To: Jackson, Ryan[jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
From: David Schnare
Sent: Wed 6/7/2017 8:20:12 PM
Subject: Fwd: Pebble Mine lobbying
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Because he had the attached emails, I could not duck this. I answered the questions as shown below.
I also said the Roberson briefing was before Scott came on board, or thereabouts, that this issue was being forced by a court deadline, that Scott was already aware of the issue when I raised it with him, and that I suggested he get a full briefing so that he could determine what he wanted to do about the matter. I also said that I'd received a short OW briefing while on the Beachhead team and well before Scott was even named to be Administrator, and received a lengthy briefing by OW, also before I met with Scott, and that my role was to identify the issues and ensure all appropriate arguments were assembled for Scott's consideration. And, I told him that Robertson did not tell me anything the Agency didn't already know.

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From: **Kevin Bogardus** <kbogardus@eenews.net>
Date: Wed, Jun 7, 2017 at 3:34 PM
Subject: Pebble Mine lobbying
To: **Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy - David Schnare Email**

David,

Hi, it's Kevin Bogardus with E&E News.

Myself and a colleague are working on a piece about Pebble Partnership lobbying EPA to reach a legal settlement and allow the permit process for the mining project in Bristol Bay, Alaska to begin. We will be quoting from emails and other records released to the Natural Resources Defense Council under a Freedom of Information Act request (please see attached for some examples). I have a few questions about this, which are:

■· Did you give Administrator Pruitt a "specific proposal" from Pebble Partnership, as you requested from Peter Robertson (please see page 2 of EPA 4880 000046)?

No. I never gave Scott anything in writing. (We raised it in the daily brief in a single sentence.)

■· Did you meet in person with Robertson on Feb. 22 (please see page 1 of EPA 4880 000046)?

Yes.

■· On May 12, EPA did decide to reach a legal settlement and allow the permit process for the mining project in Bristol Bay, Alaska to begin. How much influence did Pebble Partnership's lobbying of EPA influence the agency's decision?

I am not aware of the content of the legal settlement, but because Pebble did not provide any information or argument we had not already heard, I don't see how they could influence the agency's decision, especially as they never met with Scott and I left before Scott directed anything and before the settlement was made.

Please get back to me as soon as possible. My deadline is noon EST Thursday, June 8, but the sooner you get back to me, the more it helps my reporting. Thank you for your help.

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