholders throughout the region – who have worked tirelessly to conserve the Bay – as we explore this important initiative."

Members of the working group are: the State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Virginia, Chesapeake Conservancy, the Chesapeake Bay Commission, the National Parks Conservation Association, Choose Clean Water Coalition, the Conservation Fund, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, Maryland League of Conservation Voters, Nature Conservancy, Potomac Conservancy, REI, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the American Sportfishing Association, the National Marine Manufacturing Association, the Watermen of Maryland, the Sport Fishing Commission, Historic Annapolis, Oyster Recovery Partnership, Blue Oyster Environmental LLC, Preservation Virginia, Shellfish Growers of Virginia, the James River Association, Virginia Interfaith Power & Light, the Maryland Marine Trade Association, the Audubon Naturalist Society, Living Classrooms, the Hispanic Access Foundation, Latino Outdoors, Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project (SERCAP), Chispa Maryland, Baltimore Tree Trust, and Black Watermen of the Chesapeake.

Also involved in this effort are Senators Ben Cardin (D-Md.), Mark Warner (D-Va.), and Tim Kaine (D-Va.) and Representatives Bobby Scott (D-Va.) and Elaine Luria (D-Va.).

"Ensuring greater access to the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, including through new federal parks, allows the public to reap the benefits of our resources firsthand, supporting our shared water quality goals," **said Senator Cardin.** "Chesapeake Bay restoration has always been a grassroots effort from the ground-up, and I am confident this National Recreation Area pursuit will be no different."

"The Chesapeake Bay is a national treasure and a vital economic engine for the Commonwealth. I am proud to partner with my colleagues and an all-star cast of Bay-related organizations to further elevate the Chesapeake Bay as one our nation's greatest natural and cultural assets," **said Senator Warner.** "This effort will help advance Chesapeake Bay restoration, conserve critical natural and historic sites within the region, and increase recreational opportunities along the Bay."

"It's important that we work to expand access to recreational opportunities in the Bay area for all and protect Virginia's beautiful landscapes for future generations," **Senator Kaine said.** "I am looking forward to collaborating with this talented and diverse Working Group to achieve these goals."

"A Chesapeake National Recreation Area would enhance visitors' experiences in the region, help us to better tell the stories of special places, like Fort Monroe, and bring additional resources to our communities. The Chesapeake Bay is a national treasure and I am pleased to participate in the working group to ensure that Virginians and visitors to the Commonwealth are able to enjoy it for generations to come," **said Congressman Bobby Scott.**

"The Chesapeake Bay is a vital natural resource for Coastal Virginians and a critical economic engine for the region," **Congresswoman Luria said**. "A National Recreation Area designation

will protect the Chesapeake Bay for future generations while promoting economic growth and prosperity."

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Message

From: Wiegard, Pierce (Sullivan) [Pierce_Wiegard@sullivan.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/11/2021 10:53:46 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: Have time to Connect Tomorrow or Monday

Let me know.

Message

From: LaCroix, Cole (Lee) [Cole_LaCroix@lee.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/12/2021 3:10:50 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Time to chat?

Hey! Just wanted to check in on this. Hopefully you saw my message yesterday. Thanks!

> On Mar 11, 2021, at 5:09 PM, LaCroix, Cole (Lee) <Cole_LaCroix@lee.senate.gov> wrote:
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> Yes, a chat tomorrow would be great. I'm very flexible. Is there a particular time that works for you?
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> > On Mar 11, 2021, at 4:51 PM, Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov> wrote:
> >
> > Hey Cole,
> >
> > Do you have some time to chat tomorrow? Looking forward to hearing from you.
> >
> > Radha

Message

From: Kane, John (EPW) [John_Kane@epw.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/12/2021 3:13:46 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]

Importance: High

Can you please get me an official letter on the issues around Jackson? What has EPA done to help here? Need by Monday.

Message

From: Forero, Laura [Laura.Forero@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 3/12/2021 3:45:02 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Connecting on DERA

Caitlin – Thank you for the introduction! I'll move you to BCC to not spam you.

Radha – congrats on the new role and on Mr. Regan's confirmation this week! Very nice to e-meet you. I was previously at LCV and always heard about your great work with Ms. Duckworth on EJ. I would love to touch base on DERA at your convenience.

Best,

Laura C. Forero *(she/her/ella)*
Legislative Assistant
(C): 202-779-0315
Congresswoman Doris Matsui (CA-06)
2311 Rayburn HOB

From: Haberman, Caitlin <Caitlin.Haberman@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 10:35 AM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Forero, Laura <Laura.Forero@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Connecting on DERA

Hi Ladies –

Radha, please meet Laura Forero who handles the environment portfolio for Rep. Matsui. As I mentioned, she is our DERA champ here in the People's House.
Laura, please meet Radha Adhar, the DAA for Congressional Affairs at EPA.
Now that you have met, I'll let you all take it from here.

Thanks, and have a nice weekend!
Caitlin

Caitlin Haberman
Committee on Energy & Commerce
(m) 202.281.5187

Message

From: Hooghan, Priyanka [Priyanka.Hooghan@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 3/12/2021 6:09:30 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]; Moody, Christina [Moody.Christina@epa.gov]
CC: Schneider, Josh [Josh.Schneider@mail.house.gov]; Thompson, Janie [Janie.Thompson@mail.house.gov]; Palasits, Sara [Sara.Palasits@mail.house.gov]
Subject: RE: HSST IRIS questions
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

Adding Christina Moody.

From: Palasits, Sara <Sara.Palasits@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 10:48 AM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Cc: Hooghan, Priyanka <Priyanka.Hooghan@mail.house.gov>; Schneider, Josh <Josh.Schneider@mail.house.gov>; Thompson, Janie <Janie.Thompson@mail.house.gov>
Subject: HSST IRIS questions

Hi Radha,

Happy Friday! We were happy to see the Politico report below regarding the IRIS formaldehyde assessment and a revamped system of prioritizing assessment requests from program and regional offices. We have a few questions –

- Can we please have a copy of the memo quoted by Politico?
- Will the memo be published on EPA's website? If so, when?
- When will a new program outlook be issued to reflect the changes that have been made since the February update?
- What can you share about how the prioritization process will work in the coming year?

We're interested in a briefing with Kris Thayer to hear about these updates, as well. Please let us know when that would be possible.

Thanks,
Sara

Sara Palasits
Professional Staff, Investigations and Oversight
House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology
Sara.Palasits@mail.house.gov

---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: **POLITICO Pro Energy** <alert@email.politicopro.com>
Date: Thu, Mar 11, 2021 at 4:53 PM
Subject: Biden EPA revives formaldehyde assessment frozen under Trump

Biden EPA revives formaldehyde assessment frozen under Trump

By Annie Snider

03/11/2021 04:53 PM EST

The Biden EPA is reviving a health assessment for formaldehyde that, before being squashed by the Trump administration, had been poised to find that most Americans inhale enough of the gas on a daily basis to face an increased risk of developing leukemia and other ailments.

The restart of the formaldehyde assessment is part of a revamp of the process for identifying chemicals that get EPA's gold-standard safety review announced by EPA's acting research chief in a Thursday memo reviewed by POLITICO.

The backstory: Industry has for years fought the conclusion that formaldehyde is linked with leukemia. The Trump EPA initially stalled the report from EPA's Integrated Risk Information System, and later killed it through a new prioritization process launched by then-research chief David Dunlap that required program and regional offices' requests for safety review to be approved by political officials.

Dunlap — whose former employer, Koch Industries, is a major emitter of formaldehyde — had told ethics officials he would recuse himself from the contentious assessment. But records obtained by POLITICO under public records law in 2019 showed he nonetheless participated in conversations relating to it.

The Trump administration later named formaldehyde as one of the next chemicals it will review under the Toxic Substances Control Act, a process that could lead to new restrictions.

The details: The new EPA memo reviewed by POLITICO announces that the research office "will unsuspend the IRIS assessment of formaldehyde and will add formaldehyde to the current IRIS agenda." Acting Assistant Administrator for the Office of Research and Development Jennifer Orme-Zavaleta said staff will add additional research to the assessment that has been published since the Trump administration suspended the work in 2018, and then the next step will be fore the document to go through agency review.

"The IRIS formaldehyde assessment will then be a resource for our colleagues in [the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention], as well as other program offices, for use under their own statutory requirements," Orme-Zavaleta wrote.

More broadly, Orme-Zavaleta said the office is reopening the process for program and regional offices to request risk assessments from the IRIS program for specific chemicals this year "with the intent to focus on science-based decisions and increase transparency" she wrote. The office will be "revamping" the process for next year.

Why it matters: The IRIS program's safety assessments are used not just by EPA, but also by state regulators and international agencies to understand the dangers posed by chemicals. But industry has long seen the program as flawed and has worked with Republican allies on Capitol Hill and in the White House to try to kill or hobble it.

To view online:
https://subscriber.politicopro.com/article/2021/03/biden-epa-revives-formaldehyde-assessment-frozen-under-trump-3987530

Message

From: Repko, Mary Frances (EPW) [MaryFrances_Repko@epw.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/12/2021 10:52:49 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: OCIR phone directory (March)

Absolutely, will do!

Mary Frances Repko
Democratic Staff Director
U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
Desk line: 202-225-8098 (forwards to cell)

On Mar 12, 2021, at 5:27 PM, Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov> wrote:

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Hey MFR!

Will you share this with your team with a request that I have visibility on briefing and TA requests?
Thank you in advance and hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Radha
<OCIR Office Directory-March 2021 .doc>

Message

From: Lynch, Chris (Cardin) [Chris_Lynch@cardin.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/12/2021 5:02:18 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]; Utech, Dan [Utech.Dan@epa.gov]
Subject: Two letters
Attachments: Maryland and Virginia Senators Rec for Martin O'Malley.pdf; Cardin VanHollen for Adam Ortiz - EPA R3.pdf

Dan and Radha,
I believe I discussed with both of you a preview of these two letters. The first is for Martin O'Malley to lead Chesapeake Bay efforts from the Administrator's office from the Maryland and Virginia Senators. And the second from the Maryland Senators in support of Adam Ortiz to be the Region III Administrator. I think we are sending you two very strong people who could make a real difference in the Mid-Atlantic.
Would you confirm with me that you received these and let me know if you need hard copies? Please also let me know if we can be of any other help now or in the future.
Thanks,
Chris

Christopher W. Lynch
Chief of Staff
US Senator Ben Cardin of Maryland

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-2004

March 11, 2021

Mr. Michael Regan
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
Office of the Administrator, #1101A
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Regan:

We write to strongly recommend the appointment of former Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley to lead EPA's efforts on the Chesapeake Bay as a Special Assistant to the Administrator. His extensive knowledge of the Bay and its ecology coupled with his sensitivity to regional issues make him uniquely able to guide effective policy to advance the restoration of this critical resource.

As Maryland's chief executive, Governor O'Malley made Bay issues a priority and has a history of great success on this priority for our region and country. His collaborative leadership and focus on the Bay helped reverse a 300 year decline in the health of the Bay. The years from 2007-2017 remain the longest and only sustained period of improved Bay health in the modern history of objective record keeping.

Governor O'Malley accomplished this not only by building upon years of prior work and a whole body of scientific knowledge, but by bringing forward a new method of performance measurement in public administration. "BayStat" and its EPA progeny "ChesapeakeStat" measure the actions on land which produce sustained improvements to the waters of the Chesapeake Bay. Without a doubt, the creation and constant use of these common platforms made effective collaborations across six states happen at a scale at which they had never happened before.

His strong advocacy has continued as Governor O'Malley has written and been published on Bay Restoration (see Bay Chapter from Smarter Government attached, ESRI Press 2019). He has lectured on this topic at numerous universities in the United States including The University of Maryland, Harvard, Georgetown, Penn, Boston College Law School, and The Kelley School of Business at Indiana University. Further, the American success of BayStat has informed other cleanup efforts across the world from Guanabara Bay in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil to the Great Barrier Reef of Queensland, Australia.

Our enthusiasm for Governor O'Malley's appointment to this position is also based on our personal knowledge of his talents in finding common ground among stakeholders and driving change. If we are to restore a trajectory of progress to the health of the Bay's waters, it will take collaboration based on science across the entire watershed.

Governor O'Malley will bring a credibility and stature to federal efforts on the Chesapeake Bay that few, if any, other candidates could bring to this great work. We believe he would make exceptional contributions in this position, and highly recommend him for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Benjamin L. Cardin
United States Senator

Chris Van Hollen
United States Senator

Tim Kaine
United States Senator

Mark Warner
United States Senator

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

February 24, 2021

Mr. Michael Regan
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
Office of the Administrator, #1101A
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Regan:

We write to strongly recommend that you appoint Adam Ortiz as Region 3 Administrator for the Environmental Protection Agency. We believe he brings the experience, skills and knowledge for this important position.

Mr. Ortiz has been deeply involved in environmental issues as Director of the Department of the Environment in two major counties in Maryland over the past 9 years. In those positions, he has addressed critical issues and initiatives around climate change, clean water, clean air, watershed restoration, and other areas central to Region 3. As head of these departments, he was in charge of overseeing and managing large budgets and staffs, as well as interacting with local, state and national officials.

Further, as an elected official in Maryland, Mr. Ortiz understands the sensitivities of managing competing interests. As the Mayor of Edmonston, Maryland he had to set priorities to address often conflicting concerns, while maintaining fiscal responsibility. During his tenure, then Mayor Ortiz implemented the Edmonston Green Street Project, later used to develop EPA's *Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns Grant Program.* Indeed, his achievements in office were recognized by national media, the White House, the Chesapeake Bay Trust and the EPA, among others.

We have both known Mr. Ortiz for many years and have always enjoyed working with him. We can think of no one better qualified and better acquainted with the issues and challenges of Region 3 to direct this office. Adam Ortiz will bring great skills and sensitivity to this critical position, along with years of direct experience with the issues affecting Region 3. We hope you agree, and will appoint him as Regional Administrator.

Sincerely,

Benjamin L. Cardin
United States Senator

Chris Van Hollen
United States Senator

Message

From: Stewart, Adam (Lummis) [Adam_Stewart@lummis.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/15/2021 12:22:53 AM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Thank you note for Senator Lummis

Hi Radha,

Thanks for the note, and absolutely, I would love to connect. Perhaps during our upcoming recess (March 29-April 9) we can find a time? Will also pass along the kind note from Ms. McCabe. Thank you!

Best,
Adam

Adam T. Stewart | Senior Policy Advisor
U.S. Senator Cynthia M. Lummis (like "hummus"!)
202-224-3424 | lummis.senate.gov

From: "Adhar, Radha" <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Date: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 10:50 AM
To: "Stewart, Adam (Lummis)" <Adam_Stewart@lummis.senate.gov>
Subject: Thank you note for Senator Lummis

Hi Adam,

I hope all is well. By way of introduction, my name is Radha Adhar and I'm the Deputy Associate Administrator for Congressional Affairs at EPA. I hope that we can connect some time so to discuss how we can work together. In the meantime, can you please share the attached letter with Senator Lummis from Janet McCabe? We were very grateful to have some time with Senator Lummis before our hearing.

Thanks in advance,
Radha

Message

From: Beach, Nathaniel [Nathaniel.Beach@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 3/15/2021 3:49:35 PM
To: Richardson, RobinH [Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]; Piziali, Jamie [Piziali.Jamie@epa.gov]
CC: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]; Haman, Patricia [Haman.Patricia@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Constituent Inquiry

I appreciate all of the assistance. Thank you in advance!

Best,
Nathaniel Beach
Office of Congressman Steve Stivers (OH-15)
(202) 934-4307

From: Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 10:29 AM
To: Beach, Nathaniel <Nathaniel.Beach@mail.house.gov>; Piziali, Jamie <Piziali.Jamie@epa.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Haman, Patricia <Haman.Patricia@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Constituent Inquiry

Good morning Nathaniel,

Thank you for your email regarding a Constituent Inquiry. I've included Radha Adhar, Deputy Associate Administrator for Congressional Affairs and Pat Haman, Air Program's Team Lead, who can assist with the inquiry.

Best, Robin

Robin H Richardson
Deputy Associate Administrator
Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
202-564-3358 (desk)
703-581-5814 (cell)
richardson.robinh@epa.gov

From: Beach, Nathaniel <Nathaniel.Beach@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 4:44 PM
To: Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>; Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>; Piziali, Jamie <Piziali.Jamie@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Constituent Inquiry

Good Afternoon,

I am Nathaniel Beach, Congressman Steve Stivers' EPA Caseworker. We have a constituent who purchased a hybrid Porsche, however it is being held at the Baltimore port and she is not allowed to receive it. I am unaware of who to direct this inquiry to, as she would like to have her car delivered to her that she paid for, and would like help in assisting her. Thank you in advance for any and all assistance into this matter.

All the Best,
Nathaniel Beach
Caseworker

Office of Congressman Steve Stivers(OH-15)
(202) 934-4307
http://stivers.house.gov

Message

From: Gilson, Joseph (Grassley) [Joseph_Gilson@grassley.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/15/2021 5:27:02 PM
To: Andrew Cotton [acotton@afjandassociates.com]
CC: Allen Johnson [aljohnson@afjandassociates.com]; Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: AFJ Meeting Request with Senator Grassley's Staff

Hi Andrew –

I'm connecting you with Radha at the EPA. I worked with Radha when she handled biofuels for Senator Duckworth and am glad to have her over at the EPA now!

I'll leave it up to you all to discuss a potential meeting. Thanks!
Joe

From: Andrew Cotton <acotton@afjandassociates.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 3, 2021 1:35 PM
To: Gilson, Joseph (Grassley) <Joseph_Gilson@grassley.senate.gov>
Cc: Allen Johnson <aljohnson@afjandassociates.com>
Subject: Re: AFJ Meeting Request with Senator Grassley's Staff

Hi Joe,

Thank you for taking the time to allow Al and me to speak to you more about Verbio. We enjoyed speaking with you and we hope to see you in person in April when Greg from Verbio comes to DC. I'll reach out in a couple weeks to try and set up a time.

Best,
Andrew

Andrew Cotton
Allen F. Johnson & Associates
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Washington, DC 20006
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On Tuesday, March 2, 2021, 01:42:13 PM EST, Andrew Cotton <acotton@afjandassociates.com> wrote:

Hi Joe,

We are looking forward to our virtual meeting this afternoon.

Please see the attached PDF for the meeting. We'll walk through this during our discussion.

Below is the link for the meeting as well.

You're invited to join a Microsoft Teams meeting

Title: AFJ Meeting with Senator Grassley's Staff

Join on your computer or mobile app
Click here to join the meeting

Best,
Andrew

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On Thursday, February 25, 2021, 09:01:05 AM EST, Andrew Cotton <acotton@afjandassociates.com> wrote:

Hi Joe,

Tuesday at 2:30 should work for us. I'll send a calendar invite and follow up with a Microsoft Teams link. Looking forward to speaking with you.

Best,
Andrew

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On Thursday, February 25, 2021, 08:58:10 AM EST, Gilson, Joseph (Grassley) <joseph_gilson@grassley.senate.gov> wrote:

Hi Andrew –

Absolutely – would be great to hear an update. I have availability right now between 2:00 – 4:00pm on Tuesday the 2nd and 1:00 – 3:00pm on Thursday the 4th.

Let me know if any of those times would work for you. Thanks!

Joe

Joseph Gilson

Legislative Assistant | Senator Chuck Grassley

135 Hart Senate Office Building | Washington, DC 20510

202-224-4120

joseph_gilson@grassley.senate.gov

From: Andrew Cotton <acotton@afjandassociates.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2021 4:19 PM
To: Gilson, Joseph (Grassley) <Joseph_Gilson@grassley.senate.gov>
Cc: Cummings, Aaron (Grassley) <Aaron_Cummings@grassley.senate.gov>; Allen Johnson <aljohnson@afjandassociates.com>
Subject: AFJ Meeting Request with Senator Grassley's Staff

Hi Joe,

My name is Andrew Cotton and I work with Ambassador Al Johnson at AFJ and Associates. You may recall that Senator Grassley met with Al and Verbio North America President Greg Northrup last fall.

We have been meeting with Senate and House staff offices in preparation for a DC visit Greg plans on making in mid-April. Would you and other relevant staff members have time either later this week or next week for a meeting to allow Al and I to update you on our progress?

Best,

Andrew

Andrew Cotton

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Message

From: Hancock, Phil (Manchin) [Phil_Hancock@manchin.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/15/2021 8:00:12 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: McCabe Background Info

Woot!

Phil A. Hancock | *phil_hancock@manchin.senate.gov*

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 2:46 PM
To: Hancock, Phil (Manchin) <Phil_Hancock@manchin.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: McCabe Background Info

Cummins attached!

From: Hancock, Phil (Manchin) <Phil_Hancock@manchin.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 2:35 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: McCabe Background Info

Thanks so much Radha. During the call she raised Cummins, Duke Energy, and WV Attorney Scott Segal, so he's especially tuned into anything from them. –phil

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From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 2:16 PM
To: Hancock, Phil (Manchin) <Phil_Hancock@manchin.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: McCabe Background Info

Hey Phil, let me know if I'm missing any that came through? I'll do a thorough look tonight too!

From: Hancock, Phil (Manchin) <Phil_Hancock@manchin.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 1:28 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: McCabe Background Info

Hey Radha – I'll need those letters of support ASAP!

From: Hancock, Phil (Manchin) <Phil_Hancock@manchin.senate.gov>
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2021 3:02 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: McCabe Background Info

Just tried to call you. Went to VM.

2024317858

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 13, 2021, at 10:53 AM, Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov> wrote:

Absolutely! My cell is Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) and I'm looking forward to it.

Hope you have a great weekend,
Radha

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 13, 2021, at 9:56 AM, Hancock, Phil (Manchin) <Phil_Hancock@manchin.senate.gov> wrote:

Very much appreciated. Can I give you a call tomorrow (Sunday, 3/14) say 3p? What's a good number?

-phil

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 12, 2021, at 5:18 PM, Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Philip!

So sorry for having not responded earlier. Do you have some time this weekend to touch base before our boss's connect? Sorry to ask, and no worries if you're out enjoy the beautiful weather. Below is Janet's bio and I'm attaching some letters of support that may interest you. Every Deputy Administrator alive, republican and democrat, signed a letter in support of her nomination. Also Ben Grumbles is the republican head of MD DEQ

Looking forward to hearing from you,
Radha

Janet McCabe is Professor of Practice at the Indiana University McKinney School of Law and Director of the IU Environmental Resilience Institute, where she started as Assistant Director for Policy and Implementation in 2017. In 2020, she was appointed Adjunct Professor of Practice at the IU O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs. From July 2013 through January 2017, Janet McCabe was the Acting Assistant Administrator for the Office of Air and Radiation at the United States Environmental Protection Agency and was nominated by President Barack Obama to be Assistant Administrator of that office. She joined EPA in November 2009, serving as the Principal Deputy to the Assistant Administrator of OAR. Prior to joining EPA in November 2009, Janet

McCabe was Executive Director of Improving Kids' Environment, Inc., a children's environmental health advocacy organization based in Indianapolis, Indiana and was an adjunct faculty member at the Indiana University School of Medicine, Department of Public Health, and at the School of Public and Environmental Affairs. From 1993 to 2005, Ms. McCabe held several leadership positions in the Indiana Department of Environmental Management's Office of Air Quality and was the office's Assistant Commissioner from 1998 to 2005. Before coming to Indiana in 1993, Ms. McCabe served as Assistant Attorney General for environmental protection for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts from 1984-1989 and Assistant Secretary for Environmental Impact Review from 1989-1993. Ms. McCabe clerked for Justice Neil L. Lynch of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court from 1983-4. Ms. McCabe grew up in Washington, DC and graduated from Harvard College in 1980 and Harvard Law School in 1983.

From: Hancock, Phil (Manchin) <Phil_Hancock@manchin.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 3:09 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Cc: Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: McCabe Background Info

Thanks so much Karen.

Hey Radha – Great to connect with you. Do you have any background/bio/cv info that you think would be helpful to brief the Senator on ahead of their call on Monday? Anything you can share would be most appreciated. Thank you!

-phil

Phil A. Hancock | *phil_hancock@manchin.senate.gov*

From: Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 2:21 PM
To: Hancock, Phil (Manchin) <Phil_Hancock@manchin.senate.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: McCabe Background Info

Hi Phil –

Thanks for your message! We are looking forward to the Monday meeting with Senator Manchin. I'm looping in Radha Adhar, our Deputy Associate Administrator for Congressional Affairs, who can more fully respond.

Take care,

Karen.

Karen Thundiyil
Office of Congressional Affairs
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
(202) 564.1142

From: Hancock, Phil (Manchin) <Phil_Hancock@manchin.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 11, 2021 1:22 PM
To: Thundiyil, Karen <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>
Subject: McCabe Background Info

Hi Karen – I understand that Ms. McCabe will be meeting with Senator Manchin on Monday afternoon. Do you have any background materials that you could share with me ahead of that meeting? Anything you have would be greatly appreciated. –phil

Phil A. Hancock *| Legislative Assistant | Office of U.S. Senator Joe Manchin, III | m: 202-431-7858 | o: 202-228-5658 | phil_hancock@manchin.senate.gov*

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<Pat McDonnell PA.pdf>

Message

From: Ryan, Molly (Collins) [Molly_Ryan@collins.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/15/2021 8:53:44 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
CC: Woodcock, Carol (Collins) [Carol_Woodcock@collins.senate.gov]
Subject: Maine Ozone Transport Region Petition Pending at EPA

Hi Radha,

I hope you are doing well, and please feel free to redirect this inquiry to one of your colleagues. I am reaching out regarding an Ozone Transport Region (OTR) petition pending at EPA. On February 25, 2020 Maine petitioned the EPA to remove interior portions of the State from the OTR, which was approved by former Administrator Wheeler on January 11th, but unfortunately was not published in the federal register. Given the current regulatory freeze on actions taken late in the Trump Admin, we understand Maine's petition is now under further review. Governor Mills supports this petition, and I believe the Maine DEP Commission has been in touch with Region I Acting Director Reb Szaro regarding the support in Maine. Our understanding is that this petition is caught up at EPA HQ, so I am writing to urge EPA to act, and to not delay this process further. I provided some additional background below, but as I mentioned it has been over a year since this petition was filed, and it is critical that the Agency act promptly. Happy to chat about this more, and appreciate your help in advance!

Additional Background on the issue:

- In a February 2020 petition, the State of Maine requested that EPA remove the state, except for 112 towns and cities comprising the Portland and Midcoast Ozone Maintenance Areas, from the OTR. Maine based its petition on the area's continued attainment with ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) and technical analyses demonstrating that the control of emissions from the state do not significantly contribute to ozone attainment in any area in the OTR (including those portions of Maine that will remain in the OTR) .
- On January 11, 2021, EPA Administrator, Andrew R. Wheeler, signed a notice/proposal to approve Maine's petition requesting to remove a portion of the state from the OTR. In the proposal to approve, EPA found that additional OTR controls under CAA section 184(b) for the portion of the state that Maine is proposing to remove from the OTR will not significantly contribute to attainment of any ozone NAAQS in any area of the current OTR.
- Unfortunately, EPA's proposed Response to the Clean Air Act Section 176A Petition from Maine was not published in the Federal Register prior to the change in administration and is undergoing review in accordance with the Regulatory Freeze Pending Review Memorandum that White House Chief of Staff Ronald Klain issued on January 20, 2021. Publication in the Federal Register would have initiated the 45-day public comment period and 10-day period to request a public hearing.

Best,
Molly

Molly Ryan
Office of U.S. Senator Susan Collins
413 Dirksen Senate Office Building
202.224.2523

Message

From: Haberman, Caitlin [Caitlin.Haberman@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 3/15/2021 9:04:25 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Time to chat

I had to run into the office for fun IT things, but I'll be back at my desk in the next 5/10 minutes if you can chat before you go offline. I can definitely talk after 8:30 tonight, and have time first thing tomorrow: 8:30 - 9:45.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 15, 2021, at 4:46 PM, Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov> wrote:
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> Hey lady,
>
> Wanted to make sure we chatted about how to plug y'all into the energy star work! Let me know when would work for you- I just pitched to our team to involve y'all in our roll out.

Message

From: Gillison, Jacob (Sanders) [Jacob_Gillison@sanders.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/16/2021 10:37:24 AM
To: Lance, Kathleen [Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov]
CC: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Meeting Request - Senator Bernard Sanders

Yes, I can make that work.

Conference Line: Call number: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) and passcode: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Jake.

From: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 8:57 PM
To: Gillison, Jacob (Sanders) <Jacob_Gillison@sanders.senate.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting Request - Senator Bernard Sanders

Would 5:00pm on Tuesday work well?

Kathleen C. Lance
Director of Scheduling and Advance
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Cell: (202) 941-1109

From: Gillison, Jacob (Sanders) <Jacob_Gillison@sanders.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 8:06 PM
To: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting Request - Senator Bernard Sanders

Hello Kathleen – Good hearing from you. Please see dates and times below.

Tuesday at 12 pm or at 4 pm
Wednesday at 12 pm

Thank you,

Jake Gillison

From: Lance, Kathleen <Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 7:31 PM
To: Gillison, Jacob (Sanders) <Jacob_Gillison@sanders.senate.gov>
Cc: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Meeting Request - Senator Bernard Sanders

Hi Jacob,

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Could you please share some availability for next week?

Kindly,

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From: Gillison, Jacob (Sanders) <Jacob_Gillison@sanders.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 09, 2021 5:54 PM
To: OCIRmail <OCIRmail@epa.gov>
Subject: Meeting Request - Senator Bernard Sanders

Good afternoon,

I am writing on behalf of Senator Bernard Sanders. Senator Sanders is interested in having a phone conversation with Administrator Michael Regan to discuss his to discuss the senator's priorities on EPW. Are there any times available this week? Looking forward to your response.

Thank you,

Jake Gillison

Jacob "Jake" Gillison
Administrative Director/Scheduler
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202-224-4222 (D)
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Message

From: Gillison, Jacob (Sanders) [Jacob_Gillison@sanders.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/16/2021 10:43:24 AM
To: Lance, Kathleen [Lance.Kathleen@epa.gov]
CC: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Meeting Request - Senator Bernard Sanders

Hello Kathleen,

Yes, 5 pm on Tuesday can work as well.

Conference Line: Call Number: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) and passcode: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

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Message

From: Tulou, Christophe (EPW) [Christophe_Tulou@epw.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/16/2021 3:16:39 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Time to chat

With you. . . always. Open until 1:00, and from 4:00 to 6:00.

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 11:12 AM
To: Tulou, Christophe (EPW) <Christophe_Tulou@epw.senate.gov>
Subject: Time to chat

Hey Christophe! Do you have a few minutes to chat today?

Message

From: LaCroix, Cole (Lee) [Cole_LaCroix@lee.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/16/2021 4:36:15 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Time to chat?

Let's do 12:45. Thanks for getting back to me. You can reach me at Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) Talk soon!

From: "Adhar, Radha" <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Date: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 12:31 PM
To: "LaCroix, Cole (Lee)" <Cole_LaCroix@lee.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Time to chat?

Absolutely, I'm so sorry I let this slip! Can I call you at 12:45? Also I get back online at 830 tonight if you are a night owl and pencil me in! Today is unusally busy.

From: LaCroix, Cole (Lee) <Cole_LaCroix@lee.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 11:40 AM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Time to chat?

Is there a chance we could talk today?

> On Mar 11, 2021, at 4:51 PM, Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> Hey Cole,
>
> Do you have some time to chat tomorrow? Looking forward to hearing from you.
>
> Radha

Message

From: Gillam, Laura Haynes (EPW) [Laura_Gillam@epw.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/16/2021 5:13:07 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]; Haman, Patricia [Haman.Patricia@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: RELEASE: Carper Applauds EPA's Final Rule Cutting Cross-State Ozone Pollution

FYI

Laura Haynes Gillam
Senior Policy Advisor for Clean Air and Climate
U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, Democratic Staff
Laura_gillam@epw.senate.gov

From: Connolly, Gil (EPW) <Gil_Connolly@epw.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 1:06 PM
To: Carper ALL Staff <CarperALLStaff@routing.senate.gov>; EPW Carper Staff <EPWCarperStaff@routing.senate.gov>
Subject: RELEASE: Carper Applauds EPA's Final Rule Cutting Cross-State Ozone Pollution

U.S. SENATE COMMITTEE ON
ENVIRONMENT & PUBLIC WORKS
CHAIRMAN TOM CARPER

FOR RELEASE: March 16, 2021
CONTACT: Rachel Levitan & Jake Abbott

Carper Applauds EPA's Final Rule Cutting Cross-State Ozone Pollution

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, U.S. Senator Tom Carper, Chairman of the Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee, released the following statement on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalizing the Revised Cross-State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR) Update for the 2008 ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). The revised rule will require power plants in 12 states to reduce emissions of smog-forming nitrogen oxides (NOx) that contribute to air pollution in downwind states like Delaware.

"This summer, the people of Delaware will breathe a little easier because of this action by EPA," said Senator Carper. **"This rule is often referred to as the 'Good Neighbor Rule' and for good reason. Over 90 percent of Delaware's air pollution comes from sources outside the state. Delaware depends on our upwind neighbors to be good neighbors—to do their fair share when it comes to cleaning up air pollution.**

"For years, Delaware, Maryland, New York, and other downwind states made it clear to EPA that the Cross-State rule was too weak. We repeatedly called on upwind states to do more so we could achieve healthier air. In Delaware's case, the First State simply called on upwind states to flip on control technologies that already existed in power plant facilities. This rule will help meet the concerns raised by downwind states and it couldn't have come soon enough, requiring emission reductions before the ozone season starts.

"I've long tried to live my life by the 'Golden Rule' and treat others the way I would like to be treated. I believe that many other people do so, as well. The people of Delaware shouldn't have to suffer

because other states aren't following the law or because our air quality rules are too weak. This rule is a sign that the new leadership at EPA will once again put people's health over polluters. More can be done to help Delawareans—especially for the 70,000 who live with asthma—breathe cleaner air, but this is a step in the right direction."

Starting this summer, EPA's Revised CSAPR Update will require emissions reductions from Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia. Power plants in these states will be required to optimize existing, already-installed selective catalytic reduction (SCR) and selective non-catalytic reduction (SNCR) controls beginning in the 2021 ozone season and installation or upgrade of state-of-the-art NOx combustion controls beginning in the 2022 ozone season.

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Message

From: Merchant, Kusai [Kusai.Merchant@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 3/16/2021 5:56:51 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Don't forget to send me a date

What did they send you?

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 1:52 PM
To: Merchant, Kusai <Kusai.Merchant@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Don't forget to send me a date

E&C has sent one.

Message

From: Griffin, Payne (Braun) [Payne_Griffin@braun.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/16/2021 6:56:28 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Time to chat

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Thanks!

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 12:51 PM
To: Griffin, Payne (Braun) <Payne_Griffin@braun.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Time to chat

It does book me! And let me know what number is best. Looking forward to it.

From: Griffin, Payne (Braun) <Payne_Griffin@braun.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 12:39 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Time to chat

Absolutely, does 3pm work?

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 12:20 PM
To: Griffin, Payne (Braun) <Payne_Griffin@braun.senate.gov>
Subject: Time to chat

Hey Payne,

Hope all is well. I wanted to see if you have a few minutes to chat about Janet's nomination. Do you mind letting me know if I can give you a ring?

Thanks in advance,
Radha

Message

From: Repko, Mary Frances (EPW) [MaryFrances_Repko@epw.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/16/2021 7:06:00 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Can we chat budget hearing

Just tried you. I am fairly open this afternoon, so call when you can.

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 1:53 PM
To: Repko, Mary Frances (EPW) <MaryFrances_Repko@epw.senate.gov>
Subject: Can we chat budget hearing

Hey MF,

Hope all is well. When you have sometime, can I please give you a ring to get a date for Administrator Regan on the books re: a budget hearing?

Thank you in advance,
Radha

Message

From: Gillam, Laura Haynes (EPW) [Laura_Gillam@epw.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/16/2021 7:23:19 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: times

Are you free now?

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 16, 2021, at 1:57 PM, Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov> wrote:

Hey lady I am locked between 4-6 is there any way I can grab you tonight at like 830 when the kids are asleep?

From: Gillam, Laura Haynes (EPW) <Laura_Gillam@epw.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 1:53 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: times

Checked schedule and still not free until 4. See below.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Gillam, Laura Haynes (EPW)" <Laura_Gillam@epw.senate.gov>
Date: March 16, 2021 at 11:48:00 AM EDT
To: "Adhar, Radha (Duckworth)" <Radha_Adhar@duckworth.senate.gov>
Subject: times

Now until 1:30.
4-6.

Laura Haynes Gillam
Senior Policy Advisor for Clean Air and Climate
U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, Democratic Staff
Laura_gillam@epw.senate.gov

Message

From: Ryder, Tim (Schumer) [Tim_Ryder@schumer.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/16/2021 7:48:03 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: EPA Modeling Planning

I am free if now works, or can talk at 5

From: Ryder, Tim (Schumer)
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 2:42 PM
To: 'Adhar, Radha' <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Modeling Planning

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From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 2:42 PM
To: Ryder, Tim (Schumer) <Tim_Ryder@schumer.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Modeling Planning

Aweosme, number please.

From: Ryder, Tim (Schumer) <Tim_Ryder@schumer.senate.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 2:39 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Modeling Planning

Yes! Can maybe talk for a quick minute at around 355 or could talk longer at 5

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 2:07 PM
To: Ryder, Tim (Schumer) <Tim_Ryder@schumer.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Modeling Planning

Hey Tim can I give you a quick ring?

From: Ryder, Tim (Schumer) <Tim_Ryder@schumer.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 12:47 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Patel, Vandan (Schumer) <Vandan_Patel@schumer.senate.gov>
Cc: Deveny, Adrian (Schumer) <Adrian_Deveny@schumer.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Modeling Planning

Hi Radha!

I hope you had a wonderful weekend, any word on setting this one up?

Thank you!
Tim

From: Ryder, Tim (Schumer)
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2021 12:09 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>; Patel, Vandan (Schumer) <Vandan_Patel@schumer.senate.gov>
Cc: Deveny, Adrian (Schumer) <Adrian_Deveny@schumer.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Modeling Planning

Also looping in Vandan who can help if our schedules start to fill up!

From: Ryder, Tim (Schumer)
Sent: Tuesday, March 9, 2021 2:45 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Cc: Deveny, Adrian (Schumer) <Adrian_Deveny@schumer.senate.gov>
Subject: EPA Modeling Planning

Thanks for talking today! I am looking forward to nerding out further =)

Some times that work, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday at 2:00 PM are all free next week. Can we lock in one of those? They will fill up so if you can let me know that would be awesome!

Message

From: Cantor, Chloe (Wicker) [Chloe_Cantor@wicker.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/16/2021 8:02:24 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
CC: Shamaskin, Andrew (Wicker) [Andrew_Shamaskin@wicker.senate.gov]; Saab, Al David (Wicker) [AlDavid_Saab@wicker.senate.gov]
Subject: Letter to Administrator Regan
Attachments: 3.15.21 Letter to Administrator Regan from Senator Wicker.pdf

Hi Radha,

Senator Wicker sent the attached letter to Administrator Regan today. We wanted to send over a digital copy, as well. Could you please make sure this gets to the right person?

Thank you!

Chloe Cantor
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March 15, 2021

The Honorable Michael S. Regan
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20460-0003

Dear Administrator Regan,

Congratulations on your recent confirmation as Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). I look forward to working with you on issues important to Mississippi as you take on this new role.

Mississippi is home to an abundance of natural resources stretching from the Gulf Coast to the Mississippi Delta. However, these areas face many unique challenges, including the lasting impacts of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, aging drinking water and wastewater infrastructure, and the urgent need for flood control solutions. When we spoke before your confirmation, we discussed the devastating flood events that have continuously affected Mississippi. In nine of the last 10 years, the South Delta has flooded. In 2019, record floods inundated approximately 548,000 acres for several months and destroyed many people's livelihoods. The region flooded again last year, and the Mississippi River is once again rising. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and EPA have worked together over the past two years to find a long-term solution to this problem. It is vital that this progress continue. I appreciate your understanding the significance of these floods and your commitment to visit Mississippi to see the environmental and economic effects of ongoing flooding.

Another major challenge stems from the extreme cold that recently swept through the Southeast, creating water infrastructure challenges in Mississippi and particularly the City of Jackson. State and local leaders are working diligently to help communities restore water services. However, additional resources are needed to implement lasting solutions to these drinking water and wastewater issues. EPA is a key partner in this effort. I look forward to working with you and your staff on this matter, and it is my hope that you can visit the state's capital soon to see these water infrastructure challenges firsthand.

I look forward to showing you around Mississippi. Additionally, I commit to working collaboratively with you and EPA to develop appropriate responses to the infrastructure challenges facing our nation.

Sincerely yours,

Roger F. Wicker

Message

From: Weber, Corey (Tillis) [Corey_Weber@tillis.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/16/2021 8:42:28 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: Sen. Tillis Follow Up

Hey Radha –

Hope you are well. My boss and the Administrator spoke last night and wanted to fill you in on their conversation when you have a moment today or tomorrow.

Best,
Corey

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Message

From: McAloon, Kevin [Kevin.McAloon@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 3/16/2021 10:28:46 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
CC: Gervasi, Marissa [Marissa.Gervasi@mail.house.gov]; Barstow, Kevin [Kevin.Barstow@mail.house.gov]; Kessler, Rick [Rick.Kessler@mail.house.gov]; Young, CJ [CJ.Young@mail.house.gov]
Subject: E&C letter on SolarWinds
Attachments: EPA.2021.03.17.Bipartisan Letter re SolarWinds.OI.ECC.pdf

Hi Adhar,

I have attached a letter from bipartisan leaders of the Energy & Commerce Committee regarding the recent SolarWinds incident. The press on this letter will be going out early tomorrow morning.

Please acknowledge receipt, and please reach out if you have any questions about the information the Committee is requesting.

Thanks for your help.

Kevin

Kevin McAloon
Professional Staff
House Committee on Energy & Commerce
Democratic Staff
(202) 997-3204

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March 17, 2021

The Honorable Michael S. Regan
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Administrator Regan:

We write to request information from your agency related to the recent SolarWinds cybersecurity attack. In December 2020, FireEye discovered the SolarWinds attack, which we now know affected thousands of public and private sector entities, including the U.S. government. The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) has said that SolarWinds and potentially other supply chain compromises have affected the U.S. government, critical infrastructure entities, and private sector organizations by an advanced persistent threat since at least March 2020.

Over the past several years, the Committee on Energy and Commerce has done extensive work on cyber threats, including hearings and investigations examining the information security programs and controls over key computer systems and networks at multiple agencies under the Committee's jurisdiction. Because the SolarWinds attack has potentially affected a wide array of federal agencies and programs, the Committee is seeking to gain a fuller understanding of the scope of the attack and actions being taken to mitigate its effects.

The Cyber Unified Coordination Group (UCG),[1] believes the SolarWinds attack "was, and continues to be, a counterintelligence gathering effort."[2] Therefore, it is critical that your agency take steps to address this ongoing threat. While your agency has provided Committee

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[1] The UCG is a task force composed of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, and the National Security Agency.

[2] Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, *Joint Statement by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), and the National Security Agency (NSA)* (Jan. 5, 2021) (press release).

staff initial reports, we now request more details about your understanding of this intrusion and actions your agency has taken in response.

Accordingly, please provide written answers and any necessary documentation to the following questions by March 31, 2021:

1. Has your agency been impacted by the compromise? If yes, please explain the nature and extent of the compromise, including when your agency was first compromised and when you detected such compromise, and your assessment of any actual or potential effects on your agency and programs.

2. What actions is your agency taking to investigate and respond to the compromise? Please identify your specific actions.

3. Is your agency a sector-specific agency, as that term is defined in Presidential Policy Directive 21 (PPD-21), and does your agency identify its most critical informational and operational infrastructure and take specific measures to protect that infrastructure?

4. What is your agency's schedule for mitigating the risks associated with the compromise?

5. Once a cyber threat has been detected, does your agency notify other agencies in real time? In this instance, please identify which agencies or departments were notified and which ones were not.

6. How does your agency assess vendors for cybersecurity risks? Please explain.

7. Does your agency regularly audit vendors for cybersecurity risks? If so, please explain how often such audits take place.

8. Does your agency have a specific plan to reduce the risks of future supply chain attacks? If so, please explain.

Your assistance in this urgent matter is appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Kevin McAloon of the Majority Committee staff at (202) 225-2927 or Bijan Koohmaraie of the Minority Committee staff at (202) 225-3641.

Sincerely,

Frank Pallone, Jr.
Chairman

Cathy McMorris Rodgers
Ranking Member

Diana DeGette
Chair
Subcommittee on Oversight
and Investigations

H. Morgan Griffith
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Oversight
and Investigations

Paul D. Tonko
Chairman
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Ranking Member
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Message

From: UnruhCohen, Ana [Ana.UnruhCohen@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 3/17/2021 2:35:55 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
CC: Kessler, Rick [Rick.Kessler@mail.house.gov]; Bauserman, Trent [Trent.Bauserman@mail.house.gov]; DeGraff, Kenneth [kenneth.degraff@mail.house.gov]
Subject: Re: EPA climate page reboot update- flagging for your assistance

Great!
I will check with our comms staff to see if they can do a couple of sample tweets and share with the caucus tomorrow morning (and noting the 2pm embargo)
Thanks for letting us know.

Sent from my iPhone

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Thanks in advance,
Radha

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Climate Change

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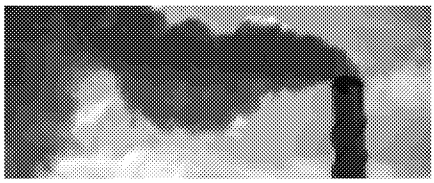
President Biden will take swift action to tackle the climate emergency. The Biden Administration will ensure we meet the demands of science, while empowering American workers and businesses to lead a clean energy revolution.
— The White House



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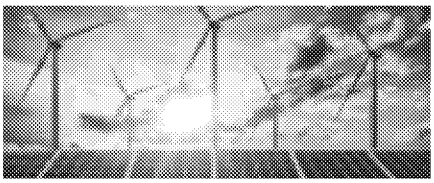

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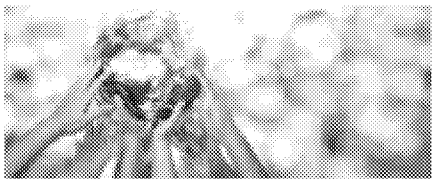

Additional Climate Resources

- The White House
- NASA
- NASA Climate Kids
- NOAA Climate.gov
- CDC
- U.S. Global Change Research Program
- National Academy of Sciences
- Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change EXIT

Message

From: Merchant, Kusai [Kusai.Merchant@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 3/17/2021 2:57:21 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
CC: Walsh, Ed [Walsh.Ed@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: EPA budget hearing timing

I am dumb, I meant Wednesday afternoon. Sorry…

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 10:56 AM
To: Merchant, Kusai <Kusai.Merchant@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Walsh, Ed <Walsh.Ed@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA budget hearing timing

You bet.

From: Merchant, Kusai <Kusai.Merchant@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 10:25 AM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Cc: Walsh, Ed <Walsh.Ed@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: EPA budget hearing timing

Could you also check on Wednesday April 21 in the morning?

> On Mar 16, 2021, at 5:46 PM, Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov> wrote:
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> Hold it and I'll circle back!
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> **From:** Merchant, Kusai <Kusai.Merchant@mail.house.gov>
> **Sent:** Tuesday, March 16, 2021 3:52 PM
> **To:** Walsh, Ed <Walsh.Ed@epa.gov>; Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** EPA budget hearing timing
>
> Hi guys,
>
> We have begun running traps on our end for April 22nd in the morning. Can you let us know if that's feasible for you?
>
> Thanks,
> Kusai
>
> **Kusai Merchant**
> **House Appropriations Committee**
> **202-225-0408**

Message

From: QFR@epw.senate.gov [EPW_Questions@epw.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/17/2021 4:29:31 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]; QFR@epw.senate.gov [EPW_Questions@epw.senate.gov]
CC: Eiler, Brian (EPW) [Brian_Eiler@epw.senate.gov]; Repko, Mary Frances (EPW) [MaryFrances_Repko@epw.senate.gov]
Subject: RE: Janet McCabe QFRS

Thank you!

Caroline Jones
Legislative Aide
Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
Chairman Tom Carper (D-Del.)
202-224-8832

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 10:12 AM
To: QFR@epw.senate.gov <EPW_Questions@epw.senate.gov>
Cc: Eiler, Brian (EPW) <Brian_Eiler@epw.senate.gov>; Repko, Mary Frances (EPW) <MaryFrances_Repko@epw.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Janet McCabe QFRS

Hey y'all,

Please you this attachment.

Best,
Radha

From: Adhar, Radha
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 10:04 AM
To: QFR@epw.senate.gov
Cc: Eiler, Brian (EPW) <Brian_Eiler@epw.senate.gov>; Repko, Mary Frances (EPW) <MaryFrances_Repko@epw.senate.gov>
Subject: Janet McCabe QFRS

Hello,

Attached, please find Janet McCabe's responses to EPW's QFRS. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

Radha Adhar
Deputy Associate Administrator
Congressional Affairs
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Message

From: Tulou, Christophe (EPW) [Christophe_Tulou@epw.senate.gov]
Sent: 3/17/2021 6:46:45 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: PFAS hearing -- EPA testimony. . .

Here I am: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 2:45 PM
To: Tulou, Christophe (EPW) <Christophe_Tulou@epw.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: PFAS hearing -- EPA testimony. . .

Yahooo! Whats your direct please and thanks for taking the time.

From: Tulou, Christophe (EPW) <Christophe_Tulou@epw.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 2:43 PM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: PFAS hearing -- EPA testimony. . .

Of course – I'm good until 4:15 – and after 5:00. Pick a time that's good for you!

From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 2:41 PM
To: Tulou, Christophe (EPW) <Christophe_Tulou@epw.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: PFAS hearing -- EPA testimony. . .

Hey Christophe! Can we chat about this when you have time?

From: Tulou, Christophe (EPW) <Christophe_Tulou@epw.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 11:46 AM
To: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Subject: PFAS hearing -- EPA testimony. . .

Hi Radha –

We didn't talk about this in our conversation yesterday, but I may have mentioned earlier that we are contemplating a PFAS hearing – timing uncertain, but possibly as early as April 21st. If we schedule something at that time (or May), would EPA be willing/able to participate?

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Christophe A. G. Tulou
Senior Counsel
Committee on Environment and Public Works (Democratic staff)
U.S. Senate
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From: Bauserman, Trent [Trent.Bauserman@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 3/17/2021 7:42:20 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: EPA climate page reboot update- flagging for your assistance

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From: Adhar, Radha <Adhar.Radha@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 10:23 AM
To: UnruhCohen, Ana <Ana.UnruhCohen@mail.house.gov>; Kessler, Rick <Rick.Kessler@mail.house.gov>; Bauserman, Trent <Trent.Bauserman@mail.house.gov>; DeGraff, Kenneth <kenneth.degraff@mail.house.gov>
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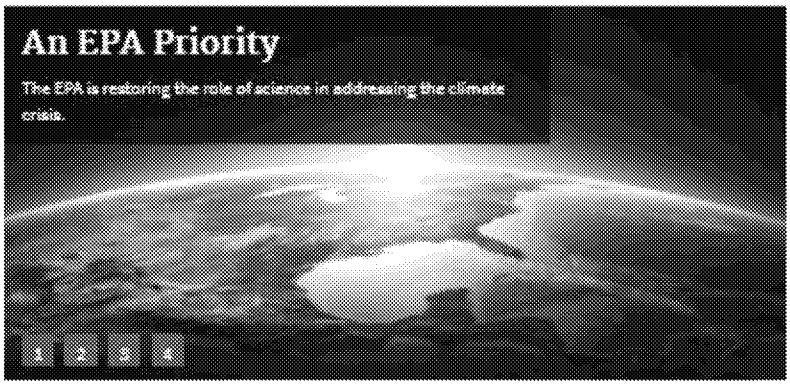

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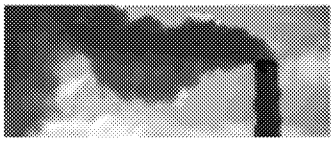

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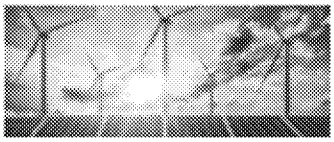

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From: Forero, Laura [Laura.Forero@mail.house.gov]
Sent: 3/17/2021 7:45:13 PM
To: Adhar, Radha [Adhar.Radha@epa.gov]
Subject: Letter on CA waiver, tailpipe emissions, and fuel efficiency standards
Attachments: Obama-Biden Standards California Waiver reinstatement.pdf

Hi Radha,

I hope you are well. I wanted to make you aware of a letter that Congresswoman Matsui will be circulating for signatures and sending regarding new tailpipe emission and fuel efficiency standards as well as the California Clean Air Act Waiver. Please, let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

Laura C. Forero *(she/her/ella)*
Legislative Assistant
Congresswoman Doris Matsui (CA-06)
2311 Rayburn HOB