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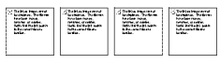

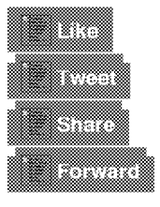

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In 2016, Mr. Icahn, who was a public supporter of Scott Pruitt's nomination as EPA Administrator, bet heavily on a drop in the price of renewable fuel credits. Mr. Icahn then secured a position as a senior adviser to President Trump and recommended personnel and policies that did in fact cause the price of these credits to drop - ultimately resulting in a $50 million windfall for his company. After Mr. Pruitt was nominated, Mr. Icahn said that Scott Pruitt "feels strongly about the absurdity of these (RFS) obligations."

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In February 2017, Senator Warren led a letter to White House Counsel Don McGahn about the

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Sent: 5/8/2018 4:10:11 PM
To: Ferguson, Lincoln [ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]; Beach, Christopher [beach.christopher@epa.gov]; Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]; Hewitt, James [hewitt.james@epa.gov]; Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]; Daniell, Kelsi [daniell.kelsi@epa.gov]
Subject: RFS Statement

On inquiries related to potential outcomes of the meeting: refer to White House

On inquiries related to administration/implementation of RFS (we've used this the past few weeks): "The criteria used to grant waivers has not changed since previous administrations. EPA follows a long-standing, objectively determined process where the Agency uses a Department of Energy analysis to inform decisions about refiner exemptions/waivers, for refineries that are below the statutory threshold. EPA decisions on waivers are based on refinery-specific information that is subject to confidential business information protections. We continue to work through petitions received for 2017 and will provide updated information, as soon as complete." **Jahan Wilcox, EPA spokesperson**

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To: Mutter, Andrew[mutter.andrew@epa.gov]
Cc: Wadlington, Christina[Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov]; McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa[Mcclain-Vanderpool.Lisa@epa.gov]; Drinkard, Andrea[Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov]
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Sent: Fri 5/25/2018 8:58:39 PM (UTC)
Subject: Re: Denver Post: PFAS questions -- deadline COB tomorrow

I know. He may Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP). I would really prefer to Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Sent from my iPhone

On May 25, 2018, at 4:51 PM, Mutter, Andrew <mutter.andrew@epa.gov> wrote:

Molly – Bruce will want Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Otherwise, concur as written.

Best regards,

Andrew

Andrew Mutter

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From: Block, Molly
Sent: Friday, May 25, 2018 2:48 PM
To: Wadlington, Christina <Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov>
Cc: McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa <Mcclain-Vanderpool.Lisa@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; Mutter, Andrew <mutter.andrew@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Denver Post: PFAS questions -- deadline COB tomorrow

How does this look to send? This would most likely all be on background. Unless you're comfortable having the first two sentences attributed to an EPA spokesperson.

And once the response is approved - Lisa will you send it to the reporter?

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Sent from my iPhone
On May 25, 2018, at 4:15 PM, Wadlington, Christina <Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov> wrote:

If possible, can we be explicit that Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Therefore, EPA would Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

From: McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa
Sent: Friday, May 25, 2018 3:52 PM
To: Wadlington, Christina <Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
Cc: Mutter, Andrew <mutter.andrew@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Denver Post: PFAS questions -- deadline COB tomorrow

I would only add a simple and clear statement that Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Sent: Friday, May 25, 2018 12:55 PM
To: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa <Mcclain-Vanderpool.Lisa@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
Cc: Mutter, Andrew <mutter.andrew@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Denver Post: PFAS questions -- deadline COB tomorrow

For consideration for #1.

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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From: Block, Molly
Sent: Thursday, May 24, 2018 6:34 PM
To: McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa <Mcclain-Vanderpool.Lisa@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; Wadlington, Christina <Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov>
Cc: Mutter, Andrew <mutter.andrew@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Denver Post: PFAS questions -- deadline COB tomorrow

Thanks! I just responded with a bunch of info on the second question. So hopefully that request should be closed. Lisa and Andrea were cc'd on that one and Christina was bcc'd.

Sorry for all the spam emails! We'll get a game plan together tomorrow on the first one.

From: McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa
Sent: Thursday, May 24, 2018 6:31 PM
To: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
Cc: Mutter, Andrew <mutter.andrew@epa.gov>
Subject: Denver Post: PFAS questions -- deadline COB tomorrow

Molly – here are the 2 questions I think we should respond to if possible by COB tomorrow (so no one has to work on it over the weekend!)

1)Does EPA stand by the estimate of 16 million people exposed to PFAS in their water or is it 100+million as described in the EWG report?
From EWG: "From 2013 to 2015, the EPA mandated national testing for PFAS chemicals in public water systems, yet the full results of this testing, funded by taxpayers, were never made public. Water utilities with the highest concentrations of PFAS chemicals have been **publicly identified**. But the names of utilities with detectable PFAS contamination below the so-called reporting levels of 10 to 90 parts per trillion, or ppt, were not released. Millions of people were not informed that their water supply is contaminated with these chemicals."
And if that data is available provide the link.

2) Will or has EPA released the ATSDR proposal to lower the "minimum risk level" for PFAS? (You said there was a statement to Congress you can use on this right?)
Thank you – feel free to call me.

Lisa

Lisa McClain-Vanderpool
303-312-6077

___*History of inquiry:*_____
This was the first time he asked for this info in an email to me on 12/23 at noon:
We have received info from EWG today that EPA has info, and has not released it, showing many more drinking water systems may be affected by PFAs as unhealthy levels that the agency's 16 million estimate shows. EWG says EPA knows true estimate much higher - I think the number more than 100 million. What gives? Please provide the correct facts ASAP including an explanation. Perhaps it has to do

with whether estimate is based on 70 ppt healthy advisory limit or a higher number or one that EWG regards as more protective ??? We need to sort this out ASAP. I would appreciate any push to get proper full information. Thanks, Bruce

Then he sent this follow up at 3:00 when I sent response to regional issue:
What about the suppressed study? Please address. It is hitting media. Need the facts on that as requested.

Then this at 4:45 to Enesta:
Enesta - We have heard from EWG about a suppressed study, EPA info not released that indicated a much higher estimate for the numbers of Americans whose water may be tainted with PFAs. Please provide the facts. Any guidance around this matter welcome. Thanks, - Bruce

Enesta responded with this:
Bruce,

"As you may know, EPA held a National Leadership Summit the past two days in Washington to help contribute to a federal government wide approach to address PFAS issues which have been raised by local, state, and Congressional leaders. EPA is eager to participate in and contribute to a coordinated approach so each federal stakeholder – EPA, DOD, and HHS – is fully informed on stakeholders concerns, roles, and expertise to ensure that the federal government is responding in a uniform way to our local, state, and Congressional constituents and partners." – EPA spokesperson

Administrator Pruitt announced four actions EPA will take following the summit:

- EPA will initiate steps to evaluate the need for a maximum contaminant level (MCL) for PFOA and PFOS. We will convene our federal partners and examine everything we know about PFOA and PFOS in drinking water.
- EPA is beginning the necessary steps to propose designating PFOA and PFOS as "hazardous substances" through one of the available statutory mechanisms, including potentially CERCLA Section 102.
- EPA is currently developing groundwater cleanup recommendations for PFOA and PFOS at contaminated sites and will complete this task by fall of this year.
- EPA is taking action in close collaboration with our federal and state partners to develop toxicity values for GenX and PFBS.

On background:

- The National Leadership Summit on PFAS provided an unprecedented opportunity for stakeholders to share vital information and best practices regarding PFAS challenges across the nation
- EPA will utilize the information shared at the historic summit, along with upcoming visits to affected communities, to develop a National PFAS Management Plan
- EPA will also take concrete actions to ensure PFAS is thoroughly addressed and all Americans have access to clean and safe drinking water
- EPA will use information and perspectives obtained at the leadership summit to inform EPA's PFAS Management Plan that will be released later this year
- As a next step in the coming weeks, EPA will visit and engage directly with communities impacted by PFAS – including New Hampshire and Michigan – to understand ways the Agency can best support the work that's being done at the state, local, and tribal levels

Then you sent your response with the offer of a call…

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To: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Daniell, Kelsi [daniell.kelsi@epa.gov]; Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]; Hewitt, James [hewitt.james@epa.gov]
CC: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]; Beach, Christopher [beach.christopher@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Refinery Questions

On it.

Here's what Robert compiled on pending inquiries.

RIN Waivers

Outlet/Reporter	Contact	Inquiry
Argus/Elliott Blackburn	elliott.blackburn@argus.com	Robert, one last thing to double check – I have that 12 exemptions were given last year (2016, for 515mn RINs, per the NPRM and final rule). Can you confirm at least the number of exemptions?
S&P Global Platts/Meghan Gordon	meghan.gordon@spglobal.com	Hi, I have seen statements in other media detailing how many of the waivers were for 2016 vs 2017, etc. Can you share those bare-bones details?
Reuters/Christine Prentice	christine.prentice@thomsonreuters.com	I write for Reuters News. We are seeing reports that EPA has approved 25 small refinery exemptions for the RFS. These were exemptions for the 2017 year, per the reporting. Can EPA please confirm this number? Our deadline is ASAP. I'm happy to speak over the phone as well.

Andeavor

Outlet/Reporter	Contact	Inquiry
CQ Roll Call/Elwina Nawaguna	elwinanawaguna@cqrollcall.com	I'm trying to verify a Reuters report that the EPA granted a waiver from RFS compliance to Andeavor. Sen. Grassley has called the waiver "unfair" and likely "illegal." Can you verify that the hardship waiver was given? What was the justification for giving it to a large corporation that appears to be making profits in the billions? (My understanding is that the exemption is reserved for small and struggling refiners. I'm working on a deadline of 11:30 a.m. Thanks.

Biofuels International/Luke Acton	luke@woodcotemedia.com	DDL 12 PM EDT Can the EPA comment on the waiver and/or address criticism from biofuels producers that Andeavor should not qualify for that waiver? The American Coalition for Ethanol (ACE) CEO Brian Jennings said in a statement: "On what planet does Andeavor's 2017 net profit of $1.5 billion constitute 'disproportionate economic hardship' for a "small refiner"? Refiners are reporting billion-dollar profits today while farmers are facing their fifth year of prices at or below the cost of production. Net farm income is dropping to levels not seen since the last economic disaster in rural America in the early 2000s which prompted Congress to enact the RFS in the first place. EPA's recent waivers reduce demand for ethanol making economic conditions worse in rural America and breaking promises President Trump has made to protect the RFS." https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-biofuels-epa-refineries-exclusive/exclusive-epa-gives-giant-refiner-a-hardship-waiver-from-regulation-idUSKCN1HA21P
Oil &Gas Journal/Nick Snow	nick@pennwell.com	. . . released three small refineries owned by Andeavor (formerly Tesoro) from their 2016 quotas under the Renewable Fuel Standard. The action apparently was under a small refiner hardship waiver for plants with less than a 75,000 b/d production capacity. Andeavor says that its Dickinson, ND, plant has a 20,000 b/d crude oil capacity; its Mandan, ND, refinery has a 75,000 b/d crude capacity, and its Salt Lake City, Utah, refinery has a 63,000 b/d crude capacity. Here's a link to that information: http://www.andeavor.com/refining/ And here's a link to the Renewable Fuels Association's release, in case you haven't seen it already: http://www.ethanolrfa.org/2018/04/andeavor-refineries-receiving-rfs-waivers-is-outrageous-abuse-of-the-statute-says-rfa/ Could you verify that Andeavor did, in fact, get these exemptions? The RFA's release has a link to an EPA web page which says that a small refiner hardship waiver will be issued if the plant has an average crude oil input no greater than 75,000 b/d and EPA determines, based on supporting evidence in a submitted petition, that compliance with RFS obligations will impose "disproportionate economic hardship" on the refinery in the year for which exemption is requested. RFA also says in its release that EPA said this past November that it has exempted at least 14 small refiners from 2016 RFS requirements. Is this figure correct? Andeavor notes that its Salt Lake refinery is the Beehive State's largest. Have operators of the other three refineries nearby asked for small refiner hadrship waivers? Please let me know what the situation is so I can work up a story. Thanks!

From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Wednesday, April 4, 2018 10:55 AM
To: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Daniell, Kelsi <daniell.kelsi@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>
Cc: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>
Subject: Refinery Questions

If we get questions about refinery waivers, please use the following:

"The criteria used to grant waivers has not changed since previous administrations. EPA follows a long-standing, established process where the Agency uses a DOE analysis to inform decisions about refiner exemptions/waivers. These waivers are only considered for refineries that submit applications and that are below the blending threshold," **EPA spokesperson, Liz Bowman**

On background (not for attribution): DOE's analysis is developed based on information submitted to EPA, and DOE provides a recommendation with regard to the waiver. While the applications continue to come in, EPA has granted roughly 25 so far. We do not have specifics on overall refining capacity.

Liz Bowman
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Office: 202-564-3293

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Sent: 5/21/2018 7:24:53 PM
To: Gunasekara, Mandy [Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov]; Dominguez, Alexander [dominguez.alexander@epa.gov]
CC: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: RFS Small Refinery Waivers

Thanks! Will do.

From: Gunasekara, Mandy
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2018 3:20 PM
To: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Dominguez, Alexander <dominguez.alexander@epa.gov>
Cc: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: RFS Small Refinery Waivers

I'd hold off for now. We have an entire list of FOIA and congressional requests we are in the process of answering that speak to this question. I'd prefer to not get in front of that process.

From: Block, Molly
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2018 3:18 PM
To: Gunasekara, Mandy <Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov>; Dominguez, Alexander <dominguez.alexander@epa.gov>
Cc: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: RFS Small Refinery Waivers

S&P Global is checking in on the numbers again. I understand the numbers have changed since we shared info last. How would you like to proceed?

This is the most up-to-date info I have: EPA has received 33 requests for small refinery waivers for the year 2017. EPA has granted 28 and 5 are pending.

This is our most recent response: "The criteria used to grant waivers has not changed since previous administrations. EPA follows a long-standing, objectively determined process where the Agency uses a Department of Energy analysis to inform decisions about refiner exemptions/waivers, for refineries that are below the statutory threshold. EPA decisions on waivers are based on refinery-specific information that is subject to confidential business information protections. We continue to work through petitions received for 2017 and will provide updated information, as soon as complete." **Jahan Wilcox, EPA spokesperson**

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Sent: 4/16/2018 7:49:56 PM
To: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: RFS Inquiry

For sure. He's just double checking on numbers.

From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Monday, April 16, 2018 3:49 PM
To: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: RFS Inquiry

Can you run this by me before we send out any response? This is a tough one

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From: Block, Molly
Sent: Monday, April 16, 2018 3:12 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: RFS Inquiry

Yes please!

From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Monday, April 16, 2018 3:11 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: RFS Inquiry

Should I check with the program?

Cheers, R.

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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) (M)

From: Gordon, Meghan [mailto:meghan.gordon@spglobal.com]
Sent: Monday, April 16, 2018 3:05 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: RFS Inquiry

Hi Robert and press team,

Is this still up to date:
EPA received **29** petitions from small refineries for the 2017 compliance year and has granted **25**.

Has EPA received any 2018 petitions? Or is it too soon for that?

Thanks,
Meghan

From: Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 09, 2018 1:17 PM
To: Gordon, Meghan
Cc: Press
Subject: Re: RFS Inquiry

Meghan, on background, please: These numbers are still accurate.

Regards, R.

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On Apr 9, 2018, at 11:59 AM, Gordon, Meghan <meghan.gordon@spglobal.com> wrote:

> Are these #s still up to date? Asking just in case other applications have come in.
>
> EPA received 29 petitions from small refineries for the 2017 compliance year and has granted 25.
>
> Thanks again,
> Meghan
>
> ---
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> **From:** Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
> **Sent:** Thursday, April 05, 2018 1:30 PM
> **To:** Gordon, Meghan
> **Cc:** Press
> **Subject:** RE: RFS Inquiry
>
> Meghan, still on background, please:
>
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> Cheers, R.
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From: Gordon, Meghan [mailto:meghan.gordon@spglobal.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2018 12:14 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: RFS Inquiry

Thanks. A source is saying 30 additional petitions are being considered. Is that for 2017 compliance then?

From: Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2018 12:05 PM
To: Gordon, Meghan
Cc: Press
Subject: RE: RFS Inquiry

Meghan, on background, not for attribution, please:

"We have not received 2018 petitions."

Cheers, R.

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From: Gordon, Meghan [mailto:meghan.gordon@spglobal.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2018 11:48 AM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: RFS Inquiry

Thanks, Robert. We publish to a real-time newswire, so the deadline is always asap.

From: Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2018 11:47 AM
To: Gordon, Meghan
Subject: RE: RFS Inquiry

Good morning Meghan,

I imagine you're writing a story today? What's your deadline, please?

Cheers, R.

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Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2018 11:43 AM
To: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>; Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: RFS Inquiry

Can you say how many small refinery waiver applications you've received for 2018 compliance?

From: Block, Molly [mailto:block.molly@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, April 04, 2018 7:29 PM
To: Gordon, Meghan
Cc: Press; Daguillard, Robert
Subject: Re: RFS Inquiry

For the 2017 compliance year

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 4, 2018, at 7:20 PM, Gordon, Meghan <meghan.gordon@spglobal.com> wrote:

> Thanks again, Molly. I asked this to Liz but didn't hear back: Are the 25 waivers all for 2017?
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> ---
>
> **From:** Block, Molly [mailto:block.molly@epa.gov]
> **Sent:** Wednesday, April 04, 2018 12:09 PM
> **To:** Gordon, Meghan
> **Cc:** Press; Daguillard, Robert
> **Subject:** RE: RFS Inquiry
>
> You can attribute it to the Agency.
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> **Sent:** Wednesday, April 4, 2018 12:05 PM
> **To:** Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>; Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: RFS Inquiry
>
> Thanks, Molly. When you say "on background," can I attribute this to EPA? I don't need to use your name, but I do need to say that the information came from an official source.
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>
> **From:** Block, Molly [mailto:block.molly@epa.gov]
> **Sent:** Wednesday, April 04, 2018 12:04 PM
> **To:** Gordon, Meghan
> **Cc:** Press; Daguillard, Robert
> **Subject:** RFS Inquiry
>
> Meghan –

On background (not for attribution): DOE's analysis is developed based on information submitted to EPA, and DOE provides a recommendation with regard to the waiver. While the applications continue to come in, EPA has granted roughly 25 so far.

Best,
Molly

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Sent: 4/19/2018 7:42:52 PM
To: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: MOLLY/LIZ: RFS inquiries, 19 April

Will do!

From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 3:30 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: MOLLY/LIZ: RFS inquiries, 19 April

Thank you, Robert. Molly, can you reply to these with the statements below?

"There is not consensus on the regulatory path forward on the E15 RVP waiver and related issues."

On the waivers:

"The criteria used to grant waivers has not changed since previous administrations. EPA follows a long-standing, established process where the Agency uses a Department of Energy analysis to inform decisions about refiner exemptions/waivers, for refineries that are below the blending threshold. EPA decisions on waivers are based on refinery-specific information that is subject to confidential business information protections. We continue to work through petitions received for 2017 and will provide updated information, as soon as complete." Liz Bowman, EPA spokesperson

Additional background (not for attribution):

- As requests for waivers are based on CBI, EPA cannot share company-specific information.
- Any refinery that produces 75,000 barrels or less per day on an annualized basis can apply for the Small Refinery Hardship exemption.
- When first established, the program automatically exempted refineries based solely on their output, which resulted in 59 small refineries being exempted from 2007 to 2010. Post-2010, qualifying refineries seeking a small refinery hardship exemption submit financial information to EPA. EPA then shares this information with DOE and DOE uses a scoring matrix to quantify structural, economic and refinery-specific factors that may contribute to "disproportionate economic hardship."
- During the Obama Administration, there was often disagreement by EPA with DOE's recommendation. Since the start of this administration, EPA has worked to better coordinate with DOE to ensure cross-administration consistency.
- On August 15, 2017, EPA received an adverse decision from the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals, which found the agency's viability analysis employed by the previous administration to be inconsistent with congress's intent of the hardship exemption and outside its statutory authority (Sinclair Wyoming Refining Company v. EPA). Specifically, the court found EPA's requirement that refineries demonstrate an "existential threat" to their long-term viability as the standard for demonstrating "disproportionate economic hardship" inconsistent with EPA's statutory authority and vacated a previously denied hardship exemption and remanded Sinclair's hardship petitions back to EPA for further consideration.
- In 2016, EPA received 20 petitions and granted 19 based on DOE's recommendation.

From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 3:26 PM
To: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: MOLLY/LIZ: RFS inquiries, 19 April

Molly, as per your request. I hope this is what you were looking for? The following inquiries are all I've seen today on RFS.

Outlet/Reporter	Inquiry
EE News/Marc Heller – mheller@eenews.net	Hi, Robert. I have a quick question on the RFS and E15 fuel. Is the agency doing anything yet to craft a proposal on the RVP waiver for E15? I wonder if you could walk me through the process a little for this. How is it supposed to work, and how long could the process take, in terms of public comment periods and things of that nature?
Gray TV – David Ade – david.ade@gray.tv	I am looking for a comment/interview, plus background data on how many Renewable Fuel Standard waivers have been granted over the last several years. I am working on a story about the letter several Midwest senators sent a few days ago. I have a claim that previously, only 2-3 waivers were granted in a year, then in 2016 it was roughly 20, and in 2017 roughly 25. Is there a place I can find data to verify or counter this claim? Also, is anybody from the agency available for an interview on the issue?

Cheers, R.

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Message

From: Block, Molly [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=60D0C681A16441A0B4FA16AA2DD4B9C5-BLOCK, MOLL]
Sent: 9/5/2019 7:24:36 PM
To: Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]; McFaul, Jessica [mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov]; Woods, Andrea [Woods.Andrea@epa.gov]
CC: Beach, Christopher [beach.christopher@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: ORD research grants
Attachments: A_ANIMAL MEMO CLEAN NO EDITS 8_15_19.pdf; Back Pocket Q animal testing.add.docx

Just diving into this. Don't want to duplicate any efforts you all are already making?

Do we have any of this info? Otherwise I'll get started on compiling this.

From: Schiermeyer, Corry
Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 5:12 PM
To: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: ORD research grants

Here is the draft/close hold Animal Testing memo and the q/a that should be updated by OCSPP.

If you could reach out to ORD for more info on the grants, and any talking points we need on them, that would be great. Then once we have OCSPP's info, combine into a release, factsheet, talking points, etc.

You might see if Andrea Woods can find a reporter that has written on the topic that we might want to pitch, as well.

Thank you!!!

From: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 4:31 PM
To: Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: ORD research grants

Below is the release and the amounts for each grant are just below that thanks ng

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Grantees include:

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For more information on EPA's grant recipients, visit LINK.

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From: Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 4:19 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: ORD research grants

Do you have the full draft press release for the ORD grants for research to reduce animal testing?
I need it…

Thank you!

Corry Schiermeyer
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Sent: 2/12/2018 9:40:33 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
CC: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Hassell, Emily [hassell.emily@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: MOLLY: Automotive News - Fuel Economy Stickers - Interview Summary

Thanks Robert and Emily!

From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Monday, February 12, 2018 4:40 PM
To: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Hassell, Emily <hassell.emily@epa.gov>
Subject: MOLLY: Automotive News - Fuel Economy Stickers - Interview Summary

Molly, a brief summary of this morning's off-the-record interview with Lisa Snapp, Director of the Center for Climate and Strategy Analysis in OTAQ. The program is working on a couple of follow-up quotes for attribution, as previously discussed.

Emily, our intern, took notes during the conversation and put the following summary together.

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Summary:

Sebastian Blanco from AutoNews spoke with Lisa Snapp with questions regarding fuel economy labels, their components, and the process used to create and update them.

He was predominantly interested in whether there is consideration for an Electric Vehicle-specific label (to which Lisa answered there is currently not) and what the process for changing or updating the label might be.

Sebastian also asked about the logic behind using MPGe as the label unit, about the rulemaking process that led to the creation of labels, and the extent to which automotive companies were consulted during the label-making decision process.

Additionally, the reporter seemed keen to note that some auto companies may have preferred a separate label, and further pushed as to how consumers might benefit from such a label, as well as how they would use the current EV label.

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Sent: 2/23/2018 1:17:37 PM
To: Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: For Review: Chemical Watch (Tammy Lovell) re criticisms of CDX (Deadline: Now)

Please send on background, slightly edited below

From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2018 6:24 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: For Review: Chemical Watch (Tammy Lovell) re criticisms of CDX (Deadline: Now)

Background: Chemical Watch reporter is asking us to address criticisms of the CDX by industry. Response input from OCSPP. Tammy Lovell, tammy.lovell@chemicalwatch.com

Suggested Response:

1. I spoke to a couple of industry associations and they said that they experienced difficulties submitting to the CDX because of system errors that caused crashes.

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2. They also said that formal guidance promised by the EPA wasn't provided and that the transcripts of webinars were only published a week before the deadline.

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3. Concerns were also raised about how quickly the EPA will be able to produce a draft inventory for the remaining processor period and that if the window between the release of the draft inventory and the close of the processor period is too narrow, there are chances that chemical substances may inaccurately be labelled as inactive.

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4. Also a suggestion was made that the EPA offer support to processors including hosting webinars and posting questions and answers and other processor-specific guidance as soon as possible after the draft inventory is published and offer separate, specific training on the CDX platform to processors.

Response: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

From: "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Date: February 22, 2018 at 8:38:51 AM EST

To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: News enquiry - TSCA inventory reporting deadline

Will work with the program.

From: Tammy Lovell [mailto:tammy.lovell@chemicalwatch.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2018 8:35 AM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: News enquiry - TSCA inventory reporting deadline

Hi Robert

I'm panning to publish this story today. I spoke to a couple of industry associations and they said that they experienced difficulties submitting to the CDX because of system errors that caused crashes.

They also said that formal guidance promised by the EPA wasn't provided and that the transcripts of webinars were only published a week before the deadline.

Concerns were also raised about how quickly the EPA will be able to produce a draft inventory for the remaining processor period and that if the window between the release of the draft inventory and the close of the processor period is too narrow, there are chances that chemical substances may inaccurately be labelled as inactive.

Also a suggestion was made that the EPA offer support to processors including hosting webinars and posting questions and answers and other processor-specific guidance as soon as possible after the draft inventory is published and offer separate, specific training on the CDX platform to processors.

Does the EPA want to respond to any of this? I was hoping to publish today so it would be great if you could get back to me in that timeframe.

Thanks
Tammy

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On 15 February 2018 at 16:33, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Tammy, still for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

The import or processing of a chemical as part of an article, like toys, cars or clothing are activities that are exempt from reporting. However, downstream users are encouraged to ensure that the chemicals they use in making their products have been placed on the inventory by their suppliers. To view the interim list of chemical substances that have been reported, visit our site: https://www.epa.gov/tsca-inventory/tsca-inventory-notification-active-inactive-rule.

From: Tammy Lovell [mailto:tammy.lovell@chemicalwatch.com]
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 3:56 AM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: News enquiry - TSCA inventory reporting deadline

Hi Robert

Can I check - was the deadline for manufacturers and importers of chemicals or off finished products which contain chemicals? For example if I made toys/ cars/clothing would I have to report by the deadline?

Thanks,

Tammy

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On 13 February 2018 at 21:48, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Follow-up answer. Please advise.

Response: Failure to submit a required notice by the deadline is a violation of TSCA section 8(b). Anyone who fails to file by the statutory deadline of February 7, 2018 should consider using the EPA's Self-Disclosure policy to self-report potential violations (see: https://www.epa.gov/compliance/epas-edisclosure).

EPA's primary objective is accurate and complete reporting. Therefore, the Agency urges manufacturers that missed the February 7 deadline to file as soon as they are able - even though the deadline has passed and any submission filed now is late - so that the Agency can accurately designate substances as "active" or "inactive" on the TSCA

Inventory at the close of the full retrospective submission period on October 5. The CDX system will allow for late submissions.

From: Tammy Lovell [mailto:tammy.lovell@chemicalwatch.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 8:08 AM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: News enquiry - TSCA inventory reporting deadline

Hi Robert,

Thanks for this response.

If companies are in violation of TSCA section 8 (b) is there any kind of enforcement action against them (such as fines etc)?

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On 13 February 2018 at 13:05, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

? Tammy, on background, please:

I believe the deadline for this was February 7th. I was wondering if most manufacturers had managed to meet this deadline?

EPA received more than 85,000 individual Notices of Activity (NOAs) by the February 7 deadline which represents a significant effort by manufacturers. Note that NOAs do not equate to the number of chemicals on the market; EPA is currently calculating the updated number of unique chemical substances that were reported.

? **How many companies have reported on their chemical use?**

EPA's estimate at this time is that about 500 companies filed Notices of Activity.

? **How many do you estimate did not report on time? Was the response what you were anticipating?**

Because processor reporting continues through October 5, it is difficult at this time for the Agency to determine if notices that it continues to receive are from processors or are from manufacturers filing after the February 7 deadline.

Similar to the compiling of the original TSCA Inventory, EPA did expect to receive tens of thousands of notices with many filed close to the deadline.

? **What happened to companies if they don't report by the deadline? Is there any kind of enforcement action?**

EPA's primary objective is accurate and complete reporting. Therefore, the Agency urges manufacturers that missed the February 7 deadline to file as soon as they are able - even though the deadline has passed and any submission filed now is late - so that the Agency can accurately designate substances as "active" or "inactive" on the TSCA Inventory at the close of the full retrospective submission period on October 5. The CDX system will allow for late submissions.

Failure to submit a required notice by the deadline is a violation of TSCA section 8(b). Anyone who fails to file by the statutory deadline of February 7, 2018 should consider using the EPA's Self-Disclosure policy to self-report potential violations (see: https://www.epa.gov/compliance/epas-edisclosure

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From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 7:52 AM
To: 'Tammy Lovell' <tammy.lovell@chemicalwatch.com>
Subject: RE: News enquiry - TSCA inventory reporting deadline

Yes. I'll try getting you a response by mid-morning (our time; mid-afternoon yours) if OK?

From: Tammy Lovell [mailto:tammy.lovell@chemicalwatch.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 5:40 AM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: News enquiry - TSCA inventory reporting deadline

Hi Robert

Are you able to provide any response to this enquiry? My deadline for this story is today.

Thanks,

Tammy

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On 8 February 2018 at 14:09, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

> Good morning (afternoon to you) Tammy,
>
> Thanks for reaching out. Let me see what I can find out for you.

Regards, R.

Robert Daguillard

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From: Tammy Lovell [mailto:tammy.lovell@chemicalwatch.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 08, 2018 8:59 AM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: News enquiry - TSCA inventory reporting deadline

Dear Robert,

I'm writing a story for the Chemical Watch website about the US EPA requiring manufacturers to report on their chemical use for the substance inventory reset required under TSCA amendments.

I believe the deadline for this was February 7th. I was wondering if most manufacturers had managed to meet this deadline? How many companies have reported on their chemical use? How many do you estimate did not report on time? Was the response what you were anticipating?

What happened to companies if they don't report by the deadline? Is there any kind of enforcement action?

My deadline for this story is Tuesday, so it would eb great if you get an answer to me by Monday if possible. Let me know if this is possible.

Kind Regards,

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Sent: 3/29/2018 4:46:45 PM
To: Lyons, Troy [lyons.troy@epa.gov]; Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Gunasekara, Mandy [Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov]; Beck, Nancy [Beck.Nancy@epa.gov]; Brown, Byron [brown.byron@epa.gov]; Baptist, Erik [Baptist.Erik@epa.gov]; Yamada, Richard (Yujiro) [yamada.richard@epa.gov]; Kelly, Albert [kelly.albert@epa.gov]; Traylor, Patrick [traylor.patrick@epa.gov]; Greaves, Holly [greaves.holly@epa.gov]; Bennett, Tate [Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]; Forsgren, Lee [Forsgren.Lee@epa.gov]; Greenwalt, Sarah [greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov]; Bolen, Brittany [bolen.brittany@epa.gov]; Gordon, Stephen [gordon.stephen@epa.gov]; Cook, Steven [cook.steven@epa.gov]; Darwin, Veronica [darwin.veronica@epa.gov]; Chancellor, Erin [chancellor.erin@epa.gov]; Woods, Clint [woods.clint@epa.gov]; Darwin, Henry [darwin.henry@epa.gov]; Hanson, Paige (Catherine) [hanson.catherine@epa.gov]; Ford, Hayley [ford.hayley@epa.gov]; Dravis, Samantha [dravis.samantha@epa.gov]; White, Elizabeth [white.elizabeth@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: updated short hand of events and travel from this morning
Attachments: 2018 2nd QTR Travel - Draft.docx

I'm sorry, I sent that too soon. Please use the attached.

From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Thursday, March 29, 2018 12:08 PM
To: Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Gunasekara, Mandy <Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov>; Beck, Nancy <beck.nancy@epa.gov>; Brown, Byron <brown.byron@epa.gov>; Baptist, Erik <baptist.erik@epa.gov>; Yamada, Richard (Yujiro) <yamada.richard@epa.gov>; Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov>; Traylor, Patrick <traylor.patrick@epa.gov>; Greaves, Holly <greaves.holly@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Forsgren, Lee <Forsgren.Lee@epa.gov>; Greenwalt, Sarah <greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov>; Bolen, Brittany <bolen.brittany@epa.gov>; Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>; Cook, Steven <cook.steven@epa.gov>; Darwin, Veronica <darwin.veronica@epa.gov>; Chancellor, Erin <chancellor.erin@epa.gov>; Woods, Clint <woods.Clint@epa.gov>; Darwin, Henry <darwin.henry@epa.gov>; Hanson, Paige (Catherine) <hanson.catherine@epa.gov>; Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>; Dravis, Samantha <dravis.samantha@epa.gov>; White, Elizabeth <white.elizabeth@epa.gov>
Subject: updated short hand of events and travel from this morning

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From: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Sent: 3/27/2018 11:51:32 PM
To: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Administrator Pruitt Announces Cooperative Research and Development Agreement

Nice.

On Mar 27, 2018, at 7:45 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Tim, please consider this additional background (not for attribution):

In general, the Federal Technology Transfer Act authorizes the use of a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA), which is a collaborative research partnership between an EPA lab or office and one or more external parties, such as universities, companies, governmental organizations, or trade associations.

· A CRADA typically sets forth the framework for the collaboration with the goal of evaluating, assessing, or develop new technology.

· In August 2017, EPA's Office of Research and Development publicly announced that it was seeking to establish a CRADA with up to four non-federal partners for the purpose of investigating the potential use of atmospheric water generators (AWGs) in "expanding the availability of water during shortages, contamination events and other interruptions of service."

· EPA engaged in discussions with a number of companies developing AWGs about participation in this CRADA. [**NOTE**: we discussed this with at least four companies, including Water-Gen].

· In January 2018, EPA signed a CRADA with Water-Gen, a corporation developing AWG technology, to evaluate their GEN-350 system.

· EPA remains open to working with other entities that are interested in participating in this research effort.

· Water-Gen agreed to transfer on a temporary basis one AWG unit to EPA for a period of at least three months for testing. Testing of the AWG technology will take place at EPA's Cincinnati facility.

· The CRADA and Material Transfer Agreement between EPA and Water-Gen did not involve the transfer of any funds to or from EPA.

· The CRADA spells out the rights of the Company and EPA for any technology advancements developed during this cooperative testing process, and the agreement states explicitly that it does not constitute regulatory or scientific approval of the use of any particular product or technology by EPA.

On Mar 27, 2018, at 6:10 PM, Puko, Tim <tim.puko@wsj.com> wrote:

Hi, I have a lot of questions about the nature of this deal. Could someone give me a call in 15 minutes or so?

On Tue, Mar 27, 2018 at 5:00 PM, EPA Press Office <press@epa.gov> wrote:

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Administrator Pruitt Announces Cooperative Research and Development Agreement

WASHINGTON (March 27, 2018) - Today, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Sc Pruitt is announcing a recently signed Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) wit Water-Gen.

"The goal of this research and development agreement is to advance atmospheric water generators as viable technology for dramatically improving access to potable water during shortages or contaminatio events, like natural disasters or infrastructure issues," said **EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt**. "EPA beli in facilitating cooperative research efforts that will foster innovative solutions to pressing environmen issues, and looks forward to working with other companies and organizations on technology developme efforts."

This CRADA is an example of EPA's commitment to partnering with companies to find new and innovat approaches to modern environmental challenges, such as providing clean drinking water to communiti affected by natural disasters or Superfund sites. EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD) is working to develop relationships that allow us to test and evaluate new technologies, like the atmosph water generators, to ensure the U.S. can employ this type of technology and provide its citizens with t highest quality air and water.

Background

The Federal Technology Transfer Act authorizes the use of a CRADA—a collaborative research partners between an EPA lab or office and one or more external parties, such as universities, companies, governmental organizations, trade associations, and individuals. The CRADA sets the framework for th collaboration with the goal of evaluating, assessing, or develop new technology.

In August 2017, EPA's ORD announced that it was seeking to establish a CRADA with up to four non-fed partners for the purpose of investigating the potential use of atmospheric water generators (AWGs) in "expanding the availability of water during shortages, contamination events and other interruptions o service." In January 2018, EPA signed a CRADA with Water-Gen, a corporation developing cutting-edge AWG technology, to evaluate their GEN-350 system.

During FY17, EPA labs entered into 54 research and development agreements with outside parties, as authorized by the Federal Technology Transfer Act. That number included eight, full-scale CRADAs in v EPA scientists collaborate with their counterparts from the private sector and universities and from sta and local government labs. The remainder were Material Transfer Agreements ("MTAs"), involving the transfer of data or material from one party for the research needs of the other party, and "Material CRADAs", which are hybrid arrangements involving the transfer of data or material and joint collabora on further research.

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From: Kelly, Albert [kelly.albert@epa.gov]
Sent: 2/13/2018 10:20:58 PM
To: regionalpress [regionalpress@epa.gov]; Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Author: Book on Waukegan Superfund sites - writing another book and articles. DDL 2/26

I will do as you direct but I think that it is more a Regional decision based on the status. If you want me to discuss with the Region , I will

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Subject: RE: Author: Book on Waukegan Superfund sites - writing another book and articles. DDL 2/26

Looks like chicago

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From: Kelly, Albert
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 3:21 PM
To: regionalpress <regionalpress@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Author: Book on Waukegan Superfund sites - writing another book and articles. DDL 2/26

I would like to check with the Region if that is ok. Is she to be in Chicago or DC?

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Subject: FW: Author: Book on Waukegan Superfund sites - writing another book and articles. DDL 2/26

See below – do we want to do this for this book? Thanks ng

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From: Bassler, Rachel
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 3:04 PM
To: regionalpress <regionalpress@epa.gov>
Cc: Kelley, Jeff <kelley.jeff@epa.gov>; Rowan, Anne <rowan.anne@epa.gov>
Subject: Author: Book on Waukegan Superfund sites - writing another book and articles. DDL 2/26

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Ok to move forward?

Thanks,
Rachel

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Message

From: Kelly, Albert [kelly.albert@epa.gov]
Sent: 2/13/2018 8:20:45 PM
To: regionalpress [regionalpress@epa.gov]; Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Author: Book on Waukegan Superfund sites - writing another book and articles. DDL 2/26

I would like to check with the Region if that is ok. Is she to be in Chicago or DC?

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From: regionalpress
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2018 3:19 PM
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Subject: FW: Author: Book on Waukegan Superfund sites - writing another book and articles. DDL 2/26

See below – do we want to do this for this book? Thanks ng

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Message

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CC: Ford, Hayley [ford.hayley@epa.gov]
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All –

Attached are the upcoming events we would like to highlight.

Please get with OPA in particular Liz ASAP on ideas to highlight each new item.

Please let me know if we have missed something or if something has occurred to you which should be placed on this.

Thanks.

Ryan Jackson
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Message

From: Ross, David P [ross.davidp@epa.gov]
Sent: 3/1/2018 10:08:31 PM
To: Minoli, Kevin [Minoli.Kevin@epa.gov]; Servidio, Cosmo [Servidio.Cosmo@epa.gov]; Vizian, Donna [Vizian.Donna@epa.gov]
CC: Leopold, Matt [Leopold.Matt@epa.gov]; Fotouhi, David [Fotouhi.David@epa.gov]; Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Lyons, Troy [lyons.troy@epa.gov]; Richardson, RobinH [Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Grant Funding for the Chesapeake Bay Journal

Kevin,

Thank you for the information. I appreciate it.

Dave

From: Minoli, Kevin
Sent: Thursday, March 1, 2018 3:14 PM
To: Servidio, Cosmo <Servidio.Cosmo@epa.gov>; Ross, David P <ross.davidp@epa.gov>; Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>
Cc: Leopold, Matt <Leopold.Matt@epa.gov>; Fotouhi, David <Fotouhi.David@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>
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Cosmo, David, and Donna-

Following up on a call I had with Cosmo yesterday, I wanted to let you know that in light of an evolution in our priorities, the agency has determined that it will issue $325,000 in incremental grant funding to the Chesapeake Bay Journal. That decision is being communicated to representatives for the Journal at 3:15. OCIR has provided Senator Cardin's staff a close hold head's up and will begin notifying other members and government officials at 3:17. Nancy Grantham in OPA is coordinating the public affairs portion of this and has worked with Region 3 public affairs folks (I am not sure whether Nancy has connected with OW public affairs folks).

I am happy to answer any questions you have and our staffs should be communicating closely on this. David and Donna, I apologize for not giving you a heads up that this was possible yesterday.

Thanks, Kevin

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Message

From: Fotouhi, David [Fotouhi.David@epa.gov]
Sent: 3/13/2018 7:04:53 PM
To: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Questions about tort claims from Gold King Mine spill

One more thing: Ex. 5 AC/DP

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From: Fotouhi, David
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 3:02 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Questions about tort claims from Gold King Mine spill

Here are proposed answers to the first two questions:

1.

2.

Ex. 5 AC/DP

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From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2018 6:17 PM
To: Fotouhi, David <Fotouhi.David@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Questions about tort claims from Gold King Mine spill

Thanks, sorry your information is so popular with press folks today; appreciate your help

From: Fotouhi, David
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2018 6:14 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Questions about tort claims from Gold King Mine spill

Yes. My hunch is that Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Let me confirm and get back to you.

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From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2018 5:54 PM
To: Fotouhi, David <Fotouhi.David@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Questions about tort claims from Gold King Mine spill

From a separate reporter on GKM; can you help with the questions in regard to different numbers in the spreadsheet?

From: Elliott, Dan [mailto:delliott@ap.org]
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2018 3:21 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: Questions about tort claims from Gold King Mine spill

Liz:

I'm following up on these four questions, which I sent to you last week, about the Gold King Mine tort claims. The story is tentatively scheduled to run tomorrow (March 13).

1. The tort claims spreadsheet the EPA gave me in response to my most recent FOIA says Jackson, Gilmour & Dobbs, PC, filed a claim for $154,443,879 on behalf of the state of New Mexico. However, the firm's claim letter of May 12, 2016 (attached), which the EPA provided to me in response to an earlier FOIA request, said the state seeks $130 million. Last week, Cholla Khoury of the New Mexico Attorney General's Office told me the state's tort claim remains $130 million. Can you tell me why the EPA spreadsheet says $154,443,879?
2. The spreadsheet says Will Ferguson & Associates filed 11 claims for $10 million each, two claims for $5 million each and one for $100 million. Last week, Will Ferguson told me his firm's most recent revised claims do not include any for $100 million. The original set of claims from the law firm did include at least one for $100 million, but those were all revised downward. Can you tell me why the EPA spreadsheet still lists one for $100 million? Is it possibly an obsolete claim from the firm's original submission?
3. Was the six-month deadline to "act on claims under reconsideration" that Administrator Pruitt mentioned in an Aug. 4, 2017, news release a self-imposed deadline or is it stated in federal law or EPA regulations?
4. When do you expect to complete the review of all the claims, which the administrator promised?

Thank you.

Dan Elliott

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From: Elliott, Dan
Sent: Thursday, March 08, 2018 11:28 AM
To: Bowman, Liz (Bowman.Liz@epa.gov) <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: A third follow-up question

Liz:

Two other questions have come up since my last email. In the tort claims spreadsheet the EPA gave me in response to my most recent FOIA request, two entries are incorrect, according to the parties that filed them:

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Also, these two questions, which I submitted earlier, are still pending:

1. Was the six-month deadline to "act on claims under reconsideration" that Administrator Pruit mentioned in the Aug. 4, 2017, news release a self-imposed deadline or is it stated in federal law or EPA regulations?
2. When do you expect to complete the review of all the claims, which the administrator promised?

Thanks.

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From: Elliott, Dan
Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2018 11:06 AM
To: 'Bowman, Liz' <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: A third follow-up question

Liz:

Understood, thanks. What about my first two follow-up questions?

1. Was the six-month deadline to "act on claims under reconsideration" that Administrator Pruit mentioned in the Aug. 4, 2017, news release a self-imposed deadline or is it stated in federal law or EPA regulations?
2. When do you expect to complete the review?

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From: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 07, 2018 8:58 AM
To: Elliott, Dan <delliott@ap.org>
Subject: RE: A third follow-up question

Hi Dan – On Background (not for attribution): We encourage you to reach out to DOJ for this question, as the Federal Tort Claims Act applies to the entire federal government, not just EPA. Thanks – Liz

The FTCA states: "A tort claim against the United States shall be forever barred unless it is presented in writing to the appropriate Federal agency within two years after such claim accrues or unless action is begun within six months after the date of mailing, by certified or registered mail, of notice of final denial of the claim by the agency to which it was presented."

From: Elliott, Dan [mailto:delliott@ap.org]
Sent: Tuesday, March 6, 2018 5:02 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: A third follow-up question

Liz:

In addition to the two questions in my earlier email, I have another: Did the statute of limitations for Gold King claims expire on Aug. 5? Can any more claims be filed?

Dan Elliott

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From: Elliott, Dan
Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2018 12:15 PM
To: 'Bowman, Liz' <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Questions about damage claims from Gold King Mine spill

Liz:

Thank you for this. Two follow-up questions:

1. Was the six-month deadline to "act on claims under reconsideration" that Administrator Pruit mentioned in the Aug. 4, 2017, news release a self-imposed deadline or is it stated in federal law or EPA regulations?
2. When do you expect to complete the review?

Thanks.

Dan Elliott

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From: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 05, 2018 8:23 AM
To: Elliott, Dan <delliott@ap.org>
Cc: Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Questions about damage claims from Gold King Mine spill

H Dan -- To the first two questions, the Agency received hundreds of new claims during 2017, many of which were submitted after the administrator indicated in July 2017 that he would reconsider the previously denied claims. The 400-or-so number is correct. With regard to the last question: We are in the process of examining the merits of all of the claims not currently in litigation, including the supporting documentation submitted by the claimants.

Thank you – Liz

From: Elliott, Dan [mailto:delliott@ap.org]
Sent: Friday, March 2, 2018 12:54 AM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Cc: Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Questions about damage claims from Gold King Mine spill

Liz:

Hoping to wrap up at noon ET Tuesday.

Dan

Get Outlook for iOS

From: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 1, 2018 6:37:16 PM
To: Elliott, Dan
Cc: Abboud, Michael
Subject: Re: Questions about damage claims from Gold King Mine spill

Hi Dan - What's your deadline? I need to ask some folks here

On Mar 1, 2018, at 8:17 PM, Elliott, Dan <delliott@ap.org> wrote:

Michael, Liz:

We communicated last August about claims filed against the EPA for the Gold King Mine spill. I received a list of claims, attached, from the EPA today in response to a FOIA request. I have three questions for you:

1. An EPA news release (http://bit.ly/2F4A43F) dated Aug. 4, 2017, stated, "There are currently 144 total claims pending, including the ones undergoing reconsideration, that require EPA action." However, list I received has 403 claims. Which is the correct number?
2. In January 2017, the EPA said it had received 73 claims. Why did the number change?
3. The Aug. 4 news release also stated, "EPA has six months (until the end of December) to act on claims under reconsideration." Six months from Aug. 4 would be Feb. 6, 2018. Either way, the six months has expired. Has EPA reached a decision on all the claims and, if so, what were the decisions?

Thank you.

Dan Elliott

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Subject: RE: MTE
Attachments: MTE Fact Sheet_FINAL 2018 04 02.docx

I made some edits to the fact sheet. I think it's already been leaked out, but for your records, attached is the final.

From: Gunasekara, Mandy
Sent: Monday, April 2, 2018 9:46 AM
To: Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Palich, Christian <palich.christian@epa.gov>; Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>; Bolen, Brittany <bolen.brittany@epa.gov>
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Subject: MTE

Hi All:

Today we are planning to have the Administrator sign and will issue a press release regarding the final outcome of the Midterm Evaluation for light-duty vehicles model years 2022-2025. Topline message: The standards are going to change.

I've attached a backgrounder/fact sheet with some suggested TPs that I hope is helpful. OMB is finalizing their review and we expect them to close it out relatively soon. The goal is a noon roll-out for press. Give me a call if you need any info.

Also, some of you may not know, but Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
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Please pass on to anyone I inadvertently left off the list.
Thanks,
Mandy

Mandy M. Gunasekara
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Message

From: Gunasekara, Mandy [Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov]
Sent: 4/2/2018 3:48:44 PM
To: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Baptist, Erik [Baptist.Erik@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: For planning...

OMG - this is crazy. I'm pretty sure my office is bugged ;)

-----Original Message-----
From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Monday, April 2, 2018 11:33 AM
To: Gunasekara, Mandy <Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov>; Baptist, Erik <Baptist.Erik@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: For planning...

How do these people know this!? Ha it's like impossible to keep anything close hold

-----Original Message-----
From: Camille von Kaenel [mailto:cvonkaenel@eenews.net]
Sent: Monday, April 2, 2018 11:17 AM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: For planning...

Hey Liz,

For planning purposes, should I expect a noon announcement?

Thanks!

Camille von Kaenel

Message

From: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Sent: 5/3/2018 9:42:29 PM
To: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Gunasekara, Mandy [Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov]; Beck, Nancy [beck.nancy@epa.gov]; Brown, Byron [brown.byron@epa.gov]; Baptist, Erik [Baptist.Erik@epa.gov]; Yamada, Richard (Yujiro) [yamada.richard@epa.gov]; Kelly, Albert [kelly.albert@epa.gov]; Traylor, Patrick [traylor.patrick@epa.gov]; Greaves, Holly [greaves.holly@epa.gov]; Bennett, Tate [Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]; Forsgren, Lee [Forsgren.Lee@epa.gov]; Greenwalt, Sarah [greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov]; Bolen, Brittany [bolen.brittany@epa.gov]; Gordon, Stephen [gordon.stephen@epa.gov]; Cook, Steven [cook.steven@epa.gov]; Darwin, Veronica [darwin.veronica@epa.gov]; Chancellor, Erin [chancellor.erin@epa.gov]; Woods, Clint [woods.clint@epa.gov]; Darwin, Henry [darwin.henry@epa.gov]; Hanson, Paige (Catherine) [hanson.catherine@epa.gov]; Ford, Hayley [ford.hayley@epa.gov]; Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]; Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]; Beach, Christopher [beach.christopher@epa.gov]; Lyons, Troy [lyons.troy@epa.gov]; Hupp, Millan [hupp.millan@epa.gov]; Letendre, Daisy [letendre.daisy@epa.gov]; Wheeler, Andrew [wheeler.andrew@epa.gov]
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Thanks again.

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To: Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
Cc: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
From: Shawn McCoy[shawn@insidesources.com]
Sent: Thur 5/3/2018 8:37:40 PM (UTC)
Subject: Re: Final Request for Comment

Taking another look at this in the context of the attacks on Zinke.
Do you have any comments or background on that?

On Sun, Dec 17, 2017 at 11:49 AM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

On background: In an article he had written before he quoted a previous EPA spokesperson who told him the meeting didn't take place. He later went with the article without confirming with Dow either, and they also told him it didn't take place. It is out understanding that AP has a responsibility to confirm something actually happened before reporting on it. While that piece alone is false reporting, it's also about him continuing to weave this inaccurate and false narrative about the pesticide into every story possible. There is no question his reporting is biased. If you compare his articles to other AP reporters (even those covering the administration), his bias is weaved throughout each piece on EPA/Pruitt. With regard to your earlier question, that was a misunderstanding; not an intentional effort to "kick out a reporter." The administrator has done a range of interviews with press, from MSNBC/NYT to Fox, and everything in between. He did one-on-one interviews with the New York Times (at least twice), Politico, USA Today, Houston Chronicle, Washington Post, etc.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 17, 2017, at 11:23 AM, Shawn McCoy <shawn@insidesources.com> wrote:

Also--on the Biesecker issue, I believe you said he was aware that the chemical meeting never took place and published the story anyway. Do you have documentation of that?

On Sun, Dec 17, 2017 at 9:16 AM, Shawn McCoy <shawn@insidesources.com> wrote:

Curious if you have any more insight on this question. Planning to publish tomorrow.

On Fri, Dec 8, 2017 at 5:48 PM, Shawn McCoy <shawn@insidesources.com> wrote:

Are you aware of any incidents where Gina McCarthy's EPA had law enforcement remove reporters from an event?

On Fri, Dec 8, 2017 at 12:43 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

AP has issued a correction on one of his articles; he has written others that we believe had misleading or biased statements. We have brought those to his editor's attention, but the only major correction we are aware of is the one on the meeting with the CEO

From: Shawn McCoy [mailto:shawn@insidesources.com]
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Cc: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Final Request for Comment

For Biesecker—you mentioned that besides the chemical piece, the AP has corrected a number of other pieces he's written in Pruitt. Can you send examples?

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 8, 2017, at 11:45 AM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Shawn – We want to be sure that your story accurately reflects the following information. I understand that you all would like an interview with the administrator, we have received your request and will let you know if there is an opportunity. Thank you – Liz

On the record statement: "We aim to provide the public information about EPA's work to protect human health and the environment, and correct inaccuracies reported by the press." – Liz Bowman

Background:

- I am not aware of anyone being threatened
- This article is taking a few isolated incidents, and broadly applying it to all media – this is not accurate
- Our staff – especially Jahan – have extensive and strong relationships with press across this country – from national reporters to local outlets
- The AP reporter mentioned in the release was in Washington and has printed falsehoods – that is important context
- Administrator Pruitt has traveled to nearly 30 states, and there have been very few incidents (two?) where people without credentials were asked to leave an event
- Administrator Pruitt has done interviews with outlets that represent diverse viewpoints and perspectives – including The New York Times, MSNBC, and the AP. Top program and Regional leaders (both career and political) regularly speak to the press about a range of issues
- The former spokesperson you are quoting is an Obama appointee who recently started a job at the Sierra Club, following her starting a public affairs operation representing to attack the Trump administration on behalf of Gina McCarthy and other activist groups (Ex-EPA spokeswoman Liz Purchia started a public affairs shop aimed at firing back against the Trump administration. Her group is representing former EPA chief Gina McCarthy, environmental groups and other organizations. Purchia expects much of her firm's work to focus on state-level efforts (E&E Daily, March 7).
- Gina McCarthy barely left Washington or met directly with stakeholders or those affected by EPA regulations
- I fail to see what the SCIF has to do with EPA's press office?

From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Friday, December 8, 2017 10:06 AM
To: Shawn McCoy <shawn@insidesources.com>; Press <Press@epa.gov>;
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz

<Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Final Request for Comment

I have left Ethan a voicemail.

From: Shawn McCoy [mailto:shawn@insidesources.com]
Sent: Friday, December 8, 2017 10:03 AM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>; Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Final Request for Comment

Ethan's number: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

From: Wilcox, Jahan [mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, December 08, 2017 9:24 AM
To: Shawn McCoy <shawn@insidesources.com>; Press <Press@epa.gov>; Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Final Request for Comment

I just tried to call you.

From: Shawn McCoy [mailto:shawn@insidesources.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2017 8:10 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: Final Request for Comment

Hey all,

The story below is set to publish tomorrow. I will wait until noon to hear back.

If you need it, I would be happy to provide you with additional time to review and respond to the information presented in the article. Just please email or call me, and let me know how much additional time you will need in order to get back to us.

But as I have been trying to get any type of response from the EPA related to this for the past week, I'm guessing you're not planning to respond.

This will be the first of a series of articles we plan to continue reporting on the EPA's media relations. Early next week, we have a full interview with Andrew Haffner that we plan to publish.

I would strongly encourage you to please reach out and discuss this with me. I spent a lot of my career working on GOP campaigns. We have a number of mutual friends. I understand some of the pressures you face in your jobs. I would enjoy the opportunity to discuss this article in greater detail. I'm happy to do so off the record if you would feel more comfortable.

I hope to hear back from you.

All the best,

Shawn

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Intimidation, Personal Attacks, and Silence: The EPA's Press Strategy Under Pruitt

By Ethan Stoetzler

In the months since Scott Pruitt took over as Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, he has dedicated the agency to rolling back regulations, in favor of the production of coal, expanded oil enterprises, and giving more authority of the management of natural resources back to their respective states. No doubt, these issues are often divisive along party lines, just as they were when the Obama administration implemented its agenda. Pruitt has been true to not only his word, but also the positions that Donald Trump advocated as he campaigned for office.

What is unusual about the implementation of Pruitt's agenda has been a strategy implemented by the EPA's press office that seems out of place in American democracy. Since the beginning of Pruitt's tenure, the EPA has been routinely threatening reporters with action by law enforcement, launching false personal attacks on journalists, cutting reporters off of press releases, limiting media access, and displaying an unprecedented level of hostility toward the media.

Just last week, an InsideSources reporter was escorted by a Story County Sheriff's Deputy out of an EPA event at an Iowa farm in which Administrator Scott Pruitt was the keynote speaker. The reporter received no formal explanation as to why he was being removed. Subsequent attempts by InsideSources to speak with EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox were left unanswered.

The use of police force to keep events closed to members of the media is not an isolated incident in Pruitt's EPA. Neither is the EPA's silence as to why media is being discouraged from coming to appearances of the administrator.

Back on August 9, Andrew Haffner, of the Grand Forks Herald in North Dakota, reported that two Herald reporters were threatened by Wilcox to leave a Pruitt event at the Energy and

Environmental Research Center (EERC) at the University of North Dakota (UND), or else police — whom Wilcox referred to as "security" — would remove them from the premises. Haffner told InsideSources that he had been to the EERC several times before, as his beat for the Herald is education. While the EERC has an independent structure from the university, the center's lobby is open to the public, which is where Haffner stood with a camera, waiting for Pruitt to arrive.

A UND police officer eventually arrived and told Haffner and his co-reporter that the grounds were private property, then demanded they move away from the center's front doors and across the street, where protesters were standing. Both reporters then noticed that Pruitt's motorcade was approaching the center and towards what Haffner described as a back loading bay. Haffner motioned to his co-worker to make their way to the back to take photos of Pruitt, where they then were stopped by a police vehicle.

According to former EPA Spokeswoman Liz Purchia Gannon, the EPA's strategy of blocking press access to Pruitt is very similar to the strategy employed by the White House communications team under President Trump.

"They're tightly controlling Pruitt's public events and interviews, which isolates him from most Americans and instead plays to Trump's base because that's who they prioritize," Gannon said. "They're not trying to use communications tactics to reach a broad audience."

When Haffner later returned to the press conference following Pruitt's closed roundtable, he was told that the event was still private, though Haffner assured them that he in fact had been invited to this particular portion of the day. Wilcox then approached Haffner, and after an exchange, accused Haffner of cooperating with protesters. Wilcox told Haffner that when he had called his fellow reporter over to take pictures of Pruitt, that Haffner was in fact coordinating protesters.

"He was insinuating I was in fact trying to set up a bit of a stunt with the protesters, which was honestly not the case," Haffner said.

The EPA press office now seems to be making a habit of accusatory and personal attacks against journalists. This behavior was exhibited again back in September, following an Associated Press story documenting Hurricane Harvey. Reporters Michael Biesecker and Jason Dearen wrote that the EPA was not present at at least five flooded "so-called" Superfund sites. EPA spokeswoman Liz Bowman responded to the story with personal attacks on Biesecker, calling his reporting "yellow journalism," and accusing him of not even visiting the sites, claiming that he was in Washington, D.C. at the time. Ignored entirely in the EPA's statement was Dearen, who did in fact visit the sites.

Another instance occurred as documented in the Washington Post on October 27. Bowman and Wilcox had an email exchange with New York Times reporter Eric Lipton, in which both Bowman and Wilcox employed media practices that virtually any PR professional would describe as highly unusual. Bowman and Wilcox refused to confirm the title and start date of a senior EPA employee to Lipton. It is standard practice for a federal agency to be able to provide confirmation of this information. Rather, they referred Lipton to reporting from other media outlets. Lipton responded to explain that reporters can avoid making errors by requesting confirmation from a primary source. Wilcox then accused Lipton of trying to steal other reporters' work.

In addition to the EPA's strategies of using police force to remove reporters and attempting to tarnish reporters' credibility, the EPA also employs the strategy of keeping Pruitt's meetings with elected officials and industry leaders private. It's not just keeping his appearances private, however. A source close with media covering the EPA has said that several prominent reporters have been removed from the EPA's press list, effectively cutting them off from the flow of information.

Even when press conferences are scheduled following Pruitt's meetings, Pruitt is usually not featured in them. InsideSources has found over 12 instances in which Pruitt has held closed door meetings with elected officials and invite-only citizens and industry, leaving both reporters and the public without answers as to why they are being neglected.

Gannon said that by not publicizing Pruitt's events, the EPA will be limiting the opportunities for Pruitt to be exposed and for people to protest.

"He doesn't hold press conferences or gaggles when traveling or at events because they leave too much vulnerability," Gannon said, "and open the door for reporters to ask him questions that he doesn't want to talk about."

For example, in a story published on August 2, in the Indianapolis Star, it was reported Pruitt visited Indiana as part of his "State Action Tour" the day prior, meeting with Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb (R), Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and "other state officials," according to a release sent by the EPA press office in the late afternoon. After his visit, Pruitt hosted a roundtable at Mike Starkey Farms in Boonville but "made no effort to also meet with environmental groups like The Hoosier Environmental Council, the Nature Conservancy's Indiana Chapter, the Sierra Club's Hoosier Chapter, Citizens Action Coalition, Conservation Law Center, and the Indiana Water Environmental Association." The story said all were unaware of the visit.

In fact, Pruitt's taxpayer-funded visits often neither include an announcement he is visiting the area or any time actually speaking with the public. On August 4, Pruitt visited the Gold King Mine in Colorado, but did not notify the local newspaper or the public, according to Jesse Aaron Paul, political reporter for the Denver Post. According to Paul's twitter thread, the "EPA refused to acknowledge Administrator Scott Pruitt will be at the Gold King Mine today and then [sent] him on local TV."

Paul tweeted that media was not allowed to attend the Gold King tour with Senators Michael Bennet (D) and Cory Gardner (R), and Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper (R). Paul tweeted that there was to be a town hall in Durango, Colorado, but that the event was announced "about 24 hours before it happened -- and [was] for 45 mins." Paul also tweeted that the EPA sent out a news release the day prior to his tweets showing Pruitt meeting with Colorado farmers. The press was not given prior notice that he was in the state.

Not everyone agrees that allowing the media to serve as a watchdog of public officials is inherently a good thing, especially in the Trump era. A GOP media operative who advised the Trump campaign said that barring biased journalists from public appearances was a "long overdue strategy," but the source was deeply surprised that the EPA's press team acted with such hostility to InsideSources.

"Most American reporters are effectively Democratic operatives," the operative said in an email, "so the Trump campaign barring partisan 'journalists' from events was brilliant and a long overdue strategy for the GOP. That said, many outlets, like InsideSources, provide fair coverage and therefore should be treated with the respect and access that real journalists deserve. The EPA should focus on kicking Democratic operatives with journalist credentials out of events--not fair and balanced news outlets like InsideSources."

To be fair regarding Pruitt's enhanced security presence, according to CNN, the EPA's inspector general is in the process of investigating more than 70 threats against Pruitt and others at the agency, nearly five times as many as the previous chief, Gina McCarthy, received. The EPA has increased security for Pruitt by "a dozen" agents, whose salaries alone are to cost minimum $2 million per year. The agents are to give Pruitt 24-hour security, which the inspector general said had never been done for a chief, prior. In that story, Bowman declined to comment on the enhanced security to protect the administrator.

But while enhanced security for the personal protection of Pruitt can be understandable, the EPA is also spending tax dollars on a private sound proof booth for his use. According to a New York Times story, the EPA has signed a $25,000 contract to build a completely sound proof "privacy booth" to be placed at EPA headquarters. According to the story, the EPA wanted a "secure phone and computer room, essentially for sensitive information."

The company, Acoustical Solutions, has worked with government offices since 2007 to create soundproof rooms and provide acoustic insulation. But even Steve Snider, a salesman for the company, described the EPA's request and customizations as "unusual."

Wilcox was repeatedly emailed to offer the EPA's perspective on its behavior towards the media. He was asked whether the EPA plans to continue using law enforcement to remove journalists from events, whether it is appropriate for the EPA press team to launch false personal attacks on reporters, and whether Pruitt has specifically directed his press team to undertake these actions. Wilcox has not replied to these inquiries.

Erin Mundahl reported and contributed to this story.

Message

From: Lipton, Eric [lipton@nytimes.com]
Sent: 5/2/2018 10:10:41 PM
To: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Responses re: Harlow

Thanks for this Liz
I will be back in touch before I am done with the story
It is taking longer than I expected to finish because of other work demands.
I will let you know well before it runs. It is not imminent

Eric

Eric Lipton
Washington Bureau
202 862 0448 office
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) mobile
lipton@nytimes.com

On Wed, May 2, 2018 at 5:21 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

Apologies for the delay:

"All EPA political appointees work closely with EPA career officials to understand ethics obligations, and are committed to following their advice and serving professionally in the administration," **EPA spokesperson.**

On background (not for attribution):

DTE is listed in David Harlow's recusal statement because, while at Hunton, he recorded ***one*** hour of time to DTE in 2015. He billed no time to DTE in 2016, and no time to DTE from January 1 through September 30, 2017, at which time his employment with Hunton ended. He would, of course, always recuse himself from involvement in the DTE litigation specifically, because of Hunton's involvement. That is a basic bar obligation, not something driven specifically by the Trump ethics pledge.

Additional background responses from David (not for quoting or attribution):

But I have several emails from October, November and December 2018 via FOIA that show that David Harlow was receiving drafts of the New Source memo that discusses the DTE case, a memo that was not finalized until Dec. 7 2018.

As for November and December, David received a copy of the DTE memo, then in draft, on November 27, 2017. Mr. Harlow didn't do any work on the email he received. On December 5th, Mr. Harlow and Bill received an email with a redacted version of the DTE memo (redacting all references to the DTE litigation), in advance of their meeting with OECA on December 6th. On the 7th, they were sent up updated version of the draft, reflecting changes made in response to OECA's input from the meeting.

Separately, I have been told that David provided input to parties, in terms of suggested changes in these drafts that were shared with him.

Mr. Harlow is not aware of providing input on the DTE memo prior to it being issued on Dec. 8th.

Why did he participate in this review?

Mr. Harlow did not participate in any "review" of the DTE memo.

Is it something in retrospect that he concedes was not the right thing to do?

Mr. Harlow is not recused from participating in matters of general applicability, with regard to his former clients. For instance, while UARG is a former client and is involved in the litigation over the Clean Power Plan, Mr. Harlow has always proceeded under the understanding that it was permissible to work on the CPP "repeal" rulemaking. The same applies to the "DTE memo," which is a forward looking guidance memorandum/interpretive rule of general applicability. That does not change the fact that Mr. Harlow, did not provide input on that memo.

Has there been any follow up related to this?

N/A

Has he taken steps to avoid participating in the future in matters that he should be recused from?

Yes. Mr. Harlow follows the advice of career ethics officials with regard to any necessary recusals.

Message

From: Forsgren, Lee [Forsgren.Lee@epa.gov]
Sent: 11/30/2017 8:29:29 PM
To: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
CC: Greenwalt, Sarah [greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Liz .. for review -- FW: Yukon River ARNI letter -- E&E News inq

Liz

The information is accurate so if it for background it is fine.

Lee

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 30, 2017, at 2:40 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

> Lee – Are these responses okay with you? Sarah and I talked and I want to 1. Make sure you are okay with these and 2. See if there are any messages that need to be included? Please call me if you have questions or want to discuss. Thank you – Liz My number is Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
>
> **From:** Bowman, Liz
> **Sent:** Thursday, November 30, 2017 2:27 PM
> **To:** Greenwalt, Sarah <greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** FW: Liz .. for review -- FW: Yukon River ARNI letter -- E&E News inq
>
> I don't think we ever got a chance to talk about this … can you provide some assistance?
>
> **MEDIA INQUIRY**
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> **REPORTER:** Ariel Wittenberg, Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) awittenberg@eenews.net
>
> **TOPIC:** EPA review of Alaska Gasline Development Corp. (AGDC), Clean Water Act Section 404 permit applications to Corps of Engineers Alaska District, for Alaska Standalone Pipeline (ASAP) and Alaska Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) projects. EPA's designation of Yukon River basin as "Aquatic Resource of National Importance (ARNI)." E&E News and Alaska media have been tracking this story: Alaska Journal: EPA designation of Yukon River complicates gasline plans, Petroleum News: AGDC aims at year end. Note: Alaska Commerce Department Commissioner Chris Hladick was appointed to be EPA Region 10 Regional Administrator, starting Dec. 4. Hladick previously served on the AGDC board of directors.
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> **QUESTIONS:** See below. Reporter has copy of R10 Aug. 2017 CWA 404q 3(a) ARNI letter re ASAP and 1992 EPA-Corps CWA 404q MOU. Reporter also submitted FOIA re EPA communications re 3(a) letter.
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E&E News Q #2: What other projects in Alaska has EPA sent ARNI letters on since 2008?

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Message

From: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Sent: 11/30/2017 6:35:13 PM
To: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
CC: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Subject: Fwd: Liz .. for review -- FW: Yukon River ARNI letter -- E&E News inq

Liz - see below - you were going to talk with Sarah g about this - thx ng

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Skadowski, Suzanne" <Skadowski.Suzanne@epa.gov>
> **Date:** November 30, 2017 at 11:49:49 AM EST
> **To:** "Grantham, Nancy" <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>, "Holsman, Marianne" <Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov>
> **Subject: RE: Liz .. for review -- FW: Yukon River ARNI letter -- E&E News inquiry**
>
> Hi Nancy,
>
> The reporter has pinged me again today. What can I tell her regarding our response?
>
> Suzanne
>
> **Suzanne Skadowski**
> Public Affairs | Media Relations Specialist
> U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
> Region 10 Pacific Northwest - Seattle
> O: 206-553-2160 C: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
> Twitter: @EPAnorthwest
> Facebook: @eparegion10
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>
> **From:** Grantham, Nancy
> **Sent:** Tuesday, November 21, 2017 2:41 PM
> **To:** Skadowski, Suzanne <Skadowski.Suzanne@epa.gov>; Holsman, Marianne <Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: Liz .. for review -- FW: Yukon River ARNI letter -- E&E News inquiry
>
> Will do
>
> **Nancy Grantham**
> **Office of Public Affairs**
> **US Environmental Protection Agency**
> **202-564-6879 (desk)**
> Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) **(mobile)**
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> **From:** Skadowski, Suzanne
> **Sent:** Tuesday, November 21, 2017 5:40 PM
> **To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Holsman, Marianne <Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: Liz .. for review -- FW: Yukon River ARNI letter -- E&E News inquiry

Reporter has agreed to wait till the end of next week, 12/1. Please try to get this back to me before then. Thank you!

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 2:30 PM
To: Holsman, Marianne <Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov>; Skadowski, Suzanne <Skadowski.Suzanne@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Liz .. for review -- FW: Yukon River ARNI letter -- E&E News inquiry

Nancy Grantham
Office of Public Affairs
US Environmental Protection Agency
202-564-6879 (desk)
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) **(mobile)**

From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 5:26 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Liz .. for review -- FW: Yukon River ARNI letter -- E&E News inquiry

I am waiting to talk with Sarah Greenwalt, please go back to the reporter and ask for an extension.

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, November 21, 2017 4:05 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Liz .. for review -- FW: Yukon River ARNI letter -- E&E News inquiry

Region says the reporter is pinging on this. Thoughts? thanks ng

Nancy Grantham
Office of Public Affairs
US Environmental Protection Agency
202-564-6879 (desk)
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) **(mobile)**

From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Monday, November 20, 2017 6:39 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Liz .. for review -- FW: Yukon River ARNI letter -- E&E News inquiry

What is the deadline on this?

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Monday, November 20, 2017 6:04 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: Liz .. for review -- FW: Yukon River ARNI letter -- E&E News inquiry

Liz,

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See the Alaska issue below and the request from E and E – OW has reviewed the response - -which is straightforward and on background.

Thanks ng

Nancy Grantham
Office of Public Affairs
US Environmental Protection Agency
202-564-6879 (desk)
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) **(mobile)**

From: Skadowski, Suzanne
Sent: Monday, November 20, 2017 3:55 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>
Cc: Holsman, Marianne <Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Yukon River ARNI letter -- E&E News inquiry

Hi Nancy,

Media inquiry and issues summary is attached for Liz.

Thanks,
Suzanne

MEDIA INQUIRY

PRESS OFFICER: Suzanne Skadowski, 206-553-2160

DATE RECEIVED: 11/6

OUTLET: E&E News

REPORTER: Ariel Wittenberg, Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) awittenberg@eenews.net

TOPIC: EPA review of Alaska Gasline Development Corp. (AGDC), Clean Water Act Section 404 permit applications to Corps of Engineers Alaska District, for Alaska Standalone Pipeline (ASAP) and Alaska Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) projects. EPA's designation of Yukon River basin as "Aquatic Resource of National Importance (ARNI)." E&E News and Alaska media have been tracking this story: Alaska Journal: EPA designation of Yukon River complicates gasline plans, Petroleum News: AGDC aims at year end. Note: Alaska Commerce Department Commissioner Chris Hladick was appointed to be EPA Region 10 Regional Administrator, starting Dec. 4. Hladick previously served on the AGDC board of directors.

REPORTER'S DEADLINE: 11/13 – however reporter waiting

QUESTIONS: See below. Reporter has copy of R10 Aug. 2017 CWA 404q 3(a) ARNI letter re ASAP and 1992 EPA-Corps CWA 404q MOU. Reporter also submitted FOIA re EPA communications re 3(a) letter.

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STATUS: OPEN

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Aquatic Resource of National Importance (ARNI):

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Message

From: Robin Selvy [robin@industrydive.com]
Sent: 11/30/2017 2:01:32 PM
To: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
Subject: Scott Pruitt named 'Policymaker of the Year' by Utility Dive

Hi Liz,
I'm with Utility Dive, the industry news publisher, and it's my honor to inform you that Scott Pruitt has been named 'Policymaker of the Year' in our 2017 Dive Awards. The awards were designed to honor the industry's top disruptors and innovators.

Please note we are sharing this under embargo until **Monday, December 4 at 9:00 a.m. EST**. The 2017 Dive Awards list will be featured on our site Dec. 4, here: https://www.utilitydive.com/news/the-utility-dive-awards-for-2017/511027/

I also wanted to share with you a media kit including a press release template, social promotion suggestions, Dive Award graphics and our Utility Dive logo, in the event you'd like to publicize the distinction (which we encourage!). Access the media kit Dropbox here

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,
Robin

********** **EMBARGO** **********

Title	**Scott Pruitt named 'Policymaker of the Year' by Utility Dive**
Embargo Date/Time	**Monday, December 4 at 9:00 a.m. EST**
Dropbox	Including press release template, social postings and graphics https://www.dropbox.com/sh/lx6sk0vui00y0rl/AABPG5xrlXJ01eFFaMLircv8a?dl=0
Full list	(Live Monday, December 4 at 9:00 a.m. EST) https://www.utilitydive.com/news/the-utility-dive-awards-for-2017/511027/
Summary	The 2017 Dive Awards recognize the industry's top disruptors and innovators. These executives, companies, trends and breakthroughs are transforming the industry and shaping the future. Utility Dive solicited suggestions for title nominees from its 50,000+ readers. Winners were chosen by the editors of Utility Dive based on resonance and industry impact.
Quote	"While other figures have taken steps to reshape energy policy in the past year, the sharp focus and potential lasting impact of Pruitt's actions make his tenure stand out. If his influence in the White House continues, the EPA will likely be a flashpoint for energy and environmental battles throughout the Trump administration," said Gavin Bade, Sr. Reporter for Utility Dive.

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Robin Selvy Re

Audience Development Director

Industry Dive

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Message

From: Lynn, Tricia [lynn.tricia@epa.gov]
Sent: 11/29/2017 8:01:26 PM
To: Brett Walton [brett@circleofblue.org]
Subject: Re: NAPA water affordability report

Brett--

For attribution to 'an EPA spokesperson:"

The National Academy of Public Administrators report reflects the complex challenge of providing communities and their residents with clean, affordable water and wastewater services. The agency agrees with many of the recommendations, some of which reflect current EPA practice or policy. We look forward to using this information to help communities and utilities fund their infrastructure needs while ensuring services remain affordable.

Best,

Tricia

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 27, 2017, at 12:47 PM, Brett Walton <brett@circleofblue.org> wrote:

> I'm working on a story on the NAPA report (found here: https://www.napawash.org/uploads/Academy_Studies/NAPA_EPA_FINAL_REPORT_110117.pdf)
>
> How will the EPA use the report?
> One of the recommendations is to change the 1997 CSO financial capacity guidance. Can the EPA do this on its own? Does the agency support such a recommendation?
>
> Deadline is noon tomorrow.
>
> thanks,
> --
> Brett Walton
> Circle of Blue
> 844.324.7253 x707
> @waltonwater

To: Cory, Preston (Katherine)[Cory.Preston@epa.gov]; Ringel, Aaron[ringel.aaron@epa.gov]; Palich, Christian[palich.christian@epa.gov]; Lyons, Troy[lyons.troy@epa.gov]; Frye, Tony (Robert)[frye.robert@epa.gov]; Shimmin, Kaitlyn[shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]; Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
From: Rodrick, Christian[/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=6515DBE46DAE466DA53C8A3AA3BE8CC2-RODRICK, CH]
Sent: Wed 5/2/2018 1:13:39 PM (UTC)
Subject: RE: EMBARGOED: Airshed grants

Hi All,

Got a last minute quote from Rep. Denham's office as well if we can fit it in. Thanks,

"These grants will help make improvements to equipment that our local farmers and ranchers use every day to put food on the table for families here in the Valley and across America," said U.S. Representative Jeff Denham (R-Turlock).

Christian Rodrick
Special Assistant
Congressional Affairs U.S. EPA
O: (202) 564-4828

From: Cory, Preston (Katherine)
Sent: Wednesday, May 2, 2018 8:17 AM
To: Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>; Palich, Christian <palich.christian@epa.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Frye, Tony (Robert) <frye.robert@epa.gov>; Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>; Shimmin, Kaitlyn <shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: EMBARGOED: Airshed grants

Utah gov and DEQ quotes below.

K. Preston Cory
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations
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Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** Gordon Larsen <gordonlarsen@utah.gov>
> **Date:** May 1, 2018 at 11:17:11 PM EDT
> **To:** "Cory, Preston (Katherine)" <Cory.Preston@epa.gov>
> **Subject: Re: EMBARGOED: Airshed grants**
>
> Here's the quote from the Governor:
>
> "We continue to see air quality as the number one health concern for people living along the Wasatch Front. That's why we are looking forward to partnering with the EPA. These targeted airshed grants, which give over $12 million to Utah cities, will play a significant role in helping to eliminate pollution by changing out wood-burning appliances and replacing outdated diesel trucks. We ask all Utahns to consider their impact on the environment, and to join Utah's Department of Environmental Quality and the EPA in making the hard decisions that will help clean Utah's air."
>
> And here's a quote from Alan Matheson, Executive Director of the Utah Department if Emvironmental Quality:
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> "We are pleased to receive these airshed grants, which will supplement our continuing efforts to protect public health by improving air quality," said Alan Matheson, executive director of Utah Department of Environmental

Quality. "The work funded by these grants will go a long way to reduce pollution in Utah communities from wood burning and diesel equipment."

Feel free to include both in your statement. We'll be sending a separate statement.

Thanks!

Gordon

Sent from my iPhone
On May 1, 2018, at 2:28 PM, Cory, Preston (Katherine) <Cory.Preston@epa.gov> wrote:

> Thanks much!
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> **From:** Gordon Larsen [mailto:gordonlarsen@utah.gov]
> **Sent:** Tuesday, May 1, 2018 2:20 PM
> **To:** Cory, Preston (Katherine) <Cory.Preston@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: EMBARGOED: Airshed grants
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> Darn it, I called you Cory again. Sorry!
>
> On Tue, May 1, 2018 at 2:15 PM, Gordon Larsen <gordonlarsen@utah.gov> wrote:
> Hi Cory,
>
> We're working on quotes from our DEQ director as well as the Governor. We'll get back to you shortly.
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> Gordon
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> On Tue, May 1, 2018 at 1:47 PM, Cory, Preston (Katherine) <Cory.Preston@epa.gov> wrote:
> Hi Gordon,
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> Any movement on this?
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> Thanks,
> Preston
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> U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
> Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations
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> Begin forwarded message:
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> > **From:** "Cory, Preston (Katherine)" <Cory.Preston@epa.gov>
> > **Date:** April 30, 2018 at 4:06:59 PM EDT
> > **To:** "gordonlarsen@utah.gov" <gordonlarsen@utah.gov>
> > **Subject: EMBARGOED: Airshed grants**
> >
> > Gordon,
> >
> > Glad to chat today. We are planning to announce these grants officially midday Wednesday. Here is some more info from an embargoed press release for Gov. Herbert and his team:

EPA Awards $30 Million to Help Communities Hard Hit by Air Pollution
Nine projects in three Western states have been awarded between $3 million and $4 million each to tackle some of the country's toughest air quality challenges. Authorized and funded by Congress, EPA's "Targeted Airshed Grants" support local clean air projects in areas facing the highest levels of ground-level ozone and fine particulate matter ($PM_{2.5}$), commonly known as smog and soot.

EPA received funding in the 2010, 2015, and 2016 Appropriations Acts to reduce air pollution in the nation's areas with the highest levels of ozone or fine PM exposure. In the 2017 Consolidated Appropriations Act Congress again directed $30 million to EPA for competitive grants to reduce air pollution in nonattainment areas that the Agency determined were ranked as the top five most polluted areas relative to ozone, annual $PM_{2.5}$, or 24-hour $PM_{2.5}$ standards.

- Logan, UT – $3,184,875 to replace old diesel trucks with significantly less polluting models.

- Logan, UT – $3,184,875 for wood-burning appliance change-outs to reduce residential wood smoke.

- Provo, UT – $3,184,875 for wood-burning appliance change-outs to reduce residential wood smoke.

- Salt Lake City, UT – $3,184,875 for wood-burning appliance change-outs to reduce residential wood smoke.

More information about criteria air pollutants: https://www.epa.gov/criteria-air-pollutants

Thanks for keeping a close hold on this until we do an official release on Wednesday!

Thanks,
Preston

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Director of Intergovernmental Relations
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From: Greenwalt, Sarah[/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=6C13775B8F424E90802669B87B135024-GREENWALT,]
Sent: Tue 11/21/2017 3:07:33 AM (UTC)
Subject: RE: Liz .. for review -- FW: Yukon River ARNI letter -- E&E News inquiry
EE News media inquiry draft R10 response 11-20.docx (SG highlights).docx

Yes. The attached highlights Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) I believe the State has Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Maybe we should discuss more in-depth tomorrow?

Sarah A. Greenwalt
Senior Advisor to the Administrator
for Water and Cross-Cutting Issues

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Work: 202-564-1722 | Cell: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Greenwalt.Sarah@epa.gov

From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Monday, November 20, 2017 6:39 PM
To: Greenwalt, Sarah <greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Liz .. for review -- FW: Yukon River ARNI letter -- E&E News inquiry

Can you review/is there anything we need to be aware of here?

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Sent: Monday, November 20, 2017 6:04 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: Liz .. for review -- FW: Yukon River ARNI letter -- E&E News inquiry

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To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>
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MEDIA INQUIRY

PRESS OFFICER: Suzanne Skadowski, 206-553-2160

DATE RECEIVED: 11/6

OUTLET: E&E News

REPORTER: Ariel Wittenberg, Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) awittenberg@eenews.net

TOPIC: EPA review of Alaska Gasline Development Corp. (AGDC), Clean Water Act Section 404 permit applications to Corps of Engineers Alaska District, for Alaska Standalone Pipeline (ASAP) and Alaska Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) projects. EPA's designation of Yukon River basin as "Aquatic Resource of National Importance (ARNI)." E&E News and Alaska media have been tracking this story: Alaska Journal: EPA designation of Yukon River complicates gasline plans, Petroleum News: AGDC aims at year end. Note: Alaska Commerce Department Commissioner Chris Hladick was appointed to be EPA Region 10 Regional Administrator, starting Dec. 4. Hladick previously served on the AGDC board of directors.

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Sent: Tue 11/21/2017 12:02:46 AM (UTC)
Subject: Re: Liz .. for review -- FW: Yukon River ARNI letter -- E&E News inquiry

We can probably get the reporter to wait another day - will talk to region

Sent from my iPhone

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What is the deadline on this?

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Message

From: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: 12/1/2017 2:08:41 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Kelly, Albert [kelly.albert@epa.gov]; Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Liz/Kell for review FW: Hatheway and Patterson press release -- opening of public comment period re: proposal to remove site from the NPL

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Subject: RE: Liz/Kell for review FW: Hatheway and Patterson press release -- opening of public comment period re: proposal to remove site from the NPL

Agree .. Kell – is this language you would like to use?

Thanks ng

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From: Konkus, John
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To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Liz/Kell for review FW: Hatheway and Patterson press release -- opening of public comment period re: proposal to remove site from the NPL

For branding we should have at least one paragraph in all such releases. Something as simple as this:

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Ok – and a quote as well? thanks ng

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Subject: RE: Liz/Kell for review FW: Hatheway and Patterson press release -- opening of public comment period re: proposal to remove site from the NPL

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Thanks ng

CONTACT:
Emily Bender, (617) 918-1037

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Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 3:10 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Gutro, Doug <Gutro.Doug@epa.gov>; Murphy, Jim <Murphy.Jim@epa.gov>; Deegan, Dave <Deegan.Dave@epa.gov>; regionalpress <regionalpress@epa.gov>
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Emily

From: Bender, Emily
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2017 3:06 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Gutro, Doug <Gutro.Doug@epa.gov>; Murphy, Jim <Murphy.Jim@epa.gov>; Deegan, Dave <Deegan.Dave@epa.gov>
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To: Regional Public Affairs Directors <Regional_Public_Affairs_Directors@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: SF Site Deletions spreadsheet -- Press releases

All –

Attached is the spreadsheet on upcoming SF site deletions.

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP), so we can do press releases on those as well.

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To: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]
CC: Hewitt, James [hewitt.james@epa.gov]; Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Subject: CONFIRMED: Boston Globe query re: EPA approval of MosquitoMate

We're on for a backgrounder 4:40-5 PM.

From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Wednesday, November 08, 2017 11:57 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
Cc: Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Boston Globe query re: EPA approval of MosquitoMate

Will circle back after I confirm reporter's availability for 4:30 PM.

Our conference line info:

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Bob McNally, director of the biopesticides division in ocspp .. will do this interview – it will be on background for attribution to an agency official/spokesperson.

Robert D is staffing for opa.

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OUTLET: E&E News

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Message

From: regionalpress [regionalpress@epa.gov]
Sent: 10/24/2017 11:00:33 PM
To: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: FOR APPROVAL: Solar Event News Release
Attachments: Edison Solar News Release PETE APPROVED.docx; Advisory - EPA Edison Solar Event 10-25-17.docx

Fyi .. john konkus approved – region 2 edison lab and emerg response center solar panels – pete lopez participating . thanks ng

Nancy Grantham
Office of Public Affairs
US Environmental Protection Agency
202-564-6879 (desk)
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) **(mobile)**

From: Kluesner, Dave
Sent: Monday, October 23, 2017 6:00 PM
To: regionalpress <regionalpress@epa.gov>
Cc: Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov>; May, Jennifer <May.Jennifer@epa.gov>
Subject: FOR APPROVAL: Solar Event News Release

Requesting approval to issue the attached news release this Wednesday, October 25, following the media event at 11 AM in Edison, NJ. Also attached is the News Advisory that we are requesting approval to issue Tuesday, October 24 in the PM.

Media Pitch:
- NBC (television) – Brian Thompson
- NJ News 12 (television)
- WMBC (television)
- Associated Press Trenton (wire)
- WWRL-AM (radio)
- WBGO-FM (radio)
- Bergen Record/northjersey.com (newspaper/web) – Scott Fallon
- MyCentralJersey.com (newspaper/web)
- NJ.com (newspaper/web)

David W. Kluesner

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2
Chief of Public Outreach
290 Broadway, 26th Floor
New York, NY 10007
212.637.3653 (Office)
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) Cell)

Message

From: Bodine, Susan [bodine.susan@epa.gov]
Sent: 10/20/2017 7:41:32 PM
To: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Traylor, Patrick [traylor.patrick@epa.gov]
CC: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]; Ferguson, Lincoln [ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Information on Enforcement Actions

Will do

From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Friday, October 20, 2017 2:16 PM
To: Traylor, Patrick <traylor.patrick@epa.gov>; Bodine, Susan <bodine.susan@epa.gov>
Cc: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>
Subject: Information on Enforcement Actions

Can you please send me the "top three" enforcement actions that this EPA has taken this year that you would want highlighted in the press (potentially)? I am sending Fred Barnes a list of some of our significant achievements and would like to provide some notable examples of enforcement actions. This would be for background to inform his article, not for attribution – I really just need three bullets, please (by the end of the day if possible).

Liz Bowman
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Office: 202-564-3293

To: Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy[/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=12A3C2ED7158417FB0BB1B1B72A8CFB0-GRANTHAM, NANCY]
Sent: Tue 11/7/2017 2:27:37 PM (UTC)
Subject: FW: Pete participating in several speaking events

fyi

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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) **(mobile)**

From: Mears, Mary
Sent: Monday, November 06, 2017 8:58 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>
Cc: Kluesner, Dave <kluesner.dave@epa.gov>; McGowan, Michael <McGowan.Michael@epa.gov>
Subject: Pete participating in several speaking events

Hi Nancy and Robin,
Just a heads up on a few upcoming speaking engagements for Pete and one event coming up on the LIS Futures Fund.

On November 15, Pete will be delivering remarks at the New York Business Council's Annual Environment Conference in Saratoga Springs, NY. This conference brings together experts from both the private and public sectors to interact and share the latest information relevant to environmental issues in New York State.

On the evening of November 16, Pete will be doing a short introduction of himself at a community meeting sponsored by Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez in Brooklyn, NY focused on the Gowanus Canal SF cleanup. Walter is presenting, as is our community involvement coordinator.

On November 17, he is the lunchtime keynote at the New York State Association of County Commissioners' Environmental Conference. This is co-sponsored by Kingston's Mayor Steve Noble. According to the organizers, there will be about 75 in attendance, including business owners, economic and environmental organization members and staff, local officials and staff, and especially members of municipal Conservation Councils and Boards, and county Environmental Management Council.

December 4, we are planning a media event in Suffolk County, NY with Congressman Zeldin about the Long Island Sound Futures Fund grants to NY entities on Monday, December 4 at 11:30am. More details to come on this one.

Mary Mears
Public Affairs Director
U.S. EPA Region 2 (NJ, NY, PR, the US VI and eight Indian Nations)
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(212) 637-3660 (General Office)
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) (Cell)

Message

From: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Sent: 10/16/2017 12:11:24 PM
To: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: FOR APPROVAL - INTERVIEW REQUEST: Red River Farm Network - Dicamba - Monday AM

Will see if the reporter can wait.

Thanks ng

Nancy Grantham
Office of Public Affairs
US Environmental Protection Agency
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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) **(mobile)**

From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2017 8:08 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: FOR APPROVAL - INTERVIEW REQUEST: Red River Farm Network - Dicamba - Monday AM

It appears that she is okay if Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) I would prefer if Nancy did th is.

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2017 7:16 AM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: FOR APPROVAL - INTERVIEW REQUEST: Red River Farm Network - Dicamba - Monday AM

See below – are you ok with Rick doing this interview? Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
thanks ng

Nancy Grantham
Office of Public Affairs
US Environmental Protection Agency
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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) **(mobile)**

From: Beck, Nancy
Sent: Friday, October 13, 2017 6:13 PM
To: Strauss, Linda <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: FOR APPROVAL - INTERVIEW REQUEST: Red River Farm Network - Dicamba - Monday AM

Ricks time frames don't work for me Monday morning however I do think Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Its important to have clarity on Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Thanks.

Nancy B. Beck, Ph.D., DABT
Deputy Assistant Administrator, OCSPP
P: 202-564-1273
M: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
beck.nancy@epa.gov

From: Strauss, Linda
Sent: Friday, October 13, 2017 5:05 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: FOR APPROVAL - INTERVIEW REQUEST: Red River Farm Network - Dicamba - Monday AM

Nancy Beck, do you want to do – or do you want Rick to do?

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Friday, October 13, 2017 5:04 PM
To: Strauss, Linda <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: FOR APPROVAL - INTERVIEW REQUEST: Red River Farm Network - Dicamba - Monday AM

Does nancy beck want Rick to do this interview? Thanks ng

Nancy Grantham
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From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Friday, October 13, 2017 4:20 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: FOR APPROVAL - INTERVIEW REQUEST: Red River Farm Network - Dicamba - Monday AM

Carah Hart, a reporter for the Red River Farm Network, wants to do a quick interview about today's dicamba announcement. OCSPP says **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**
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Questions follow:

-How did the EPA arrive at these changes?
-What does this mean for state registration?
-Who is now liable if we continue to experience drift, even at the new restrictions?

From: Carah [mailto:carah@rrfn.com]
Sent: Friday, October 13, 2017 3:13 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: EPA and States' Collective Efforts Lead to Regulatory Action on Dicamba

If you can answer or maybe forward to someone who can:

-How did the EPA arrive at these changes?

-What does this mean for state registration?
-Who is now liable if we continue to experience drift, even at the new restrictions?

Thank you-
Carah

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 13, 2017, at 12:55 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

> Carah, here's what we sent earlier today. Also, were you suggesting an on-camera interview? Because I'm not the person to give you comments for attribution. Can you use this – and send me some specific questions for our pesticides program?
>
> Thanks, R.

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CONTACT: press@epa.gov

EPA and States' Collective Efforts Lead to Regulatory Action on Dicamba

WASHINGTON (OCTOBER 13, 2017) – EPA has reached an agreement with Monsanto, BASF and DuPont on measures to further minimize the potential for drift to damage neighboring crops from the use of dicamba formulations used to control weeds in genetically modified cotton and soybeans. New requirements for the use of dicamba "over the top" (application to growing plants) will allow farmers to make informed choices for seed purchases for the 2018 growing season.

"Today's actions are the result of intensive, collaborative efforts, working side by side with the states and university scientists from across the nation who have first-hand knowledge of the problem and workable solutions," said **EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt**. "Our collective efforts with our state partners ensure we are relying on the best, on-the-ground, information."

In a series of discussions, EPA worked cooperatively with states, land-grant universities, and the pesticide manufacturers to examine the underlying causes of recent crop damage in the farm belt and southeast. EPA carefully reviewed the available information and developed tangible changes to be implemented during the 2018 growing season. This is an example of cooperative federalism that leads to workable national-level solutions.

Manufacturers have voluntarily agreed to label changes that impose additional requirements for "over the top" use of these products next year including:

- Classifying products as "restricted use," permitting only certified applicators with special training, and those under their supervision, to apply them; dicamba-specific training for all certified applicators to reinforce proper use;

- Requiring farmers to maintain specific records regarding the use of these products to improve compliance with label restrictions;

- Limiting applications to when maximum wind speeds are below 10 mph (from 15 mph) to reduce potential spray drift;

- Reducing the times during the day when applications can occur;

- Including tank clean-out language to prevent cross contamination; and

- Enhancing susceptible crop language and record keeping with sensitive crop registries to increase awareness of risk to especially sensitive crops nearby.

Manufacturers have agreed to a process to get the revised labels into the hands of farmers in time for the 2018 use season. EPA will monitor the success of these changes to help inform our decision whether to allow the continued "over the top" use of dicamba beyond the 2018 growing season. When EPA registered these products, it set the registrations to expire in 2 years to allow EPA to change the registration, if necessary.

For more information: https://www.epa.gov/ingredients-used-pesticide-products/registration-dicamba-use-genetically-engineered-crops

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Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460 United States

Message

From: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: 10/9/2017 4:59:53 PM
To: Dewey, Amy [Dewey.Amy@epa.gov]; Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
CC: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: CPP announcement?

Yes you can Amy but please communicate to them, as Liz said, that these are on close hold, not to be forwarded and only to be used on background.

I'm already working with the following groups FYI:

Ohio Coal Coalition
Indian Coal
Governor Holcomb (IN)
Longview Power (WV)
U.S. Chamber of Commerce
FreedomWorks
Ken Cuccinelli
Heritage
National Rural Electric Coops

From: Dewey, Amy
Sent: Monday, October 9, 2017 12:49 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: CPP announcement?

Liz, can I get this to contacts at API, Nat. Coal Assn. and NAM? Amy

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 9, 2017, at 12:30 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

Attached are the most recent version of the talkers – please make sure that Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) ..but, the goal is to Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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From: Dewey, Amy
Sent: Monday, October 9, 2017 12:29 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: CPP announcement?

OK thanks and I will start pulling down statements for the tracker, we will get lots of positive statements on this! Amy

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 9, 2017, at 11:43 AM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

> Amy, I can send some talkers shortly – I just incorporated OGC edits and need them to sign off on the final. Thanks for all your help
>
> ---
>
> **From:** Dewey, Amy
> **Sent:** Monday, October 9, 2017 11:36 AM
> **To:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** Fwd: CPP announcement?
>
> Hi, do you all have anything I can get out to my stakeholders today? Amy
>
> Sent from my iPhone
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>> Sent from my iPhone
>> Please excuse any tyops
>>
>> On Oct 9, 2017, at 11:24 AM, Dewey, Amy <Dewey.Amy@epa.gov> wrote:
>>
>>> On Oct 9, 2017, at 10:22 AM, Michael Tadeo <TadeoM@api.org> wrote:
>>>
>>> Hi Amy,
>>>
>>> Hope you had a great weekend.
>>>
>>> Is the announcement on CPP coming today?
>>>
>>> I saw a report on Fox News but haven't heard anything official.
>>>
>>> Thanks Amy.
>>>
>>> Mike Tadeo
>>>
>>> **Michael Tadeo**
>>> Spokesman
>>> American Petroleum Institute
>>> 1220 L Street NW, Washington, DC 20005
>>> 202-682-8540 Phone
>>> Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
>>> 202-682-8114 Media Line
>>> TadeoM@api.org
>>> Twitter: @mtadeo
>>> <image001.png>

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Message

From: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Sent: 9/25/2017 9:22:38 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]; Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Bolen, Brittany [bolen.brittany@epa.gov]; Baptist, Erik [baptist.erik@epa.gov]
CC: Graham, Amy [graham.amy@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Sue& Settle Timing

Thanks stinks. We had Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
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From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 5:16 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Bolen, Brittany <bolen.brittany@epa.gov>; Baptist, Erik <baptist.erik@epa.gov>
Cc: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Sue& Settle Timing

Well and much of NY was to highlight this.

From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 5:14 PM
To: Bolen, Brittany <bolen.brittany@epa.gov>; Baptist, Erik <baptist.erik@epa.gov>; Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Cc: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Sue& Settle Timing

The White House said Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
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Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) They have a 6 p.m. scheduling meeting and will get back to me. I am fine with Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
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Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) The other option is we Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
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Thoughts?

From: Bolen, Brittany
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 4:20 PM
To: Baptist, Erik <baptist.erik@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Cc: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Sue& Settle Timing

Unfortunately, this was Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Liz, I think it would be best for you to call over and ask for an exemption.

From: Baptist, Erik
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 4:15 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Cc: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Bolen, Brittany <bolen.brittany@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Sue& Settle Timing

Liz,

Update: I still haven't heard back from the WH Counsel's Office. It might make sense for you or John to reach out to any contacts you have in the WH comms office.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 25, 2017, at 3:02 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

> Can you ask them? Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
>
> **From:** Baptist, Erik
> **Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 3:01 PM
> **To:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Bolen, Brittany <bolen.brittany@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: Sue& Settle Timing
>
> That's news to me. But I can call WH Counsel's Office.
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
> On Sep 25, 2017, at 2:59 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> > Konkus said that Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Is this true? Can we talk with someone over there to explain?
> >
> > Liz Bowman
> > U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
> > Office: 202-564-3293

Message

From: Lyons, Troy [lyons.troy@epa.gov]
Sent: 10/13/2017 7:45:56 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
CC: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Sue and Settle

They will keep it close

_____

Troy M. Lyons
Associate Administrator
Office of Congressional & Intergovernmental Relations
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) cell)

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 13, 2017, at 3:36 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

> Tried to call you twice.
>
> ---
>
> **From:** Bowman, Liz
> **Sent:** Friday, October 13, 2017 3:35 PM
> **To:** Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** Fwd: Sue and Settle
>
> Did you tell him close hold?
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
> Begin forwarded message:
>
>> **From:** "Danylak, Mike (EPW)" <Mike_Danylak@epw.senate.gov>
>> **Date:** October 13, 2017 at 3:25:39 PM EDT
>> **To:** "Liz Bowman (EPA)" <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>, "Jahan Wilcox (EPA)" <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
>> **Subject: Sue and Settle**
>>
>> Hey Liz and Jahan – our team got a tip that EPA will be issuing a proposal relating to controlling sue and settle practices on Monday. I was wondering if y'all had any more information on that? Might be something we do a release on and was looking for any guidance you could give.
>>
>> Thanks!
>>
>> **Mike Danylak**
>> EPW Committee – Majority
>> 202-224-1049

From: Grantham, Nancy
To: Vizian, Donna
CC: Bowman, Liz
Sent: 4/27/2018 7:50:51 PM
Subject: Re: NYT interview request -- Grosse Ile office

I can be on at 2 on Thursday

Thx ng

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 27, 2018, at 3:48 PM, Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov> wrote:

Liz/Nancy – Do you both want to be on the call Thursday? Nancy it looks like you are booked all day. thanks

From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Friday, April 27, 2018 3:03 PM
To: Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: NYT interview request -- Grosse Ile office

Please make sure Liz and Nancy are on this call. Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 27, 2018, at 2:57 PM, Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov> wrote:

Thank you, you also.

From: Ivory, Danielle [mailto:danielle.ivory@nytimes.com]
Sent: Friday, April 27, 2018 2:56 PM
To: Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: NYT interview request -- Grosse Ile office

Thanks! Have a good weekend,

Danielle

On Fri, Apr 27, 2018 at 2:49 PM, Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov> wrote:
202-564-4600

From: Ivory, Danielle [mailto:danielle.ivory@nytimes.com]
Sent: Friday, April 27, 2018 2:43 PM

To: Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: NYT interview request -- Grosse Ile office

No problem at all. Thanks very much, Donna. What's the best number to call?

On Fri, Apr 27, 2018 at 2:30 PM, Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov> wrote:
Danielle,

I apologize for the delay in responding. Would Thursday afternoon at 2:00 work?

Best,
Donna

From: danielle.ivory@nytimes.com [mailto:danielle.ivory@nytimes.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 8:12 PM
To: Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: NYT interview request -- Grosse Ile office

Absolutely fine. Thanks, Donna.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 25, 2018, at 7:40 PM, Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov> wrote:

Can I get back to you tomorrow on a day?

On Apr 25, 2018, at 5:58 PM, Ivory, Danielle <danielle.ivory@nytimes.com> wrote:

Certainly, does Monday or Tuesday work for you? And thanks very much,

Danielle

On Wed, Apr 25, 2018 at 5:57 PM, Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov> wrote:
Danielle – I would be happy to share the background, however I am very booked this week. Can we set aside some time next week?

From: Ivory, Danielle [mailto:danielle.ivory@nytimes.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 5:28 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: NYT interview request -- Grosse Ile office

Do you know why this decision to move the office was revived under the new administration and why the decision was made to move the office to Ann Arbor, rather than to one of the spaces nearer to Grosse Ile that had previously been considered by EPA and GSA? Who signed off on the closure of the office and moving the employees to Ann Arbor? Again, there have been concerns in the Grosse Ile office that moving the office to Ann Arbor will lengthen the commute to most emergency scenes, not just because Grosse Ile is generally closer, but also because responders are not allowed to take emergency vehicles home with them and will have to drive to Ann Arbor first before going to the scene.

You told me yesterday to reach out to Region 5 and OARM. OARM has not responded and Region 5 referred me back to you.

Thanks,

Danielle

On Wed, Apr 25, 2018 at 5:24 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:
We provided you a response

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 25, 2018, at 5:13 PM, Ivory, Danielle <danielle.ivory@nytimes.com> wrote:

Hi Liz, just fyi, I haven't heard back from OARM and Region 5 got back to me and said the Washington press office would answer my questions.

Thanks,

Danielle

On Tue, Apr 24, 2018 at 6:53 PM, Ivory, Danielle <danielle.ivory@nytimes.com> wrote:
Thanks, Liz. I will reach out to OARM.

Thanks,

Danielle

On Tue, Apr 24, 2018 at 6:14 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:
Please reach out to OARM also, who is copied here. From the ORD chief of staff (for background, not for attribution): "EPA's ORD was down to two staff in Gross Ile as of May 2017 which was costing $400K annually to operate. ORD career staff notified the Agency that they planned to vacate and our staff were relocated to Ann Arbor which is commuting distance away. Our environmental due diligence on the lab work will be complete early this summer."

From: Ivory, Danielle [mailto:danielle.ivory@nytimes.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 6:07 PM

To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: FW: NYT interview request -- Grosse Ile office

I'm happy to reach out to the region and will do so. But -- are you saying that no one in the leadership in Washington was involved in the decision to close an EPA office and move its employees to a different office? That would be very unusual. My understanding is that regional offices are not allowed to make unilateral moves like that without sign off from the political leadership. Am I wrong?

Thanks again,

Danielle

On Tue, Apr 24, 2018 at 6:00 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:
Hi Danielle – Please reach out to the Region directly, who is best poised to provide this information.

From: Ivory, Danielle [mailto:danielle.ivory@nytimes.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 5:38 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: FW: NYT interview request -- Grosse Ile office

Hi Liz, this is a decision that was in the works during the Obama administration, except that it was officially stopped in November of 2016. Also, the plans for that move involved going a maximum of 11 miles away from Grosse Ile. My understanding that that Grosse Ile employees got official word in November 2016 that the move had been cancelled for at least the next four years. Do you know why the decision was revived under the new administration and why the decision was made to move the office to Ann Arbor, rather than to one of the spaces nearer to Grosse Ile that had previously been considered by EPA and GSA?

There have been concerns in the Grosse Ile office that moving the office to Ann Arbor will lengthen the commute to most emergency scenes, not just because Grosse Ile is generally closer, but also because responders are not allowed to take emergency vehicles home with them and will have to drive to Ann Arbor first before going to the scene.

Thanks again,

Danielle

On Tue, Apr 24, 2018 at 5:27 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:
Hi Danielle – On background only: This is a decision that has been in the works since the previous administration. All the employees at the facility will continue in their positions at the new location, and all the functions of the Grosse Ile office will continue at the Ann Arbor location. Thank you – Liz
On Tue, Apr 24, 2018 at 5:08 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:
Hi Danielle – Kell doesn't have any knowledge of this issue, but I am following up with the Region and their Superfund director to get more information. Thank you – Liz

From: Ivory, Danielle [mailto:danielle.ivory@nytimes.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 2:45 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: NYT interview request -- Grosse Ile office
Hi Liz, I'm looking into EPA's decision to shut down its Grosse Ile office and relocate those employees to an office in Ann Arbor. I'd like to request on-the-record interviews with Albert Kelly and Vaughn Noga this week about how and why the decision was made. As you may know, many of the staffers working in the Grosse Ile office are emergency responders under the EPA's superfund program.
Thanks very much,

Danielle

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Cc: Region2 RRC-InformationOfficer[Region2_RRC-InformationOfficer@epa.gov]; Kluesner, Dave[kluesner.dave@epa.gov]; Rodriguez, Elias[Rodriguez.Elias@epa.gov]; Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
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Sent: Mon 10/16/2017 11:27:02 PM (UTC)
Subject: Re: Puerto Rico PIO Report for 10/16

Thank you rusty. I am sharing with Liz and Nancy for their awareness.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 16, 2017, at 6:33 PM, Harris-Bishop, Rusty <Harris-Bishop.Rusty@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi everyone: I'm submitting this for Elias since he's not back to the JFO yet. We spoke and he gave us the download on today's events.

- NBC Universal interview with Gabe Guiterrez was done at the hotel since the media event was canceled. Topics included:
  - Focus on Magauyo wells (didn't want to repeat CNN focus on Santa Rosa well)
  - Problems wells at Dorado
  - Need for drinking water in Puerto Rico
  - Safety concerns for using Magauyo Well 4
    - What are the risks
    - Status of Superfund site. Background given on RI/FS process, focus on scope and extent of contamination
  - Interview went well
- Rain was persistent all day, horizontal at times
- Met with Toa Baja mayor Bernardo Marquez, showed RA three locations:
  - Debris collection
  - Segregation area selected for separating wastes
  - Spontaneous open dump area
- After meeting with Mayor Marquez, was interviewed by Louann Melendez of *Metro PR*. RA spoke of EPA's mission: debris management, waste and wastewater assessments, and facility assessments
- Elias said so much debris is all around, whenever rain is heavy, streets become like lakes, making driving hazardous

I hope I captured the day. Tomorrow will be a full day with RA/DRA/CEPD and various Puerto Rico officials including the governor.

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<image003.jpg>**Rusty Harris-Bishop** • Communications Liaison • Project Manager • US Environmental Protection Agency • 75 Hawthorne Street • San Francisco, CA • 94105 • 415.972.3140 • Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) c)
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Message

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Sent: 10/30/2017 1:51:33 PM
To: Brown, Byron [brown.byron@epa.gov]; Letendre, Daisy [letendre.daisy@epa.gov]; Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Infrastructure activities

Hey Byron!

Nothing needed from a policy perspective. The message, and Daisy can add more if she'd like, was Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) It was really more of Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Happy to chat more with you about that. I actually have a few ideas to run by you at some point.

Hope this helps.

Tate

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To: Letendre, Daisy <letendre.daisy@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
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The meeting was an overview for agency communications shops. There is another meeting today at 2pm. Per Liz, I'll continue to attend so OPA is looped in as this continues to come together.

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The WH is hosting a meeting today at 2 in room 350 if the EEOB to discuss plans for rollout and public engagement on the infrastructure initiative. Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) and will not be available. If someone could cover that would be great. The waves link is here Ex. 6 internal URL (PP)

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Message

From: Taylor Gee [tgee@politico.com]
Sent: 8/1/2017 3:21:16 PM
To: Graham, Amy [graham.amy@epa.gov]
CC: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Congratulations from Politico Magazine
Attachments: Politico50Survey.docx

Hi Amy,

Thanks again for organizing the photoshoot with Administrator Pruitt. I just glanced at the photos, and I think they look great!

I was wondering if your team had the chance to coordinate responses to the survey we sent you? We're past the deadline we had set, but the administrator's participation is particularly important to us. If you could get us the responses by Thursday, it wouldn't be too late.

As a reminder, the survey is anonymous, except for an attributable section at the end which would accompany the bio we've written, and the survey can be completed through the below link or by sending back the filled-out word document.

https://goo.gl/forms/efS0X2EY84ZIZDZ33

Thanks!
Taylor Gee
Assistant Editor
POLITICO Magazine

From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 5:36 PM
To: Carrie Budoff Brown <carrie@politico.com>
Cc: Taylor Gee <tgee@politico.com>; Janet Michaud <jmichaud@politico.com>; Katie Ellsworth <kellsworth@politico.com>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Congratulations from Politico Magazine

Thanks, Carrie. Amy Graham, our head of media relations is setting up an interview and photo, and coordinating sending you responses to the questionnaire.

From: Carrie Budoff Brown [mailto:carrie@politico.com]
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2017 3:38 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Cc: Taylor Gee <tgee@politico.com>; Janet Michaud <jmichaud@politico.com>; Katie Ellsworth <kellsworth@politico.com>
Subject: Congratulations from Politico Magazine

Dear Mr. Administrator,

Congratulations… I'm writing to tell you that we at POLITICO MAGAZINE have selected you as one of 2017's "POLITICO 50"—our annual list of the key thinkers, doers and visionaries who are reshaping American politics and policy.

This bipartisan list—filled with everyone from lawmakers to activists to writers, and more—recognizes the 50 people across the country who are most influencing the national political debate. It's not a power or fame ranking so much as a tribute to the importance of ideas and the people behind them.

You and the others on our POLITICO 50 list will be featured in our September/October print issue of the magazine, which will be published at the beginning of September. As part of our issue, we invite you to complete a short survey, which we're asking of everyone on the list. You may either fill out the online survey here: https://goo.gl/forms/efS0X2EY84ZIZDZ33, or return the attached Word file by email to my colleague Taylor Gee (tgee@politico.com). We'd appreciate it if you're able to complete the survey by **July 14**. The tallied survey answers will be published in the issue in September.

We would also love to photograph you for the issue in the next few weeks if possible. Our creative director, Janet Michaud, and her team will be in touch soon to try to coordinate a shoot.

For now, we ask that you keep this recognition private until the entire list is unveiled this fall. We're happy to coordinate on publicity with you or your communications team later in the summer. In the meantime, for questions about the survey or anything else about the POLITICO 50, please don't hesitate to contact me or Taylor at 703-647-8542.

Congratulations again.

Sincerely,
Carrie Budoff Brown
Editor, POLITICO

P.S. You can see the previous three POLITICO 50 lists and surveys here:

- 2014 list; 2014 survey
- 2015 list; 2015 survey
- 2016 list; 2016 survey

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The POLITICO 50 Survey

As part of POLITICO MAGAZINE's annual issue honoring the POLITICO 50, we're surveying every member of our list to see where some of the most influential thinkers in the country stand on the biggest political issues today. We'll publish the results in our special print edition of the magazine devoted to the POLITICO 50, out in September.

Here's how it works: You can either fill out the survey below, and send it to [HYPERLINK "mailto:tgee@politico.com"], or complete the survey online at [HYPERLINK "https://goo.gl/forms/efS0X2EY84ZIZDZ33"]. We will list you as a participant in the survey, but your individual responses to the questions in the anonymous section *will not* be attributed to you by name. If you choose to complete the on-the-record questions at the end of the survey, those responses *will* be attributed to you by name; some may also run alongside your short bio in the magazine. Please submit your answers by **July 21 at 9 a.m.**, and if you have any questions, please contact Taylor Gee ([HYPERLINK "mailto:tgee@politico.com"]). We look forward to including you.

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****ANONYMOUS SECTION: Your answers to these questions will **not** be attributed to you by name. Your name will appear in the list of overall respondents.****

1. As president, has Donald Trump been more effective, less effective or about as effective as you expected?
   More effective
   Less effective
   About as effective

2. Among America's 45 presidents, I would rank Trump…
   Top 10
   Middle of the pack
   Bottom 10

3. What has been Trump's biggest achievement in office so far? (Please pick one.)
   Withdrawing from the Trans-Pacific Partnership
   Eliminating Obama-era regulations
   Getting Neil Gorsuch onto the Supreme Court
   Cracking down on illegal immigration
   The missile strike on Syria
   Recasting America's role on the world stage
   Other:

4. What is Trump's greatest strength as president? His greatest weakness?

5. Which one issue should really keep Trump awake at night?

6. Is the modern executive branch too powerful?
   Yes
   No
   It has just the right amount of power.

7. On balance, do you think Trump is helping or hurting the Republican Party's agenda?
   Helping
   Hurting
   It's a wash.

8. On a scale from 1 (no way) to 10 (for sure), how likely do you think Democrats are to take the Senate in 2018? On a scale from 1 (no way) to 10 (for sure), how likely do you think Democrats are to take the House in 2018? (Please provide one number for each question.)

9. The biggest obstacle the Democratic Party faces is a lack of… (Please pick one.)
   Leadership
   Messaging
   New ideas
   Strategy
   Unity
   Other:

10. Which of the following do you think is <u>most</u> likely to happen under the Trump administration by 2018? (Please pick one.)
   Entitlement reform
   Tax reform
   The border wall will break ground
   Immigration reform
   NAFTA will be renegotiated
   Family leave legislation will be passed

11. Which of the following do you think is <u>least</u> likely to happen under the Trump administration by 2018? (Please pick one.)
   Entitlement reform
   Tax reform
   The border wall will break ground
   Immigration reform
   NAFTA will be renegotiated
   Family leave legislation will be passed

12. In which issue should the United States government prioritize investment now? (Please pick one.)

Infrastructure
Paying down the national debt
A stronger military
Social welfare
Secure borders
Renewable energy
Science research
Other:

13. How well has the media covered the Trump presidency, on a scale of 1 (terribly) to 10 (perfectly)?

14. The greatest threat America faces today is… (Please pick one.)

ISIS and Islamic terrorism
Russia
China
Economic inequality at home
Excessive immigration
Nationalism
A bloated federal government
Worsening race relations
Climate change
Other:

15. True or false: The world is more dangerous today than it was 50 years ago.

16. In the next three years, U.S. relations with which country are likely to deteriorate the most?

Russia
China
North Korea
Iran
Other:

17. In my opinion, I think Trump probably…

Colluded knowingly with Russia during the campaign.
Was unaware that members of his campaign were colluding with Russia.
Didn't collude with Russia, but inappropriately sought to cover up evidence.
Is innocent of any of complicity with Russia, and has been unfairly targeted.

18. Which country will likely lead the world in 2050?
    United States
    Russia
    China
    Germany
    India
    Other:

19. Has nationalism as a political force in the U.S. peaked, or is it just getting started?
    It's an ideology whose moment has already passed.
    Nationalism has peaked, but it won't go away in the near future.
    Nationalism will continue to grow in strength and popularity.

20. Is globalism good for the country?
    Yes, it is good for the United States.
    No, globalism harms the United States.
    It's a wash.

21. How optimistic are you about the American economy for the next two years, on a scale from 1 (most pessimistic) to 10 (most optimistic)?

22. If states and municipalities refuse to comply with requests from the federal government, does that strengthen or weaken American democracy?
    Strengthen
    Weaken
    Makes no difference.

23. Which technology do you think is most likely to transform the 21st century? (Please pick one.)
    Gene editing
    Robotics
    Artificial intelligence
    Renewable energy
    Other:

24. The country's greatest technological achievements are…
    Behind us
    In front of us

25. True or false: The U.S. government should be run more like a business.
    True
    False

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****<u>ANSWERS FOR ATTRIBUTION</u>: These answers, if you choose to provide them, will be attributed to you by name. Some may appear alongside your short bio in the magazine.****

1. What's the best book you read this year?

2. What's one out-of-the-box policy idea that we aren't paying enough attention to?

3. Twitter: Useful new tool or obnoxious distraction?

4. Is Donald Trump draining the swamp?

5. What historical moment does 2017 most resemble?

Message

From: Beck, Nancy [Beck.Nancy@epa.gov]
Sent: 7/31/2017 10:24:36 PM
To: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Dicamba story - lots of questions - Reuters

Ok. I'm at my desk for a while..

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Okay let me call her and see if she can chat now…

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I think this is the response you will be getting.
Happy to talk to her. If she wants raw data she has to go through a FIFRA section 10(g) process and thus file a FOIA request. I think Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
Actually if she wants to chat, I could do it now.

Reporter's Questions:
Just following up on this. My deadline is the end of the day today. I'm told by a former member of Arkansas' plant board that Monsanto provided the EPA with data on XtendiMax testing that had been conducted by contractors in New Mexico, Illinois, Alabama, and one or two other states but had all been syntheisized by Monsanto. Is this true? Did EPA scientists get any raw data, or did they just get complete reports from Monsanto when considering the labels for XtendiMax with VaporGrip?

EPA Response:

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Nancy, can you go on background with her? I think that would be helpful to explaining the process. What time would you be available tomorrow?

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Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 5:25 PM
To: Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
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We are working on a response.
Basically I think Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
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What the reporter doesn't seem to understand is the basic pesticides registration process.
We have strict testing requirements. Registrants (like Monsanto) are the ones that are responsible for doing the testing and then EPA reviews all the data.
There is nothing atypical about Monsanto being the ones that did the testing. If they didn't do it, we wouldn't have the data.

Stay tuned…

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Emily is going to give us more time, but she wants to know when we might have an answer for her. Do you have any timeline Nancy?

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Michael – can you go back to Emily and tell her that Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
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Thanks. I will find out.

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Hey Nancy, Liz wanted me to flag this for you and see if you had any response we could give to Emily on this issue.

From: Emily.Flitter@thomsonreuters.com [mailto:Emily.Flitter@thomsonreuters.com]
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 10:51 AM
To: Emily.Flitter@thomsonreuters.com; Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
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Emily

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Cc: Press
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Sent: Mon 7/31/2017 9:56:50 PM (UTC)
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Happy to once I have more background from staff on what we can share and what we don't.
I should have that tomorrow.
As usual my meeting schedule is insane- -seriously.
I have a 30 min window 11:30-11:50 and then am free after 5pm. Could also do Wednesday morning between 8-9am.

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Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 5:53 PM
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Nancy, can you go on background with her? I think that would be helpful to explaining the process. What time would you be available tomorrow?

From: Beck, Nancy
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 5:25 PM
To: Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
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We are working on a response.
Basically I think Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) We will likely have an answer by the morning explaining this, however I'm still figuring out if Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
What the reporter doesn't seem to understand is the basic pesticides registration process.
We have strict testing requirements. Registrants (like Monsanto) are the ones that are responsible for doing the testing and then EPA reviews all the data.
There is nothing atypical about Monsanto being the ones that did the testing. If they didn't do it, we wouldn't have the data.

Stay tuned…

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Emily is going to give us more time, but she wants to know when we might have an answer for her. Do you have any timeline Nancy?

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Michael – can you go back to Emily and tell her that this is a lot, so we are going to pull together the information and we just need time to gather all the facts?

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Thanks. I will find out.

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CC: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Hudepohl asbestos cleanup comms materials
Attachments: Potential Media list for Hudepohl media event announcement.xlsx; Draft Tick Tock for Hudepohl media availability 8.21.17.docx

Region 5 has a fairly high-profile time-critical removal they will be starting in Cincinnati. After they remove the asbestos from the building, the port authority is going to demolish it to build a parking lot for the nearby football stadium.

The current plan is to send a short press release today, as the fencing of the site will begin, and then to have an on-site press briefing with the city's port authority on August 29th. Rachel Bassler will attend as the press officer (she is good) , and the On Scene Coordinator, Steve Renninger, is experienced.

The comms plan is attached and the draft press release and media advisory for he press briefing are below.

Please let us know if you are okay with all of this.

Thanks ng

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Cc: Rowan, Anne <rowan.anne@epa.gov>; Kelley, Jeff <kelley.jeff@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Hudepohl asbestos cleanup

Hi Nancy, Below is the draft press release and tweet for the Hudepohl media availability to announce the asbestos time critical removal. We are mobilizing at the site on August 23 to put up fencing. Our plan is to host a media availability on Tuesday, August 29 for local press outlets to learn about our cleanup and ask questions (the port authority will also be there to answer questions). This is a good news story – our cleanup will allow the port authority to tear down the building to build a parking lot. We are working closely with local partners.

(also attached, local Cincinnati press outlets to receive the press release and a draft tick tock for the media availability)

Draft Press Release:

U.S. EPA to clean up asbestos at Hudepohl site in Cincinnati

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To: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
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What was it about?

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> Why did Kevin Bogardus from E&E all of a sudden get a response to a FOIA today, without any awareness from our FOIA office? And, who filled this FOIA? Seems very fishy.
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> From: Kevin Bogardus [mailto:kbogardus@eenews.net]
> Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 2:57 PM
> To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>
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> We don't have this but noticed it was on the Examiner's website:
> https://www.scribd.com/book/355277408/EPA
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> Hopefully that helps.
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> From: Kevin Bogardus [mailto:kbogardus@eenews.net]
> Sent: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 5:02 PM
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> Subject: FW: Scientific Integrity Committee Clears Pruitt Against Sierra Club's 'Climate Denier' Charge
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> Liz, John, Amy, Lincoln, Jahan, Mike and James,
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> Hi, it's Kevin Bogardus with E&E News.
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> Quick question: Can you share a copy of the EPA Scientific Integrity Review Panel letter that is referenced in this story below?
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> Please get back to me as soon as possible. Thank you for your help.
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> -Kevin
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> From: EPA Press Office [mailto:press=epa.gov@cmail19.com] On Behalf Of EPA Press Office
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> The Sierra Club has failed in its attempt to label Scott Pruitt a violator of the Environmental Protection Agency's Scientific Integrity Policy.
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> Pruitt is off the hook for expressing an opinion about global warming, as a scientific review panel ruled that it is within EPA policy to call for rigorous debate on the issue, according to a letter obtained by the Washington Free Beacon.
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> "The freedom to express one's opinion about science is fundamental to EPA's Scientific Integrity Policy even (and especially) when that point of view might be controversial," wrote Dr. Thomas Sinks, the director of the EPA's Office of the Science Advisor.
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> The Sierra Club filed a complaint to the inspector general against Pruitt in March, alleging Pruitt violated the Scientific Integrity Policy by saying during an interview that there is disagreement among scientists about whether CO2 is the primary driver of global warming.
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> The inspector general referred the allegation to Dr. Francesca Grifo, the EPA's Scientific Integrity Official, who then passed along the Sierra Club's complaint to the EPA Scientific Integrity Committee.
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> The committee cleared Pruitt of the charge, and, in fact, defended the EPA administrator for expressing his opinion and encouraging "vigorous debate."
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> "In his response, the Administrator expressed his opinion regarding contributions to global warming and called for more debate, review, and analysis as a precursor to any future EPA policy decision on the matter," the Scientific Integrity Review Panel said. "This expression of opinion, which was not made in a decisional context, is fully within the protections of EPA's Scientific Integrity Policy and does not violate that Policy. We also note that, in his remarks, the Administrator did not suppress or alter Agency scientific findings."
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> The EPA panel went further in refuting the Sierra Club's interpretation of the Scientific Integrity Policy. The liberal environmentalist group had branded Pruitt a "climate denier" in its complaint.
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> "Expressing an opinion about science is not a violation of the EPA Scientific Integrity Policy," the EPA panel said. "Indeed, the Scientific Integrity Policy—in the spirit of promoting vigorous debate and

inquiry—specifically encourages employees to express their opinion should the employee disagree with scientific data, scientific interpretations, or scientific conclusions."
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> The Sierra Club did not immediately respond to a request for comment.
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> The group's complaint was spurred by an interview Pruitt gave to CNBC, where he was asked, "Do you believe that it's been proven that carbon dioxide is the primary control knob for climate?"
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> Pruitt responded: "No. I think that measuring with precision human activity on the climate is something very challenging to do and there's tremendous disagreement about the degree of impact. So no, I would not agree that it's a primary contributor to the global warming that we see. But we don't know that yet… We need to continue the debate and continue the review and the analysis."
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> The letter was signed by Dr. Sinks, and sent to Elena Saxonhouse, a senior attorney for the Sierra Club, and Joanne Spalding, the group's chief climate counsel.
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Message

From: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: 8/2/2017 4:44:51 PM
To: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Trey Glenn Region 4 Admin

Got it.

John Konkus
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On Aug 2, 2017, at 12:43 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

I think the goal will be to release this next week? Maybe Monday? I need to talk with Troy about his shop timing on gathering statements of support.

From: Konkus, John
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 12:08 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Trey Glenn Region 4 Admin

Yes. Cathy and I can do this. We've built similar lists before. What the deadline?

From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 12:06 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Trey Glenn Region 4 Admin

Can you please build out a press list (keep this tight) for Region 4, including: Kentucky, Tennessee, NC, SC, GA, AL, MS and FLA. We might be able to just do it quickly in Cision, but it might be worth reaching out to the 4 PAD to get some reporters we can reach out to directly, and maybe even give them the name on embargo? Like a top news reporter in each state, hopefully an AP or Reuters person...can you ask them without giving details?

From: Ford, Hayley
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 11:28 AM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Wagner, Kenneth <wagner.kenneth@epa.gov>; Munoz, Charles <munoz.charles@epa.gov>
Cc: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Trey Glenn Region 4 Admin

The WH will only announce PAS positions, so they said we can go ahead with this announcement on our own. Senator Shelby and Senator Strange were both supporting Trey so they would be a good start to reach out for statements. They may have provided something to Leg Affairs in the WH already but might want to refresh now that it's a go.

Hayley Ford

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Subject: RE: Trey Glenn Region 4 Admin

Do we have an expected date of this announcement coming? I think we should have Troy's office reach out to him to get the names of folks that can speak on his behalf, tee up statements of support and get them ready to go, once the WH announces the nomination. Ken, I would suggest that we wait to reach out to the state partners until after the official nomination. We want to be sure that we can promote the nomination ourselves with support, and then let the state partners echo. Troy, I guess Christian is out, so do you want me to work with Kaitlyn on this?

From: Wagner, Kenneth
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 9:21 AM
To: Munoz, Charles <munoz.charles@epa.gov>
Cc: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>; Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Trey Glenn Region 4 Admin

Troy and Amy met Trey in Cochran Ga and Alabama

Let me know when I can reach out to our State partners...

They will be very excited! As am I.

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On Aug 2, 2017, at 9:18 AM, Munoz, Charles <munoz.charles@epa.gov> wrote:

All,

Trey Glenn has been signed off-on to become our Region 4 Administrator in Atlanta with a start date of August, 28th.

In talking with Ryan we're going to want to Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Hayley and I can assist in any way that makes things easier for your respective offices while we do the on-boarding so please don't hesitate to ask.

Trey will also be in DC next week on unrelated business and is available to meet with anyone as well.

Below is Trey's contact information if any of you want to reach out.

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Email: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Charles Munoz
White House Liaison

Message

From: Valentine, Julia [Valentine.Julia@epa.gov]
Sent: 5/22/2017 5:19:31 PM
To: Greaves, Holly [greaves.holly@epa.gov]; Bloom, David [Bloom.David@epa.gov]; Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Freire, JP [Freire.JP@epa.gov]; Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]; Williams, Maria [Williams.Maria@epa.gov]; Terris, Carol [Terris.Carol@epa.gov]
CC: Hull, George [Hull.George@epa.gov]; McMichael, Nate [McMichael.Nate@epa.gov]
Subject: FYI Spreadsheet of Budget Press Requests and Responses since March
Attachments: Budget Responses ONLY.xlsx

Julia P. Valentine
Acting Director
Office Of Media Relations, OPA

DATE REC'	REPORTER NAME	OUTLET	QUESTION
16-Mar	Annie Snider	Politico	I'm trying to figure out whether the $4 million increase to the SRFs cited in the President's budget is comparing to the 2017 baseline number or includes the extra $100m added to the SRF for Flint in the CR. By my calculations, 2017 enacted level for the 2 SRFs combined was $2.257 without the Flint money and $2.357B when it is included. It's hard to compare since the President's budget only rounds to the $100m point in top line numbers, but it appears that 2017 would be higher if compared to the CR level including Flint.
16-Mar	Jan Ellen Spiegel	?	Where it says eliminates funding for specific regional efforts such as Great Lakes restoration & Chesapeake Bay AND OTHER GEOGRAPHIC PROGRAMS - do we know if LI Sound Study is one of those? Also where it says eliminates more than 50 EPA programs - do we know what those are?
16-Mar	Quentin Fottrell	MarketWatch	Do you have any response on the Trump "skinny" budget, the EPA and the impact this might have on drinking water?

16-Mar	Steve Davies	Agri-Pulse	What has been released offers very little detail. Is there anything with more numbers available?
16-Mar	Jessica Morrison	Chemical & Engineering News	I'm working on a feature story about the state of Superfund. The program has been getting mentions lately from Scott Pruitt and others, and I'm looking for a comment from Mr. Pruitt or an EPA spokesperson on why Superfund is a priority for Pruitt and why it's a priority now. Also, do you know yet how the program is being prioritized in the agency's budget proposal or any other funding requests?
16-Mar	Sylvia Carignan	BNA	I'm working on a story today about the president's budget blueprint. Would the cuts to the Hazardous Substance Superfund affect RCRA enforcement or the Brownfields program?

16-Mar	Pat Rizzuto	BNA	Will EPA release Congressional Justifications for the fiscal year 2018 budget? If so, what's the timeline for releasing those? Will it host a budget briefing? If so when, where? Is anything available today other than the posted "FY 2018 Federal Budget Blueprint?"
16-Mar	Katherine Faulders	ABC	I was wondering if the EPA has a response to the White House budget blueprint detailing 31% cuts to the agency. Could you pass along any statement you may have?
16-Mar	John Flesher	AP	I am writing a story for AP's national wire this afternoon regarding the president's EPA budget proposal. The document released today says the budget: "Eliminates funding for specific regional efforts such as the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, the Chesapeake Bay, and other geographic programs. These geographic program eliminations are $427 million lower than the 2017 annualized CR levels. The Budget returns the responsibility for funding local environmental efforts and programs to State and local entities, allowing EPA to focus on its highest national priorities." We need to know which regional programs aside from the Great Lakes and Chesapeake Bay ones would lose their funding under this proposal. The OMB list from a couple of weeks ago also included Puget Sound, the Gulf of Mexico and San Francisco Bay. Can someone there please tell me whether these programs are among those that would be de-funded, or if not, what their proposed funding levels will be?

16-Mar	Alex Guillen	Politico	The White House's budget blueprint says that "more than 50 EPA programs" are proposed for elimination. However, only a few of those programs are specified. Can you please provide me with the full list of programs the budget specifies for elimination?
17-Mar	Guglielmo Mattioli	NY Times	?
17-Mar	Rebecca Leber	Mother Jones	Sustainable and Healthy Communities (EPA) Brownfields (EPA) Safe & sustainable water resources (EPA) Research – chem safety & sustainability (EPA) Lead RRP (EPA) Leaking underground storage tanks (EPA) Right to Know (TRI) (EPA) Tribal capacity building (EPA) Marine Pollution (EPA) Compliance monitoring (EPA) Civil Enforcement (EPA) Diesel emissions reduction act (state grants) Multipurpose grants (state grants) Targeted airsheds (state grants) US-Mexico border targeted watershed (state grants) Beach water quality testing (state grants) Radon (state grants) Brownfields (state grants) Tribes – air quality management (state grants) Pesticides implementation (state grants) Toxic substances compliance (state grants) Wetlands (state grants) Underground injection (state grants) Drinking water grants (state grants) Nonpoint source pollution (state grants) Air quality grants (state grants) Water pollution control (state grants) Lead (state grants) Tribal general assistance program (state grants)

17-Mar	Serena Ung	?	?
17-Mar	Dan Krauth	NBC	?
17-Mar	S Herman	PBN	?
17-Mar	Michelle McQuigge	Canadian Press	Quick question for you. It is my understanding that yesterday's budget, rather than axing 97 per cent of the funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, actually proposes to scrap 100% of it instead and eliminate the project altogether. Is this correct or have I misread anything? If so, would the EPA like to ffer a response either to the budget itself or to concerns voiced by American and Canadian mayors? They fear this cut will have a devastating impact on efforts to fight invasive species, clean up pollution and otherwise preserve the lakes.
17-Mar	Alex Ruppenthal	WWTW	Hi, I'm working on a story about the impact to Chicago on potential cuts to the EPA's Environmental Justice budget (which media reports indicate could be as high as 80 percent). Is there a way to decipher the amount of dollars allocated toward EJ initiatives in Chicago over a certain timeframe or on a per-year basis? Also, might you be able to provide a list of all EJ projects in Chicago over the past five years? I'm just looking for a way to show what the EJ program has done for Chicago.

17-Mar	Jon Humbert	Q13	Wanted to see if we could get an interview with someone local about possible cuts to the EPA here in our region. Or at the very least an understanding of projects that could be cut or would be reduced as part of the EPA's work here.
17-Mar	Asher Price	Austin American Statesman	I'm working on a story about the sorts of projects EPA funds in Central Texas to give readers a sense of what's at stake in the president's budget proposal. I wondered two things: 1) Do you have any list you can send my way of projects/grants currently funded or disbursed in Central Texas by EPA? 2) Does EPA have any statement about the prospect about a 31 percent budget cut at the agency, as proposed by the White House?
17-Mar	Mitch Pittman	?	?
17-Mar	Rachel A	Spokesman	?
17-Mar	Rob Roth	KTVU	I am requesting an interview, comment or statement regarding the proposed budget cuts to EPA and how they could impact the Bay Area.
17-Mar	Brendan Gibbons	Express News	Would you be able to look up the amount of funding in Partnership Performance Grants that will go to Texas in FY17? If that's not available at this point, what about FY16? That will help me put some of these budget cuts in context.

17-Mar	Tegan@wwno.org	?	?
17-Mar	M Puente	WBEZ	?
18-Mar	Oliver Milman	The Guardian	can you please let me know the EPA's current position on the environmental justice office and its work? Does the EPA still want to close the office? And is the EJ 2020 plan being actively worked on, or has it been suspended for now/under review?
20-Mar	Jackie Toth	CQ Roll Call	Could you pass along the agreement between EPA and potentially responsible parties to fund cleanup of the USS Lead Superfund site, announced today?
21-Mar	Michael Garry	Accelerate America	I would like to know whether the administration's proposed budget cuts in any way target the GreenChill partnership, Section 608 of the CAA (refrigerant management) or the SNAP program. For Section 608 and SNAP, would enforcement of the rules continue as before?
22-Mar	Graham Johnson	CMG Seattle	I've heard a couple of figures for how much will be cut in the proposal – 93% and 100%. Would you please help clarify? Also, would you please provide a list of programs that would be eliminated under the budget proposal?

23-Mar	Steve Davies	Agri Pulse	Reporter is trying to get figures for OPP's budget for the past few years, along with FTEs. He says he just needs overall # for OPP along with FTEs.
23-Mar	Morgan Rothenberger	Topeka Capitol Journal	I'd like to narrow in on what Energy Star programs are utilized in Kansas, how such cuts would impact the state and also would like to see an annual expenditure of funds in Kansas through the past 10 years. I'd also love to interview someone about Energy Star, its focus as a program, its accomplishments and tie in any Kansas numbers possible.
23-Mar	Sarah Frostenson	Vox	I'm a health and science graphics reporter at Vox interested in talking more with you about how the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance works at the EPA. I'm in the process of reporting out a bigger piece now on the proposed budget cuts at the EPA and I'm curious to hear more about how your office plans to respond to the proposed cuts and what this will mean for coordinating enforcement between the federal government and states.
23-Mar	Stephanie Akin	CQ Roll Call	I'm looking for the most recent data about the number of Superfund sites and EPA spending on superfund sites, broken down by location (and if possible, Congressional district.) Could you please point me to that information? Thanks!
23-Mar	Lindsay Dittman	National Geographic	Reporter is requesting an interview regarding budget cuts for National Geographic Explorer.

23-Mar	Nick Janzen	Indiana Public Broadcasting	• If the proposed budget cuts go through, which programs and offices in Indiana would be affected? • Specifically, would ongoing Superfund activities in Indiana be affected? • The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative is slated for elimination. How will the EPA ensure that the 30 million Americans who rely on the Great Lakes for drinking water continue to have access to clean, safe water?
23-Mar	Tiffany Stecker	Bloomberg BNA	I was roaming through the EPA website and found this report on PRIA funds in FY 2016 https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-02/documents/maintenance-fees-fy16.pdf It says the agency collected $27.5 million in registrant fees in FY 16. But the table below shows only $14.2 million in expenditures. Where does the other $13 million go?

24-Mar	Sharon Lerner	The Intercept	A few questions about the proposed reduction in EPA's budget: Is IRIS slated for elimination as part of the budget reduction? Is the National Air Toxics Assessment program expected to continue? Do you know which two regional offices will be eliminated under the proposed plan to close to regional offices?
24-Mar	Martha Baskin	Cross Cut	At a press conference yesterday hosted by Puget Soundkeeper Alliance/PSA, the Puget Sound Partnership, Sierra Club and others, the following stat made: "under the proposed federal budget, regional EPA funding for Puget Sound was cut 100% - from $28 million to zero." Can you confirm? Amelia Apfel with PSA, also sent me the link below on "past" EPA funded projects. Have the projects already been implemented or are they still underway? Are these the projects that the regional EPA would lose funding for in the current proposed federal budget?
24-Mar	Maryam Henein	Honey Colony	Will EPA directives affect the $100 million in approved federal funding expected to help Flint replace lead service lines and make other infrastructure improvements?

29-Mar	Sylvia Carignan	BNA	In a hearing this morning, Rep. Grace Napolitano of California said she sent a letter to the EPA requesting explanation of reports of cuts to the Brownfields program. She said she has not received a response from the EPA. Did the EPA receive this letter and has the agency responded?
29-Mar	Elizabeth Miller	Idea Stream	. I'm writing to see if you can confirm a detail of a story from the Detroit News. Here is a link to the story: http://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/politics/2017/03/28/trump-seeks-great-lakes-cut-help-fund-wall/99752504/. Has an immediate $50 million cut to the GLRI been proposed? If so, when? If this has been proposed, what are the next steps?
31-Mar	Sean Reilly	E&E News	This bill (https://www.congress.gov/115/bills/hr1430/BILLS-115hr1430eh.pdf) which passed the House on Wednesday, would require EPA to ensure the online availability of all scientific and technical information used to support new regulations "in a manner that is sufficient for independent analysis and substantial reproduction of research results except that any personally identifiable information, trade secrets, or commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential, shall be redacted prior to public availability." But in a newly released analysis (https://www.cbo.gov/publication/52545), the Congressional Budget Office says that "EPA officials have explained to CBO that the agency would implement H.R. 1430 with minimal funding and generally would not disseminate information for the scientific studies that it uses to support covered actions." On the surface, CBO's description of how EPA would implement the legislation appears to be at odds with the requirements in the bill. Can you briefly spell out exactly what information EPA would post online if the bill so as to allow for "independent analysis and substantial reproduction of research results"?

31-Mar	Juliet Eilperin	Washington Post	I'm working with my colleagues Steve Mufson and Chris Mooney (cc'd here) on a story that examines how EPA plans to execute the cuts envisioned in the administration's budget for FY 2018. The story includes an examination of an EPA budget document from the agency's acting chief financial officer that shows how individual programs would be affecting. If there is someone willing to talk through some of the details, including how it reflects both the president's and Administrator Pruitt's vision of the EPA's core mission, that would be great.
3-Apr	Sylvia Carignan	BNA	Could you verify that the attached document is the same one David Bloom sent March 21? Just want to make sure the entirety of it is an official agency document.
3-Apr	Ari Natter	Bloomberg	Can you say if the attached budget document is legitimate?
3-Apr	David Shepardson	Reuters	Do you want to comment on the EPA document the Washington Post obtained the Trump administration is proposing to zero out the federal vehicle and fuels standards and certification and seek funding through MVEC fee. The document says EPA would cut 168 employees out of 304 employee office After Volkswagen emissions scandal, EPA has upped enforcement of automakers to ensure that emissions are in line with legal requirements. Is EPA still pursuing ongoing diesel emissions investigations into Mercedes and Fiat Chrysler?

3-Apr	Sarah Frostenson	Vox	
3-Apr	Chris Knight	Argus Media	The Washington Post two days ago published an alleged EPA spending plan for fiscal 2018: https://assets.documentcloud.org/documents/3534381/Combined.pdf Can you confirm this is an authentic document?
3-Apr	Edgar Ang	OPIS net	Is this something could you help with ? budget cuts and impact on program.
4-Apr	Juliet Eilperin	Washington Post	And by this quote, I take it that it's accurate to write that under the proposed budget the "lead risk reduction program" would be eliminated, which would result is a $2.26 million budget savings and the elimination of 73 FTEs?

4-Apr	Kevin Bogardus	E&E News	Do proposed budget cuts for EPA undermine Administrator Pruitt's support of federalism at EPA? Why or why not?

5-Apr	Susannah Noel	Freelance	2. Why should homeowners choose Energy Star certified products for their home energy upgrade? 2. Does Energy Star only cover appliances and other products for your home? Or does it also include processes, such as a home energy audit? 3. How many people take advantage of federal tax credits for Energy Star products? 4. Does it take special tax expertise to get the tax credit for an Energy Star purchase? 5. What resources can consumers use to help with the tax implications?
5-Apr	Travis Mcknight	Tribune Media	Is there anybody who can walk me through these proposed cuts and program refocus, and how it will change the type of data NGOs can access?
6-Apr	Danjing Li	Southern Weekly	1. Why is E.P.A. cutting its budget? What is the background of the action? 2. Could you explain in detail why to cut the Great Lakes Restoration and many other scientific programs? 3. How is E.P.A. working now after the document was revealed? How to deal with the 25% laying-off employees? 4. What will be the further action?

6-Apr	Justin Gray	Cox Media Group	Checking in about the proposed cuts to the 2 lead paint programs: http://www.ewg.org/release/trump-wants-ax-programs-protect-children-lead-poisoning-cost-taxpayers-less-his-trips What can you share with us about why the programs are not needed or should be eliminated?
6-Apr	Emily Atkin	New Republic	It's been reported that Trump wants to eliminate the Energy Star program. This release seems to praise the program. Is that no longer the case?
6-Apr	Bobby Magill	Climate Central	I just received the press release about the EPA honoring 2017 Energy Star partners. Can you comment for me about why Energy Star matters at a time when the administration wants to kill the program? Why is the EPA honoring achievements in energy efficiency when the administration is pretty clear energy efficiency doesn't matter? And what's the EPA's message to these honorees about whether the EPA will be able to honor their energy efficiency efforts next year?
6-Apr	Todd Neeley	DTN	We are writing a story examining proposed cuts to EPA's budget and how they affect agriculture. First, we wanted to verify that internal memo at EPA detailing possible cuts is authentic, https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/3534706-MemorandumEPABudgetDavidBloom.html, Second, we'd like to give EPA a chance to comment for our story, https://www.dtnpf.com/agriculture/web/ag/news/world-policy/article/2017/04/06/presidents-proposed-epa-budget-makes

6-Apr	Colin Woodard	Portland Press Herald and Maine Sunday Telegram	I'm writing on the administration's proposed elimination of those two lead paint programs which address, of course, a big problem in Maine and New England. If I'm looking for comment from the agency, is that something the regional office can do? If not, can you refer me to the right person at HQ? In addition to a general explanation, I'm trying to understand this: if the goal is to shift operational responsibility for these programs to state and local governments, why would you also be eliminating funds that go to state and local governments to do such things?
6-Apr	Casey Tolan	East Bay Times/San Jose Mercury News	I'm working on a story about the proposed EPA cuts of programs that would help remediate lead paint in old buildings. Do you have any statement about why these cuts were proposed? Several communities here in Oakland, CA are suffering from elevated lead levels among children specifically because of a lack of funds to remediate old buildings—how would you respond to an Oakland resident who says these cuts are putting more families at risk of lead poisoning?
7-Apr	Chris Knight	Argus Media	Today administrator Pruitt addressed state regulators at ECOS, but absent from his remarks any of his discussion was the Trump administration's proposed 31% budget cuts or the 45% cut to categorical state grants, something that was a major discussion point throughout the conference. I wanted to see if EPA could provide any comment on how those budget cuts to states align with the administration's greater emphasis on cooperative federalism.
7-Apr	Kelly Kern	CBS News	Ahead of some stories we have planned for next week, I wanted to see if you'd be able to provide any information about proposed EPA budget cuts? I've included the rough outline below from the 2017 OMB Budget Proposal. However, I'm seeing reports with more details about specific programs that will be cut/reduced and estimates for the percentage of staff that may be cut. Are you able to confirm any of these reports at this time?

7-Apr	Renee Schoof	BNA	What are the enforcement areas, civil and criminal, that are not delegated to the states and that will be the new focus of OECA? --What is the administrator's view of enforcement? What does federalism mean in this context? What greater role should states take? --What enforcement cuts should states make if state grants are cut as proposed? Can they do the same amount of work with less federal funding?
10-Apr	Jeff Manning	Oregonian	I'll be finishing my EPA story this week. it's about the new direction the agency is taking under Trump and Pruitt, the proposed budget cuts, the programs on the chopping block, etc. Is the agency going to be a no-comment? Can you at least answer my questions about Don Benton and Doug Erickson? What is their current status with EPA? Are they full-time permanent employees? Full-time temporary? Have they left the agency?

11-Apr	Alleen Brown	The Intercept	1. A March 21 budget memorandum proposes eliminating the EPA's homeland security "critical infrastructure protection" project. Why was this project singled out for elimination, especially given the president's emphasis on infrastructure and security? 2. It appears that the CREAT program, which helps communities determine risks and plan for catastrophes including extreme weather and sea level rise caused by climate change falls under that program. Is CREAT up for elimination along with the rest of that program? 3. Another programs suggested for a 30 percent cut is public water system supervision grants, which help local agencies enforce basic clean water standards, including funding regional inspectors. Why was this program singled out for such a significant cut? Water infrastructure groups say the reduction would be devastating. 4. Is the environmental justice office still planned for elimination?
11-Apr	Jenni Doering	Living on Earth	. I'm emailing because we are putting together a story about lead abatement and childhood lead poisoning prevention efforts. Accordingly, I'm trying to get a statement from EPA on the proposed budget cuts regarding lead risk reduction programs and to clarify the difference between the two EPA programs that are slated to be cut: The RRP, discussed at this link: https://www.epa.gov/lead/renovation-repair-and-painting-program-training-providers and the Lead-Based Paint Activities program that's discussed here: https://www.epa.gov/lead/lead-based-paint-activities-professionals Can an EPA spokesperson discuss briefly on the phone with me tomorrow (Wednesday) to provide a statement about the cuts and to help clarify why these programs are separate, as well as what their basic goals are?

11-Apr	Dorian Merina	Take Two	Working on a story about how clean up of superfund sites on military bases could be affected by changes at the EPA or funding going forward. Had a few basic questions about how this works so that I could better understand the changes ahead. For example, President Trump's budget blueprint calls for reduction in funds for the Hazardous Substance Superfund Account. Could this affect clean up efforts on military bases? Are they funded or overseen separately from other superfund sites?
12-Apr	Maryellen Tighe	Debtwire	media inquiry - energy incentives
12-Apr	Tom O'Connor	Newsweek	I'm looking for a brief comment on the White House's decision to lift the freeze on federal hiring and how this could affect the EPA. I know Office of Management and Budget Director Mick Mulvaney said the EPA specifically would not be seeing any new jobs and possibly even see more cuts. I'm working on a tight deadline, so any information would be greatly appreciated.

13-Apr	Gregory Wallace	CNN	I'm reaching out regarding information on positions left unfilled during the hiring freeze. Data from a FOIA shows 51 offers were held in abeyance during the freeze, and that 89 vacancies have a candidate selected. Does EPA plan to offer or allow those roles to be filled? Does the agency plan to fill the total of about 350 vacant roles (as identified in the data) now that the freeze has been lifted? Does the it plan to leave these vacant as fulfills the OMB request for a plan to reduce staffing? Any additional information you can add on this topic would be appreciated.
14-Apr	Pat Rizzuto	BNA	1) What is the status of the proposed fee rule the EPA needs to issue to secure industry fees to help it implement the Lautenberg Chemical Safety Act? When is it expected to be proposed and/or sent to the OMB for review? 2) The President's budget would cut OA/EPM/Children and Other Sensitive Populations: Agency Coordination by $2,391 K and 14.9 FTE. Would the agency's children's office within the administrator's office be eliminated? Would the Children's Health Protection Advisory Committee be eliminated? What functions would remain?
16-Apr	Anthony Adragna	Politico	Sorry to pester on Easter Sunday, but wanted to follow up on this report (http://chicago.suntimes.com/news/sneed-exclusive-city-could-lose-its-epa-regional-office/) about the closure of Region 5? Is this accurate and do you have any response to Mayor Emanuel's statement on this?

17-Apr	Bob Sanders	New Hampshire Business	The reporter is interested in what the current EPA programs benefiting NH Businesses and if they are at risk of being cut with the FY'18 budget.
17-Apr	Tim Cama	The Hill	Could I please get the response to this report that the region 5 office might be on the chopping block? http://chicago.suntimes.com/news/sneed-exclusive-city-could-lose-its-epa-regional-office/
17-Apr	Samuel Unger	WGN-TV	The reporter called and asked for a statement regarding the potential Region 5 closure. He is also bringing a camera crew down to the regional office to get a shot for TV and asked to shoot footage inside, I let him know video-taping inside federal buildings is prohibited.
18-Apr	Cassandra Profita	AP (Puerto Rico)	I've been reading through the coverage of the Trump administration's proposed EPA budget, and I'm working on a story about the response from scientists to the proposed budget cuts. I have a few questions that I would like to ask the EPA for my story: 1. What is the status of the Trump administration's proposed EPA budget? 2. May I have a copy of the latest proposed EPA budget? 3. What happens to the proposed budget? When will the agency have a final budget? 4. When will agency spending change in accordance with the new budget? 5. Is the Trump administration proposing to eliminate the EPA STAR Fellowship program? 6. When would funding stop for that program if the budget moves ahead as proposed? 7. Will the EPA stop funding existing fellowships? 8. What is the EPA telling people who have these fellowships? 9. Why is the administration is proposing to cut the STAR Fellowship program? 10. Why is the administration proposing to make so many cuts to the EPA overall?

18-Apr	Daniel Rothberg	Las Vegas Sun	As I mentioned, I'm working on a story about the future of the EPA office in Las Vegas. Does the proposed budget for FY 2018 speak to relocating the office outside of Las Vegas when the lease ends in 2020? Thanks, Daniel
18-Apr	Keith Laing	Detroit News	I'm looking to confirm the veracity of the document about the proposed budget for the EPA under President Trump's 2018 that is mentioned here: https://www.washingtonpost.com/apps/g/page/politics/epas-spending-cut-plan/2188/?tid=a_inl In particular, I'm looking for any information you can share about the proposed cut to the Federal Vehicle and Fuels Standards and Certification program. Thanks in advance for any help that you can provide!
19-Apr	Rene Marsh	CNN	CNN is writing a story about the plan to reduce the EPA workforce by offering buyouts to employees. Can someone send a statement on that? Also, the NAACP says that the Administrator skipped out on a meeting about environmental justice with its members today during his visit to East Chicago. CNN is looking for comment on why the Administrator did not attend?
21-Apr	Laura Bittner	Courthouse News	Hi! My name is Laura Bittner. I am a reporter with Courthouse News. I am wondering if there is anyone available to interview with me for a story about the proposed budget cuts to the EPA budget and how it could affect the health of the bay? Please let me know. Thank you!
24-Apr	Jack Fitzpatrick	Morning Consult	Hello, I'm a reporter with Morning Consult and wanted to check in to see whether EPA has any comment on the report from earlier this month on the possibility of consolidating the agency's regional offices. It's been more than a week, but I wanted to at least clarify that I didn't miss any kind of statement from EPA on the report. I'm scheduled to have a story on this topic with a deadline of about 3:30 p.m. this afternoon.

24-Apr	Nancy Derringer	Bridge Magazine	My editor downloaded a database of all the GLRI projects, and noticed some trends. I'm wondering: 1) It looks as though the program hit the ground running in 2010, with 164 projects total, 142 of them new. Since then, thought, it appears to be dwindling, with only 5 new projects in 2016. Can you explain the trend? 2) What's the relationship, financially and otherwise, between the EPA and some of the other agencies involved -- NOAA, BIA, USACE, etc.? Would a cutback to the GLRI cover these projects in full, in part, or not at all? (I know that's a dumb question. Yes, I know.) 3) What are the implications for the health of the Great Lakes if this program were zeroed out, as the administration would like to do? It's only a few years old, and I know it's been very successful in individual projects, but what are we talking about here? What's at risk?
25-Apr	Kara Guzman	Santa Cruz Sentinel	I'm writing to follow up - Michele Huitric said she forwarded my request to you and I haven't heard back. I have a 4 p.m. PST deadline and I'm hoping to find out how the proposed EPA budget cuts would affect local air control districts.
26-Apr	Pat Rizzuto	BNA	Is the agency considering transferring IRIS functions into the OCSPP or elsewhere within the agency
26-Apr	Marion Renault	Dispatch	And while I have you Anne, has the Chicago gotten any update on whether it will remain open. I'm working on a story now about the letter sent yesterday to EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt by a coalition of lawmakers.
27-Apr	Ron Fonger	MLive	Allison: Kildee represents Flint in Congress. Would EPA want to comment on this letter and/or the potential for closing/merging Region 5?

27-Apr	Justin Feit	BUILDINGS Mag	I am an editor at BUILDINGS magazine working on an upcoming article that will address how policy changes and other governmental actions impact the facility management industry. I was hoping to talk with you or someone associated with Energy Star about the impacts the program have had on the building industry, looking at both manufacturers and consumers in the market. While the current of politics will inevitably run through this particular article, I would not be asking about any specific political stances, merely the program's successes in influencing widespread change in this particular area of focus. Please let me know if you or any of your colleagues might be interested in speaking with me.
28-Apr	Adam Longo	WUSA 9	First, I don't believe the administration's position on the Chesapeake was presented fairly in the mainstream media when the news was released about President Trump's budget proposal. The narrative everywhere was about the President not being a friend of the environment. No one was talking about the real reasons WHY the President wants to cut funding to this program. I would like to request an interview with Administrator Pruitt to discuss the administration's position on why federal funding for the Fund should end. Any interview, I can assure you, would be confined to this specific topic. Additionally, I am trying to find a line item balance sheet that breaks down specifically where the $73 million of the Fund was spent last year (fiscal '16?) For example, if there's a $70,000 grant for minnow mating research (made that up) that the EPA clearly feels is a poor use of taxpayer funds, I would like to identify those specific grants the EPA and vis-a-vis the Administration feel are a wasteful overreach by the federal government.

1-May	Andrew Siff	NBC News	Does the EPA have a statement about what happens to Garfield cleanup if federal budget cuts EPA funding?
2-May	Trey Barrineau	Glass	Will the Energy Star program be continued? The budget deal that was just announced only has minor cuts to the EPA's budget, not the 31-percent reduction that President Trump's plan was seeking, but I don't see any mention about Energy Star, which would have been closed out under the president's plan. Is it one of the programs that EPA must submit an annual operating plan to Congress within 30 days of the passage of the appropriations bill?
2-May	Tom Risen	Aerospace America	Someone told me that the EPA contractor budget related to PAFI tests is spent and EPA staff are analyzing the data. Does the EPA still have the existing funds for staff to meet its goal of choosing an alternative fuel for small planes to replace low lead gas by 2018? Are there signs of whether the candidate fuel would be at least as affordable as and less toxic than existing low lead gasoline that it aims to replace?
3-May	Doug Obey	InsideEPA	Do you folks have a breakdown of what percentage of agency staff are eligible for retirement now? And what percentage is eligible within a few years (i.e. five years)?

8-May	Amena Saiyid	BNA	I saw the press release about the 43 letters of interest that are seeking credit for projects that exceed what the EPA said it has available under the budget authority for the WIFIA program. What criteria will allow the EPA to decide which of these 43 projects will be selected? Can you say which is the top criteria that could sway EPA in selecting a project.
10-May	Jane Timm	NBC	Thanks for the statement. The story is about the Puerto Rico water utility, and the president's proposed EPA cuts would slash funding for it. Do you guys have any comment on that? That's really what the story is about!

12-May	Pam Russell	Engineering News-Record	I'm writing something about the WIFIA applications and the additional $10 million in the omnibus for Wifia. I'm wondering what the next steps are for the 43 agencies who applied for funding, and whether you can share the list of applicants with me.

ANSWER	WHO HANDLED	MAIN TOPIC	ADD'L TOPIC
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For attribution to Julia Valentine or to "an EPA spokesperson," please: We are not commenting at this early stage in the process. Quentin, a follow-up, also attributable to Julia, please: "Protecting water quality is one of our core responsibilities and that is reflected in this budget. The budget provides robust funding for the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program to finance critical drinking and wastewater infrastructure. This budget maintains full funding for the SRFs."	Robert	Drinking water	

For attribution to “an EPA spokesperson,” please: We’ll get back to you if we have anything to share. Steve, for attribution to Julia Valentine or to “an EPA spokesperson.” Thanks. A: The budget blueprint reflects the President’s priorities of preserving clean air and water as well as to ease the burden of costly regulations to industry. It helps refocus the Agency on being more effective, more focused, and less costly. This is about empowering the states to be primary implementers of environmental programs on the ground, rather than insist that EPA micromanage them. We are redesigning the way we do business to focus on achieving our core responsibilities - working with the states to ensure clean and breathable air, protecting water quality and investing in infrastructure, restoring our communities, ensuring timely review of chemicals and products to ensure safety for American families, all of which will have a positive impact on the environment and the economy	Robert	General	
Hi Jessica, here is a quote attributable to Administrator Pruitt: Superfund is an important example of a policy area where the agency can work more closely with cities and towns on environmental issues. Most Americans aren’t aware that there are more than 1,300 Superfund sites across the country. Some have been on the National Priority List (NPL) for 40 years. That’s unacceptable. I’ve asked EPA’s Office of Land and Emergency Management to target this program for improvement. I want to see these sites get cleaned up faster, so we can shrink the number of sites on the NPL.	Christie	Superfund	naitonal
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Attributable an epa spokesperson: We are still evaluating ways to comply with the President's budget, and Administrator Pruitt is committed to the idea that all programs need to work directly with communities who have been underserved by EPA.	Julia	Environmental Justice	
Here you go: https://www.epa.gov/uss-lead-superfund-site/final-administrative-order-consent-zones-2-and-3-uss-lead-superfund-site	Julia	Superfund	lead
EPA's enforcement will focus on programs that are not delegated to states. Proposed reductions in the budget blueprint were both targeted and strategic – freeing up resources from voluntary programs to re-prioritize funding for programs tethered to statutes.	Tricia	Voluntary	Green Chill
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Here are the pesticides program resources for the FY 2015 Enacted, FY 2016 Enacted, and the FY 2017 President's Budget. FY 15 Enacted FY 16 Enacted FY 17 PresBud $K $ 120,028.0 $ 120,244.0 $ 128,277.0 FTE 737.4 734.7 734.7	Tricia	Staffing	OCSPP
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Please see https://www.epa.gov/superfund/superfund-national-priorities-list-npl for data on the number of sites on Superfund's National Priorities List and https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/sites-superfund-alternative-approach-agreements for sites under Superfund Alternative Approach agreements. EPA would need until at least Monday to provide a breakout of spending on individual sites. Please let us know if you'd like us to pull these data for you. In the meantime, here is a Government Accountability Office's report that could be helpful: http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-15-812	Julia O	Superfund	
Unfortunately we won't be able to accommodate your request for a call. See below for EPA's response to your request. This is for attribution to Julia Valentine, an EPA spokesperson.	Tricia	General	

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The difference between collected and spent FIFRA funds within a fiscal year is carried over to be utilized in the next fiscal year. Information on how EPA manages fees, including what happens to fee revenues not used at the end of the year, can be found at the following link: https://www.epa.gov/pria-fees/managing-pria-fee-fund	Julia O	PRIA	fees

program and regional scientists, other federal departments and While House offices, and an external peer review during development of the assessment. EPA stands by its assessment, and considers the 2010 IRIS assessment scientifically valid and appropriate to support Agency decisions. It is important to note that the Reference Concentration, which is a toxicity value for non-cancer effects through inhalation exposure, was not the focus of recent discussion on the IRIS assessment on chloroprene. Stakeholder comments from the August 9, 2016 meeting (available at https://cfpub.epa.gov/ncea/iris2/events.cfm#stakeholderMeetings) focused on the derivation of the Inhalation Unit Risk value, which is an estimate of the cancer risk from inhalation exposure to a chemical for a lifetime. (Note: The question was missing the units for the RfC. The RfC is 2x10-2 mg/m3.) Q7) When and why was IRIS first created? A: The IRIS Program was created by EPA in 1985 to provide an internal database of human health assessments for chemicals found in the environment, and to foster consistency in the evaluation of chemical toxicity across the Agency. Since then, the IRIS Program has become an important public resource as well, providing high-quality, evidence-based assessments. More information about the IRIS Program and its history is available at: https://www.epa.gov/iris/basic-information-about-integrated-risk-information-system.	Julia	IRIS	regions
Q: What is the history of Puget Sound Funding by EPA? https://www.epa.gov/puget-sound/past-work-funded-epa Q: What is the current funding of Puget Sound Projects by EPA? https://www.epa.gov/puget-sound/current-work-funded-epa	Julia	50 programs	Puget Sound
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"We fully support the underlying principles of the legislation (HONEST Act), and look forward to working with Congress throughout the legislative process to learn more about EPA's legal requirements under the HONEST Act, if passed into law."	John Konkus	Science	

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GOVERNOR HERBERT: "Utah and many public land and energy producing states think that the Clean Power Plan was a significant overreach. It was really designed to kill off carbon-based fuels and particularly coal," he said. "The standards that they were trying to put in place, there is not even technology that allows you to meet those standards." (Deseret News, 03/28/17) GOVERNOR OTTER: "I was extremely encouraged by my meeting with EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt today," said Governor Otter. "He clearly understands the EPA's proper role in government – educating and empowering, not proscribing and punishing. It's also refreshing to have a federal agency actually listen to a state's concerns. With Administrator Pruitt at the EPA, the people of Idaho are looking forward to building a more productive relationship with an agency that's been creeping into far too many areas of our citizens' lives." (EPA Release, 3/27/17) GOVERNOR SNYDER: "I appreciate the EPA approving this funding to assist with Flint's recovery," Michigan Governor Rick Snyder said. "Combined with the nearly $250 million in state funding already allocated, this will help keep Flint on a solid path forward. It's great to see federal, state and local partners continuing to work together to help with infrastructure upgrades and pipe replacements for the people of Flint." (EPA Release, 3/17/17) GOVERNOR BULLOCK: "The change in the federal administration offers us as governors the opportunity to develop new relationships and to build stronger state and federal relationships," said WGA Chairman, Governor Steve Bullock of Montana. (EPA Release, 2/26/17)	Liz	federalism	

provides homeowners with qualified contractors who have been trained to evaluate an entire home, make improvements, and offer solutions that have improved the efficiency of several thousand homes.https://www.energystar.gov/campaign/improvements 3. How many people take advantage of federal tax credits for Energy Star products? Response: EPA does not track this information. 4. Does it take special tax expertise to get the tax credit for an Energy Star purchase? Response: No. Claiming these tax credits is relatively simple. More information is available here:https://www.energystar.gov/about/2016_federal_tax_credits Please note that this information is not intended to substitute for a professional tax preparer or the Internal Revenue Service. 5. What resources can consumers use to help with the tax implications? Response: With the exceptions of solar energy systems, all ENERGY STAR product category tax credits expired at the end of 2016. More information can be found here:https://www.energystar.gov/about/federal_tax_credits	Julia	Energy Star	
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"EPA is evaluating different approaches to implementing the President's budget that would allow us to effectively serve the taxpayers and protect the environment. The EPA will partner with the states to ensure a thoughtful approach is used to maximize every dollar to protect our air, land, and water. "The Administrator's commitment to cooperative federalism means that we want to make sure states are active partners in the implementation, enforcement and development of environmental statutes. OECA's work is an important part of targeting the most serious water, air and chemical hazards, and we recognize their role in enforcing our environmental laws and building our relationship with states and tribal partners to make sure we are delivering on our shared commitment to a clean and healthy environment."	Liz	Enforcement	federalism
NOTE: Jahan responded saying the EPA was not commenting?	Jahan		

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Hi Tom – EPA Administrator Pruitt has the following comment, in support of the Office of Management and Budget's new guidance on implementing President Trump's plans for reorganizing the federal government and reducing the government workforce: "EPA is returning to its core statutory mission, and focusing on greater value and results. EPA will partner with the states and tribes to ensure a thoughtful approach is used to maximize resources to protect our air, land, and water. And, we will work with EPA staff to effectively use every taxpayer dollar that we are entrusted." Thank you.	Liz	Staffing	

Hi Gregory – Below, please find a statement from EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt, about the Office of Management and Budget's new guidance on implementing President Trump's plans for reorganizing the federal government and reducing the government workforce (the one that lifted the hiring freeze): "EPA is returning to its core statutory mission, and focusing on greater value and results. EPA will partner with the states and tribes to ensure a thoughtful approach is used to maximize resources to protect our air, land, and water. And, we will work with EPA staff to effectively use every taxpayer dollar we are entrusted."	Liz	Staffing	
Regarding TSCA: EPA plans to publish the fees rule in line to meet the schedules determined by Congress through the Lautenberg Chemical Safety Act. Regarding budget: EPA is evaluating different approaches to implementing the President's budget that would allow us to effectively serve the taxpayers and protect the environment. While many in Washington insist on greater spending, EPA is focused on greater value and results. The EPA will partner with the states to ensure a thoughtful approach is used to maximize every dollar to protect our air, land, and water.	Robert	TSCA	children's health office
EPA is stepping up its coordination with states and local authorities to safeguard human health and the environment--including through our regional offices. At this time, we are not announcing any potential closures and are instead focused on getting results and improving conditions for communities affected by Superfund sites like in East Chicago.	JP	R5	

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I'm going to give you a call, but topline point is that this is an unsubstantiated rumor.	JP	R5	
I just called them.	Jahan		
Hi Cassandra – Below, please find a statement that you may attribute to "an EPA spokesperson" about the budget. Thank you. "EPA is evaluating different approaches to implementing the President's budget that would allow us to effectively serve the taxpayers and protect the environment. While many in Washington insist on greater spending, EPA is focused on greater value and results. The EPA will partner with the states to ensure a thoughtful approach is used to maximize every dollar to protect our air, land, and water."	Liz	general	STAR fellowships

I called him back.	Jahan	R9	
Hi Keith - EPA is evaluating different approaches to implementing the President's budget that would allow us to effectively serve the taxpayers and protect the environment. While many in Washington insist on greater spending, EPA is focused on greater value and results. The EPA will partner with the states to ensure a thoughtful approach is used to maximize every dollar to protect our air, land, and water. Thank you, Liz	Liz	Ann Arbor lab	
Barbara Bolling Williams, President of the Indiana NAACP, came to our meeting and was actively engaged in the conversation with the administrator. Overall we spent about three hours in meetings and looking at the site. Forget about the politics. Administrator Pruitt was working for environmental justice by meeting with the real residents affected by lead contamination and by committing to get results.	JP	Staffing	buyouts
Hi Laura -- EPA is evaluating different approaches to implementing the President's budget that would allow us to effectively serve the taxpayers and protect the environment. While many in Washington insist on greater spending, EPA is focused on greater value and results. The EPA will partner with the states to ensure a thoughtful approach is used to maximize every dollar to protect our air, land, and water. Thank you – Liz Bowman, EPA spokesperson.	Liz	SF Bay	
Hi Jack – EPA is not consolidating or closing any offices at this time. This article is inaccurate. Thanks – Liz	Liz	R5	

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Hi Kara -- EPA is evaluating different approaches to implementing the President's budget that would allow us to effectively serve the taxpayers. EPA will partner with the states to ensure a thoughtful approach is used to maximize every dollar to protect our environment. Thank you – Liz	Liz	general	
With apologies for the delay – and for attribution to “an EPA spokesperson,” please: “EPA is evaluating different approaches to implementing the President's budget that would allow us to effectively serve the taxpayers and protect the environment. While many in Washington insist on greater spending, EPA is focused on greater value and results. The EPA will partner with the states to ensure a thoughtful approach is used to maximize every dollar to protect our air, land, and water.”	Robert	OCSPP	
I can handle.	Jahan	R5	
We are not announcing any potential closures and are instead focused on getting results and improving conditions for communities affected by Superfund sites like in East Chicago. Thank you – Liz	Liz	R5	Flint

Thanks for reaching out with this opportunity. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide someone for an interview at this time. Here are some useful links on the building industry and ENERGY STAR: https://www.energystar.gov/buildings/about-us/research-and-reports https://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?fuseaction=home.downloadfile&file=7A2324975BD5DE9E9B7655CAEFE7484CF921A1260195B73641BE6DE4CA0FF3AF7C394F13A85FE4A064068215BA2C30604CFFFBFE8EEA140CAD90C0BDAF5CD025FE9D62EC29338DE80B2FCA0EF08C0D71232417AC89FA100D2278ECF6861E76056F4B6402CD0B87AD6F870BF238D49241366C1996CEADF710C5E89B92EAE72DED2DF26FA72A569DE101A22E95A1714E56&app_code=publications&env_name=other https://www.energystar.gov/buildings/program-administrators/state-and-local-governments/policies	Enesta	Energy Star	
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Hi Trey -- We are still working through future plans for the Energy Star program. EPA will continue to find ways to partner with stakeholders in the private sector to innovate, improve our environment, and strengthen our economy. Thanks – Liz	Liz	Energy Star	
“The new leadership at EPA is currently reviewing pending actions and setting priorities for EPA’s regulatory agenda. More information on the status of regulations related to leaded aviation gasoline will be available as this process continues.”	Christie	PAFI	
“Streamlining and reorganizing is good government and important to maximizing taxpayer dollars. This includes looking at developing opportunities for individuals to retire early. It’s a process that mirrors what the Obama Administration EPA did about four years ago, to ensure that payroll expenses do not overtake funds used for vital programs to protect the environment.”	Liz	Buyouts	numbers eligible for retiremen t

to provide subsidized financing for large dollar-value projects. Because of its low cost and structuring flexibilities, WIFIA has the potential to attract private investment and help communities address the need for increased finance of water infrastructure. EPA estimates that through WIFIA, each dollar in federal funds can stimulate approximately $100 in total infrastructure spending. The WIFIA program was established by the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act of 2014. EPA announced the availability of funds in January 2017. For additional information visit www.epa.gov/wifia EPA will evaluate and select proposed projects described in the LOIs using the selection criteria established in regulation at 40 CFR 35.10055,[1] and further described in the Notice of Funding Availability as well as the WIFIA program handbook. See Section VII of the NOFA, entitled "Selection Process and Criteria" for detailed information on relative weights that will be used in the current LOI submittal period for the selection criteria. It also outlines the process that applicants must follow to be considered for WIFIA credit assistance. SOURCE: https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2017/01/10/2016-31828/notice-of-funding-availability-nofa-for-applications-for-credit-assistance-under-the-water EPA was very pleased to receive letters of interest for a diversity of water and wastewater projects. Many of the projects are to repair, rehabilitate, or replace of treatment plants and pipe systems to update aging infrastructure and resolve public health or environmental violations. In addition, projects for system expansions, desalination, water recycling, and drought mitigation requested WIFIA credit assistance.	Tricia	WIFIA	
Hi Jane – We are still evaluating different approaches to implementing the president's budget that would allow us to effectively serve the taxpayer and protect the environment. As Lincoln explained below, EPA is committed to helping modernize our country's outdated water infrastructure in order to ensure we maintain safe drinking water. Thank you.	Liz	CWA	Puerto Rico

On background, we are not going to share the applicants, so that all have an equal opportunity to apply for the financing. The Water Infrastructure and Finance Innovation Act (WIFIA) program accelerates investment in our nation's water infrastructure by providing long-term, low-cost loans to projects of national and regional significance. Because of its low cost and structuring flexibilities, WIFIA has the potential to attract private investment and help communities address the need for increased finance of water infrastructure. EPA is currently reviewing the 43 letters of interest it received, requesting a total of over $6 billion in credit assistance. Based on this information, EPA will select projects that will receive an invitation to apply for WIFIA. More information on the projects will be available at a later date. EPA is targeting having this initial review done within 90 about days from April 10. For additional information, please visit www.epa.gov/wifia On the record, attributed to Liz Bowman, an EPA spokesperson: EPA is providing solutions to update our nation's water infrastructure – an example of EPA supporting President Trump's vision of investing in our nation's infrastructure. The additional funds will allow us to support even more private investment in our nation's water infrastructure and spur growth across the country.	Enesta	WIFIA	

Message

From: Graham, Amy [graham.amy@epa.gov]
Sent: 5/17/2017 9:15:25 PM
To: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: press

Thanks – waiting to hear back from her.

From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 5:06 PM
To: Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: press

Let me know how I can help you on this. Just catching up on emails from plane.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 17, 2017, at 4:08 PM, Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov> wrote:

> Hi Susan – Congratulations on your nomination. I'm going to take the lead on rounding up surrogate statements. Do you have any contact information for these folks, or can you help point us in the right direction?
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> Thank you,
> Amy
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> **Amy Graham**
> Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Engagement
> U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
> Graham.amy@epa.gov
> 202-564-4464 (office)
> Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) (cell)
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> **From:** Susan Bodine [mailto: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
> **Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2017 2:31 PM
> **To:** Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Freire, JP <Freire.JP@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Palich, Christian <palich.christian@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: press
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> **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**
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> Sent from my iPhone
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> On May 17, 2017, at 12:46 PM, Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov> wrote:
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>> Susan—I have copied our press team so we can coordinate a press strategy from now—hearing—post-hearing—confirmation.

OPA— Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

From: Bodine, Susan (EPW) [mailto:Susan_Bodine@epw.senate.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2017 12:44 PM
To: Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>
Subject: press

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Susan Parker Bodine
Chief Counsel
U .S. Senate Environment & Public Works Committee
410 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
202-224-6176

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To: Freire, JP[Freire.JP@epa.gov]
Cc: Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Ferguson, Lincoln[ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]; Graham, Amy[graham.amy@epa.gov]; Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Wilcox, Jahan[/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=88FD588E97D3405D869BCAE98D391984-WILCOX, JAH]
Sent: Tue 5/16/2017 11:09:02 PM (UTC)
Subject: Re: reporter question

And who cares, for all the times that we have to say no comment, I wouldn't comment about our press strategy to a liberal green blog.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 16, 2017, at 7:07 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

> Since E&E loves to FOIA us it might be nice to remind them that they're a blog too.
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> Sent from my iPhone
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> On May 16, 2017, at 7:04 PM, Freire, JP <Freire.JP@epa.gov> wrote:
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> > Already did that, he wasn't convinced.
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> > ---
> > **From:** Bowman, Liz
> > **Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2017 6:52 PM
> > **To:** Freire, JP <Freire.JP@epa.gov>
> > **Cc:** Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
> > **Subject:** Re: reporter question
> >
> > I wouldn't give an on the record quote, but explain that, as he acknowledges below, Administrator Pruitt has, and continues, to meet with a variety of media outlets, from The New York Times to ABC news, along with regional TV and radio that reach outside the beltway.
> >
> > Sent from my iPhone
> > On May 16, 2017, at 6:19 PM, Freire, JP <Freire.JP@epa.gov> wrote:
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> > > This is just a dumb process story, but before it picks up legs, I suggest this reply.
> > >
> > > ---
> > > **From:** Scott Waldman [mailto:swaldman@eenews.net]
> > > **Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2017 2:19 PM
> > > **To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
> > > **Subject:** reporter question
> > >
> > > Good afternoon. I just spoke with JP about this inquiry. I'm looking at Administrator Pruitt's media appearances since he was criticized for his climate science comments on Squawk Box. He appears to have largely focused on conservative outlets since then (with the exception of ABC), including at least six appearances on Fox and its affiliates, Hugh Hewitt and a local North Dakota blogger. Is this an intentional pattern, is Pruitt avoiding certain outlets? Previous EPA administrators have held regular briefings with a range of reporters, both by conference calls as well as meeting in their office. Is Pruitt going to make himself available to more mainstream media outlets or is he avoiding them for any particular reason?

Thanks,

Scott Waldman
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E&E News/Climatewire
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Message

From: Fonseca, Silvina [Fonseca.Silvina@epa.gov]
Sent: 5/5/2017 10:23:16 PM
To: Sowell, Sarah [Sowell.Sarah@epa.gov]
CC: Reeder, John [Reeder.John@epa.gov]; Flynn, Mike [Flynn.Mike@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Hull, George [Hull.George@epa.gov]; Vizian, Donna [Vizian.Donna@epa.gov]; Freire, JP [Freire.JP@epa.gov]; Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Next week's Senior Leader message -- coordination

Hi Susan I reviewed it and it looks good.

Silvina

Sent from my iPhone

On May 5, 2017, at 5:03 PM, Sowell, Sarah <Sowell.Sarah@epa.gov> wrote:

Folks,

Attached is the draft of a proposed Senior Leadership Message from the Administrator about Public Service Recognition Week and EPA's Sammie Award finalists. I believe completes step 2 of the process outlined in John's message below. Pending your comments/approval **this evening**, Mike or John will secure Ryan's approval to publish this internally on Monday (5/8).

Thanks,
Sarah

Sarah N. Sowell, Director, Office of Internal Communications
Office of Public Affaris
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency / OPA/OIC
William Jefferson Clinton Bldg/North, Room 2502-L / MC 1701-A
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Washington, DC 20460

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From: Reeder, John
Sent: Friday, May 5, 2017 12:48 PM
To: Flynn, Mike <Flynn.Mike@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Sowell, Sarah <Sowell.Sarah@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; Fonseca, Silvina <Fonseca.Silvina@epa.gov>; Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>
Subject: Next week's Senior Leader message -- coordination

Hi Mike and team,

To ensure coordination, I'm including several cc's here.

I spoke with Donna about the concept that Mike and I talked about this AM. That is...for MONDAY's Senior Leader message, the Administrator would talk about Public Service Recognition Week, **and also highlight EPA's two Sammie award winners.**

Donna spoke with Ryan just now, AND RYAN APPROVED THE CONCEPT!

Proposed NEXT STEPS

1. Sarah/OIC will redraft the current Senior Leader message from Scott Pruitt to **include highlighting EPA's two Sammie winners**;
2. OIC will circulate to the people on this note for review;
3. After that review, send final draft to me & Mike. George/Nancy give JP a heads up (let him know we're doing this per Ryan, in case Ryan wants to talk it over with him);
4. Mike or I will secure Ryan's approval
5. Then back to OIC for posting Monday

ALL OF THIS IS CLOSE HOLD...ESP Sammie winners – totally embargoed.

Thank you all,

JReeder
202 564 6082 (direct)

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Message

From: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Sent: 5/25/2017 12:17:19 PM
To: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]; Milbourn, Cathy [Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Lowery, Brigid [Lowery.Brigid@epa.gov]; Taylor, Trish [Taylor.Trish@epa.gov]; Sutton, Amanda [Sutton.Amanda@epa.gov]; Richardson, RobinH [Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]; Snyder, Raquel [Snyder.Raquel@epa.gov]; Levine, Carolyn [Levine.Carolyn@epa.gov]; Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Graham, Amy [graham.amy@epa.gov]; Ferguson, Lincoln [ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]; Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Subject: Regional Brownfields rollout plans
Attachments: Document1 (006).docx

Please see attached for each region's plans for 5/31.

Thanks ng

Message

From: StClair, Christie [StClair.Christie@epa.gov]
Sent: 11/8/2017 7:16:19 PM
To: Hill, Angela [angela.hill@scripps.com]
CC: Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Scripps News Request//Groundwater and MNA

Hi Angela,

Please attribute to an agency spokesperson.

We would first direct you to the EPA website for additional information. The web page, "Search for Superfund Decision Documents," includes Records of Decision (ROD), ROD Amendments, Explanations of Significant Differences (ESD), along with other associated memos and files. A column-sortable, text-searchable table provides access to full ROD documents for Superfund sites and many of the existing ROD Amendments and ESDs. This should provide information on Monitored Natural Attenuation and contaminants at the specific sites she listed. The link to the web page follows.
https://www.epa.gov/superfund/search-superfund-decision-documents

For site-specific questions related to how the data on the spreadsheet compares to information in the Site Profiles, we suggest you reach out to the EPA Regional Public Affairs Offices for the Regions in which the sites are located (the Regional map is on the EPA website). Regional project managers provide regulatory oversight for federal facility cleanup and are most familiar with the sites. The project managers also update the information in the Site Profiles.

Thanks,
Christie

From: Hill, Angela [mailto:angela.hill@scripps.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 08, 2017 10:13 AM
To: StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Scripps News Request//Groundwater and MNA

Hi Christie,
Hope this note finds you well.
Following up --- Are your colleagues available to speak with us by Friday regarding our request?

Thanks,
Angela M. Hill
National Investigative Producer
Scripps News Washington Bureau
202.408.2728 o | Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) c | @AngelaMHill

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From: Hill, Angela
Sent: Wednesday, November 01, 2017 4:05 PM
To: StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Scripps News Request//Groundwater and MNA

Hi Christie,
I appreciate you passing along my email and look forward to hearing back from you.

Thanks for the heads up on your schedule. Hope you feel better.

Thanks,
~Angela

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 1, 2017, at 3:53 PM, StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov> wrote:

> Hi Angela,
>
> Thanks for your email. I've shared it with the federal facilities team and will let you know how they'd like to proceed.
>
> FYI I'm here tomorrow but taking a sick day Friday. Should you need to reach us on Friday, your best bet is to email press@epa.gov, and one of my colleagues will get right back to you.
>
> Best,
> Christie
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> **From:** Hill, Angela [mailto:angela.hill@scripps.com]
> **Sent:** Wednesday, November 01, 2017 1:49 PM
> **To:** StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: Scripps News Request//Groundwater and MNA
>
> Hi Christie,
> Again, thank you for the information you have provided so far. There is no doubt it is helpful towards getting us part of the way there! Interestingly, reviewing the info you've provided has raised some new questions. I continue to write in the spirit of working with the EPA in good faith with the purpose of making sure we're understanding the information so that we can accurately report it.
>
> When reviewing and analyzing data, it's our standard practice to engage with the federal agency, just to fact-check what data fields are available, and importantly, what they stand for—and what they do not. In doing so, and as I've done, our standard operating procedure is to tell agencies we **are not looking to quote anyone for attribution**. This is to ensure a safe conversation where we can simply understand the data. And so I'm appreciative of your willingness to continue to engage!
>
> While I continue to wonder if it might be most efficient for me to hop on the line with you, and a subject matter expert, I also want to respect everyone's time. So, I've taken the time to write out a number of questions/ discrepancies I seem to be seeing in the data from one part of what EPA makes available, and the data from the other links you've sent along. It's not my intention to overwhelm you with these questions – again, I just want to make sure I'm clear on the information.
>
> I'm providing several specific examples with hopes that you'll see we're truly spending the time on our end doing homework. We always seek to be responsible in how we engage with agencies like the EPA and hope they would provide us the guidance to help us get the most accurate information to the public. Again, this is NOT for quoting. We just want to understand how the data sets play and merge with each other, how they don't, and where certain information is best stored. If we need quotes from EPA on the record, I promise, we'll come back to you at a later time.
>
> While I'd propose a conversation scheduled for a limited amount of time would be the best and fastest way to help move us forward from here (that way, your SMEs would not have to take time to write out answers to everything here), I'll defer to you on the best way to handle.

A bit more detail: I reviewed the links you sent in your last email. I've copied below a few examples of sites where MNA is indicated at an Operable Unit, based on what you've sent me. However, for these and other sites where MNA is indicated, as you'll see it doesn't appear to identify the actual contaminant(s) for which MNA is being used on. I've provided links to the "cleanup activities operable units page" for the examples below. Because sites, and operable units can have multiple contaminants, and even multiple technical solutions, based on what you've sent so far, it's not clear what solutions are applied to which specific contaminants. In some cases, there are four or five solutions listed—and more than a dozen contaminants. It leaves one wondering—do all five solutions gets applied to all 12 contaminants at an operable unit? Or- does MNA apply to only 1 or 2 of the contaminants, while the other four listed solutions apply to other specific contaminants?

I'd appreciate your help in identifying a data table/data source where it identifies which contaminants MNA is being used for. It would be helpful to have this information for each of the sites in the database that indicates MNA. Again, these sites listed below are just examples and we're hoping to use them to spur conversation that can lead us toward a better understanding of which specific technical solutions are applied to which specific contaminants *within* an operable unit:

CAMP LEJEUNE MILITARY RES. (USNAVY)
ONSLOW COUNTY, NC
Operable Units: 07, 11, 17, 22
https://cumulis.epa.gov/supercpad/SiteProfiles/index.cfm?fuseaction=second.ous&id=0403185[cumulis.epa.gov]
Question: For the operable units where MNA is used, for which contaminant(s) is it being used for?

NEWPORT NAVAL EDUCATION & TRAINING CENTER
NEWPORT, RI
Operable Units: 07
https://cumulis.epa.gov/supercpad/SiteProfiles/index.cfm?fuseaction=second.ous&id=0101431[cumulis.epa.gov]
Question: For the operable unit where MNA is used, for which contaminant(s) is it being used for?

HANFORD 300-AREA (USDOE)
BENTON COUNTY, WA
Operable Units: 02
https://cumulis.epa.gov/supercpad/SiteProfiles/index.cfm?fuseaction=second.ous&id=1001111[cumulis.epa.gov]
Question: For the operable units where MNA is used, for which contaminant(s) is it being used for?

Lastly, using the 2014 Data of the Federal Facility NPL Remedial Decisions you directed me to, I've made the following observations and appreciate your assistance in answering the questions noted below:

2014 DATA

Federal Facility NPL Remedial Decisions: RODs, ROD Amendments and ESDs per Fiscal Year (FY 1983 – 2014)

I clicked on 2014

And sorted by California and Groundwater

https://ofmpub.epa.gov/apex/ffcc/f?p=FFCC:38:::::P38_YEAR:2014[ofmpub.epa.gov]

Identified **MOFFETT FIELD NAVAL AIR STATION, MOFFETT FIELD, CA**

The column "Media" indicated Groundwater

The column "Remedies" includes the following:
Bioremediation (anaerobic, insitu), Bioremediation (bioaugmentation, insitu), ESD/Amd - ICs - Implement or Change, ESD/Amd - Remedy Component Removal, Institutional Controls,Monitored Natural Attenuation

When I click on Moffett Naval Air > Cleanup Activities > Operable Units
https://cumulis.epa.gov/supercpad/SiteProfiles/index.cfm?fuseaction=second.ous&id=0902734[cumulis.epa.gov]

Under the column "Cleanup Technologies Selected in the Decision Document," MNA is not listed for any of the operable units.

QUESTIONS:

Why is MNA listed in the Remedies column here:
https://ofmpub.epa.gov/apex/ffcc/f?p=FFCC:38:::::P38_YEAR:2014[ofmpub.epa.gov]

But not here:
https://cumulis.epa.gov/supercpad/SiteProfiles/index.cfm?fuseaction=second.ous&id=0902734[cumulis.epa.gov]

Federal Facility NPL Remedial Decisions: RODs, ROD Amendments and ESDs per Fiscal Year (FY 1983 – 2014)

I clicked on 2014

I sorted by Pennsylvania and Groundwater

https://ofmpub.epa.gov/apex/ffcc/f?p=FFCC:38:::::P38_YEAR:2014[ofmpub.epa.gov]

Identified **LETTERKENNY ARMY DEPOT, PA**

The column "Media" indicated Groundwater

The column "Remedies" includes the following:
Institutional Controls, Monitored Natural Attenuation

When I click on Letterkenny Army Depot > Cleanup Activities > Operable Units
https://cumulis.epa.gov/supercpad/SiteProfiles/index.cfm?fuseaction=second.ous&id=0302458[cumulis.epa.gov]

Under the column "Cleanup Technologies Selected in the Decision Document," MNA is not listed for any of the operable units.

QUESTIONS:

Why is MNA listed in the Remedies column here:
https://ofmpub.epa.gov/apex/ffcc/f?p=FFCC:38:::::P38_YEAR:2014[ofmpub.epa.gov]

But not here?:
https://cumulis.epa.gov/supercpad/SiteProfiles/index.cfm?fuseaction=second.ous&id=0302458[cumulis.epa.gov]

Federal Facility NPL Remedial Decisions: RODs, ROD Amendments and ESDs per Fiscal Year (FY 1983 – 2014)

I clicked on 2014

Sorted by Rhode Island and Groundwater

https://ofmpub.epa.gov/apex/ffcc/f?p=FFCC:38:::::P38_YEAR:2014[ofmpub.epa.gov]

Identified **DAVISVILLE NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION CENTER, RI**

The column "Media" indicated Groundwater

The column "Remedies" includes the following:
Institutional Controls, Monitored Natural Attenuation

When I click on Davisville Naval Construction Battalion Center > Cleanup Activities > Operable Units
https://cumulis.epa.gov/supercpad/SiteProfiles/index.cfm?fuseaction=second.ous&id=0101430[cumulis.epa.gov]

Under the column "Cleanup Technologies Selected in the Decision Document," Monitored Natural Attenuation (MNA) is not listed for any of the operable units.

QUESTIONS:

Why is MNA listed in the Remedies column here:
https://ofmpub.epa.gov/apex/ffcc/f?p=FFCC:38:::::P38_YEAR:2014[ofmpub.epa.gov]

But not here?:
https://cumulis.epa.gov/supercpad/SiteProfiles/index.cfm?fuseaction=second.ous&id=0101430[cumulis.epa.gov]

Federal Facility NPL Remedial Decisions: RODs, ROD Amendments and ESDs per Fiscal Year (FY 1983 – 2014)

I clicked on 2014

Sorted by Virginia and Groundwater

https://ofmpub.epa.gov/apex/ffcc/f?p=FFCC:38:::::P38_YEAR:2014[ofmpub.epa.gov]

Identified **MARINE CORPS COMBAT DEVELOPMENT COMMAND, VA**
The column "Media" indicated Groundwater
The column "Remedies" includes the following:
Institutional Controls, Monitored Natural Attenuation

When I click on Marine Corps Combat Development Command > Cleanup Activities > Operable Units
https://cumulis.epa.gov/supercpad/SiteProfiles/index.cfm?fuseaction=second.ous&id=0302840[cumulis.epa.gov]

Under the column "Cleanup Technologies Selected in the Decision Document," Monitored Natural Attenuation (MNA) is not listed for any of the operable units.

QUESTIONS:

Why is MNA listed in the Remedies column here:
https://ofmpub.epa.gov/apex/ffcc/f?p=FFCC:38:::::P38_YEAR:2014[ofmpub.epa.gov]

But not here?:
https://cumulis.epa.gov/supercpad/SiteProfiles/index.cfm?fuseaction=second.ous&id=0302840[cumulis.epa.gov]

Federal Facility NPL Remedial Decisions: RODs, ROD Amendments and ESDs per Fiscal Year (FY 1983 – 2014)

I clicked on 2014

Sorted by Washington and Groundwater

https://ofmpub.epa.gov/apex/ffcc/f?p=FFCC:38:::::P38_YEAR:2014[ofmpub.epa.gov]

Identified **HANFORD 100 - AREA (USDOE), WA**
The column "Media" indicated Groundwater
The column "Remedies" includes the following:
Institutional Controls, Monitored Natural Attenuation

When I click on Hanford 100-Area (USDOE) > Cleanup Activities > Operable Units
https://cumulis.epa.gov/supercpad/SiteProfiles/index.cfm?fuseaction=second.ous&id=1001114[cumulis.epa.gov]

Under the column "Cleanup Technologies Selected in the Decision Document," Monitored Natural Attenuation (MNA) is not listed for any of the operable units.

QUESTIONS:

Why is MNA listed in the Remedies column here:
https://ofmpub.epa.gov/apex/ffcc/f?p=FFCC:38:::::P38_YEAR:2014[ofmpub.epa.gov]

But not here?:
https://cumulis.epa.gov/supercpad/SiteProfiles/index.cfm?fuseaction=second.ous&id=1001114[cumulis.epa.gov]

Thank you for your assistance. It would be helpful to receive a response to my inquiries by **Friday, November 3, 2017** with my preference being an opportunity to speak with someone.

Regards,
Angela M. Hill
National Investigative Producer
Scripps News Washington Bureau
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From: Hill, Angela
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2017 1:41:02 PM
To: StClair, Christie
Subject: RE: Scripps News Request//Groundwater and MNA

Hi Christie,
I'm not looking for anything from you at this time. However, as I mentioned, I'll likely circle back to you once I've finished reviewing the information you provided.

Thank you,
Angela M. Hill
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From: StClair, Christie [mailto:StClair.Christie@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2017 11:31 AM
To: Hill, Angela <angela.hill@scripps.com>
Subject: RE: Scripps News Request//Groundwater and MNA

Hi Angela, we have nothing further to add at this time.

Christie

From: Hill, Angela [mailto:angela.hill@scripps.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2017 10:00 AM
To: StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Scripps News Request//Groundwater and MNA

Good morning Christie, Thanks for the additional information — it's helpful.

As a point of clarification, at this time we are simply looking to understand the data sets. We are not looking for attributions or to quote anyone.

I've spent some time reviewing the data and will continue to do so today. While I'm open to submitting follow-up questions in writing, given the nuances of the data, potential complexities and our deadline, I believe it would be beneficial to us and I suspect more efficient for you and your team to have a brief conversation at some point if we find we have outstanding questions versus back and forth emails that could take days before reaching a consensus of understanding. And that conversation could be on background. Again, our foremost priority at this juncture is obtaining clarity on the data/information.

I'm working away from the office today but hope to complete review of the information sometime tomorrow.

I greatly appreciate your assistance in moving this process along.

Regards,

~Angela

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 25, 2017, at 2:57 PM, StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov> wrote:

> Angela, please attribute to an agency spokesperson.
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> We would direct you to information already available on our website.
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> Below are specific instructions for accessing the information.
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> - The information is available on our FedFacts Dashboard which can be found at the following link: https://ofmpub.epa.gov/apex/ffcc/f?p=111:1[ofmpub.epa.gov]::::::
> - Once you navigate to the link, scroll to the bottom chart titled, "Federal Facility NPL Remedial Decisions: RODs, ROD Amendments and ESDs per Fiscal Year".
> - Once you navigate to the chart, please click the FY that you are interested in. This will drill down to the details of that particular FY.
> - From there you will be able to search and sort by Site, Region or even Media, such as groundwater. You can also type in specific criteria you are interested in searching such as 'Monitored Natural Attenuation.'
> - Once you have the information you need filtered, you can click the "Actions" button and then click "download" to export the dataset.
>
> Regarding the codes you asked about - The OU and Action Code ID demonstrate to the user that the Remedy displayed has more than 1 component or media and is part of the same overall remedy. If you come back with additional questions after reviewing the information on our website, we would be happy to respond in writing.
>
> Thanks,
> Christie

From: Hill, Angela [mailto:angela.hill@scripps.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 10:31 AM
To: StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Scripps News Request//Groundwater and MNA

Good morning Christie, Thanks for following up with your colleagues. Your earlier response seemed to imply they would be available this week since they were out last week. Nonetheless, it's been a week since my initial request. I'd hope we could briefly speak with someone involved with developing the dataset or be redirected to another team who could assist — or at the minimum get an idea of how long it might be before we could speak with someone.

I have a deadline of this Friday.

Again, I'm not trying to be a pest but simply looking for the agency's explanation/guidance of these public data sets.

I appreciate your assistance and hope your colleagues will be available to speak soon.

Best,
~Angela

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 25, 2017, at 8:32 AM, StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov> wrote:

> Angela, I said that they MIGHT. I've not yet heard back from the experts about their availability. I'll ping them again.
>
> Christie
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> On Oct 24, 2017, at 5:16 PM, Hill, Angela <angela.hill@scripps.com> wrote:
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> > Christie,
> > I appreciate the update. Last week you indicated your colleagues would be able to speak this week. Can you give me a sense of what might be causing the delay and when this week they might be available?
> >
> > Thanks,
> > Angela M. Hill
> > National Investigative Producer
> > Scripps News Washington Bureau
> > 202.408.2728 o | Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) c | @AngelaMHill

From: StClair, Christie [mailto:StClair.Christie@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 4:58 PM
To: Hill, Angela <angela.hill@scripps.com>
Subject: RE: Scripps News Request//Groundwater and MNA

Angela, I'm sorry but I don't have anything to share yet.

From: Hill, Angela [mailto:angela.hill@scripps.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 4:56 PM
To: StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Scripps News Request//Groundwater and MNA

Hi Christie,
Just checking in to see where things stand.
I don't mean to be a bother but understanding the data fields is key and we're on a bit of a tight timeline.
I'm out of the office most of the day tomorrow with intermittent access to email after 10 am. However, if one of your colleagues is available, my co-reporting colleague could also take the call.

Thanks,
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From: Hill, Angela
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 11:11 AM
To: 'StClair, Christie' <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Scripps News Request//Groundwater and MNA

Christie, I'm so sorry for mixing up your name -- please accept my apology.
Thanks – I appreciate your assistance.

Regards,
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From: StClair, Christie [mailto:StClair.Christie@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 11:07 AM
To: Hill, Angela <angela.hill@scripps.com>
Subject: RE: Scripps News Request//Groundwater and MNA

Hi Angela – my name is Christie, actually, but the last name gets a lot of folks confused.

I'm actually checking in on this as we speak. I'll let you know as soon as I hear something.

From: Hill, Angela [mailto:angela.hill@scripps.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 11:05 AM
To: StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Scripps News Request//Groundwater and MNA

Hi Claire,
Touching base – is someone available to speak with us today about the Superfund Data Report and Remedy Decision documents we discussed last week?

https://www.epa.gov/superfund/superfund-data-and-reports[epa.gov]

IC/EC IN REMEDY DECISION DOCUMENTS, DATA AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2013 (XLS)[semspub.epa.gov](1 pp, 2.4 MB, About PDF)[epa.gov]

LIST 10 - CONTAMINANTS AT CERCLIS SITES (WITH .XLS ATTACHED)[semspub.epa.gov](4610 pp, 25.8 MB, About PDF)[epa.gov]

Thanks,
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From: Hill, Angela
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2017 3:39 PM
To: 'StClair, Christie' <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Scripps News Request//Groundwater and MNA

I appreciate your help -- understanding the data is key to us moving forward on the story.

Regards,
Angela M. Hill

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From: StClair, Christie [mailto:StClair.Christie@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 19, 2017 2:54 PM
To: Hill, Angela <angela.hill@scripps.com>
Subject: Re: Scripps News Request//Groundwater and MNA

I'll let them know but can't promise anything.

On Oct 19, 2017, at 2:47 PM, Hill, Angela <angela.hill@scripps.com> wrote:

> Christie, Thanks for the update. I'd appreciate your help in scheduling a call with them on Monday or Tuesday of next week if at all possible.
>
> Thanks,
> Angela M. Hill
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> **From:** StClair, Christie [mailto:StClair.Christie@epa.gov]
> **Sent:** Thursday, October 19, 2017 1:22 PM
> **To:** Hill, Angela <angela.hill@scripps.com>
> **Subject:** RE: Scripps News Request//Groundwater and MNA
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> Angela, the two people who could help are on leave this week, so I don't think we can do much to help until next week.
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> **From:** Hill, Angela [mailto:angela.hill@scripps.com]
> **Sent:** Thursday, October 19, 2017 1:03 PM
> **To:** StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: Scripps News Request//Groundwater and MNA

Hi Christie,
Touching base – any chance we'll be able to speak with one of your colleagues today? I'm out of the office tomorrow so was hoping we could have a brief chat today.

Thanks,
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From: Hill, Angela
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 5:14 PM
To: 'StClair, Christie' <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Scripps News Request//Groundwater and MNA

Hi Christie,
Perhaps one of your colleagues who deals in the technical can have a brief chat with us sometime tomorrow. It's a bit much to elaborate in writing. We're trying to get clarification on what some of the codes in the "Remedy Decision Documents…" spreadsheet and "Contaminants at CERCLIS sites" pdf mean and how they may compliment one another.

In the spreadsheet, it's unclear how they OU_ID codes relate to the column marked "RMedia_Desc; when "natural attenuation" is noted, it's not clear what contaminants are present; and I'd also like guidance on what "ACT_ACTL_CMPLTN_DATE" and ACT_CURR_PLN_CMPLTN_DATE" mean.

These are a few examples of the items we'd like clarification on – which is why it may be more expedient to chat. I'm sure we can keep it brief. And it might also inform my initial request to you. The data in the spreadsheet in my last

email is from 2013 and per my request we'd want the most recent data points.

Again, I appreciate your assistance.

Thanks,
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@AngelaMHill

From: StClair, Christie [mailto:StClair.Christie@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 4:44 PM
To: Hill, Angela <angela.hill@scripps.com>
Subject: RE: Scripps News Request//Groundwater and MNA

Angela, I'm not a technical expert. Can you elaborate in writing, and I'll pass it along?

From: Hill, Angela [mailto:angela.hill@scripps.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 4:15 PM
To: StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Scripps News Request//Groundwater and MNA

Hi Christie,
We did a bit more digging on the EPA site and came across the information below that might be helpful to my request.

Do you have a few minutes now to chat with me and my colleague? I want to make sure we understand the data; it may lead to an adjustment to my initial request.

https://www.epa.gov/superfund/superfund-data-and-reports[epa.gov]

IC/EC IN REMEDY DECISION DOCUMENTS, DATA AS OF SEPTEMBER

30, 2013 (XLS)[semspub.epa.gov](1 pp, 2.4 MB, About PDF)[epa.gov]

LIST 10 - CONTAMINANTS AT CERCLIS SITES (WITH .XLS ATTACHED)[semspub.epa.gov](4610 pp, 25.8 MB, About PDF)[epa.gov]

Thanks,
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From: Hill, Angela
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 1:08 PM
To: 'StClair.Christie@epa.gov' <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Scripps News Request//Groundwater and MNA

Hi Christie,
Thanks for the quick response – nice chatting with you.
Per our conversation, these are the fields I'm requesting for MNA remedies:

? State
? Site Name
? EPA region
? Operable Unit
? EPA ID
? Document Type
? Decision Document Date
? Groundwater Remedies (in the event it's MNA in addition to something else)
? Status on NPL (active, completed, removed, etc.)

Many thanks!

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From: Hill, Angela
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 12:57 PM
To: 'StClair.Christie@epa.gov' <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Scripps News Request//Groundwater and MNA

Superfund Decision Documents.

https://19january2017snapshot.epa.gov/superfund/search-superfund-decision-documents_.html[19january2017snapshot.epa.gov]

From: Hill, Angela
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 12:52 PM
To: 'StClair.Christie@epa.gov' <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Scripps News Request//Groundwater and MNA

Christie -- Apologies for the mis-identifying you as "Christine."

From: Hill, Angela
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 12:50 PM
To: 'StClair.Christie@epa.gov' <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>
Subject: Scripps News Request//Groundwater and MNA

Hi Christine,
I hope this note finds you well. I'm researching groundwater contamination and Superfund sites listed on the National Priorities List. Your colleague Enesta Jones suggested I contact you.

I'd like to speak with you about obtaining an excel spreadsheet list of all current Department of Defense military bases where Monitored Natural Attenuation (MNA) was designated the remedy of choice for Groundwater Remedies Selected in Decision

Documents. (An example of what I'm requesting is noted in this Superfund Remedy Report 15th edition -- as noted in Appendix G beginning on page 154 https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-09/documents/100000349.pdf[epa.gov]).

I'd appreciate a return call to further discuss my request.

Many thanks,

Angela M. Hill
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Message

From: Dennis, Allison [Dennis.Allison@epa.gov]
Sent: 10/10/2019 7:52:15 PM
To: Drinkard, Andrea [Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: WIFIA Round 3 announcement

Any updates here? Off to get lunch and pump

From: Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2019 2:31 PM
To: Berckes, Nicole <Berckes.Nicole@epa.gov>
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+ Elizabeth Skane, who will also be working on Congressional notifications for this announcement. OCIR plans to reach out to Hill committees mentioned, as well as the DC offices of U.S. Senators and Representatives with projects in their districts.

Let us know if any questions.

Best,
Nicole

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Subject: RE: Inside EPA (DDL ASAP): Regional haze
Attachments: Alaska Petition for Reconsideration of RH Rule Revisions.pdf; SPS, Entergy, Cleco Petition for Reconsideration of RH Rule Revisions.pdf; UARG Petition for Reconsideration of RH Rule Revisions.pdf

We finally heard back from OGC and they are fine with the response since the petitions are part of the public record. Although we do not post the petitions, they said we could send them as attachments (if Liz feels strongly about including them with the response).

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Okay. Let us know if we can definitively tell Liz that we don't typically publish petitions from outside parties, and that these have not been published online.

Christie

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Petitions from outside parties aren't published in the FR.

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On Mar 31, 2017, at 11:46 AM, StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov> wrote:

She was hoping there is a link to the petitions in the FR or something.

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A link for background? Or a link to the petitions? If the latter, I'm not sue if we post this type of petition. Kristen, do you know and did you hear back from OGC?

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> There were three administrative petitions filed to reconsider the 2017 Regional Haze Rule. Reconsideration petitions on the 2017 Regional Haze Rule revisions were filed by 1) State of Alaska; 2) Southwestern Public Service Company, Entergy Services, Inc., and Cleco Power LLC; 3) UARG (Utility Air Regulatory Group).

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From: Drinkard, Andrea
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2017 1:48 PM
To: StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>; Welderufael, Miriam <welderufael.miriam@epa.gov>
Cc: Bremer, Kristen <Bremer.Kristen@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Inside EPA (DDL ASAP): Regional haze

Adding Kristen.

From: StClair, Christie
Sent: Thursday, March 30, 2017 1:23 PM
To: Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; Welderufael, Miriam <welderufael.miriam@epa.gov>
Subject: Inside EPA (DDL ASAP): Regional haze

Thanks in advance for getting this to the right team! - Christie

Inside EPA
Stuart Parker
Deadline ASAP

Can you please tell me if any parties have filed petitions for administrative reconsideration of EPA's regional haze rule? There are multiple lawsuits, led by Texas, but I would like to know if any administrative petitions were filed in parallel,

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Message

From: Goodloe, Shantae M [Shantae.M.Goodloe@hud.gov]
Sent: 6/17/2019 8:53:46 PM
To: Drinkard, Andrea [Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Lead Dust Rule Press Events Regional Request

I think this will do it! Thanks so much!!!

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From: Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2019 4:51:23 PM
To: Goodloe, Shantae M
Subject: Re: Lead Dust Rule Press Events Regional Request

Let me know if what I sent will work or if you need more. It sounds like we don't have anything on paper beyond the Q&A, at least is a succinct format. Thanks!

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> Shantae
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Where: Please call: 866-299-3188; conference #: 2025645075

As discussed. Thank you, HUD Team!

Veronica

Message

From: Strauss, Linda [Strauss.Linda@epa.gov]
Sent: 6/17/2019 8:34:08 PM
To: Drinkard, Andrea [Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Lead Dust Rule Press Events Regional Request

OK, you'll ask her? Thanks.

From: Drinkard, Andrea
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2019 4:24 PM
To: Strauss, Linda <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Lead Dust Rule Press Events Regional Request

I don't know whether she needs more, let's hold until she gets back to us.

On Jun 17, 2019, at 4:23 PM, Strauss, Linda <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov> wrote:

> Does this do it for her – or does she need more, and if so, do you have a sense of what?
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> Linda
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> **From:** Drinkard, Andrea
> **Sent:** Monday, June 17, 2019 4:20 PM
> **To:** Goodloe, Shantae M <Shantae.M.Goodloe@hud.gov>
> **Cc:** Friedman, Warren <Warren.Friedman@hud.gov>; Miller, Michelle M <Michelle.M.Miller@hud.gov>; Strauss, Linda <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov>
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>
> Here is the Q&A we have on it, I'm adding Linda from OCSPP to see if there's anything more extensive on the issue:
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>
> **Answer:** While EPA is not proposing to change the clearance standards today, EPA does intend to review the clearance levels at a later date. EPA has initiated action on this issue under a separate rulemaking, entitled "Review of Post-Abatement Clearance Levels for Dust-lead" (RIN 2070-AK50), as noted in the Spring 2019 Unified Agenda of Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions.
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Where: Please call Ex. 6

As discussed. Thank you, HUD Team!

Veronica

Message

From: Hage, Christopher [hage.christopher@epa.gov]
Sent: 6/14/2019 7:25:05 PM
To: Ebbert, Laura [Ebbert.Laura@epa.gov]
CC: Drinkard, Andrea [Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov]; Glenn, William [Glenn.William@epa.gov]; Calvino, Maria Soledad [Calvino.Maria@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Notes from this morning's PADs call. Action needed re HUD event!!

Done.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 14, 2019, at 12:03 PM, Ebbert, Laura <Ebbert.Laura@epa.gov> wrote:

> Sounds great, thanks for the flexibility!
>
> **Chris**, please circle back with HUD and let them know: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
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>
> Laura Ebbert
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> **Subject:** RE: Notes from this morning's PADs call. Action needed re HUD event!!
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> Thanks, Laura. Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
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> **From:** Ebbert, Laura
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> **To:** Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
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> LE
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Two of the HUD folks are unavailable on the 21st.
A third might be free, but that isn't even known at this time.

From: Ebbert, Laura
Sent: Friday, June 14, 2019 10:09 AM
To: Calvino, Maria Soledad <Calvino.Maria@epa.gov>; Glenn, William <Glenn.William@epa.gov>; Yogi, David <Yogi.David@epa.gov>; Hage, Christopher <hage.christopher@epa.gov>
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OK, I think Chris has info! If not, perhaps he can connect with Charles.

I'll send a note about Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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From: Calvino, Maria Soledad
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Hi Laura,
I have not had any contact with HUD, so I wouldn't know who to reach out to. **--Chris, I'm hoping you can check on this?** Otherwise, maybe Adrienne Priselac knows someone there? I'm not sure who's been coordinating with HUD until now.

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Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) **Sole or Chris, can one of you inquire with HUD and let me know by 1pm?**

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) – do we need HQ to Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) **She didn't say what date it's currently down for, and I don't see it on her list of upcoming comms – help?!). I said we'd get back to her if it needs to be moved.**

LE

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Message

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Sent: 7/1/2019 4:38:36 PM
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Subject: Fwd: For OPA and OCIR review & approval: WA WQS Comms Plan

See background section below

From: Dennis, Allison
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2019 11:02 AM
To: Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Carter, Brittany S. <carter.brittanys@epa.gov>; Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>
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All, the Regional Administrator will sign this action today. We are looking at kicking our rollout plan (see below and attached for reference) into gear starting at **3 pm eastern** (Noon pacific) where head's up calls will take place between 3 -4 pm eastern. OW will add the signed decision doc to its website at 4 pm. Let me know if you have any concerns with this plan. -Allison

Rollout Plan for Today (Day of Signature):

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DELIBERATIVE

Attached is the updated comms plan for the WA water quality standards (human health criteria) decision. We expect Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Attached is the comms strategy with proposed holding statement The comms plan was reviewed and approved by R10 and Dave and Anna. For your awareness, the Administrator received a letter yesterday from WA State (Ecology) on this issue as well as a letter from state's attorney general today (both attached).

As far as press strategy we are recommending Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Let's chat! -Allison

Allison Dennis

Acting Communications Director

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Cc: Holsman, Marianne <Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov>; Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>; Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
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Hi John,

Do you have a final statement?

Our folks are doing stakeholder notifications and I want to be sure we have your latest.

Thanks!

Suzanne

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Hold. Statement is not approved yet. Also, can R10 route all inquiries on this topic through HQ via press@epa.gov? Thank you!

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Hi Allison,

As discussed, we have one media inquiry already, from Bloomberg, Paul Shukovsky, Pshukovsky@bloomberglaw.com.

Could you please send him the statement after the web post is live?

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To: Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Carter, Brittany S. <carter.brittanys@epa.gov>; Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>
Cc: Fotouhi, David <Fotouhi.David@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; Kaiser, Sven-Erik <Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov>; Borum, Denis <Borum.Denis@epa.gov>; Bowles, Jack <Bowles.Jack@epa.gov>; Hannon, Arnita <Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov>; Holsman, Marianne <Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov>; Skadowski, Suzanne <Skadowski.Suzanne@epa.gov>; Spraul, Greg <Spraul.Greg@epa.gov>; Risley, David <Risley.David@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: For OPA and OCIR review & approval: WA WQS Comms Plan
Importance: High

All, the Regional Administrator will sign this action today. We are looking at kicking our rollout plan (see below and attached for reference) into gear starting at **3 pm eastern** (Noon pacific) where head's up calls will take place between 3 - 4 pm eastern. OW will add the signed decision doc to its website at 4 pm. Let me know if you have any concerns with this plan. -Allison

Rollout Plan for Today (Day of Signature):

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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From: Dennis, Allison
Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2019 5:29 PM
To: Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Carter, Brittany S. <carter.brittanys@epa.gov>
Cc: Fotouhi, David <fotouhi.david@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; Kaiser, Sven-Erik <Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov>; Borum, Denis <Borum.Denis@epa.gov>; Bowles, Jack <Bowles.Jack@epa.gov>; Hannon, Arnita <Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov>; Holsman, Marianne <Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov>
Subject: For OPA and OCIR review & approval: WA WQS Comms Plan

DELIBERATIVE

Attached is the updated comms plan for the WA water quality standards (human health criteria) decision. We expect Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Attached is the comms strategy with proposed holding statement The comms plan was reviewed and approved by R10 and Dave and Anna. For your awareness, the Administrator received a letter yesterday from WA State (Ecology) on this issue as well as a letter from state's attorney general today (both attached).

As far as press strategy we are recommending Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Let's chat! -Allison

Allison Dennis
Acting Communications Director
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Message

From: Dennis, Allison [Dennis.Allison@epa.gov]
Sent: 3/15/2019 9:32:34 PM
To: Drinkard, Andrea [Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: EPA Lead Implementation Plan Status Report and Tracker: Final Review Needed by COB 3/18

Yup

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 15, 2019, at 5:25 PM, Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov> wrote:

> I would check in with Christina first to make sure they've signed off on everything. Then flag for the management team via email so that they are aware, but I wouldn't explicitly ask for comments. Does that make sense?
>
> On Mar 15, 2019, at 5:21 PM, Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov> wrote:
>
>> I should run both of these products by Dave right ? They are going public .
>>
>> Sent from my iPhone
>>
>> Begin forwarded message:
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>>> **From:** "Hackel, Angela" <Hackel.Angela@epa.gov>
>>> **Date:** March 14, 2019 at 11:26:45 AM EDT
>>> **To:** "Hauff, Amanda" <Hauff.Amanda@epa.gov>, "Dieu, Martin" <Dieu.Martin@epa.gov>, "Germann, Sandy" <Germann.Sandy@epa.gov>, "Harwood, Jackie" <Harwood.Jackie@epa.gov>, "Hubbard, Carolyn" <Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov>, "Hull, George" <Hull.George@epa.gov>, "Millett, John" <Millett.John@epa.gov>, "Strauss, Linda" <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov>, "Tanner, Lee" <Tanner.Lee@epa.gov>, "Hockstad, Leif" <Hockstad.Leif@epa.gov>, "Shoaff, John" <Shoaff.John@epa.gov>, "Brown, Stephanie" <Brown.Stephanie@epa.gov>, "Firestone, Michael" <Firestone.Michael@epa.gov>, "Leonard, Darlene" <Leonard.Darlene@epa.gov>, "Foster, Stiven" <Foster.Stiven@epa.gov>, "Zartarian, Valerie" <Zartarian.Valerie@epa.gov>, "Aguirre, Janita" <Aguirre.Janita@epa.gov>, "McMichael, Nate" <McMichael.Nate@epa.gov>, "Dennis, Allison" <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>
>>> **Cc:** "Darwin, Veronica" <darwin.veronica@epa.gov>, "Grantham, Nancy" <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
>>> **Subject: RE: EPA Lead Implementation Plan Status Report and Tracker: Final Review Needed by COB 3/18**
>>>
>>> Hi Amanda,
>>>
>>> Thank you for your email. Yes, that is correct, both documents will be made public. For the tracker, we will be taking out the action owner in

the version that goes public. Also, for the status report, the items in yellow highlight, are items that we flagged for review. Please let us know what edits you have on those items, as well as if you have any other edits on the document.

Please let me know if there are any further questions.

Thanks,

Angela

From: Hauff, Amanda
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2019 11:19 AM
To: Hackel, Angela <Hackel.Angela@epa.gov>; Dieu, Martin <Dieu.Martin@epa.gov>; Germann, Sandy <Germann.Sandy@epa.gov>; Harwood, Jackie <Harwood.Jackie@epa.gov>; Hubbard, Carolyn <Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; Millett, John <Millett.John@epa.gov>; Strauss, Linda <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov>; Tanner, Lee <Tanner.Lee@epa.gov>; Hockstad, Leif <Hockstad.Leif@epa.gov>; Shoaff, John <Shoaff.John@epa.gov>; Brown, Stephanie <Brown.Stephanie@epa.gov>; Firestone, Michael <Firestone.Michael@epa.gov>; Leonard, Darlene <Leonard.Darlene@epa.gov>; Foster, Stiven <Foster.Stiven@epa.gov>; Zartarian, Valerie <Zartarian.Valerie@epa.gov>; Aguirre, Janita <Aguirre.Janita@epa.gov>; McMichael, Nate <McMichael.Nate@epa.gov>
Cc: Darwin, Veronica <darwin.veronica@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Lead Implementation Plan Status Report and Tracker: Final Review Needed by COB 3/18

Good Morning, Angela,

Can you confirm – both documents going to be public? Correct?

Thank you,

Amanda

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From: Hackel, Angela
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 7:44 PM
To: Dieu, Martin <Dieu.Martin@epa.gov>; Germann, Sandy <Germann.Sandy@epa.gov>; Harwood, Jackie <Harwood.Jackie@epa.gov>; Hubbard, Carolyn <Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; Millett, John <Millett.John@epa.gov>; Strauss, Linda <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov>; Tanner, Lee <Tanner.Lee@epa.gov>; Hockstad, Leif <Hockstad.Leif@epa.gov>; Shoaff, John <Shoaff.John@epa.gov>; Brown, Stephanie <Brown.Stephanie@epa.gov>; Firestone, Michael <Firestone.Michael@epa.gov>; Hauff, Amanda <Hauff.Amanda@epa.gov>; Leonard, Darlene <Leonard.Darlene@epa.gov>; Foster, Stiven <Foster.Stiven@epa.gov>; Zartarian, Valerie <Zartarian.Valerie@epa.gov>; Aguirre, Janita <Aguirre.Janita@epa.gov>; McMichael, Nate <McMichael.Nate@epa.gov>
Cc: Darwin, Veronica <darwin.veronica@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: EPA Lead Implementation Plan Status Report and Tracker: Final Review Needed by COB 3/18

Hi Everyone,

Thank you very much for your feedback and edits on the tracker. Attached is the working final version of the tracker, for your final review. Please note, that we will be making additional formatting edits as we move along.

Also, attached is the DRAFT Lead Action Plan Status Report. We needed to introduce the tracker so this is a one-time report that will accompany the initial update. The document lists the activities your program offices submitted for the October 18, *Protecting Children From Lead Exposures* that were relevant to EPA actions under the Federal Lead Action Plan. We added most accomplishments for 2nd Quarter FY19. We will be conducting formatting and reference checks as we move forward in finalizing this document.

Both of these documents are close hold. Please let me know what edits you have by NLT COB, March 18.

Thanks again for your review. We greatly appreciate it!

Angela

Message

From: Dennis, Allison [Dennis.Allison@epa.gov]
Sent: 5/14/2019 10:04:16 PM
To: Pierce, Troy [Pierce.Troy@epa.gov]
CC: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Subramanian, Hema [Subramanian.Hema@epa.gov]; Drinkard, Andrea [Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Farmer to Farmer awards- Regional Administrator R7 update

Good question! Would it be possible to share the list of anticipated projects / recipients with us and we can go from there ? We would keep this information close hold of course.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 14, 2019, at 1:47 PM, Pierce, Troy <Pierce.Troy@epa.gov> wrote:

> Hi Allison,
>
> The final awards will be on a rolling timeline through summer as awardees complete any corrections and the awards complete review. Do you think there is interest in a single event when all have been awarded or perhaps more than one event as awards roll out?
>
> My best
>
> Troy
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
> On May 14, 2019, at 11:34 AM, Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov> wrote:
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>> All-
>>
>> Thank you all for providing helpful information on a dime regarding the status of this year's Farmer to Farmer grants announcement. On behalf of Dave Ross and Anna Wildeman, I'd like to convey that OW is very interested in helping to communicate/amplify this year's announcement and/or taking part in an announcement event. I saw that last year the former Administrator and a few RAs took part in an announcement event: https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/administrator-pruitt-announces-2-million-water-quality-grants .
>>
>> Does R4/ Gulf of Mexico Program have a sense yet for when the grant awards will be ready to be announced (May? June? Later on?)?
>>
>> Thanks! -Allison
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>> **From:** Robertson, Lakeshia
>> **Sent:** Monday, May 13, 2019 3:35 PM
>> **To:** Shields, Amy <Shields.Amy@epa.gov>; Pierce, Troy <Pierce.Troy@epa.gov>; Boone, Tripp <Boone.Tripp@epa.gov>; Wiegand, Danny <wiegand.danny@epa.gov>; Wall, Tom <Wall.Tom@epa.gov>; Jones, Doug <jones.doug@epa.gov>; Gulliford, Jim <gulliford.jim@epa.gov>; Cacho, Julia <Cacho.Julia@epa.gov>; Chu, Ed <Chu.Ed@epa.gov>; Tate, Michael <tate.michael@epa.gov>; Robichaud, Jeffery <Robichaud.Jeffery@epa.gov>

Cc: Ashbee, Blake <ashbee.blake@epa.gov>; Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Farmer to Farmer awards- Regional Administrator R7 update

Hi Everyone,

Thanks so much for your support of our Farmer to Farmer efforts. Troy asked me to explain the press release process. Upon completion of the 5-day congressional notification period, R4 issues the award. OPA decides whether to issue a press release and works with R4 to gather pertinent project related information, R4, in turn, reaches out to the Gulf of Mexico Division (GMD) and other regions. I hope this information helps. I have copied Brandi Jenkins, R4, as she may have additional information to share regarding the process. We look forward to working with everyone once a course is determined.

The projects are currently in the Funding Recommendation development phase. Tripp Boone, Ag Coordinator, GMD, has reached out to Doug Jones and will continue to coordinate with him as we move forward with awards.

With kind regards,

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Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Flahive, Katie" <Flahive.Katie@epa.gov>
> **Date:** May 10, 2019 at 4:55:52 PM EDT
> **To:** "Shields, Amy" <Shields.Amy@epa.gov>, "Wiegand, Danny" <wiegand.danny@epa.gov>, "Pierce, Troy" <Pierce.Troy@epa.gov>, "Boone, Tripp" <Boone.Tripp@epa.gov>, "Wall, Tom" <Wall.Tom@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** "Jones, Doug" <jones.doug@epa.gov>, "Gulliford, Jim" <gulliford.jim@epa.gov>, "Cacho, Julia" <Cacho.Julia@epa.gov>, "Chu, Ed" <Chu.Ed@epa.gov>, "Robichaud, Jeffery" <Robichaud.Jeffery@epa.gov>, "Tate, Michael" <tate.michael@epa.gov>
> **Subject: RE: Farmer to Farmer awards- Regional Administrator R7 update**
>
> All,

OW is going to look to see if Region 4 and the GMPO can do an announcement when the grants are ready (Troy, Tripp and Danny, that may be news to you). The summary handouts we prepped with the GMPO will be given to HTF members next week, but there will be no public announcement of them.

OW is interested in working with R4 and GMPO to do a press event or release when the grants are final and have completed the 5-day congressional review. I will let them know to include R7 as well. Who should that be?

Thanks all! See some of you next week.

Katie
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From: Shields, Amy
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2019 4:42 PM
To: Wiegand, Danny <wiegand.danny@epa.gov>; Pierce, Troy <Pierce.Troy@epa.gov>
Cc: Jones, Doug <jones.doug@epa.gov>; Gulliford, Jim <gulliford.jim@epa.gov>; Cacho, Julia <Cacho.Julia@epa.gov>; Chu, Ed <Chu.Ed@epa.gov>; Robichaud, Jeffery <Robichaud.Jeffery@epa.gov>; Tate, Michael <tate.michael@epa.gov>; Flahive, Katie <Flahive.Katie@epa.gov>
Subject: Farmer to Farmer awards- Regional Administrator R7 update
Importance: High

Good afternoon, Danny and Troy.

I wanted to see if you could please let R7 know the status of the Farmer to Farmer awards potentially being announced next week to entities in Iowa at the Hypoxia Task Force meeting. Our RA, Jim Gulliford, has asked me to get an update from you on these awards. He would like to be involved with the announcements and any press releases. Danny, thanks for your time this week in summarizing the information. We wanted to make sure that Jim was aware of any other additional activities related to these announcements.

Have a great weekend. The senior staff here in R7 are cc'd. So, please cc them as well in your response.

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Message

From: Mclain, Jennifer [Mclain.Jennifer@epa.gov]
Sent: 2/19/2019 6:59:20 PM
To: Aguirre, Janita [Aguirre.Janita@epa.gov]; Drinkard, Andrea [Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov]; Tiago, Joseph [Tiago.Joseph@epa.gov]; Wadlington, Christina [Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov]; Mejias, Melissa [mejias.melissa@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: more info - FW: PFAS & Ag

Janita & Melissa – Thank you, this is helpful. We are working on a one-pager to include talking points on this resolution and background on PFAS ag issues.

From: Aguirre, Janita
Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 1:46 PM
To: Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; Mclain, Jennifer <Mclain.Jennifer@epa.gov>; Tiago, Joseph <Tiago.Joseph@epa.gov>; Wadlington, Christina <Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov>; Mejias, Melissa <mejias.melissa@epa.gov>
Subject: more info - FW: PFAS & Ag
Importance: High

Melissa received this from Tate's office, which provides more information for the PFAS & Ag meeting. Please keep this as a close hold.
Note that this may also be covered today at 3pm if there is time.

Andrea – any edits from the OW comms/messaging perspective? If so, please let Melissa know.

Thank you,
Janita

Janita Aguirre – Special Assistant
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From: Mejias, Melissa
Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 1:23 PM
To: Aguirre, Janita <Aguirre.Janita@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: PFAS & Ag

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
> **Date:** February 19, 2019 at 1:18:44 PM EST
> **To:** "Mejias, Melissa" <mejias.melissa@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** "Eby, Natasha" <eby.natasha@epa.gov>, "Molina, Michael" <molina.michael@epa.gov>, "Beach, Christopher" <beach.christopher@epa.gov>
> **Subject: PFAS & Ag**

Any edits, OW? Melissa- there is a chance they can tackle this in today's 3 PM meeting and not do tomorrow. Call me and I will explain further. Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Natasha- Attached is a new resolution from NASDA on PFAS and AAW is speaking to them next week on the 27th (please include in binder). OW might have some edits to the work doc and so Melissa can get you the final version on that. Dave and I set up this meeting to talk through messaging with AAW prior to his speech to talk through messaging.

Message

From: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Sent: 10/11/2018 10:30:30 PM
To: Mears, Mary [Mears.Mary@epa.gov]; Drinkard, Andrea [Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov]; Hughes, Hayley [hughes.hayley@epa.gov]
CC: Gratz, Jeff [Gratz.Jeff@epa.gov]; Evangelista, Pat [Evangelista.Pat@epa.gov]; Laureano, Javier [laureano.javier@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: FOR ACTION: DRAFT EPA Statement on Newark lead in drinking water

Thanks

Nancy Grantham
Office of Public Affairs
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202-564-6879 (desk)
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) **(mobile)**

From: Mears, Mary
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2018 6:22 PM
To: Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Hughes, Hayley <hughes.hayley@epa.gov>
Cc: Gratz, Jeff <Gratz.Jeff@epa.gov>; Evangelista, Pat <Evangelista.Pat@epa.gov>; Laureano, Javier <laureano.javier@epa.gov>
Subject: FOR ACTION: DRAFT EPA Statement on Newark lead in drinking water
Importance: High

Good evening, Nancy, Andrea and Hayley,

Tomorrow, Newark is **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**
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(attached is a **close hold draft** that NJ asked us not to share outside of necessary EPA staff).

Region 2 developed and NJDEP concurred on the statement below (and attached) to release Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
(Nancy, this is a change from our discussion – Pete and Catherine agreed and he called me just now).

Pete also wants to be sure that Dave Ross is comfortable with the statement, so if you can share this, Andrea, that would be terrific.

I am in early tomorrow and will be available if you have questions or concerns.
Mary

Mary Mears
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Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Message

From: Dennis, Allison [Dennis.Allison@epa.gov]
Sent: 7/30/2018 4:45:28 PM
To: Drinkard, Andrea [Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov]
CC: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: checking on 3 things
Attachments: Memo for COE - Clean Water Act Section 404(g) - Non-Assumable Waters (2018-07-30).pdf

Memo is signed (please keep this close hold). Waiting to hear back from Cindy B of USACE on when they plan to issue their PR

From: Drinkard, Andrea
Sent: Monday, July 30, 2018 8:34 AM
To: Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: checking on 3 things

No changes to what I sent Friday on 404g. Will send a note to check on timing.

Sent from my iPhone

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> > **Nancy Grantham**
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Good to go

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Cc: Gratz, Jeff <Gratz.Jeff@epa.gov>; Evangelista, Pat <Evangelista.Pat@epa.gov>; Laureano, Javier <laureano.javier@epa.gov>; Covington, Tayler <covington.tayler@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: FOR ACTION: DRAFT EPA Statement on Newark lead in drinking water

Thank you so much, Andrea. Attached is a updated version that includes your edit.

Nancy,
Please let me know when OPA has cleared this, and we will finalize it. Once NJDEP puts out it's news release (close hold draft attached again for reference), we would issue this to interested NJ media.

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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) (cell)

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Subject: Re: FOR ACTION: DRAFT EPA Statement on Newark lead in drinking water

Good morning!

Dave has reviewed and we have one edit and one comment:

We would like to **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

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Statement from EPA on Newark lead in drinking water

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Subject: RE: FOR ACTION: DRAFT EPA Statement on Newark lead in drinking water
Attachments: DRAFT Newark lead in drinking water Statement OW REVIEWED.docx; Newark Lead -- DRAFT DELIBERATIVE 11OCT10 345PM.docx

Thank you so much, Andrea. Attached is a updated version that includes your edit.

Nancy,
Please let me know when OPA has cleared this, and we will finalize it. Once NJDEP puts out it's news release (close hold draft attached again for reference), we would issue this to interested NJ media.

Mary Mears
U.S. EPA Region 2
Public Affairs Director
(212) 637-3673 (office)
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) (cell)

From: Drinkard, Andrea
Sent: Friday, October 12, 2018 8:17 AM
To: Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Hughes, Hayley <hughes.hayley@epa.gov>; Gratz, Jeff <Gratz.Jeff@epa.gov>; Evangelista, Pat <Evangelista.Pat@epa.gov>; Laureano, Javier <laureano.javier@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: FOR ACTION: DRAFT EPA Statement on Newark lead in drinking water

Good morning!

Dave has reviewed and we have one edit and one comment:

We would like to Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Message

From: Hughes, Hayley [hughes.hayley@epa.gov]
Sent: 10/11/2018 11:07:10 PM
To: Drinkard, Andrea [Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov]
CC: Mears, Mary [Mears.Mary@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Gratz, Jeff [Gratz.Jeff@epa.gov]; Evangelista, Pat [Evangelista.Pat@epa.gov]; Laureano, Javier [laureano.javier@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: FOR ACTION: DRAFT EPA Statement on Newark lead in drinking water

Thanks.
Hayley

Sent from my iPhone

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I just shared the statement and will follow up in the morning if I don't hear back from Dave.

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Sent: 10/11/2018 10:44:04 PM
To: Drinkard, Andrea [Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov]; Grevatt, Peter [Grevatt.Peter@epa.gov]; Mclain, Jennifer [Mclain.Jennifer@epa.gov]; Ross, David P [ross.davidp@epa.gov]; Wadlington, Christina [Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov]; Campbell, Ann [Campbell.Ann@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: FOR ACTION: DRAFT EPA Statement on Newark lead in drinking water

I am fine with both statements.

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Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2018 6:33 PM
To: Grevatt, Peter <Grevatt.Peter@epa.gov>; Mclain, Jennifer <Mclain.Jennifer@epa.gov>; Forsgren, Lee <Forsgren.Lee@epa.gov>; Ross, David P <ross.davidp@epa.gov>; Wadlington, Christina <Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov>; Campbell, Ann <Campbell.Ann@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: FOR ACTION: DRAFT EPA Statement on Newark lead in drinking water

FYI and please let me know ASAP if there are any issues/edits with the statement below.

Thanks!

Begin forwarded message:

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Date: October 11, 2018 at 6:22:19 PM EDT
To: "Drinkard, Andrea" <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>, "Grantham, Nancy" <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>, "Hughes, Hayley" <hughes.hayley@epa.gov>
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Message

From: Eisenberg, Mindy [Eisenberg.Mindy@epa.gov]
Sent: 8/29/2018 5:21:14 PM
To: Drinkard, Andrea [Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: EMBARGO UNTIL 2:45 EDT: WOTUS Status Update

Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 29, 2018, at 1:10 PM, Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov> wrote:

> I asked Kate to do it. Hema sent it as soon as I sent it so the ag directors got it first, even before the PADs. I'll ask Kate if it went out.
>
> On Aug 29, 2018, at 1:08 PM, Eisenberg, Mindy <Eisenberg.Mindy@epa.gov> wrote:
>
>> Do you know if this went to the WDDs? We simply hadn't gotten to sending it out to our regional staff. Will do shortly. Sigh.
>>
>> Sent from my iPhone
>>
>> Begin forwarded message:
>>
>>> **From:** "Hamilton, Karen" <Hamilton.Karen@epa.gov>
>>> **Date:** August 29, 2018 at 12:05:11 PM EDT
>>> **To:** "McDavit, Michael W." <Mcdavit.Michael@epa.gov>, "Kwok, Rose" <Kwok.Rose@epa.gov>, "Downing, Kiel G CIV USARMY CENWO (US)" <Kiel.G.Downing@usace.army.mil>
>>> **Cc:** "Lapp, Jeffrey" <lapp.jeffrey@epa.gov>, "Purify, Johnnie" <Purify.Johnnie@epa.gov>, "Melgin, Wendy" <melgin.wendy@epa.gov>, "Martinez, Maria" <Martinez.Maria@epa.gov>, "Curtis, Glenn" <curtis.glenn@epa.gov>, "Hamilton, Karen" <Hamilton.Karen@epa.gov>, "Ziegler, Sam" <Ziegler.Sam@epa.gov>, "Mendelman, Krista" <Mendelman.Krista@epa.gov>, "Whitley, Annie" <Whitley.Annie@epa.gov>, "Bahk, Benjamin" <Bahk.Benjamin@epa.gov>, "Laabs, Chris" <Laabs.Chris@epa.gov>, "Miller, Clay" <Miller.Clay@epa.gov>, "Hough, Palmer" <Hough.Palmer@epa.gov>, "Evalenko, Sandy" <Evalenko.Sandy@epa.gov>, "Frazer, Brian" <Frazer.Brian@epa.gov>, "Eisenberg, Mindy" <Eisenberg.Mindy@epa.gov>, "Linn, Jennifer" <Linn.Jennifer@epa.gov>
>>> **Subject: FW: EMBARGO UNTIL 2:45 EDT: WOTUS Status Update**
>>>
>>> Do you all know about this? So you know how it went to our ag advisor and not the water program (I think I know the answer)?
>>>
>>> **From:** O'Connor, Darcy
>>> **Sent:** Wednesday, August 29, 2018 9:25 AM
>>> **To:** Hamilton, Karen <Hamilton.Karen@epa.gov>; Garcia, Bert

<Garcia.Bert@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: EMBARGO UNTIL 2:45 EDT: WOTUS Status Update

See below. Do we think this should also go out the state environmental directors and/or water directors?

From: Garcia, Bert
Sent: Wednesday, August 29, 2018 9:07 AM
To: Perrin, Rebecca <Perrin.Rebecca@epa.gov>; Garvey, Megan <garvey.megan@epa.gov>; O'Connor, Darcy <oconnor.darcy@epa.gov>; Mutter, Andrew <mutter.andrew@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EMBARGO UNTIL 2:45 EDT: WOTUS Status Update

This is the first I hear of this Agency statement. It seems that we've generally relied on HQs to take the lead on WOTUS communications, but I have no concerns with you sending this to the ag folks after 3 today.

Bert Garcia
Deputy Assistant Regional Administrator
Office of Water Protection
U.S. EPA Region 8
303.312.6670

From: Perrin, Rebecca
Sent: Wednesday, August 29, 2018 8:51 AM
To: Garvey, Megan <garvey.megan@epa.gov>; O'Connor, Darcy <oconnor.darcy@epa.gov>; Mutter, Andrew <mutter.andrew@epa.gov>; Garcia, Bert <Garcia.Bert@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: EMBARGO UNTIL 2:45 EDT: WOTUS Status Update
Importance: High

INTERNAL AND DELIBERATIVE

Seen this? I can get it out to Ag Comissioners and our ag stakeholder list after 3pm today. However, I wanted to check in first, in case you had a different plan in mind.

I will verify that the info/links below are working on our website before I send the sample email language below.

Let me know if you have any concerns with this plan.

Rebecca Perrin
Region 8 Agriculture Advisor | Office of the Regional Administrator | USEPA
1595 Wynkoop Street | Denver CO 80202 | DL: 303-312-6311 | FAX: 303-312-6882

From: Subramanian, Hema
Sent: Wednesday, August 29, 2018 8:40 AM

To: Horne, Amanda <horne.amanda@epa.gov>; Jones, Doug <jones.doug@epa.gov>; Galloway, Carol <Galloway.Carol@epa.gov>; Heinemann, Kristina <Heinemann.Kristina@epa.gov>; Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>; Miller, Amy <Miller.Amy@epa.gov>; Mortensen, Ginah <mortensen.ginah@epa.gov>; Peak, Nicholas <Peak.Nicholas@epa.gov>; Perrin, Rebecca <Perrin.Rebecca@epa.gov>; Rush, Randall <Rush.Randall@epa.gov>; Shenk, Kelly <shenk.kelly@epa.gov>; Winn, G. Dean <winn.gerald@epa.gov>; Winnett, Steven <winnett.steven@epa.gov>; Wise, Allison <Wise.Allison@epa.gov>
Cc: Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: EMBARGO UNTIL 2:45 EDT: WOTUS Status Update
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Thanks all,
---Hema.

Hema Subramanian
Office of the Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Washington, DC

Definition of "Waters of the United States": Rule Status and Litigation Update

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For more information, please visit: www.epa.gov/wotus-rule

Message

From: Subramanian, Hema [Subramanian.Hema@epa.gov]
Sent: 8/29/2018 2:39:42 PM
To: Horne, Amanda [horne.amanda@epa.gov]; Jones, Doug [jones.doug@epa.gov]; Galloway, Carol [Galloway.Carol@epa.gov]; Heinemann, Kristina [Heinemann.Kristina@epa.gov]; Jenkins, Brandi [Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov]; Miller, Amy [Miller.Amy@epa.gov]; Mortensen, Ginah [mortensen.ginah@epa.gov]; Peak, Nicholas [Peak.Nicholas@epa.gov]; Perrin, Rebecca [Perrin.Rebecca@epa.gov]; Rush, Randall [Rush.Randall@epa.gov]; Shenk, Kelly [shenk.kelly@epa.gov]; Winn, G. Dean [winn.gerald@epa.gov]; Winnett, Steven [winnett.steven@epa.gov]; Wise, Allison [Wise.Allison@epa.gov]
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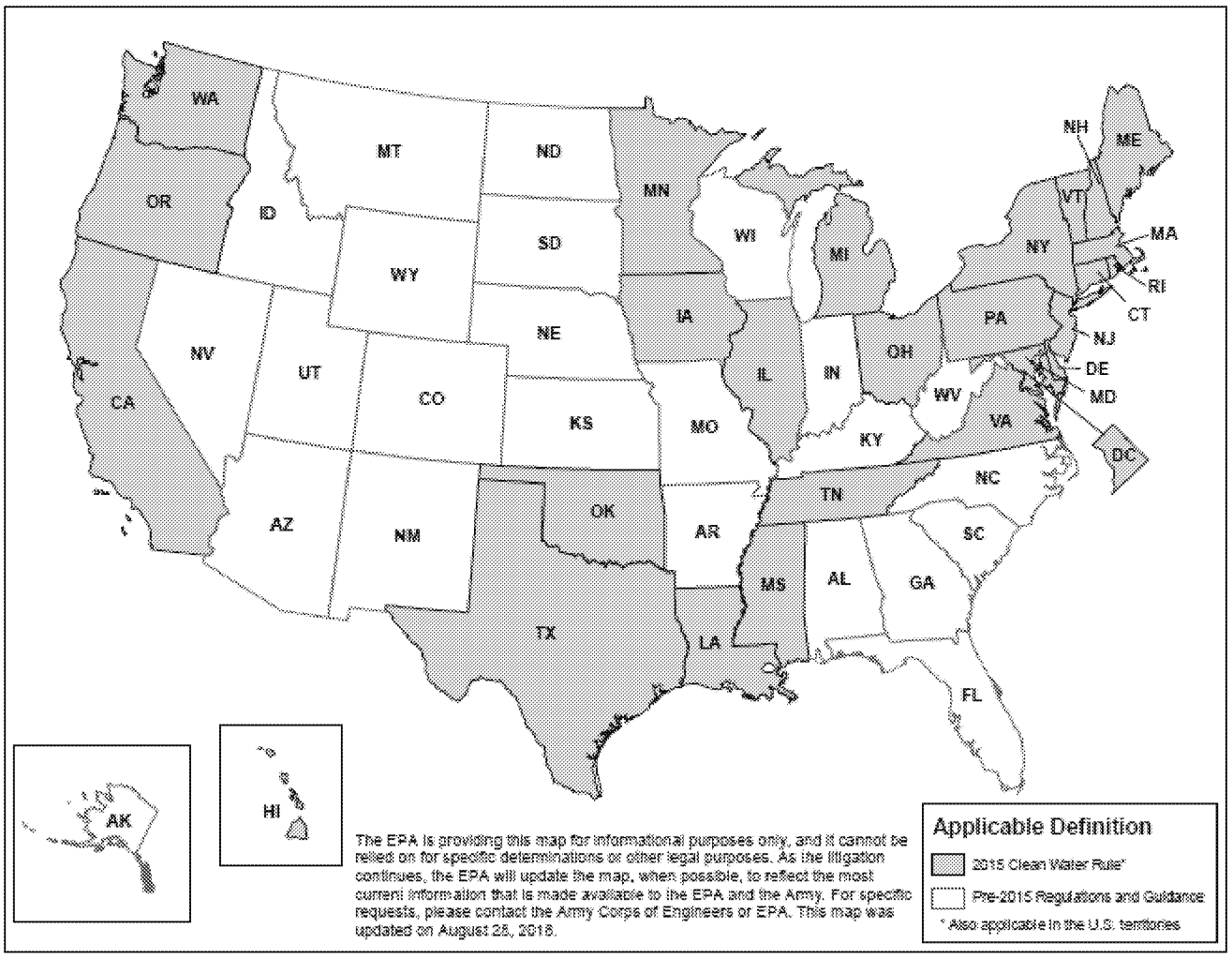

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From: Wadlington, Christina [Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov]
Sent: 9/18/2019 6:02:58 PM
To: Drinkard, Andrea [Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov]; Dennis, Allison [Dennis.Allison@epa.gov]
CC: Risley, David [Risley.David@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: 3Ts update/information

Can you please send me an approved plan so Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)?

Note, many of them already signed. So, it's already out there.

From: Drinkard, Andrea
Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2019 2:00 PM
To: Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>; Wadlington, Christina <Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov>
Cc: Risley, David <Risley.David@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: 3Ts update/information

I prefer this approach as well. Everything needs to be under embargo until October 3.

From: Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2019 2:00 PM
To: Wadlington, Christina <Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov>
Cc: Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; Risley, David <Risley.David@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: 3Ts update/information

I rather Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) (but this could be an outdated assumption).

Perhaps you can Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) ?

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 18, 2019, at 1:52 PM, Wadlington, Christina <Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov> wrote:

> We have a partner meeting tomorrow and wanted to Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) this was the proposal below.
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> **From:** Dennis, Allison
> **Sent:** Wednesday, September 18, 2019 1:30 PM
> **To:** Wadlington, Christina <Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; Risley, David <Risley.David@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: 3Ts update/information
>
> Christina - Why are we Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)?
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> Sent from my iPhone
>
> On Sep 18, 2019, at 1:19 PM, Wadlington, Christina <Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov> wrote:

I believe this is where we are, Andrea is confirming the PR.

From: Drinkard, Andrea
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2019 11:44 AM
To: Wadlington, Christina <Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov>; Risley, David <Risley.David@epa.gov>
Cc: Gordon, Brittney <Gordon.Brittney@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: 3Ts update/information

So it sounds like we're Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) We would still be targeting Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) I will run this by Corry today as well, but this is the current thinking base on Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

From: Wadlington, Christina <Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2019 11:26 AM
To: Risley, David <Risley.David@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
Cc: Gordon, Brittney <Gordon.Brittney@epa.gov>
Subject: 3Ts update/information

As an update, we are working to get Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Dave will be Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

We plan on Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

We plan on Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) (as recommended by OW/OPA) unless there's still a desire to Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

We would like to share the plans for a Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) If we want Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) we need to get on their calendars asap. Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Without that, there's less predictability.

Please let me know your thoughts and concerns, if any.

Message

From: Forsgren, Lee [Forsgren.Lee@epa.gov]
Sent: 6/1/2018 8:54:31 PM
To: Drinkard, Andrea [Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: FOR REVIEW: DRAFT PFAS Community Engagement

Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 1, 2018, at 4:26 PM, Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov> wrote:

> FYI…no need to do anything, just wanted you to know where things stand on these.
>
> **From:** Konkus, John
> **Sent:** Friday, June 01, 2018 4:22 PM
> **To:** Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Wadlington, Christina <Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: FOR REVIEW: DRAFT PFAS Community Engagement
>
> Attached is the draft comms plan with some additional edits including some from DA Wheeler.
>
> We will continue editing until Monday after the Senior Staff Meeting when Nancy will send this to the regions.
>
> Thanks and have a great weekend.
>
> John
>
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>
> **From:** Konkus, John
> **Sent:** Thursday, May 31, 2018 1:06 PM
> **To:** Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; Wadlington, Christina <Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: FOR REVIEW: DRAFT PFAS Community Engagement
>
> This is a really, really strong document. Thank you!
>
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> **From:** Drinkard, Andrea
> **Sent:** Thursday, May 31, 2018 12:25 PM
> **To:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Wadlington, Christina <Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: FOR REVIEW: DRAFT PFAS Community Engagement
>
> Please find attached an updated version of the community engagement plan. I want to apologize in advance for somehow losing the track changes on this. ☹
>
> Secondly, I walked through this with Dave and he is supportive of this approach. A few changes I wanted to highlight:

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Christina made a number of other great edits! Please let us know if you have any questions and/or if you need anything more from us. Lastly, I'm happy to sit in on the meeting with Andrew if that's helpful. If not, I know you guys got it covered, just wanted to make the offer. ☺

Thanks!!

From: Konkus, John
Sent: Thursday, May 31, 2018 9:04 AM
To: Wadlington, Christina <Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW: DRAFT PFAS Community Engagement

Thank you Christina and team.

From: Wadlington, Christina
Sent: Thursday, May 31, 2018 9:03 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW: DRAFT PFAS Community Engagement

Will do.

From: Konkus, John
Sent: Thursday, May 31, 2018 8:58 AM
To: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Wadlington, Christina <Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
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Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW: DRAFT PFAS Community Engagement

We would like to have OW sign off on this template today please. We will bring it to the next level of leadership tomorrow with the plan to Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Thank you.

From: Block, Molly
Sent: Wednesday, May 30, 2018 3:57 PM
To: Wadlington, Christina <Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW: DRAFT PFAS Community Engagement

Absolutely. I was Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) But we'd be happy to loosen it up. That's why I put Day 1/Part 1 in case these events aren't two days. Feel free to make those changes throughout.

From: Wadlington, Christina
Sent: Wednesday, May 30, 2018 3:55 PM
To: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW: DRAFT PFAS Community Engagement

Perhaps, consider making it Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) ?

For example, Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Happy to make these edits if that's helpful.

From: Block, Molly
Sent: Wednesday, May 30, 2018 3:51 PM
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Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW: DRAFT PFAS Community Engagement

I envision this as Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) That way Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) But I'm open to suggestions. Also, adding Konkus to the chain.

From: Wadlington, Christina
Sent: Wednesday, May 30, 2018 3:50 PM
To: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW: DRAFT PFAS Community Engagement

Quick follow up. Is this for Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) ?

From: Block, Molly
Sent: Wednesday, May 30, 2018 3:39 PM
To: Wadlington, Christina <Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW: DRAFT PFAS Community Engagement

Attached.

From: Block, Molly
Sent: Wednesday, May 30, 2018 3:36 PM
To: Wadlington, Christina <Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW: DRAFT PFAS Community Engagement

Sure. I'll send that your way in a moment. It's just a rough outline, so any OW input/edits are welcome!

From: Wadlington, Christina
Sent: Wednesday, May 30, 2018 3:35 PM
To: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW: DRAFT PFAS Community Engagement

Sounds good. Did you want me to merge?

Also, once merged, if possible, can we give a moment for Peter and Dave to take a look before sending around?

From: Block, Molly
Sent: Wednesday, May 30, 2018 3:34 PM
To: Wadlington, Christina <Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW: DRAFT PFAS Community Engagement

I think we can definitely merge them. Your document looks like it would be a great first page with Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

From: Wadlington, Christina
Sent: Wednesday, May 30, 2018 3:31 PM
To: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW: DRAFT PFAS Community Engagement

Sorry I misunderstood, I started the attached, have circulated in OGWDW and it is being reviewed by management prior to sending to OPA.

It's less specific on Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Did you want to use your document instead? Merge? Your thoughts would be appreciated.

From: Block, Molly
Sent: Wednesday, May 30, 2018 3:17 PM
To: Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; Wadlington, Christina <Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: FOR REVIEW: DRAFT PFAS Community Engagement

Wanted to get some of the things we've chatted about over the past two days on paper. Feel free to edit the document attached, I think this will be helpful to stay on the same page. I've used Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
Please let me know what you think or if we need to add anything. Thanks!

Molly

<PFAS Community Engagement Memo 5.31.18.docx>

Message

From: Skadowski, Suzanne [Skadowski.Suzanne@epa.gov]
Sent: 6/26/2018 2:36:44 PM
To: Dennis, Allison [Dennis.Allison@epa.gov]; Holsman, Marianne [Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov]; Drinkard, Andrea [Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov]; Hough, Palmer [Hough.Palmer@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Ariel Wittenberg query, deadline noon eastern Tuesday

Thank you Palmer and Allison. This is good, Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) but it's a tough issue to address.

Will this be for attribution to EPA spokesperson?

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Public Affairs Specialist | Media Relations
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 10 Pacific Northwest - Seattle
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From: Dennis, Allison
Sent: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 7:03 AM
To: Holsman, Marianne <Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; Hough, Palmer <Hough.Palmer@epa.gov>; cindy.s.barger <cindy.s.barger.civ@mail.mil>; Forsgren, Lee <Forsgren.Lee@epa.gov>
Cc: Skadowski, Suzanne <Skadowski.Suzanne@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Krause, Katherine J CIV USARMY HQDA ASA CW (US) <katherine.j.krause.civ@mail.mil>; Page, Christopher M CIV USARMY CENWP (US) <christopher.m.page20.civ@mail.mil>
Subject: RE: Ariel Wittenberg query, deadline noon eastern Tuesday

All, I've made a few more tweaks. See revised response. Lee is working with Cindy to ensure we get Ryan's review and input as well.

Joint EPA-USACE Response:

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

From: Dennis, Allison
Sent: Tuesday, June 26, 2018 9:33 AM

To: Holsman, Marianne <Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; Hough, Palmer <Hough.Palmer@epa.gov>; cindy.s.barger <cindy.s.barger.civ@mail.mil>; Forsgren, Lee <Forsgren.Lee@epa.gov>
Cc: Skadowski, Suzanne <Skadowski.Suzanne@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Krause, Katherine J CIV USARMY HQDA ASA CW (US) <katherine.j.krause.civ@mail.mil>; Page, Christopher M CIV USARMY CENWP (US) <christopher.m.page20.civ@mail.mil>
Subject: RE: Ariel Wittenberg query, deadline noon eastern Tuesday

+ Others

Thanks Marianne for sharing this incoming press inquiry from Ariel on the Wetlands MOU.

All- I attached another email with background from Marianne in her discussion with Ariel.

Palmer- thanks for the quick work on developing a response.

Below is her question. Thank you Palmer for taking the first stab at the response. I made a few tweaks to shorten it up. What do think folks of this response as a joint response to Ariel?

Q: I'm working on an article following up on the MOA about compensatory mitigation in Alaska and some of the meetings EPA and the Corps had in Alaska last week about mitigation. A few of the third-party providers I've spoken to said that while they appreciate the intent behind the MOA they are concerned that the Alaska District could still interpret it so as not to require mitigation. They are worried that there is not much EPA or Corps HQ can/would do if the District doesn't require mitigation on permits when the agencies think it should be. Wondering EPA has any comment or statement relating to how it plans to ensure that the new MOA is followed and/or what options are on the table if it is not. I'm working on a noon EST deadline tomorrow.

Response:

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

From: Holsman, Marianne
Sent: Monday, June 25, 2018 7:04 PM
To: Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>; Hough, Palmer <Hough.Palmer@epa.gov>; cindy.s.barger <cindy.s.barger.civ@mail.mil>
Cc: Skadowski, Suzanne <Skadowski.Suzanne@epa.gov>
Subject: Ariel Wittenberg query, deadline noon eastern Tuesday

Hi All:

I've asked her to send me her question in writing, but I haven't gotten it yet…wanted you to know that Ariel called today saying she has spoken with the mitigation bank folks and the in-lieu fee folks following our meetings last week. She's hearing concerns/skepticism that the MOA/guidance won't be fully implemented or that things won't change as a result of the MOA.

As I say, I hope to get her question(s) in writing, but wanted you to be aware of this query now. I'm not sure whether she has reached out to the Corps on this question.

Her deadline is noon Tuesday for Greenwire. Might be good for you all to start working on a response early tomorrow since I won't be in until 11:30 eastern. I will leave a voicemail for Palmer and I spoke with Allison earlier shortly after I received the inquiry.

Thanks all.

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From: Wadlington, Christina [Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov]
Sent: 6/20/2018 3:01:20 PM
To: Drinkard, Andrea [Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: ATSDR statement for regions

Ok the regions are asking. So we'll send to them stating that it's for internal talking points only.

From: Drinkard, Andrea
Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2018 10:59 AM
To: Wadlington, Christina <Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: ATSDR statement for regions

Yes, though it will not be posted in its entirety so I would suggest pulling from it for use instead of providing as a document (as instructions for whomever you're sending it to).

From: Wadlington, Christina
Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2018 10:52 AM
To: Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: ATSDR statement for regions

Thanks! Is the Q&A document clear for use?

From: Drinkard, Andrea
Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2018 10:51 AM
To: Wadlington, Christina <Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: ATSDR statement for regions

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To: Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: ATSDR statement for regions

Nancy Grantham
Office of Public Affairs
US Environmental Protection Agency
202-564-6879 (desk)
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) **(mobile)**

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2018 9:28 AM
To: Regional Public Affairs Directors <Regional_Public_Affairs_Directors@epa.gov>
Cc: Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>; Klasen, Matthew <Klasen.Matthew@epa.gov>
Subject: ATSDR statement for regions

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From: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Sent: 6/20/2018 2:59:15 PM
To: HQ Communications Directors [HQCommunicationsDirectors@epa.gov]
CC: Manges, Ellen [Manges.Ellen@epa.gov]; Benjamin, Kent [Benjamin.Kent@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: ATSDR statement for regions

Please see below -- all press calls should be referred to press@epa.gov

thanks ng

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Sent: 9/13/2018 5:50:12 PM
To: Drinkard, Andrea [Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov]; Wadlington, Christina [Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov]
Subject: press briefing

I think I heard Dave/Lee say they wanted to do Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
We could Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
That way they can Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
It also would help us better navigate Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
I would be all for that.
But obviously up to you guys and Molly/Konkus.

Lahne Mattas-Curry
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Message

From: Fontaine, Tim [Fontaine.Tim@epa.gov]
Sent: 7/20/2018 10:38:37 AM
To: Drummond, Laura [Drummond.Laura@epa.gov]
CC: Woods, Terry [Woods.Terry@epa.gov]; Spraul, Greg [Spraul.Greg@epa.gov]; OW Budget Officers [OW_Budget_Officers@epa.gov]; OW Staff Directors [OW_Staff_Directors@epa.gov]; OW-IO Staff Directors [OW_IO_Staff_Directors@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Instructions Memo and Attachments for Preparing the FY 2020 Annual Performance Plan and Budget Submission to OMB
Attachments: FY 2020 OMB Process Guidance.pdf; Attachment A-1 - Full-Time Equivalent and Resource Technical Adjustment Form.xlsx; Attachment B - Tab and Fact Sheet Guidance.pdf; Attachment C - Program Performance and Assessment.pdf; Attachment D - FY 2018 Management Challenges.pdf; Attachment E - OMB Submission Contacts.pdf; Attachment F - Information Technology Resources Coding Guidance.pdf; Attachment G - Duplicative or Outdated Reports to Congress.pdf; Attachment H - Coordination with Other Federal Agencies.pdf; Attachment A - Resource Data Requirements.pdf; Attachment A - Resource Data Requirements.pdf

Importance: High

Laura,

For action please.

Tim Fontaine
EPA Office of Water
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From: Budget and Planning
Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2018 5:28 PM
To: OCFO-SBO <OCFOSBO@epa.gov>; OCFO-Regional-Comptroller <OCFORegionalComptroller@epa.gov>; OCFO-NPM Planning Contacts <OCFONPM_Planning_Contacts@epa.gov>
Cc: Greaves, Holly <greaves.holly@epa.gov>; Bloom, David <Bloom.David@epa.gov>; Osborne, Howard <Osborne.Howard@epa.gov>; Hanson, Paige (Catherine) <hanson.catherine@epa.gov>; Terris, Carol <Terris.Carol@epa.gov>; OBrien, Kathy <Obrien.Kathy@epa.gov>; Williams, Maria <Williams.Maria@epa.gov>; Hall, JohnM <hall.johnm@epa.gov>; Volin, Phyllis <Volin.Phyllis@epa.gov>; OCFO-Regional Planning Network <OCFORegional_Planning_Network@epa.gov>; Lead Region Coordinators HQ <Lead_Region_Coordinators_HQ@epa.gov>; OCFO-Regional Budget Officers <OCFORegional_Budget_Officers@epa.gov>; OCFO-SBO-STAFF <OCFOSBOSTAFF@epa.gov>; OCFO-OB-Media Analysts <OCFOOBMedia_Analysts@epa.gov>; OCFO-OPAA-Desk Officers <OCFOOPAADesk_Officers@epa.gov>; OCFO-RPROS <OCFORPROS@epa.gov>
Subject: Instructions Memo and Attachments for Preparing the FY 2020 Annual Performance Plan and Budget Submission to OMB
Importance: High

Good Afternoon,

Attached please find the "Instructions for Preparing the FY 2020 Annual Performance Plan and Budget Submission to the Office of Management and Budget" issued by OB and OPAA dated July 19, 2018. Our submission is due on September 10, 2018. We want to thank you in advance for your patience and support as we approach another busy budget season. Further policy guidance and details on the resource and FTE decisions will be forthcoming.

If you have any questions regarding these instructions, please call your OCFO Media Analyst or Desk Officer.

We are continuing to keep all documents related to budget formulation extremely close hold, please share with your staff only as appropriate.

We appreciate your continued patience and cooperation.

Message

From: Mattas-Curry, Lahne [Mattas-Curry.Lahne@epa.gov]
Sent: 11/14/2017 9:39:10 PM
To: rogers, rick [rogers.rick@epa.gov]; Harris, Kimberly [harris.kimberly@epa.gov]
CC: Lippert, Allison [lippert.allison@epa.gov]; Martin, Lawrence [Martin.Lawrence@epa.gov]; Dee, Rhiannon [dee.Rhiannon@epa.gov]; Korleski, Christopher [korleski.christopher@epa.gov]; Holst, Linda [holst.linda@epa.gov]; Poy, Thomas [poy.thomas@epa.gov]; Bair, Rita [bair.rita@epa.gov]; Clark, Jacqueline [clark.jacqueline@epa.gov]; Valberg, Amelia [valberg.amelia@epa.gov]; Drinkard, Andrea [Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov]; Wadlington, Christina [Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov]; Hubbard, Carolyn [Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov]; Rodan, Bruce [rodan.bruce@epa.gov]; Sinks, Tom [Sinks.Tom@epa.gov]; Burden, Susan [Burden.Susan@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: R3/R5 briefing on PFAS

Thanks Rick.

Totally understand you need to manage things at the regional level.

We would like to still go ahead with the briefing, we think this is important and a lot of people were asking for more information, specifically the program offices.

We can certainly have that discussion about coordinating Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

If you have any further questions or concerns, please let me know.
Lahne

From: rogers, rick
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 4:20 PM
To: Mattas-Curry, Lahne <Mattas-Curry.Lahne@epa.gov>; Harris, Kimberly <harris.kimberly@epa.gov>
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Subject: RE: R3/R5 briefing on PFAS

Deliberative

Lahne,

We in Region 3 are in the same boat as Region 5 in regards to getting our RA up to speed on this issue, only our RA is much newer and we likely can't get on his calendar before Tuesday.

If the next steps to be discussed are solely related to Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) then that is a different story and not as critical for getting our RA's briefed. When Kim and I speak of Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) we are thinking in terms of Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

You may or may not know that DuPont/Chemours' release of PFOA through air emissions over several decades resulted in air deposition that percolated into the groundwater and contaminated hundreds of private wells and over a dozen public water supply wells with PFOA concentrations above the new long-term health advisory. Regions 3 & 5 issued an emergency enforcement order against DuPont in 2009 under the Safe Drinking Water Act to require DuPont to cease

releases and to provide a safe, alternate supply of drinking water to those impacted. The order was amended this past spring to acknowledge that Chemours will continue to provide alternate water to homes impacted above the new health advisory. There were a large number of citizen law suits against DuPont for these releases. Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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I briefed the West Virginia state agencies on the slides from Andy's presentation back in the summer. I believe Region 5 did the same (Kim or Tom can correct that if I'm wrong). Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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We need to have Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Thanks,

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HI everyone:

I completely understand that you might not be ready to Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) We would like to go ahead with the briefing, OW, OECA and Air still need to be briefed.

We'd like consider still having a discussion, and that can consist of questions Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
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If you think you would like to not have the ARA's there that's completely up to you. We do expect to have senior leadership from some of the program offices in attendance.

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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We know that everyone is aware of Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) but do you know if Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) ?

Does this strategy better meet everyone's needs?

Please let me know what you think.
Thanks!
Lahne

From: Harris, Kimberly
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 3:08 PM
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Importance: High

Hi Lahne,

Thanks for the feedback. There wasn't an agenda for Thursday's ORD presentation and the meeting title implied that this was Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Since my ARA had been briefed (several times) on Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) , I was planning to recommend that he pass on attending (btw – Andy Lindstrom's presentation is on the Internet so I had assumed no close hold on the slides).

Knowing now that Thursday's meeting will include Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) I would image that our ARA would want to attend. However, is it possible that this meeting can be pushed back to a later date? Both Regions 3 and 5 have been working on outlining Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Furthermore, I don't know if our ARA would be comfortable with having those discussions yet.
I'll consult with him on this tomorrow.

I've shared your response with Region 3 as they, too, may have an opinion regarding this matter.

Thanks,
Kim

From: Mattas-Curry, Lahne
Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 9:53 AM
To: Harris, Kimberly <harris.kimberly@epa.gov>
Cc: Lippert, Allison <lippert.allison@epa.gov>
Subject: R3/R5 briefing on PFAS

HI Kim:

I think you might have called Lawrence and told him that the Bob doesn't need to be briefed on this issue, but we were hoping to get through the presentation from the scientists in 15-20 min and then have a discussion about Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) I think Bob might want to be included in that discussion, right? What do you think?

We have also invited Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Let me know what you think.

I copied Allison, too, in case she has an opinion about it.

Lahne

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Message

From: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Sent: 3/26/2018 6:29:46 PM
To: Hubbard, Carolyn [Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov]
CC: Mattas-Curry, Lahne [Mattas-Curry.Lahne@epa.gov]; Drinkard, Andrea [Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov]; Maguire, Megan [Maguire.Megan@epa.gov]; Wadlington, Christina [Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: HEADS UP: PFAS RFA scheduled to go out in April

Yes he does

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 26, 2018, at 2:28 PM, Hubbard, Carolyn <Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov> wrote:

> True we usually don't do press until we make the awards. I think John K reviews all of these.
>
> Carolyn Hubbard
> Communications Director
> EPA Office of Research and Development
> 202-564-2189
> Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
>
> On Mar 26, 2018, at 2:11 PM, Mattas-Curry, Lahne <Mattas-Curry.Lahne@epa.gov> wrote:
>
>> This is a congressionally mandated research grant, so I am not sure if John K gets it or not, I will ask or grants folks.
>>
>> I think it kinda makes more sense to Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
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>> Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
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>> But whatever everyone else thinks is the best approach.
>>
>> **From:** Drinkard, Andrea
>> **Sent:** Monday, March 26, 2018 2:04 PM
>> **To:** Mattas-Curry, Lahne <Mattas-Curry.Lahne@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
>> **Cc:** Maguire, Megan <Maguire.Megan@epa.gov>; Hubbard, Carolyn <Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov>; Wadlington, Christina <Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov>
>> **Subject:** RE: HEADS UP: PFAS RFA scheduled to go out in April
>>
>> Ha! On the deletion.
>>
>> We should think about the press strategy; I don't know enough to say one way or the other. Do you know if this goes through the process with John K?
>>
>> **From:** Mattas-Curry, Lahne
>> **Sent:** Monday, March 26, 2018 1:48 PM
>> **To:** Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
>> **Cc:** Maguire, Megan <Maguire.Megan@epa.gov>; Hubbard, Carolyn

<Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov>; Wadlington, Christina <Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: HEADS UP: PFAS RFA scheduled to go out in April

I don't think press was planned, but we can if anyone thinks we should.
Usually we do a release when the grantees have been chosen vs when the RFA goes out for proposals.
I'd be open to feedback, though?

Just FYI: The one-pager is not meant to be a release, it was for internal purposes only. And the news links were deleted on the most recent version I just got about 30 minutes ago.

From: Drinkard, Andrea
Sent: Monday, March 26, 2018 1:45 PM
To: Mattas-Curry, Lahne <Mattas-Curry.Lahne@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Maguire, Megan <Maguire.Megan@epa.gov>; Hubbard, Carolyn <Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov>; Wadlington, Christina <Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: HEADS UP: PFAS RFA scheduled to go out in April

Is there a plan to do any press on the RFA? My only comment at the moment is that
Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Thanks.

From: Mattas-Curry, Lahne
Sent: Monday, March 26, 2018 12:14 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
Cc: Maguire, Megan <Maguire.Megan@epa.gov>; Hubbard, Carolyn <Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov>
Subject: HEADS UP: PFAS RFA scheduled to go out in April

Hi everyone:

Heads up that a PFAS research RFA will go out in April. This one-pager explains the RFA and how it was mandated. This is a National Priorities grant.

Attached one-pager has more information.

Below is a quick description.

RFA Background: To better understand the water quality and availability challenges of PFAS, EPA is seeking grant applications that generate new information for nationally assessing PFAS fate and transport, exposure, and toxicity. This RFA will inform new strategies that protect public health and the environment from PFAS exposure and adverse outcomes. The focus of this RFA is to build on the current understanding of fate and transport characteristics and behavior, exposure profiles, and toxicological effects of PFAS chemicals, including but not limited to: perfluoroalkyl acids (PFAAs); per- and

poly-fluorinated carboxylic acids, sulfonic acids, and ethers; per- and poly-fluoropolyethers (PFPE); and PFAS precursors, byproducts and transformation products.

OW, OCSPP, and ORD along with regions contributed to writing the RFA.

Let me know if you have any questions.
Lahne
202-564-3165

Message

From: Drinkard, Andrea [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=808A6B7B65BF447F93DAD2F510FEAF61-ADRINKAR]
Sent: 7/13/2019 4:43:29 PM
To: Dennis, Allison [Dennis.Allison@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: For OPA and OCIR review & approval: WA WQS Comms Plan

Oh good. I was worried!

On Jul 12, 2019, at 5:12 PM, Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov> wrote:

> Yes Jessica McFaul :)
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> Sent from my iPhone
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> On Jul 12, 2019, at 5:11 PM, Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> > Did anyone ever engage on this one?
> >
> > On Jul 12, 2019, at 4:11 PM, Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov> wrote:
> >
> > > All,
> > > Our web updates are live and the stakeholder email notification was sent out.
> > >
> > > https://www.epa.gov/wqs-tech/withdrawal-certain-federal-human-health-criteria-washington-upcoming-proposed-rule
> > >
> > > **From:** Dennis, Allison
> > > **Sent:** Friday, July 12, 2019 12:02 PM
> > > **To:** Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>
> > > **Cc:** Fotouhi, David <fotouhi.david@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; Kaiser, Sven-Erik <Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov>; Borum, Denis <Borum.Denis@epa.gov>; Bowles, Jack <Bowles.Jack@epa.gov>; Hannon, Arnita <Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov>; Holsman, Marianne <Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov>; Skadowski, Suzanne <Skadowski.Suzanne@epa.gov>; Spraul, Greg <Spraul.Greg@epa.gov>; Risley, David <Risley.David@epa.gov>; Frye, Tony (Robert) <frye.robert@epa.gov>; Carter, Brittany S. <carter.brittanys@epa.gov>; Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>; MacIntyre, Mark <Macintyre.Mark@epa.gov>
> > > **Subject:** RE: For OPA and OCIR review & approval: WA WQS Comms Plan
> > >
> > > Apologies- here's the correct web page mock up.

From: Dennis, Allison
Sent: Friday, July 12, 2019 11:15 AM
To: Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>
Cc: Fotouhi, David <fotouhi.david@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; Kaiser, Sven-Erik <Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov>; Borum, Denis <Borum.Denis@epa.gov>; Bowles, Jack <Bowles.Jack@epa.gov>; Hannon, Arnita <Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov>; Holsman, Marianne <Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov>; Skadowski, Suzanne <Skadowski.Suzanne@epa.gov>; Spraul, Greg <Spraul.Greg@epa.gov>; Risley, David <Risley.David@epa.gov>; Frye, Tony (Robert) <frye.robert@epa.gov>; Carter, Brittany S. <carter.brittanys@epa.gov>; Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>; MacIntyre, Mark <Macintyre.Mark@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: For OPA and OCIR review & approval: WA WQS Comms Plan

All,

Attached is the final web language we plan to use for today's "announcement" via website and a stakeholder email blast regarding the planned online public hearings, which has been shared with Anna.

Please let me know if there are any concerns with making this web page live at Noon eastern today.

From: Dennis, Allison
Sent: Wednesday, July 10, 2019 3:50 PM
To: Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>
Cc: Fotouhi, David <fotouhi.david@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; Kaiser, Sven-Erik <Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov>; Borum, Denis <Borum.Denis@epa.gov>; Bowles, Jack <Bowles.Jack@epa.gov>; Hannon, Arnita <Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov>; Holsman, Marianne <Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov>; Skadowski, Suzanne <Skadowski.Suzanne@epa.gov>; Spraul, Greg <Spraul.Greg@epa.gov>; Risley, David <Risley.David@epa.gov>; Frye, Tony (Robert) <frye.robert@epa.gov>; Carter, Brittany S. <carter.brittanys@epa.gov>; Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>
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Corry and Jess-

Per our May 10th decision to approve the human health criteria Washington State submitted to EPA for approval in 2016, we are beginning to take the next steps in withdrawing the current federally-promulgated water quality standards. We are targeting July 22nd for

Administrator signature on the "Proposed Withdrawal of Certain Federal Water Quality Criteria Applicable to Washington rulemaking" FRN package. We plan to accept comments for 60 days on our proposed rulemaking and hold two online public hearings in late August.

Because the program has regulations that require notice at least 45 days prior to a public hearing, which is problematic when trying to comply with CWA statutory deadlines, we will need to announce the dates for the two online public hearings **this Friday (July 12).** While this sounds a bit funny (announcing public hearings for a proposed rulemaking that has yet to be signed), it's been done before and is above board. We plan to announce these online public hearing dates via our website and through stakeholder notifications around Noon on Friday.

Corry and Jess-- please let me know if you have any questions or concerns with this planned announcement on Friday. I'm running the planned web/stakeholder notification text by Anna tonight (attached).

Regarding comms plans for July 22, with OPA's approval, per Dave and Anna we would like to stick with a holding statement for the July 22 action (instead of issuing a proactive press release). **Corry and Jess-** let us know if you are comfortable with this this approach and we'll get started on developing the full comms rollout plan.

From: Dennis, Allison
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2019 2:02 PM
To: Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Carter, Brittany S. <carter.brittanys@epa.gov>; Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>
Cc: Fotouhi, David <fotouhi.david@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; Kaiser, Sven-Erik <Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov>; Borum, Denis <Borum.Denis@epa.gov>; Bowles, Jack <Bowles.Jack@epa.gov>; Hannon, Arnita <Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov>; Holsman, Marianne <Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov>; Skadowski, Suzanne <Skadowski.Suzanne@epa.gov>; Spraul, Greg <Spraul.Greg@epa.gov>; Risley, David <Risley.David@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: For OPA and OCIR review & approval: WA WQS Comms Plan
Importance: High

All, the Regional Administrator will sign this action today. We are looking at kicking our rollout plan (see below and attached for reference) into gear starting at **3 pm eastern** (Noon pacific) where head's up calls will take place between 3 -4 pm eastern. OW will add the signed decision doc to its website at 4 pm. Let me know if you have any concerns with this plan. -Allison

Rollout Plan for Today (Day of Signature):

3- 4 pm eastern: Heads up calls are made to key stakeholders

- WA Governor's Office—notified by Chris Hladick
- State Directors/Commissioners (Maia Bellon-WA; OR, ID, AK) —notified by Chris Hladick

- Congressional Staffers at the following offices: Senator Patty Murray; Senator Maria Cantwell; Rep. Suzan DelBene; Rep. Rick Larsen; Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler; Rep. Dan Newhouse; Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers; Rep. Derek Kilmer; Rep. Pramila Jayapal; Rep. Kim Schrier; Rep. Adam Smith; Rep. Dennis Heck) —notified by Cindy Schuster; Denis Borum (OCIR HQ) will notify DC staffs
- WA Dept of Ecology staff (Polly Zehm, Heather Bartlett, Melissa Gildersleeve, Chad Brown, Ecology Regional Office Directors) —Notified by R10 Water staff
- Tribes and tribal organizations

4 pm eastern: OW posts decision memo and technical support document on epa.gov/wqs-tech/water-quality-standards-regulations-washington

After web post occurs: R10 shares holding statement with other key stakeholders via email, including:

Holding Statement:
EPA has approved the human health criteria water quality standards that Washington State originally submitted to the agency in 2016 after determining the state's proposal is protective of its designated uses, based on sound science, and consistent with the Clean Water Act. The current federally-promulgated water quality standards for Washington will remain in effect until the agency completes the process to withdraw these standards. Today's action restores Washington's role as the primary authority for adopting water quality standards in the state and EPA remains committed to supporting the state on implementation of its water quality standards.

Background
In August 2016, Washington State's Department of Ecology (Ecology) promulgated water quality standards and submitted them to EPA for approval. This submittal included 192 new human health criteria (HHC) for 97 priority pollutants that are applicable to all surface waters in the state. Ecology's 2016 standards were crafted after years of engagement and collaboration with EPA, stakeholders, and tribes.

In November 2016, EPA partially approved and partially disapproved Washington's water quality standards, approving 45 human health criteria (HHC), disapproving 143 HHC, and taking no action on four HHC. For the HHC that EPA disapproved, EPA finalized a federal rule for Washington in accordance with the Clean Water Act. These federal water quality standards are currently in effect in Washington.

In February 2017, EPA received a petition from several organizations to reconsider the agency's November 2016 partial disapproval. In August 2018, EPA decided to reconsider its 2016 partial disapproval of Washington's HHCs. Upon reconsideration, EPA, through today's action, has reversed the agency's 2016 partial disapproval of certain HHC (excluding arsenic).

EPA intends to propose to withdraw the federally promulgated criteria from the federal rule through a subsequent notice and comment rulemaking process.

More information: https://www.epa.gov/wqs-tech/water-quality-standards-regulations-washington

From: Dennis, Allison
Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2019 5:29 PM
To: Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Carter, Brittany S. <carter.brittanys@epa.gov>
Cc: Fotouhi, David <fotouhi.david@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; Kaiser, Sven-Erik <Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov>; Borum, Denis <Borum.Denis@epa.gov>; Bowles, Jack <Bowles.Jack@epa.gov>; Hannon, Arnita <Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov>; Holsman, Marianne <Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov>
Subject: For OPA and OCIR review & approval: WA WQS Comms Plan

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Attached is the updated comms plan for the WA water quality standards (human health criteria) decision. We expect the Region 10 Administrator will sign either tomorrow or Friday.

Attached is the comms strategy with proposed holding statement The comms plan was reviewed and approved by R10 and Dave and Anna. For your awareness, the Administrator received a letter yesterday from WA State (Ecology) on this issue as well as a letter from state's attorney general today (both attached).

As far as press strategy we are recommending Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Let's chat! -Allison

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Message

From: Drinkard, Andrea [Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov]
Sent: 5/10/2017 7:17:25 PM
To: Justin Heminger [Justin.Heminger@usdoj.gov]
CC: Zenick, Elliott [Zenick.Elliott@epa.gov]; Hostetler, Eric (ENRD) [Eric.Hostetler@usdoj.gov]; Vetter, Rick [Vetter.Rick@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Landfill rules - Your call yesterday

Thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

On May 10, 2017, at 3:16 PM, Heminger, Justin (ENRD) <Justin.Heminger@usdoj.gov> wrote:

> Elliott,
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> I just spoke to petitioners' counsel, and he received the Administrator's letter (see attached).
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> Best regards,
> Justin
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> **From:** Zenick, Elliott [mailto:Zenick.Elliott@epa.gov]
> **Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2017 3:10 PM
> **To:** Heminger, Justin (ENRD) <JHeminger2@ENRD.USDOJ.GOV>; Hostetler, Eric (ENRD) <EHostetler@ENRD.USDOJ.GOV>; Vetter, Rick <Vetter.Rick@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: Landfill rules - Your call yesterday
>
> Justin, can you let Andrea know (cc'd here) once you have let petitioner's counsel know? Thanks.
>
> **From:** Heminger, Justin (ENRD) [mailto:Justin.Heminger@usdoj.gov]
> **Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2017 2:36 PM
> **To:** Zenick, Elliott <Zenick.Elliott@epa.gov>; Hostetler, Eric (ENRD) <Eric.Hostetler@usdoj.gov>; Vetter, Rick <Vetter.Rick@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: Landfill rules - Your call yesterday
>
> Thanks, Elliott. I'll convey the message to petitioners' counsel.
>
> Justin
>
> **From:** Zenick, Elliott [mailto:Zenick.Elliott@epa.gov]
> **Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2017 2:35 PM
> **To:** Heminger, Justin (ENRD) <JHeminger2@ENRD.USDOJ.GOV>; Hostetler, Eric (ENRD) <EHostetler@ENRD.USDOJ.GOV>; Vetter, Rick <Vetter.Rick@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: Landfill rules - Your call yesterday

Ex. 5 Attorney Client (AC)

Thanks.

From: Heminger, Justin (ENRD) [mailto:Justin.Heminger@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2017 3:36 PM
To: Zenick, Elliott <Zenick.Elliott@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Landfill rules - Your call yesterday

Ex. 5 Attorney Client (AC)

Justin

From: Zenick, Elliott [mailto:Zenick.Elliott@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 3:34 PM
To: Heminger, Justin (ENRD) <JHeminger2@ENRD.USDOJ.GOV>
Subject: Re: Landfill rules - Your call yesterday

Ex. 5 Attorney Client (AC)

NSPS\Regional Haze Practice Group
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

On May 9, 2017, at 2:11 PM, Heminger, Justin (ENRD) <Justin.Heminger@usdoj.gov> wrote:

> Elliott, any updates on EPA's decision?
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> Thanks,
> Justin
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> **From:** Zenick, Elliott [mailto:Zenick.Elliott@epa.gov]
> **Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2017 11:01 AM
> **To:** Heminger, Justin (ENRD) <JHeminger2@ENRD.USDOJ.GOV>
> **Cc:** Hostetler, Eric (ENRD) <EHostetler@ENRD.USDOJ.GOV>; Vetter, Rick <Vetter.Rick@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: Landfill rules - Your call yesterday
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> **Ex. 5 Attorney Client (AC)**
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> **From:** Heminger, Justin (ENRD) [mailto:Justin.Heminger@usdoj.gov]
> **Sent:** Thursday, May 4, 2017 10:17 AM
> **To:** Zenick, Elliott <Zenick.Elliott@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Hostetler, Eric (ENRD) <Eric.Hostetler@usdoj.gov>; Vetter, Rick <Vetter.Rick@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: Landfill rules - Your call yesterday
>
> Okay. I let the petitioners know we will not be speaking with them.
>
> Justin

From: Zenick, Elliott [mailto:Zenick.Elliott@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2017 10:06 AM
To: Heminger, Justin (ENRD) <JHeminger2@ENRD.USDOJ.GOV>
Cc: Hostetler, Eric (ENRD) <EHostetler@ENRD.USDOJ.GOV>; Vetter, Rick <Vetter.Rick@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Landfill rules - Your call yesterday

Ex. 5 Attorney Client (AC)

From: Heminger, Justin (ENRD) [mailto:Justin.Heminger@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2017 10:03 AM
To: Zenick, Elliott <Zenick.Elliott@epa.gov>
Cc: Hostetler, Eric (ENRD) <Eric.Hostetler@usdoj.gov>; Vetter, Rick <Vetter.Rick@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Landfill rules - Your call yesterday

Elliott,

The petitioners have requested a short call with EPA on Friday to discuss the Energy Independence Executive Order's applicability to the landfill rules. Is EPA OGC willing to do a call with them? If so, let me know what time would work, and I will set it up.

Alternatively, the petitioners have proposed a call on Friday to discuss a briefing format. [**Ex. 5 Attorney Client (AC)**

Best regards,
Justin

From: McGuffey, Carroll Wade [mailto:mack.mcguffey@troutmansanders.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 03, 2017 10:04 AM
To: Heminger, Justin (ENRD) <JHeminger2@ENRD.USDOJ.GOV>
Subject: RE: Landfill rules - Your call yesterday

Okay. Do you think your clients would be open to a short discussion this week via telephone conference? In particular, we would be interested in discussing Executive Order 13783, which directly requires EPA to suspend, revise, or rescind the rules as soon as practicable. In the event a call isn't possible and you are still unable to share anything this week, can we go ahead and set aside some time on Friday to discuss a briefing format?

Mack McGuffey
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From: Heminger, Justin (ENRD) [mailto:Justin.Heminger@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 03, 2017 9:45 AM

To: McGuffey, Carroll Wade
Subject: Landfill rules - Your call yesterday

Mack,

Thanks for your voicemail yesterday. Unfortunately, at the moment I don't have permission from EPA to share any update. I'm checking to see if there is anything that EPA will allow me to share, and if I get authorization, I'll share what I can.

Best regards,
Justin

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Message

From: Drinkard, Andrea [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=808A6B7B65BF447F93DAD2F510FEAF61-ADRINKAR]
Sent: 2/3/2019 8:34:29 PM
To: Wadlington, Christina [Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: PFAS Action Plan - Revised Draft per Interagency Comments
Attachments: PFAS Action Plan_02.2.19 DraftClean_AD.docx

Some thoughts from me. You can ignore all of it, if you'd like. I did flag some editorial points, which may be helpful to Ross while they're copy editing. But feel free to ignore those as well. Standing by for comms. Let me know if there's anything else I can do in the interim.

-AD-

From: Wadlington, Christina
Sent: Saturday, February 02, 2019 4:10 PM
To: Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: PFAS Action Plan - Revised Draft per Interagency Comments

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Mclain, Jennifer" <Mclain.Jennifer@epa.gov>
> **To:** "Burneson, Eric" <Burneson.Eric@epa.gov>, "Albert, Ryan" <Albert.Ryan@epa.gov>, "Wadlington, Christina" <Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** "Tiago, Joseph" <Tiago.Joseph@epa.gov>
> **Subject: FW: PFAS Action Plan - Revised Draft per Interagency Comments**
>
> Many thanks!!!!
>
> I will send the comment response version in a bit.
>
> ---
>
> **From:** Mclain, Jennifer
> **Sent:** Saturday, February 02, 2019 2:19 PM
> **To:** Ross, David P <ross.davidp@epa.gov>; Wehrum, Bill <Wehrum.Bill@epa.gov>; Bodine, Susan <bodine.susan@epa.gov>; Dunn, Alexandra <dunn.alexandra@epa.gov>; Bolen, Brittany <bolen.brittany@epa.gov>; Dunlap, David <dunlap.david@epa.gov>; Wright, Peter <wright.peter@epa.gov>; Leopold, Matt (OGC) <Leopold.Matt@epa.gov>; Breen, Barry <Breen.Barry@epa.gov>; Lopez, Peter <lopez.peter@epa.gov>; Servidio, Cosmo <servidio.cosmo@epa.gov>; Stepp, Cathy <stepp.cathy@epa.gov>; Idsal, Anne <idsal.anne@epa.gov>; Benevento, Douglas <benevento.douglas@epa.gov>; Stoker, Michael B. <stoker.michael@epa.gov>; Gulliford, Jim <gulliford.jim@epa.gov>; Hladick, Christopher <hladick.christopher@epa.gov>; Szaro, Deb <Szaro.Deb@epa.gov>; Mugdan, Walter <Mugdan.Walter@epa.gov>; Rodrigues, Cecil <rodrigues.cecil@epa.gov>; Walker, Mary <walker.mary@epa.gov>; Newton, Cheryl <Newton.Cheryl@epa.gov>; Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov>; Chu, Ed <Chu.Ed@epa.gov>; Thomas, Deb <thomas.debrah@epa.gov>; Jordan, Deborah <Jordan.Deborah@epa.gov>; Pirzadeh, Michelle <Pirzadeh.Michelle@epa.gov>; Thiede, Kurt <thiede.kurt@epa.gov>; Orme-Zavaleta, Jennifer <Orme-

Zavaleta.Jennifer@epa.gov>
Subject: PFAS Action Plan - Revised Draft per Interagency Comments

Internal/Deliberative/Close hold

Hello,

Attached is the revised EPA PFAS Action Plan. Many thanks to all of your staffs for their significant input during the development of the Plan and particularly for their very quick turn-around of edits in response to interagency comments. This is for your awareness and any final revisions by Monday morning. Note that we will be working in parallel to clean-up and re-format the document so you do not need to focus on those details.

Many thanks to the OGWDW staff that have diligently worked to edit and collate revisions to this document. Our goal is to provide the revised plan and the comment response documents to OMB by late Monday. The OP has already set up initial OMB discussions for Tuesday (OMB only) and Wednesday (interagency partners). Please let me know if you would like to review the comment response documents and I will send separately.

Best,
Jennifer

Jennifer L McLain
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202-564-4029

Appointment

From: Vizian, Donna [Vizian.Donna@epa.gov]
Sent: 5/3/2018 6:51:38 PM
To: Vizian, Donna [Vizian.Donna@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; danielle.ivory@nytimes.com

Subject: NYT Interview
Attachments: FW: NYT interview request -- Grosse Ile office
Location: Ms. Danielle Ivory will call Ms. Vizian at Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Start: 5/7/2018 5:00:00 PM
End: 5/7/2018 6:00:00 PM
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Message

From: Vizian, Donna [Vizian.Donna@epa.gov]
Sent: 4/30/2018 12:38:56 PM
To: Gantt, Melissa [Gantt.Melissa@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: NYT interview request -- Grosse Ile office

Can you please add to my calendar. thanks

From: Vizian, Donna
Sent: Friday, April 27, 2018 2:50 PM
To: 'Ivory, Danielle' <danielle.ivory@nytimes.com>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: NYT interview request -- Grosse Ile office

202-564-4600

From: Ivory, Danielle [mailto:danielle.ivory@nytimes.com]
Sent: Friday, April 27, 2018 2:43 PM
To: Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: NYT interview request -- Grosse Ile office

No problem at all. Thanks very much, Donna. What's the best number to call?

On Fri, Apr 27, 2018 at 2:30 PM, Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov> wrote:

> Danielle,
>
> I apologize for the delay in responding. Would Thursday afternoon at 2:00 work?
>
> Best,
>
> Donna
>
> **From:** danielle.ivory@nytimes.com [mailto:danielle.ivory@nytimes.com]
> **Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 8:12 PM
> **To:** Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
>
> **Subject:** Re: NYT interview request -- Grosse Ile office

Absolutely fine. Thanks, Donna.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 25, 2018, at 7:40 PM, Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov> wrote:

Can I get back to you tomorrow on a day?

On Apr 25, 2018, at 5:58 PM, Ivory, Danielle <danielle.ivory@nytimes.com> wrote:

Certainly, does Monday or Tuesday work for you? And thanks very much,

Danielle

On Wed, Apr 25, 2018 at 5:57 PM, Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov> wrote:

Danielle – I would be happy to share the background, however I am very booked this week. Can we set aside some time next week?

From: Ivory, Danielle [mailto:danielle.ivory@nytimes.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 5:28 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: NYT interview request -- Grosse Ile office

Do you know why this decision to move the office was revived under the new administration and why the decision was made to move the office to Ann Arbor, rather than to one of the spaces nearer to Grosse Ile that had previously been considered by EPA and GSA? Who signed off on the closure of the office and moving the employees to Ann Arbor? Again, there have been concerns in the Grosse Ile office that moving the office to Ann Arbor will lengthen the commute to most emergency scenes, not just because Grosse Ile is generally closer, but also because responders are not allowed to take emergency vehicles home with them and will have to drive to Ann Arbor first before going to the scene.

You told me yesterday to reach out to Region 5 and OARM. OARM has not responded and Region 5 referred me back to you.

Thanks,

Danielle

On Wed, Apr 25, 2018 at 5:24 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

We provided you a response

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 25, 2018, at 5:13 PM, Ivory, Danielle <danielle.ivory@nytimes.com> wrote:

Hi Liz, just fyi, I haven't heard back from OARM and Region 5 got back to me and said the Washington press office would answer my questions.

Thanks,

Danielle

On Tue, Apr 24, 2018 at 6:53 PM, Ivory, Danielle <danielle.ivory@nytimes.com> wrote:

Thanks, Liz. I will reach out to OARM.

Thanks,

Danielle

On Tue, Apr 24, 2018 at 6:14 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

Please reach out to OARM also, who is copied here. From the ORD chief of staff (for background, not for attribution): "EPA's ORD was down to two staff in Gross Ile as of May 2017 which was costing $400K annually to operate. ORD career staff notified the Agency that they planned to vacate and our staff were relocated to Ann Arbor which is commuting distance away. Our environmental due diligence on the lab work will be complete early this summer."

From: Ivory, Danielle [mailto:danielle.ivory@nytimes.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 6:07 PM

To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: FW: NYT interview request -- Grosse Ile office

I'm happy to reach out to the region and will do so. But -- are you saying that no one in the leadership in Washington was involved in the decision to close an EPA office and move its employees to a different office? That would be very unusual. My understanding is that regional offices are not allowed to make unilateral moves like that without sign off from the political leadership. Am I wrong?

Thanks again,

Danielle

On Tue, Apr 24, 2018 at 6:00 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

> Hi Danielle – Please reach out to the Region directly, who is best poised to provide this information.
>
> **From:** Ivory, Danielle [mailto:danielle.ivory@nytimes.com]
> **Sent:** Tuesday, April 24, 2018 5:38 PM
> **To:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: FW: NYT interview request -- Grosse Ile office
>
> Hi Liz, this is a decision that was in the works during the Obama administration, except that it was officially stopped in November of 2016. Also, the plans for that move involved going a maximum of 11 miles away from Grosse Ile. My understanding that that Grosse Ile employees got official word in November 2016 that the move had been cancelled for at least the next four years. Do you know why the decision was revived under the new administration and why the decision was made to move the office to Ann Arbor,

rather than to one of the spaces nearer to Grosse Ile that had previously been considered by EPA and GSA?

There have been concerns in the Grosse Ile office that moving the office to Ann Arbor will lengthen the commute to most emergency scenes, not just because Grosse Ile is generally closer, but also because responders are not allowed to take emergency vehicles home with them and will have to drive to Ann Arbor first before going to the scene.

Thanks again,

Danielle

On Tue, Apr 24, 2018 at 5:27 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

> Hi Danielle – On background only: This is a decision that has been in the works since the previous administration. All the employees at the facility will continue in their positions at the new location, and all the functions of the Grosse Ile office will continue at the Ann Arbor location. Thank you – Liz
>
> On Tue, Apr 24, 2018 at 5:08 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> > Hi Danielle – Kell doesn't have any knowledge of this issue, but I am following up with the Region and their Superfund director to get more information. Thank you – Liz
> >
> > **From:** Ivory, Danielle [mailto:danielle.ivory@nytimes.com]
> > **Sent:** Tuesday, April 24, 2018 2:45 PM
> > **To:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
> > **Subject:** NYT interview request -- Grosse Ile office
> >
> > Hi Liz, I'm looking into EPA's decision to shut down its Grosse Ile office and relocate those

employees to an office in Ann Arbor. I'd like to request on-the-record interviews with Albert Kelly and Vaughn Noga this week about how and why the decision was made. As you may know, many of the staffers working in the Grosse Ile office are emergency responders under the EPA's superfund program.

Thanks very much,

Danielle

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From: Vizian, Donna [Vizian.Donna@epa.gov]
Sent: 5/3/2018 6:51:37 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; danielle.ivory@nytimes.com

Subject: NYT Interview
Attachments: FW: NYT interview request -- Grosse Ile office
Location: Ms. Danielle Ivory will call Ms. Vizian at Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Start: 5/7/2018 4:15:00 PM
End: 5/7/2018 5:15:00 PM
Show Time As: Tentative

Message

From: Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Sent: 9/26/2019 1:14:50 PM
To: Dennis, Allison [Dennis.Allison@epa.gov]
CC: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Subject: Fwd: Cal Letter and Press Release
Attachments: image2019-09-25-035805.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Schiermeyer, Corry" <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>
Date: September 25, 2019 at 3:48:07 PM EDT
To: "Grantham, Nancy" <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: "Abboud, Michael" <abboud.michael@epa.gov>, "Block, Molly" <block.molly@epa.gov>, "McFaul, Jessica" <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>, "Beach, Christopher" <beach.christopher@epa.gov>, "Woods, Andrea" <Woods.Andrea@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Cal Letter and Press Release

We need to have this posted to the website at 10:30amET tomorrow.

-----Original Message-----
From: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2019 3:33 PM
To: Ross, David P <ross.davidp@epa.gov>; Benevento, Douglas <benevento.douglas@epa.gov>; Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
Cc: Bodine, Susan <bodine.susan@epa.gov>; Forsgren, Lee <Forsgren.Lee@epa.gov>; Mejias, Melissa <mejias.melissa@epa.gov>; Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Cal Letter and Press Release

Attached is the final, signed letter.

-----Original Message-----
From: Ross, David P <ross.davidp@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2019 10:04 AM
To: Benevento, Douglas <benevento.douglas@epa.gov>
Cc: Bodine, Susan <bodine.susan@epa.gov>; Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Forsgren, Lee <Forsgren.Lee@epa.gov>; Mejias, Melissa <mejias.melissa@epa.gov>; Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Cal Letter and Press Release

FYI. I have worked with Susan to give this a comprehensive review and clean up edit. Mel, Lee and I just reviewed those edits, and Mel will be putting this into a final version to pass on to the AO shortly.

Thanks all.

Sent from my iPad

> On Sep 24, 2019, at 10:54 PM, Benevento, Douglas <benevento.douglas@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> Dave, this is the letter you were cc'd on, it should look familiar. If you're going to make changes this is the one you should work off of.
>
> Get it to Beth White who can put it on letterhead and get it turned around by noon.
>
> Corry, if I understood you correctly the Washington Post is now the outlet we're working with and they will receive the letter at noon tomorrow and embargo it until Thursday morning.
>
> -----Original Message-----
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> From: Ross, David P <ross.davidp@epa.gov>
>
> Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2019 10:24 PM
>
> To: Bodine, Susan <bodine.susan@epa.gov>; Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
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> Cc: Benevento, Douglas <benevento.douglas@epa.gov>; Forsgren, Lee <Forsgren.Lee@epa.gov>; Mejias, Melissa <mejias.melissa@epa.gov>
>
> Subject: Re: Cal Letter and Press Release
>
> Could somebody please get me what they think is the final version of the letter first thing in the morning and I will fix it. Who has the final electronic version?
>
> Sent from my iPad
>
>> On Sep 24, 2019, at 8:25 PM, Bodine, Susan <bodine.susan@epa.gov> wrote:
>>
>> Attached are my edits to the TPs. It does not matter if I am the only person speaking to press but I want the information distributed internally to be consistent and accurate.
>>
>> On the letter, the last version I saw had Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
>
> Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Your note says this is going out at noon tomorrow. That is just to the SF Chronicle and is embargoed, right? I though it was going out more broadly on Thursday. I am speaking to the Chronicle at 1:30 tomorrow.

The NOV will not go until next week - is the target Thursday?

I need a copy of the signed letter before I talk to press.

-----Original Message-----

From: Benevento, Douglas <benevento.douglas@epa.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2019 7:24 PM

To: Forsgren, Lee <Forsgren.Lee@epa.gov>

Cc: Ross, David P <ross.davidp@epa.gov>; Bodine, Susan <bodine.susan@epa.gov>; Mejias, Melissa <mejias.melissa@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Cal Letter and Press Release

Ryan has a final going out at noon tomorrow. I've told him we may substitute out the one in he has. Dave if you can get it to him before noon that will work.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Sep 24, 2019, at 4:17 PM, Forsgren, Lee <Forsgren.Lee@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> Doug
>
> I am in Chicago enroute to Seattle. So I have no ability to change the letter and get it to a Ryan. Melissa has the ability to make those changes but will leave whether we can do it to Dave.
>
> Lee
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
>> On Sep 24, 2019, at 5:46 PM, Benevento, Douglas <benevento.douglas@epa.gov> wrote:

Lee if we change the letter you're going to have to revise it and get a new signed copy to Ryan, I'm in Seattle and he's holding the final version for delivery. The letter should go to Beth White. Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

-----Original Message-----

From: Ross, David P <ross.davidp@epa.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2019 2:22 PM

To: Benevento, Douglas <benevento.douglas@epa.gov>; Bodine, Susan <bodine.susan@epa.gov>; Forsgren, Lee <Forsgren.Lee@epa.gov>

Cc: Mejias, Melissa <mejias.melissa@epa.gov>

Subject: Cal Letter and Press Release

Deliberative; Pre-Decisional

On the latest version of the Cal water letter, I agree with Susan's redlines. A few other nits:

In opening para, Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

the end of the para. Also, do we still

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

In the paragraph that starts with

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In the next para, Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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On the press release, I agree with Susan's edits. I'd also Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

I'm turning my attention to the TPs now.

Sent from my iPad

<Water TPs spb edits.docx>

<California Water Letter - Final - September, 2019.docx>

Message

From: Cooper, Geoff [Cooper.Geoff@epa.gov]
Sent: 2/20/2019 9:30:42 PM
To: Stachowiak, Robert [Stachowiak.Robert@epa.gov]; Brazauskas, Joseph [brazauskas.joseph@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
CC: Blake, Wendy [Blake.Wendy@epa.gov]; Albright, Scott [Albright.Scott@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Recycle City Music Issue: OGC/ORCR/OMS: Comment Request: Nintendo music in EPA game?
Attachments: Re: The EPA stole music from Yoshi's Island DS for a pro-recycling Flash game - The Verge

All,

A reporter for Ars Technica asked for an EPA statement about background music playing in EPA's Recycle City Challenge and its similarity to music used in Nintendo's Yoshi's Island DS video game. Recycle City Challenge is an online game for kids developed in Region 9.

Earlier today, Scott Albright and I worked with Bill Glenn in Region 9's public affairs office on a response to the Ars Technica reporter. I described that activity, and its aftermath, in the e-mail to Wendy below. Since this matter seems to be getting a surprising amount of interest in the gaming community, we thought you should be aware of what has been going on also.

Geoff

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From: Cooper, Geoff
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 4:03 PM
To: Blake, Wendy <Blake.Wendy@epa.gov>
Cc: Albright, Scott <Albright.Scott@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Recycle City Music Issue: OGC/ORCR/OMS: Comment Request: Nintendo music in EPA game?

Wendy,

In case you are asked, earlier today Scott and I spoke to Bill Glenn, a public affairs official in Region 9, about Nintendo's music being used in our video game. Ex. 5 AC/DP

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Geoff

From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 1:44 PM
To: Cooper, Geoff <Cooper.Geoff@epa.gov>; Glenn, William <Glenn.William@epa.gov>
Cc: Hood, Timonie <Hood.Timonie@epa.gov>; Arcari, Christine <Arcari.Christine@epa.gov>; Henley, Cheryl <Henley.Cheryl@epa.gov>; Stephenson, Jenny <Stephenson.Jenny@epa.gov>; Zito, Kelly <ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV>; Albright, Scott <Albright.Scott@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Recycle City Music Issue: OGC/ORCR/OMS: Comment Request: Nintendo music in EPA game?

Thanks all. I'll forward this proposed response for final approval and sharing with the reporter.

Cheers, R.

Robert Daguillard
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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) (M)

From: Cooper, Geoff
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 1:18 PM
To: Glenn, William <Glenn.William@epa.gov>; Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Cc: Hood, Timonie <Hood.Timonie@epa.gov>; Arcari, Christine <Arcari.Christine@epa.gov>; Henley, Cheryl <Henley.Cheryl@epa.gov>; Stephenson, Jenny <Stephenson.Jenny@epa.gov>; Zito, Kelly <ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV>; Albright, Scott <Albright.Scott@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Recycle City Music Issue: OGC/ORCR/OMS: Comment Request: Nintendo music in EPA game?

Sounds good. And, yes, Ex. 5 AC/DP We're happy to help with that. Geoff

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From: Glenn, William
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 1:14 PM
To: Cooper, Geoff <Cooper.Geoff@epa.gov>; Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>

Cc: Hood, Timonie <Hood.Timonie@epa.gov>; Arcari, Christine <Arcari.Christine@epa.gov>; Henley, Cheryl <Henley.Cheryl@epa.gov>; Stephenson, Jenny <Stephenson.Jenny@epa.gov>; Zito, Kelly <ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV>; Albright, Scott <Albright.Scott@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Recycle City Music Issue: OGC/ORCR/OMS: Comment Request: Nintendo music in EPA game?

Great – here's how I would Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Also – it would be Ex. 5 AC/DP

Ex. 5 AC/DP

Bill Glenn
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From: Cooper, Geoff
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 10:01 AM
To: Glenn, William <Glenn.William@epa.gov>; Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Cc: Hood, Timonie <Hood.Timonie@epa.gov>; Arcari, Christine <Arcari.Christine@epa.gov>; Henley, Cheryl <Henley.Cheryl@epa.gov>; Stephenson, Jenny <Stephenson.Jenny@epa.gov>; Zito, Kelly <ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV>; Albright, Scott <Albright.Scott@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Recycle City Music Issue: OGC/ORCR/OMS: Comment Request: Nintendo music in EPA game?

Bill,

Here is a statement that Scott and I drafted in response to Mr. Orland's question:

Ex. 5 AC/DP

Geoff

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From: Glenn, William
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To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Cc: Hood, Timonie <Hood.Timonie@epa.gov>; Arcari, Christine <Arcari.Christine@epa.gov>; Cooper, Geoff

<Cooper.Geoff@epa.gov>; Henley, Cheryl <Henley.Cheryl@epa.gov>; Stephenson, Jenny <Stephenson.Jenny@epa.gov>; Zito, Kelly <ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV>
Subject: RE: Recycle City Music Issue: OGC/ORCR/OMS: Comment Request: Nintendo music in EPA game?

We definitely want to provide an explanation. Here's a draft statement, for attribution to an EPA spokesperson:

Ex. 5 AC/DP

Geoff and company, does this sound okay? They're publishing quite soon and it would be great to get in front of it.

Thanks!

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Bill Glenn
Acting Deputy Director
Office of Public Affairs
U.S. EPA, Pacific Southwest
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From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 8:30 AM
To: Glenn, William <Glenn.William@epa.gov>
Cc: Hood, Timonie <Hood.Timonie@epa.gov>; Arcari, Christine <Arcari.Christine@epa.gov>; Cooper, Geoff <Cooper.Geoff@epa.gov>; Henley, Cheryl <Henley.Cheryl@epa.gov>; Stephenson, Jenny <Stephenson.Jenny@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Recycle City Music Issue: OGC/ORCR/OMS: Comment Request: Nintendo music in EPA game?

Thanks, Bill. More from the reporter:

"Thanks for the response. I became aware of this through reports bubbling up in corners of the gaming press. One example: http://www.nintendolife.com/news/2019/02/us_government_spices_up_its_flash_game_with_yoshis_island_ds_music

At this point I'd likely publish sometime in the early afternoon (East Coast time) and can of course update with a comment if it comes to that. Please keep me posted"

Robert Daguillard
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Office of Media Relations
Washington D.C.
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) (M)
202-564-6618 (O)

On Feb 20, 2019, at 11:11 AM, Glenn, William <Glenn.William@epa.gov> wrote:

> I would be the contact on this product — and yes, **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**
>
> Cheryl, can you look into this with David Yarnell et al and get back to me ASAP? Thanks!
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> _____

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On Feb 20, 2019, at 7:59 AM, Hood, Timonie <Hood.Timonie@epa.gov> wrote:

Scroll to the last message.

From: Arcari, Christine
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 7:15 AM
To: Hood, Timonie <Hood.Timonie@epa.gov>; Priselac, Adrienne <Priselac.Adrienne@epa.gov>
Cc: ORCR Press <ORCR_Press@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: OGC/ORCR/OMS: Comment Request: Nintendo music in EPA game?

Hi Timonie and Adrienne,

Not sure if this press inquiry has made it's way around to you all yet, but do you by chance know anything about the music in it or know who might? See the press inquiry below and the OGC contact who can work with Region 9 to respond to this inquiry.

Thanks,

Christine

Christine Arcari
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Phone: 703-308-8462

From: Cooper, Geoff
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 10:07 AM
To: Arcari, Christine <Arcari.Christine@epa.gov>; Stachowiak, Robert <Stachowiak.Robert@epa.gov>; Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>; Colip, Matthew <colip.matthew@epa.gov>; Taylor, Trish <Taylor.Trish@epa.gov>; ORCR Press <ORCR_Press@epa.gov>; Amorosi, Joanne <Amorosi.Joanne@epa.gov>
Cc: OGC SWERLO MGMT <OGC_SWERLO_MGMT@epa.gov>; OGC GLO MGMT <OGC_GLO_MGMT@epa.gov>; Fotouhi, David <fotouhi.david@epa.gov>; Recyclecity R9 <Recyclecity_R9@epa.gov>; Ryan, Jini <Ryan.Jini@epa.gov>; Albright, Scott <Albright.Scott@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: OGC/ORCR/OMS: Comment Request: Nintendo music in EPA game?

Christine,

Thanks, that would be helpful. My group in OGC handles intellectual property issues. We'll look into this once we know who in Region 9 we should speak to. My guess is that **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

Geoff

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From: Arcari, Christine
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 9:57 AM
To: Stachowiak, Robert <Stachowiak.Robert@epa.gov>; Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>; Colip, Matthew <colip.matthew@epa.gov>; Taylor, Trish <Taylor.Trish@epa.gov>; ORCR Press <ORCR_Press@epa.gov>; Amorosi, Joanne <Amorosi.Joanne@epa.gov>
Cc: OGC SWERLO MGMT <OGC_SWERLO_MGMT@epa.gov>; OGC GLO MGMT <OGC_GLO_MGMT@epa.gov>; Fotouhi, David <fotouhi.david@epa.gov>; Recyclecity R9 <Recyclecity_R9@epa.gov>; Ryan, Jini <Ryan.Jini@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: OGC/ORCR/OMS: Comment Request: Nintendo music in EPA game?

Hi Robert,

I'm not sure anyone in ORCR knows about the origins of this game – it was created by Region 9 - but we'll ask around.

Christine

Christine Arcari
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From: Stachowiak, Robert
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 9:51 AM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>; Colip, Matthew <colip.matthew@epa.gov>; Taylor, Trish <Taylor.Trish@epa.gov>; ORCR Press <ORCR_Press@epa.gov>; Amorosi, Joanne <Amorosi.Joanne@epa.gov>
Cc: OGC SWERLO MGMT <OGC_SWERLO_MGMT@epa.gov>; OGC GLO MGMT <OGC_GLO_MGMT@epa.gov>; Fotouhi, David <fotouhi.david@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: OGC/ORCR/OMS: Comment Request: Nintendo music in EPA game?

+ OGC SWERLO and OGC GLO, David F

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From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Wednesday, February 20, 2019 9:49 AM
To: Colip, Matthew <colip.matthew@epa.gov>; Taylor, Trish <Taylor.Trish@epa.gov>; ORCR Press <ORCR_Press@epa.gov>; Stachowiak, Robert <Stachowiak.Robert@epa.gov>; Amorosi, Joanne <Amorosi.Joanne@epa.gov>
Subject: OGC/ORCR/OMS: Comment Request: Nintendo music in EPA game?

ARS TECHNICA
KYLE ORLAND
DDL SOON

Colleagues, we're looking at what the reporter suggests could be a copyright issue. Thanks in advance for any insight, and suggestion on next steps.

Cheers, R.

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Hi there,

Kyle Orland, Senior Gaming Editor for Ars Technica here, with a bit of an odd question. It appears that the Recycle City game available on the EPA web site at https://www3.epa.gov/recyclecity/challenge/index.html) makes use of copyrighted music that first appeared in the Nintendo DS game Yoshi's Island DS (a version of which can be found here: https://youtu.be/Zb9jvSQg9sw?t=1010).

I was wondering if the EPA had any comment on how this apparent music reuse happened, whether the organization was aware of it before now, and what, if anything, is planned to be done about it.

Please let me know if a comment is pending, even if it might take a little time. I can probably hold off on publishing for a little while if it means including a quote from the EPA.

Thanks in advance for any information you can provide.

-Kyle Orland

Message

From: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
Sent: 2/19/2019 8:56:20 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Glyphosate call

Just FYI. The reporter and I had a really good chat, BTW.

Cheers, R.

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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) (M)

From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 3:56 PM
To: Labbe, Ken <Labbe.Ken@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Glyphosate call

Thanks, Ken. I think you summarized the call – and the ground rules I set at the beginning – very nicely. Just a couple of things:

- It's crucial to understand not just on- or off-the-record, but all level of attribution whenever engaging in a discussion with a reporter. I take it, for instance, that you're also familiar with the concepts "on background," and "on *deep* background?"
- As the reporter mentioned, he's not far enough along in his research to foresee a definitive lead angle to the story. This said, there's no question he foresees writing about 1) the relationship between corporations and academic research, on the one hand, and 2) potentially also about the changing landscape of, and funding behind, academic research.

Cheers, R.

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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) (M)

From: Labbe, Ken
Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 3:51 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Glyphosate call

Robert:

If I understood correctly, Jacob would like information on the relationship between Monsanto (Bayer) and some of the academics and scientists researchers and if Monsanto scientists write research for others. Moreover, he wants to know

possible linkage between academic and Monsanto scientists, and how the regulators view this same relationship/question. As I have understood both in the past and now, clarification must be made with a reporter as to whether or not an interview or questions asked are either on or off the record prior to speaking. Also, there quite possibly may be times where EPA has responded to similar requests in such a way where we would respond to current requests. Asking them about their deadline is vital as it leads to the timeliness of publication and never, under any circumstance, promise a reporter anything. I'm brushing up on a slew of issues that we'll be facing. Please let me know when another call takes place. I'd be more than happy to sit in.

-Ken

Message

From: Wieder, Jessica [Wieder.Jessica@epa.gov]
Sent: 2/19/2019 2:46:12 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Sauerhage, Maggie [Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov]; Bacon, Stefanie [Bacon.stefanie@epa.gov]; Thomas, Latosha [Thomas.Latosha@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: ESF-15 SOP (2019) review
Attachments: draft ESF#15_2019_draft.docx

Good Morning, Nancy, Maggie and Thomas,

I want to coordinate with you on the EFS-15 review. The radiation program is happy to review annex N of ESF-15. We can coordinate with our OLEM colleagues. We can also look at Annex M, but your office and OLEM likely have the best insight for that review.

Please let me know how you would like to respond to Stan.

Have a wonderful day.

Jess

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Radiation Protection Program
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From: Heath, Stanley <stanley.heath@HQ.DHS.GOV>
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2019 9:11 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Sauerhage, Maggie <Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov>; Wieder, Jessica <Wieder.Jessica@epa.gov>; Bacon, Stefanie <Bacon.stefanie@epa.gov>; thomas.latosha@epa.gog
Cc: Wood, Chad <chad.wood@HQ.DHS.GOV>
Subject: ESF-15 SOP (2019) review

EPA colleagues,

We're updating the ESF-15 SOP this year. If feasible I'd like to publish in July. Can you please validate the following for me:

Annex M – Environmental
Annex N – Radiological

Attached is the word copy for your review.

Many thanks!

Vr,

Stan Heath
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Message

From: Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]
Sent: 9/25/2019 7:47:47 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Cal Letter and Press Release
Attachments: image2019-09-25-035805.pdf

-----Original Message-----
From: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2019 3:33 PM
To: Ross, David P <ross.davidp@epa.gov>; Benevento, Douglas <benevento.douglas@epa.gov>; Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
Cc: Bodine, Susan <bodine.susan@epa.gov>; Forsgren, Lee <Forsgren.Lee@epa.gov>; Mejias, Melissa <mejias.melissa@epa.gov>; Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Cal Letter and Press Release

Attached is the final, signed letter.

-----Original Message-----
From: Ross, David P <ross.davidp@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 25, 2019 10:04 AM
To: Benevento, Douglas <benevento.douglas@epa.gov>
Cc: Bodine, Susan <bodine.susan@epa.gov>; Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Forsgren, Lee <Forsgren.Lee@epa.gov>; Mejias, Melissa <mejias.melissa@epa.gov>; Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Cal Letter and Press Release

FYI. I have worked with Susan to give this a comprehensive review and clean up edit. Mel, Lee and I just reviewed those edits, and Mel will be putting this into a final version to pass on to the AO shortly.

Thanks all.

Sent from my iPad

> On Sep 24, 2019, at 10:54 PM, Benevento, Douglas <benevento.douglas@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> Dave, this is the letter you were cc'd on, it should look familiar. If you're going to make changes this is the one you should work off of.
>
> Get it to Beth White who can put it on letterhead and get it turned around by noon.
>
> Corry, if I understood you correctly the Washington Post is now the outlet we're working with and they will receive the letter at noon tomorrow and embargo it until Thursday morning.
>
> -----Original Message-----
> From: Ross, David P <ross.davidp@epa.gov>
> Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2019 10:24 PM
> To: Bodine, Susan <bodine.susan@epa.gov>; Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
> Cc: Benevento, Douglas <benevento.douglas@epa.gov>; Forsgren, Lee <Forsgren.Lee@epa.gov>; Mejias, Melissa <mejias.melissa@epa.gov>
> Subject: Re: Cal Letter and Press Release
>
> Could somebody please get me what they think is the final version of the letter first thing in the morning and I will fix it. Who has the final electronic version?
>
> Sent from my iPad
>
>> On Sep 24, 2019, at 8:25 PM, Bodine, Susan <bodine.susan@epa.gov> wrote:
>>
>> Attached are my edits to the TPs. It does not matter if I am the only person speaking to press but I want the information distributed internally to be consistent and accurate.
>>
>> On the letter, the last version I saw had Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
>>
>> Your note says this is going out at noon tomorrow. That is just to the SF Chronicle and is embargoed, right? I though it was going out more broadly on Thursday. I am speaking to the Chronicle at 1:30 tomorrow.
>>

>> The NOV will not go until next week - is the target Thursday?
>>
>> I need a copy of the signed letter before I talk to press.
>>
>> -----Original Message-----
>> From: Benevento, Douglas <benevento.douglas@epa.gov>
>> Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2019 7:24 PM
>> To: Forsgren, Lee <Forsgren.Lee@epa.gov>
>> Cc: Ross, David P <ross.davidp@epa.gov>; Bodine, Susan <bodine.susan@epa.gov>; Mejias, Melissa <mejias.melissa@epa.gov>
>> Subject: Re: Cal Letter and Press Release
>>
>> Ryan has a final going out at noon tomorrow. I've told him we may substitute out the one in he has. Dave if you can get it to him before noon that will work.
>>
>> Sent from my iPhone
>>
>>> On Sep 24, 2019, at 4:17 PM, Forsgren, Lee <Forsgren.Lee@epa.gov> wrote:
>>>
>>> Doug
>>>
>>> I am in Chicago enroute to Seattle. So I have no ability to change the letter and get it to a Ryan. Melissa has the ability to make those changes but will leave whether we can do it to Dave.
>>>
>>> Lee
>>>
>>> Sent from my iPhone
>>>
>>>> On Sep 24, 2019, at 5:46 PM, Benevento, Douglas <benevento.douglas@epa.gov> wrote:
>>>>
>>>> Lee if we change the letter you're going to have to revise it and get a new signed copy to Ryan, I'm in Seattle and he's holding the final version for delivery. The letter should go to Beth White. The letter is Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
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>>>> -----Original Message-----
>>>> From: Ross, David P <ross.davidp@epa.gov>
>>>> Sent: Tuesday, September 24, 2019 2:22 PM
>>>> To: Benevento, Douglas <benevento.douglas@epa.gov>; Bodine, Susan <bodine.susan@epa.gov>; Forsgren, Lee <Forsgren.Lee@epa.gov>
>>>> Cc: Mejias, Melissa <mejias.melissa@epa.gov>
>>>> Subject: Cal Letter and Press Release
>>>>
>>>> Deliberative; Pre-Decisional
>>>>
>>>> On the latest version of the Cal water letter, I agree with Susan's redlines. A few other nits:
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>>>> In opening para, Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
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>>>> In the paragraph that starts with Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
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>>>> In the next para, after the Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
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>>>> On the press release, I agree with Susan's edits. I'd also flag the word Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) I would Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
>>>>
>>>> I'm turning my attention to the TPs now.
>>>>
>>>> Sent from my iPad
>> <Water TPs spb edits.docx>
> <California Water Letter - Final - September, 2019.docx>

BERRY'S CREEK STUDY AREA
OPERABLE UNIT 2 OF VENTRON/VELSICOL SUPERFUND SITE, NJ

Issue:
EPA issued a Record of Decision in September 2018 requiring removal of the worst contaminated sediment to prevent it from further spreading contamination. The site was previously on the Administrator's Special Emphasis List.

Background:
- The Berry's Creek Study Area in Bergen County, New Jersey includes approximately six miles of creek, from its headwaters to the Hackensack River, the tributaries to the creek, and almost 800 acres of wetlands.
- The primary contaminants of concern at the site are mercury, methyl mercury and PCBs. Fish consumption advisories are in place to help reduce people's exposure to contaminated fish and crabs.
- Under a legal agreement with EPA, approximately 120 parties potentially responsible for contamination in the area conducted a detailed investigation and study of the area.
- An interim action remedy to control sources of mercury and PCBs in the top layer of sediment in Upper Berry's Creek and Middle Berry's Creek, was selected on September 25, 2018.

Key Points:
- An interim action source control remedy, estimated at $332 million, was selected in September 2018. Federal elected officials were supportive of the ROD and Congressman Pascrell joined us for the media event announcing the ROD.
- Parties potentially responsible for the contamination have indicated their willingness to conduct the design of the remedy. The details of the legal agreement between these parties and EPA are under negotiation with an expected agreement in the spring.
- The remedy includes long term monitoring, a demonstration project that evaluates potential remediation options for tidal marshes, and a cleanup of the marsh on Upper Peach Island Creek.

Talking Points:
- The cleanup plan includes bank-to-bank removal of sediment down to two feet in portions of the creek with backfilling and capping equal to the depth removed.
- The selected remedy is an interim step to address the worst of the pollution that is acting as a source to other areas. EPA will issue a final plan after further studies evaluate whether the cleanup has been effective.
- EPA expects that a group of parties legally responsible for the contamination would conduct and pay for the estimated $332 million cleanup with oversight by the EPA.

Message

From: Hull, George [Hull.George@epa.gov]
Sent: 1/31/2019 3:42:32 PM
To: Mears, Mary [Mears.Mary@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
CC: Schaaf, Eric [Schaaf.Eric@epa.gov]; Rodriguez, Elias [Rodriguez.Elias@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: DRAFT NYCHA release

Yes, Susan is drafting a quote and I've alerted John Konkus and Nancy Grantham. Should have something to share with you, shortly. - George

From: Mears, Mary
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2019 10:41 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Cc: Schaaf, Eric <Schaaf.Eric@epa.gov>; Rodriguez, Elias <Rodriguez.Elias@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: DRAFT NYCHA release
Importance: High

Looks like this is being set as a joint announcement, and they are looking for an Acting Administrator quote. George, are you all working on something?

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From: Dearden, Dawn (USANYS) <Dawn.Dearden@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2019 10:02 AM
To: Sullivan, Brian E <brian.e.sullivan@hud.gov>; Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; Rodriguez, Elias <Rodriguez.Elias@epa.gov>; Schaaf, Eric <Schaaf.Eric@epa.gov>
Cc: Margolin, James (USANYS) [Contractor] <James.Margolin@usdoj.gov>
Subject: DRAFT NYCHA release
Importance: High

All, this is a close-hold draft for today's agreement announcement. Please provide a quote as soon as possible. I'll advise on timing as soon as I can, unless you all have some insight?

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Appointment

From: Richardson, RobinH [Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]
Sent: 12/19/2018 7:58:35 PM
To: Lyons, Troy [lyons.troy@epa.gov]; Nitsch, Chad [Nitsch.Chad@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Drinkard, Andrea [Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov]; Dennis, Allison [Dennis.Allison@epa.gov]; Klasen, Matthew [Klasen.Matthew@epa.gov]; Bowles, Jack [Bowles.Jack@epa.gov]; Palich, Christian [palich.christian@epa.gov]; Ringel, Aaron [ringel.aaron@epa.gov]; Frye, Tony (Robert) [frye.robert@epa.gov]; Rodrick, Christian [rodrick.christian@epa.gov]; Bennett, Tate [Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]; Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]

Subject: Baltimore Planning
Location: WJC-N 3428

Start: 1/3/2019 6:00:00 PM
End: 1/3/2019 6:30:00 PM
Show Time As: Tentative

Hi everyone – This is time for us to begin planning for the Baltimore WIFIA event. Please add others as appropriate. Thank you! Robin

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Team— (from Troy)

We have locked in **10:00 AM** on **Monday, January 28** to hold the WIFIA signing ceremony in Baltimore with Senator Cardin. There is a lot of external stakeholder engagement so we need to all coordinate to ensure this is a successful event. I suggest we have representatives from OCIR, OW, OPEE, and OPA meet in short order to discuss the planning and execution of the event.

Topics of Discussion

1. Logistics
    a. Location
    b. Run of Show

2. Invitees
    a. Participants

3. Press Strategy

Message

From: Corbett, Krysti [Corbett.Krysti@epa.gov]
Sent: 12/18/2018 3:09:51 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Subject: Fwd: Possible Shutdown at the end of the week

FYI

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Newton, Cheryl" <Newton.Cheryl@epa.gov>
Date: December 18, 2018 at 9:53:24 AM EST
To: "Vizian, Donna" <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>, "Lapierre, Kenneth" <Lapierre.Kenneth@epa.gov>, "Corbett, Krysti" <Corbett.Krysti@epa.gov>
Cc: "Sanders, Amy" <Sanders.Amy@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Possible Shutdown at the end of the week

In case you weren't aware. I don't know if Diana heard the instructions yesterday or was directed regardless. This makes it really hard given the message we shared yesterday and the close hold we kept as then our credibility suffers. I would welcome the official communication as soon as possible. Thanks

From: Sanders, Amy
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 8:50 AM
To: Newton, Cheryl <Newton.Cheryl@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Possible Shutdown at the end of the week

ohhhhhh

Thanks,

Amy Sanders
Human Capital Officer
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From: Mikulka, Michael
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 8:45 AM
To: Sanders, Amy <Sanders.Amy@epa.gov>

Cc: Marlinga, Richard <marlinga.richard@epa.gov>; Larry, Danita <larry.danita@epa.gov>; Cantello, Nicole <cantello.nicole@epa.gov>; Marceillars, Rochelle <Marceillars.Rochelle@epa.gov>; Mangino, Mario <mangino.mario@epa.gov>; Simon, Verneta <simon.verneta@epa.gov>; Crisp, Ethel <crisp.ethel@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Possible Shutdown at the end of the week

Our Union rep in R3 forwarded this to me. Can you please confirm?

Mike
6-6760

From: Esher, Diana
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2018 3:35 PM
Subject: In Case of CR Expiring, EPA Will Use Carryover Funds

Good afternoon,

Many of you have asked what will happen if the Continuing Resolution expires on December 21st and Congress does not act. If this happens, the Agency will use carryover funds to cover payroll and maintain normal work schedules through Friday, December 28th. We will keep you posted as we receive more information.

Diana Esher
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From: Sanders, Amy
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2018 3:38 PM
To: Mikulka, Michael <mikulka.michael@epa.gov>
Cc: Marlinga, Richard <marlinga.richard@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Possible Shutdown at the end of the week

Mike,

The agency's shutdown contingency plans are available publicly on EPA's internet site. The agency is evaluating options should a shutdown happen. As we get closer to this possibility, the agency will communicate its status to employees, and Rick or I will communicate updates as we can.

Thanks,

Amy Sanders
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From: Mikulka, Michael
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2018 1:01 PM
To: Newton, Cheryl <Newton.Cheryl@epa.gov>
Cc: Larry, Danita <larry.danita@epa.gov>; Cantello, Nicole <cantello.nicole@epa.gov>; Marceillars, Rochelle <Marceillars.Rochelle@epa.gov>; Mangino, Mario <mangino.mario@epa.gov>; Simon, Verneta <simon.verneta@epa.gov>; Crisp, Ethel <crisp.ethel@epa.gov>
Subject: Possible Shutdown at the end of the week

Cheryl: any update on the possible shutdown? Is the info below correct? If correct, confirmation would relieve a lot of employee anxiety.

Mike Mikulka
6-6760

From last week's GovExec:
https://www.govexec.com/pay-benefits/2018/12/see-who-would-get-furloughed-christmas-shutdown/153524/?oref=top-story

Some agencies have changed their plans drastically, following 2017 guidance from OMB Director Mick Mulvaney that instructed them to use "carry-forward funding" and "transfer authority" as much as possible to mitigate the impact of an appropriations lapse. Last year, for example, the Environmental Protection Agency planned to furlough 95 percent of its employees during a shutdown. This year, it will use unexpired multi-year and no-year funding to keep nearly its entire workforce on the job, sending home only a portion of the inspector general's office.

Message

From: Prabhu, Aditi [Prabhu.Aditi@epa.gov]
Sent: 9/16/2019 12:35:19 PM
To: Stachowiak, Robert [Stachowiak.Robert@epa.gov]
CC: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: any update on timing for streamlining permit appeals to the eab? thanks ng

It won't be this week as planned. We don't have an update on timing, except that they want to keep it moving quickly. We are waiting for some additional feedback from our Front Office on content, and after that I should be able to update and share the comms plan.

On Sep 16, 2019, at 8:09 AM, Stachowiak, Robert <Stachowiak.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

> I haven't heard re timing -
>
> Sent from my iPhone
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> On Sep 16, 2019, at 7:14 AM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:
>
>> Is this happening this week? Thanks ng
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>> **From:** Stachowiak, Robert <Stachowiak.Robert@epa.gov>
>> **Sent:** Tuesday, September 3, 2019 8:43 AM
>> **To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Prabhu, Aditi <Prabhu.Aditi@epa.gov>
>> **Subject:** RE: any update on timing for streamlining permit appeals to the eab? thanks ng
>>
>> Hi Nancy –
>>
>> Thanks for following up. Yes, we are scheduled for signature 9/18, and to send a draft comms plan to OPA on 9/11. If this timing doesn't work, please let us know.
>>
>> Also - as part of the roll-out, we would like to put a pre-publication version of the proposal on the EPA web site. But, we think the place to do this is on OMS's portion of the site (https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/about-environmental-appeals-board-eab), since this is where other EAB info is located. Should we work with Christine Dibble on this, or should I reach out to John Martin directly? Either way, we'd reach out closer to 9/18 b/c this is close hold.
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>> Thanks,
>> R
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>> Robert Stachowiak
>> U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
>> Acting Associate Deputy General Counsel
>> Office of General Counsel (2310A)
>> 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
>> Washington, D.C. 20460
>> (202) 564-0580
>>
>> **From:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
>> **Sent:** Tuesday, September 03, 2019 8:15 AM
>> **To:** Stachowiak, Robert <Stachowiak.Robert@epa.gov>; Prabhu, Aditi

<Prabhu.Aditi@epa.gov>
Subject: any update on timing for streamlining permit appeals to the eab? thanks ng

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grantham.nancy@epa.gov

Message

From: Kohler, James [Kohler.James@epa.gov]
Sent: 11/9/2018 2:42:10 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Scientific Integrity Stand Up Signs and Survey
Attachments: 2018 11 05 Science Integrity Survey.pdf

Thank you, Nancy! Looks good – no comments.

As requested, attached is a later draft version of the survey in PDF to give you a better sense of the content. Please note that this version does not show the Survey Monkey skip logic (so some questions repeat at the end) and the spacing or missing spaces is a PDF problem, but not in the actual survey. Because this is a draft, please keep a close hold on the document. Note: many of the questions are similar/identical to the 2016 agency-wide survey conducted by the EPA's Scientific Integrity official (see: https://www.epa.gov/osa/scientific-integrity-epa-results-2016-epa-employee-survey).

We have been working with OEI and, per their direction, we will start sending the survey out this Monday in pulses of 500. By Tuesday morning, all employees (and contractors) with @epa.gov email addresses should have received the survey. The Scientific Integrity Policy applies to all EPA employees, contractors, and grantees, which is why we didn't scrub out the contractors with @epa.gov emails. Sorry for getting into the weeds, but thought this info could be helpful.

Thanks to you and your staff for all your assistance!

Jim Kohler
202-566-1032

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Friday, November 9, 2018 8:45 AM
To: Kohler, James <Kohler.James@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Scientific Integrity Stand Up Signs and Survey

Hi Jim,

Please let me know if you have any suggested edits or comments – and we will get these up on Tuesday

Thanks ng

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Message

From: Jenkins, Laura Flynn [Jenkins.Laura@epa.gov]
Sent: 11/7/2018 7:59:34 PM
To: Leadership_Deputy_Regional_Administrators [Leadership_Deputy_Regional_Administrators@epa.gov]; Darwin, Henry [darwin.henry@epa.gov]; Richardson, RobinH [Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]; Leadership_Deputy_Assistant_Administrators [Leadership_Deputy_Assistant_Administrators@epa.gov]
CC: Kent, Alison [Kent.Alison@epa.gov]; Boyd, Wyatt [Boyd.Wyatt@epa.gov]; Baden, Beth [Baden.Beth@epa.gov]; Reim, Adam [reim.adam@epa.gov]; Haase, Bruce [haase.bruce@epa.gov]
Subject: CLOSE-HOLD: OCFO Materials for EMC Meeting

EMC Principals:

In preparation for the upcoming EMC session on Multi-Year Planning, OCFO asked that we share materials to help you prepare for a discussion of the proposals.

Materials are now available on the EMC SharePoint site in a document folder for the November meeting: **Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)**

The password is: **Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)**

Materials include:

1) Agenda for the EMC Multi-Year Planning Session
2) Initial Scoring and Ranking of Proposals
3) Summary of Proposals
4) Proposals as Submitted

Please Note: I am only transmitting these materials to the Principal Members of the EMC – and not to all attendees – as they're considered Close-Hold.

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

Regards,

Laura Flynn Jenkins
Lead Region Coordinator for AO & OITA
USEPA – Region 8
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Land Line: 303-312-6256
Cell Phone: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Region 8 employees and SEEs: Ask me about our upcoming Green Dot training!

Message

From: Hubbard, Carolyn [Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov]
Sent: 11/9/2018 8:32:59 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Scientific Integrity OIG Survey - posting of Scientific Integrity Annual Report on the ORD website and stand up hall way signs

Ok great thanks

Carolyn Hubbard
Communications Director
EPA Office of Research and Development
202-564-2189
202-379-6744

On Nov 9, 2018, at 3:14 PM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

Unless we hear otherwise, I would plan to post the annual report documents on Tuesday

Thanks ng

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Friday, November 09, 2018 2:06 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Darwin, Henry <darwin.henry@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Scientific Integrity OIG Survey - posting of Scientific Integrity Annual Report on the ORD website and stand up hall way signs

All,

Today we sent out an agency wide mass mailer for the OIG announcing OIG's scientific integrity survey that will be launched next week (the result of one of their program assessments). OIG has provided me an advance copy of the survey (see attached and below).

We are planning to post our Scientific Integrity Annual Report on the ORD website. We are not planning any proactive media – will use the holding statement below if we get inquiries. David Dunlap has reviewed and approved the annual report and the statement.

Also, next week we plan to post hallway signs regarding the Scientific Integrity Policy at EPA, which also promote the OIG survey (see attached).

Please let me know if you have questions. Thanks ng

Holding Statement: EPA's Fiscal Year 2017 Annual Report on Scientific Integrity includes an assessment of scientific integrity allegations, activities, accomplishments, training, and survey results. Allegations of a loss of scientific integrity decreased compared to the previous year. During FY 2017, EPA made advances in the public release of large data sets, in revising procedures for reviewing and approving scientific products, and for conducting peer review. EPA's commitment to scientific integrity, as detailed in this report, helps assure the quality of EPA's science and increases transparency and accessibility to EPA's science.

From: Kohler, James (OIG)
Sent: Friday, November 09, 2018 9:42 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Scientific Integrity Survey

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<2018 11 05 Science Integrity Survey.pdf>

<11-9-18 2 Final Culture of Scientific Integrity.pdf>

Message

From: Kaiser, Sven-Erik [Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov]
Sent: 9/24/2018 1:50:32 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
CC: Richardson, RobinH [Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: FOR REVIEW: DRAFT Response

Thanks

On Sep 24, 2018, at 9:49 AM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

> Think response mode
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> Sent from my iPhone
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> On Sep 24, 2018, at 9:46 AM, Kaiser, Sven-Erik <Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov> wrote:
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> > Thanks- can you tell me if we're in an outreach or response mode - if outreach I can send something to key Ag committee staff. I'll also check with OCIR mgmt. Best, Sven
> >
> > On Sep 24, 2018, at 9:40 AM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:
> >
> > > Close hold please
> > >
> > > Sent from my iPhone
> > >
> > > Begin forwarded message:
> > >
> > > **From:** "Schwab, Justin" <Schwab.Justin@epa.gov>
> > > **Date:** September 24, 2018 at 9:39:25 AM EDT
> > > **To:** "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>, "Grantham, Nancy" <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
> > > **Cc:** "Strauss, Linda" <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov>, "Block, Molly" <block.molly@epa.gov>, "Baptist, Erik" <Baptist.Erik@epa.gov>, "Beck, Nancy" <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>, "Bertrand, Charlotte" <Bertrand.Charlotte@epa.gov>, "Dunton, Cheryl" <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov>, "Beach, Christopher" <beach.christopher@epa.gov>, "Abboud, Michael" <abboud.michael@epa.gov>, "Hewitt, James" <hewitt.james@epa.gov>
> > > **Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW: DRAFT Response**
> > >
> > > Based on a request from NB I have asked whether it can happen late in the day, and DOJ mgmt said that should be possible. Do we have a specific time to request?
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> > > **From:** Bennett, Tate
> > > **Sent:** Monday, September 24, 2018 9:27 AM
> > > **To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
> > > **Cc:** Strauss, Linda <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov>; Block,

Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Baptist, Erik <Baptist.Erik@epa.gov>; Schwab, Justin <Schwab.Justin@epa.gov>; Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>; Bertrand, Charlotte <Bertrand.Charlotte@epa.gov>; Dunton, Cheryl <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: FOR REVIEW: DRAFT Response

What time does the filing happen?

On Sep 24, 2018, at 9:24 AM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

> Looping james
>
> **Nancy Grantham**
> **Office of Public Affairs**
> **US Environmental Protection Agency**
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> **From:** Strauss, Linda
> **Sent:** Monday, September 24, 2018 9:14 AM
> **To:** Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Baptist, Erik <Baptist.Erik@epa.gov>; Schwab, Justin <Schwab.Justin@epa.gov>; Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>; Bertrand, Charlotte <Bertrand.Charlotte@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Dunton, Cheryl <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: FOR REVIEW: DRAFT Response
>
> Molly, checking in. Do you have all the support letters you mention, and were you thinking that OPP/OCSPP (or OWC) would be posting? Cheryl is out today.

Linda

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From: Block, Molly
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 12:20 PM
To: Baptist, Erik <Baptist.Erik@epa.gov>; Schwab, Justin <Schwab.Justin@epa.gov>; Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>; Bertrand, Charlotte <Bertrand.Charlotte@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Dunton, Cheryl <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov>; Strauss, Linda <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
Subject: FOR REVIEW: DRAFT Response

Since there has been a lot of movement on this over the past few days. Here's where things stand: I have put together the email below that we would send to any incoming inquiries. No plan to do a press release right now. I am in touch with USDA and they have an approved statement to speak into stories as they pop up. At the moment the quote below is from OPA, but if we need to elevate it we could always have it come from OGC (but that wasn't necessarily warmly received). Please let me know if you have any questions!

I didn't add anything in on the science, but can definitely add in a sentence if necessary. Other optional additions, any particularly strong language/sections from the DOJ doc, background on FIFRA/FFDCA, etc.

For the support section, I think we need to link the letters. Is that possible? Thank ya! I've included it below and attached in both word doc and pdf.

REPORTER NAME –

On Background: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

ON THE RECORD OPTIONS:

Punchy Response:

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Softer response:

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Minnesota Soybean Growers Association: "By eliminating through judicial action the science-based analysis and other steps that EPA must take under the FFDCA and the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), the Court would undercut the future ability of growers and users to employ essential risk protection tools. Further, by ordering EPA to rush into registration cancellation, the court would force EPA to violate the

longstanding procedural safeguards and other requirements provided by Congress under those statutes, robbing American growers, other users, and the registrant of their due process and other rights."
...
"The only legal avenue for EPA to "modify or revoke a tolerance" is to undertake the administrative process delegated to the Agency by Congress. That process has not been completed, and the Court cannot substitute its judgment for EPA and tell EPA the scientific conclusion it must reach."
...
"Chlorpyrifos is used on 50 crops in 45 states, and has played a key role in pest management efforts in the U.S. and worldwide for over 50 years. Pesticides such as chlorpyrifos provide critical risk management tools to farmers and others by helping improve food production, protect health and safety, and ensure a vital and productive supply of food and fiber to our nation and world markets. For many invasive pests, growers face limited or no viable alternatives, and when an outbreak of a new pest occurs, users look to chlorpyrifos as a proven first-line of defense."
(Letter to EPA Acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler and USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue; August 24, 2018)

Western Agricultural Processors Association: "The revocation of tolerances and cancellations of registrations would be devastating to not only the California tree nut industry, but to the agricultural industry as a whole... The actions as a result of this decision will create a precedent for all other crop protection tools, an action that the agricultural industry simply cannot afford." (Letter to OCSPP DAA Nancy Beck; August 28, 2018)

National Cotton Council of America: "This decision is unprecedented and its significance goes beyond chlorpyrifos, threatening the established regulatory

process for all crop protection tools and regulatory certainty that producers rely on when making critical, seasonal, farming decisions… This decision on chlorpyrifos not only threatens that product and the cotton users that rely on it, but it threatens all future pesticide registration decisions."

…

"Farms and businesses directly involved in the production, distribution and processing of cotton employ more than 125,000 workers and produce direct business revenue of more than $21 billion. Annual cotton production is valued at more than $5.5 billion at the farm gate, the point at which the producer markets the crop. Accounting for the ripple effect of cotton through the broader economy, direct and indirect employment surpasses 280,000 workers with economic activity of almost $100 billion."

…

"Chlorpyrifos is used on cotton to control aphids, lygus and whiteflies. It is one of the few remaining crop protection products that provides a broad spectrum of control for multiple insect pests. Without control of these pests, producers can sustain yield loss and quality loss." (Letter to OCSPP DAA Nancy Beck; August 22, 2018)

American Crystal Sugar Company:

"[W]e are deeply concerned about the recent decision of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit ordering EPA to revoke tolerances and registrations for Chlorpyrifos, a most critical pesticide in sugarbeet production. This decision is unprecedented; no court has previously ordered EPA both to cancel uses and revoke tolerances for a pesticide. Its significance goes beyond just Chlorpyrifos and threatens the established regulatory process for all crop protection tools."

"Revocation of tolerances and cancellation of Chlorpyrifos registrations would have a significant negative impact on growers and users

in the United States and globally through effects on trade that need to be properly assessed." (Letter to OPEEE AA Tate Bennett; August 27, 2018)

Michigan Farm Bureau: "Michigan Farm Bureau supports EPA's scientific, vetted, trusted processes and protocols for modifying or revoking a tolerance of a crop protection material through their administrative process which is delegated by Congress. For Chlorpyrifos, that process has not been completed, nor can a Court Order take the place of sound scientific evidence. If EPA were to revoke all tolerances within the 60 day window, going against the proper steps within the Federal Insecticide, Rodenticide Act, the court would inhibit the ability of growers and users to employ this essential tool." (Letter to EPA Acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler and USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue; September 11, 2018)

California Cotton Ginners and Growers Associations: "Cotton production and the agriculture industry as a whole are faced with trying times as they try to protect their crops and livelihood… the revocation of tolerances and cancellations of registrations would be a death sentence for the California cotton industry." (Letter to OCSPP DAA Nancy Beck; August 28, 2018)

Additional support from:

1. Agricultural Retailers Association
2. Almond Alliance of California
3. American Crystal Sugar Company
4. American Farm Bureau Federation
5. AmericanHort
6. American Seed Trade Association
7. American Society of Sugar Beet Technologists
8. American Soybean Association
9. American Sugarbeet Growers Association

10. Beet Sugar Development Foundation
11. California Alfalfa & Forage Association
12. California Citrus Mutual
13. California Citrus Quality Council
14. California Cotton Ginners & Growers Association
15. California Dried Plum Board
16. California Farm Bureau
17. California Fresh Fruit Association
18. California Specialty Crops Council
19. California Walnut Commission
20. Chemical Industry Council of Illinois
21. Cherry Marketing Institute
22. Corteva AgriscienceTM, Agriculture Division of DowDuPontTM
23. Cranberry Institute
24. CropLife America
25. Delaware-Maryland Agribusiness Association
26. Delta Council
27. Florida Citrus Mutual
28. Georgia Farm Bureau
29. Golf Course Superintendents Association of America
30. Hawaii Crop Improvement Association
31. Michigan Farm Bureau
32. Minnesota Crop Production Retailers
33. Minnesota Soybean Growers
34. National Agricultural Aviation Association
35. National Association of Wheat Growers
36. National Corn Growers Association
37. National Cotton Council
38. National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
39. National Onion Association
40. National Sorghum Producers
41. New Jersey Farm Bureau
42. New Jersey Green Industry Council
43. New York State Chemistry Council
44. Northwest Horticultural Council

45. Oregonians for Food & Shelter
46. RISE – Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment
47. Schertz Aerial Service, Inc.
48. Society of American Florists
49. Texas Citrus Mutual
50. Texas Sorghum Producers
51. United Fresh Produce Association
52. U.S. Apple Association
53. US Beet Sugar Association
54. USA Dry Pea & Lentil Council
55. Washington Friends of Farms & Forests
56. Washington State Potato Commission
57. Western Agricultural Processors Association
58. Western Growers
59. Western Plant Health Association

Message

From: Kaiser, Sven-Erik [Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov]
Sent: 10/31/2018 3:22:17 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Dicamba rollout

Very helpful – standing by. Thanks

Sven-Erik Kaiser
U.S. EPA
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Washington, DC 20460
202-566-2753 (o)
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) (c)

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2018 11:08 AM
To: AO OPA Media Relations <AO_OPA_Media_Relations@epa.gov>; Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>; Bowles, Jack <Bowles.Jack@epa.gov>; Kaiser, Sven-Erik <Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Dicamba rollout

See below – close hold thanks

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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) **(mobile)**

From: Abboud, Michael
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2018 11:05 AM
To: Strauss, Linda <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dicamba rollout

Press release will go out later today.

From: Strauss, Linda
Sent: Wednesday, October 31, 2018 11:01 AM
To: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Dicamba rollout

As you know, the plan is that the documents will be placed in the docket between 5:00-6:00 tonight.

I'm assuming that some key OCIR/RA/manufacturer/court notifications will happen tonight – but unsure of the wishes b/c it's so late in the day.

Will there be a press release, or just a statement?

Linda

From: Strauss, Linda
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2018 1:41 PM
To: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Dunton, Cheryl <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov>
Cc: Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dicamba rollout

Not sure of timing on this (Wed or Thurs?) -- but here's a general tick tock. I'm assuming the revised press release or desk will be coming from OPS/OPA. Thanks, Linda

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From: Strauss, Linda
Sent: Friday, October 26, 2018 10:43 AM
To: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Dunton, Cheryl <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov>
Cc: Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dicamba press release

OK, thanks.

From: Block, Molly
Sent: Friday, October 26, 2018 10:03 AM
To: Strauss, Linda <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Dunton, Cheryl <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov>
Cc: Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dicamba press release

I haven't had a chance to work on it yet. I may not get to it until later today at best. Mike (cc'd) is out today, but he'll be taking it over on Monday and Tuesday while I'm in Kansas with Wheeler.

From: Strauss, Linda
Sent: Friday, October 26, 2018 9:55 AM
To: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Dunton, Cheryl <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dicamba press release

Hi Molly, Nancy Beck and Charlotte are asking to see the latest PR or desk. Sorry. Any status on that?

From: Block, Molly
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2018 3:58 PM
To: Strauss, Linda <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Dunton, Cheryl <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dicamba press release

Thank you!! I'll work off of that.

From: Strauss, Linda
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2018 2:09 PM
To: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Dunton, Cheryl <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Dicamba press release

Just rec'd this note from Erik ☺?

"Definitely press release."

From: Strauss, Linda
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2018 12:49 PM
To: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
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Subject: FW: Dicamba press release

Molly, do you want us to turn the press release into a desk statement? BTW, the attached has been OKed by OGC.

From: Beck, Nancy
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2018 6:56 PM
To: Strauss, Linda <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov>; Bertrand, Charlotte <Bertrand.Charlotte@epa.gov>; Baptist, Erik <Baptist.Erik@epa.gov>; Dunton, Cheryl <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov>; Keller, Kaitlin <keller.kaitlin@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Dicamba press release

I think Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) I think we would have to Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
We will surely need OGC review.
Thanks!

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Message

From: Moon, Diane [Moon.Diane@epa.gov]
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Have a great weekend.

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Date,Time,Event,Location

1/1/2018,,Federal Holiday,

1/2/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/2/2018,11:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/2/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/2/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/3/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/3/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/3/2018,1:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/3/2018,2:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/3/2018,4:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/4/2018,10:00 AM,"Call to Todd Parfitt, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/4/2018,1:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/4/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/4/2018,2:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/4/2018,3:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/5/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/5/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/5/2018,12:00 PM,"Telephone Call with Kell Kelly, EPA Superfund Senior Advisor","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/8/2018,8:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/8/2018,9:00 AM,Staff meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/8/2018,9:30 AM,Staff meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/8/2018,10:00 AM,Staff meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/8/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/8/2018,1:00 PM,Region 8 Senior Leader Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/8/2018,2:30 PM,Region 8 Regional Leadership Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/9/2018,7:00 AM,"Travel to Durango, Colorado","Durango, CO"

1/9/2018,8:00 AM,Ute Mountain Ute and Southern Ute Indian Tribe Consultations,"Ignacio and Towaoc, CO"

1/10/2018,8:00 AM,Ute Mountain Ute and Southern Ute Indian Tribe Consultations,"Ignacio and Towaoc, CO"

1/10/2018,5:00 PM,"Return to Denver, Colarado","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/11/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordination Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/11/2018,9:00 AM,Meeting with QEP Resources,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/11/2018,10:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/11/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/11/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/12/2018,7:00 AM,Office Time,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/12/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/12/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/12/2018,10:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/12/2018,1:00 PM,"Joint Colorado Oil and Gas Meeting with EPA, Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment, and Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/12/2018,4:30 PM,Meeting with CEWI Organizers Larry Holden / Chris Hensen,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/15/2018,8:25 AM,"Federal Holiday and Travel to Dallas, Texas","Dallas, TX"

1/16/2018,8:30 AM,Regional Administrators' Forum,"Dallas, TX"

1/16/2018,5:30 PM,Return travel to Denver,"From Dallas, TX"

1/17/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/17/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/17/2018,12:00 PM,"Meeting with QEP, Megan Garvey","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/17/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/17/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/17/2018,2:45 PM,"Telephone call with Bob Genovese, Atlantic Richfield Company","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/17/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/17/2018,4:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/18/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/18/2018,8:15 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/18/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/18/2018,10:15 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/18/2018,12:00 PM,"Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act/Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act Outreach Call with NASDA & ECOS","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/18/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/18/2018,2:00 PM,"Teleconference with Bob Genovese, Atlantic Richfield Company","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/18/2018,4:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/19/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/19/2018,8:30 AM,Telephone Call with Colorado Springs Mayor John Suthers,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/19/2018,9:15 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/19/2018,12:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/19/2018,1:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/19/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/19/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/19/2018,3:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/22/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/22/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/22/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/22/2018,10:00 AM,"Call with Martha Rudolph, Director, Colorado Department of Public

Health & Environment","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/22/2018,10:15 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/22/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/22/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/22/2018,2:30 PM,Region 8 Regional Leadership Meeting ,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/23/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/23/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/23/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/23/2018,11:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/23/2018,2:00 AM,Staff Conference call,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/23/2018,2:30 PM,Region 8 Regional Leadership Resource Meeting ,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/24/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/24/2018,8:00 AM,Call with Dr. Patrick Breysse of Center of Disease Control,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/24/2018,9:30 AM,Meet and Greet with Marcie Bidwell of Mountain Studies Institute,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/24/2018,10:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/24/2018,12:30 PM,Travel to Bozeman and Butte Montana,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/25/2018,9:00 AM,Confidential Negotiations Meeting full day ,"Butte, MT"

1/26/2018,9:30 AM,Conference Call with Headquarters+C626 Albert Kelly ,"Butte, MT"

1/26/2018,10:30 AM,Field Site Tour in Butte ,"Butte, MT"

1/26/2018,11:45 AM,Stakeholders meeting by Citizens Technical Environment Committee of Butte,"Butte, MT"

1/26/2018,2:30 PM,Return travel to Denver,"from Bozeman, MT"

1/28/2018,9:45 AM,Travel to Washington DC,"from Denver, CO"

1/29/2018,7:00 AM,Meeting with Bill Wehrum,"Washington, DC"

1/29/2018,8:00 AM,2018 EPA National Executive Leadership Development Conference,"Washington, DC"

1/30/2018,8:15 AM,Call with Susan Bodine on Colorado Springs,"Washington, DC"

1/30/2018,9:00 AM,2018 EPA National Executive Leadership Development Conference,"Washington, DC"

1/30/2018,2:00 PM,Return travel to Denver,"Washington, DC"

1/31/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Coordination ,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/31/2018,12:00 PM,Staff meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/31/2018,4:00 PM,Travel to Steamboat Springs,"from Denver, CO"

2/1/2018,8:30 AM,Colorado Energy and Water Institute Conference - Speaking on: Western Energy: The Interplay of Federal & State Rules,"Steamboat Springs, CO"

2/1/2018,12:00 PM,Lunch Session - Meet and Greet with conference attendees,"Steamboat Springs, CO"

2/1/2018,3:00 PM,Return travel to Denver,"from Steamboat Springs, CO"

2/2/2018,All Day,No scheduled meetings,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/5/2018,8:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/5/2018,8:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/5/2018,10:15 AM,Staff meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/5/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/5/2018,1:00 PM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/5/2018,2:30 PM,Region 8 Regional Leadership Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/5/2018,3:30 PM,Staff meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/6/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/6/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/6/2018,8:45 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/6/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/6/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/6/2018,10:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/6/2018,12:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/6/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/6/2018,2:30 PM,Region 8 Regional Leadership Resource Meeting ,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/7/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/7/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/7/2018,10:00 AM,"Conference Call with all State Attorneys General for CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, WY","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/7/2018,11:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/7/2018,2:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/7/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/7/2018,4:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/8/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/8/2018,8:00 AM,All Day - Meetings and Briefings with EPA Headquarters,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/9/2018,8:30 AM,EPA Headquarters Video Teleconference on Emission Standards,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/9/2018,10:00 AM,Guest Speaker at Regional Air Quality Council Board Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/9/2018,1:30 PM,Meeting with Commerce City Mayor and Staff,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/12/2018,5:30 AM,"Travel to Pueblo, CO","from Denver, CO"

2/12/2018,7:45 PM,Meeting with Pueblo City Council on Colorado Smelter,"Pueblo, CO"

2/12/2018,9:15 AM,Meeting with Pueblo City Council on Colorado Smelter,"Pueblo, CO"

2/12/2018,10:15 AM,Meeting with Pueblo City Council on Selenium Issue,"Pueblo, CO"

2/12/2018,11:00 AM,Meet and Greet with Congressional Regional Reps ,"Pueblo, CO"

2/12/2018,1:00 PM,Meeting with Pueblo City and County Health Department on Lead Program,"Pueblo, CO"

2/12/2018,2:00 PM,Meet and Greet with County Commissioners,"Pueblo, CO"

2/12/2018,3:00 PM,Interview at Pueblo Chieftain,"Pueblo, CO"

2/12/2018,4:30 PM,Listening Session Colorado Smelter Community Advisory Group,"Pueblo, CO"

2/12/2018,5:45 PM,"Travel to Denver, CO","from Pueblo, CO"

2/13/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/13/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/13/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/13/2018,12:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/13/2018,4:00 PM,"Travel to Cheyenne, WY","Denver, CO"

2/14/2018,10:30 AM,Wyoming Regulatory Affairs Committee Meeting,"Cheyenne, WY"

2/14/2018,1:30 PM,Wyoming Uranium Industry Committee Meeting,"Cheyenne, WY"

2/15/2018,9:00 AM,Wyoming Mining Association Board of Directors' Meeting,"Cheyenne, WY"

2/15/2018,10:00 AM,"Return travel to Denver, CO","Denver, CO"

2/15/2018,3:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/16/2018,9:00 AM,Meet and Greet with Department of Homeland Security's Chief of Regulatory Compliance and Director of Infrastructure Protection,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/16/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meet and Greet,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/19/2018,,Federal Holiday,

2/20/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/20/2018,10:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/20/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/20/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/20/2018,2:30 PM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Business Review Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/21/2018,9:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/21/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/21/2018,4:30 PM,"Travel to Great Falls, Montana","from Denver, CO"

2/22/2018,8:30 AM,Presentation Montana Rural Water Systems 39th Annual Conference,"Great Falls, MT"

2/22/2018,1:00 PM,Return travel to Denver,"from Great Falls, MT"

2/23/2018,9:00 AM,"Meeting with Representatives of Slawson Exploration Company, Inc","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/23/2018,10:00 AM,Conference Call with Department of Justice and Headquarters Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance ,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/23/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/26/2018,8:00 AM,Opening Remarks On-Scene Coordinator Academy Training,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/26/2018,9:15 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/26/2018,10:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/26/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office,

Denver, CO"

2/26/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/26/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/26/2018,4:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/26/2018,Full Day,National Oil and Gas Roundtable,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/27/2018,Half Day,National Oil and Gas Roundtable,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/28/2018,12:00 PM,Media Call Montana Standard,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/28/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/28/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/28/2018,2:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/28/2018,3:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/1/2018,9:00 AM,Security Briefing,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/1/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/1/2018,10:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/1/2018,11:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/1/2018,12:30 AM,Video Teleconference with the Office of the Inspector General Public Notification Team,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/1/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/1/2018,1:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/1/2018,2:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/1/2018,3:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/1/2018,4:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/2/2018,8:15 AM,Conference Call with Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance ,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/2/2018,9:00 AM,Meet and Greet with Bureau of Land Management,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/2/2018,12:30 PM,Meet and Greet with Representative from Salt Lake City Government,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/2/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/5/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/5/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/5/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/5/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/5/2018,1:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/5/2018,2:30 PM,Region 8 Regional Leadership Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/6/2018,12:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/6/2018,1:30 PM,"Video Teleconference Special Accounts with Headquarters and Regions 2, 3, and 8","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/6/2018,2:30 PM,Region 8 Regional Leadership Resource Meeting ,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/7/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/7/2018,11:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/7/2018,1:00 PM,Regional Incident Coordination Team Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/7/2018,2:00 PM,Meet and Greet with EOG Resources,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/7/2018,3:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/7/2018,4:30 PM,"Meet and Greet with EPA Director of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/8/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/8/2018,1:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/8/2018,3:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/9/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/9/2018,10:00 AM,Oil and Gas Debrief with Administrator's Office,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/9/2018,11:15 AM,RA Check In with Administrator's Office,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/9/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/9/2018,1:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/12/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/12/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/12/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/12/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/12/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/12/2018,3:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/13/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/13/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/13/2018,10:15 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/13/2018,1:30 PM,Region 8 Update with Administrator's Office,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/13/2018,2:30 PM,Region 8 All Hands Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/13/2018,4:00 PM,Travel to Salt Lake City,"From Denver, CO"

3/14/2018,12:30 PM,Meeting with American College of Environmental Lawyers,"Salt Lake City, UT"

3/15/2018,9:30 AM,Meeting with UT Department of Environmental Quality Managers,"Salt Lake City, UT"

3/15/2018,10:00 AM,Meeting with UT Department of Environmental Quality and EPA Region 8 Staff,"Salt Lake City, UT"

3/15/2018,2:30 PM,Meeting with Air Quality Advocates ,"Salt Lake City, UT"

3/16/2018,8:30 AM,Meeting with Uintah/Duchesne County Commissioners and UT School Trust Lands Administration,"Salt Lake City, UT"

3/16/2018,10:00 AM,Meeting with Enefit,"Salt Lake City, UT"

3/16/2018,12:00 PM,Media Engagement - Salt Lake Tribune,"Salt Lake City, UT"

3/16/2018,2:00 PM,Travel to Denver,"From Salt Lake City, UT"

3/19/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/19/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/19/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/19/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/19/2018,1:45 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/19/2018,2:30 PM,Region 8 Regional Leadership Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/20/2018,9:00 AM,Opening Remarks for Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) - RTOC meetings in Region 8,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/20/2018,Day ,Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) meetings in Region 8,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/21/2018,8:30 AM,Opening remarks for Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) Federal Partners and Tribal leaders forum,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/21/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/21/2018,10:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/21/2018,1:00 PM,Opening remarks for Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) Attorneys meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/21/2018,1:30 PM,Meeting with Environmental Defense Fund,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/21/2018,3:30 PM,Call with Montana Environmental Quality Council,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/22/2018,8:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/22/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/22/2018,10:00 AM,Senior Leaders Call with Headquarters,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/22/2018,12:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/22/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/22/2018,2:00 PM,Ute Tribe Business Committee Consultation,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/22/2018,3:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/23/2018,9:30 AM,Meeting with Colorado Petroleum Council,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/23/2018,10:30 AM,Meet and Greet with Regional Director of Health and Human Services,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/26/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/26/2018,10:00 AM,E-Enterprise Briefing for Senior Leadership with Office of the Chief Financial Officer,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/26/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/26/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/26/2018,1:00 PM,Depart for Drive to Gillette WY,"From Denver, CO"

3/27/2018,9:00 AM,Welcoming remarks for Gillette Public Listening Session,"Gillette, WY"

3/27/2018,9:30 AM,Sit in on Listening Session,"Gillette, WY"

3/27/2018,1:00 PM,Depart for Drive Denver CO,"From Gillette, WY"

3/28/2018,8:00 AM,Planning Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/28/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/28/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/28/2018,12:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/28/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/28/2018,3:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/28/2018,4:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/29/2018,9:00 AM,Meeting with Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/29/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/29/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/29/2018,3:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/30/2018,9:00 AM,Conference Call with Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/30/2018,11:30 AM,Meeting with Western Energy Alliance,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/30/2018,2:00 PM,Meeting with Evolva,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/2/2018,8:00 AM,Coordination Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/2/2018,9:45 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/2/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/2/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/2/2018,2:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/2/2018,3:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/2/2018,4:00 PM,Meet and Greet Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology Innovation Director,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/3/2018,8:00 AM,Call with Energy Fuels Chief Operating Officer on White Mesa Mill,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/3/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/3/2018,9:30 AM,Call with Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance on Environmental Justice and Community Revitalization Committee ,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/3/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/3/2018,12:00 PM,Staff Planning Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/4/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/4/2018,9:00 AM,Meet and Greet with South Metro Water Supply Authority and Meridian Metro District,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/4/2018,11:00 AM,Meet and Greet with Vice President of Strategic Initiatives with Charlotte's Web Hemp,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/4/2018,6:00 PM,Speak at the Colorado Mining Association's Environmental Stewardship Awards Event,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/5/2018,10:00 AM,Meeting with Colorado Petroleum Association,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/5/2018,4:00 PM,Speak at the Environmental Law Institute Event,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/6/2018,9:00 AM,Meet with Potential Candidate and Tour Office,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/6/2018,1:30 PM,Video Teleconference with Administrator Office Advisors and Regional Administrators,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/6/2018,2:30 PM,Meet with Executive Director of Colorado Municipal League,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/8/2018,3:00 PM,Travel to Helena Montana,"From Denver, CO"

4/9/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Planning Meeting,"Montana Office, Helena, MT"

4/9/2018,11:00 AM,All Hands Meeting,"Montana Office, Helena, MT"

4/9/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"Montana Office, Helena, MT"

4/9/2018,1:00 PM,Travel to Butte Montana,From Helena MT

4/10/2018,8:00 AM,Anaconda Site Tour,"Anaconda, MT"

4/10/2018,10:00 AM,Meeting with Anaconda Deer Lodge County Stakeholders,"Anaconda, MT"

4/10/2018,12:00 PM,Meeting with Anaconda Deer Lodge County Officials,"Anaconda, MT"

4/10/2018,1:00 PM,Call with Administrator on Air Quality Designations for 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard,"Anaconda, MT"

4/10/2018,2:30 PM,Meeting with Montana Standard Editorial Board,"Butte, MT"

4/10/2018,3:30 PM,Butte Site Tour,"Butte, MT"

4/11/2018,9:00 AM,Meeting with Butte and Silver Bow City and County Officials,"Butte, MT"

4/11/2018,10:00 AM,Meeting with Citizens Technical Environment Committee and Restore our Creek Coalition,"Butte, MT"

4/11/2018,5:40 PM,"Travel to Denver, Colorado","From Bozeman, MT"

4/12/2018,8:00 AM,Meeting with Western Energy Alliance,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/12/2018,10:30 AM,Meeting with Dawson and Associates and Arcadis Representing Ecosystems Partners,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/12/2018,11:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/12/2018,12:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/12/2018,1:15 PM,Telephone Interview with Associated Press,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/12/2018,1:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/12/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/12/2018,3:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/13/2018,8:30 AM,Call with Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention on Pesticide Registration,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/13/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/13/2018,10:00 AM,Meeting with Kinder Morgan,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/13/2018,12:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/13/2018,1:30 PM,Call with Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance on Enforcement,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/13/2018,2:00 PM,Quarterly Call with Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

and Regions,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/16/2018,7:00 AM,"Travel to Chicago, Illinois","From Denver, CO"

4/16/2018,12:00 PM,Regional Administrator Forum,"Chicago, IL"

4/17/2018,8:00 AM,Regional Administrator Forum,"Chicago, IL"

4/18/2018,9:00 AM,"Travel to Denver, Colorado","From Chicago, IL"

4/18/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/19/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/19/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/19/2018,10:30 AM,"Meeting with Energy Fuels Resources USA, Incorporated","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/19/2018,11:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/19/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/19/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/19/2018,4:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/20/2018,8:15 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/20/2018,9:00 AM,Meeting with Animas River Stakeholders Group Coordinator,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/20/2018,9:45 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/20/2018,10:45 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/20/2018,11:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/20/2018,2:00 PM,Call with Freemyer and Associates representing Dushesne and Uintah Counties and Utah School Trust Land Administration,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/23/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/23/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/23/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/23/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/23/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/23/2018,1:00 PM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Business Review Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/23/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/23/2018,4:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/24/2018,9:00 AM,Welcoming remarks for the continuing education training co-sponsored by Colorado Attorney General's office,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/24/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/24/2018,11:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/24/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/24/2018,1:30 PM,Meet and Greet with General Services Administration Commissioner,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/24/2018,2:45 PM,Staff Planning Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/24/2018,3:30 PM,"Meet and Greet with Fuels Enforcement Branch, of the Office of Civil Enforcement","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/25/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/25/2018,12:00 PM,Speak at the Colorado Association of Commerce and Industry Council Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/25/2018,2:00 PM,"Press Outreach to media outlets on Brownfields grants announcements - Pueblo Chieftain, Sun Advocate, GF Tribune","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/25/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/25/2018,3:45 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/26/2018,7:30 AM,Call with Office of General Counsel,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/26/2018,8:00 AM,"Travel to Cheyenne, Wyoming","From Denver, CO"

4/26/2018,10:00 AM,Meeting with the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality Director,"Cheyenne, WY"

4/26/2018,1:00 PM,"Public Media Event for Brownfields grants announcements in Cheyenne, Wyoming","Cheyenne, WY"

4/26/2018,3:00 PM,"Travel to Denver, Colorado","From Cheyenne, WY"

4/27/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/30/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/30/2018,9:15 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/30/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/30/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/30/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/30/2018,1:30 PM,Meeting with Trout Unlimited,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/30/2018,2:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/30/2018,4:30 PM,Call with the State of Montana,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/1/2018,9:15 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/1/2018,12:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/1/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/2/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/2/2018,8:00 AM,Meeting with Anadarko,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/2/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/2/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/2/2018,1:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/2/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/2/2018,4:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/3/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/3/2018,8:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/3/2018,10:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/3/2018,12:00 PM,"Joint Call with Department of Justice, Office of Enforcement Compliance and Assurance, Region 8","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/3/2018,1:15 PM,Call with Deputy Administrator Meet and Greet,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/3/2018,2:15 PM,Meeting with Vice President of Grace,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/3/2018,3:00 PM,Meeting with Federal Partners on Bonita Peak Mining District,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/4/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/4/2018,9:00 AM,Congratulatory calls to Selectees for the EPA's Local Government Advisory Committee,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/4/2018,11:00 AM,Call with Senior Advisor to the Administrator for Regional and State Affairs,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/4/2018,2:30 PM,Call with Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator of Solid Waste and Emergency Response,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/7/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/7/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/7/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/7/2018,1:00 PM,"Travel to Deadwood, South Dakota",From Denver

5/8/2018,6:30 AM,Gilt Edge Mine site tour and Annual Regional Superfund Program Meeting,"Deadwood, South Dakota"

5/8/2018,2:30 PM,Return to Denver,From Rapid City

5/9/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/9/2018,8:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/9/2018,10:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/10/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/10/2018,11:00 AM,Meeting with Anadarko,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/10/2018,12:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/10/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/10/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/10/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/10/2018,4:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/11/2018,8:00 AM,Meeting with District Manager of Metro Wastewater Reclamation District,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/11/2018,9:30 AM,Meeting with Colorado State Congresswoman,"State Office, Grant street"

5/11/2018,12:00 PM,Call with Deputy Administrator,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/11/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/11/2018,3:00 PM,Meeting with CEO of Metals US,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/11/2018,4:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/14/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/14/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/14/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/14/2018,11:00 AM,"Teleconference with DOJ, Colorado State Attorney General, and Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/14/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/14/2018,2:30 PM,Regional Leadership Team Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/14/2018,4:30 PM,"Travel to Helena, Montana","From Denver, CO"

5/15/2018,8:30 AM,Staff Meeting - Anaconda SF Site,"Helena, MT"

5/15/2018,10:30 AM,"Meeting with Atlantic Richfield Company, Anaconda-Deer Lodge County, Montana Department of Environmental Quality","Helena, MT"

5/16/2018,6:00 AM,"Travel to Denver, Colorado","From Helena, MT"

5/16/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/16/2018,11:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/16/2018,11:30 AM,Meeting with OLEM Staff,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/16/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/17/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/18/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/18/2018,11:30 AM,Telephone Call to Sen Daines Montana Staff,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/18/2018,3:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/18/2018,4:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/21/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/21/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/21/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/21/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/21/2018,1:00 PM,Business Review Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/21/2018,3:00 PM,Special Regional Leadership Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/22/2018,7:00 AM,Travel to Bismarck,"From Denver, CO"

5/22/2018,2:00 PM,Meeting with Basin Electric,"Bismarck, ND"

5/22/2018,3:45 PM,Staff Telephone Call,"Bismarck, ND"

5/23/2018,8:30 AM,Call with North Dakota Petroleum Council,"Bismarck, ND"

5/23/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Telephone Call,"Bismarck, ND"

5/23/2018,2:00 PM,North Dakota Petroleum Conference Participant,"Bismarck, ND"

5/24/2018,7:30 AM,Meeting with Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians Tribal Leadership and Environmental Program at Turtle Mountain Office ,"Turtle Mountain, ND"

5/24/2018,11:00 AM,Tour Brownfield Sites,"Turtle Mountain, ND"

5/25/2018,5:00 AM,Travel to Denver,From Minot

5/25/2018,12:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/25/2018,1:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/28/2018,,Holiday,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/29/2018,8:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/29/2018,9:15 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/29/2018,10:30 AM,Conference Call with municipality leaders external to Denver,"Colorado Municipal League, Denver, CO"

5/29/2018,11:30 AM,Face to Face with municipality leaders within Denver metro,"Colorado

Municipal League, Denver, CO"

5/29/2018,1:15 PM,"Face to Face with Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, Office of Water ","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/29/2018,2:00 PM,"VTC with Department of Justice, State of Colorado, and City of Colorado Springs","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/29/2018,3:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/29/2018,4:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/29/2018,4:30 PM,Travel to Helena Montana,"From Denver, CO"

5/30/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"Helena, MT"

5/30/2018,12:00 PM,Public Meeting at Montana Tech Library,"Butte, MT"

5/30/2018,6:00 PM,Public Meeting at Montana Tech Library,

5/30/2018,8:30 PM,"Travel to Missoula, Montana","From Butte, MT"

5/31/2018,8:00 AM,Meeting with Missoula County Commissioners,

5/31/2018,9:00 AM,"Travel to Billings, Montana","From Missoula, MT"

5/31/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Coordination Meeting,"Billings, MT"

5/31/2018,4:30 PM,Smart Sectors Session with Montana Senator,

6/1/2018,7:20 AM,"Travel to Denver, Colorado",Fom Billings MT

6/1/2018,11:00 AM,Call with Senior Advisor to the Administrator for Regional and State Affairs,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/1/2018,1:00 PM,Meeting with Aurora Water,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/1/2018,2:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/1/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/3/2018,9:00 AM,"Travel to Kalispell, Montana","Fom Denver, CO"

6/4/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordination Meeting with U.S. Army Corp of Engineers,"Libby, MT"

6/4/2018,8:30 AM,Libby Site Visit with U.S. Army Corp of Engineers,"Libby, MT"

6/4/2018,12:00 PM,Call in to Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"Libby, MT"

6/4/2018,2:00 PM,Meeting with Lincoln County Commissioners,"Libby, MT"

6/4/2018,4:15 PM,Meeeting with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Kootenai Forest Supervisor,"Libby, MT"

6/4/2018,8:00 PM,"Travel to Kalispell, Montana","From Libby, MT"

6/5/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordfination Meeting,"Kalispell, MT"

6/5/2018,8:30 AM,Columbia Falls Aluminum Facility Site Tour,"Columbia Falls, MT"

6/5/2018,1:00 PM,Public Meeting at Columbia Falls Aluminum Facility,"Columbia Falls, MT"

6/5/2018,3:00 PM,"Travel to Denver, Colorado","From Kalispell, MT"

6/6/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/6/2018,8:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/6/2018,10:00 AM,Meeting with Denver Water and Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/6/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/7/2018,Day,Meeting with State Environmental Directors,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/8/2018,Half Day,Meeting with State Environmental Directors,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/8/2018,3:00 PM,Meeting with EPA Administrator and State Environmental Directors,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/10/2018,9:30 AM,"Travel to Chicago, Illinois","From Denver, CO"

6/11/2018,Day,Regional Administrator Forum with Administrator's Senior Advisor,"Chicago, IL"

6/11/2018,4:00 PM,"TraveL to Denver, Colorado","From Chicago, IL"

6/12/2018,8:00 AM,Meeting with Continental Resources,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/13/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/13/2018,8:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/13/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/13/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/13/2018,1:30 PM,Video Teleconference with Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Assistant Administrator,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/13/2018,2:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/13/2018,4:30 PM,"Travel to Helena, Montana","From Denver, CO"

6/14/2018,Day,Meeting with Local Anaconda officials,"Anaconda, MT"

6/15/2018,12:00 PM,Anaconda Site Tour,"Anaconda, MT"

6/15/2018,4:00 PM,"Travel to Denver, Colorado","From Bozeman, MT"

6/18/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/18/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/18/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/18/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/18/2018,1:00 PM,Business Review Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/18/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/18/2018,3:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/18/2018,4:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/19/2018,8:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/19/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/19/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/19/2018,10:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/19/2018,1:00 PM,Quarterly Performance Review with Regions and Administrator,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/20/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/20/2018,10:15 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/20/2018,11:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/20/2018,1:30 PM,Staff meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/20/2018,2:30 PM,Staff meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/20/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/21/2018,7:00 AM,"Travel to Pueblo, Colorado for Colorado Smelter site visits with the State of Colorado","From Denver, CO"

6/21/2018,2:00 PM,Travel to Denver,"from Pueblo, CO"

6/22/2018,9:00 AM,"Meeting with Department of Justice, City of Colorado Springs, and State of Colorado","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/22/2018,12:00 PM,Meeting with Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Assistant Administrator,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/22/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/25/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference (Call in),"Grand Lake, CO"

6/26/2018,10:00 AM,Mountain Studies Institute Steering Committee Conference Call,"Grand Lake, CO"

6/26/2018,11:00 AM,Regional Administrator Check In Call with Senior Advisor for Regional and State Affairs,"Grand Lake, CO"

6/27/2018,,No Scheduled Meetings,

6/28/2018,11:00 AM,Executive Webinar with Assistant Deputy Administrator and Assistant Administrator of Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance,"Grand Lake, CO"

6/29/2018,,No Scheduled Meetings,

7/2/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/2/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/2/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/2/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/2/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/2/2018,1:30 PM,Call with Regional Administrator,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/2/2018,2:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/2/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/3/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/3/2018,11:00 AM,Meeting with Park City and Holland and Hart ,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/3/2018,1:00 PM,Meeting with PacifiCorp,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/3/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/4/2018,,Holiday,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/5/2018,8:00 AM,Telephone Call with PowerTech,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/5/2018,8:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/5/2018,2:30 PM,"Telephone Call with Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/6/2018,,Day trip to Pueblo for Town Hall Event,"Pueblo, CO"

7/6/2018,1:00 PM,Telephone Call with Deputy Administrator,"Pueblo, CO"

7/9/2018,9:00 AM,"Meeting with Congressman Mike Coffman, Sixth Congressional District of Colorado","Brighton, CO"

7/9/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/9/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/9/2018,1:30 PM,Meeting with Denver City Councilwoman Mary Beth Susman,"City & County Building, Denver, CO"

7/10/2018,7:00 AM,Meeting with BPMD stakeholders,"Durango, CO"

7/10/2018,8:00 AM,Meeting with Representative Tipton's staff,"Durango, CO"

7/10/2018,9:45 AM,"Site Tour (Silverton, Colorado)","Upper Animas, Howardsville, Kittimack, Mayflower Tailings, Colorado"

7/10/2018,6:30 PM,Meeting with Silverton/San Juan County Planning Group,"Silverton, CO"

7/11/2018,9:00 AM,Briefing for La Plata County Commissioners and Durango City Council Representative,"Durango, CO"

7/11/2018,10:00 AM,Meeting with downstream community groups,"Durango, CO"

7/11/2018,11:15 AM,Meeting with Durango Herald,"Durango, CO"

7/11/2018,12:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"Durango, CO"

7/12/2018,9:00 AM,Confidential Negotiations Meeting full day ,"Butte, MT"

7/12/2018,6:00 PM,Meeting with Community Group,"Butte, MT"

7/16/2018,8:00 AM,Meeting with Bill Wehrum (phone call),"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/16/2018,9:00 AM,Region 8 All Hands,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/16/2018,10:30 AM,Meeting with Susan Bodine (phone call),"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/16/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/16/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/16/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/16/2018,3:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/16/2018,4:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/17/2018,7:00 AM,Travel,"Denver, CO to Washington, DC"

7/18/2018,6:30 AM,Meeting with Congressman Tipton and Legislative Director,"Washington, DC"

7/18/2018,11:00 AM,Senior Staff Meeting,"Washington, DC"

7/18/2018,2:30 PM,Meeting with Brittany Bolen,"Washington, DC"

7/19/2018,6:30 AM,Senior Staff Meeting,"Washington, DC"

7/19/2018,1:30 PM,Regional Administrator Meeting,"Washington, DC"

7/19/2018,3:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting,"Washington, DC"

7/20/2018,6:30 AM,Regional Administrator Meeting,"Washington, DC"

7/20/2018,1:00 PM,Travel,"Washington, DC"

7/23/2018,7:30 AM,Travel,"Washington, DC to Denver, CO"

7/24/2018,7:30 AM,Colorado Ag Tour and Smart Sectors Meeting,"Greeley, CO"

7/25/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/25/2018,11:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/25/2018,12:00 PM,Lunch Meeting with Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/25/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/25/2018,3:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/25/2018,4:14 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/26/2018,10:00 AM,Travel,"Denver, CO to Helena, MT"

7/26/2018,4:30 PM,Media Interview with Montana Standard,"Butte, MT"

7/26/2018,4:40 PM,Meeting re Superfund Task Force Anniversary,"Butte, MT"

7/27/2018,9:00 AM,Meeting with Anaconda Principals,"Butte, MT"

7/30/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/30/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/30/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/30/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/30/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/31/2018,9:00 AM,Community Meetings in Anaconda,"Anaconda, MT"

7/31/2018,7:00 PM,"Travel to Helena, Montanta","Helena, MT"

8/1/2018,7:30 AM,Flight to Denver,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/1/2018,1:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/2/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/2/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/2/2018,11:00 AM,Meeting with John Chase,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/2/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/2/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/3/2018,11:00 AM,Call with Senior Advisor to the Administrator for Regional and State Affairs,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/3/2018,2:00 PM,Meet with Stillwater Mining,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/6/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/6/2018,10:15 AM,Congressional staff info call,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/6/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/6/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/6/2018,2:30 PM,Regional Leadership Team Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/6/2018,3:30 PM,Staff Call,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/6/2018,4:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/7/2018,6:30 AM,Travel to Fort Carson Colorado,From Denver

8/7/2018,8:30 AM,Fort Carson Tour of Sustainability Program,"Colorado Springs, CO"

8/7/2018,1:00 PM,Community Meetings in Colorado Springs ,"Colorado Springs, CO"

8/7/2018,7:00 AM,Political Hands Team call with Administrator,"Colorado Springs, CO"

8/8/2018,9:00 AM,Community Meetings in Colorado Springs ,"Colorado Springs, CO"

8/8/2018,1:00 PM,Information call with Senator Daines Staff,"Colorado Springs, CO"

8/8/2018,3:00 PM,"Travel to Avon, Colorado",From Colorado Springs

8/9/2018,8:00 AM,Western Energy Alliance Networking Breakfast,"Avon, CO"

8/9/2018,11:00 AM,Keynote speech at Western Energy Alliance Annual Conference,"Avon, CO"

8/9/2018,2:00 PM,Western Energy Alliance Networking,"Avon, CO"

8/10/2018,7:00 AM,"Travel to Leadville, Colorado",From Avon

8/10/2018,9:00 AM,Climax Mine Tour,"Leadville, CO"

8/10/2018,1:00 PM,Travel to Denver,From Leadville

8/10/2018,2:00 PM,Call with Westword Reporter (in route),To Denver

8/13/2018,7:00 AM,Meeting with Beatty and Wozniak representative on Energy Law,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/13/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/13/2018,9:00 AM,Meeting with USDA Colorado Rural Development Regional Director,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/13/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/13/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/13/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/13/2018,2:00 PM,Call with Environmental Council of the States members to plan for Environmental Council of the States panel session,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/13/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/13/2018,4:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/14/2018,1:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/14/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/14/2018,2:30 PM,Call with Colorado Water Congress Conference planners on Keynote topic,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/14/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/14/2018,4:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/14/2018,4:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/15/2018,7:00 AM,Meeting with Beatty and Wozniak representative on Energy Law,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/15/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/15/2018,10:30 AM,Regional Incident Coordination Team Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/15/2018,11:00 AM,Call with Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance and State and Tribe on Oil & Natural Gas,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/15/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/15/2018,2:00 PM,Call with Rights-Of-Way Symposium Conference planners on Keynote topic,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/15/2018,2:45 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/16/2018,6:30 AM,Travel to Cheyenne,"From Denver, CO "

8/16/2018,8:30 AM,Meeting with Uranium Industry Committee of the Wyoming Mining Association ,"Cheyenne, WY"

8/16/2018,5:00 PM,Travel to Denver,"From Cheyenne, WY"

8/17/2018,Full Day,Ute Tribe Business Committee Consultation,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/20/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Briefing with Advisory Team,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/20/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination Meeting on Regional Administrator calendar,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/20/2018,9:15 AM,Staff Briefing with Advisory Team,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/20/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/20/2018,1:00 PM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Business Review Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/20/2018,2:30 PM,Regional Leadership Team Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/20/2018,3:45 PM,Teleconference with Office of Air and Radiation,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/21/2018,8:30 AM,"Staff Briefing with Office of Ecosystems, Protection and Remediation","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/21/2018,9:30 AM,Teleconference with Office of Research and Development,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/21/2018,11:00 AM,"Staff Briefing with Office of Ecosystems, Protection and Remediation","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/21/2018,12:15 PM,Staff Briefing with Office of Partnerships and Regulatory Assistance,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/21/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Planning Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/22/2018,8:15 AM,Meet and Greet with Colorado Department of Agriculture Rural Water Executive Director,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/22/2018,9:00 AM,"Staff Briefing with Office of Ecosystems, Protection and Remediation","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/22/2018,10:30 AM,Staff Planning Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/22/2018,3:15 PM,"Staff Briefing with Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/22/2018,4:00 PM,Meet and Greet with Beatty & Wozniak Energy Law,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/23/2018,8:30 AM,"Travel to Vail, Colorado","From Denver, CO"

8/23/2018,12:00 PM,Speak at Colorado Water Congresss Conference,"Vail, CO"

8/23/2018,1:30 PM,"Travel to Denver, Colorado","From Vail, CO"

8/24/2018,8:00 AM,"Staff Briefing with Office of Ecosystems, Protection and Remediation","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/24/2018,1:00 PM,"Staff Briefing with Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/24/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Briefing with the Regional Planner,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/24/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Briefing with Advisory Team,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/24/2018,3:30 PM,Attend Environmental Council of States Conference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/27/2018,4:30 AM,"Travel to Stowe, Vermont ","From Denver, CO"

8/27/2018,Full Day,Keynote Address at Environmental Council of States Conference and attend Conference,"Stowe, VT"

8/28/2018,Full Day,Attend Environmental Council of States Conference,"Stowe, VT"

8/29/2018,Full Day,Attend Environmental Council of States Conference,"Stowe, VT"

8/30/2018,4:00 AM,"Travel to Denver, Colorado (Central Time)","From Stowe, VT"

8/30/2018,1:00 PM,"Staff Briefing with Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/30/2018,1:30 PM,Update Meeting with Deputy Regional Administrator,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/30/2018,2:00 PM,Briefing with Office of Technical and Management Services,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/30/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Briefing with Office of Partnerships and Regulatory Assistance,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/30/2018,4:00 PM,Staff Briefing with Office of Community and Public Involvement,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/31/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Planning Meeting with Office of Community and Public Involvement,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/31/2018,11:40 AM,Teleconference with Montana Standard,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/31/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Briefing with Office of Community and Public Involvement,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

9/3/2018,,Holiday,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

9/4/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination Meeting on Regional Administrator calendar,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

9/4/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting with Office of Water Protection,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

9/4/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

9/4/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

9/4/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Planning Meeting with Office of Ecosystems Protection & Remediation,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

9/4/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Planning and Video Interview with Office of Communications and Public Involvement,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

9/5/2018,9:30 AM,Trip Planning Call with Administrator's Office,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

9/5/2018,10:30 AM,Trip Planning Call with Senator Daines Staff,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

9/5/2018,1:30 PM,Staff Briefing with Office of Partnerships and Regulatory Assistance,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

9/5/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Briefing with Office of Ecosystems Protection & Remediation,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

9/5/2018,2:45 PM,Staff Briefing with Office of Partnerships and Regulatory Assistance,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

9/6/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Briefing with Office of Enforcement Compliance and Environmental Justice,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

9/6/2018,8:30 AM,Staff Briefing with Office of Community and Public Involvement,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

9/6/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 All Hands Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

9/6/2018,12:00 PM,Travel to Bozeman Montana,"From Denver, CO"

9/7/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meeting with Montana Office Staff and Site Tour of Silver Bow

Superfund site,"Butte, MT"

9/7/2018,11:30 AM,Media Interview ,"Butte, MT"

9/7/2018,1:45 PM,Stakeholder Meeting,"Butte, MT"

9/7/2018,3:30 PM,Site Tour of Anaconda Superfund site,"Anaconda, MT"

9/7/2018,5:00 PM,Media Interview,"Anaconda, MT"

9/7/2018,1:45 AM,Stakeholder Meeting,"Anaconda, MT"

9/8/2018,10:30 AM,Meeting with Tribal Representatives,"Polson, MT"

9/8/2018,2:00 PM,Meeting with Tribal Representatives,"Kalispell, MT"

9/8/2018,5:00 PM,"Travel to Denver, Colorado","From Kalispell, MT"

9/9/2018,9:00 AM,Site Tour of Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge,"Commerce City, CO"

9/9/2018,1:00 PM,Site Tour of Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge,"Golden, CO"

9/9/2018,3:00 PM,Media Interview,"Golden, CO"

9/10/2018,8:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

9/10/2018,9:00 AM,Region 8 All Hands Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

9/10/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

9/10/2018,3:00 PM,"Travel to Bismarck, ND","From Denver, CO"

9/11/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Planning Meeting with Tribal Advisor,"Bismarck, ND"

9/11/2018,10:00 AM,Tribal Consultation Meeting with Tribal Representatives,"Bismarck, ND"

9/11/2018,2:00 PM,"Travel to Bozeman then Butte, MT thru Denver CO","From Bismarck, ND"

9/12/2018,8:00 AM,Community Meeting,"Butte, MT"

9/12/2018,2:30 PM,"Travel to Denver thru Bozeman, MT","From Butte, MT"

9/12/2018,3:16 PM,Phone Call with Office of Partnerships and Regulatory Assistance,"Bozeman, MT"

9/13/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting with Human Resources,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

9/13/2018,11:00 AM,Staff Meeting with Office of Regional Council,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

9/13/2018,1:00 PM,Phone Call with Administrator Senior Advisor for State and Regional Affairs,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

9/13/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Briefing with Office of Water Protection,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

9/13/2018,4:30 PM,Speak at the Air Quality Summit ,"Denver, CO"

9/14/2018,9:00 AM,"Conference call with State Environmental Directors South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

9/14/2018,11:00 AM,Meeting with Interior Secretary Senior Advisor for Water and Western Resources,"Lakewood, CO"

9/14/2018,1:30 PM,Phone Call with Kinder Morgan Representative,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

9/14/2018,3:15 PM,Phone call with Denver Water Representative,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

Message

From: Dibble, Christine [Dibble.Christine@epa.gov]
Sent: 9/20/2018 2:57:50 PM
To: Mutter, Andrew [mutter.andrew@epa.gov]; Moon, Diane [Moon.Diane@epa.gov]
CC: OPA Calendars [opa-calendars@epa.gov]
Subject: Calendar week is this week – here's the file (at long last!) REQUIRES ACTION TODAY
Attachments: calendar-epa-region08-administrator.csv

Hello, we apologize for the delay in sending the updated calendars to you this week. We are transitioning our calendars staff in OPA and have encountered a few bumps, but should be running smoothly by the next calendar week.

Attached is the file to work from for this calendar week. Please update it and send it to a new email group, opa-calendars@epa.gov, **by c.o.b. TODAY (Thursday).** Thank you for your patience, and please let us know if you have any questions.

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Date,Time,Event,Location

1/1/2018,,Federal Holiday,

1/2/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/2/2018,11:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/2/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/2/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/3/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/3/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/3/2018,1:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/3/2018,2:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/3/2018,4:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/4/2018,10:00 AM,"Call to Todd Parfitt, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/4/2018,1:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/4/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/4/2018,2:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/4/2018,3:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/5/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/5/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/5/2018,12:00 PM,"Telephone Call with Kell Kelly, EPA Superfund Senior Advisor","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/8/2018,8:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/8/2018,9:00 AM,Staff meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/8/2018,9:30 AM,Staff meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/8/2018,10:00 AM,Staff meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/8/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/8/2018,1:00 PM,Region 8 Senior Leader Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/8/2018,2:30 PM,Region 8 Regional Leadership Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/9/2018,7:00 AM,"Travel to Durango, Colorado","Durango, CO"

1/9/2018,8:00 AM,Ute Mountain Ute and Southern Ute Indian Tribe Consultations,"Ignacio and Towaoc, CO"

1/10/2018,8:00 AM,Ute Mountain Ute and Southern Ute Indian Tribe Consultations,"Ignacio and Towaoc, CO"

1/10/2018,5:00 PM,"Return to Denver, Colarado","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/11/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordination Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/11/2018,9:00 AM,Meeting with QEP Resources,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/11/2018,10:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/11/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/11/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/12/2018,7:00 AM,Office Time,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/12/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/12/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/12/2018,10:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/12/2018,1:00 PM,"Joint Colorado Oil and Gas Meeting with EPA, Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment, and Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/12/2018,4:30 PM,Meeting with CEWI Organizers Larry Holden / Chris Hensen,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/15/2018,8:25 AM,"Federal Holiday and Travel to Dallas, Texas","Dallas, TX"

1/16/2018,8:30 AM,Regional Administrators' Forum,"Dallas, TX"

1/16/2018,5:30 PM,Return travel to Denver,"From Dallas, TX"

1/17/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/17/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/17/2018,12:00 PM,"Meeting with QEP, Megan Garvey","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/17/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/17/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/17/2018,2:45 PM,"Telephone call with Bob Genovese, Atlantic Richfield Company","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/17/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/17/2018,4:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/18/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/18/2018,8:15 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/18/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/18/2018,10:15 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/18/2018,12:00 PM,"Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act/Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act Outreach Call with NASDA & ECOS","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/18/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/18/2018,2:00 PM,"Teleconference with Bob Genovese, Atlantic Richfield Company","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/18/2018,4:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/19/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/19/2018,8:30 AM,Telephone Call with Colorado Springs Mayor John Suthers,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/19/2018,9:15 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/19/2018,12:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/19/2018,1:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/19/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/19/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/19/2018,3:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/22/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/22/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/22/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/22/2018,10:00 AM,"Call with Martha Rudolph, Director, Colorado Department of Public

Health & Environment","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/22/2018,10:15 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/22/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/22/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/22/2018,2:30 PM,Region 8 Regional Leadership Meeting ,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/23/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/23/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/23/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/23/2018,11:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/23/2018,2:00 AM,Staff Conference call,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/23/2018,2:30 PM,Region 8 Regional Leadership Resource Meeting ,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/24/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/24/2018,8:00 AM,Call with Dr. Patrick Breysse of Center of Disease Control,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/24/2018,9:30 AM,Meet and Greet with Marcie Bidwell of Mountain Studies Institute,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/24/2018,10:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/24/2018,12:30 PM,Travel to Bozeman and Butte Montana,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/25/2018,9:00 AM,Confidential Negotiations Meeting full day ,"Butte, MT"

1/26/2018,9:30 AM,Conference Call with Headquarters+C626 Albert Kelly ,"Butte, MT"

1/26/2018,10:30 AM,Field Site Tour in Butte ,"Butte, MT"

1/26/2018,11:45 AM,Stakeholders meeting by Citizens Technical Environment Committee of Butte,"Butte, MT"

1/26/2018,2:30 PM,Return travel to Denver,"from Bozeman, MT"

1/28/2018,9:45 AM,Travel to Washington DC,"from Denver, CO"

1/29/2018,7:00 AM,Meeting with Bill Wehrum,"Washington, DC"

1/29/2018,8:00 AM,2018 EPA National Executive Leadership Development Conference,"Washington, DC"

1/30/2018,8:15 AM,Call with Susan Bodine on Colorado Springs,"Washington, DC"

1/30/2018,9:00 AM,2018 EPA National Executive Leadership Development Conference,"Washington, DC"

1/30/2018,2:00 PM,Return travel to Denver,"Washington, DC"

1/31/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Coordination ,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/31/2018,12:00 PM,Staff meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/31/2018,4:00 PM,Travel to Steamboat Springs,"from Denver, CO"

2/1/2018,8:30 AM,Colorado Energy and Water Institute Conference - Speaking on: Western Energy: The Interplay of Federal & State Rules,"Steamboat Springs, CO"

2/1/2018,12:00 PM,Lunch Session - Meet and Greet with conference attendees,"Steamboat Springs, CO"

2/1/2018,3:00 PM,Return travel to Denver,"from Steamboat Springs, CO"

2/2/2018,All Day,No scheduled meetings,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/5/2018,8:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/5/2018,8:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/5/2018,10:15 AM,Staff meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/5/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/5/2018,1:00 PM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/5/2018,2:30 PM,Region 8 Regional Leadership Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/5/2018,3:30 PM,Staff meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/6/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/6/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/6/2018,8:45 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/6/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/6/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/6/2018,10:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/6/2018,12:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/6/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/6/2018,2:30 PM,Region 8 Regional Leadership Resource Meeting ,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/7/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/7/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/7/2018,10:00 AM,"Conference Call with all State Attorneys General for CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, WY","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/7/2018,11:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/7/2018,2:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/7/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/7/2018,4:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/8/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/8/2018,8:00 AM,All Day - Meetings and Briefings with EPA Headquarters,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/9/2018,8:30 AM,EPA Headquarters Video Teleconference on Emission Standards,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/9/2018,10:00 AM,Guest Speaker at Regional Air Quality Council Board Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/9/2018,1:30 PM,Meeting with Commerce City Mayor and Staff,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/12/2018,5:30 AM,"Travel to Pueblo, CO","from Denver, CO"

2/12/2018,7:45 PM,Meeting with Pueblo City Council on Colorado Smelter,"Pueblo, CO"

2/12/2018,9:15 AM,Meeting with Pueblo City Council on Colorado Smelter,"Pueblo, CO"

2/12/2018,10:15 AM,Meeting with Pueblo City Council on Selenium Issue,"Pueblo, CO"

2/12/2018,11:00 AM,Meet and Greet with Congressional Regional Reps ,"Pueblo, CO"

2/12/2018,1:00 PM,Meeting with Pueblo City and County Health Department on Lead Program,"Pueblo, CO"

2/12/2018,2:00 PM,Meet and Greet with County Commissioners,"Pueblo, CO"

2/12/2018,3:00 PM,Interview at Pueblo Chieftain,"Pueblo, CO"

2/12/2018,4:30 PM,Listening Session Colorado Smelter Community Advisory Group,"Pueblo, CO"

2/12/2018,5:45 PM,"Travel to Denver, CO","from Pueblo, CO"

2/13/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/13/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/13/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/13/2018,12:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/13/2018,4:00 PM,"Travel to Cheyenne, WY","Denver, CO"

2/14/2018,10:30 AM,Wyoming Regulatory Affairs Committee Meeting,"Cheyenne, WY"

2/14/2018,1:30 PM,Wyoming Uranium Industry Committee Meeting,"Cheyenne, WY"

2/15/2018,9:00 AM,Wyoming Mining Association Board of Directors' Meeting,"Cheyenne, WY"

2/15/2018,10:00 AM,"Return travel to Denver, CO","Denver, CO"

2/15/2018,3:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/16/2018,9:00 AM,Meet and Greet with Department of Homeland Security's Chief of Regulatory Compliance and Director of Infrastructure Protection,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/16/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meet and Greet,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/19/2018,,Federal Holiday,

2/20/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/20/2018,10:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/20/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/20/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/20/2018,2:30 PM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Business Review Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/21/2018,9:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/21/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/21/2018,4:30 PM,"Travel to Great Falls, Montana","from Denver, CO"

2/22/2018,8:30 AM,Presentation Montana Rural Water Systems 39th Annual Conference,"Great Falls, MT"

2/22/2018,1:00 PM,Return travel to Denver,"from Great Falls, MT"

2/23/2018,9:00 AM,"Meeting with Representatives of Slawson Exploration Company, Inc","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/23/2018,10:00 AM,Conference Call with Department of Justice and Headquarters Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance ,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/23/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/26/2018,8:00 AM,Opening Remarks On-Scene Coordinator Academy Training,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/26/2018,9:15 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/26/2018,10:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/26/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office,

Denver, CO"

2/26/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/26/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/26/2018,4:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/26/2018,Full Day,National Oil and Gas Roundtable,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/27/2018,Half Day,National Oil and Gas Roundtable,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/28/2018,12:00 PM,Media Call Montana Standard,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/28/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/28/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/28/2018,2:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/28/2018,3:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/1/2018,9:00 AM,Security Briefing,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/1/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/1/2018,10:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/1/2018,11:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/1/2018,12:30 AM,Video Teleconference with the Office of the Inspector General Public Notification Team,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/1/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/1/2018,1:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/1/2018,2:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/1/2018,3:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/1/2018,4:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/2/2018,8:15 AM,Conference Call with Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance ,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/2/2018,9:00 AM,Meet and Greet with Bureau of Land Management,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/2/2018,12:30 PM,Meet and Greet with Representative from Salt Lake City Government,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/2/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/5/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/5/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/5/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/5/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/5/2018,1:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/5/2018,2:30 PM,Region 8 Regional Leadership Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/6/2018,12:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/6/2018,1:30 PM,"Video Teleconference Special Accounts with Headquarters and Regions 2, 3, and 8","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/6/2018,2:30 PM,Region 8 Regional Leadership Resource Meeting ,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/7/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/7/2018,11:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/7/2018,1:00 PM,Regional Incident Coordination Team Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/7/2018,2:00 PM,Meet and Greet with EOG Resources,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/7/2018,3:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/7/2018,4:30 PM,"Meet and Greet with EPA Director of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/8/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/8/2018,1:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/8/2018,3:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/9/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/9/2018,10:00 AM,Oil and Gas Debrief with Administrator's Office,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/9/2018,11:15 AM,RA Check In with Administrator's Office,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/9/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/9/2018,1:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/12/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/12/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/12/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/12/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/12/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/12/2018,3:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/13/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/13/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/13/2018,10:15 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/13/2018,1:30 PM,Region 8 Update with Administrator's Office,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/13/2018,2:30 PM,Region 8 All Hands Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/13/2018,4:00 PM,Travel to Salt Lake City,"From Denver, CO"

3/14/2018,12:30 PM,Meeting with American College of Environmental Lawyers,"Salt Lake City, UT"

3/15/2018,9:30 AM,Meeting with UT Department of Environmental Quality Managers,"Salt Lake City, UT"

3/15/2018,10:00 AM,Meeting with UT Department of Environmental Quality and EPA Region 8 Staff,"Salt Lake City, UT"

3/15/2018,2:30 PM,Meeting with Air Quality Advocates ,"Salt Lake City, UT"

3/16/2018,8:30 AM,Meeting with Uintah/Duchesne County Commissioners and UT School Trust Lands Administration,"Salt Lake City, UT"

3/16/2018,10:00 AM,Meeting with Enefit,"Salt Lake City, UT"

3/16/2018,12:00 PM,Media Engagement - Salt Lake Tribune,"Salt Lake City, UT"

3/16/2018,2:00 PM,Travel to Denver,"From Salt Lake City, UT"

3/19/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/19/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/19/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/19/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/19/2018,1:45 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/19/2018,2:30 PM,Region 8 Regional Leadership Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/20/2018,9:00 AM,Opening Remarks for Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) - RTOC meetings in Region 8,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/20/2018,Day ,Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) meetings in Region 8,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/21/2018,8:30 AM,Opening remarks for Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) Federal Partners and Tribal leaders forum,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/21/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/21/2018,10:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/21/2018,1:00 PM,Opening remarks for Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) Attorneys meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/21/2018,1:30 PM,Meeting with Environmental Defense Fund,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/21/2018,3:30 PM,Call with Montana Environmental Quality Council,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/22/2018,8:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/22/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/22/2018,10:00 AM,Senior Leaders Call with Headquarters,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/22/2018,12:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/22/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/22/2018,2:00 PM,Ute Tribe Business Committee Consultation,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/22/2018,3:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/23/2018,9:30 AM,Meeting with Colorado Petroleum Council,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/23/2018,10:30 AM,Meet and Greet with Regional Director of Health and Human Services,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/26/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/26/2018,10:00 AM,E-Enterprise Briefing for Senior Leadership with Office of the Chief Financial Officer,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/26/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/26/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/26/2018,1:00 PM,Depart for Drive to Gillette WY,"From Denver, CO"

3/27/2018,9:00 AM,Welcoming remarks for Gillette Public Listening Session,"Gillette, WY"

3/27/2018,9:30 AM,Sit in on Listening Session,"Gillette, WY"

3/27/2018,1:00 PM,Depart for Drive Denver CO,"From Gillette, WY"

3/28/2018,8:00 AM,Planning Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/28/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/28/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/28/2018,12:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/28/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/28/2018,3:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/28/2018,4:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/29/2018,9:00 AM,Meeting with Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/29/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/29/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/29/2018,3:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/30/2018,9:00 AM,Conference Call with Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/30/2018,11:30 AM,Meeting with Western Energy Alliance,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/30/2018,2:00 PM,Meeting with Evolva,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/2/2018,8:00 AM,Coordination Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/2/2018,9:45 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/2/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/2/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/2/2018,2:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/2/2018,3:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/2/2018,4:00 PM,Meet and Greet Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology Innovation Director,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/3/2018,8:00 AM,Call with Energy Fuels Chief Operating Officer on White Mesa Mill,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/3/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/3/2018,9:30 AM,Call with Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance on Environmental Justice and Community Revitalization Committee ,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/3/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/3/2018,12:00 PM,Staff Planning Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/4/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/4/2018,9:00 AM,Meet and Greet with South Metro Water Supply Authority and Meridian Metro District,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/4/2018,11:00 AM,Meet and Greet with Vice President of Strategic Initiatives with Charlotte's Web Hemp,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/4/2018,6:00 PM,Speak at the Colorado Mining Association's Environmental Stewardship Awards Event,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/5/2018,10:00 AM,Meeting with Colorado Petroleum Association,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/5/2018,4:00 PM,Speak at the Environmental Law Institute Event,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/6/2018,9:00 AM,Meet with Potential Candidate and Tour Office,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/6/2018,1:30 PM,Video Teleconference with Administrator Office Advisors and Regional Administrators,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/6/2018,2:30 PM,Meet with Executive Director of Colorado Municipal League,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/8/2018,3:00 PM,Travel to Helena Montana,"From Denver, CO"

4/9/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Planning Meeting,"Montana Office, Helena, MT"

4/9/2018,11:00 AM,All Hands Meeting,"Montana Office, Helena, MT"

4/9/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"Montana Office, Helena, MT"

4/9/2018,1:00 PM,Travel to Butte Montana,From Helena MT

4/10/2018,8:00 AM,Anaconda Site Tour,"Anaconda, MT"

4/10/2018,10:00 AM,Meeting with Anaconda Deer Lodge County Stakeholders,"Anaconda, MT"

4/10/2018,12:00 PM,Meeting with Anaconda Deer Lodge County Officials,"Anaconda, MT"

4/10/2018,1:00 PM,Call with Administrator on Air Quality Designations for 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard,"Anaconda, MT"

4/10/2018,2:30 PM,Meeting with Montana Standard Editorial Board,"Butte, MT"

4/10/2018,3:30 PM,Butte Site Tour,"Butte, MT"

4/11/2018,9:00 AM,Meeting with Butte and Silver Bow City and County Officials,"Butte, MT"

4/11/2018,10:00 AM,Meeting with Citizens Technical Environment Committee and Restore our Creek Coalition,"Butte, MT"

4/11/2018,5:40 PM,"Travel to Denver, Colorado","From Bozeman, MT"

4/12/2018,8:00 AM,Meeting with Western Energy Alliance,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/12/2018,10:30 AM,Meeting with Dawson and Associates and Arcadis Representing Ecosystems Partners,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/12/2018,11:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/12/2018,12:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/12/2018,1:15 PM,Telephone Interview with Associated Press,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/12/2018,1:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/12/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/12/2018,3:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/13/2018,8:30 AM,Call with Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention on Pesticide Registration,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/13/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/13/2018,10:00 AM,Meeting with Kinder Morgan,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/13/2018,12:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/13/2018,1:30 PM,Call with Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance on Enforcement,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/13/2018,2:00 PM,Quarterly Call with Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

and Regions,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/16/2018,7:00 AM,"Travel to Chicago, Illinois","From Denver, CO"

4/16/2018,12:00 PM,Regional Administrator Forum,"Chicago, IL"

4/17/2018,8:00 AM,Regional Administrator Forum,"Chicago, IL"

4/18/2018,9:00 AM,"Travel to Denver, Colorado","From Chicago, IL"

4/18/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/19/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/19/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/19/2018,10:30 AM,"Meeting with Energy Fuels Resources USA, Incorporated","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/19/2018,11:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/19/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/19/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/19/2018,4:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/20/2018,8:15 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/20/2018,9:00 AM,Meeting with Animas River Stakeholders Group Coordinator,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/20/2018,9:45 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/20/2018,10:45 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/20/2018,11:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/20/2018,2:00 PM,Call with Freemyer and Associates representing Dushesne and Uintah Counties and Utah School Trust Land Administration,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/23/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/23/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/23/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/23/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/23/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/23/2018,1:00 PM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Business Review Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/23/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/23/2018,4:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/24/2018,9:00 AM,Welcoming remarks for the continuing education training co-sponsored by Colorado Attorney General's office,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/24/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/24/2018,11:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/24/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/24/2018,1:30 PM,Meet and Greet with General Services Administration Commissioner,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/24/2018,2:45 PM,Staff Planning Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/24/2018,3:30 PM,"Meet and Greet with Fuels Enforcement Branch, of the Office of Civil Enforcement","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/25/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/25/2018,12:00 PM,Speak at the Colorado Association of Commerce and Industry Council Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/25/2018,2:00 PM,"Press Outreach to media outlets on Brownfields grants announcements - Pueblo Chieftain, Sun Advocate, GF Tribune","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/25/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/25/2018,3:45 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/26/2018,7:30 AM,Call with Office of General Counsel,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/26/2018,8:00 AM,"Travel to Cheyenne, Wyoming","From Denver, CO"

4/26/2018,10:00 AM,Meeting with the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality Director,"Cheyenne, WY"

4/26/2018,1:00 PM,"Public Media Event for Brownfields grants announcements in Cheyenne, Wyoming","Cheyenne, WY"

4/26/2018,3:00 PM,"Travel to Denver, Colorado","From Cheyenne, WY"

4/27/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/30/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/30/2018,9:15 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/30/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/30/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/30/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/30/2018,1:30 PM,Meeting with Trout Unlimited,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/30/2018,2:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/30/2018,4:30 PM,Call with the State of Montana,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/1/2018,9:15 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/1/2018,12:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/1/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/2/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/2/2018,8:00 AM,Meeting with Anadarko,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/2/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/2/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/2/2018,1:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/2/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/2/2018,4:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/3/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/3/2018,8:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/3/2018,10:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/3/2018,12:00 PM,"Joint Call with Department of Justice, Office of Enforcement Compliance and Assurance, Region 8","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/3/2018,1:15 PM,Call with Deputy Administrator Meet and Greet,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/3/2018,2:15 PM,Meeting with Vice President of Grace,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/3/2018,3:00 PM,Meeting with Federal Partners on Bonita Peak Mining District,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/4/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/4/2018,9:00 AM,Congratulatory calls to Selectees for the EPA's Local Government Advisory Committee,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/4/2018,11:00 AM,Call with Senior Advisor to the Administrator for Regional and State Affairs,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/4/2018,2:30 PM,Call with Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator of Solid Waste and Emergency Response,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/7/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/7/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/7/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/7/2018,1:00 PM,"Travel to Deadwood, South Dakota",From Denver

5/8/2018,6:30 AM,Gilt Edge Mine site tour and Annual Regional Superfund Program Meeting,"Deadwood, South Dakota"

5/8/2018,2:30 PM,Return to Denver,From Rapid City

5/9/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/9/2018,8:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/9/2018,10:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/10/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/10/2018,11:00 AM,Meeting with Anadarko,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/10/2018,12:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/10/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/10/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/10/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/10/2018,4:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/11/2018,8:00 AM,Meeting with District Manager of Metro Wastewater Reclamation District,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/11/2018,9:30 AM,Meeting with Colorado State Congresswoman,"State Office, Grant street"

5/11/2018,12:00 PM,Call with Deputy Administrator,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/11/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/11/2018,3:00 PM,Meeting with CEO of Metals US,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/11/2018,4:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/14/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/14/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/14/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/14/2018,11:00 AM,"Teleconference with DOJ, Colorado State Attorney General, and Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/14/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/14/2018,2:30 PM,Regional Leadership Team Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/14/2018,4:30 PM,"Travel to Helena, Montana","From Denver, CO"

5/15/2018,8:30 AM,Staff Meeting - Anaconda SF Site,"Helena, MT"

5/15/2018,10:30 AM,"Meeting with Atlantic Richfield Company, Anaconda-Deer Lodge County, Montana Department of Environmental Quality","Helena, MT"

5/16/2018,6:00 AM,"Travel to Denver, Colorado","From Helena, MT"

5/16/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/16/2018,11:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/16/2018,11:30 AM,Meeting with OLEM Staff,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/16/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/17/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/18/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/18/2018,11:30 AM,Telephone Call to Sen Daines Montana Staff,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/18/2018,3:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/18/2018,4:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/21/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/21/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/21/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/21/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/21/2018,1:00 PM,Business Review Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/21/2018,3:00 PM,Special Regional Leadership Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/22/2018,7:00 AM,Travel to Bismarck,"From Denver, CO"

5/22/2018,2:00 PM,Meeting with Basin Electric,"Bismarck, ND"

5/22/2018,3:45 PM,Staff Telephone Call,"Bismarck, ND"

5/23/2018,8:30 AM,Call with North Dakota Petroleum Council,"Bismarck, ND"

5/23/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Telephone Call,"Bismarck, ND"

5/23/2018,2:00 PM,North Dakota Petroleum Conference Participant,"Bismarck, ND"

5/24/2018,7:30 AM,Meeting with Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians Tribal Leadership and Environmental Program at Turtle Mountain Office ,"Turtle Mountain, ND"

5/24/2018,11:00 AM,Tour Brownfield Sites,"Turtle Mountain, ND"

5/25/2018,5:00 AM,Travel to Denver,From Minot

5/25/2018,12:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/25/2018,1:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/28/2018,,Holiday,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/29/2018,8:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/29/2018,9:15 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/29/2018,10:30 AM,Conference Call with municipality leaders external to Denver,"Colorado Municipal League, Denver, CO"

5/29/2018,11:30 AM,Face to Face with municipality leaders within Denver metro,"Colorado

Municipal League, Denver, CO"

5/29/2018,1:15 PM,"Face to Face with Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, Office of Water ","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/29/2018,2:00 PM,"VTC with Department of Justice, State of Colorado, and City of Colorado Springs","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/29/2018,3:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/29/2018,4:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/29/2018,4:30 PM,Travel to Helena Montana,"From Denver, CO"

5/30/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"Helena, MT"

5/30/2018,12:00 PM,Public Meeting at Montana Tech Library,"Butte, MT"

5/30/2018,6:00 PM,Public Meeting at Montana Tech Library,

5/30/2018,8:30 PM,"Travel to Missoula, Montana","From Butte, MT"

5/31/2018,8:00 AM,Meeting with Missoula County Commissioners,

5/31/2018,9:00 AM,"Travel to Billings, Montana","From Missoula, MT"

5/31/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Coordination Meeting,"Billings, MT"

5/31/2018,4:30 PM,Smart Sectors Session with Montana Senator,

6/1/2018,7:20 AM,"Travel to Denver, Colorado",Fom Billings MT

6/1/2018,11:00 AM,Call with Senior Advisor to the Administrator for Regional and State Affairs,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/1/2018,1:00 PM,Meeting with Aurora Water,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/1/2018,2:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/1/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/3/2018,9:00 AM,"Travel to Kalispell, Montana","Fom Denver, CO"

6/4/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordination Meeting with U.S. Army Corp of Engineers,"Libby, MT"

6/4/2018,8:30 AM,Libby Site Visit with U.S. Army Corp of Engineers,"Libby, MT"

6/4/2018,12:00 PM,Call in to Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"Libby, MT"

6/4/2018,2:00 PM,Meeting with Lincoln County Commissioners,"Libby, MT"

6/4/2018,4:15 PM,Meeeting with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Kootenai Forest Supervisor,"Libby, MT"

6/4/2018,8:00 PM,"Travel to Kalispell, Montana","From Libby, MT"

6/5/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordfination Meeting,"Kalispell, MT"

6/5/2018,8:30 AM,Columbia Falls Aluminum Facility Site Tour,"Columbia Falls, MT"

6/5/2018,1:00 PM,Public Meeting at Columbia Falls Aluminum Facility,"Columbia Falls, MT"

6/5/2018,3:00 PM,"Travel to Denver, Colorado","From Kalispell, MT"

6/6/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/6/2018,8:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/6/2018,10:00 AM,Meeting with Denver Water and Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/6/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/7/2018,Day,Meeting with State Environmental Directors,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/8/2018,Half Day,Meeting with State Environmental Directors,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/8/2018,3:00 PM,Meeting with EPA Administrator and State Environmental Directors,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/10/2018,9:30 AM,"Travel to Chicago, Illinois","From Denver, CO"

6/11/2018,Day,Regional Administrator Forum with Administrator's Senior Advisor,"Chicago, IL"

6/11/2018,4:00 PM,"TraveL to Denver, Colorado","From Chicago, IL"

6/12/2018,8:00 AM,Meeting with Continental Resources,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/13/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/13/2018,8:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/13/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/13/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/13/2018,1:30 PM,Video Teleconference with Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Assistant Administrator,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/13/2018,2:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/13/2018,4:30 PM,"Travel to Helena, Montana","From Denver, CO"

6/14/2018,Day,Meeting with Local Anaconda officials,"Anaconda, MT"

6/15/2018,12:00 PM,Anaconda Site Tour,"Anaconda, MT"

6/15/2018,4:00 PM,"Travel to Denver, Colorado","From Bozeman, MT"

6/18/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/18/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/18/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/18/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/18/2018,1:00 PM,Business Review Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/18/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/18/2018,3:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/18/2018,4:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/19/2018,8:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/19/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/19/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/19/2018,10:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/19/2018,1:00 PM,Quarterly Performance Review with Regions and Administrator,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/20/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/20/2018,10:15 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/20/2018,11:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/20/2018,1:30 PM,Staff meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/20/2018,2:30 PM,Staff meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/20/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/21/2018,7:00 AM,"Travel to Pueblo, Colorado for Colorado Smelter site visits with the State of Colorado","From Denver, CO"

6/21/2018,2:00 PM,Travel to Denver,"from Pueblo, CO"

6/22/2018,9:00 AM,"Meeting with Department of Justice, City of Colorado Springs, and State of Colorado","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/22/2018,12:00 PM,Meeting with Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Assistant Administrator,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/22/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/25/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference (Call in),"Grand Lake, CO"

6/26/2018,10:00 AM,Mountain Studies Institute Steering Committee Conference Call,"Grand Lake, CO"

6/26/2018,11:00 AM,Regional Administrator Check In Call with Senior Advisor for Regional and State Affairs,"Grand Lake, CO"

6/27/2018,,No Scheduled Meetings,

6/28/2018,11:00 AM,Executive Webinar with Assistant Deputy Administrator and Assistant Administrator of Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance,"Grand Lake, CO"

6/29/2018,,No Scheduled Meetings,

7/2/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/2/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/2/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/2/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/2/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/2/2018,1:30 PM,Call with Regional Administrator,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/2/2018,2:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/2/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/3/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/3/2018,11:00 AM,Meeting with Park City and Holland and Hart ,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/3/2018,1:00 PM,Meeting with PacifiCorp,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/3/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/4/2018,,Holiday,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/5/2018,8:00 AM,Telephone Call with PowerTech,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/5/2018,8:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/5/2018,2:30 PM,"Telephone Call with Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/6/2018,,Day trip to Pueblo for Town Hall Event,"Pueblo, CO"

7/6/2018,1:00 PM,Telephone Call with Deputy Administrator,"Pueblo, CO"

7/9/2018,9:00 AM,"Meeting with Congressman Mike Coffman, Sixth Congressional District of Colorado","Brighton, CO"

7/9/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/9/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/9/2018,1:30 PM,Meeting with Denver City Councilwoman Mary Beth Susman,"City & County Building, Denver, CO"

7/10/2018,7:00 AM,Meeting with BPMD stakeholders,"Durango, CO"

7/10/2018,8:00 AM,Meeting with Representative Tipton's staff,"Durango, CO"

7/10/2018,9:45 AM,"Site Tour (Silverton, Colorado)","Upper Animas, Howardsville, Kittimack, Mayflower Tailings, Colorado"

7/10/2018,6:30 PM,Meeting with Silverton/San Juan County Planning Group,"Silverton, CO"

7/11/2018,9:00 AM,Briefing for La Plata County Commissioners and Durango City Council Representative,"Durango, CO"

7/11/2018,10:00 AM,Meeting with downstream community groups,"Durango, CO"

7/11/2018,11:15 AM,Meeting with Durango Herald,"Durango, CO"

7/11/2018,12:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"Durango, CO"

7/12/2018,9:00 AM,Confidential Negotiations Meeting full day ,"Butte, MT"

7/12/2018,6:00 PM,Meeting with Community Group,"Butte, MT"

7/16/2018,8:00 AM,Meeting with Bill Wehrum (phone call),"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/16/2018,9:00 AM,Region 8 All Hands,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/16/2018,10:30 AM,Meeting with Susan Bodine (phone call),"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/16/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/16/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/16/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/16/2018,3:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/16/2018,4:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/17/2018,7:00 AM,Travel,"Denver, CO to Washington, DC"

7/18/2018,6:30 AM,Meeting with Congressman Tipton and Legislative Director,"Washington, DC"

7/18/2018,11:00 AM,Senior Staff Meeting,"Washington, DC"

7/18/2018,2:30 PM,Meeting with Brittany Bolen,"Washington, DC"

7/19/2018,6:30 AM,Senior Staff Meeting,"Washington, DC"

7/19/2018,1:30 PM,Regional Administrator Meeting,"Washington, DC"

7/19/2018,3:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting,"Washington, DC"

7/20/2018,6:30 AM,Regional Administrator Meeting,"Washington, DC"

7/20/2018,1:00 PM,Travel,"Washington, DC"

7/23/2018,7:30 AM,Travel,"Washington, DC to Denver, CO"

7/24/2018,7:30 AM,Colorado Ag Tour and Smart Sectors Meeting,"Greeley, CO"

7/25/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/25/2018,11:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/25/2018,12:00 PM,Lunch Meeting with Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/25/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/25/2018,3:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/25/2018,4:14 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/26/2018,10:00 AM,Travel,"Denver, CO to Helena, MT"

7/26/2018,4:30 PM,Media Interview with Montana Standard,"Butte, MT"

7/26/2018,4:40 PM,Meeting re Superfund Task Force Anniversary,"Butte, MT"

7/27/2018,9:00 AM,Meeting with Anaconda Principals,"Butte, MT"

7/30/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/30/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/30/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/30/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/30/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/31/2018,9:00 AM,Community Meetings in Anaconda,"Anaconda, MT"

7/31/2018,7:00 PM,"Travel to Helena, Montanta","Helena, MT"

8/1/2018,7:30 AM,Flight to Denver,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/1/2018,1:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/2/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/2/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/2/2018,11:00 AM,Meeting with John Chase,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/2/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/2/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/3/2018,11:00 AM,Call with Senior Advisor to the Administrator for Regional and State Affairs,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/3/2018,2:00 PM,Meet with Stillwater Mining,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/6/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/6/2018,10:15 AM,Congressional staff info call,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/6/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/6/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/6/2018,2:30 PM,Regional Leadership Team Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/6/2018,3:30 PM,Staff Call,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/6/2018,4:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/7/2018,6:30 AM,Travel to Fort Carson Colorado,From Denver

8/7/2018,8:30 AM,Fort Carson Tour of Sustainability Program,"Colorado Springs, CO"

8/7/2018,1:00 PM,Community Meetings in Colorado Springs ,"Colorado Springs, CO"

8/7/2018,7:00 AM,Political Hands Team call with Administrator,"Colorado Springs, CO"

8/8/2018,9:00 AM,Community Meetings in Colorado Springs ,"Colorado Springs, CO"

8/8/2018,1:00 PM,Information call with Senator Daines Staff,"Colorado Springs, CO"

8/8/2018,3:00 PM,"Travel to Avon, Colorado",From Colorado Springs

8/9/2018,8:00 AM,Western Energy Alliance Networking Breakfast,"Avon, CO"

8/9/2018,11:00 AM,Keynote speech at Western Energy Alliance Annual Conference,"Avon, CO"

8/9/2018,2:00 PM,Western Energy Alliance Networking,"Avon, CO"

8/10/2018,7:00 AM,"Travel to Leadville, Colorado",From Avon

8/10/2018,9:00 AM,Climax Mine Tour,"Leadville, CO"

8/10/2018,1:00 PM,Travel to Denver,From Leadville

8/10/2018,2:00 PM,Call with Westword Reporter (in route),To Denver

8/13/2018,7:00 AM,Meeting with Beatty and Wozniak representative on Energy Law,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/13/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/13/2018,9:00 AM,Meeting with USDA Colorado Rural Development Regional Director,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/13/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/13/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/13/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/13/2018,2:00 PM,Call with Environmental Council of the States members to plan for Environmental Council of the States panel session,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/13/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/13/2018,4:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/14/2018,1:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/14/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/14/2018,2:30 PM,Call with Colorado Water Congress Conference planners on Keynote topic,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/14/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/14/2018,4:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/14/2018,4:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/15/2018,7:00 AM,Meeting with Beatty and Wozniak representative on Energy Law,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/15/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/15/2018,10:30 AM,Regional Incident Coordination Team Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/15/2018,11:00 AM,Call with Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance and State and Tribe on Oil & Natural Gas,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/15/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/15/2018,2:00 PM,Call with Rights-Of-Way Symposium Conference planners on Keynote topic,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/15/2018,2:45 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/16/2018,6:30 AM,Travel to Cheyenne,"From Denver, CO "

8/16/2018,8:30 AM,Meeting with Uranium Industry Committee of the Wyoming Mining Association ,"Cheyenne, WY"

8/16/2018,5:00 PM,Travel to Denver,"From Cheyenne, WY"

8/17/2018,Full Day,Ute Tribe Business Committee Consultation,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/20/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Briefing with Advisory Team,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/20/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination Meeting on Regional Administrator calendar,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/20/2018,9:15 AM,Staff Briefing with Advisory Team,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/20/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/20/2018,1:00 PM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Business Review Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/20/2018,2:30 PM,Regional Leadership Team Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/20/2018,3:45 PM,Teleconference with Office of Air and Radiation,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/21/2018,8:30 AM,"Staff Briefing with Office of Ecosystems, Protection and Remediation","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/21/2018,9:30 AM,Teleconference with Office of Research and Development,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/21/2018,11:00 AM,"Staff Briefing with Office of Ecosystems, Protection and Remediation","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/21/2018,12:15 PM,Staff Briefing with Office of Partnerships and Regulatory Assistance,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/21/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Planning Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/22/2018,8:15 AM,Meet and Greet with Colorado Department of Agriculture Rural Water Executive Director,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/22/2018,9:00 AM,"Staff Briefing with Office of Ecosystems, Protection and Remediation","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/22/2018,10:30 AM,Staff Planning Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/22/2018,3:15 PM,"Staff Briefing with Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/22/2018,4:00 PM,Meet and Greet with Beatty & Wozniak Energy Law,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/23/2018,8:30 AM,"Travel to Vail, Colorado","From Denver, CO"

8/23/2018,12:00 PM,Speak at Colorado Water Congresss Conference,"Vail, CO"

8/23/2018,1:30 PM,"Travel to Denver, Colorado","From Vail, CO"

8/24/2018,8:00 AM,"Staff Briefing with Office of Ecosystems, Protection and Remediation","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/24/2018,1:00 PM,"Staff Briefing with Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/24/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Briefing with the Regional Planner,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/24/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Briefing with Advisory Team,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/24/2018,3:30 PM,Attend Environmental Council of States Conference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/27/2018,4:30 AM,"Travel to Stowe, Vermont ","From Denver, CO"

8/27/2018,Full Day,Keynote Address at Environmental Council of States Conference and attend Conference,"Stowe, VT"

8/28/2018,Full Day,Attend Environmental Council of States Conference,"Stowe, VT"

8/29/2018,Full Day,Attend Environmental Council of States Conference,"Stowe, VT"

8/30/2018,4:00 AM,"Travel to Denver, Colorado (Central Time)","From Stowe, VT"

8/30/2018,1:00 PM,"Staff Briefing with Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/30/2018,1:30 PM,Update Meeting with Deputy Regional Administrator,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/30/2018,2:00 PM,Briefing with Office of Technical and Management Services,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/30/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Briefing with Office of Partnerships and Regulatory Assistance,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/30/2018,4:00 PM,Staff Briefing with Office of Community and Public Involvement,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/31/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Planning Meeting with Office of Community and Public Involvement,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/31/2018,11:40 AM,Teleconference with Montana Standard,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/31/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Briefing with Office of Community and Public Involvement,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

Message

From: Moon, Diane [Moon.Diane@epa.gov]
Sent: 9/19/2018 9:41:32 PM
To: Morin, Jeff [Morin.Jeff@epa.gov]
CC: Dibble, Christine [Dibble.Christine@epa.gov]; Mutter, Andrew [mutter.andrew@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: ACTION -- FW: This is Calendar Week --- IS IT????
Attachments: DCRprt-R8 RA Events Cal_ending-Sept14_2018.csv

I did not see any reminder message for this week but shouldn't the calendar update be due today for the dates of September 3 thru 14?

If we are no longer doing this, please advise.

Thank you!

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From: Morin, Jeff
Sent: Wednesday, September 5, 2018 3:58 PM
To: Moon, Diane <Moon.Diane@epa.gov>
Cc: Dibble, Christine <Dibble.Christine@epa.gov>; Mutter, Andrew <mutter.andrew@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: ACTION -- FW: This is Calendar Week --- please submit your updates by COB on Wednesday, September 5th

Thanks!

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On Sep 5, 2018, at 5:57 PM, Moon, Diane <Moon.Diane@epa.gov> wrote:

> <image002.gif>
> Ok, here you go from Region 8.
>
> Thank you.
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From: Morin, Jeff
Sent: Tuesday, September 4, 2018 2:35 PM
To: Mutter, Andrew <mutter.andrew@epa.gov>; Moon, Diane <Moon.Diane@epa.gov>
Cc: Dibble, Christine <Dibble.Christine@epa.gov>
Subject: ACTION -- FW: This is Calendar Week --- please submit your updates by COB on Wednesday, September 5th

Hi - attached is the spreadsheet file for your senior calendar, for period Aug 20-31.

Please fill out and return the file to me (cc Christine Dibble) by COB tomorrow, Wednesday the 6th (sorry for the shorter-than-usual turn-around).

Thanks!

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, September 4, 2018 3:47 PM
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Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Dibble, Christine <Dibble.Christine@epa.gov>; Morin, Jeff <Morin.Jeff@epa.gov>
Subject: This is Calendar Week --- please submit your updates by COB on Wednesday, September 5th

Hi all,

These is calendar week – please submit your updates for August 20 – August 31 to Jeff Morin and Christine Dibble (copied here) – by COB on Wednesday, September 6th

Jeff will be sending your files to update this afternoon.

Thanks

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Date,Time,Event,Location

1/1/2018,,Federal Holiday,

1/2/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/2/2018,11:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/2/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/2/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/3/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/3/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/3/2018,1:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/3/2018,2:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/3/2018,4:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/4/2018,10:00 AM,"Call to Todd Parfitt, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/4/2018,1:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/4/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/4/2018,2:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/4/2018,3:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/5/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/5/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/5/2018,12:00 PM,"Telephone Call with Kell Kelly, EPA Superfund Senior Advisor","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/8/2018,8:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/8/2018,9:00 AM,Staff meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/8/2018,9:30 AM,Staff meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/8/2018,10:00 AM,Staff meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/8/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/8/2018,1:00 PM,Region 8 Senior Leader Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/8/2018,2:30 PM,Region 8 Regional Leadership Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/9/2018,7:00 AM,"Travel to Durango, Colorado","Durango, CO"

1/9/2018,8:00 AM,Ute Mountain Ute and Southern Ute Indian Tribe Consultations,"Ignacio and Towaoc, CO"

1/10/2018,8:00 AM,Ute Mountain Ute and Southern Ute Indian Tribe Consultations,"Ignacio and Towaoc, CO"

1/10/2018,5:00 PM,"Return to Denver, Colarado","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/11/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordination Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/11/2018,9:00 AM,Meeting with QEP Resources,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/11/2018,10:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/11/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/11/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/12/2018,7:00 AM,Office Time,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/12/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/12/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/12/2018,10:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/12/2018,1:00 PM,"Joint Colorado Oil and Gas Meeting with EPA, Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment, and Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/12/2018,4:30 PM,Meeting with CEWI Organizers Larry Holden / Chris Hensen,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/15/2018,8:25 AM,"Federal Holiday and Travel to Dallas, Texas","Dallas, TX"

1/16/2018,8:30 AM,Regional Administrators' Forum,"Dallas, TX"

1/16/2018,5:30 PM,Return travel to Denver,"From Dallas, TX"

1/17/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/17/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/17/2018,12:00 PM,"Meeting with QEP, Megan Garvey","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/17/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/17/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/17/2018,2:45 PM,"Telephone call with Bob Genovese, Atlantic Richfield Company","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/17/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/17/2018,4:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/18/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/18/2018,8:15 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/18/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/18/2018,10:15 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/18/2018,12:00 PM,"Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act/Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act Outreach Call with NASDA & ECOS","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/18/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/18/2018,2:00 PM,"Teleconference with Bob Genovese, Atlantic Richfield Company","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/18/2018,4:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/19/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/19/2018,8:30 AM,Telephone Call with Colorado Springs Mayor John Suthers,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/19/2018,9:15 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/19/2018,12:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/19/2018,1:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/19/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/19/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/19/2018,3:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/22/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/22/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/22/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/22/2018,10:00 AM,"Call with Martha Rudolph, Director, Colorado Department of Public

Health & Environment","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/22/2018,10:15 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/22/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/22/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/22/2018,2:30 PM,Region 8 Regional Leadership Meeting ,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/23/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/23/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/23/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/23/2018,11:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/23/2018,2:00 AM,Staff Conference call,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/23/2018,2:30 PM,Region 8 Regional Leadership Resource Meeting ,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/24/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/24/2018,8:00 AM,Call with Dr. Patrick Breysse of Center of Disease Control,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/24/2018,9:30 AM,Meet and Greet with Marcie Bidwell of Mountain Studies Institute,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/24/2018,10:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/24/2018,12:30 PM,Travel to Bozeman and Butte Montana,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/25/2018,9:00 AM,Confidential Negotiations Meeting full day ,"Butte, MT"

1/26/2018,9:30 AM,Conference Call with Headquarters+C626 Albert Kelly ,"Butte, MT"

1/26/2018,10:30 AM,Field Site Tour in Butte ,"Butte, MT"

1/26/2018,11:45 AM,Stakeholders meeting by Citizens Technical Environment Committee of Butte,"Butte, MT"

1/26/2018,2:30 PM,Return travel to Denver,"from Bozeman, MT"

1/28/2018,9:45 AM,Travel to Washington DC,"from Denver, CO"

1/29/2018,7:00 AM,Meeting with Bill Wehrum,"Washington, DC"

1/29/2018,8:00 AM,2018 EPA National Executive Leadership Development Conference,"Washington, DC"

1/30/2018,8:15 AM,Call with Susan Bodine on Colorado Springs,"Washington, DC"

1/30/2018,9:00 AM,2018 EPA National Executive Leadership Development Conference,"Washington, DC"

1/30/2018,2:00 PM,Return travel to Denver,"Washington, DC"

1/31/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Coordination ,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/31/2018,12:00 PM,Staff meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/31/2018,4:00 PM,Travel to Steamboat Springs,"from Denver, CO"

2/1/2018,8:30 AM,Colorado Energy and Water Institute Conference - Speaking on: Western Energy: The Interplay of Federal & State Rules,"Steamboat Springs, CO"

2/1/2018,12:00 PM,Lunch Session - Meet and Greet with conference attendees,"Steamboat Springs, CO"

2/1/2018,3:00 PM,Return travel to Denver,"from Steamboat Springs, CO"

2/2/2018,All Day,No scheduled meetings,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/5/2018,8:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/5/2018,8:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/5/2018,10:15 AM,Staff meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/5/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/5/2018,1:00 PM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/5/2018,2:30 PM,Region 8 Regional Leadership Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/5/2018,3:30 PM,Staff meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/6/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/6/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/6/2018,8:45 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/6/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

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2/6/2018,10:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/6/2018,12:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/6/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/6/2018,2:30 PM,Region 8 Regional Leadership Resource Meeting ,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/7/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/7/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/7/2018,10:00 AM,"Conference Call with all State Attorneys General for CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, WY","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/7/2018,11:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/7/2018,2:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/7/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/7/2018,4:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/8/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/8/2018,8:00 AM,All Day - Meetings and Briefings with EPA Headquarters,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/9/2018,8:30 AM,EPA Headquarters Video Teleconference on Emission Standards,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/9/2018,10:00 AM,Guest Speaker at Regional Air Quality Council Board Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/9/2018,1:30 PM,Meeting with Commerce City Mayor and Staff,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/12/2018,5:30 AM,"Travel to Pueblo, CO","from Denver, CO"

2/12/2018,7:45 PM,Meeting with Pueblo City Council on Colorado Smelter,"Pueblo, CO"

2/12/2018,9:15 AM,Meeting with Pueblo City Council on Colorado Smelter,"Pueblo, CO"

2/12/2018,10:15 AM,Meeting with Pueblo City Council on Selenium Issue,"Pueblo, CO"

2/12/2018,11:00 AM,Meet and Greet with Congressional Regional Reps ,"Pueblo, CO"

2/12/2018,1:00 PM,Meeting with Pueblo City and County Health Department on Lead Program,"Pueblo, CO"

2/12/2018,2:00 PM,Meet and Greet with County Commissioners,"Pueblo, CO"

2/12/2018,3:00 PM,Interview at Pueblo Chieftain,"Pueblo, CO"

2/12/2018,4:30 PM,Listening Session Colorado Smelter Community Advisory Group,"Pueblo, CO"

2/12/2018,5:45 PM,"Travel to Denver, CO","from Pueblo, CO"

2/13/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/13/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/13/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/13/2018,12:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/13/2018,4:00 PM,"Travel to Cheyenne, WY","Denver, CO"

2/14/2018,10:30 AM,Wyoming Regulatory Affairs Committee Meeting,"Cheyenne, WY"

2/14/2018,1:30 PM,Wyoming Uranium Industry Committee Meeting,"Cheyenne, WY"

2/15/2018,9:00 AM,Wyoming Mining Association Board of Directors' Meeting,"Cheyenne, WY"

2/15/2018,10:00 AM,"Return travel to Denver, CO","Denver, CO"

2/15/2018,3:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/16/2018,9:00 AM,Meet and Greet with Department of Homeland Security's Chief of Regulatory Compliance and Director of Infrastructure Protection,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/16/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meet and Greet,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/19/2018,,Federal Holiday,

2/20/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/20/2018,10:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/20/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/20/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/20/2018,2:30 PM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Business Review Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/21/2018,9:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/21/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/21/2018,4:30 PM,"Travel to Great Falls, Montana","from Denver, CO"

2/22/2018,8:30 AM,Presentation Montana Rural Water Systems 39th Annual Conference,"Great Falls, MT"

2/22/2018,1:00 PM,Return travel to Denver,"from Great Falls, MT"

2/23/2018,9:00 AM,"Meeting with Representatives of Slawson Exploration Company, Inc","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/23/2018,10:00 AM,Conference Call with Department of Justice and Headquarters Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance ,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/23/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/26/2018,8:00 AM,Opening Remarks On-Scene Coordinator Academy Training,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/26/2018,9:15 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/26/2018,10:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/26/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office,

Denver, CO"

2/26/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/26/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/26/2018,4:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/26/2018,Full Day,National Oil and Gas Roundtable,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/27/2018,Half Day,National Oil and Gas Roundtable,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/28/2018,12:00 PM,Media Call Montana Standard,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/28/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/28/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/28/2018,2:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/28/2018,3:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/1/2018,9:00 AM,Security Briefing,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/1/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/1/2018,10:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/1/2018,11:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/1/2018,12:30 AM,Video Teleconference with the Office of the Inspector General Public Notification Team,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/1/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/1/2018,1:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/1/2018,2:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/1/2018,3:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/1/2018,4:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/2/2018,8:15 AM,Conference Call with Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance ,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/2/2018,9:00 AM,Meet and Greet with Bureau of Land Management,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/2/2018,12:30 PM,Meet and Greet with Representative from Salt Lake City Government,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/2/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/5/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/5/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/5/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/5/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/5/2018,1:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/5/2018,2:30 PM,Region 8 Regional Leadership Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/6/2018,12:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/6/2018,1:30 PM,"Video Teleconference Special Accounts with Headquarters and Regions 2, 3, and 8","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/6/2018,2:30 PM,Region 8 Regional Leadership Resource Meeting ,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/7/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/7/2018,11:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/7/2018,1:00 PM,Regional Incident Coordination Team Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/7/2018,2:00 PM,Meet and Greet with EOG Resources,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/7/2018,3:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/7/2018,4:30 PM,"Meet and Greet with EPA Director of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/8/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/8/2018,1:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/8/2018,3:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/9/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/9/2018,10:00 AM,Oil and Gas Debrief with Administrator's Office,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/9/2018,11:15 AM,RA Check In with Administrator's Office,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/9/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/9/2018,1:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/12/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/12/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/12/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/12/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/12/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/12/2018,3:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/13/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/13/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/13/2018,10:15 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/13/2018,1:30 PM,Region 8 Update with Administrator's Office,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/13/2018,2:30 PM,Region 8 All Hands Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/13/2018,4:00 PM,Travel to Salt Lake City,"From Denver, CO"

3/14/2018,12:30 PM,Meeting with American College of Environmental Lawyers,"Salt Lake City, UT"

3/15/2018,9:30 AM,Meeting with UT Department of Environmental Quality Managers,"Salt Lake City, UT"

3/15/2018,10:00 AM,Meeting with UT Department of Environmental Quality and EPA Region 8 Staff,"Salt Lake City, UT"

3/15/2018,2:30 PM,Meeting with Air Quality Advocates ,"Salt Lake City, UT"

3/16/2018,8:30 AM,Meeting with Uintah/Duchesne County Commissioners and UT School Trust Lands Administration,"Salt Lake City, UT"

3/16/2018,10:00 AM,Meeting with Enefit,"Salt Lake City, UT"

3/16/2018,12:00 PM,Media Engagement - Salt Lake Tribune,"Salt Lake City, UT"

3/16/2018,2:00 PM,Travel to Denver,"From Salt Lake City, UT"

3/19/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/19/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/19/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/19/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/19/2018,1:45 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/19/2018,2:30 PM,Region 8 Regional Leadership Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/20/2018,9:00 AM,Opening Remarks for Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) - RTOC meetings in Region 8,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/20/2018,Day ,Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) meetings in Region 8,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/21/2018,8:30 AM,Opening remarks for Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) Federal Partners and Tribal leaders forum,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/21/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/21/2018,10:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/21/2018,1:00 PM,Opening remarks for Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) Attorneys meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/21/2018,1:30 PM,Meeting with Environmental Defense Fund,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/21/2018,3:30 PM,Call with Montana Environmental Quality Council,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/22/2018,8:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/22/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/22/2018,10:00 AM,Senior Leaders Call with Headquarters,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/22/2018,12:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/22/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/22/2018,2:00 PM,Ute Tribe Business Committee Consultation,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/22/2018,3:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/23/2018,9:30 AM,Meeting with Colorado Petroleum Council,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/23/2018,10:30 AM,Meet and Greet with Regional Director of Health and Human Services,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/26/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/26/2018,10:00 AM,E-Enterprise Briefing for Senior Leadership with Office of the Chief Financial Officer,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/26/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/26/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/26/2018,1:00 PM,Depart for Drive to Gillette WY,"From Denver, CO"

3/27/2018,9:00 AM,Welcoming remarks for Gillette Public Listening Session,"Gillette, WY"

3/27/2018,9:30 AM,Sit in on Listening Session,"Gillette, WY"

3/27/2018,1:00 PM,Depart for Drive Denver CO,"From Gillette, WY"

3/28/2018,8:00 AM,Planning Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/28/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/28/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/28/2018,12:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/28/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/28/2018,3:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/28/2018,4:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/29/2018,9:00 AM,Meeting with Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/29/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/29/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/29/2018,3:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/30/2018,9:00 AM,Conference Call with Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/30/2018,11:30 AM,Meeting with Western Energy Alliance,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/30/2018,2:00 PM,Meeting with Evolva,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/2/2018,8:00 AM,Coordination Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/2/2018,9:45 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/2/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/2/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/2/2018,2:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/2/2018,3:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/2/2018,4:00 PM,Meet and Greet Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology Innovation Director,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/3/2018,8:00 AM,Call with Energy Fuels Chief Operating Officer on White Mesa Mill,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/3/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/3/2018,9:30 AM,Call with Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance on Environmental Justice and Community Revitalization Committee ,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/3/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/3/2018,12:00 PM,Staff Planning Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/4/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/4/2018,9:00 AM,Meet and Greet with South Metro Water Supply Authority and Meridian Metro District,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/4/2018,11:00 AM,Meet and Greet with Vice President of Strategic Initiatives with Charlotte's Web Hemp,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/4/2018,6:00 PM,Speak at the Colorado Mining Association's Environmental Stewardship Awards Event,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/5/2018,10:00 AM,Meeting with Colorado Petroleum Association,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/5/2018,4:00 PM,Speak at the Environmental Law Institute Event,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/6/2018,9:00 AM,Meet with Potential Candidate and Tour Office,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/6/2018,1:30 PM,Video Teleconference with Administrator Office Advisors and Regional Administrators,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/6/2018,2:30 PM,Meet with Executive Director of Colorado Municipal League,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/8/2018,3:00 PM,Travel to Helena Montana,"From Denver, CO"

4/9/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Planning Meeting,"Montana Office, Helena, MT"

4/9/2018,11:00 AM,All Hands Meeting,"Montana Office, Helena, MT"

4/9/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"Montana Office, Helena, MT"

4/9/2018,1:00 PM,Travel to Butte Montana,From Helena MT

4/10/2018,8:00 AM,Anaconda Site Tour,"Anaconda, MT"

4/10/2018,10:00 AM,Meeting with Anaconda Deer Lodge County Stakeholders,"Anaconda, MT"

4/10/2018,12:00 PM,Meeting with Anaconda Deer Lodge County Officials,"Anaconda, MT"

4/10/2018,1:00 PM,Call with Administrator on Air Quality Designations for 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard,"Anaconda, MT"

4/10/2018,2:30 PM,Meeting with Montana Standard Editorial Board,"Butte, MT"

4/10/2018,3:30 PM,Butte Site Tour,"Butte, MT"

4/11/2018,9:00 AM,Meeting with Butte and Silver Bow City and County Officials,"Butte, MT"

4/11/2018,10:00 AM,Meeting with Citizens Technical Environment Committee and Restore our Creek Coalition,"Butte, MT"

4/11/2018,5:40 PM,"Travel to Denver, Colorado","From Bozeman, MT"

4/12/2018,8:00 AM,Meeting with Western Energy Alliance,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/12/2018,10:30 AM,Meeting with Dawson and Associates and Arcadis Representing Ecosystems Partners,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/12/2018,11:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/12/2018,12:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/12/2018,1:15 PM,Telephone Interview with Associated Press,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/12/2018,1:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/12/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/12/2018,3:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/13/2018,8:30 AM,Call with Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention on Pesticide Registration,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/13/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/13/2018,10:00 AM,Meeting with Kinder Morgan,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/13/2018,12:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/13/2018,1:30 PM,Call with Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance on Enforcement,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/13/2018,2:00 PM,Quarterly Call with Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

and Regions,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/16/2018,7:00 AM,"Travel to Chicago, Illinois","From Denver, CO"

4/16/2018,12:00 PM,Regional Administrator Forum,"Chicago, IL"

4/17/2018,8:00 AM,Regional Administrator Forum,"Chicago, IL"

4/18/2018,9:00 AM,"Travel to Denver, Colorado","From Chicago, IL"

4/18/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/19/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/19/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/19/2018,10:30 AM,"Meeting with Energy Fuels Resources USA, Incorporated","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/19/2018,11:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/19/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/19/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/19/2018,4:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/20/2018,8:15 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/20/2018,9:00 AM,Meeting with Animas River Stakeholders Group Coordinator,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/20/2018,9:45 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/20/2018,10:45 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/20/2018,11:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/20/2018,2:00 PM,Call with Freemyer and Associates representing Dushesne and Uintah Counties and Utah School Trust Land Administration,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/23/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/23/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/23/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/23/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/23/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/23/2018,1:00 PM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Business Review Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/23/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/23/2018,4:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/24/2018,9:00 AM,Welcoming remarks for the continuing education training co-sponsored by Colorado Attorney General's office,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/24/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/24/2018,11:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/24/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/24/2018,1:30 PM,Meet and Greet with General Services Administration Commissioner,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/24/2018,2:45 PM,Staff Planning Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/24/2018,3:30 PM,"Meet and Greet with Fuels Enforcement Branch, of the Office of Civil Enforcement","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/25/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/25/2018,12:00 PM,Speak at the Colorado Association of Commerce and Industry Council Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/25/2018,2:00 PM,"Press Outreach to media outlets on Brownfields grants announcements - Pueblo Chieftain, Sun Advocate, GF Tribune","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/25/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/25/2018,3:45 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/26/2018,7:30 AM,Call with Office of General Counsel,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/26/2018,8:00 AM,"Travel to Cheyenne, Wyoming","From Denver, CO"

4/26/2018,10:00 AM,Meeting with the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality Director,"Cheyenne, WY"

4/26/2018,1:00 PM,"Public Media Event for Brownfields grants announcements in Cheyenne, Wyoming","Cheyenne, WY"

4/26/2018,3:00 PM,"Travel to Denver, Colorado","From Cheyenne, WY"

4/27/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/30/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/30/2018,9:15 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/30/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/30/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/30/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/30/2018,1:30 PM,Meeting with Trout Unlimited,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/30/2018,2:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/30/2018,4:30 PM,Call with the State of Montana,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/1/2018,9:15 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/1/2018,12:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/1/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/2/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/2/2018,8:00 AM,Meeting with Anadarko,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/2/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/2/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/2/2018,1:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/2/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/2/2018,4:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/3/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/3/2018,8:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/3/2018,10:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/3/2018,12:00 PM,"Joint Call with Department of Justice, Office of Enforcement Compliance and Assurance, Region 8","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/3/2018,1:15 PM,Call with Deputy Administrator Meet and Greet,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/3/2018,2:15 PM,Meeting with Vice President of Grace,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/3/2018,3:00 PM,Meeting with Federal Partners on Bonita Peak Mining District,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/4/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/4/2018,9:00 AM,Congratulatory calls to Selectees for the EPA's Local Government Advisory Committee,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/4/2018,11:00 AM,Call with Senior Advisor to the Administrator for Regional and State Affairs,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/4/2018,2:30 PM,Call with Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator of Solid Waste and Emergency Response,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/7/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/7/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/7/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/7/2018,1:00 PM,"Travel to Deadwood, South Dakota",From Denver

5/8/2018,6:30 AM,Gilt Edge Mine site tour and Annual Regional Superfund Program Meeting,"Deadwood, South Dakota"

5/8/2018,2:30 PM,Return to Denver,From Rapid City

5/9/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/9/2018,8:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/9/2018,10:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/10/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/10/2018,11:00 AM,Meeting with Anadarko,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/10/2018,12:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/10/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/10/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/10/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/10/2018,4:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/11/2018,8:00 AM,Meeting with District Manager of Metro Wastewater Reclamation District,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/11/2018,9:30 AM,Meeting with Colorado State Congresswoman,"State Office, Grant street"

5/11/2018,12:00 PM,Call with Deputy Administrator,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/11/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/11/2018,3:00 PM,Meeting with CEO of Metals US,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/11/2018,4:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/14/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/14/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/14/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/14/2018,11:00 AM,"Teleconference with DOJ, Colorado State Attorney General, and Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/14/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/14/2018,2:30 PM,Regional Leadership Team Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/14/2018,4:30 PM,"Travel to Helena, Montana","From Denver, CO"

5/15/2018,8:30 AM,Staff Meeting - Anaconda SF Site,"Helena, MT"

5/15/2018,10:30 AM,"Meeting with Atlantic Richfield Company, Anaconda-Deer Lodge County, Montana Department of Environmental Quality","Helena, MT"

5/16/2018,6:00 AM,"Travel to Denver, Colorado","From Helena, MT"

5/16/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/16/2018,11:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/16/2018,11:30 AM,Meeting with OLEM Staff,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/16/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/17/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/18/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/18/2018,11:30 AM,Telephone Call to Sen Daines Montana Staff,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/18/2018,3:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/18/2018,4:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/21/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/21/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/21/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/21/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/21/2018,1:00 PM,Business Review Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/21/2018,3:00 PM,Special Regional Leadership Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/22/2018,7:00 AM,Travel to Bismarck,"From Denver, CO"

5/22/2018,2:00 PM,Meeting with Basin Electric,"Bismarck, ND"

5/22/2018,3:45 PM,Staff Telephone Call,"Bismarck, ND"

5/23/2018,8:30 AM,Call with North Dakota Petroleum Council,"Bismarck, ND"

5/23/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Telephone Call,"Bismarck, ND"

5/23/2018,2:00 PM,North Dakota Petroleum Conference Participant,"Bismarck, ND"

5/24/2018,7:30 AM,Meeting with Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians Tribal Leadership and Environmental Program at Turtle Mountain Office ,"Turtle Mountain, ND"

5/24/2018,11:00 AM,Tour Brownfield Sites,"Turtle Mountain, ND"

5/25/2018,5:00 AM,Travel to Denver,From Minot

5/25/2018,12:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/25/2018,1:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/28/2018,,Holiday,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/29/2018,8:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/29/2018,9:15 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/29/2018,10:30 AM,Conference Call with municipality leaders external to Denver,"Colorado Municipal League, Denver, CO"

5/29/2018,11:30 AM,Face to Face with municipality leaders within Denver metro,"Colorado

Municipal League, Denver, CO"

5/29/2018,1:15 PM,"Face to Face with Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, Office of Water ","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/29/2018,2:00 PM,"VTC with Department of Justice, State of Colorado, and City of Colorado Springs","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/29/2018,3:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/29/2018,4:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/29/2018,4:30 PM,Travel to Helena Montana,"From Denver, CO"

5/30/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"Helena, MT"

5/30/2018,12:00 PM,Public Meeting at Montana Tech Library,"Butte, MT"

5/30/2018,6:00 PM,Public Meeting at Montana Tech Library,

5/30/2018,8:30 PM,"Travel to Missoula, Montana","From Butte, MT"

5/31/2018,8:00 AM,Meeting with Missoula County Commissioners,

5/31/2018,9:00 AM,"Travel to Billings, Montana","From Missoula, MT"

5/31/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Coordination Meeting,"Billings, MT"

5/31/2018,4:30 PM,Smart Sectors Session with Montana Senator,

6/1/2018,7:20 AM,"Travel to Denver, Colorado",Fom Billings MT

6/1/2018,11:00 AM,Call with Senior Advisor to the Administrator for Regional and State Affairs,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/1/2018,1:00 PM,Meeting with Aurora Water,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/1/2018,2:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/1/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/3/2018,9:00 AM,"Travel to Kalispell, Montana","Fom Denver, CO"

6/4/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordination Meeting with U.S. Army Corp of Engineers,"Libby, MT"

6/4/2018,8:30 AM,Libby Site Visit with U.S. Army Corp of Engineers,"Libby, MT"

6/4/2018,12:00 PM,Call in to Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"Libby, MT"

6/4/2018,2:00 PM,Meeting with Lincoln County Commissioners,"Libby, MT"

6/4/2018,4:15 PM,Meeeting with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Kootenai Forest Supervisor,"Libby, MT"

6/4/2018,8:00 PM,"Travel to Kalispell, Montana","From Libby, MT"

6/5/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordfination Meeting,"Kalispell, MT"

6/5/2018,8:30 AM,Columbia Falls Aluminum Facility Site Tour,"Columbia Falls, MT"

6/5/2018,1:00 PM,Public Meeting at Columbia Falls Aluminum Facility,"Columbia Falls, MT"

6/5/2018,3:00 PM,"Travel to Denver, Colorado","From Kalispell, MT"

6/6/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/6/2018,8:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/6/2018,10:00 AM,Meeting with Denver Water and Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/6/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/7/2018,Day,Meeting with State Environmental Directors,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/8/2018,Half Day,Meeting with State Environmental Directors,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/8/2018,3:00 PM,Meeting with EPA Administrator and State Environmental Directors,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/10/2018,9:30 AM,"Travel to Chicago, Illinois","From Denver, CO"

6/11/2018,Day,Regional Administrator Forum with Administrator's Senior Advisor,"Chicago, IL"

6/11/2018,4:00 PM,"TraveL to Denver, Colorado","From Chicago, IL"

6/12/2018,8:00 AM,Meeting with Continental Resources,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/13/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/13/2018,8:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/13/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/13/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/13/2018,1:30 PM,Video Teleconference with Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Assistant Administrator,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/13/2018,2:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/13/2018,4:30 PM,"Travel to Helena, Montana","From Denver, CO"

6/14/2018,Day,Meeting with Local Anaconda officials,"Anaconda, MT"

6/15/2018,12:00 PM,Anaconda Site Tour,"Anaconda, MT"

6/15/2018,4:00 PM,"Travel to Denver, Colorado","From Bozeman, MT"

6/18/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/18/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/18/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/18/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/18/2018,1:00 PM,Business Review Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/18/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/18/2018,3:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/18/2018,4:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/19/2018,8:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/19/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/19/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/19/2018,10:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/19/2018,1:00 PM,Quarterly Performance Review with Regions and Administrator,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/20/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/20/2018,10:15 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/20/2018,11:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/20/2018,1:30 PM,Staff meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/20/2018,2:30 PM,Staff meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/20/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/21/2018,7:00 AM,"Travel to Pueblo, Colorado for Colorado Smelter site visits with the State of Colorado","From Denver, CO"

6/21/2018,2:00 PM,Travel to Denver,"from Pueblo, CO"

6/22/2018,9:00 AM,"Meeting with Department of Justice, City of Colorado Springs, and State of Colorado","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/22/2018,12:00 PM,Meeting with Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Assistant Administrator,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/22/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

6/25/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference (Call in),"Grand Lake, CO"

6/26/2018,10:00 AM,Mountain Studies Institute Steering Committee Conference Call,"Grand Lake, CO"

6/26/2018,11:00 AM,Regional Administrator Check In Call with Senior Advisor for Regional and State Affairs,"Grand Lake, CO"

6/27/2018,,No Scheduled Meetings,

6/28/2018,11:00 AM,Executive Webinar with Assistant Deputy Administrator and Assistant Administrator of Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance,"Grand Lake, CO"

6/29/2018,,No Scheduled Meetings,

7/2/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/2/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/2/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/2/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/2/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/2/2018,1:30 PM,Call with Regional Administrator,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/2/2018,2:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/2/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/3/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/3/2018,11:00 AM,Meeting with Park City and Holland and Hart ,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/3/2018,1:00 PM,Meeting with PacifiCorp,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/3/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/4/2018,,Holiday,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/5/2018,8:00 AM,Telephone Call with PowerTech,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/5/2018,8:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/5/2018,2:30 PM,"Telephone Call with Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/6/2018,,Day trip to Pueblo for Town Hall Event,"Pueblo, CO"

7/6/2018,1:00 PM,Telephone Call with Deputy Administrator,"Pueblo, CO"

7/9/2018,9:00 AM,"Meeting with Congressman Mike Coffman, Sixth Congressional District of Colorado","Brighton, CO"

7/9/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/9/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/9/2018,1:30 PM,Meeting with Denver City Councilwoman Mary Beth Susman,"City & County Building, Denver, CO"

7/10/2018,7:00 AM,Meeting with BPMD stakeholders,"Durango, CO"

7/10/2018,8:00 AM,Meeting with Representative Tipton's staff,"Durango, CO"

7/10/2018,9:45 AM,"Site Tour (Silverton, Colorado)","Upper Animas, Howardsville, Kittimack, Mayflower Tailings, Colorado"

7/10/2018,6:30 PM,Meeting with Silverton/San Juan County Planning Group,"Silverton, CO"

7/11/2018,9:00 AM,Briefing for La Plata County Commissioners and Durango City Council Representative,"Durango, CO"

7/11/2018,10:00 AM,Meeting with downstream community groups,"Durango, CO"

7/11/2018,11:15 AM,Meeting with Durango Herald,"Durango, CO"

7/11/2018,12:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"Durango, CO"

7/12/2018,9:00 AM,Confidential Negotiations Meeting full day ,"Butte, MT"

7/12/2018,6:00 PM,Meeting with Community Group,"Butte, MT"

7/16/2018,8:00 AM,Meeting with Bill Wehrum (phone call),"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/16/2018,9:00 AM,Region 8 All Hands,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/16/2018,10:30 AM,Meeting with Susan Bodine (phone call),"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/16/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/16/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/16/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/16/2018,3:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/16/2018,4:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/17/2018,7:00 AM,Travel,"Denver, CO to Washington, DC"

7/18/2018,6:30 AM,Meeting with Congressman Tipton and Legislative Director,"Washington, DC"

7/18/2018,11:00 AM,Senior Staff Meeting,"Washington, DC"

7/18/2018,2:30 PM,Meeting with Brittany Bolen,"Washington, DC"

7/19/2018,6:30 AM,Senior Staff Meeting,"Washington, DC"

7/19/2018,1:30 PM,Regional Administrator Meeting,"Washington, DC"

7/19/2018,3:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting,"Washington, DC"

7/20/2018,6:30 AM,Regional Administrator Meeting,"Washington, DC"

7/20/2018,1:00 PM,Travel,"Washington, DC"

7/23/2018,7:30 AM,Travel,"Washington, DC to Denver, CO"

7/24/2018,7:30 AM,Colorado Ag Tour and Smart Sectors Meeting,"Greeley, CO"

7/25/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/25/2018,11:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/25/2018,12:00 PM,Lunch Meeting with Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/25/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/25/2018,3:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/25/2018,4:14 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/26/2018,10:00 AM,Travel,"Denver, CO to Helena, MT"

7/26/2018,4:30 PM,Media Interview with Montana Standard,"Butte, MT"

7/26/2018,4:40 PM,Meeting re Superfund Task Force Anniversary,"Butte, MT"

7/27/2018,9:00 AM,Meeting with Anaconda Principals,"Butte, MT"

7/30/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/30/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/30/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/30/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/30/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

7/31/2018,9:00 AM,Community Meetings in Anaconda,"Anaconda, MT"

7/31/2018,7:00 PM,"Travel to Helena, Montanta","Helena, MT"

8/1/2018,7:30 AM,Flight to Denver,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/1/2018,1:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/2/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/2/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/2/2018,11:00 AM,Meeting with John Chase,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/2/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/2/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/3/2018,11:00 AM,Call with Senior Advisor to the Administrator for Regional and State Affairs,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/3/2018,2:00 PM,Meet with Stillwater Mining,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/6/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/6/2018,10:15 AM,Congressional staff info call,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/6/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/6/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/6/2018,2:30 PM,Regional Leadership Team Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/6/2018,3:30 PM,Staff Call,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/6/2018,4:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/7/2018,6:30 AM,Travel to Fort Carson Colorado,From Denver

8/7/2018,8:30 AM,Fort Carson Tour of Sustainability Program,"Colorado Springs, CO"

8/7/2018,1:00 PM,Community Meetings in Colorado Springs ,"Colorado Springs, CO"

8/7/2018,7:00 AM,Political Hands Team call with Administrator,"Colorado Springs, CO"

8/8/2018,9:00 AM,Community Meetings in Colorado Springs ,"Colorado Springs, CO"

8/8/2018,1:00 PM,Information call with Senator Daines Staff,"Colorado Springs, CO"

8/8/2018,3:00 PM,"Travel to Avon, Colorado",From Colorado Springs

8/9/2018,8:00 AM,Western Energy Alliance Networking Breakfast,"Avon, CO"

8/9/2018,11:00 AM,Keynote speech at Western Energy Alliance Annual Conference,"Avon, CO"

8/9/2018,2:00 PM,Western Energy Alliance Networking,"Avon, CO"

8/10/2018,7:00 AM,"Travel to Leadville, Colorado",From Avon

8/10/2018,9:00 AM,Climax Mine Tour,"Leadville, CO"

8/10/2018,1:00 PM,Travel to Denver,From Leadville

8/10/2018,2:00 PM,Call with Westword Reporter (in route),To Denver

8/13/2018,7:00 AM,Meeting with Beatty & Wozniak representative on Energy Law,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/13/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/13/2018,9:00 AM,Meeting with USDA CO Rural Development Regional Director,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/13/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/13/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/13/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/13/2018,2:00 PM,Call with Environmental Council of the States members to plan for Environmental Council of the States panel session,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/13/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/13/2018,4:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/14/2018,1:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/14/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/14/2018,2:30 PM,Call with Colorado Water Congress Conference planners on Keynote topic,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/14/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/14/2018,4:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/14/2018,4:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/15/2018,7:00 AM,Meeting with Beatty & Wozniak representative on Energy Law,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/15/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/15/2018,10:30 AM,Regional Incident Coordination Team Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/15/2018,11:00 AM,Call with Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance and State and Tribe on Oil & Natural Gas,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/15/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/15/2018,2:00 PM,Call with Rights-Of-Way Symposium Conference planners on Keynote topic,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/15/2018,2:45 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/16/2018,6:30 AM,Travel to Cheyenne,"From Denver, CO "

8/16/2018,8:30 AM,Meeting with Uranium Industry Committee of the Wyoming Mining Association ,"Cheyenne, WY"

8/16/2018,5:00 PM,Travel to Denver,"From Cheyenne, WY"

8/17/2018,Full Day,Ute Tribe Business Committee Consultation,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/20/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Briefing with Advisory Team,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/20/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination Meeting on Regional Administrator calendar,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/20/2018,9:15 AM,Staff Briefing with Advisory Team,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/20/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/20/2018,1:00 PM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Business Review Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/20/2018,2:30 PM,Regional Leadership Team Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/20/2018,3:45 PM,Teleconference with Office of Air and Radiation,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/21/2018,8:30 AM,"Staff Briefing with Office of Ecosystems, Protection and Remediation","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/21/2018,9:30 AM,Teleconference with Office of Research and Development,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/21/2018,11:00 AM,"Staff Briefing with Office of Ecosystems, Protection and Remediation","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/21/2018,12:15 PM,Staff Briefing with Office of Partnerships and Regulatory Assistance,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/21/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Planning Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/22/2018,8:15 AM,Meet and Greet with Colorado Department of Agriculture Rural Water Executive Director,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/22/2018,9:00 AM,"Staff Briefing with Office of Ecosystems, Protection and Remediation","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/22/2018,10:30 AM,Staff Planning Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/22/2018,3:15 PM,"Staff Briefing with Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/22/2018,4:00 PM,Meet & Greet with Beatty & Wozniak Energy Law,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/23/2018,8:30 AM,"Travel to Vail, Colorado","From Denver, CO"

8/23/2018,12:00 PM,Speak at Colorado Water Congresss Conference,"Vail, CO"

8/23/2018,1:30 PM,"Travel to Denver, Colorado","From Vail, CO"

8/24/2018,8:00 AM,"Staff Briefing with Office of Ecosystems, Protection and Remediation","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/24/2018,1:00 PM,"Staff Briefing with Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/24/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Briefing with the Regional Planner,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/24/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Briefing with Advisory Team,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/24/2018,3:30 PM,Attend Environmental Council of States Conference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/27/2018,4:30 AM,"Travel to Stowe, Vermont ","From Denver, CO"

8/27/2018,Full Day,Keynote Address at Environmental Council of States Conference and attend Conference,"Stowe, VT"

8/28/2018,Full Day,Attend Environmental Council of States Conference,"Stowe, VT"

8/29/2018,Full Day,Attend Environmental Council of States Conference,"Stowe, VT"

8/30/2018,4:00 AM,"Travel to Denver, Colorado (Central Time)","From Stowe, VT"

8/30/2018,1:00 PM,"Staff Briefing with Enforcement, Compliance and Environmental Justice","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/30/2018,1:30 PM,Update Meeting with Deputy Regional Administrator,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/30/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Briefing with Office of Technical and Management Services,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/30/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Briefing with Office of Partnerships and Regulatory Assistance,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/30/2018,4:00 PM,Staff Briefing with Office of Community and Public Involvement,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/31/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Planning Meeting with Office of Community and Public Involvement,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/31/2018,11:40 AM,Teleconference with Montana Standard,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

8/31/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Briefing with Office of Community and Public Involvement,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

9/3/2018,,Holiday,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

9/4/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination Meeting on Regional Administrator calendar,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

9/4/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting with Office of Water Protection,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

9/4/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

9/4/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

9/4/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Planning Meeting with Office of Ecosystems Protection & Remediation,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

9/4/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Planning and Video Interview with Office of Communications and Public Involvement,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

9/5/2018,9:30 AM,Trip Planning Call with Administrator's Office,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

9/5/2018,10:30 AM,Trip Planning Call with Senator Daines Staff,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

9/5/2018,1:30 PM,Staff Briefing with Office of Partnerships and Regulatory Assistance,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

9/5/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Briefing with Office of Ecosystems Protection & Remediation,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

9/5/2018,2:45 PM,Staff Briefing with Office of Partnerships and Regulatory Assistance,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

9/6/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Briefing with Office of Enforcement Compliance and Environmental Justice,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

9/6/2018,8:30 AM,Staff Briefing with Office of Community and Public Involvement,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

9/6/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 All Hands Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

9/6/2018,12:00 PM,Travel to Bozeman Montana,"From Denver, CO"

9/7/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meeting with Montana Office Staff and Site Tour of Silver Bow

Superfund site,"Butte, MT"

9/7/2018,11:30 AM,Media Interview ,"Butte, MT"

9/7/2018,1:45 PM,Stakeholder Meeting,"Butte, MT"

9/7/2018,3:30 PM,Site Tour of Anaconda Superfund site,"Anaconda, MT"

9/7/2018,5:00 PM,Media Interview,"Anaconda, MT"

9/7/2018,1:45 AM,Stakeholder Meeting,"Anaconda, MT"

9/8/2018,10:30 AM,Meeting with Tribal Representatives,"Polson, MT"

9/8/2018,2:00 PM,Meeting with Tribal Representatives,"Kalispell, MT"

9/8/2018,5:00 PM,"Travel to Denver, Colorado","From Kalispell, MT"

9/9/2018,9:00 AM,Site Tour of Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge,"Commerce City, CO"

9/9/2018,1:00 PM,Site Tour of Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge,"Golden, CO"

9/9/2018,3:00 PM,Media Interview,"Golden, CO"

9/10/2018,8:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

9/10/2018,9:00 AM,Region 8 All Hands Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

9/10/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

9/10/2018,3:00 PM,"Travel to Bismarck, ND","From Denver, CO"

9/11/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Planning Meeting with Tribal Advisor,"Bismarck, ND"

9/11/2018,10:00 AM,Tribal Consultation Meeting with Tribal Representatives,"Bismarck, ND"

9/11/2018,2:00 PM,"Travel to Bozeman then Butte, MT thru Denver CO","From Bismarck, ND"

9/12/2018,8:00 AM,Community Meeting,"Butte, MT"

9/12/2018,2:30 PM,"Travel to Denver thru Bozeman, MT","From Butte, MT"

9/12/2018,3:16 PM,Phone Call with Office of Partnerships and Regulatory Assistance,"Bozeman, MT"

9/13/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting with Human Resources,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

9/13/2018,11:00 AM,Staff Meeting with Office of Regional Council,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

9/13/2018,1:00 PM,Phone Call with Administrator Senior Advisor for State and Regional Affairs,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

9/13/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Briefing with Office of Water Protection,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

9/13/2018,4:30 PM,Speak at the Air Quality Summit ,"Denver, CO"

9/14/2018,9:00 AM,"Conference call with State Environmental Directors South Dakota, North Dakota, Montana, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

9/14/2018,11:00 AM,Meeting with Interior Secretary Senior Advisor for Water and Western Resources,"Lakewood, CO"

9/14/2018,1:30 PM,Phone Call with Kinder Morgan Representative,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

9/14/2018,3:15 PM,Phone call with Denver Water Representative,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

Message

From: Richardson, RobinH [Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]
Sent: 10/11/2018 11:03:14 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
CC: Klasen, Matthew [Klasen.Matthew@epa.gov]; Bowles, Jack [Bowles.Jack@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: FOR ACTION: DRAFT EPA Statement on Newark lead in drinking water

Thank you Nancy!

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On Oct 11, 2018, at 6:31 PM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

> Fyi – close hold thank ng
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> **Nancy Grantham**
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> **From:** Mears, Mary
> **Sent:** Thursday, October 11, 2018 6:22 PM
> **To:** Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Hughes, Hayley <hughes.hayley@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Gratz, Jeff <Gratz.Jeff@epa.gov>; Evangelista, Pat <Evangelista.Pat@epa.gov>; Laureano, Javier <laureano.javier@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** FOR ACTION: DRAFT EPA Statement on Newark lead in drinking water
> **Importance:** High
>
> Good evening, Nancy, Andrea and Hayley,
>
> Tomorrow, Newark is holding a press conference to discuss its plans to distribute free filters as a first step in addressing recently discovered lead in drinking water issues. NJDEP does not plan to attend the press conference, but the NJ Governor's office plans to issue a news release tomorrow morning (attached is a **close hold draft** that NJ asked us not to share outside of necessary EPA staff).
>
> Region 2 developed and NJDEP concurred on the statement below (and attached) to release to the media tomorrow after the 11:00am conference as a supporting statement to our state partner NJDEP (Nancy, this is a change from our discussion – Pete and Catherine agreed and he called me just now).
>
> Pete also wants to be sure that Dave Ross is comfortable with the statement, so if you can share this, Andrea, that would be terrific.

I am in early tomorrow and will be available if you have questions or concerns.
Mary

Mary Mears
Region 2 Public Affairs Director
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Statement from EPA on Newark lead in drinking water
Draft 10/11/2018

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<DRAFT Newark lead in drinking water Statement HQ REVIEW VERSION.docx>
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Sent: 9/10/2018 8:50:11 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Oil and Gas Extraction Wastewater Study

Thank you Nancy! Is water coordinating with facilities and security, that you know of?

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> **From:** Lieberman, Paige
> **Sent:** Monday, September 10, 2018 4:16 PM
> **To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Dewey, Amy <Dewey.Amy@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
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>
> Please let me know if you have any questions.
>
> Thanks,
> Paige
>
> **Paige Lieberman**
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> U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
> 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
> Washington, DC 20460
> (202) 564-9957

From: Lieberman, Paige
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To: Penman, Crystal <Penman.Crystal@epa.gov>
Cc: Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; Campbell, Ann <Campbell.Ann@epa.gov>; Forsgren, Lee <Forsgren.Lee@epa.gov>
Subject: Email to send from Lee's account re: Oil and Gas Extraction Wastewater Study

Crystal –

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Please let me know if you have any questions.

Subject: Public Meeting for Oil and Gas Extraction Wastewater Study

Text:

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Sincerely,
D. Lee Forsgren
Deputy Assistant Administrator
U.S. EPA, Office of Water

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Sent: 9/10/2018 8:33:09 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
CC: Richardson, RobinH [Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]; Bowles, Jack [Bowles.Jack@epa.gov]
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Thanks Nancy.
Jim

Sent from my iPhone

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Deputy Assistant Administrator
U.S. EPA, Office of Water

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Message

From: Pucci, Liz [Pucci.Liz@epa.gov]
Sent: 9/6/2018 12:05:10 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: realignment

Disregard. It's highlighted below maybe from earlier message. I realized regions count backwards (10-1) I can easily reorder the pages to count up R1-10 if you need.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 6, 2018, at 8:02 AM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

> Highlight on dra? Thanks ng
>
> **Nancy Grantham**
> **Office of Public Affairs**
> **US Environmental Protection Agency**
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> Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) **(mobile)**
>
> **From:** Pucci, Liz
> **Sent:** Thursday, September 06, 2018 7:54 AM
> **To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: realignment
>
> Call if u need to. Will send 1-11 with updates pg1.
> Highlights on DRA-do I need to do something different with that?
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
> On Sep 6, 2018, at 7:47 AM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:
>
>> Sorry .. can you send me a new one of these with the revised "new" org chart as page 1 .. thanks ng
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>> **Sent:** Tuesday, August 28, 2018 1:05 PM
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>> **Subject:** RE: realignment
>>
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>> **From:** Grantham, Nancy
>> **Sent:** Tuesday, August 28, 2018 11:32 AM

To: Pucci, Liz <Pucci.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: realignment

Unfortunately yes .. sorry thanks ng

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Cc: Pirzadeh, Michelle <Pirzadeh.Michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: realignment

Nancy – one suggestion – add the DRA to the RA box. I looked back at a few of the current and they include the DRA

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Sent: Tuesday, August 28, 2018 10:22 AM
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Attached is the first draft of the regional realignment org chart .. please send any comments thanks ng

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Great. Serena is the document ok? Do you think we can share it? Will you kick off the discussion?

On Aug 28, 2018, at 9:12 AM, Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov> wrote:

> That works! Thank you Donna! We'll dial in together. Best, Robin
>
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>> **From:** Richardson, RobinH
>> **Sent:** Tuesday, August 28, 2018 8:53 AM
>> **To:** Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>
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Hi! So sorry, just realized talking with Deb Jordan that the DRA call is at 4pm which conflicts directly with the closed session on Cooperative Federalism. There are 4 DRAs (Rs 1, 4, 7, & 9) here that should be apart of that session. Would it be possible to either schedule the call at 3:30 or earlier? I'm sorry. Robin

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> Thank you Robin.
>
> **From:** Richardson, RobinH
> **Sent:** Tuesday, August 28, 2018 8:44 AM
> **To:** Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>; McIlwain, Serena <McIlwain.Serena@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Pirzadeh, Michelle <Pirzadeh.Michelle@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: realignment
>
> Hi! Caught Henry...poor guy, I pounced...he's good with the DRA call, said he'd call Serena to follow up, and stressed this is to plan to make public, so close hold as we plan. Best, Robin
>
> ---
> Robin H Richardson
> Principal Deputy Associate Administrator
> Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations
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> **From:** Vizian, Donna
> **Sent:** Tuesday, August 28, 2018 8:24 AM
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Ok, thanks. I checked in with Robin last night and she did not have the opportunity to speak with him yet.

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Hi Donna: The conversation regarding the "deputies" in ORC happened without my attendance. Let's bring it up with Henry when we meet with him. Also, he did not call me yesterday so I am wondering if Robin was able to speak with him?

From: Vizian, Donna
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To: Grantham, Nancy
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Hi Everyone,

Attached is the original document that was the result of the Chicago meeting. The second is similar. I turned it into a decision document with discussion points/questions for the meeting with
Henry. Changes/comment welcome. If

you can get them to me by 3:00 tomorrow wand Can make adjustments before the meeting.

Serena – I am really confused by the ORC section. It is one division with 2 deputies? Can you shed some light on it?

thanks

Message

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Message

From: Lapierre, Kenneth [Lapierre.Kenneth@epa.gov]
Sent: 8/29/2018 8:59:19 PM
To: Bertrand, Charlotte [Bertrand.Charlotte@epa.gov]; Best-Wong, Benita [Best-Wong.Benita@epa.gov]; Bloom, David [Bloom.David@epa.gov]; Breen, Barry [Breen.Barry@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Kime, Robin [Kime.Robin@epa.gov]; Lapierre, Kenneth [Lapierre.Kenneth@epa.gov]; Minoli, Kevin [Minoli.Kevin@epa.gov]; Nishida, Jane [Nishida.Jane@epa.gov]; Noga, Vaughn [Noga.Vaughn@EPA.GOV]; Orme-Zavaleta, Jennifer [Orme-Zavaleta.Jennifer@epa.gov]; Richardson, RobinH [Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]; Robbins, Chris [Robbins.Chris@epa.gov]; Shaw, Betsy [Shaw.Betsy@epa.gov]; Sheehan, Charles [Sheehan.Charles@epa.gov]; Simon, Harvey [Simon.Harvey@epa.gov]; Starfield, Lawrence [Starfield.Lawrence@epa.gov]; Vizian, Donna [Vizian.Donna@epa.gov]; Wise, Louise [Wise.Louise@epa.gov]; Chu, Ed [Chu.Ed@epa.gov]; Gray, David [gray.david@epa.gov]; Jordan, Deborah [Jordan.Deborah@epa.gov]; Mugdan, Walter [Mugdan.Walter@epa.gov]; Payne, James [payne.james@epa.gov]; Pirzadeh, Michelle [Pirzadeh.Michelle@epa.gov]; Rodrigues, Cecil [rodrigues.cecil@epa.gov]; Strauss, Alexis [Strauss.Alexis@epa.gov]; Szaro, Deb [Szaro.Deb@epa.gov]; Thomas, Deb [thomas.debrah@epa.gov]; Walker, Mary [walker.mary@epa.gov]
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Subject: 2018 Employee Viewpoint Survey Results

Dear Colleagues,

The Office of Personnel Management is now rolling out its 2018 Employee Viewpoint Survey results. These can be viewed via OPM's Online FEVS Reporting and Analysis Tool (Online FEVS Reporting and Analysis Tool) which is now available to you and your human resources staff. The U.S. Office of Personnel Management has asked that federal agencies keep governmentwide numbers close hold until OPM's agency director releases a statement to the press in mid-October. Therefore, **please do not include or share governmentwide data as you develop your communications**. We anticipate that Henry Darwin, Chief Operating Officer, will send a mass mailer to all employees. Please do not get ahead of Henry's announcement.

Overall, the agency's ***Employee Engagement Index*** fell two percentage points, from 69% in 2017 to 67% in 2018. Our ***New Inclusion Quotient*** fell two percentage points, from 65% in 2017 to 63% in 2018. Our ***Global Satisfaction Index*** fell five percentage points, from 66% in 2017 to 61%. This is troubling, as the Partnership for Public Service uses three questions from the GSI to calculate the agency's ***Best Places to Work in the Federal Government*** score.

Our Office of Human Resources staff is updating the list of individuals who had access to the FEVS Reporting and Analysis Tool last year. **If you had access to OPM's FEVS Reporting and Analysis Tool last year, it remains active.** Please contact Michelle McClendon, Workforce Planning Branch at mcclendon.michelle@epa.gov if you do not have access. If you have any questions, please have your staff contact Debbi Hart, director, Policy, Planning and Training Division, Office of Human Resources, at hart.debbi@epa.gov or (202) 564-2011.

Thanks--Ken

Kenneth R. Lapierre
Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator
Office of Administration and Resources Management
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202-564-5341

Message

From: Pucci, Liz [Pucci.Liz@epa.gov]
Sent: 8/28/2018 5:04:56 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: realignment
Attachments: NEWorgchart-1.pdf

Pgs 2-11 (Regions) have a gray background to indicate original chart-for now.

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, August 28, 2018 11:32 AM
To: Pucci, Liz <Pucci.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: realignment

Unfortunately yes .. sorry thanks ng

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From: Pucci, Liz
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To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: realignment

Is this a priority for today? – if so, no problem I will put it first.

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, August 28, 2018 11:21 AM
To: Pucci, Liz <Pucci.Liz@epa.gov>
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See donna's comment below –thanks ng

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Attached is the first draft of the regional realignment org chart .. please send any comments thanks ng

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Sharing verbally is good but not sure about the actual document. Sure…I can kick off discussion.

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Great. Serena is the document ok? Do you think we can share it? Will you kick off the discussion?

On Aug 28, 2018, at 9:12 AM, Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov> wrote:

> That works! Thank you Donna! We'll dial in together. Best, Robin
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Sent: 5/29/2018 10:23:26 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Davis, Alison [Davis.Alison@epa.gov]
CC: Zito, Kelly [ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV]
Subject: RE: Need your help re: Big Island

Just talking to Dean and Dan… the state is publishing their SO2 data on their website, but the interface that the County wants to publish using our data is NOT live. Many issues to be worked out, as you've heard.

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Bill Glenn
Acting Deputy Director
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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 2:38 PM
To: Davis, Alison <Davis.Alison@epa.gov>
Cc: Glenn, William <Glenn.William@epa.gov>; Zito, Kelly <ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV>
Subject: RE: Need your help re: Big Island

Do not believe it is – looping bill glenn and Kelly zito for that answer thanks ng

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From: Davis, Alison
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 5:35 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Need your help re: Big Island

I just got it – we'll need Deirdre to look at it from a science/health standpoint. She was copied.
Do you know whether the "public interface" the region was mentioning is already live?

Thanks.

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 5:33 PM
To: Davis, Alison <Davis.Alison@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Need your help re: Big Island

Making sure you have this

Nancy Grantham

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To: Cheatham, Reggie <cheatham.reggie@epa.gov>; Sasser, Erika <Sasser.Erika@epa.gov>; Clark, Becki <Clark.Becki@epa.gov>; Meer, Daniel <Meer.Daniel@epa.gov>; Irizarry, Gilberto <Irizarry.Gilberto@epa.gov>; Woodyard, Josh <Woodyard.Joshua@epa.gov>; Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>; Levine, Carolyn <Levine.Carolyn@epa.gov>; Bowles, Jack <Bowles.Jack@epa.gov>; Thomas, Latosha <Thomas.Latosha@epa.gov>; Davis, Alison <Davis.Alison@epa.gov>
Cc: Koerber, Mike <Koerber.Mike@epa.gov>; Wesson, Karen <Wesson.Karen@epa.gov>; Murphy, Deirdre <Murphy.Deirdre@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Millett, John <Millett.John@epa.gov>; Maguire, Megan <Maguire.Megan@epa.gov>; DeLuca, Isabel <DeLuca.Isabel@epa.gov>; Hubbard, Carolyn <Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov>; Davis, Alison <Davis.Alison@epa.gov>; Sauerhage, Maggie <Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov>; YOSHIMURA, GWEN <Yoshimura.Gwen@epa.gov>; Waldon, MARGARET <Waldon.Margaret@epa.gov>; Calanog, Steve <Calanog.Steve@epa.gov>; MUSANTE, JASON <Musante.Jason@epa.gov>; Guria, Peter <Guria.Peter@epa.gov>; Richman, Lance <Richman.Lance@epa.gov>; Higuchi, Dean <Higuchi.Dean@epa.gov>; Mattas-Curry, Lahne <Mattas-Curry.Lahne@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Need your help re: Big Island

Hi everyone,

Thank you very much for participating in the short-notice call this afternoon. As discussed, I am forwarding the latest version of the public notice that is being worked with the Hawaii Department of Health (HDOH) and Hawaii County EMA. According to Dan, it was **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**
Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Dan also relayed that this document is Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Please keep this document close hold and consider it FOUO. R9 is looking to HQ to help with Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) I can collect HQ comment/suggestions/problems and work the solution with R9. As Dan mentioned we have a very short, 1-2 day, turn around on this.

Thanks again.

Michele Indermark
OLEM/OEM
Special Assistant
(w) 202-564-0794

-----Original Appointment-----
From: Indermark, Michele
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To: Indermark, Michele; Cheatham, Reggie; Sasser, Erika; Clark, Becki; Meer, Daniel; Irizarry, Gilberto; Woodyard, Josh; Richardson, RobinH; Levine, Carolyn; Bowles, Jack; Thomas, Latosha

Cc: Koerber, Mike; Wesson, Karen; Murphy, Deirdre; Grantham, Nancy; Millett, John; Megan Maguire; Isabel DeLuca; Hubbard, Carolyn; Davis, Alison; Sauerhage, Maggie; YOSHIMURA, GWEN; Waldon, MARGARET; Calanog, Steve; MUSANTE, JASON; Guria, Peter; Richman, Lance; Higuchi, Dean; Mattas-Curry, Lahne
Subject: Need your help re: Big Island
When: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 2:00 PM-2:30 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: Dial in #: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) Conf Code: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Updating the conference code.

This looks like the best time.

From: Cheatham, Reggie
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 9:09 AM
To: Sasser, Erika <Sasser.Erika@epa.gov>
Cc: Jordan, Deborah <Jordan.Deborah@epa.gov>; Koerber, Mike <Koerber.Mike@epa.gov>; Wesson, Karen <Wesson.Karen@epa.gov>; Murphy, Deirdre <Murphy.Deirdre@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Clark, Becki <Clark.Becki@epa.gov>; Indermark, Michele <Indermark.Michele@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Need your help re: Big Island

Erika

This is perfect...looping in Nancy and Becki...look for a calendar invite today or tomorrow.

Thanks

Reggie Cheatham, Director
Office of Emergency Management
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cheatham.reggie @epa.gov
Doris Williams, Executive Assistant
202/564-0053

On May 29, 2018, at 8:55 AM, Sasser, Erika <Sasser.Erika@epa.gov> wrote:

Reggie and Debbie--

We are happy to help as needed. I'm copying Deirdre Murphy, who will be on point for coordinating assistance from my division, along with Karen Wesson, who is group leader of Ambient Standards Group. Please let us know how we can assist—perhaps a short phone call would be useful as a starting point?

Thanks,
Erika

Erika N. Sasser, Ph.D.
Director, Health and Environmental Impacts Division
Office of Air Quality Planning & Standards, U.S. EPA
109 T.W. Alexander Drive, MD C504-02, RTP, NC 27711
(919) 541-3889 sasser.erika@epa.gov

From: Koerber, Mike
Sent: Monday, May 28, 2018 8:32 AM

To: Sasser, Erika <Sasser.Erika@epa.gov>; Wesson, Karen <Wesson.Karen@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Need your help re: Big Island

See notes from R9 below. You may already have been contacted about this. If not, then please reach out to OLEM tomorrow. Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Jordan, Deborah" <Jordan.Deborah@epa.gov>
> **Date:** May 27, 2018 at 10:50:25 PM EDT
> **To:** "Koerber, Mike" <Koerber.Mike@epa.gov>
> **Subject: Need your help re: Big Island**
>
> Hi Mike,
>
> As described below, we need help in our response to the Kilauea volcano eruption with regard to risks from exposure to high SO2 levels.
>
> **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**
>
> Thanks.
>
> Debbie
>
> Deborah Jordan
> Acting Deputy Regional Administrator
> U.S. EPA Region 9
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> Begin forwarded message:
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> > **From:** "Strauss, Alexis" <Strauss.Alexis@epa.gov>
> > **Date:** May 27, 2018 at 12:33:26 PM PDT
> > **To:** "Stoker, Michael B." <stoker.michael@epa.gov>, "Jordan, Deborah" <Jordan.Deborah@epa.gov>
> > **Cc:** "Meer, Daniel" <Meer.Daniel@epa.gov>, "Miller, Amy" <Miller.Amy@epa.gov>
> > **Subject: Big Island**
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> > Mike and team,
> >
> > Dan Meer and I just spoke about Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
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> > **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

I asked Dan to do the following:

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

We'll keep you updated and welcome your advice. In particular, given Deborah's expertise, she may have further recommendations.

Alexis

Message

From: Holden, Allison [Holden.Allison@epa.gov]
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To: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
CC: Sisson, Ann [Sisson.Ann@epa.gov]; Talbert-Duarte, Angelia [talbert-duarte.angelia@epa.gov]; Redden, Kenneth [Redden.Kenneth@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: GKM Settlements Draft Desk Statement - Subject to OGC Mgmt Review

Yes because I was told Administrator was already making statements about this to Region 8, but please keep close hold. Thanks

Allison Holden
Attorney-Advisor
Civil Rights and Finance Law Office
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From: Grantham, Nancy
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Thanks .. okay if I share with the pads in 6, 8 and 9 and the opa team here?

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Hi Nancy,

Here is my first shot at a desk statement for the Gold King Mine settlement offers. **Please note that OGC management has not reviewed this and I will need to send anything to them for approval once it's closer to being done.** Note that I am waffling on whether we should include the background details highlighted in green. I know you will have edits to this so I wanted to send to you first. Thanks!

----Draft Desk Statement----

Statement:

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Background:

- Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Message

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Sent: 8/22/2018 2:29:50 PM
To: Maguire, Megan [Maguire.Megan@epa.gov]; Hubbard, Carolyn [Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov]
CC: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: MEGAN/ORD: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

Megan, at a minimum, I feel I ought to discuss this interview request by OCSPP. I think we need to loop in several people and, if possible, come to a consensus before proceeding.

How does ORD leadership feel about this request? OPA management would probably want to hear Rich, or Jennifer's views.

I'll circle back once I've heard from pesticides folks.

Cheers, R.

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From: Maguire, Megan
Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 8:58 AM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>; Hubbard, Carolyn <Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: MEGAN/ORD: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

Hi Robert- A reporter with Undark reached out to two people who were involved in glyphosate in ORD in 2015 (Vince Cogliano and Norm Birchfield) I asked him for his questions and he sent the below this morning. I know this is an ongoing inquiry you are handling, so I'm not sure what you all want to do with this interview request he sent over. I haven't checked in yet with Vince. Norm was willing to speak to him, but now it sounds like he wants to talk to Vince. I'm not sure who is working with you on this inquiry, but wanted to share this with you. Let me know what OPA thinks.

Email from Michael Balter:

I've now had a chance to study a series of emails, obtained through FOIA, which document communications among various staff of ORD about OPP's assessment of glyphosate. The emails make clear that while ORD scientists had varying views, they were leaning towards a minimum carcinogenicity classification of "suggestive" evidence if not more positive than that.

The colleague most centrally involved in these email threads was Vincent Cogliano, to whom I wrote a very similar email to the one you have for Dr. Birchfield. Thus I would like to ask for a telephone interview with

Dr. Cogliano to discuss the process of ORD's evaluation in detail and the thinking that went into it (I have the final three page recommendations that ORD made to OPP, which is a public document.)

If ORD would like to designate another, more senior colleague to talk to me than Dr. Cogliano, that would be fine, as long as they were fully involved in the discussions referenced above (and I would be happy to talk to Dr. Birchfield in addition if he is willing.)

My deadline for a first draft is tomorrow, Thursday, but we can add in material during the editing process so next week would work as well. I should make it clear that I plan to cite these emails in my story as well as ORD's formal recommendations to OPP.

My apologies for the short notice but I only received these emails in the last couple of days.

Many thanks,

Michael Balter
Undark

From: Maguire, Megan
Sent: Thursday, August 16, 2018 11:34:59 AM
To: Daguillard, Robert; Hubbard, Carolyn
Subject: Re: MEGAN/ORD: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

Richard's approved response: ORD revised Response: **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

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Thanks,
Megan

From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Thursday, August 16, 2018 9:35:01 AM
To: Maguire, Megan
Subject: RE: MEGAN/ORD: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

Good morning Megan,

Thanks in advance for any update on Rich's views.

Cheers, R.

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Cc: Hubbard, Carolyn <Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: MEGAN/ORD: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

Hi Robert & Enesta- just little tweaks. It was called an issue paper not a white paper.
Response: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Thanks,
Megan

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To: Maguire, Megan <Maguire.Megan@epa.gov>; Hubbard, Carolyn <Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov>
Cc: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Subject: MEGAN/ORD: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

Good afternoon Megan,

John Konkus is asking for ORD review of the following response, from a reporter working on the agency's glyphosate assessments. Thanks in advance for sending the response to Enesta, who's covering for me for the rest of the day.

Cheers, R.

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Subject: FW: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

Incoming: ....Did the OPP in fact accept input from ORD in preparing those questions, or otherwise work with ORD to revise its assessment in any way?"

Response: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Date: August 11, 2018 at 9:00:08 PM EDT
To: "Dunton, Cheryl" <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov>
Cc: "Han, Kaythi" <Han.Kaythi@epa.gov>, "Strauss, Linda" <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov>, "Sisco, Debby" <Sisco.Debby@epa.gov>, "Dinkins, Darlene" <Dinkins.Darlene@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - 8/10 - glyphosate SAP report-- due next week

Greetings all. More from the reporter here.

"Over the weekend I had a chance to read the above document dated December 14, 2015.

I don't know if you are familiar with this document but it takes issue with a number of aspects of the OPP's Issue paper, some along the lines of the SAP members' critiques.

At the end the ORD offers to work with OPP to develop the charge questions put to the SAP in Dec 2016.

Did the OPP in fact accept input from ORD in preparing those questions, or otherwise work with ORD to revise its assessment in any way?"

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On Aug 10, 2018, at 10:28 AM, Dunton, Cheryl <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov> wrote:

> I think so. I feel like he's asking us to specifically rebut certain people's comments and we're not going to do that when we've already laid out our position in the response to the SAP. If he finds specific issues that are not addressed in that response we could look in to those.
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> **From:** Daguillard, Robert
> **Sent:** Friday, August 10, 2018 10:26 AM
> **To:** Dunton, Cheryl <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Han, Kaythi <Han.Kaythi@epa.gov>; Strauss, Linda <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov>; Sisco, Debby <Sisco.Debby@epa.gov>; Dinkins, Darlene <Dinkins.Darlene@epa.gov>
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So I'm happy to tell him the response to Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Should we just consider this inquiry closed?

Cheers, R.

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I don't even know what that means. Our response is our response. We're not going to say anything different now than we said before on the same issues.

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His response just now. I don't know that it changes anything from our perspective, but….

Thanks Robert. I did indeed read the EPA response to the SAP last week, and it informs some of my questions. I did, however, want to zero in on certain aspects of the EPA's reaction to the SAP recommendations.

Cheers, R.

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We talk about how tumors and lesions were selected for evaluation on page 9.

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Fair enough. I assume our SAP response would also answer the following question?

I'd like to add one important question to the others, so this will be question 8.

8. Chris Portier in his comments to EPA, and to me in an interview, made a large point of the EPA's alleged requiring preneoplastic lesions in animals studies before accepting that tumors found in the animals should be counted in the evaluation. A few panel members also made this point in the Dec 2016 meeting. The argument here is that some cancer types, including those of interest in evaluating glyphosate, do not show preneoplastic lesions. Ie, the first thing you see is the cancerous tumor in some cancer types. This is an important issue and I would be grateful for a response to it.

Cheers, R.

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I'm not sure what else we'd say outside of those responses. Perhaps he can take a look at those and let us know if he still has questions.

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Got it. That'll give us – and him – a head start. Thanks, Cheryl.

Cheers, R.

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Robert – I'd ask that the reporter go and read our response to the SAP, linked to in our response to his first question I sent this morning.

For example, our responses to epi issues noted by the panel are on pages 3-6. Likewise, our responses to animal carcinogenicity study issues noted by the panel are on pages 6-10.

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A follow-up to the follow-up: Here are the reporter's additional questions. Let me know if, and how, I can help.

Hi Robert,

Here are some questions that I would ask the agency to respond to. Ideally they would involve a back and forth telephone call to get the nuances right, but I understand that is not possible right now. I am still hoping that even if you provide initial written responses, I might be able to talk to Anna or another staff member with scientific expertise before we finalize the text.

As I said earlier, the idea of the article is to compare the evaluations of glyphosate by various agencies--EPA, IARC, EFSA especially--and guide our readers to an understanding of why they differed. The focus will be on methodologies and interpretations. There will be some discussion of the political context for all this, necessarily, but it will take back seat to the science.

For my reporting on the article, I have read both the original EPA Issue paper, the report by the SAP on its Dec 2016 meeting, the EPA's 12-page response to that report, and the "final" evaluation which I realize will still be subject to public comment, if I have that right (see below.) I have also read much of the 1200+ page transcript of the SAP meeting, and I have been talking to SAP members about that process.

I am going to try to keep my questions limited and fairly straightforward, to deal with the essence of things and stay out of the weeds, as it were. They will not be exhaustive but neither will the article given our limited space, so that should work out.

1. It was clear from the SAP report and the transcript that many members of the panel took issue with some of the approach that EPA had used to the animal studies, the human epidemiology studies, and the final conclusion that glyphosate was "unlikely" to be carcinogenic in humans at normal doses. And yet it was my distinct impression, and that of several members of the panel I spoke to, that the 12-page response by EPA dismissed nearly all the concerns raised, and adopted only the fairly minor suggestions. Did the EPA conclude that the issues raised by many panel members were incorrect, or that the panel members did not have the proper expertise to peer review the Issue paper? Or is there any other explanation for why so little of the panel's suggestions were adopted in the revised draft?

2. Expanding on the question above: From looking at the transcript, and talking to panel members this past week, it appeared that only a minority of panel members were happy with the proposed "unlikely" to be carcinogenic in humans conclusion. I think a rough estimate would indicate that the panel was indeed "split"--as it described itself in its report--but in three ways: Those who agreed with EPA that glyphosate was unlikely to be a carcinogen; those who would have

preferred something in between such as "equivocal" or "inadequate"; and those who thought the evidence was strong enough for a "suggestive" conclusion. So in my estimate, only a third of the SAP actually agreed with the EPA's final evaluation. This is likely to be an important point in my article and so I would be eager to have any comment you care to make on my interpretation of how the panel came down on Charge question no 5.

3. Following on from Question 2: Would it not have been more prudent from a public health perspective, and more consistent with the panel's deliberations, to either withhold a final conclusion for further study, or to adopt the "suggestive" conclusion give the combination of human and animal evidence that the panel considered?

4. On the human evidence: A number of panel members felt it was inappropriate to discount the evidence from the case control studies, despite the negative results in the AHS cohort study, arguing that despite the limitations of the case control studies they all pointed in a positive direction, ie ORs great than 1.0 or meta-RRs great than 1.0 in pretty much every case. As you know, IARC took this as "limited" evidence of human carcinogenicity for glyphosate, and some panel members agreed with that approach. Comment?

5. Several panel members argued that EPA had violated its own carcinogen assessment guidelines in a number of ways. Chris Portier, in his comments to the panel, made similar arguments. The violations included requiring two statistical tests for a positive finding in animals and other issues. I will just ask a general question here, did the EPA follow its own guidelines scrupulously or were errors made in this regard?

6. Portier in particular argued that the EPA had not included a number of animal studies it should have, showing positive results. Again, without getting into the details which would require a telephone conversation, please comment on his contentions in this regard.

7. Any other comments or observations that EPA would like to make would be very welcome and appreciated.

With thanks for your time and attention to this.

Michael Balter
Undark

Cheers, R.

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Cheryl, just so you know, we just sent the reporter the entire response on background – i.e. for attribution to the agency, as opposed to a spokesperson or a specific individual. Waiting for the rest of his questions.

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Thanks, Cheryl. In fact, I'd already told the reporter he shouldn't expect one. Sometimes, they're just going to keep on pushing. Anyway, I'll send this on, and see if he comes back for more. I expect he will.

Thanks again, R.

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Hi Robert – see our response below. As I mentioned yesterday, don't see how we could do an interview next week given key absences. Thanks.

Q1. The SAP makes a number of recommendations to EPA for revisions and updating of the Sept 2016 Glyphosate Issue Paper on carcinogenicity. What is the process by which the Issue Paper is revised, assuming that the suggestions of the SAP are adopted?

EPA revised the Glyphosate issue paper to be consistent with SAP recommendations in areas where the panel reached consensus. See the EPA's response to the SAP document for specific information on how the issue paper was revised.

Q2. What are the next steps, formal or informal, for doing this, and what is the estimated timeline?

In a December 18, 2017 announcement, EPA released the glyphosate Draft Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessments and supporting documents for public comment. The comment period closed in April 2018. Included in the supporting documents was the revised glyphosate issue paper which was used to inform the draft risk assessment.

Next we are scheduled to publish the proposed interim registration review decision for glyphosate in 2019. The proposed interim registration review decision will outline any proposed mitigation measures to reduce risk, if any are needed.

Background:
The draft human health risk assessment found no meaningful risks to human health when the product is used according to the pesticide label. The draft ecological risk assessment indicates there is potential for effects on birds, mammals, and terrestrial and aquatic plants. Any proposed mitigation measures, if needed, will focus on reducing the ecological risk.

Message

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Subject: RE: GKM Claims - News coming Friday?

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Sent from my iPhone

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Thanks Rebekah! It would be good to know Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
I'm particularly interested in Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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> OGC sent out requests for Ex. 5 AC/DP
> Ex. 5 AC/DP He also stated that
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Thanks,
Rebekah

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Yes, I will have it forwarded. 564-4707

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Subject: Re: GKM Claims Update

Thanks Rebekah! It would be good to know Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
I'm particularly interested in Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 13, 2018, at 9:46 AM, Reynolds, Rebekah <Reynolds.Rebekah@epa.gov> wrote:

> I received a voice message from Ken Redden in OGC providing an update on Ex. 5 AC/DP
> Ex. 5 AC/DP He stated that today
> OGC sent out requests for Ex. 5 AC/DP
> Ex. 5 AC/DP He also stated that Ex. 5 AC/DP
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> Ex. 5 AC/DP
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> If you have any additional questions let me know and I can try to get an answer for you.

Thanks,
Rebekah

Message

From: Orquina, Jessica [Orquina.Jessica@epa.gov]
Sent: 5/25/2018 2:38:00 PM
To: Mutter, Andrew [mutter.andrew@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
CC: Moon, Diane [Moon.Diane@epa.gov]; Owens, Denise [Owens.Denise@epa.gov]; Dibble, Christine [Dibble.Christine@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: This is Calendar Week
Attachments: epa-r8-calendar-may18.csv

Thank you Andrew! Here you go. When you open the spreadsheet, scroll down to row 430 and start adding the new events there. If you have any questions or need help, feel free to call. I'm here today!

Jess

Jessica Ann Orquina, Director
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Office: 202-564-0446
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From: Mutter, Andrew
Sent: Friday, May 25, 2018 10:36 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Orquina, Jessica <Orquina.Jessica@epa.gov>
Cc: Moon, Diane <Moon.Diane@epa.gov>; Owens, Denise <Owens.Denise@epa.gov>; Dibble, Christine <Dibble.Christine@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: This is Calendar Week

Send me the spread sheet and I'll do it today.

Best regards,

Andrew

Andrew Mutter

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Thursday, May 24, 2018 6:16 PM
To: Orquina, Jessica <Orquina.Jessica@epa.gov>

Cc: Moon, Diane <Moon.Diane@epa.gov>; Mutter, Andrew <mutter.andrew@epa.gov>; Owens, Denise <Owens.Denise@epa.gov>; Dibble, Christine <Dibble.Christine@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: This is Calendar Week

Andrew - even if you just send us the entries - we can get them into the spreadsheet

Thx ng

Sent from my iPhone

On May 24, 2018, at 7:10 PM, Orquina, Jessica <Orquina.Jessica@epa.gov> wrote:

> Andrew,
>
> I just sent an email to Diane asking if she could do the RA calendar update tomorrow & got an out of office email from her. Can you please have someone else do the calendar update?
>
> Thanks! Jess
>
> Jessica Ann Orquina, Director
> Office of Web Communications
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> Sent from my iPhone
>
> On May 24, 2018, at 6:39 PM, Moon, Diane <Moon.Diane@epa.gov> wrote:
>
>> Jessica,
>> I am out the entire week next week. There is no backup to do the RA Calendar report on 5/30.
>>
>> *Diane Rene Moon*
>> *Staff Assistant to the Regional Administrator*
>> *Office of the Regional Administrator (8RA)*
>> *1595 Wynkoop Street*
>> *Denver, Colorado 80202*
>> *(303) 312-6532*
>> *moon.diane@epa.gov*
>>
>> **From:** Orquina, Jessica
>> **Sent:** Wednesday, May 16, 2018 3:47 PM
>> **To:** Moon, Diane <Moon.Diane@epa.gov>
>> **Cc:** Mutter, Andrew <mutter.andrew@epa.gov>; Owens, Denise <Owens.Denise@epa.gov>
>> **Subject:** Re: This is Calendar Week

That's good! Thanks!

Jess

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Sent from my iPhone

On May 16, 2018, at 5:28 PM, Moon, Diane <Moon.Diane@epa.gov> wrote:

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Here you go.

I assume they don't go back to everyone, just you and Denise, correct?

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From: Orquina, Jessica
Sent: Monday, May 14, 2018 7:34 AM
To: Mutter, Andrew <mutter.andrew@epa.gov>; Moon, Diane <Moon.Diane@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Owens, Denise <Owens.Denise@epa.gov>; Dibble, Christine <Dibble.Christine@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: This is Calendar Week

Good morning! Here's the file to work from this week. Please send updated files to Denise & me.

Thanks! Jess

Jessica Ann Orquina, Director
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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Monday, May 14, 2018 7:32 AM
To: Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; Senn, John <Senn.John@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>; Millett, John <Millett.John@epa.gov>; DeLuca, Isabel <DeLuca.Isabel@epa.gov>; Albores, Richard <Albores.Richard@epa.gov>; McMichael, Nate <McMichael.Nate@epa.gov>; Carroll, Carly <Carroll.Carly@epa.gov>; Burton, Tamika <burton.tamika@epa.gov>; Regional Public Affairs Directors <Regional_Public_Affairs_Directors@epa.gov>; Dickerson, Aaron <dickerson.aaron@epa.gov>
Cc: Orquina, Jessica <Orquina.Jessica@epa.gov>
Subject: This is Calendar Week

Please submit your entries to Jessica Orquina for April 30 – May 11, 2018 by COB on Wednesday, 5/16.

Jess will be sending you the spread sheets to populate for this submission.

Thanks much.

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Nancy Grantham
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202-564-6879 (desk)
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) **(mobile)**

<DCRprt-R8 RA Events Cal_ending-May11_2018.csv>

Date,Time,Event,Location

1/1/2018,,Federal Holiday,

1/2/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/2/2018,11:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/2/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/2/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/3/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/3/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/3/2018,1:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/3/2018,2:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/3/2018,4:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/4/2018,10:00 AM,"Call to Todd Parfitt, WY Department of Environmental Quality","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/4/2018,1:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/4/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/4/2018,2:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/4/2018,3:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/5/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/5/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/5/2018,12:00 PM,"Telephone Call with Kell Kelly, EPA Superfund Senior Advisor","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/8/2018,8:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/8/2018,9:00 AM,Staff meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/8/2018,9:30 AM,Staff meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/8/2018,10:00 AM,Staff meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/8/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/8/2018,1:00 PM,Region 8 Senior Leader Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/8/2018,2:30 PM,Region 8 Regional Leadership Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/9/2018,7:00 AM,"Travel to Durango, CO","Durango, CO"

1/9/2018,8:00 AM,Ute Mountain Ute and Southern Ute Indian Tribe Consultations,"Ignacio and Towaoc, CO"

1/10/2018,8:00 AM,Ute Mountain Ute and Southern Ute Indian Tribe Consultations,"Ignacio and Towaoc, CO"

1/10/2018,5:00 PM,"Return to Denver, CO","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/11/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordination Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/11/2018,9:00 AM,Meeting with QEP Resources,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/11/2018,10:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/11/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/11/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/12/2018,7:00 AM,Office Time,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/12/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/12/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/12/2018,10:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/12/2018,1:00 PM,"CO Oil and Gas Meeting (EPA, Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment, and Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission)","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/12/2018,4:30 PM,Meeting with CEWI Organizers Larry Holden / Chris Hensen,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/15/2018,8:25 AM,"Federal Holiday and Travel to Dallas, TX","Dallas, TX"

1/16/2018,8:30 AM,Regional Administrators' Forum,"Dallas, TX"

1/16/2018,5:30 PM,Return travel to Denver,"From Dallas, TX"

1/17/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/17/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/17/2018,12:00 PM,"Meeting with QEP, Megan Garvey","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/17/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/17/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/17/2018,2:45 PM,"Telephone call with Bob Genovese, Atlantic Richfield Company","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/17/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/17/2018,4:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/18/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/18/2018,8:15 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/18/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/18/2018,10:15 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/18/2018,12:00 PM,"Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act/Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act Outreach Call with NASDA & ECOS","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/18/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/18/2018,2:00 PM,"Teleconference with Bob Genovese, Atlantic Richfield Company","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/18/2018,4:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/19/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/19/2018,8:30 AM,Telephone Call with Colorado Springs Mayor John Suthers,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/19/2018,9:15 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/19/2018,12:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/19/2018,1:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/19/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/19/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/19/2018,3:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/22/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/22/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/22/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/22/2018,10:00 AM,"Call with Martha Rudolph, Director, Colorado Departement of Public

Health & Environment","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/22/2018,10:15 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/22/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/22/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/22/2018,2:30 PM,Region 8 Regional Leadership Meeting ,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/23/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/23/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/23/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/23/2018,11:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/23/2018,2:00 AM,Staff Conference call,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/23/2018,2:30 PM,Region 8 Regional Leadership Resource Meeting ,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/24/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/24/2018,8:00 AM,Call with Dr. Patrick Breysse of Center of Disease Control,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/24/2018,9:30 AM,Meet and Greet with Marcie Bidwell of Mountain Studies Institute,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/24/2018,10:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/24/2018,12:30 PM,Travel to Bozeman and Butte Montana,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/25/2018,9:00 AM,Confidential Negotiations Meeting full day ,"Butte, MT"

1/26/2018,9:30 AM,Confernce Call with HQ Albert Kelly ,"Butte, MT"

1/26/2018,10:30 AM,Field Site Tour in Butte ,"Butte, MT"

1/26/2018,11:45 AM,Stakeholders meeting by Citizens Technical Environment Committee of Butte,"Butte, MT"

1/26/2018,2:30 PM,Return travel to Denver,"from Bozeman, MT"

1/28/2018,9:45 AM,Travel to Washington DC,"from Denver, CO"

1/29/2018,7:00 AM,Meeting with Bill Wehrum,"Washington, DC"

1/29/2018,8:00 AM,2018 EPA National Executive Leadership Development Conference,"Washington, DC"

1/30/2018,8:15 AM,Call with Susan Bodine on Colorado Springs,"Washington, DC"

1/30/2018,9:00 AM,2018 EPA National Executive Leadership Development Conference,"Washington, DC"

1/30/2018,2:00 PM,Return travel to Denver,"Washington, DC"

1/31/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Coordination ,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/31/2018,12:00 PM,Staff meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

1/31/2018,4:00 PM,Travel to Steamboat Springs,"from Denver, CO"

2/1/2018,8:30 AM,Colorado Energy and Water Institute Conference - Speaking on: Western Energy: The Interplay of Federal & State Rules,"Steamboat Springs, CO"

2/1/2018,12:00 PM,Lunch Session - Meet and Greet with conference attendees,"Steamboat Springs, CO"

2/1/2018,3:00 PM,Return travel to Denver,"from Steamboat Springs, CO"

2/2/2018,All Day,No scheduled meetings,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/5/2018,8:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/5/2018,8:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/5/2018,10:15 AM,Staff meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/5/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/5/2018,1:00 PM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/5/2018,2:30 PM,Region 8 Regional Leadership Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/5/2018,3:30 PM,Staff meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/6/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/6/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/6/2018,8:45 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/6/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/6/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/6/2018,10:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/6/2018,12:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/6/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/6/2018,2:30 PM,Region 8 Regional Leadership Resource Meeting ,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/7/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/7/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/7/2018,10:00 AM,"Conference Call with all State Attorneys General for CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, WY","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/7/2018,11:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/7/2018,2:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/7/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/7/2018,4:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/8/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/8/2018,8:00 AM,All Day - Meetings and Briefings with EPA Headquarters,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/9/2018,8:30 AM,EPA Headquarters Video Teleconference on Emmission Standards,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/9/2018,10:00 AM,Guest Speaker at Regional Air Quality Council Board Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/9/2018,1:30 PM,Meeting with Commerce City Mayor and Staff,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/12/2018,5:30 AM,"Travel to Pueblo, CO","from Denver, CO"

2/12/2018,7:45 PM,Meeting with Pueblo City Council on Colorado Smelter,"Pueblo, CO"

2/12/2018,9:15 AM,Meeting with Pueblo City Council on Colorado Smelter,"Pueblo, CO"

2/12/2018,10:15 AM,Meeting with Pueblo City Council on Selenium Issue,"Pueblo, CO"

2/12/2018,11:00 AM,Meet and Greet with Congressional Regional Reps ,"Pueblo, CO"

2/12/2018,1:00 PM,Meeting with Pueblo City and County Health Department on Lead Program,"Pueblo, CO"

2/12/2018,2:00 PM,Meet and Greet with County Commissioners,"Pueblo, CO"

2/12/2018,3:00 PM,Interview at Pueblo Chieftain,"Pueblo, CO"

2/12/2018,4:30 PM,Listening Session Colorado Smelter Community Advisory Group,"Pueblo, CO"

2/12/2018,5:45 PM,"Travel to Denver, CO","from Pueblo, CO"

2/13/2018,7:30 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/13/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/13/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/13/2018,12:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/13/2018,4:00 PM,"Travel to Cheyenne, WY","Denver, CO"

2/14/2018,10:30 AM,Wyoming Regulatory Affiars Committee Meeting,"Cheyenne, WY"

2/14/2018,1:30 PM,Wyoming Uranium Industry Committee Meeting,"Cheyenne, WY"

2/15/2018,9:00 AM,Wyoming Mining Association Board of Directors' Meeting,"Cheyenne, WY"

2/15/2018,10:00 AM,"Return travel to Denver, CO","Denver, CO"

2/15/2018,3:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/16/2018,9:00 AM,Meet and Greet with Department of Homeland Security's Chief of Regulatory Compliance and Director of Infrastructure Protection,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/16/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meet and Greet,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/19/2018,,Federal Holiday,

2/20/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/20/2018,10:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/20/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/20/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/20/2018,2:30 PM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Business Review Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/21/2018,9:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/21/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/21/2018,4:30 PM,"Travel to Great Falls, Montana","from Denver, CO"

2/22/2018,8:30 AM,Presentation Montana Rural Water Systems 39th Annual Conference,"Great Falls, MT"

2/22/2018,1:00 PM,Return travel to Denver,"from Great Falls, MT"

2/23/2018,9:00 AM,"Meeting with Representatives of Slawson Exploration Company, Inc","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/23/2018,10:00 AM,Conference Call with Department of Justice and Headquarters Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance ,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/23/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/26/2018,8:00 AM,Opening Remarks On-Scene Coordinator Academy Training,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/26/2018,9:15 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/26/2018,10:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/26/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office,

Denver, CO"

2/26/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/26/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/26/2018,4:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/26/2018,Full Day,National Oil and Gas Roundtable,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/27/2018,Half Day,National Oil and Gas Roundtable,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/28/2018,12:00 PM,Media Call Montana Standard,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/28/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/28/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/28/2018,2:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

2/28/2018,3:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/1/2018,9:00 AM,Security Briefing,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/1/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/1/2018,10:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/1/2018,11:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/1/2018,12:30 AM,Video Teleconference with the Office of the Inspector General Public Notification Team,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/1/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/1/2018,1:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/1/2018,2:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/1/2018,3:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/1/2018,4:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/2/2018,8:15 AM,Conference Call with Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance ,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/2/2018,9:00 AM,Meet and Greet with Bureau of Land Management,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/2/2018,12:30 PM,Meet and Greet with Representative from Salt Lake City Government,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/2/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/5/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/5/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/5/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/5/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/5/2018,1:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/5/2018,2:30 PM,Region 8 Regional Leadership Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/6/2018,12:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/6/2018,1:30 PM,"Video Teleconference Special Accounts with Headquarters and Regions 2, 3, and 8","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/6/2018,2:30 PM,Region 8 Regional Leadership Resource Meeting ,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/7/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/7/2018,11:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/7/2018,1:00 PM,Regional Incident Coordination Team Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/7/2018,2:00 PM,Meet and Greet with EOG Resources,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/7/2018,3:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/7/2018,4:30 PM,"Meet and Greet with EPA Director of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/8/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/8/2018,1:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/8/2018,3:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/9/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/9/2018,10:00 AM,Oil and Gas Debrief with Administrator's Office,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/9/2018,11:15 AM,RA Check In with Administrator's Office,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/9/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/9/2018,1:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/12/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/12/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/12/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/12/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/12/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/12/2018,3:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/13/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/13/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/13/2018,10:15 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/13/2018,1:30 PM,Region 8 Update with Administrator's Office,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/13/2018,2:30 PM,Region 8 All Hands Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/13/2018,4:00 PM,Travel to Salt Lake City,"From Denver, CO"

3/14/2018,12:30 PM,Meeting with American College of Environmental Lawyers,"Salt Lake City, UT"

3/15/2018,9:30 AM,Meeting with UT Department of Environmental Quality Managers,"Salt Lake City, UT"

3/15/2018,10:00 AM,Meeting with UT Department of Environmental Quality and EPA Region 8 Staff,"Salt Lake City, UT"

3/15/2018,2:30 PM,Meeting with Air Quality Advocates ,"Salt Lake City, UT"

3/16/2018,8:30 AM,Meeting with Uintah/Duchesne County Commissioners and UT School Trust Lands Administration,"Salt Lake City, UT"

3/16/2018,10:00 AM,Meeing with Enefit,"Salt Lake City, UT"

3/16/2018,12:00 PM,Media Engagement - Salt Lake Tribune,"Salt Lake City, UT"

3/16/2018,2:00 PM,Travel to Denver,"From Salt Lake City, UT"

3/19/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/19/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/19/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/19/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/19/2018,1:45 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/19/2018,2:30 PM,Region 8 Regional Leadership Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/20/2018,9:00 AM,Opening Remarks for Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) - RTOC meetings in Region 8,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/20/2018,Day ,Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) meetings in Region 8,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/21/2018,8:30 AM,Opening remarks for Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) Federal Partners and Tribal leaders forum,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/21/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/21/2018,10:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/21/2018,1:00 PM,Opening remarks for Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) Attorneys meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/21/2018,1:30 PM,Meeting with Environmental Defense Fund,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/21/2018,3:30 PM,Call with Montana Environmental Quality Council,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/22/2018,8:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/22/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/22/2018,10:00 AM,Senior Leaders Call with Headquarters,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/22/2018,12:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/22/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/22/2018,2:00 PM,Ute Tribe Business Committee Consultation,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/22/2018,3:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/23/2018,9:30 AM,Meeting with Colorade Petroleum Council,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/23/2018,10:30 AM,Meet and Greet with Regional Director of Healthand Human Services,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/26/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/26/2018,10:00 AM,E-Enterprise Briefing for Senior Leadership with Office of the Chief Financial Officer,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/26/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/26/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/26/2018,1:00 PM,Depart for Drive to Gillette WY,"From Denver, CO"

3/27/2018,9:00 AM,Welcoming remarks for Gillette Public Listening Session,"Gillette, WY"

3/27/2018,9:30 AM,Sit in on Listening Session,"Gillette, WY"

3/27/2018,1:00 PM,Depart for Drive Denver CO,"From Gillette, WY"

3/28/2018,8:00 AM,Planning Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/28/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/28/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/28/2018,12:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/28/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/28/2018,3:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/28/2018,4:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/29/2018,9:00 AM,Meeting with Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/29/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/29/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/29/2018,3:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/30/2018,9:00 AM,Confernece Call with Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/30/2018,11:30 AM,Meeting with Western Energy Alliance,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

3/30/2018,2:00 PM,Meeting with Evolva,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/2/2018,8:00 AM,Coordination Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/2/2018,9:45 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/2/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/2/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/2/2018,2:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/2/2018,3:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/2/2018,4:00 PM,Meet and Greet Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology Innovation Director,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/3/2018,8:00 AM,Call with Energy Fuels Chief Operating Officer on White Mesa Mill,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/3/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/3/2018,9:30 AM,Call with Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance on Environmental Justice and Community Revitalization Committee ,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/3/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/3/2018,12:00 PM,Staff Planning Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/4/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/4/2018,9:00 AM,Meet and Greet with South Metro Water Supply Authority and Meridian Metro District,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/4/2018,11:00 AM,Meet and Greet with Vice President of Strategic Initiatives with Charlotte's Web Hemp,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/4/2018,6:00 PM,Speak at the Colorado Mining Association's Environmental Stewardship Awards Event,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/5/2018,10:00 AM,Meeting with Colorado Petroleum Association,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/5/2018,4:00 PM,Speak at the Environmental Law Institute Event,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/6/2018,9:00 AM,Meet with Potential Candidate and Tour Office,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/6/2018,1:30 PM,Video Teleconference with Administrator Office Advisors and Regional Adminstrators,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/6/2018,2:30 PM,Meet with Executive Director of Colorado Municipal League,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/8/2018,3:00 PM,Travel to Helena Montana,"From Denver, CO"

4/9/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Planning Meeting,"Montana Office, Helena, MT"

4/9/2018,11:00 AM,All Hands Meeting,"Montana Office, Helena, MT"

4/9/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"Montana Office, Helena, MT"

4/9/2018,1:00 PM,Travel to Butte Montana,From Helena MT

4/10/2018,8:00 AM,Anaconda Site Tour,"Anaconda, MT"

4/10/2018,10:00 AM,Meeting with Anaconda Deer Lodge County Stakeholders,"Anaconda, MT"

4/10/2018,12:00 PM,Meeting with Anaconda Deer Lodge County Officials,"Anaconda, MT"

4/10/2018,1:00 PM,Call with Administrator on Air Quality Designations for 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard,"Anaconda, MT"

4/10/2018,2:30 PM,Meeting with Montana Standard Editorial Board,"Butte, MT"

4/10/2018,3:30 PM,Butte Site Tour,"Butte, MT"

4/11/2018,9:00 AM,Meeting with Butte and Silver Bow City and County Officials,"Butte, MT"

4/11/2018,10:00 AM,Meeting with Citizens Technical Environment Committee and Restore our Creek Coalition,"Butte, MT"

4/11/2018,5:40 PM,"Travel to Denver, Colorado","From Bozeman, MT"

4/12/2018,8:00 AM,Meeting with Western Energy Alliance,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/12/2018,10:30 AM,Meeting with Dawson and Associates and Arcadis Representing Ecosystems Partners,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/12/2018,11:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/12/2018,12:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/12/2018,1:15 PM,Telephone Interview with Associated Press,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/12/2018,1:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/12/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/12/2018,3:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/13/2018,8:30 AM,Call with Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention on Pesticide Registration,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/13/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/13/2018,10:00 AM,Meeting with Kinder Morgan,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/13/2018,12:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/13/2018,1:30 PM,Call with Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance on Enforcement,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/13/2018,2:00 PM,Quarterly Call with Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

and Regions,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/16/2018,7:00 AM,"Travel to Chicago, Illinois","From Denver, CO"

4/16/2018,12:00 PM,Regional Administrator Forum,"Chicago, IL"

4/17/2018,8:00 AM,Regional Administrator Forum,"Chicago, IL"

4/18/2018,9:00 AM,"Travel to Denver, Colorado","From Chicago, IL"

4/18/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/19/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/19/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/19/2018,10:30 AM,"Meeting with Energy Fuels Resources USA, Incorporated","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/19/2018,11:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/19/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/19/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/19/2018,4:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/20/2018,8:15 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/20/2018,9:00 AM,Meeting with Animas River Stakeholders Group Coordinator,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/20/2018,9:45 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/20/2018,10:45 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/20/2018,11:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/20/2018,2:00 PM,Call with Freemyer and Associates representing Dushesne and Uintah Counties and Utah School Trust Land Administration,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/23/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/23/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/23/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/23/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/23/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/23/2018,1:00 PM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Business Review Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/23/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/23/2018,4:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/24/2018,9:00 AM,Welcoming remarks for the continuing education training co-sponsored by Colorado Attorney General's office,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/24/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/24/2018,11:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/24/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/24/2018,1:30 PM,Meet and Greet with General Services Administration Commissioner,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/24/2018,2:45 PM,Staff Planning Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/24/2018,3:30 PM,"Meet and Greet with Fuels Enforcement Branch, of the Office of Civil Enforcement","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/25/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/25/2018,12:00 PM,Speak at the Colorado Association of Commerce and Industry Council Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/25/2018,2:00 PM,"Press Outreach to media outlets on Brownfields grants announcements - Pueblo Chieftain, Sun Advocate, GF Tribune","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/25/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/25/2018,3:45 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/26/2018,7:30 AM,Call with Office of General Counsel,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/26/2018,8:00 AM,"Travel to Cheyenne, Wyoming","From Denver, CO"

4/26/2018,10:00 AM,Meeting with the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality Director,"Cheyenne, WY"

4/26/2018,1:00 PM,"Public Media Event for Brownfields grants announcements in Cheyenne, Wyoming","Cheyenne, WY"

4/26/2018,3:00 PM,"Travel to Denver, Colorado","From Cheyenne, WY"

4/27/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/30/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/30/2018,9:15 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/30/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/30/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/30/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/30/2018,1:30 PM,Meeting with Trout Unlimited,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/30/2018,2:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

4/30/2018,4:30 PM,Call with the State of Montana,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/1/2018,9:15 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/1/2018,12:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/1/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/2/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/2/2018,8:00 AM,Meeting with Anadarko,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/2/2018,9:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/2/2018,10:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/2/2018,1:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/2/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/2/2018,4:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/3/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/3/2018,8:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/3/2018,10:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/3/2018,12:00 PM,"Joint Call with Department of Justice, Office of Enforcement Compliance and Assurance, Region 8","EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/3/2018,1:15 PM,Call with Deputy Administrator Meet and Greet,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/3/2018,2:15 PM,Meeting with Vice President of Grace,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/3/2018,3:00 PM,Meeting with Federal Partners on Bonita Peak Mining District,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/4/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/4/2018,9:00 AM,Congratulatory calls to Selectees for the EPA's Local Government Advisory Committee,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/4/2018,11:00 AM,Call with Senior Advisor to the Administrator for Regional and State Affairs,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/4/2018,2:30 PM,Call with Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator of Solid Waste and Emergency Response,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/7/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Coordination Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/7/2018,11:00 AM,Region 8 Senior Leadership Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/7/2018,12:00 PM,Senior Staff Meeting Video Teleconference,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/7/2018,1:00 PM,"Travel to Deadwood, South Dakota",From Denver

5/8/2018,6:30 AM,Gilt Edge Mine site tour and Annual Regional Superfund Program Meeting,"Deadwood, South Dakota"

5/8/2018,2:30 PM,Return to Denver,From Rapid City

5/9/2018,8:00 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/9/2018,8:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/9/2018,10:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/10/2018,9:30 AM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/10/2018,11:00 AM,Meeting with Anadarko,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/10/2018,12:30 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/10/2018,1:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/10/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/10/2018,3:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/10/2018,4:15 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/11/2018,8:00 AM,Meeting with District Manager of Metro Wastewater Reclamation District,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/11/2018,9:30 AM,Meeting with Colorado State Congresswoman,"State Office, Grant street"

5/11/2018,12:00 PM,Call with Deputy Administrator,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/11/2018,2:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/11/2018,3:00 PM,Meeting with CEO of Metals US,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

5/11/2018,4:00 PM,Staff Meeting,"EPA Region 8 Office, Denver, CO"

Message

From: Orquina, Jessica [Orquina.Jessica@epa.gov]
Sent: 5/25/2018 1:39:08 PM
To: Mutter, Andrew [mutter.andrew@epa.gov]
CC: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Owens, Denise [Owens.Denise@epa.gov]; Dibble, Christine [Dibble.Christine@epa.gov]; Moon, Diane [Moon.Diane@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Calendar week is next week
Attachments: epa-r8-calendar-may18.csv

Hi Andrew,

Here's the file to update this time. I am on vacation with no access to email starting tomorrow. Please send the updated file to Denise and Christine (cc'ed here).

Thanks! Jess

Jessica Ann Orquina, Director
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-----Original Message-----
From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Thursday, May 24, 2018 8:30 PM
To: Regional Public Affairs Directors <Regional_Public_Affairs_Directors@epa.gov>; Albores, Richard <Albores.Richard@epa.gov>; Millett, John <Millett.John@epa.gov>; DeLuca, Isabel <DeLuca.Isabel@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>; Dickerson, Aaron <dickerson.aaron@epa.gov>; Burton, Tamika <burton.tamika@epa.gov>; Carroll, Carly <Carroll.Carly@epa.gov>; Senn, John <Senn.John@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; McMichael, Nate <McMichael.Nate@epa.gov>; Orquina, Jessica <Orquina.Jessica@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: Calendar week is next week

Hi - we are reminding folks early as next week is a short week.

Submissions are due by cob on Wednesday-may 30th

Jess Orquina will send your files to you tomorrow with instructions for who to send them to as she is on vacation next week.

Thanks to all and best wishes for a safe and happy Memorial Day weekend.

Thx

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Sent from my iPhone

Message

From: Mears, Mary [Mears.Mary@epa.gov]
Sent: 4/27/2018 8:44:21 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
CC: Kluesner, Dave [kluesner.dave@epa.gov]; Rini, Sophia [Rini.Sophia@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: PLEASE USE THIS VERSION: Slight edit to Berry's Creek News Release
Attachments: Berry's Creek draft news release PETE APPROVED.DOCX; Talking Points for Berrys Creek PETE APPROVED.docx; Comms Strategy Berrys Creek PETE APPROVED.docx; Berrys Creek Proposed Plan Fact Sheet PETE APPROVED.docx

Importance: High

Hi Nancy,
Checking in to see where we are on this in terms of an OK from OPA or OLEM.

We are planning to announce on Monday and I would like to send the news release to NJDEP this afternoon to get a quote. I can could just tell them this is a super close hold and the release is draft and may well change. I do trust them. Also, the fact sheet needs to go to our contractor for formatting by first thing Monday at the latest.

From: Mears, Mary
Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2018 3:54 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Kluesner, Dave <kluesner.dave@epa.gov>; Rini, Sophia <Rini.Sophia@epa.gov>; Rodriguez, Elias <Rodriguez.Elias@epa.gov>
Subject: PLEASE USE THIS VERSION: Slight edit to Berry's Creek News Release
Importance: High

Begging your pardon, Nancy, but there was an edit to the news release that I was not aware of. I know this is a bit of a pain b/c you probably already sent it around. The change is minor, but important
Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

To avoid confusion and keep the documents together, **I am re-attaching all four docs with the CORRECT version of the news release.**

Mary Mears
Public Affairs Director
U.S. EPA Region 2 (NJ, NY, PR, the US VI and eight Indian Nations)
(212) 637-3673 (Direct Office)
(212) 637-3660 (General Office)
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) (Cell)

From: Mears, Mary
Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2018 1:11 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Kluesner, Dave <kluesner.dave@epa.gov>; Rini, Sophia <Rini.Sophia@epa.gov>; Rodriguez, Elias <Rodriguez.Elias@epa.gov>
Subject: IMPORTANT: Berry's Creek materials
Importance: High

Hi Nancy,

We are still going for a Monday, April 30 announcement for Berry's Creek, though there is a very slight chance that could slip a few days.

Attached please find for your review (and OLEM's) the Pete-Approved Berry's Creek Study Area news release, fact sheet, communications strategy and TPs that we would use for interviews. I am thinking you would probably prefer to share with OLEM, but please let me know if you prefer me to reach directly out to OLEM (Matt?).

We also are developing a social media plan to amplify the announcement, which is not yet reviewed by Pete. We should have that done by tomorrow morning.

Mary Mears
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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) (Cell)

Message

From: Davis, Alison [Davis.Alison@epa.gov]
Sent: 5/29/2018 9:40:39 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
CC: Glenn, William [Glenn.William@epa.gov]; Zito, Kelly [ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV]
Subject: RE: Need your help re: Big Island

Thanks.

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 5:38 PM
To: Davis, Alison <Davis.Alison@epa.gov>
Cc: Glenn, William <Glenn.William@epa.gov>; Zito, Kelly <ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV>
Subject: RE: Need your help re: Big Island

Do not believe it is – looping bill glenn and Kelly zito for that answer thanks ng

Nancy Grantham
Office of Public Affairs
US Environmental Protection Agency
202-564-6879 (desk)
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) **(mobile)**

From: Davis, Alison
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 5:35 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Need your help re: Big Island

I just got it – we'll need Deirdre to look at it from a science/health standpoint. She was copied.
Do you know whether the "public interface" the region was mentioning is already live?

Thanks.

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 5:33 PM
To: Davis, Alison <Davis.Alison@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Need your help re: Big Island

Making sure you have this

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From: Indermark, Michele
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 5:27 PM
To: Cheatham, Reggie <cheatham.reggie@epa.gov>; Sasser, Erika <Sasser.Erika@epa.gov>; Clark, Becki <Clark.Becki@epa.gov>; Meer, Daniel <Meer.Daniel@epa.gov>; Irizarry, Gilberto <Irizarry.Gilberto@epa.gov>;

Woodyard, Josh <Woodyard.Joshua@epa.gov>; Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>; Levine, Carolyn <Levine.Carolyn@epa.gov>; Bowles, Jack <Bowles.Jack@epa.gov>; Thomas, Latosha <Thomas.Latosha@epa.gov>; Davis, Alison <Davis.Alison@epa.gov>
Cc: Koerber, Mike <Koerber.Mike@epa.gov>; Wesson, Karen <Wesson.Karen@epa.gov>; Murphy, Deirdre <Murphy.Deirdre@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Millett, John <Millett.John@epa.gov>; Maguire, Megan <Maguire.Megan@epa.gov>; DeLuca, Isabel <DeLuca.Isabel@epa.gov>; Hubbard, Carolyn <Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov>; Davis, Alison <Davis.Alison@epa.gov>; Sauerhage, Maggie <Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov>; YOSHIMURA, GWEN <Yoshimura.Gwen@epa.gov>; Waldon, MARGARET <Waldon.Margaret@epa.gov>; Calanog, Steve <Calanog.Steve@epa.gov>; MUSANTE, JASON <Musante.Jason@epa.gov>; Guria, Peter <Guria.Peter@epa.gov>; Richman, Lance <Richman.Lance@epa.gov>; Higuchi, Dean <Higuchi.Dean@epa.gov>; Mattas-Curry, Lahne <Mattas-Curry.Lahne@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Need your help re: Big Island

Hi everyone,

Thank you very much for participating in the short-notice call this afternoon. As discussed, I am forwarding the latest version of Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
According to Dan, it was Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Dan also relayed that this document is Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
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Please keep this document close hold and consider it FOUO. R9 is looking to HQ to Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) I can collect HQ comment/suggestions/problems and work the solution with R9. As Dan mentioned we have a very short, 1-2 day, turn around on this.

Thanks again.

Michele Indermark
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Special Assistant
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-----Original Appointment-----
From: Indermark, Michele
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 11:27 AM
To: Indermark, Michele; Cheatham, Reggie; Sasser, Erika; Clark, Becki; Meer, Daniel; Irizarry, Gilberto; Woodyard, Josh; Richardson, RobinH; Levine, Carolyn; Bowles, Jack; Thomas, Latosha
Cc: Koerber, Mike; Wesson, Karen; Murphy, Deirdre; Grantham, Nancy; Millett, John; Megan Maguire; Isabel DeLuca; Hubbard, Carolyn; Davis, Alison; Sauerhage, Maggie; YOSHIMURA, GWEN; Waldon, MARGARET; Calanog, Steve; MUSANTE, JASON; Guria, Peter; Richman, Lance; Higuchi, Dean; Mattas-Curry, Lahne
Subject: Need your help re: Big Island
When: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 2:00 PM-2:30 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: Dial in #: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) Conf Code: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Updating the conference code.

This looks like the best time.

From: Cheatham, Reggie
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 9:09 AM
To: Sasser, Erika <Sasser.Erika@epa.gov>
Cc: Jordan, Deborah <Jordan.Deborah@epa.gov>; Koerber, Mike <Koerber.Mike@epa.gov>; Wesson, Karen <Wesson.Karen@epa.gov>; Murphy, Deirdre <Murphy.Deirdre@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Clark, Becki <Clark.Becki@epa.gov>; Indermark, Michele <Indermark.Michele@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Need your help re: Big Island

Erika

This is perfect...looping in Nancy and Becki...look for a calendar invite today or tomorrow.

Thanks

Reggie Cheatham, Director
Office of Emergency Management
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Doris Williams, Executive Assistant
202/564-0053

On May 29, 2018, at 8:55 AM, Sasser, Erika <Sasser.Erika@epa.gov> wrote:

Reggie and Debbie--

We are happy to help as needed. I'm copying Deirdre Murphy, who will be on point for coordinating assistance from my division, along with Karen Wesson, who is group leader of Ambient Standards Group. Please let us know how we can assist—perhaps a short phone call would be useful as a starting point?

Thanks,
Erika

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From: Koerber, Mike
Sent: Monday, May 28, 2018 8:32 AM
To: Sasser, Erika <Sasser.Erika@epa.gov>; Wesson, Karen <Wesson.Karen@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Need your help re: Big Island

See notes from R9 below. You may already have been contacted about this. If not, then please reach out to OLEM tomorrow. Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Jordan, Deborah" <Jordan.Deborah@epa.gov>
Date: May 27, 2018 at 10:50:25 PM EDT
To: "Koerber, Mike" <Koerber.Mike@epa.gov>
Subject: Need your help re: Big Island

Hi Mike,

As described below, we need Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
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Thanks.

Debbie

Deborah Jordan
Acting Deputy Regional Administrator
U.S. EPA Region 9

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Strauss, Alexis" <Strauss.Alexis@epa.gov>
> **Date:** May 27, 2018 at 12:33:26 PM PDT
> **To:** "Stoker, Michael B." <stoker.michael@epa.gov>, "Jordan, Deborah" <Jordan.Deborah@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** "Meer, Daniel" <Meer.Daniel@epa.gov>, "Miller, Amy" <Miller.Amy@epa.gov>
> **Subject: Big Island**
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> Mike and team,
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> Dan Meer and I just spoke about Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
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> Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
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> I asked Dan to do the following:

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

We'll keep you updated and welcome your advice. In particular, given Deborah's expertise, she may have further recommendations.

Alexis

Message

From: Molina, Michael [molina.michael@epa.gov]
Sent: 6/6/2018 7:39:58 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: NYCHA press conference postponed

Thanks for the heads up

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Wednesday, June 6, 2018 2:11 PM
To: Wheeler, Andrew <wheeler.andrew@epa.gov>
Cc: Molina, Michael <molina.michael@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: NYCHA press conference postponed

FYI

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Kluesner, Dave" <kluesner.dave@epa.gov>
> **Date:** June 6, 2018 at 2:00:04 PM EDT
> **To:** "Hull, George" <Hull.George@epa.gov>, "Senn, John" <Senn.John@epa.gov>, "Grantham, Nancy" <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** "Mears, Mary" <Mears.Mary@epa.gov>
> **Subject: FW: NYCHA press conference**
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> FYI
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> George or John, can you confirm that Susan has received the news on the postponement? Pete was particularly interested in making sure that she knows. Thanks!
>
> **David W. Kluesner**
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> **From:** Margolin, James (USANYS) [Contractor] [mailto:James.Margolin@usdoj.gov]
> **Sent:** Wednesday, June 06, 2018 1:39 PM
> **To:** Sullivan, Brian E <brian.e.sullivan@hud.gov>; Madden, Darryl <DMadden@hudoig.gov>; Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov>; Kluesner, Dave <kluesner.dave@epa.gov>; Powell, Michael (MPowell@hudoig.gov) <MPowell@hudoig.gov>

Cc: Dearden, Dawn (USANYS) <Dawn.Dearden@usdoj.gov>; Biase, Nicholas (USANYS) <Nicholas.Biase@usdoj.gov>
Subject: NYCHA press conference

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Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Thanks for your continued forbearance with circumstances we wish we could control. We will keep you apprised and let you know as soon as we do about more definitive timing of the announcement.
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Message

From: Vizian, Donna [Vizian.Donna@epa.gov]
Sent: 5/7/2018 3:02:41 PM
To: danielle.ivory@nytimes.com
CC: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: NYT Interview

Got it. We will Call you at 12:15

On May 7, 2018, at 7:14 AM, "danielle.ivory@nytimes.com" <danielle.ivory@nytimes.com> wrote:

> Hi Donna and Nancy, I'll be on my cell phone today: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) Looking forward to talking.
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> Thanks,
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> Danielle
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> Sent from my iPhone
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> On May 3, 2018, at 3:06 PM, Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov> wrote:
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>> Yes, Nancy and I will call you.
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>> **From:** Ivory, Danielle [mailto:danielle.ivory@nytimes.com]
>> **Sent:** Thursday, May 03, 2018 2:53 PM
>> **To:** Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>
>> **Cc:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
>> **Subject:** Re: NYT Interview
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>> It'll be the opposite, I think. I believe Ms. Vizian is going to call me at that number.
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>> Thanks!
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>> Danielle
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>> On Thu, May 3, 2018 at 2:51 PM, Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov> wrote:
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>>> Back-up Number for Ms. Ivory is Cell: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
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>>> ---------- Forwarded message ----------
>>> From: "Vizian, Donna" <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>
>>> To: "Gantt, Melissa" <Gantt.Melissa@epa.gov>
>>> Cc:
>>> Bcc:
>>> Date: Mon, 30 Apr 2018 12:38:56 +0000
>>> Subject: FW: NYT interview request -- Grosse Ile office
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>>> Can you please add to my calendar. thanks

From: Vizian, Donna
Sent: Friday, April 27, 2018 2:50 PM
To: 'Ivory, Danielle' <danielle.ivory@nytimes.com>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: NYT interview request -- Grosse Ile office

202-564-4600

From: Ivory, Danielle [mailto:danielle.ivory@nytimes.com]
Sent: Friday, April 27, 2018 2:43 PM
To: Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: NYT interview request -- Grosse Ile office

No problem at all. Thanks very much, Donna. What's the best number to call?

On Fri, Apr 27, 2018 at 2:30 PM, Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov> wrote:

Danielle,

I apologize for the delay in responding. Would Thursday afternoon at 2:00 work?

Best,

Donna

From: danielle.ivory@nytimes.com [mailto:danielle.ivory@nytimes.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 8:12 PM
To: Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: NYT interview request -- Grosse Ile office

Absolutely fine. Thanks, Donna.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 25, 2018, at 7:40 PM, Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov> wrote:

Can I get back to you tomorrow on a day?

On Apr 25, 2018, at 5:58 PM, Ivory, Danielle <danielle.ivory@nytimes.com> wrote:

Certainly, does Monday or Tuesday work for you?
And thanks very much,

Danielle

On Wed, Apr 25, 2018 at 5:57 PM, Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov> wrote:

Danielle – I would be happy to share the background, however I am very booked this week. Can we set aside some time next week?

From: Ivory, Danielle [mailto:danielle.ivory@nytimes.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 5:28 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: NYT interview request -- Grosse Ile office

Do you know why this decision to move the office was revived under the new administration and why the decision was made to move the office to Ann Arbor, rather than to one of the spaces nearer to Grosse Ile that had previously been considered by EPA and GSA? Who signed off on the closure of the office and moving the employees to Ann Arbor? Again, there have been concerns in the Grosse Ile office that moving the office to Ann Arbor will lengthen the commute to most emergency scenes, not just because Grosse Ile is generally closer, but also because responders are not allowed to take emergency vehicles home with them and will have to drive to Ann Arbor first before going to the scene.

You told me yesterday to reach out to Region 5 and OARM. OARM has not responded and Region 5 referred me back to you.

Thanks,

Danielle

On Wed, Apr 25, 2018 at 5:24 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

> We provided you a response
>
> Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 25, 2018, at 5:13 PM, Ivory, Danielle <danielle.ivory@nytimes.com> wrote:

> > Hi Liz, just fyi, I haven't heard back from OARM and Region 5 got back to me and said the Washington press office would answer my questions.
> >
> > Thanks,
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> > Danielle
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> > On Tue, Apr 24, 2018 at 6:53 PM, Ivory, Danielle <danielle.ivory@nytimes.com> wrote:
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> > > Thanks, Liz. I will reach out to OARM.
> > >
> > > Thanks,
> > >
> > > Danielle

On Tue, Apr 24, 2018 at 6:14 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

Please reach out to OARM also, who is copied here. From the ORD chief of staff (for background, not for attribution): "EPA's ORD was down to two staff in Gross Ile as of May 2017 which was costing $400K annually to operate. ORD career staff notified the Agency that they planned to vacate and our staff were relocated to Ann Arbor which is commuting distance away. Our environmental due diligence on the lab work will be complete early this summer."

From: Ivory, Danielle [mailto:danielle.ivory@nytimes.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 6:07 PM

To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: FW: NYT interview request -- Grosse Ile office

I'm happy to reach out to the region and will do so. But -- are you saying that no one in the leadership in Washington was involved in the decision to close

an EPA office and move its employees to a different office? That would be very unusual. My understanding is that regional offices are not allowed to make unilateral moves like that without sign off from the political leadership. Am I wrong?

Thanks again,

Danielle

On Tue, Apr 24, 2018 at 6:00 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

> Hi Danielle – Please reach out to the Region directly, who is best poised to provide this information.
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> **From:** Ivory, Danielle [mailto:danielle.ivory@nytimes.com]
> **Sent:** Tuesday, April 24, 2018 5:38 PM
> **To:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: FW: NYT interview request -- Grosse Ile office
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> Hi Liz, this is a decision that was in the works during the Obama administration, except that it was officially stopped in November of 2016. Also, the plans for that move involved going a maximum of 11 miles away from Grosse Ile. My

understanding that that Grosse Ile employees got official word in November 2016 that the move had been cancelled for at least the next four years. Do you know why the decision was revived under the new administration and why the decision was made to move the office to Ann Arbor, rather than to one of the spaces nearer to Grosse Ile that had previously been considered by EPA and GSA?

There have been concerns in the Grosse Ile office that moving the office to Ann Arbor will lengthen the commute to most emergency scenes, not just because Grosse Ile is generally closer, but also because responders are not allowed to take emergency vehicles home with them and will have to drive to Ann Arbor first before going to the scene.

Thanks again,

Danielle

On Tue, Apr 24, 2018 at 5:27 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

> Hi Danielle – On background only: This is a decision that has been in the works since the previous administration. All the employees at the facility will

continue in their positions at the new location, and all the functions of the Grosse Ile office will continue at the Ann Arbor location. Thank you – Liz

On Tue, Apr 24, 2018 at 5:08 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Danielle – Kell doesn't have any knowledge of this issue, but I am following up with the Region and their Superfund director to get more information. Thank you – Liz

From: Ivory, Danielle [mailto:danielle.ivory@nytimes.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 2:45 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: NYT interview request -- Grosse Ile office

Hi Liz, I'm looking into EPA's decision to shut down its Grosse Ile office and relocate those employees

to an office in Ann Arbor. I'd like to request on-the-record interviews with Albert Kelly and Vaughn Noga this week about how and why the decision was made. As you may know, many of the staffers working in the Grosse Ile office are emergency responders under the EPA's superfund program.

Thanks very much,

Danielle

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Message

From: Hull, George [Hull.George@epa.gov]
Sent: 6/6/2018 6:01:52 PM
To: Kluesner, Dave [kluesner.dave@epa.gov]; Senn, John [Senn.John@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
CC: Mears, Mary [Mears.Mary@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: NYCHA press conference

Dave,
Right after you called me, I e-mailed Susan with the news on the postponement and also informed our chief staff. - George

From: Kluesner, Dave
Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2018 2:00 PM
To: Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; Senn, John <Senn.John@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: NYCHA press conference
Importance: High

FYI

George or John, can you confirm that Susan has received the news on the postponement? Pete was particularly interested in making sure that she knows. Thanks!

David W. Kluesner

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Cc: Dearden, Dawn (USANYS) <Dawn.Dearden@usdoj.gov>; Biase, Nicholas (USANYS) <Nicholas.Biase@usdoj.gov>
Subject: NYCHA press conference

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Message

From: Hubbard, Carolyn [Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov]
Sent: 8/24/2018 8:08:36 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
CC: Maguire, Megan [Maguire.Megan@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: MEGAN/ORD: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

Hi we are almost there I hope. I think we want to keep our response very short w minimal detail. Will get back to you.

Carolyn Hubbard
Communications Director
EPA Office of Research and Development
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On Aug 24, 2018, at 4:07 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Megan,

Thanks in advance for any update.

Cheers, R.

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Sent: Thursday, August 23, 2018 12:31 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Hubbard, Carolyn <Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: MEGAN/ORD: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

Hi Robert- Did you get the questions from the reporter?

Thanks,

Megan

From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 4:06:28 PM
To: Maguire, Megan; Grantham, Nancy; Hubbard, Carolyn
Subject: RE: MEGAN/ORD: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

Both Nancy and OCSPP said they're fine with written responses. Hoping to hear from the reporter soon.

Cheers, R.

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Subject: Re: MEGAN/ORD: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

Hi- Any update?

From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 1:08:34 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy; Maguire, Megan; Hubbard, Carolyn
Subject: RE: MEGAN/ORD: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

Speaking to Cheryl right now. Will call you.

Cheers, R.

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From: Grantham, Nancy
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Subject: RE: MEGAN/ORD: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

Making sure that ocspp is looped on the decision to do written - would they provide input as well? thanks ng

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From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 1:04 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Maguire, Megan <Maguire.Megan@epa.gov>; Hubbard, Carolyn <Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: MEGAN/ORD: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

They don't think an interview would be wise. Are you asking if we should even do written?

Cheers, R.

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From: Grantham, Nancy
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To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>; Maguire, Megan <Maguire.Megan@epa.gov>; Hubbard, Carolyn <Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: MEGAN/ORD: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

Have we looped with OCSPP / Nancy Beck? What is their view? Thanks ng

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Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 12:54 PM
To: Maguire, Megan <Maguire.Megan@epa.gov>; Hubbard, Carolyn <Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: MEGAN/ORD: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

I'll certainly ask, but it'll be tight, as the reporter faces a hard Friday deadline.

Cheers, R.

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Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: MEGAN/ORD: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

Jennifer would like to do written responses. Richard hasn't responded yet, but I think he's down in RTP today. Should we move forward with getting specific questions and doing written responses?

From: Maguire, Megan
Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 11:00:17 AM
To: Daguillard, Robert; Hubbard, Carolyn
Cc: Grantham, Nancy
Subject: Re: MEGAN/ORD: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

Okay, checking

From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 10:46:59 AM
To: Maguire, Megan; Hubbard, Carolyn
Cc: Grantham, Nancy
Subject: RE: MEGAN/ORD: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

Thanks, Megan. OCSPP have confirmed they'd prefer no interview, but let me know what your management says.

Cheers, R.

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Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: MEGAN/ORD: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

I haven't run it past them yet, I wanted to see what OPA's feelings were first since I know it's an ongoing inquiry that has already included several rounds of questions. I will send to Richard and Jennifer now.

Megan

From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 10:29:50 AM
To: Maguire, Megan; Hubbard, Carolyn
Cc: Grantham, Nancy
Subject: RE: MEGAN/ORD: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

Megan, at a minimum, I feel I ought to discuss this interview request by OCSPP. I think we need to loop in several people and, if possible, come to a consensus before proceeding.

How does ORD leadership feel about this request? OPA management would probably want to hear Rich, or Jennifer's views.

I'll circle back once I've heard from pesticides folks.

Cheers, R.

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Subject: Re: MEGAN/ORD: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

Hi Robert- A reporter with Undark reached out to two people who were involved in glyphosate in ORD in 2015 (Vince Cogliano and Norm Birchfield) I asked him for his questions and he sent the below this morning. I know this is an ongoing inquiry you are handling, so I'm not sure what you all want to do with this interview request he sent over. I haven't checked in yet with Vince. Norm was willing to speak to him, but now it sounds like he wants to talk to Vince. I'm not sure who is working with you on this inquiry, but wanted to share this with you. Let me know what OPA thinks.

Email from Michael Balter:

I've now had a chance to study a series of emails, obtained through FOIA, which document communications among various staff of ORD about OPP's assessment of glyphosate. The emails make clear that while ORD scientists had varying views, they were leaning towards a minimum carcinogenicity classification of "suggestive" evidence if not more positive than that.

The colleague most centrally involved in these email threads was Vincent Cogliano, to whom I wrote a very similar email to the one you have for Dr. Birchfield. Thus I would like to ask for

a telephone interview with Dr. Cogliano to discuss the process of ORD's evaluation in detail and the thinking that went into it (I have the final three page recommendations that ORD made to OPP, which is a public document.)

If ORD would like to designate another, more senior colleague to talk to me than Dr. Cogliano, that would be fine, as long as they were fully involved in the discussions referenced above (and I would be happy to talk to Dr. Birchfield in addition if he is willing.)

My deadline for a first draft is tomorrow, Thursday, but we can add in material during the editing process so next week would work as well. I should make it clear that I plan to cite these emails in my story as well as ORD's formal recommendations to OPP.

My apologies for the short notice but I only received these emails in the last couple of days.

Many thanks,

Michael Balter
Undark

From: Maguire, Megan
Sent: Thursday, August 16, 2018 11:34:59 AM
To: Daguillard, Robert; Hubbard, Carolyn
Subject: Re: MEGAN/ORD: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

Richard's approved response: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Thanks,
Megan

From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Thursday, August 16, 2018 9:35:01 AM
To: Maguire, Megan
Subject: RE: MEGAN/ORD: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

Good morning Megan,

Thanks in advance for any update on Rich's views.

Cheers, R.

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To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>; Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Cc: Hubbard, Carolyn <Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: MEGAN/ORD: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

Hi Robert & Enesta- just little tweaks. Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
Response: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Thanks,
Megan

Megan Maguire
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From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 4:02 PM
To: Maguire, Megan <Maguire.Megan@epa.gov>; Hubbard, Carolyn <Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov>
Cc: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Subject: MEGAN/ORD: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

Good afternoon Megan,

John Konkus is asking for ORD review of the following response, from a reporter working on the agency's glyphosate assessments. Thanks in advance for sending the response to Enesta, who's covering for me for the rest of the day.

Cheers, R.

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Cc: Sisco, Debby <Sisco.Debby@epa.gov>; Dinkins, Darlene <Dinkins.Darlene@epa.gov>; Han, Kaythi <Han.Kaythi@epa.gov>; Dunton, Cheryl <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

Incoming: ....Did the OPP in fact accept input from ORD in preparing those questions, or otherwise work with ORD to revise its assessment in any way?"

Response: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
> **Date:** August 11, 2018 at 9:00:08 PM EDT
> **To:** "Dunton, Cheryl" <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** "Han, Kaythi" <Han.Kaythi@epa.gov>, "Strauss, Linda" <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov>, "Sisco, Debby" <Sisco.Debby@epa.gov>, "Dinkins, Darlene" <Dinkins.Darlene@epa.gov>
> **Subject: Re: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - 8/10 - glyphosate SAP report-- due next week**
>
> Greetings all. More from the reporter here.
>
> "Over the weekend I had a chance to read the above document dated December 14, 2015.
>
> I don't know if you are familiar with this document but it takes issue with a number of aspects of the OPP's Issue paper, some along the lines of the SAP members' critiques.
>
> At the end the ORD offers to work with OPP to develop the charge questions put to the SAP in Dec 2016.
>
> Did the OPP in fact accept input from ORD in preparing those questions, or otherwise work with ORD to revise its assessment in any way?"
>
> Robert Daguillard
> U.S. EPA
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>
> On Aug 10, 2018, at 10:28 AM, Dunton, Cheryl <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov> wrote:
>
>> I think so. I feel like he's asking us to specifically rebut certain people's comments and we're not going to do that when we've already laid out our position in the response to the SAP. If he finds specific issues that are not addressed in that response we could look in to those.

From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2018 10:26 AM
To: Dunton, Cheryl <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov>
Cc: Han, Kaythi <Han.Kaythi@epa.gov>; Strauss, Linda <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov>; Sisco, Debby <Sisco.Debby@epa.gov>; Dinkins, Darlene <Dinkins.Darlene@epa.gov>
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So I'm happy to tell him Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Should we just consider this inquiry closed?

Cheers, R.

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I don't even know what that means. Our response is our response. We're not going to say anything different now than we said before on the same issues.

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His response just now. I don't know that it changes anything from our perspective, but….

Thanks Robert. I did indeed read the EPA response to

the SAP last week, and it informs some of my questions. I did, however, want to zero in on certain aspects of the EPA's reaction to the SAP recommendations.

Cheers, R.

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Fair enough. I assume our SAP response would also answer the following question?

I'd like to add one important question to the others, so this will be question 8.

8. Chris Portier in his comments to EPA, and to me in an interview, made a large point of the EPA's alleged requiring preneoplastic lesions in animals studies before accepting that tumors found in the animals should be counted in the evaluation. A few panel members also made this point in the Dec 2016 meeting. The argument here is that some cancer types,

including those of interest in evaluating glyphosate, do not show preneoplastic lesions. Ie, the first thing you see is the cancerous tumor in some cancer types. This is an important issue and I would be grateful for a response to it.

Cheers, R.

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I'm not sure what else we'd say outside of those responses. Perhaps he can take a look at those and let us know if he still has questions.

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Got it. That'll give us – and him – a head start.
Thanks, Cheryl.

Cheers, R.

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Robert – I'd ask that the reporter go and read our response to the SAP, linked to in our response to his first question I sent this morning.

For example, our responses to epi issues noted by the panel are on pages 3-6. Likewise, our responses to animal carcinogenicity study issues noted by the panel are on pages 6-10.

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A follow-up to the follow-up: Here are the reporter's additional questions. Let me know if, and how, I can help.

Hi Robert,

Here are some questions that I would ask the agency to respond to. Ideally they would involve a back and forth telephone call to get the nuances right, but I understand that is not possible right now. I am still hoping that even if you provide initial written responses, I might be able to talk to Anna or another staff member with scientific expertise before we finalize the text.

As I said earlier, the idea of the article is to compare the evaluations of glyphosate by various agencies--EPA, IARC, EFSA especially--and guide our readers to an understanding of why they differed. The focus will be on methodologies and interpretations. There will be some discussion of the political context for all

this, necessarily, but it will take back seat to the science.

For my reporting on the article, I have read both the original EPA Issue paper, the report by the SAP on its Dec 2016 meeting, the EPA's 12-page response to that report, and the "final" evaluation which I realize will still be subject to public comment, if I have that right (see below.) I have also read much of the 1200+ page transcript of the SAP meeting, and I have been talking to SAP members about that process.

I am going to try to keep my questions limited and fairly straightforward, to deal with the essence of things and stay out of the weeds, as it were. They will not be exhaustive but neither will the article given our limited space, so that should work out.

1. It was clear from the SAP report and the transcript that many members of the panel took issue with some of the approach that EPA had used to the animal studies, the human epidemiology studies, and the final conclusion that glyphosate was "unlikely" to be carcinogenic in humans at normal doses. And yet it was my distinct impression, and that of several members of the panel I spoke to, that the 12-page response by EPA dismissed nearly all the concerns raised, and adopted only the fairly minor suggestions. Did the EPA conclude that the issues raised by many panel members were incorrect, or that the panel members did not have the proper expertise to peer review the Issue paper? Or is there any other explanation for why so little of the panel's suggestions were adopted in the revised draft?

2. Expanding on the question above: From looking at the transcript, and talking to panel members this past week, it appeared that only a minority of panel members were happy with the proposed "unlikely" to be carcinogenic in humans conclusion. I think a rough estimate would indicate that the panel was indeed "split"--as it described itself in its report--but in three ways: Those who agreed with EPA that glyphosate was unlikely to be a carcinogen; those who would have preferred something in between such as "equivocal" or "inadequate"; and those who thought the evidence was strong enough for a "suggestive" conclusion. So in my estimate, only a third of the SAP actually agreed with the EPA's final evaluation. This is likely to be an important point in my article and so I would be eager to have any comment you care to make on my interpretation of how the panel came down on Charge question no 5.

3. Following on from Question 2: Would it not have been more prudent from a public health perspective, and more consistent with the panel's deliberations, to either withhold a final conclusion for further study, or to adopt the "suggestive" conclusion give the combination of human and animal evidence that the panel considered?

4. On the human evidence: A number of panel members felt it was inappropriate to discount the evidence from the case control studies, despite the negative results in the AHS cohort study, arguing that despite the limitations of the case control studies they all pointed in a positive direction, ie ORs great than 1.0 or meta-RRs great than 1.0 in pretty much every case. As you know, IARC took this as "limited" evidence of human carcinogenicity for glyphosate, and some panel members agreed with that approach. Comment?

5. Several panel members argued that EPA had violated its own carcinogen assessment guidelines in a number of ways. Chris Portier, in his comments to the panel, made similar arguments. The violations included requiring two statistical tests for a positive finding in animals and other issues. I will just ask a general question here, did the EPA follow its own guidelines scrupulously or were errors made in this regard?

6. Portier in particular argued that the EPA had not included a number of animal studies it should have, showing positive results. Again, without getting into the details which would require a telephone conversation, please comment on his contentions in this regard.

7. Any other comments or observations that EPA would like to make would be very welcome and appreciated.

With thanks for your time and attention to this.

Michael Balter
Undark

Cheers, R.

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Cheryl, just so you know, we just sent the reporter the entire response on background – i.e. for attribution to the agency, as opposed to a spokesperson or a specific individual. Waiting for the rest of his questions.

Cheers, R.

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Thanks, Cheryl. In fact, I'd already told the reporter he shouldn't expect one. Sometimes, they're just going to keep on pushing. Anyway, I'll send this on, and see if he comes back for more. I expect he will.

Thanks again, R.

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Hi Robert – see our response below. As I mentioned yesterday, don't see how we could do an interview next week given key absences. Thanks.

Q1. The SAP makes a number of recommendations to EPA for revisions and updating of the Sept 2016 Glyphosate Issue Paper on carcinogenicity. What is the process by which the Issue Paper is revised, assuming that the suggestions of the SAP are adopted?

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Q2. What are the next steps, formal or informal, for doing this, and what is the estimated timeline?

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Message

From: Vizian, Donna [Vizian.Donna@epa.gov]
Sent: 5/11/2018 3:21:00 PM
To: Ivory, Danielle [danielle.ivory@nytimes.com]
CC: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: NYT Interview

Hi Danielle,

I am following up on our conversation from Monday regarding your questions on the emergency response program in Michigan. Here is the response to your questions.

- Region 5 has an emergency response operation that provides effective coverage across the six states within the Region. Approximately 38 On-Scene Coordinators (OSCs) are located in nine separate offices across the Region. The offices are strategically located based on a geographic designation, to allow for quick response to a spill or release in any of the states.

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Sent: 4/18/2018 12:11:17 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: press release East chicago?

Ok got it

Sent from Brigid lowery' s iPhone. 202-566-0198

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> Brigid Lowery | Director | Office of Communications, Partnerships, and Analysis
> Office of Land | U.S. EPA
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To: Kluesner, Dave [kluesner.dave@epa.gov]; Senn, John [Senn.John@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Mears, Mary [Mears.Mary@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: NYCHA press conference

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Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2018 2:00 PM
To: Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; Senn, John <Senn.John@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: NYCHA press conference
Importance: High

FYI

George or John, can you confirm that Susan has received the news Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Pete was particularly interested in making sure that she knows. Thanks!

David W. Kluesner

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From: Margolin, James (USANYS) [Contractor] [mailto:James.Margolin@usdoj.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 06, 2018 1:39 PM
To: Sullivan, Brian E <brian.e.sullivan@hud.gov>; Madden, Darryl <DMadden@hudoig.gov>; Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov>; Kluesner, Dave <kluesner.dave@epa.gov>; Powell, Michael (MPowell@hudoig.gov) <MPowell@hudoig.gov>
Cc: Dearden, Dawn (USANYS) <Dawn.Dearden@usdoj.gov>; Biase, Nicholas (USANYS) <Nicholas.Biase@usdoj.gov>
Subject: NYCHA press conference

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Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Thanks for your continued forbearance with circumstances we wish we could control. We will keep you apprised and let you know as soon as we do about more definitive timing of the announcement.

Jim

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Sent: 4/26/2018 5:10:04 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
CC: Kluesner, Dave [kluesner.dave@epa.gov]; Rini, Sophia [Rini.Sophia@epa.gov]; Rodriguez, Elias [Rodriguez.Elias@epa.gov]
Subject: IMPORTANT: Berry's Creek materials
Attachments: Berrys Creek Proposed Plan Fact Sheet PETE APPROVED.docx; Berry's Creek draft news release PETE APPROVED.docx; Comms Strategy Berrys Creek PETE APPROVED.docx; Talking Points for Berrys Creek PETE APPROVED.docx

Importance: High

Hi Nancy,
We are still going for a Monday, April 30 announcement for Berry's Creek, though there is a very slight chance that could slip a few days.

Attached please find for your review (and OLEM's) the Pete-Approved Berry's Creek Study Area news release, fact sheet, communications strategy and TPs that we would use for interviews. I am thinking you would probably prefer to share with OLEM, but please let me know if you prefer me to reach directly out to OLEM (Matt?).

We also are developing a social media plan to amplify the announcement, which is not yet reviewed by Pete. We should have that done by tomorrow morning.

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From: Kenney, James [Kenney.James@epa.gov]
Sent: 3/5/2018 6:45:36 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Richardson, RobinH [Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]; Bowles, Jack [Bowles.Jack@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Oil and Gas Roundtable
Attachments: Oil and Natural Gas Roundtable Participant Book.pdf

Hi Nancy,
Unless you think otherwise, I would share the attached. It was distributed publicly and internally to my oil and gas workgroup – programs and regions. The attendee list is of those who confirmed they planned to attend. Aside from the eNGOs, we had one tribal person cancel the day of the roundtable. We also made some minor changes to the agenda to accommodate certain speaker schedules.

Barring the release of individual participant email addresses, I don't see why we wouldn't place the attached on the UOG website. I would assume the attached is already in the possession of the press since it was so widely distributed.

Thanks –
Jim

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Monday, March 5, 2018 11:35 AM
To: Kenney, James <Kenney.James@epa.gov>; Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>; Bowles, Jack <Bowles.Jack@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Oil and Gas Roundtable

Thoughts? if we provide we should assume press will get it – was it given to participants at t he roundtable? If we plan to give it out, we should post it on the web with agenda etc. In fact, we need to figure out posting re: roundtable on the web.

Thanks ng

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From: Fan, Shirley
Sent: Monday, March 05, 2018 1:28 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Oil and Gas Roundtable

Hi Nancy,

Is the attendance list for the energy roundtable publicly available? Is this something I can send to the person below?

Thanks,

Shirley Fan
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From: Geselbracht, Jeanne
Sent: Monday, March 05, 2018 12:57 PM
To: Fan, Shirley <Fan.Shirley@epa.gov>
Subject: Oil and Gas Roundtable

Hi Shirley, I read about the oil and gas roundtable in This Week@EPA. Can you please send me the list of all the participants of that meeting?

Thanks!

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Message

From: danielle.ivory@nytimes.com [danielle.ivory@nytimes.com]
Sent: 5/3/2018 5:12:35 PM
To: Vizian, Donna [Vizian.Donna@epa.gov]
CC: Gantt, Melissa [Gantt.Melissa@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: NYT interview request -- Grosse Ile office

Thanks so much, Donna. Monday is totally fine. Just let me know what time would work for you.

Danielle

Sent from my iPhone

On May 3, 2018, at 1:10 PM, Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov> wrote:

> I'm sorry to have to reschedule. We are looking at times on Monday. Melissa Gantt will reach out to you. thanks
>
> **From:** Ivory, Danielle [mailto:danielle.ivory@nytimes.com]
> **Sent:** Thursday, May 03, 2018 11:50 AM
> **To:** Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: NYT interview request -- Grosse Ile office
>
> Hi Donna, I'm sorry, my day is fully booked with calls and meetings. Are you available Monday?
>
> On Thu, May 3, 2018 at 11:42 AM, Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> > Unfortunately no, I am not available tomorrow. Would 4:00 or 4:30-5:00 today work?
> >
> > **From:** Ivory, Danielle [mailto:danielle.ivory@nytimes.com]
> > **Sent:** Thursday, May 03, 2018 11:40 AM
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> > **To:** Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>
> > **Cc:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
> > **Subject:** Re: NYT interview request -- Grosse Ile office
> >
> > I unfortunately have another call scheduled then that can't be moved. Are you available tomorrow? Any time after 2pm est would work for me.
> >
> > Thanks,
> >
> > Danielle

On Thu, May 3, 2018 at 11:35 AM, Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov> wrote:

HI Danielle,

Would it be possible to move our call to 4:15?

Thanks you

Donna

From: Ivory, Danielle [mailto:danielle.ivory@nytimes.com]
Sent: Friday, April 27, 2018 2:56 PM

To: Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: NYT interview request -- Grosse Ile office

Thanks! Have a good weekend,

Danielle

On Fri, Apr 27, 2018 at 2:49 PM, Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov> wrote:

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From: Ivory, Danielle [mailto:danielle.ivory@nytimes.com]
Sent: Friday, April 27, 2018 2:43 PM

To: Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: NYT interview request -- Grosse Ile office

No problem at all. Thanks very much, Donna. What's the best number to call?

On Fri, Apr 27, 2018 at 2:30 PM, Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov> wrote:

Danielle,

I apologize for the delay in responding. Would Thursday afternoon at 2:00 work?

Best,

Donna

From: danielle.ivory@nytimes.com [mailto:danielle.ivory@nytimes.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 8:12 PM
To: Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: NYT interview request -- Grosse Ile office

Absolutely fine. Thanks, Donna.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 25, 2018, at 7:40 PM, Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov> wrote:

> Can I get back to you tomorrow on a day?
>
> On Apr 25, 2018, at 5:58 PM, Ivory, Danielle <danielle.ivory@nytimes.com> wrote:
>
> > Certainly, does Monday or Tuesday work for you? And thanks very much,
> >
> > Danielle
> >
> > On Wed, Apr 25, 2018 at 5:57 PM, Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov> wrote:

Danielle – I would be happy to share the background, however I am very booked this week. Can we set aside some time next week?

From: Ivory, Danielle [mailto:danielle.ivory@nytimes.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 25, 2018 5:28 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: NYT interview request -- Grosse Ile office

Do you know why this decision to move the office was revived under the new administration and why the decision was made to move the office to Ann Arbor, rather than to one of the spaces nearer to Grosse Ile that had previously been considered by EPA and GSA? Who signed off on the closure of the office and moving the employees to Ann Arbor? Again, there have been concerns in the Grosse Ile office that moving the office to Ann Arbor will lengthen the commute to most emergency scenes, not just because Grosse Ile is generally closer, but also because responders are not allowed to take emergency vehicles home with them and will have to drive to Ann Arbor first before going to the scene.

You told me yesterday to reach out to Region 5 and OARM. OARM has not responded and Region 5 referred me back to you.

Thanks,

Danielle

On Wed, Apr 25, 2018 at 5:24 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

> We provided you a response
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
> On Apr 25, 2018, at 5:13 PM, Ivory, Danielle <danielle.ivory@nytimes.com> wrote:
>
>> Hi Liz, just fyi, I haven't heard back from OARM and Region 5 got back to me and said the Washington press office would answer my questions.

Thanks,

Danielle

On Tue, Apr 24, 2018 at 6:53 PM, Ivory, Danielle <danielle.ivory@nytimes.com> wrote:

Thanks, Liz. I will reach out to OARM.

Thanks,

Danielle

On Tue, Apr 24, 2018 at 6:14 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

Please reach out to OARM also, who is copied here. From the ORD chief of staff (for background, not for attribution): "EPA's ORD was down to two staff in Gross Ile as of May 2017 which was costing $400K annually to operate. ORD career staff notified the Agency that they planned to vacate and our staff were relocated to Ann Arbor which is commuting distance away. Our environmental due diligence on the lab work will be complete early this summer."

From: Ivory, Danielle [mailto:danielle.ivory@nytimes.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 6:07 PM

To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: FW: NYT interview request -- Grosse Ile office

I'm happy to reach out to the region and will do so. But -- are you saying that no one in the leadership in Washington was involved in the decision to close an EPA office and move its employees to a different office? That would be very unusual. My understanding is that regional offices are not allowed to make unilateral moves like that without sign off from the political leadership. Am I wrong?

Thanks again,

Danielle

On Tue, Apr 24, 2018 at 6:00 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

> Hi Danielle – Please reach out to the Region directly, who is best poised to provide this information.
>
> **From:** Ivory, Danielle [mailto:danielle.ivory@nytimes.com]
> **Sent:** Tuesday, April 24, 2018 5:38 PM
> **To:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: FW: NYT interview request -- Grosse Ile office
>
> Hi Liz, this is a decision that was in the works during the Obama administration, except that it was officially stopped in November of 2016. Also, the plans for that move involved going a maximum of 11 miles away from Grosse Ile. My understanding that that Grosse Ile employees got official word in November 2016 that the move had been cancelled for at

least the next four years. Do you know why the decision was revived under the new administration and why the decision was made to move the office to Ann Arbor, rather than to one of the spaces nearer to Grosse Ile that had previously been considered by EPA and GSA?

There have been concerns in the Grosse Ile office that moving the office to Ann Arbor will lengthen the commute to most emergency scenes, not just because Grosse Ile is generally closer, but also because responders are not allowed to take emergency vehicles home with them and will have to drive to Ann Arbor first before going to the scene.

Thanks again,

Danielle

On Tue, Apr 24, 2018 at 5:27 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

> Hi Danielle – On background only: This is a decision that has been in the works since the previous administration. All the employees at the facility will continue in their positions at the new location, and all the functions of the Grosse Ile office will continue at the Ann Arbor location. Thank you – Liz
>
> On Tue, Apr 24, 2018 at 5:08 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> > Hi Danielle – Kell doesn't have any knowledge of this issue, but I am following up with the Region and their Superfund director to get more information. Thank you – Liz

From: Ivory, Danielle [mailto:danielle.ivory@nytimes.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 2:45 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: NYT interview request -- Grosse Ile office

Hi Liz, I'm looking into EPA's decision to shut down its Grosse Ile office and relocate those employees to an office in Ann Arbor. I'd like to request on-the-record interviews with Albert Kelly and Vaughn Noga this week about how and why the decision was made. As you may know, many of the staffers working in the Grosse Ile office are emergency responders under the EPA's superfund program.

Thanks very much,

Danielle

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From: D'Andrea, Michael [DANDREA.MICHAEL@EPA.GOV]
Sent: 2/2/2018 3:01:44 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]; schafer, joan [schafer.joan@epa.gov]
CC: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Delaware request for RVO waiver

Yes, Robert. Think this is hq.
Thanks.

From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 9:25 AM
To: D'Andrea, Michael <DANDREA.MICHAEL@EPA.GOV>; schafer, joan <schafer.joan@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Delaware request for RVO waiver

Good morning R3 colleagues. I assume we should handle this one at HQ?

From: Elliott Blackburn [mailto:elliott.blackburn@argusmedia.com]
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 9:20 AM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Delaware request for RVO waiver

Actually, Robert, new but closely related question – is the Philadelphia request from last fall also still under review and in the process of response?

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From: Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 6:58 AM
To: Elliott Blackburn

Cc: Press
Subject: RE: Delaware request for RVO waiver

Elliott, for attribution, if needed, to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

"The agency is reviewing Delaware's request and is in the process of responding."

Regards, R.

From: Elliott Blackburn [mailto:elliott.blackburn@argusmedia.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 01, 2018 1:57 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Delaware request for RVO waiver

I've filed but will continue to be interested in the answer tomorrow.

Thanks Robert.

Elliott

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Sent: Thursday, February 01, 2018 12:56 PM
To: Elliott Blackburn
Subject: RE: Delaware request for RVO waiver

Elliott, turns out both staff members who were looking into your inquiry are out today. Could this wait until tomorrow?

Sincerely sorry for any inconvenience. Thanks, R.

From: Elliott Blackburn [mailto:elliott.blackburn@argusmedia.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 4:54 PM

To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Delaware request for RVO waiver

OK thanks, appreciate it.

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Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 3:53 PM
To: Elliott Blackburn
Subject: RE: Delaware request for RVO waiver

Hope so. I can't make any promises, though.

From: Elliott Blackburn [mailto:elliott.blackburn@argusmedia.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 4:49 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Delaware request for RVO waiver

Hey Robert, any chance of a response on this today?

Elliott

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Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 11:30 AM
To: Elliott Blackburn
Subject: RE: Delaware request for RVO waiver

Good afternoon Elliott,

Are you on deadline?

Thanks, R.

From: Elliott Blackburn [mailto:elliott.blackburn@argusmedia.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 12:19 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Delaware request for RVO waiver

Good afternoon,

Has EPA received a request from Gov. John Carney for a severe economic harm waiver under the Renewable Fuel Standard?

What guidance has EPA given the state so far on whether conditions merit a severe economic harm waiver?

Thank you,

Elliott

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To: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Sinks, Tom [Sinks.Tom@epa.gov]; Orme-Zavaleta, Jennifer [Orme-Zavaleta.Jennifer@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: can you send me the briefing document that folks had in the SI meeting with Andrew Wheeler? thanks ng
Attachments: Scientific Integrity Annual Meeting one pager.docx; Stakeholder Meeting June 4.docx

Of course! Let me know if you need anything else!

Francesca

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Sent: Monday, June 04, 2018 11:11 AM
To: Grifo, Francesca <Grifo.Francesca@epa.gov>; Sinks, Tom <Sinks.Tom@epa.gov>; Orme-Zavaleta, Jennifer <Orme-Zavaleta.Jennifer@epa.gov>
Subject: can you send me the briefing document that folks had in the SI meeting with Andrew Wheeler? thanks ng

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Message

From: Lynn, Tricia [lynn.tricia@epa.gov]
Sent: 4/12/2018 4:58:16 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
CC: AO OPA Media Relations [AO_OPA_Media_Relations@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: TRICIA: CAFO Air Emissions Story/Media Request

Will do.

From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2018 12:54 PM
To: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
Cc: AO OPA Media Relations <AO_OPA_Media_Relations@epa.gov>
Subject: TRICIA: CAFO Air Emissions Story/Media Request

Tricia, this is s follow-up to a multi-office inquiry. OECA supplied the response to the violations question. Do you mind following up with them?

Thanks, R.

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Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** Georgina Gustin <georgina.gustin@insideclimatenews.org>
> **Date:** April 12, 2018 at 12:47:11 PM EDT
> **To:** "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
> **Subject: Re: CAFO Air Emissions Story/Media Request**
>
> Hi Robert.
>
> I hope you're well.
>
> Just checking in on this before our story runs. Am I running this search correctly? Not for attribution, but there have been no violations under the CAA, per this database. Is that right?
>
> Thank you so much for your help!
>
> -GG
>
> On Fri, Mar 30, 2018 at 3:55 PM, Georgina Gustin <georgina.gustin@insideclimatenews.org> wrote:
>
> > .... So, I just did a search. Double checking to make sure I'm doing it right. There have been no violations under the CAA, right?
> >
> > Thanks!

-G

On Fri, Mar 30, 2018 at 3:55 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Likewise, Georgina.

Cheers, R.

Robert Daguillard

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From: Georgina Gustin [mailto:georgina.gustin@insideclimatenews.org]
Sent: Friday, March 30, 2018 3:52 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: CAFO Air Emissions Story/Media Request

Thank you, Robert. Hope you have a great weekend.

-GG

On Fri, Mar 30, 2018 at 2:27 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Georgina, on background, please:

On background: Development of emissions estimation methodologies for animal feeding operations was delayed both due to technical concerns raised by the EPA Science Advisory Board's (SAB) review of the initial draft methodologies in 2013 and due to shifting agency priorities and funding. Overall, the SAB recommended that the agency discontinue statistical model methodologies and instead develop process-based models. EPA has hired staff with experience both in developing statistical model methodologies and working with the animal agriculture industry for this project. We plan to focus on completing the statistical model

methodologies as initially planned. EPA has completed a quality assurance project plan, which will guide our analysis of data collected during the National Air Emissions Monitoring Study as we develop these methodologies. We anticipate publishing a schedule for the development of these methodologies by July 2018.

More information about National Air Emissions Monitoring Study

https://www.epa.gov/afos-air/national-air-emissions-monitoring-study

It's important to note, that EPA believes Congress did not intend to impose EPCRA reporting requirements on farms engaged in routine agricultural operations. The statute does not define "routine agricultural operations," and EPA has previously identified examples of routine agricultural operations. Those examples were not intended to be exhaustive. EPA clarifies in the guidance that it interprets the term "routine agricultural operations" to encompass regular and routine operations at farms, animal feeding operations, nurseries, other horticultural operations and aquaculture.

You may be interested in searching EPA's Enforcement and Compliance History Online database for Clean Air Act enforcement cases for livestock agricultural production facilities:

1: Select the "02-Agricultural Production-Livestock" option from the SIC Code 2-digit selection dropdown menu in the "Industry" section of the "Case Identifiers" section

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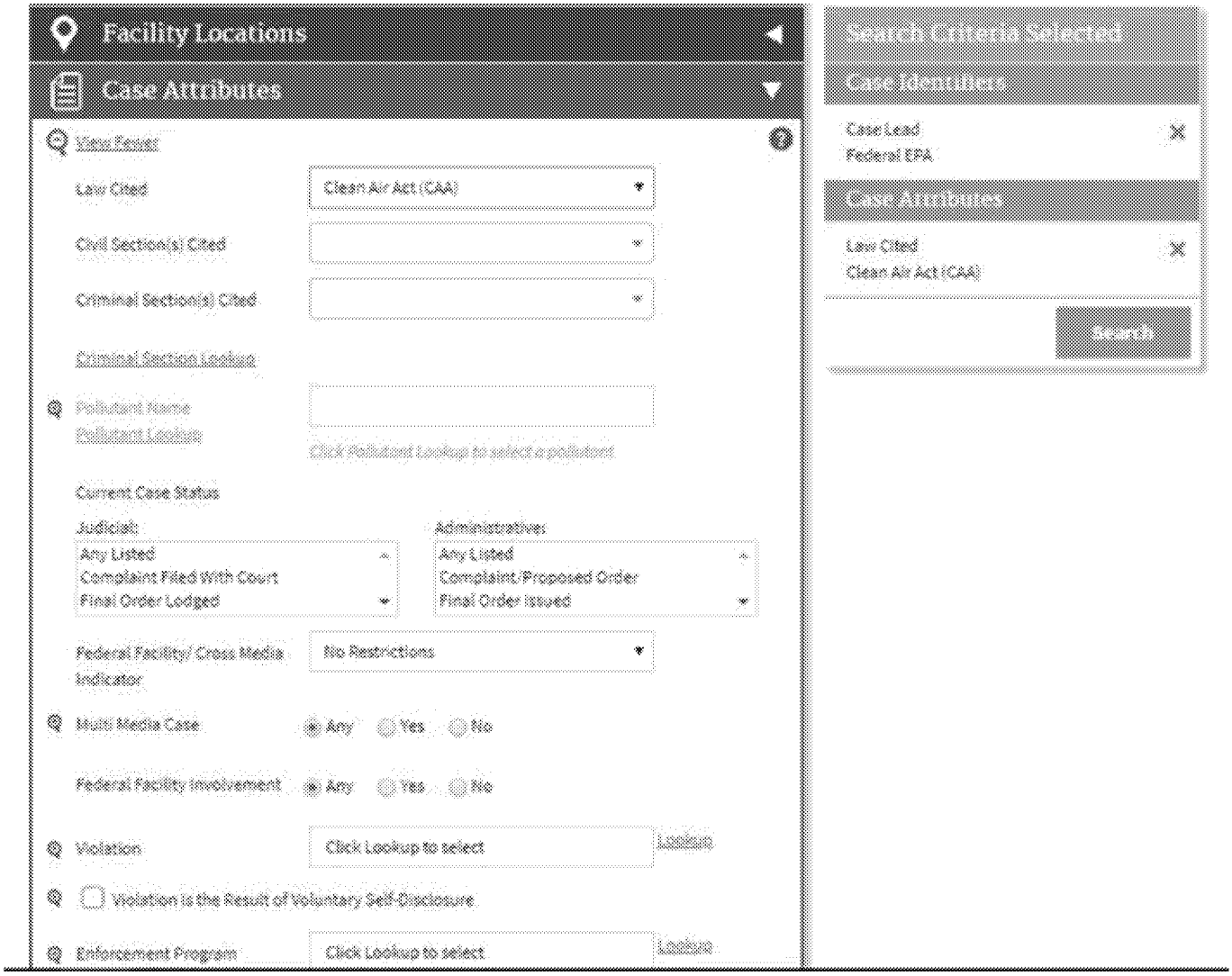

Cheers, R.

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From: Georgina Gustin [mailto:georgina.gustin@insideclimatenews.org]
Sent: Monday, March 26, 2018 12:36 PM
To: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
Cc: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: CAFO Air Emissions Story/Media Request

Hi Tricia and Robert.

Thanks for your note. I hope this helps!

I know the agency has been working on the developing and approving emissions factors for a long time. Can someone explain for why it's taken so long? What the specific difficulties have been?

Also, has the agency ever pursued/fined an AFO for a Clean Air Act violation? When and where?

Finally, under guidance issued last fall, the agency exempted AFO's from reporting air emissions under EPCRA. Why did the agency issued that guidance? Does it encompass all AFOs?

Thanks!

-GG

On Mon, Mar 26, 2018 at 12:23 PM, Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov> wrote:

Georgina—

Can you please share specific questions? The program is having trouble addressing this because it's too broad.

Thanks so much. Please be sure to include Robert in your response as I'm about to go out on leave for the next week or so.

Thank you!

-Tricia

From: Georgina Gustin [mailto:georgina.gustin@insideclimatenews.org]
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2018 1:11 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Cc: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: CAFO Air Emissions Story/Media Request

Hi. Thanks so much for your speedy reply. I'll be working on this over the next few days and it won't run until next week at the earliest.

Best,

Georgina

On Thu, Mar 22, 2018 at 1:07 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Georgina. What's the latest we can get back to you?

Cheers, R.

Robert Daguillard

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From: Georgina Gustin [mailto:georgina.gustin@insideclimatenews.org]
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2018 12:57 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: CAFO Air Emissions Story/Media Request

Hello,

I'm forwarding this on to the main press address, because I just got a bounce-back from Enesta. We'd like to run the story next week.

Best,

Georgina

---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: **Georgina Gustin** <georgina.gustin@insideclimatenews.org>
Date: Thu, Mar 22, 2018 at 12:55 PM
Subject: CAFO Air Emissions Story/Media Request
To: "Jones, Enesta" <jones.enesta@epa.gov>

Hi Enesta,

I hope you're well.

I'm working on a story about CAFO air emissions and am hoping the agency can comment.

I'm looking at:

- The agency's efforts to develop emissions factors.

- The OIG report from last year, stating that EPA has taken too long to develop its methodologies

- New legislation that would exempt AFOs from reporting air emissions under CERCLA

- The agency's 2008 reporting exemption for CAFOs and its guidance from last fall, saying that facilities with "routine agricultural operations" don't have to report.

I'm hoping the agency can explain why it has been unable to develop its emission factors and where it stands on the reporting exemptions under CERCLA, EPCRA and the Clean Air Act.

Please let me know if you need more information.

Thanks,

Georgina

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From: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
Sent: 2/2/2018 10:01:56 PM
To: Gray, David [gray.david@epa.gov]; D'Andrea, Michael [DANDREA.MICHAEL@EPA.GOV]; schafer, joan [schafer.joan@epa.gov]
CC: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Delaware request for RVO waiver

Flagging for Region 3 and 6 colleagues, for awareness.

Have a great week-end.

From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 5:00 PM
To: Elliott Blackburn <elliott.blackburn@argusmedia.com>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Delaware request for RVO waiver

Elliott, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

Statement
Citing the economic impacts of the Renewable Fuels Standards (RFS) program upon refineries in their states, the governors of New Mexico, Pennsylvania and Texas have petitioned EPA to waive the standards. In response, the EPA administrator is asking the petitioning states to provide further data and information. EPA will then be able to fully and fairly evaluate the issue and determine if further relief is warranted.

Background
The Clean Air Act allows the EPA Administrator, in consultation with the Secretaries of Agriculture and Energy, to waive the requirements of the RFS under certain criteria.

Refineries play a key role in providing energy and employment to their communities, states, and regions. EPA understands that the RFS program can have impacts on those refineries, and believes that the program should be implemented with the welfare of communities and regions in mind.

At the same time, EPA must implement the laws as Congress passed them. As the agency has previously indicated, we believe it is critical to have sufficient information and analysis to make informed decisions on such requests.

From: Elliott Blackburn [mailto:elliott.blackburn@argusmedia.com]
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 2:55 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Delaware request for RVO waiver

It does, thank you.

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From: Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 1:54 PM
To: Elliott Blackburn
Subject: RE: Delaware request for RVO waiver

Follow-up: I'm still on it. I'll try getting back to you before COB, if that works for you.

From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 2:06 PM
To: 'Elliott Blackburn' <elliott.blackburn@argusmedia.com>
Subject: RE: Delaware request for RVO waiver

Ah. The states, as opposed to the refiner? That helps.

Let me look into it and get back to you.

From: Elliott Blackburn [mailto:elliott.blackburn@argusmedia.com]
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 2:05 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Delaware request for RVO waiver

I mistyped, by the way – I meant to say Pennsylvania and Texas petitions.

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Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 1:00 PM
To: Elliott Blackburn
Subject: RE: Delaware request for RVO waiver

Elliott, to clarify: Was your question about Philadelphia Energy Solutions? Or about that company AND the state of Texas? Or other entities altogether?

Sorry if I missed something. Please advise.

From: Elliott Blackburn [mailto:elliott.blackburn@argusmedia.com]
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 1:20 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Delaware request for RVO waiver

OK. So EPA is reviewing Delaware's request and in the process of responding, and declines to comment on the status of the Philadelphia and Texas petitions.

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Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 12:18 PM
To: Elliott Blackburn
Cc: Press
Subject: Re: Delaware request for RVO waiver

Elliott, for attribution, if needed, to "an EPA spokesperson:"

We decline comment at this time.

Regards, R.

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On Feb 2, 2018, at 9:55 AM, Elliott Blackburn <elliott.blackburn@argusmedia.com> wrote:

> Response today. Lets me cleanly say that EPA continues to review these requests, if what I assume is true. The requests I remember are Pennsylvania, Texas and now Delaware.
>
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> **From:** Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
> **Sent:** Friday, February 02, 2018 8:40 AM
> **To:** Elliott Blackburn
> **Subject:** RE: Delaware request for RVO waiver
>
> Let me check. You'd like a response today, presumably? Or does the response make the story?
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> ---
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> **From:** Elliott Blackburn [mailto:elliott.blackburn@argusmedia.com]
> **Sent:** Friday, February 02, 2018 9:20 AM
> **To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: Delaware request for RVO waiver
>
> Actually, Robert, new but closely related question -- is the Philadelphia request from last fall also still under review and in the process of response?
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From: Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, February 02, 2018 6:58 AM
To: Elliott Blackburn
Cc: Press
Subject: RE: Delaware request for RVO waiver

Elliott, for attribution, if needed, to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

"The agency is reviewing Delaware's request and is in the process of responding."

Regards, R.

From: Elliott Blackburn [mailto:elliott.blackburn@argusmedia.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 01, 2018 1:57 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Delaware request for RVO waiver

I've filed but will continue to be interested in the answer tomorrow.

Thanks Robert.

Elliott

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From: Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, February 01, 2018 12:56 PM
To: Elliott Blackburn
Subject: RE: Delaware request for RVO waiver

Elliott, turns out both staff members who were looking into your inquiry are out today. Could this wait until tomorrow?

Sincerely sorry for any inconvenience. Thanks, R.

From: Elliott Blackburn [mailto:elliott.blackburn@argusmedia.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 4:54 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Delaware request for RVO waiver

OK thanks, appreciate it.

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From: Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 3:53 PM
To: Elliott Blackburn
Subject: RE: Delaware request for RVO waiver

Hope so. I can't make any promises, though.

From: Elliott Blackburn [mailto:elliott.blackburn@argusmedia.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 4:49 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Delaware request for RVO waiver

Hey Robert, any chance of a response on this today?

Elliott

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From: Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 11:30 AM
To: Elliott Blackburn
Subject: RE: Delaware request for RVO waiver

Good afternoon Elliott,

Are you on deadline?

Thanks, R.

From: Elliott Blackburn [mailto:elliott.blackburn@argusmedia.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 12:19 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Delaware request for RVO waiver

Good afternoon,

Has EPA received a request from Gov. John Carney for a severe economic harm waiver under the Renewable Fuel Standard?

What guidance has EPA given the state so far on whether conditions merit a severe economic harm waiver?

Thank you,

Elliott

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CC: Haman, Patricia [Haman.Patricia@epa.gov]; Thundiyil, Karen [Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov]; Davis, Matthew [Davis.Matthew@epa.gov]
Subject: Heads-up: NOAA-led study on consumer product VOCs in AAAS Science Feb. 15th

All – See info and EPA statement re: noaa study published in Science today.

Thanks ng

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Stories are hitting the wire about this now.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2018/02/15/in-a-surprising-study-scientists-say-everyday-chemicals-now-rival-cars-as-a-source-of-air-pollution/?utm_term=.977a7a74cb83

In a surprising study, scientists say everyday chemicals now rival cars as a source of air pollution

Air pollution over downtown Los Angeles on Sept. 20, 2006 . (Gabriel Bouys/AFP/Getty Images)

In a major study released Thursday, a team of government and university scientists say that the nature of air pollution is changing dramatically as cars become cleaner — leaving

personal-care products, paints, indoor cleaners and other chemical-containing agents as an increasingly dominant source of key emissions.

"Over time, the transportation sector has been getting cleaner when it comes to emissions of air pollutants," said Brian McDonald, lead author of the study in Science, who works for the University of Colorado at Boulder and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. "And as those emissions come down, the sources of air pollution are becoming more diverse."

The study focused on a class of chemical products that give off "volatile organic compounds," or VOCs — petroleum-based odorous substances that, in outdoor air, can contribute to the formation of ozone or even dangerous small particulate pollution. The research found that the contribution of these chemicals to the overall burden of VOCs has been significantly underestimated and is underrepresented in current inventories used to judge the sources of pollution.

The volatile compounds in question take many diverse forms and have complicated origins, emerging from trees and grass as well as from human-made sources such as cars. They are also found in many kinds of consumer and industrial products. The new research in particular cites "pesticides, coatings, printing inks, adhesives, cleaning agents, and personal care products" as key sources of VOCs.

In some cases — pesticides, for instance — these chemical products give off VOCs outdoors. In other cases, the emissions occur indoors and then migrate outside.

One giveaway in terms of what products are relevant, the authors said, is simply if they have a smell.

"Say somebody is inside using perfume, cologne," explains Chris Cappa, another of the study's authors and a researcher at the University of California at Davis. "That smell eventually dissipates. And the question is, where did it go. And there's air exchange with the outside. Those odors dissipate because it's basically getting moved outside. It's just taking that indoor air and exchanging it with the outdoor air. It's not that hard to get things from the indoor environment outside."

McDonald and Cappa completed the research with a team of 19 others from NOAA, the National Center for Atmospheric Research, and multiple universities in the United States and Canada.

The findings do not automatically mean that the substances are dangerous to breathe indoors — the study simply does not analyze that question — but rather that outdoors, they are

interacting with sunlight and other substances, and undergoing other chemical reactions that contribute to outdoor air pollution.

"What we really want to do with this study is just sort of raise the awareness, that this is now, in terms of air-quality implications, for some of these large industrialized cities, this is an important component of trying to meet these air-quality standards," said Jessica Gilman, a study author and a researcher with NOAA.

The study was based on a diversity of approaches — taking inventories of industrial production of products containing VOCs, sampling outdoor air data, and running models of how particles move from indoor environments to outdoor environments and back again. Follow-up research in Los Angeles, notorious for its air-quality problems, found that the prevalence of VOCs in the air from chemical products matched the authors' estimates.

Two scientists not involved in the research praised the work in comments to The Washington Post — and one implied that the regulatory implications of the work could be significant.

"I think this is a comprehensive study," Nga Lee ("Sally") Ng, a professor of chemical and biomolecular engineering at the Georgia Institute of Technology, said by email. "The authors argued that previous source apportionment studies have underestimated [volatile chemical product] emissions as sources of urban VOCs, as those studies did not include many species found in chemical products. Here, they constrained the emission inventory with both outdoor and indoor measurement data, as well as a more extensive chemical speciation than prior studies."

Ng argued that the work suggests that additional research will be needed to determine how much these chemicals are contributing to the formation of fine particles in the atmosphere, the most dangerous form of air pollution.

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"These results have important implications for how and what emissions we regulate," said Brent Stephens, an expert on indoor air and the built environment at the Illinois Institute of Technology, also by email. "We have traditionally focused on transportation and industrial emissions to the outdoor environment. [Volatile chemical products] are now relatively more important emission sources, and they come from both indoor and outdoor sources (and some primarily from indoor sources), although we don't regulate the vast majority of indoor environments."

Stephens noted that proposed budget cuts to the Environmental Protection Agency loom large in this context, because the agency conducts much relevant work on atmospheric chemistry and air quality.

"We typically think of outdoor air pollution as an outdoor problem," Stephens added. "But this study demonstrates (quantitatively) that it's more complicated than that."

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FYI –

NOAA Comms reached out to us about a study that will be released today in the publication AAAS Science. It is about a NOAA study in Los Angeles that found that products like perfumes, paints and other scented consumer products now rival vehicles as a dominant pollution source in Greater Los Angeles.

NOAA had indicated that it was a close hold as AAAS Science was sensitive about anything getting out before they issued their press release (draft below), which is today. NOAA is also doing a web posting (darft also below).

I reached out to OAR and ORD to see if they knew of the study and Clint Woods and John Millett worked with NOAA/OAQPS at Bill Wehrum's direction to pull the statement below together and tweak NOAA's draft announcement.

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Statement
EPA continuously reviews the latest scientific developments to inform its approaches to calculating air pollution amounts and sources. As new methods and information become available and proved reliable, EPA updates its approaches. The agency will review the study and methods.

As a result of EPA clean air protections, monitoring data and emissions inventories show that VOC emissions fell by 42 percent across the country between 1990 and 2016. And ground-level ozone (which is formed in the atmosphere by the reaction of VOCs and NOx in the presence of sunlight) has decreased by 31 percent nationally from 1980 to 2016. The dominant source of VOC emissions in the U.S. is from natural and non-human sources as well as fires.

Background
The Clean Air Act requires EPA to regulate emissions of toxic air pollutants from a published list of industrial sources referred to as "source categories." Toxic air pollutants include mercury, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), benzene and other organic compounds, some of which are volatile organic compounds (VOCs). The EPA has established air toxics standards for 174 industry sectors which produce many of the products analyzed in the NOAA study, including oil and natural gas production, coatings, adhesives and cleaning agents. In addition, EPA has established VOC limits on fuels, vehicles and consumer and aerosol products.

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Nancy,

Thanks for chatting. We wanted to make sure HQ EPA is not blind-sided next week by this study. Our NOAA Comms person in Boulder, Colo., with the scientists says they have coordinated at the regional level with EPA. Specifically, NOAA ESRL Chemical Science Division has:

- made several presentations about this work at conferences where EPA counterparts are present
- communicated directly w Barron Henderson of the Office of Research & Development in N.C. about the work
- is finalizing schedule for lead author Brian McDonald to give EPA staff a presentation on the work in March.
- is coordinating with and has recently reached out to California Air Resources Board, which is very interested in the work - as it is a result of the major, multi-agency CALNEX project in 2012

AAAS *Science* is very concerned about their embargo, so please be judicious about sharing the attached paper. AAAS will issue a news release about it on the 15th. NOAA plans a web story on NOAA.gov.

Please let us know if you have questions or concerns.
-Scott

NOAA weekly report item:
Web story: **NOAA-led study says consumer & industrial products now a dominant urban pollution source.** A NOAA-led team finds the contribution to poor air quality from perfumes, paints, pesticides and other consumer products in the Los Angeles basin is now roughly equal to contributions from transportation. The study found that in the United States, current air pollution inventories underestimate by two or three times

the amount of so-called volatile organic compounds (VOCs) emitted by consumer products, and overestimate vehicular sources. While EPA estimates that about 75 percent of VOC emissions are from vehicular sources, and about 25 percent from consumer products, the new study puts those figures closer to 50-50. The paper will appear in *Science*. *(Thu., Feb. 15)*

Current draft NOAA.gov web story for 2/15 after Science issues their news release
DRAFT ONLY – as of 2/8/18

[hed] **Those scented products you love? NOAA study finds they are a source of air pollution**

Emissions from volatile chemical products like perfumes, paints and other scented consumer items now rival vehicles as a dominant pollution source in greater Los Angeles, according to a surprising new NOAA-led study.

Even though 15 times more petroleum is consumed as fuel than is used as ingredients in industrial and consumer products, the amount of chemical vapors emitted to the atmosphere in scented products is roughly the same, said lead author Brian McDonald, a CIRES scientist working at NOAA.

A paper presenting these study findings was published today in *Science.*

The chemical se vapors, known as *volatile organic compounds* or VOCs, react with sunlight to form ozone pollution, and, as this study finds, also react with other chemicals in the atmosphere to form fine particulates in the air.

"As the transportation sector gets cleaner, these other sources of VOCs become more and more important," McDonald said. "A lot of stuff we use in our everyday lives can impact air pollution."

Pollution sources then, and now

Since adoption of the Clean Air Act in 1970, air quality programs have focused on controlling transportation-related pollution emitted by everything from cars and trucks to oil and gas refineries. But McDonald and his colleagues couldn't reconcile atmospheric measurements made over Los Angeles in 2010 with estimates of transportation emissions. So they reassessed urban pollution sources by cataloging chemical production statistics, by evaluating indoor air quality measurements made by others, and they then evaluated whether the new information filled the gap.

The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that about 75 percent of VOC emissions are from vehicular sources, and about 25 percent from consumer products. The new study puts those figures closer to 50-50.

All emissions are not created equal

The disproportionate air-quality impact of chemical products is because of a fundamental difference between those products and fuels, said NOAA atmospheric scientist Jessica Gilman, a co-author of the new paper.

Fuel systems minimize the loss of gasoline to evaporation in order to to maximize energy generated by combustion, she said. But common products like paints and perfumes are literally engineered to evaporate.

“Perfume and other scented products are designed so that you or your neighbor can enjoy the aroma,” Gilman said. “You don't do this with gasoline.”

A pollution source hiding in plain … smell

Gilman added that researchers studying the problem ended up taking a close look at things they once took for granted. “Some of my colleagues at NOAA literally spent days watching paint dry,” said said. “We learned a lot.”

While the focus of this study was Los Angeles, the authors believe the results are applicable to all major urban centers.

“We hope this study spurs collaboration between atmospheric scientists, chemical engineers and public health researchers, to deliver the best science to decision-makers,” said McDonald. “The strategies that worked in the past might not necessarily work as well in the future.”

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Attachments: Draft Roundtable Agenda.pdf; Draft Roundtable Attendee List (2017-01-17).pdf; Roundtable Background Materials.docx

Importance: High

Participant information was sent to everyone (external and internal). The attached attendee list includes everyone who was sent the email. I'm moving forward on sending out the internal email with deliberative information.

Nancy, any update on the comms from OECA? Speaking with ECOS and IOGCC today again if you want to join re: draft press release. That's at 3 pm Eastern.

Thanks,
Jim

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Hello Oil and Natural Gas Roundtable Participants –

Thank you for agreeing to participate in the oil and natural gas roundtable, hosted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Environmental Council of the States (ECOS), and the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC), on January 23 and 24, 2018 in Denver, Colorado. Attached to this email, please find the following:

- Roundtable Background Materials – A five-page document that provides important information on the roundtable, logistics, participant preparation, and more. Please note that we are asking for your cooperation in providing the pre-roundtable worksheet to the facilitator by **Friday, January 19, 2018** so we can finalize the agenda and jump-start our discussions.

- Draft Roundtable Agenda – A two-page draft agenda. A final agenda will be provided at the roundtable.

- Draft Roundtable Attendees List – For your reference, attached please find a list of roundtable participants. Please email me if you notice an error or would like to update your information. If your ability to participate in the roundtable changes at any point, please contact me as I have a waiting list of prospective participants.

Finally, in the event the current continuing resolution expires on Friday without a resolution and there is a lapse of federal funding, I will contact you by email with further information. That said, I look forward to seeing you in Denver next week and appreciate your willingness to make this roundtable a success!

Sincerely,
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Guys --

The attached adds to the draft provided by Lia. Be glad to discuss.

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Thanks Lia and Martha – Great suggestions, keep them coming! I hope to wrap this document up today.
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Message

From: Valentine, Julia [Valentine.Julia@epa.gov]
Sent: 8/25/2017 3:52:23 PM
To: Graham, Amy [graham.amy@epa.gov]
CC: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Politico: Morning Energy: Texas braces for fearsome Hurricane Harvey, 8/25/17

Ok, great, thank you, Amy

Julia P. Valentine
Associate Director
U.S. EPA, Ofc of Media Relations
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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) m/txt

From: Graham, Amy
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 11:52 AM
To: Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Politico: Morning Energy: Texas braces for fearsome Hurricane Harvey, 8/25/17

I'm fine with your statement, just passing along for awareness.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 25, 2017, at 11:43 AM, Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov> wrote:

> Thanks, Amy. Confirming that I should not send the other comment, since you already sent this one?
>
> Julia P. Valentine
> Associate Director
> U.S. EPA, Ofc of Media Relations
> 202.564.2663 direct
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> ---
>
> **From:** Graham, Amy
> **Sent:** Friday, August 25, 2017 11:34 AM
> **To:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: Politico: Morning Energy: Texas braces for fearsome Hurricane Harvey, 8/25/17
>
> Here is what we sent E&E--
>
> Yes, off the record: this was just a spam email, like many other creative ways to try to get people to click on links and expose themselves to spam.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 25, 2017, at 11:33 AM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

Yes, please do

From: Valentine, Julia
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 11:23 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Politico: Morning Energy: Texas braces for fearsome Hurricane Harvey, 8/25/17

Eagle eyed interns Jess and Nick caught this and flagged it for me. They also sent it around in the clips. This is ridiculous that they printed this without checking with us -- nothing came in to press@epa or individual press officers.

Suggest sending comment like this: "This is not true. Employees were alerted Thursday afternoon that the email you reference is spam, and being investigated, and to not open it. Thursday afternoon to alert them it is spam and should not be opened." – EPA spokesperson

(Awesome work by Jess and Nick. They caught that this was wrong)

From: Sparacino, Jessica
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 10:13 AM
To: AO OPA OMR CLIPS <AO_OPA_OMR_CLIPS@epa.gov>
Subject: Politico: Morning Energy: Texas braces for fearsome Hurricane Harvey, 8/25/17

This article quotes a piece of spam at face value. (Highlighted in green.) The spam e-mail is at the bottom of this e-mail.

Politico
https://www.politicopro.com/tipsheets/morning-energy/2017/08/texas-braces-for-fearsome-hurricane-harvey-024397
Texas braces for fearsome Hurricane Harvey
By: Anthony Adragna, Annie Snider and Ben Lefebvre, 8/25/17, 5:41 a.m.

ACCESS DENIED: EPA leadership has adopted a new social media policy that will see employees barred from accessing many popular sites, according to an email from the agency's human resources office obtained by ME. "Due to recent events in the news we are going to start blocking many of the popular social media sites for employees who do not need them for justified, business purposes," it says. Employees must now complete a mandatory survey on their behavior before a default block takes effect.

From: Howard, James
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 3:15 PM
Subject: Please READ Information--Update to Social Media Policy--This is SPAM

Good Afternoon,

Please do not open this email. This is SPAM and is being investigated by OEI. Thanks for your attention to this. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Have a great day.

"Service First, People Always"

James T. Howard
Howard.James@EPA.GOV
Information Management Official
National Security Information Representative
Office of the Administrator
202-564-0407 (office)
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) (IPhone)

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From: Ferris, Lena
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 12:15 PM
To: Howard, James <Howard.James@epa.gov>; CSIRC-Alerts <CSIRC-Alerts@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Important Update to Social Media Policy

FYI – please check legitimacy of this email.

From: Human Resources [mailto:HumanResources@mail.webproxysecurity.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 11:03 AM
To: Ferris, Lena <Ferris.Lena@epa.gov>
Subject: Important Update to Social Media Policy

Agency leadership has decided to Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP). Due to recent events in the news we are going Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

We need your help to determine if Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) We have created a portal page on our internal network to get each employee's usage of social media so we can determine which policy should be applied to your workstation. Please visit the Portal Page and complete this survey.

Your participation is mandatory and this survey must be completed in the next five business days so we can compile results before the default block policy is applied.

Thank you,
Office of Human Resources

Message

From: StClair, Christie [StClair.Christie@epa.gov]
Sent: 9/8/2017 7:51:13 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW: NY TIMES (Danny Hakim) Dicamba - 9/8

Nancy, I think there may be some confusion here. This statement never got sent to the reporter, as Robert was waiting on 3rd floor approval.

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Friday, September 08, 2017 3:46 PM
To: Strauss, Linda <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov>; StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: FOR REVIEW: NY TIMES (Danny Hakim) Dicamba - 9/8

Thanks .. christie, please say we have nothing further to add thanks ng

Nancy Grantham
Office of Public Affairs
US Environmental Protection Agency
202-564-6879 (desk)
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) **(mobile)**

From: Strauss, Linda
Sent: Friday, September 08, 2017 3:45 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: FOR REVIEW: NY TIMES (Danny Hakim) Dicamba - 9/8

OK by me.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 8, 2017, at 3:44 PM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

> That's what I thought .. so I would prefer we say we have nothing more to add rather a slightly different statement.
>
> Ok by you? thanks ng
>
> **Nancy Grantham**
> **Office of Public Affairs**
> **US Environmental Protection Agency**
> **202-564-6879 (desk)**
> Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) **(mobile)**
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> ---
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> **From:** Strauss, Linda
> **Sent:** Friday, September 08, 2017 3:35 PM
> **To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: FOR REVIEW: NY TIMES (Danny Hakim) Dicamba - 9/8

Nancy, Nancy Beck did approve this yesterday but I'm seeing if there is anything we can say – don't think so. We are being super careful. Linda Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

From: "Beck, Nancy" <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>
Date: September 7, 2017 at 11:05:23 AM EDT
To: "Strauss, Linda" <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov>, "Wise, Louise" <Wise.Louise@epa.gov>, "Schmit, Ryan" <schmit.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: LINDA/OPP: NY TIMES - Dicamba - 9/7

ok

Nancy B. Beck, Ph.D., DABT
Deputy Assistant Administrator, OCSPP
P: 202-564-1273
M: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
beck.nancy@epa.gov

From: Strauss, Linda
Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2017 11:04 AM
To: Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>; Wise, Louise <Wise.Louise@epa.gov>; Schmit, Ryan <schmit.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: LINDA/OPP: NY TIMES - Dicamba - 9/7

Nancy, sent this. OKed by OPP.

From: Strauss, Linda
Sent: Thursday, September 07, 2017 10:28 AM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Cc: Sisco, Debby <Sisco.Debby@epa.gov>; Dinkins, Darlene <Dinkins.Darlene@epa.gov>; Overstreet, Anne <overstreet.anne@epa.gov>; Lantz, Tracy <Lantz.Tracy@epa.gov>; Jewell, Shannon <jewell.shannon@epa.gov>; Riggs, Rebecca <Riggs.Rebecca@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: LINDA/OPP: NY TIMES - Dicamba - 9/7

Here you go, Robert. Thanks, Becky.

As stated previously, the underlying causes of the various damage incidents are not yet clear. This is still an ongoing investigation and we cannot speculate on what the underlying causes of damage may be or what regulatory steps may or may not be taken.

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Friday, September 08, 2017 3:06 PM
To: Strauss, Linda <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov>
Cc: StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: FOR REVIEW: NY TIMES (Danny Hakim) Dicamba - 9/8

Linda ..

Can you have nancy beck look at the followup question and make sure she is okay with response .. know there are subtleties so want to make sure ..thanks ng

Nancy Grantham
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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) **(mobile)**

From: Graham, Amy
Sent: Friday, September 08, 2017 2:47 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: FOR REVIEW: NY TIMES (Danny Hakim) Dicamba - 9/8

Are you comfortable with this?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "StClair, Christie" <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>
> **Date:** September 8, 2017 at 2:40:18 PM EDT
> **To:** "Graham, Amy" <graham.amy@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** "Abboud, Michael" <abboud.michael@epa.gov>, "Grantham, Nancy" <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
> **Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW: NY TIMES (Danny Hakim) Dicamba - 9/8**
>
> Amy,
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> Robert did confirm yesterday that Nancy Beck approved the response below.
>
> The reporter is expanding his question slightly, asking for the data that **we are using** for our assessment, but this answer is still is the most appropriate one.
>
> OK to send?
>
> Christie
>
> ---
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> **From:** Graham, Amy
> **Sent:** Thursday, September 07, 2017 10:51 AM
> **To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: FOR REVIEW: NY TIMES (Danny Hakim) Dicamba - 9/8
>
> Did Nancy Beck approve this?
>
> ---
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> **From:** Daguillard, Robert
> **Sent:** Thursday, September 7, 2017 10:50 AM
> **To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** FOR REVIEW: NY TIMES (Danny Hakim) Dicamba - 9/8

BACKGROUND

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

RESPONSE

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

From: Hakim, Danny [mailto:hakim@nytimes.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 06, 2017 5:31 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Dicamba

Okay, thanks. Is there any data on dicamba being a particle drift issue vs volatility? Thanks

On Wed, Sep 6, 2017 at 4:41 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

> Danny, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:
>
> We are reviewing the current use restrictions on the labels for these dicamba formulations in light of the incidents that have been reported this year. The underlying causes of the various damage incidents are not yet clear, as on-going investigations have yet to be concluded. But EPA is reviewing all available information carefully. We will rely on the best information available to inform any regulatory change.
>
> Thanks, R.

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Message

From: Dewey, Amy [Dewey.Amy@epa.gov]
Sent: 8/10/2017 7:27:18 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: MTE Press Release for Processing

OK, will do, and I will not send out until I hear from you! So please send the release to me! For some reason I am again not on the list. Thanks, Amy

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 3:22 PM
To: Dewey, Amy <Dewey.Amy@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: MTE Press Release for Processing

Close hold until it goes

Thanks ng

Nancy Grantham
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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) **(mobile)**

From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 3:13 PM
To: Orquina, Jessica <Orquina.Jessica@epa.gov>; Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>; DeLuca, Isabel <DeLuca.Isabel@epa.gov>; Sutton, Tia <sutton.tia@epa.gov>; Hengst, Benjamin <Hengst.Benjamin@epa.gov>; Sutton, Tia <sutton.tia@epa.gov>; Burch, Julia <Burch.Julia@epa.gov>; Birgfeld, Erin <Birgfeld.Erin@epa.gov>; StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>
Cc: Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>; Bolen, Brittany <bolen.brittany@epa.gov>; Dravis, Samantha <dravis.samantha@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: MTE Press Release for Processing

Attached, please find the final EPA/DOT press release and signed notice. Julia, can you send this out and it up online? Please let me know if you need anything else from us. Thank you – Liz

Thank you – Liz

Message

From: Graham, Amy [graham.amy@epa.gov]
Sent: 8/18/2017 8:12:43 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
CC: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Puerto Rico

Yes

From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 4:12 PM
To: Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Puerto Rico

Amy, OK to have the reporter attribute this statement to you?

From: Schultz, David [mailto:dSchultz@bna.com]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 4:06 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Puerto Rico

Hi Robert,

Please give me a call whenever you get a chance. I have lots of questions about this statement. Also, I will not be able to attribute this to "EPA spokesperson" as we have a policy against anonymous sources.

David

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David Schultz
Reporter

Bloomberg BNA

703-341-3696
dschultz@bna.com

From: Daguillard, Robert [mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, August 18, 2017 3:58 PM
To: Schultz, David <dSchultz@bna.com>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Puerto Rico

David, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

EPA is working with Puerto Rico's State Revolving Fund agencies and PRASA to develop a long-term restructuring agreement that will reestablish a viable SRF and ensure continued protection of human health and the environment.

Thanks, R.

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From: Schultz, David [mailto:dSchultz@bna.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2017 4:29 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Puerto Rico

Hi Robert,

Just checking in on my request with Enesta from earlier this week. Do you think you'll be able to connect me with one of your colleagues in the Office of Water who can chat with me about the EPA's work with PRASA in Puerto Rico to address their water infrastructure financing problems? I already had an off the record conversation with Andrew Sawyer on this but now I'm looking for something on the record. Let me know if it will be possible to chat with him or someone else either tomorrow or early next week.

Thanks!

David

David Schultz
Reporter

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Message

From: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Sent: 8/1/2017 8:43:02 PM
To: Regional Public Affairs Directors [Regional_Public_Affairs_Directors@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Regional press strategy report
Attachments: Clips from grant releases July 2017.docx

Nancy Grantham
Office of Public Affairs
US Environmental Protection Agency
202-564-6879 (desk)
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) **(mobile)**

From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tuesday, August 01, 2017 4:42 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov>
Subject: Regional press strategy report

Nancy: Would you please share this accomplishment with the PADs so they know the grant releases have been a great success! The 20 local grant press releases we sent in the month of July yielded 51 positive local pro-environment news hits in 19 states! See the document attached for links to each clip by state.

Thank you!

John Konkus
Environmental Protection Agency
Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Affairs
Mobile: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Message

From: Valentine, Julia [Valentine.Julia@epa.gov]
Sent: 9/21/2017 6:34:56 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
CC: Graham, Amy [graham.amy@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: 2017 Service to America Medals Gala Press Information

Here you go:

EPA official who drafted Volkswagen order owns a VW

Kevin Bogardus, E&E News reporter
Published: Thursday, March 31, 2016

The director of U.S. EPA's Air Enforcement Division found himself on the sidelines as the federal government moved against Volkswagen over the company's emissions-cheating scheme.

Why? Because air enforcement chief Phillip Brooks owns a Volkswagen car, specifically one of the models that company had programmed with software to skirt clean air rules.

The EPA senior official's ownership of a 2015 Audi A3 diesel vehicle -- the German luxury car brand that is run by Volkswagen -- triggered an internal ethics process at the agency that led to Brooks recusing himself for nearly two months from taking part in enforcement actions against VW. EPA would later clear Brooks to return to working with federal regulators on the case.

According to a **waiver** obtained by *Greenwire* under the Freedom of Information Act, Brooks' ownership of a VW car raised questions over whether he had conflicting interests as an EPA enforcement official pursuing action against the car company while also potentially participating in a class-action lawsuit against Volkswagen as a consumer.

Brooks' waiver -- drafted by Kevin Minoli, EPA's principal deputy general counsel, and dated Dec. 3 last year -- said the air enforcement official was issued the document "out of an abundance of caution."

"Typically, a routine consumer purchase does not trigger concerns about the appearance of conflicts of interest," Minoli said in the waiver. "This case is different, however, given your role as the Air Enforcement Division Director, and the fact that the Clean Air Act enforcement action may contemplate recall or retrofitting of your vehicle. Similarly, it is also possible that you may be a putative class member in pending civil litigation against VW in relation to the installation of defeat devices."

Subsequently, it was best for EPA to clear Brooks in owning his Audi.

"Although the outcome of litigation may be remote at this point in time, I have determined that the issuance of a waiver in this case is appropriate out of an abundance of caution," Minoli said.

An EPA spokesman said Brooks would not take part in any civil or class-action lawsuit against VW.

"Mr. Brooks is following all legal and ethical requirements concerning his role on the Volkswagen case. He will not participate in any civil or class-action recoveries from Volkswagen," spokesman Nick Conger said.

Brooks himself raised the issue of his car ownership, contacting Justina Fugh, a senior ethics counsel at the agency, on Oct. 9 last year to inquire "whether potential inclusion in a class action lawsuit could be a disqualifying financial interest."

Brooks had already signed a **violation notice** against VW over its emissions-cheating scheme on Sept. 18, 2015.

By then, he was an Audi owner, having purchased the car in July 2015, its price redacted from the waiver. Kelley Blue Book puts the price of the vehicle's make and model at starting at more than $28,000 in the Washington, D.C., area.

At the time when he was buying the car, Brooks was not aware of any looming enforcement action against VW. Nevertheless, the EPA air enforcement official recused himself from the case on Oct. 9 when he notified the agency's ethics counsel.

By the time his waiver was granted in early December last year, Brooks had spent close to two months not working on the Volkswagen enforcement action.

During that time, EPA referred its September 2015 violation notice to the Justice Department for enforcement. Further, a **second violation notice** was issued against VW in November 2015, which wasn't signed by Brooks.

Brooks could have been subject to an official investigation because he owned a VW car affected by the government's enforcement action against the company. EPA's Office of General Counsel consulted with the inspector general, which declined to investigate and did not refer the matter to the Justice Department, according to the waiver.

Nevertheless, the senior EPA official has been cleared to accept a "goodwill" package from Volkswagen under the gift exception for federal employees' ethics rules. The package, which is being given to all affected diesel owners, includes a $500 prepaid Visa loyalty card, a $500 Volkswagen dealership card and three years of free roadside assistance.

Brooks, however, will forgo participating in any class-action lawsuit against VW, according to his waiver.

The EPA official won plaudits from those following the VW case for alerting agency ethics lawyers about his being a VW car owner. Dan Becker, director of the Safe Climate Campaign, works on auto emissions issues and is participating in a lawsuit against the company over its emissions cheating.

"He did what he was supposed to do while the IG took a look. He got his interest out there by publicizing the issue that might be a problem for Volkswagen," Becker said. "I think to his credit he blew the whistle on this and told someone about it. I think he should be recognized for having done the right thing."

Disclosed too late?

Ethics experts questioned whether Brooks was timely enough in disclosing that he owned a car affected by the enforcement action that he helped create.

On Oct. 8 last year, the day before Brooks told an EPA ethics attorney about being an Audi owner, the agency air enforcement official testified before the House Energy and Commerce Committee on the Volkswagen case.

Brooks did not tell lawmakers or their aides about his ownership of a VW diesel vehicle. He didn't mention it on **his "Truth in Testimony" form** or when he testified before the panel in person, according to a review of the hearing's **preliminary transcript**. During that hearing, lawmakers focused on Michael Horn, president and CEO of Volkswagen Group of America, blasting the company for its emissions-cheating scheme (*Greenwire*, Oct. 8, 2015).

It appears that Brooks didn't think it was an issue at the time. Though he participated in the September 2015 violation and in "briefing Congress" about the VW enforcement action, Brooks did not think "ownership of a vehicle would trigger conflicts concerns," according to his waiver.

Public interest watchdogs said the EPA official could have been more forthcoming with lawmakers.

"Anytime he is talking to government and congressional officials about this issue, he should disclose that he owns a car impacted by this, at least when he became aware that he owned an affected car," said Scott Amey, general counsel for the Project on Government Oversight. "It seems a little after the fact. I would have liked it to be more timely."

Amey added that the "Truth in Testimony" form may not have been the appropriate channel for Brooks to disclose that he owned a car affected by VW's emissions-cheating scheme. The EPA official, however, could have brought it up during his testimony.

"I don't know if it would have been appropriate for this form, but during his testimony, right off the bat, he should have disclosed that he was driving one of the impacted cars," Amey said.

"Brooks probably should have disclosed the class action lawsuit to the committee, but he may well have not realized there was a potential conflict at the time of the hearing, and he promptly sought ethics advice from the proper sources afterwards," Craig Holman, a government affairs lobbyist for Public Citizen, said in an email to *Greenwire*.

Nevertheless, Holman said Brooks' seeking the waiver is an example of how ethics rules are designed to function.

"He went so far as to recuse himself from the matter until such time as any potential conflicts could be reviewed and resolved and a waiver received and published," Holman said. "This is how the ethics process is supposed to work."

Nevertheless, Volkswagen could question Brooks' impartiality as an affected consumer as the government pursues action against the company.

"Is Volkswagen aware of this? And have they signed off on it? Are they aware of this and believe he shouldn't participate?" Amey said. "The ethics opinion he received could be an attempt to circumvent that move by saying that this was not a substantial conflict."

Becker also noted that the car company could raise a stink about the EPA air enforcement official's being an Audi owner.

"The only player left is Volkswagen, and they are the opponent in this. They could ask the court or petition EPA to have Brooks recuse himself, which may lead EPA to ask him to sit this one out and have someone else to step in," Becker said. "If I was Volkswagen, though, I would be thanking my lucky stars. This guy is going to be bending over backwards to make sure that he is fair to them."

A Volkswagen spokesman said the company declined to comment for this story.

The German car company is coming under increasing scrutiny for its emissions cheating. A federal judge has given VW more time to come up a court-ordered plan to fix the vehicles (*Greenwire*, March 25). In addition, the Federal Trade Commission has charged that Volkswagen deceived consumers with its "clean diesel" advertising (*Greenwire*, March 29).
Reporters Ariel Wittenberg and Sean Reilly contributed.

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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) m/txt

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 2:33 PM
To: Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>
Cc: Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: 2017 Service to America Medals Gala Press Information

Looping Amy

Julia can you provide clip thx ng
Sent from my iPad

On Sep 21, 2017, at 1:57 PM, Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov> wrote:

> Nancy – heads up and please advise:
>
> Kevin Bogardus is good to interview at 5pm.
>
> He said he will ask these other questions. At least two (the second two) of which could be answered ahead of time, or remind him this is about the career employees and their work, not political issues. Also, their time is limited.
>
> -- Follow up on the fact that Phil Brooks had to get an ethics waiver to work on this because at the time he owned one of the affected Audis. There were a few stories about it. We should talk with Phil about it, and I can pull up the old clip from last year.

-- Will the proposed budget cuts impact the Ann Arbor vehicle testing lab. Byron and Phil will be happy to provide no answer or refer to Amy or you.
-- Question about Administrator not having been one of the Attys Gen to sue the company.

Julia P. Valentine
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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) m/txt

From: Valentine, Julia
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 12:01 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: 2017 Service to America Medals Gala Press Information

Roger

I don't have a number, will add yours from 9:15 am.

Byron and Phil can do after 5, DOJ will get back to us. I left msgs and emails with the Post. Will check with Kevin Bogardus, also, and the Atlantic to see if they still need anything.

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 11:53 AM
To: Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: 2017 Service to America Medals Gala Press Information

Thanks .. can you get to him and schedule for after 5?

Do you have a call in # to use? Can use mine if not

Please send schedule to amy and me once you have it

Thanks much ng

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From: Valentine, Julia
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 11:50 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: 2017 Service to America Medals Gala Press Information

From the partnership press person:

One outstanding press request at this moment is with Kevin Bogardus with E&E News. He can be reached at kbogardus@eenews.net but I'm happy to connect y'all if need be.

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To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
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Last email for now on this. This is the email from the public partnership press person who just called.

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From: Erika Walter [mailto:EWalter@ourpublicservice.org]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 9:16 AM
To: Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: 2017 Service to America Medals Gala Press Information

Hi Julia,

Thanks for taking my call. Below are the press materials for our Sammies recipients. As noted below, the embargo lifts at midnight tonight.

One outstanding press request at this moment is with Kevin Bogardus with E&E News. He can be reached at kbogardus@eenews.net but I'm happy to connect y'all if need be.

Thanks!

Erika Walter
Press Secretary
Partnership for Public Service
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Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** Kari Rea <KRea@ourpublicservice.org>
> **Date:** September 21, 2017 at 9:10:20 AM EDT
> **To:** Erika Walter <EWalter@ourpublicservice.org>
> **Subject: FW: 2017 Service to America Medals Gala Press Information**

From: Kari Rea
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2017 10:21 AM
To: 'brooks.phillip@epa.gov' <brooks.phillip@epa.gov>; 'josh.van.eaton@usdoj.gov' <josh.van.eaton@usdoj.gov>; 'bunker.byron@epa.gov' <bunker.byron@epa.gov>
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Subject: 2017 Service to America Medals Gala Press Information

Good morning, Phillip, Byron and Joshua –

Congratulations on your selection as 2017 Service to America Medalists!

With the gala right around the corner, we wanted to share with you our publicity plans. Please find attached our news release that we've begun distributing to media – this information has an **embargo of Friday, September 22 at 12:01 a.m.** You can also download your Sammies medalist portrait here: http://bit.ly/2fvLoXT. Please note this photo is also embargoed until Friday morning. We ask that you please credit this photo to *Braun Film and Video, Inc.* and only use it with Sammies-related stories, articles, announcements, etc.

We encourage your communications office to put out a news release/statement about your award and share the news internally with your colleagues and through your agency's social media channels. Our hashtag for the Sammies is #Sammies2017.

We expect a number of reporters to attend the gala – so far NPR, The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, The New Yorker, The Atlantic, CNN, Fox News, CBS News, Politico, Government Executive, NewsChannel 8, Federal News Radio, Federal Times, and ABC News are confirmed – plus we have reached out to your local papers for stories too. We may be in touch with additional interview requests, and our goal is to schedule these in advance of the gala so that you can enjoy the evening.

We also wanted to share that we will be livestreaming the gala. We hope that you will encourage your colleagues, family members, friends and neighbors to watch the online webcast. It will be viewable online at the Partnership's Facebook page, live on September 27 beginning at 6:30 p.m. ET.

If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch. Congrats again on your award!

All the best,
Kari

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Message

From: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Sent: 7/28/2017 3:32:16 PM
To: Regional Public Affairs Directors [Regional_Public_Affairs_Directors@epa.gov]
Subject: make sure when you are getting sf/npl quotes from locals/states -- let them know it is embargoed/close hold thanksng

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Message

From: Mears, Mary [Mears.Mary@epa.gov]
Sent: 7/28/2017 3:28:52 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
CC: Kluesner, Dave [kluesner.dave@epa.gov]; Richardson, RobinH [Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]; Guerrero, Carmen [guerrero.carmen@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: AS REQUESTED: Region 2 NPL announcement materials

Thank you, Nancy,
Region 2 hasn't traditionally had state quotes in these NPL update releases b/c the announcement was always very close hold until the very end.

That said, if you want us to reach out today to NY and PR for quotes, we certainly will. I think I might have misunderstood from the call yesterday – I thought this wasn't resolved yet, so we hadn't reached out. Again we can, no problem. I predict that NY will not give a quote (and it's possible they could scoop us) and PR would more than likely give us a quote.

Let me know how you want us to proceed.

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2017 11:18 AM
To: Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov>
Cc: Kluesner, Dave <kluesner.dave@epa.gov>; Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: AS REQUESTED: Region 2 NPL announcement materials

Checking on interviews

Also, no local/state quotes for yours? Thanks ng

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From: Mears, Mary
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2017 11:01 AM
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Cc: Kluesner, Dave <kluesner.dave@epa.gov>; Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>
Subject: AS REQUESTED: Region 2 NPL announcement materials
Importance: High

Attached please find two draft news releases (plus the Spanish translation of Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) and our media pitch and social media plan for the two Region 2 sites.

Barring changes, Region 2 will plan to Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

NOTE: We will definitely get requests for interviews for both of these sites and would like to ask for the ability to grant some interviews if asked, particularly considering we are pitching to reporters.

Likely in Puerto Rico Carmen will be asked to conduct print, TV and radio interviews. Our story there is very good – that facility was so bad in terms of lead emissions that it caused a violation of the Pb NAAQS. EPA cleaned workers' cars and homes where they tracked lead dust and has been working at the facility to cleanup lead up there (the facility is shut down). Our work has been very well received by the community and officials and is supported by PR government.

Likely for the site in Hoosick, we would be asked for phone interviews at least. The New Mayor will be very pleased with the listing on the NPL, as will other elected officials and the community. While we can probably answer some inquiries in writing, it is likely that the local radios will want sound bites. Our senior press officer and/or our SF director would be excellent at interviews.

Mary Mears
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From: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Sent: 7/19/2017 5:56:56 PM
To: anelson@missourinet.com
CC: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Update about St. Louis area landfill plan

Hi Alisa,

For attribution to an EPA spokesperson:

The plan will be released in a few months.

Thanks

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From: Alisa Nelson [mailto:anelson@missourinet.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 3:12 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Update about St. Louis area landfill plan

Hi,

I'm following up on a May 17 story. Scott Pruitt told Fox and Friends that the EPA would soon release a plan to address the radioactive waste at the Westlake Landfill site near St. Louis. Do you have a projected date that this plan will be released. I plan to air a follow up story about this on Thursday morning.

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Message

From: Deegan, Dave [Deegan.Dave@epa.gov]
Sent: 7/19/2017 5:11:05 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]; Bender, Emily [Bender.Emily@epa.gov]; Gutro, Doug [Gutro.Doug@epa.gov]
CC: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: DAVE/R1: Boston Globe query re: use of dry ice to kill rats

Many thanks Robert!
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From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 1:10 PM
To: Deegan, Dave <Deegan.Dave@epa.gov>; Bender, Emily <Bender.Emily@epa.gov>; Gutro, Doug <Gutro.Doug@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: DAVE/R1: Boston Globe query re: use of dry ice to kill rats

Colleagues, FYI. This inquiry is now closed.

Regards, R.

From: Matthew Rocheleau [mailto:matthew.rocheleau@globe.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 1:08 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Boston Globe query re: use of dry ice to kill rats

Great thank you so much!

On Wed, Jul 19, 2017 at 10:43 AM Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

> Matt, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:
>
> The Bell Laboratories' dry ice product called "Rat Ice," is currently the only EPA-registered dry-ice product for use to control rats. After EPA registers a pesticide product, it must also satisfy the state's registration requirements to market it in that state. Once a state has approved registration of the product within the state, consumers or municipalities must purchase the registered product and use the registered product according to the product label.
>
> Rat Ice is a formulated pesticide product. Under the pesticide law, the formulation details are confidential business information and protected from disclosure, but, at the very least, the registered product would have detailed use instructions and precautions.

Cities may only use the registered product.

EPA has had informal discussions with representatives of the city of Boston about the possibility of Boston registering its own dry ice product for rodent control. However, thus far EPA has not received any application from the city of Boston or the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The registrant of Rat Ice has submitted their application for state registration to Massachusetts. It has not been approved yet.

Background: FIFRA requires that before a product can be marketed for the control of a pest, it must be registered by EPA. EPA registers pesticides based on scientific data and other information sufficient for the agency to conclude that it can perform its intended function without posing unreasonable risks to people or the environment. Each registered pesticide product must have EPA-approved labeling, which includes detailed instructions and precautions. Use of a pesticide product in a manner contrary to the approved labeling is against the law.

Thanks, R.

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-----Original Message-----
From: Rocheleau, Matthew [mailto:matthew.rocheleau@globe.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 11:22 AM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Boston Globe query re: use of dry ice to kill rats

Great Thank you!

On Tue, Jul 18, 2017 at 11:07 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:
> OK. thanks. I'll keep you posted.
>
>> On Jul 18, 2017, at 10:51 AM, Rocheleau, Matthew <matthew.rocheleau@globe.com> wrote:
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>> Hoping to get into by the end of the day today, if possible 5pm.
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>> But if that's no do-able the deadline can be extended. Just let me
>> know
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>> Thanks!
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>> Best,
>> -Matt
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>> On Tue, Jul 18, 2017 at 10:20 AM, Daguillard, Robert
>> <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:
>>> Good morning Matthew - and thanks to Dave for forwarding.
>>>
>>> What's your firm deadline and when are you hoping to publish, please?
>>>
>>> Thanks, R.
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>>> From: Rocheleau, Matthew [mailto:matthew.rocheleau@globe.com]
>>> Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 10:10 AM
>>> To: Deegan, Dave <Deegan.Dave@epa.gov>
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>>> regionalpress <regionalpress@epa.gov>; Gutro, Doug
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>>> Emily <Bender.Emily@epa.gov>
>>> Subject: Re: Boston Globe query re: use of dry ice to kill rats
>>>
>>> Great. thank you!
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>>>> On Tue, Jul 18, 2017 at 10:09 AM, Deegan, Dave <Deegan.Dave@epa.gov> wrote:
>>>> Hi Matt,
>>>>
>>>> I'm forwarding your inquiry to my colleagues in EPA HQ who work closely with EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs. They are the best place to answer your questions.
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>>>> Thanks!
>>>> Dave
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>>>> -----Original Message-----
>>>> From: Rocheleau, Matthew [mailto:matthew.rocheleau@globe.com]
>>>> Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 9:25 AM
>>>> To: Bender, Emily <Bender.Emily@epa.gov>
>>>> Cc: Gutro, Doug <Gutro.Doug@epa.gov>; Deegan, Dave

>>>> <Deegan.Dave@epa.gov>; Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov>
>>>> Subject: Boston Globe query re: use of dry ice to kill rats
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>>>> Hi everyone,
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>>>> Hope all is well.
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>>>> This topic is back on my radar as I saw this NYT piece the other
>>>> day that mentions the EPA recently approved use of dry ice to kill
>>>> rats --
>>>> https://mobile.nytimes.com/2017/07/12/nyregion/new-york-city-rat-pr
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>>>> em.html?referer=
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>>>> --I take the Times story to mean that cities are now free to use dry ice to kill rats as long as they use this EPA-approved "Rat Ice"
>>>> product from Bell Laboratories. Is that right? (Or are there other steps cities must take with the EPA before they can use it?) --Is there anything special about "Rat Ice" that makes it different from standard/other types of dry ice?
>>>> --Are cities now also allowed to use dry ice from other companies/suppliers besides Bell Laboratories? Or would that require any additional steps/approval process?
>>>>
>>>> City officials in Boston told me they plan to apply in the next few days to be able to use dry ice to kill rats and they expect to try to apply to be able to use dry ice from any company, not just the "Rat Ice" product from Bell Laboratories.
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>>>> If anyone is available to speak about this more, please let me know.
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>>>> Thanks!
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>>>> Best,
>>>> -Matt
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>>>>> On Tue, Jan 3, 2017 at 12:14 PM, Bender, Emily <Bender.Emily@epa.gov> wrote:
>>>>> Hi Matt,
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>>>>> As a follow to your story on the use of dry ice for rodent control
>>>>> in the City of Boston, please accept the following statement of clarification.
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>>>>> "EPA has not ordered the City of Boston to stop using dry ice to
>>>>> control rodents. We have informed the city that registration of
>>>>> dry ice is appropriate if the intent is to kill rodents. We are
>>>>> working with the city to ensure that further use of dry ice is not only properly registered but
>>>>> safe and effective." Jim Jones, Assistant Administrator, EPA's Office of
>>>>> Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention.

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>>>>> Thanks so much
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>>>>> Emily
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Message

From: Valentine, Julia [Valentine.Julia@epa.gov]
Sent: 7/14/2017 3:05:08 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; StClair, Christie [StClair.Christie@epa.gov]
CC: Hull, George [Hull.George@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: RCRA dataset questions

I have been working with the program on this so I hope we were not duplicating. Had calls with their foia people and Rebecca. We will call you momentarily.

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To: StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>
Cc: Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: RCRA dataset questions

Christie,

Can you give me a call about this – I had a conversation with Michael Abboud about it last night and have a couple of questions.

Thanks ng

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From: Abrahm Lustgarten [mailto:Abrahm.Lustgarten@propublica.org]
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 6:04 PM
To: Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>; StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
Cc: Jones, Lauren W. <Jones.LaurenW@epa.gov>; Mears, Gilbert <Mears.Gilbert@epa.gov>; Kane, Rebecca <Kane.Rebecca@epa.gov>; Meredith, David <Meredith.David@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: RCRA dataset questions

Christie, press office – I'm just asking again. I'm going to press with a significant national story and there are important questions about the definitions of EPA data and the status of sites in the RCRA enforcement database and conflicts between some of that data and the way the Pentagon represents the status of the same sites. I've asked these questions for months, been referred to FOIA, filed through FOIA, received FOIA response, and now that response is incomplete and there are remaining issues to be resolved.

For weeks, I have received no response, no acknowledgement to multiple requests to the EPA by phone and email to half a dozen people.

Is it going to be possible for anyone to answer these questions?

Thank you,
Abrahm Lustgarten
Senior Reporter, ProPublica
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From: "Valentine, Julia" <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>
Date: Monday, July 10, 2017 at 12:41 PM
To: Abrahm Lustgarten <Abrahm.Lustgarten@propublica.org>, "StClair, Christie" <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>, Press <Press@epa.gov>
Cc: "Jones, Lauren W." <Jones.LaurenW@epa.gov>, "Mears, Gilbert" <Mears.Gilbert@epa.gov>, "Kane, Rebecca" <Kane.Rebecca@epa.gov>, "Meredith, David" <Meredith.David@epa.gov>, Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: RCRA dataset questions

In that case, Abrahm, have you reached out to the staffer you were working with on the FOIA? Thanks

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Subject: Re: RCRA dataset questions
Importance: High

Will there be a response to this inquiry at this point? Legally, I do not believe this should not be a press inquiry. It's a follow-up on a FOIA response that appears to be incomplete.

Thank you,
Abrahm Lustgarten
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Date: Thursday, June 22, 2017 at 2:32 PM
To: Abrahm Lustgarten <Abrahm.Lustgarten@propublica.org>
Cc: "Jones, Lauren W." <Jones.LaurenW@epa.gov>, "Mears, Gilbert" <Mears.Gilbert@epa.gov>, "Kane, Rebecca" <Kane.Rebecca@epa.gov>, "Meredith, David" <Meredith.David@epa.gov>, Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: RCRA dataset questions

Thanks, Abrahm. What is your hard deadline?

Christie

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 22, 2017, at 5:03 PM, Abrahm Lustgarten <Abrahm.Lustgarten@propublica.org> wrote:

Hi all,

I sent the following note with some technical questions about the RCRA enforcement database to Rebecca Kane earlier, but haven't yet heard back. Because I'm on a tight deadline, I'm resending to you all more broadly and hoping one of you can help with an explanation. Nothing for attribution/comment – just technical questions to make sure I am not misusing your data.

Thank you,
Abrahm Lustgarten

Hi Rebecca,

I left you a message earlier, and figured I'd follow up by email. I'm looking for some fact-check help in making sure I understand the RCRA data I'm using correctly in my reporting. Hoping you may be able to help me clarify the following:

I've got a dataset for sites in the RCRA database with RCRA Subpart X permits to Open Burn and detonate hazardous explosives, and I'm examining violations for those specific RCRA IDs that correspond to the Subpart X permits. I'm trying to assess whether the violations I see are definitely associated with the Subpart X permits. So my questions are:

- can those IDs correspond to other violations other than Sub X permit violations or is each RCRA ID specific to the OBOD Sub X permit?
- BASICALLY: if I have a facility ID for an Open Burn/Open Detonation Subpart X permit, is that ID unique to that permit, or also used for other RCRA-specific enforcement issues? Ie – if I see a violation under that ID, do I know that it is a violation of its Sub X permit?
  - o For example, if I take Elmendorf/Richardson base in Alaska, RCRA ID: AK1210022157 and put into Echo, I see multiple RCRA Ids for that site, but the ID I am using matches TSDF for its handling and storage of haz materials.
  - o My violations data for that site and the TSDF permit shows 8 violations coded 264.A, which corresponds to a general Treatment, storage and Disposal violation.
  - o Can I understand that to be specific to their Subpart X permit under that same RCRA ID #? Or is it somehow more general?

- Separately, in the violation codes for RCRA, I see several codes which seem to correspond more specifically to handling of munitions and explosives, 264.EE for example. Is there a catalogue with more precise descriptions of these codes that I should use/reference? Would I only want to look for 264.EE violations if I'm interested in explosives and Suppart X, or could Subpart X permit violations fall under other TSD-related violation codes?

Thank you in advance for your help, I'm on a pretty tight deadline, if you have a chance to reply I'd appreciate it.

Best
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Subject: RE: RCRA dataset questions

Good Morning:

Unfortunately, I will have to postpone this meeting until the appropriate communications leads are available to facilitate this call. Thanks for your understanding.

From: Abrahm Lustgarten [mailto:Abrahm.Lustgarten@propublica.org]
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 5:32 PM
To: Jones, Lauren W. <Jones.LaurenW@epa.gov>
Cc: Mears, Gilbert <Mears.Gilbert@epa.gov>; Kane, Rebecca <Kane.Rebecca@epa.gov>; Lena Groeger <Lena.Groeger@propublica.org>
Subject: Re: RCRA dataset questions

Hi Lauren, we're both good to go with 9:30 PT/12:30 ET if that might work for you, otherwise let me know a better time.

Thanks
Abrahm

From: "Jones, Lauren W." <Jones.LaurenW@epa.gov>
Date: Thursday, May 18, 2017 at 12:29 PM
To: Abrahm Lustgarten <Abrahm.Lustgarten@propublica.org>
Cc: "Mears, Gilbert" <Mears.Gilbert@epa.gov>, "Kane, Rebecca" <Kane.Rebecca@epa.gov>
Subject: RCRA dataset questions

Good afternoon:

My name is Lauren Jones, EPA, and I was notified that you had some questions about the publicly available RCRAInfo dataset. I am available tomorrow if you would like to have a quick call. Please let me know what time works best for you.

Thanks,

Lauren Jones, PMP
Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance
Office of Compliance
Enforcement Targeting and Data Division
Media Systems Section
Room 7120
Office Phone (202) 564-0389

Message

From: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Sent: 7/11/2017 11:54:46 AM
To: Regional Public Affairs Directors [Regional_Public_Affairs_Directors@epa.gov]
CC: Richardson, RobinH [Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: WIFIA Materials for 12:30 est PAD call today --- Close Hold
Attachments: FY17-WIFIA-SelectionOverviewFactsheetv2.docx; WIFI Phase 1 Comms Plan Outline_v2.docx; 1_Miaimi_WIFIAProjectFactsheet_v2.docx; WIFIA LOI Recommendations with EJ and Consent Decree Info.pdf; WIFI Phase 1 PR_071017.docx

Nancy Grantham
Office of Public Affairs
US Environmental Protection Agency
202-564-6879 (desk)
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) **(mobile)**

From: Drinkard, Andrea
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 4:42 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Schollhamer, Mary <Schollhamer.Mary@epa.gov>; Thomas, Latosha <Thomas.Latosha@epa.gov>; Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
Subject: WIFIA Materials so Far

Hi Nancy and John,

As per our meeting today, attached are 5 documents for your review for WIFIA:

1) An updated comms plan, which now includes a tick tock
2) A draft press release with a draft Administrator's quote
3) A draft fact sheet on WIFIA
4) A sample fact sheet on the Miami project
5) A spread sheet of all the projects

Message

From: David Heldreth [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]
Sent: 7/10/2017 6:22:31 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Topic: EPA/Washington State Special Local Need Fertilizer/Pesticides for Cannabis Approvals

Furthermore, the state of Washington says they plan to keep these registrations on their list of approved pesticides to be used on cannabis. While the products won't be labeled for the use of cannabis specifically by the registrant, they will be on the state approved list. Is this in violation of the rule that says: If a disapproval is issued, sale and distribution by the registrant or other persons would be in violation of §12(a)(1)(A) beginning on the date of disapproval. Or is the withdraw notice from the state prior to official disapproval effectively circumventing this rule by never getting a formal disapproval and instead the EPA has so far only sent letters of intent to disapprove?

David Heldreth
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On Mon, Jul 10, 2017 at 11:13 AM, David Heldreth <Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)> wrote:

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If the states and General Hydroponics withdraw their applications, will they be able to reapply after comment is given regarding the EPA denial and cancelation in the federal register? Could comment from the public after the publication cause the EPA to change their decision?

Has the EPA had any of the aforementioned states file appeals or try to overturn the EPA decision? How would they do so?

David Heldreth

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FIFRA permits individual states that have unique or unusual pest management challenges to pursue a state pesticide registration when a national registration may not be necessary or appropriate. States are permitted to register an additional use of a pesticide that is already registered for another use as Special Local Needs (SLN) registrations under FIFRA section 24(c); however, they must submit them to EPA for review subsequent to registration by the state.

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Nancy Grantham

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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) **(mobile)**

From: David Heldreth [mailto: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 2:28 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Topic: EPA/Washington State Special Local Need Fertilizer/Pesticides for Cannabis Approvals

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Thanks for your help,

David Heldreth

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Sent from my iPhone

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Yes, we have received the letters from WSDA electronically.

3. What is EPA's timing on the review/approval process?

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Warm regards, R.

Robert Daguillard

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Message

From: Grevatt, Peter [Grevatt.Peter@epa.gov]
Sent: 5/2/2017 3:45:46 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Wadlington, Christina [Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov]
CC: Burneson, Eric [Burneson.Eric@epa.gov]; Thompkins, Anita [Thompkins.Anita@epa.gov]; Mclain, Jennifer [Mclain.Jennifer@epa.gov]; Travers, David [Travers.David@epa.gov]
Subject: NRDC Report
Attachments: FINAL Safe Drinking Water Report 17-02-A_hr08 ALLsmall[1].pdf

EPA system delayed delivery of Erik's email. Here is the report, that just arrived in my inbox

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From: Olson, Erik [mailto:eolson@nrdc.org]
Sent: Tuesday, May 02, 2017 10:13 AM
To: Grevatt, Peter <Grevatt.Peter@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Just left you a voicemail

Sure. Here is the report. it's embargoed until 11:00 so please no statement until after then and please hold close until the embargo is lifted. happy to discuss. Thanks!
Erik

ERIK D. OLSON
Director, Health & Environment Program
Senior Strategic Director Food & Health

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From: Grevatt, Peter [mailto:Grevatt.Peter@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 02, 2017 8:38 AM
To: Olson, Erik
Subject: Just left you a voicemail

Hi Erik. Can you send me a copy of the report you are releasing today?

Message

From: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
Sent: 3/16/2017 6:26:58 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Valentine, Julia [Valentine.Julia@epa.gov]; Deegan, Dave [Deegan.Dave@epa.gov]; Bender, Emily [Bender.Emily@epa.gov]; Gutro, Doug [Gutro.Doug@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Subject: Re: from a CTMirror reporter

FYI

From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 2:22 PM
To: 'Jan Ellen Spiegel' < Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Subject: RE: Subject: Re: from a CTMirror reporter

Ellen, a quick follow-up, for attribution to Julia or to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

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Also where it says eliminates more than 50 EPA programs - do we know what those are?

EPA Answer: The budget blueprint reflects the President's priorities of preserving clean air and water as well as to ease the burden of costly regulations to industry. Administrator Pruitt is committed to leading the EPA in a more effective, more focused, less costly way as we partner with states to fulfill the agency's core mission.

From: Jan Ellen Spiegel [mailto Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 9:58 AM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Subject: Re: from a CTMirror reporter

Well it says right in there 50 programs - SOMEONE knows what they are. When it says regional efforts - SOMEONE knows what they are.
These are people's lives we're talking about here.

Jan Ellen Spiegel
203-483-1227
Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) [illegible]
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Twitter: janellens

On Mar 16, 2017, at 9:01 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

> Good morning Jan,
>
> For attribution to Julia Valentine or to "an EPA spokesperson," please:
>
> We are not commenting at this early stage in the process.

Thanks, R.

From: Jan Ellen Spiegel [mailto Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Sent: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 11:18 PM
To: Deegan, Dave <Deegan.Dave@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: from a CTMirror reporter

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Thanks

Jan Ellen Spiegel
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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) (m)

Message

From: Gray, David [gray.david@epa.gov]
Sent: 2/10/2017 12:04:24 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Document1 (003).docx bio 3
Attachments: Document1 (004).docx

I think this should work.

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2017 5:04 PM
To: Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Document1 (003).docx bio 3

As discussed .. close hold

Nancy Grantham
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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) **(mobile)**

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2017 10:14 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: Document1 (003).docx bio 3

Message

From: Valentine, Julia [Valentine.Julia@epa.gov]
Sent: 2/9/2017 7:21:19 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: NANCY Fwd: Seeking clarification regarding your comment on the Pebble project

Disregard my other email, just saw your response here.

Thanks!

Julia P. Valentine
Assoc. Dir./Acting Dir.
U.S. EPA, Ofc of Media Relations
202.564.2663 direct
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) m/txt

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2017 2:12 PM
To: Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: NANCY Fwd: Seeking clarification regarding your comment on the Pebble project

Ongoing litigation thanks ng

Nancy Grantham
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Sent: Thursday, February 09, 2017 10:28 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
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How do you want to handle?

Julia P. Valentine
Office of Media Relations
202.564.2663
Sent from USEPA iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

Resent-From: <Press@epa.gov>
From: "Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)"
Date: February 9, 2017 at 10:16:23 AM EST
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Seeking clarification regarding your comment on the Pebble project
Reply-To: "Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)"

Hi,
I appreciate your sending me the below comment on the Pebble project.
But could you please clarify. You say "pending litigation." Do you mean additional litigation may come up? Or are you referring to the ongoing litigation?
Many thanks,
Sonya
**

Hi Sonya,

For attribution to the
agency or an agency spokesperson:
We cannot comment on matters involving
pending litigation.

Thanks

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US EPA Headquarters
Washington, DC

Message

From: Nowotarski, Allison [nowotarski.allison@epa.gov]
Sent: 2/1/2017 10:24:21 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Subject: Feb 1.docx
Attachments: Feb 1.docx

Message

From: Torma, Tim [Torma.Tim@epa.gov]
Sent: 4/7/2017 4:19:38 AM
To: Bolen, Brittany [bolen.brittany@epa.gov]
CC: Rees, Sarah [rees.sarah@epa.gov]; Flynn, Mike [Flynn.Mike@epa.gov]; Richardson, RobinH [Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Subject: Items for April 7 Daily Hot issues Meeting
Attachments: OCSPP weekly report - April 6 2017.docx; Daily Hot Topics 04-07-2017.docx

Brittany,

Attached are suggested items for the Hot Issues meeting tomorrow. As usual for Friday, it is a long list – more than is practical to get through in one sitting. This will likely provide enough material for at least two meetings.

As far as I can tell, the only weekly report not included in this triage is Region 2 who had not submitted one yet.

I am also attaching the entire weekly report from OCSPP -- they had a lot more than I could put on the agenda and much of it seemed like it might be worthy of attention.

Please feel free to contact me by email or phone Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) if anything should come up that I might be able to help with.

Have a great week.

Tim Torma
Senior Advisor
U.S. EPA Office of Policy
202-566-2864

Message

From: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
Sent: 8/10/2018 8:29:04 PM
To: Dowdell, Jaimi L. (Reuters) [Jaimi.Dowdell@thomsonreuters.com]
CC: Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Subject: Reporter inquiry: Survey on civil litigation

Jaimi, for attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson," please:

"We are not aware of any such civil litigation guidance or policy for the EPA

EPA filings with a court within the context of private civil litigation case where EPA is not a party would be a public record. For instance, if DOJ were to file a motion to intervene on behalf of EPA, that motion would be on record with the court. You should be able to access any such motions with a court record search.

Though the timeframe of this request spans more than a decade and EPA has not conducted an exhaustive search of all its records, EPA does not believe that it has taken regulatory action since 2006 based, even in part, on information gathered during civil litigation relating to a recalled product."

Cheers, R.

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Cc: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
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Thanks to you both!

From: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
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Hi, Robert and Tricia. Thanks for chatting with me Monday. I just wanted to check in with you on this.
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CC: Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Subject: Reporter inquiry: Survey on civil litigation

Jaimi, for attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson," please:

"We are not aware of any such civil litigation guidance or policy for the EPA

EPA filings with a court within the context of private civil litigation case where EPA is not a party would be a public record. For instance, if DOJ were to file a motion to intervene on behalf of EPA, that motion would be on record with the court. You should be able to access any such motions with a court record search.

Though the timeframe of this request spans more than a decade and EPA has not conducted an exhaustive search of all its records, EPA does not believe that it has taken regulatory action since 2006 based, even in part, on information gathered during civil litigation relating to a recalled product."

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Subject: RE: Subject: Reporter inquiry: Survey on civil litigation

Thanks to you both!

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On Aug 10, 2018, at 12:21 PM, Dowdell, Jaimi L. (Reuters) <Jaimi.Dowdell@thomsonreuters.com> wrote:

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From: Vizian, Donna [Vizian.Donna@epa.gov]
Sent: 6/13/2019 1:09:30 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Kamen, Mara [kamen.mara@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Wheelhouse Challenge

I am good with this. I'd like Mara to weigh in.

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2019 8:25 AM
To: Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>; Kamen, Mara <kamen.mara@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Wheelhouse Challenge

Please see attached – close hold –

Any edits/comments you would like me to pass along? This is on a fast track thanks ng

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From: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Sent: Monday, June 10, 2019 7:08 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Molina, Michael <molina.michael@epa.gov>; Darwin, Henry <darwin.henry@epa.gov>; Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: Wheelhouse Challenge

Nancy, can you please take a look at this and see if you can come up with a couple of banners as well. I would appreciate your input/edits. Thank you.

- Andrew

Message

From: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
Sent: 6/27/2019 6:19:09 PM
To: Taheri, Diane [Taheri.Diane@epa.gov]; Bokun, Lisa [Bokun.Lisa@epa.gov]; Hubbard, Joseph [Hubbard.Joseph@epa.gov]; Durant, Jennah [Durant.Jennah@epa.gov]
CC: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Subject: Question about PROCELLACOR EC

Good afternoon R6 colleagues,

FYI, this inquiry is now closed.

Cheers, R.

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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) (M)

From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2019 11:20 AM
To: Julie couch < Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>; Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Subject: Question about PROCELLACOR EC

Good morning Julie,

For attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson," please.

Has ProcellaCOR EC ever been tested in the United States? Has ProcellaCOR EC ever been sold in the United States?

ProcellaCOR EC is a registered herbicide. It has been both tested and sold in the United States. The label for ProcellaCOR EC is available on EPA's website under registration number 67690-80 and is located for public review on our Pesticide Product and Label System.

What is the EPA Process (if any) for allowing a herbicide to be sold in the U.S. What procedures (testing, etc.) does the company have to take after the herbicide is registered with the EPA?

The process of registering a pesticide is a scientific, legal and administrative procedure through which EPA examines:

- The ingredients of the pesticide;
- The particular site or crop where it is to be used;
- The amount, frequency and timing of its use; and
- Storage and disposal practices.

- Scientific data to evaluate toxicity, potential exposure and potential risks to human health and the environment, including the potential for pesticide residues on food (if applicable).

The company is required by statute to provide sufficient scientific data for EPA to determine that the product and its use meet the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act safety standard, as well as the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act if its use may leave residues in food.

More information on the pesticide registration process can be found on our website.

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From: Julie couch <Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2019 2:02 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Subject: Question about PROCELLACOR EC

Thank you -- I live in the world of the past -- no acronyms or smart phones!

I do appreciate any information your colleagues can give me about this herbicide. Since I have been researching this issue, I have been learning about it. I am happy to have your colleagues' assistance. Herbicide research is not something I have done.

On Tuesday, June 25, 2019, 12:18:39 PM CDT, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Sorry: Close of Business.

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On Jun 25, 2019, at 12:56 PM, Julie couch < Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) > wrote:

> Mr. Daguillard:
>
> You will find this to be humorous -- what does COB stand for?
>
> Friday COB should be fine depending upon what COB means.

Julie Couch

On Tuesday, June 25, 2019, 11:05:11 AM CDT, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks. Would, say, Friday COB work for you?

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On Jun 25, 2019, at 11:55 AM, Julie couch < Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) wrote:

Dear Mr. Daguillard:

Good to hear from the EPA -- I am hoping to write a column this week. I may have enough material to write two columns. How long will the research take?

In a second e-mail to Sarah Meadows, I had added a third question. My questions are:

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I will appreciate your assistance!

Julie Couch
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Good morning Ms. Couch,

My colleagues from EPA's pesticides and toxic chemicals program forwarded me your inquiry. We're happy to work on your questions. Perhaps you could share a deadline? When are you hoping to publish your column?

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From: Julie couch < Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) >
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2019 2:54 PM
To: Meadows, Sarah <Meadows.Sarah@epa.gov>
Subject: Question about PROCELLACOR EC

Dear Ms. Meadows: The Payne County Horticulturist first gave me you name as a contact to EPA about the above herbicide. I then found your name also as the EPA contact person on the registration information.

I write a column for the Stillwater OK News Press -- Oklahoma State has a project where they plan to use this herbicide. I have been researching this topic. I have two questions:

1. Has this product ever been tested in the United States?

2. Has this product ever been sold in the United States?

I will appreciate you assistance.

Julie Couch

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PS I notice you have a phone number listed - I will call you also.

Message

From: Shiffman, Cari [Shiffman.Cari@epa.gov]
Sent: 7/25/2019 8:38:53 PM
To: Brazauskas, Joseph [brazauskas.joseph@epa.gov]; Richardson, RobinH [Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]; Voyles, Travis [Voyles.Travis@epa.gov]
CC: Dieu, Martin [Dieu.Martin@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; DeBell, Kevin [debell.kevin@epa.gov]; Hull, George [Hull.George@epa.gov]; Fisher, Mike [Fisher.Mike@epa.gov]; Traylor, Patrick [traylor.patrick@epa.gov]; Bodine, Susan [bodine.susan@epa.gov]; Starfield, Lawrence [Starfield.Lawrence@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Close Hold: Question from the State Department re: 3M and current enforcement actions

Joe,

We received an inquiry today from the State Department on giving an award to 3M. They need a response today. Would you like us to send a response or would you prefer for OCIR to follow-up with State? Please let us know. And let me know if you have any additional questions.

Under EPA's compliance screening guidance, if this were an EPA award, OECA would not recommend giving 3M an award for corporate excellence. EPA has a number of ongoing civil investigations and enforcement actions involving 3M across the country. For example, in response to a violation of a current TSCA order regarding PFAS, EPA has initiated a multi-media investigation of operations at 3M's Decatur, Alabama facility (this facility in particular has received a lot of media attention).

Thanks,

Cari Shiffman, Chief of Staff
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From: Shiffman, Cari
Sent: Thursday, July 25, 2019 2:10 PM
To: MacCurdy, Carol L <MacCurdyCL@state.gov>
Cc: Fisher, Mike <Fisher.Mike@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Close Hold: Question from the State Department re: 3M and current enforcement actions

Carol,

Given the short turnaround time, we may only be able to give you a cursory answer today, but I will see what I can get back to you by COB or tomorrow morning.

Thanks,

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To: Shiffman, Cari <Shiffman.Cari@epa.gov>

Cc: Fisher, Mike <Fisher.Mike@epa.gov>
Subject: Close Hold: Question from the State Department re: 3M and current enforcement actions

Dear Ms. Shiffman:

Mike Fischman gave me your name. I'd like to have your help in Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) The award comes with a lot of publicity for the winner, including events with the Secretary of State. Our internal vetting report turned up some troubling news stories about large settlements with 3M for PFAS/PFOA releases into U.S. rivers and drinking water. My question: while 3M has admitted wrongdoing in the past, have they recently cleaned up their act? Or, are there continued violations of the Toxic Controlled Substances Act, even after consent decrees?

I'm afraid there isn't much time. A recommendation memo is supposed to go forward tomorrow. Could you please help us with this?

Thank you for whatever you can do.

Sincerely, Carol Lynn

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"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." *Margaret Mead*

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Sent: 5/3/2019 4:05:08 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
CC: AO OPA Internal Communications [AO_OPA_Internal_Communications@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Congratulations on your selection as a 2019 Service to America finalist!
Attachments: Sammies_Finalists_2019_Social_Media_Toolkit.pdf; 2019 Sammies finalists news release_FINAL.pdf; WBoyes profile.doc

All-Per the below, we've received the information on EPA's one 2019 Sammies finalist, Will Boyes of ORD. Per the below, we can start using this material Monday morning, until then it is embargoed. Thanks, Nancy C.

From: Jim Seymour <JSeymour@ourpublicservice.org>
Sent: Friday, May 03, 2019 12:01 PM
To: Coviello, Nancy <Coviello.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Nola Tolsma <NTolsma@ourpublicservice.org>
Subject: FW: Congratulations on your selection as a 2019 Service to America finalist!

Hi Nancy,

Thanks for checking in. Here is a copy of the news release and media toolkit we sent to EPA finalist, Will Boyes, end of day yesterday. I've also included the profile article about Will's work and accomplishments that will be release on the Sammies website Sunday night. You're welcome to use these materials in preparing the staff wide PSRW message from the Administrator on Monday or later.

Best,

Jim Seymour
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From: Onamé Thompson
Sent: Thursday, May 02, 2019 6:11 PM
To: Boyes, William <Boyes.William@epa.gov>
Cc: Jones, Marjorie <Jones.Marjorie@epa.gov>
Subject: Congratulations on your selection as a 2019 Service to America finalist!

Hello again Will,

Onamé Thompson here, the Partnership for Public Service's press secretary. As promised, please find attached our press release, which we will be distributed nationwide this Sunday, May 5 at 6:00 p.m. EST to help kick off **Public Service Recognition Week** (May 5-11). **Please note, the press release as well as all of the finalist names are under embargo until Sun., May 5 at 6:00 p.m. ET.**

We encourage your agency's communications office to put out a news release/statement about your award and share the news internally with your colleagues and through your agency's social media channels. Please also feel free to pass

along any news outlets that you would like us to get in touch with. In the meantime, attached is our **2019 Sammies Social Media Toolkit** – complete with important web links, handles, sample posts and our #Sammies2019 hashtag – that you are welcome and encouraged to use.

So far, a total of **six media personnel representing five different media outlets have RSVP'ed to attend/cover** this year's awards breakfast, with many more expected in the coming days. These outlets include *The New Yorker, CyberFeds, Federal News Network, Government Executive* and *The Federal Manager* magazine. Please note, I will be actively reaching out to many more media outlets throughout the weeks/months ahead, to include your local papers, alma maters and other national outlets. I will circle back with you as interview requests come in.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me (or our social media associate, Meredith) at the contact info below.

Congratulations AGAIN on becoming a finalist this year and thank YOU for everything you do for our nation!

All the best,

Onamé and Meredith

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From: Onamé Thompson
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2019 4:13 PM
To: Boyes, William <Boyes.William@epa.gov>
Cc: Jones, Marjorie <Jones.Marjorie@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Partnership for Public Service and interview request from E&E News

He is ready for you anytime between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. tomorrow, as well as Friday – whichever works for you. He is super flexible and understands you are pretty busy tomorrow. Right now, he is ready for either window. If you have time tomorrow at 2 p.m. great but if you end up not having time… he can talk with you anytime on Friday.

From: Boyes, William <Boyes.William@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2019 4:03 PM
To: Onamé Thompson <OThompson@ourpublicservice.org>
Cc: Jones, Marjorie <Jones.Marjorie@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Partnership for Public Service and interview request from E&E News

So is he expecting me to call tomorrow at 2:00?

From: Onamé Thompson <OThompson@ourpublicservice.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 01, 2019 3:51 PM
To: Boyes, William <Boyes.William@epa.gov>
Cc: Jones, Marjorie <Jones.Marjorie@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Partnership for Public Service and interview request from E&E News

FYI – I have confirmed with the Kevin at E&E News that your interview days/times work for him. When you phone him, please use his office line at 202-446-0401. Thanks!

From: Onamé Thompson
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2019 3:33 PM
To: Boyes, William <Boyes.William@epa.gov>
Cc: Jones, Marjorie <Jones.Marjorie@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Partnership for Public Service and interview request from E&E News

Good afternoon Will,

Thank you for circling back so quickly and for passing along the photo. I have given the reporter a heads up that you will be calling him tomorrow or Friday. Have a nice afternoon!

Onamé

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From: Boyes, William <Boyes.William@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2019 3:23 PM
To: Onamé Thompson <OThompson@ourpublicservice.org>
Cc: Jones, Marjorie <Jones.Marjorie@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Partnership for Public Service and interview request from E&E News

Hi Oname

Today and tomorrow are pretty busy. I could talk with him between 2:00-3:00 pm tomorrow, or anytime on Friday (I'd be calling from home on Friday).

I've attached a head-shot.

Will

From: Onamé Thompson <OThompson@ourpublicservice.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 01, 2019 2:00 PM
To: Boyes, William <Boyes.William@epa.gov>
Cc: Jones, Marjorie <Jones.Marjorie@epa.gov>
Subject: Partnership for Public Service and interview request from E&E News
Importance: High

Good afternoon William,

My name is Onamé and I am the press secretary at the Partnership for Public Service. **Reporter** Kevin Bogardus **w/ E&E News** is writing a story about this year's *Service to America Medals* and has requested a phone interview with you about being named one of this year's finalists. As such, he would like to interview you anytime between now and close of business on Friday. **Might you be willing and available to chat with him?**

If so, Kevin can be reached via his office at 202-446-0401 or cell at 202-247-7844, and his interview questions are as follows: How long have you served in government? How old are you? What are you most proud of in your work? What impact has your work had? What was your reaction to being named a 2019 Sammies finalist? ***Additionally, if you have ANY headshots you wish to pass along to the reporter, please feel free to send them my way.****

Last but not least, the reporter's story will NOT run until after 6 p.m. EST on Sunday, May 5. I will be sending you both an embargoed copy of our Sammies finalist press release and communications toolkit tomorrow (May 2) as it is still being finalized. Please stand by.

Thank you, hope to hear from you soon and if you have any questions please let me know.

Onamé

Note. This reporter also requested interviews with two other finalists.

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Message

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Sent: 3/6/2019 4:37:39 PM
To: Richardson, RobinH [Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]; Bowles, Jack [Bowles.Jack@epa.gov]; Klasen, Matthew [Klasen.Matthew@epa.gov]; Kaiser, Sven-Erik [Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: 03-06-19ltr-to-wheeler-pfas-action-plan.pdf

fyi

-----Original Message-----
From: Abboud, Michael
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 11:29 AM
To: Annie Snider <asnider@politico.com>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: 03-06-19ltr-to-wheeler-pfas-action-plan.pdf

Here you are.

On-the-record: "PFAS is a top priority for this administration and EPA. The Trump Administration is the first to substantially address this challenge and it will require action from all levels of government and we are committed to continuing to work with our Federal, State, and local partners to address PFAS. We have received the letter and will respond through the proper channels." – EPA spokesman

On background:
The Trump Administration is the first administration to address Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) in a comprehensive and meaningful way. For the first time in EPA history, the agency utilized all program offices to construct a thorough plan to help states and local communities address a challenge like PFAS, a group of chemicals with stain-resistant, waterproof, and nonstick properties that can contaminate drinking water and harm human health. EPA's PFAS Action Plan outlines more than 20 key focus areas—including drinking water, cleanup, enforcement, monitoring, research, and risk communications—that will guide the work of EPA's career scientists and experts

In May 2018, EPA convened the first-ever two-day National Leadership Summit on PFAS in Washington, D.C. that brought together more than 200 federal, state, and local leaders from across the country to discuss steps to address PFAS. Following the historic Summit, the agency hosted a series of visits during the summer of 2018 in communities directly impacted by PFAS. EPA interacted with more than 1,000 people during Community Engagement events in Exeter, New Hampshire, Horsham, Pennsylvania, Colorado Springs, Colorado, Fayetteville, North Carolina, and Leavenworth, Kansas as well as through a roundtable in Kalamazoo, Michigan and events with tribal representatives in Spokane, Washington. The PFAS Action Plan was developed based on feedback from these events in addition to information received from approximately 120,000 comments submitted to the public docket.

-----Original Message-----
From: Annie Snider <asnider@politico.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 9:39 AM
To: Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: 03-06-19ltr-to-wheeler-pfas-action-plan.pdf

We received the letter under embargo and could not request comment until the embargo lifted. We plan to update it with any comment you might have. Do you have one?

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 6, 2019, at 9:34 AM, Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov> wrote:
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> Hey Annie, just saw your whiteboard what is the point of asking for comment if you aren't going to include it?
>
> -----Original Message-----
> From: Annie Snider <asnider@politico.com>
> Sent: Wednesday, March 6, 2019 9:32 AM
> To: Press <Press@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>
> Subject: 03-06-19ltr-to-wheeler-pfas-action-plan.pdf
>
> Do you have comment on this letter sent to the administrator this morning?
>

Message

From: Grantham, Nancy [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=12A3C2ED7158417FB0BB1B1B72A8CFB0-GRANTHAM, NANCY]
Sent: 10/14/2018 3:04:07 PM
To: Richardson, RobinH [Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]; Levine, Carolyn [Levine.Carolyn@epa.gov]; Bowles, Jack [Bowles.Jack@epa.gov]
Subject: Fwd: JUST FOR AWARENESS -- EPA Statement on TCC - current version approved by Pete, OECA, OLEM

Close hold for now

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Mears, Mary" <Mears.Mary@epa.gov>
Date: October 14, 2018 at 10:43:09 AM EDT
To: "Lopez, Peter" <lopez.peter@epa.gov>, "Lyon, Christopher" <lyon.christopher@epa.gov>, "Mugdan, Walter" <Mugdan.Walter@epa.gov>, "Carpenter, Angela" <Carpenter.Angela@epa.gov>, "Prince, John" <Prince.John@epa.gov>, "Rotola, Joe" <Rotola.Joe@epa.gov>, "Wilson, Eric" <Wilson.EricJ@epa.gov>, "LaPosta, Dore" <LaPosta.Dore@epa.gov>, "Buettner, Robert" <Buettner.Robert@epa.gov>, "Patel, Harish" <Patel.Harish@epa.gov>, "Schaaf, Eric" <Schaaf.Eric@epa.gov>, "Simon, Paul" <Simon.Paul@epa.gov>, "Villatora, Liliana" <Villatora.Liliana@epa.gov>, "Amon, Tyler" <Amon.Tyler@epa.gov>, "Hick, Patricia" <Hick.Patricia@epa.gov>, "Kluesner, Dave" <kluesner.dave@epa.gov>, "Rini, Sophia" <Rini.Sophia@epa.gov>, "Covington, Tayler" <covington.tayler@epa.gov>, "Rodriguez, Elias" <Rodriguez.Elias@epa.gov>
Cc: "Hull, George" <Hull.George@epa.gov>, "Colip, Matthew" <colip.matthew@epa.gov>, "Grantham, Nancy" <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: JUST FOR AWARENESS -- EPA Statement on TCC - current version approved by Pete, OECA, OLEM

EPA Tonawanda Coke Corporation Statement
10/14/2018

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and U.S. Department of Justice have worked closely with NY State, local officials and the community in recent years to address violations of environmental requirements at the Tonawanda Coke Corporation (TCC) facility in Tonawanda, NY. EPA and the state have worked especially closely with the impacted community in their collective work.

The federal government and the state have taken multiple actions, including securing a federal Judicial Consent Decree in 2015 that detailed the steps necessary for the facility to comply with EPA requirements. In addition, the federal government brought criminal charges against the corporation and an individual.

TCC has not complied with EPA and state requirements, leading to recent court action. TCC has now announced a decision to shut its operations.

EPA experts and contractors will be assisting New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) as shutdown procedures begin at the TCC facility and will be coordinating on actions to ensure the site is secured and stabilized. EPA and DEC will continue to work together to protect the community.

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Sent: 4/25/2018 12:44:37 AM
To: Vizian, Donna [Vizian.Donna@epa.gov]
CC: Noga, Vaughn [Noga.Vaughn@EPA.GOV]
Subject: Re: NYT interview request -- Grosse Ile office

Thx - sorry just saw - think
Holly handled

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 24, 2018, at 6:58 PM, Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov> wrote:

Does this mean Vaughn and I can talk to the NYT?

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Ivory, Danielle" <danielle.ivory@nytimes.com>
Date: April 24, 2018 at 6:53:38 PM EDT
To: "Bowman, Liz" <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Cc: "Grantham, Nancy" <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>, "Wilcox, Jahan" <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>, "Vizian, Donna" <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: FW: NYT interview request -- Grosse Ile office

Thanks, Liz. I will reach out to OARM.

Thanks,

Danielle

On Tue, Apr 24, 2018 at 6:14 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

Please reach out to OARM also, who is copied here. From the ORD chief of staff (for background, not for attribution): "EPA's ORD was down to two staff in Gross Ile as of May 2017 which was costing $400K annually to operate. ORD career staff notified the Agency that they planned to vacate and our staff were relocated to Ann Arbor which is commuting distance away. Our environmental due diligence on the lab work will be complete early this summer."

From: Ivory, Danielle [mailto:danielle.ivory@nytimes.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 6:07 PM

To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>

Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: FW: NYT interview request -- Grosse Ile office

I'm happy to reach out to the region and will do so. But -- are you saying that no one in the leadership in Washington was involved in the decision to close an EPA office and move its employees to a different office? That would be very unusual. My understanding is that regional offices are not allowed to make unilateral moves like that without sign off from the political leadership. Am I wrong?

Thanks again,

Danielle

On Tue, Apr 24, 2018 at 6:00 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Danielle – Please reach out to the Region directly, who is best poised to provide this information.

From: Ivory, Danielle [mailto:danielle.ivory@nytimes.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 5:38 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: FW: NYT interview request -- Grosse Ile office

Hi Liz, this is a decision that was in the works during the Obama administration, except that it was officially stopped in November of 2016. Also, the plans for that move involved going a maximum of 11 miles away from Grosse Ile. My understanding that that Grosse Ile employees got official word in November 2016 that the move had been cancelled for at least the next four years. Do you know why the decision was revived under the new administration and why the decision was made to move the office to Ann Arbor, rather than to one of the spaces nearer to Grosse Ile that had previously been considered by EPA and GSA?

There have been concerns in the Grosse Ile office that moving the office to Ann Arbor will lengthen the commute to most emergency scenes, not just because Grosse Ile is generally closer, but also because responders are not allowed to take emergency vehicles home with them and will have to drive to Ann Arbor first before going to the scene.

Thanks again,

Danielle

On Tue, Apr 24, 2018 at 5:27 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Danielle – On background only: This is a decision that has been in the works since the previous administration. All the employees at the facility will continue in their positions at the new location, and all the functions of the Grosse Ile office will continue at the Ann Arbor location. Thank you – Liz

On Tue, Apr 24, 2018 at 5:08 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Danielle – Kell doesn't have any knowledge of this issue, but I am following up with the Region and their Superfund director to get more information. Thank you – Liz

From: Ivory, Danielle [mailto:danielle.ivory@nytimes.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 24, 2018 2:45 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: NYT interview request -- Grosse Ile office

Hi Liz, I'm looking into EPA's decision to shut down its Grosse Ile office and relocate those employees to an office in Ann Arbor. I'd like to request on-the-record interviews with Albert Kelly and Vaughn Noga this week about how and why the decision was made. As you may know, many of the staffers working in the Grosse Ile office are emergency responders under the EPA's superfund program.

Thanks very much,

Danielle

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Sent: 3/5/2018 6:49:37 PM
To: Fan, Shirley [Fan.Shirley@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Oil and Gas Roundtable
Attachments: Oil and Natural Gas Roundtable Participant Book.pdf

See attached .. ok to send thanks ng

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From: Fan, Shirley
Sent: Monday, March 05, 2018 1:28 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Oil and Gas Roundtable

Hi Nancy,

Is the attendance list for the energy roundtable publicly available? Is this something I can send to the person below?

Thanks,

Shirley Fan
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From: Geselbracht, Jeanne
Sent: Monday, March 05, 2018 12:57 PM
To: Fan, Shirley <Fan.Shirley@epa.gov>
Subject: Oil and Gas Roundtable

Hi Shirley, I read about the oil and gas roundtable in This Week@EPA. Can you please send me the list of all the participants of that meeting?

Thanks!

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Sent: 2/25/2018 11:28:26 PM
To: Richardson, RobinH [Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]; Flynn, Mike [Flynn.Mike@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Strategy for national engagement on PFAS
Attachments: DRAFT_PFC_Engagement_2.22.18_cv2.docx

Fyi – I think this is very close hold at this point thanks ng

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From: Drinkard, Andrea
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2018 3:00 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Strategy for national engagement on PFAS

FYI…

From: Grevatt, Peter
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2018 11:03 AM
To: Ross, David P <ross.davidp@epa.gov>; Forsgren, Lee <Forsgren.Lee@epa.gov>
Cc: Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; Mclain, Jennifer <Mclain.Jennifer@epa.gov>; Wadlington, Christina <Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov>
Subject: Strategy for national engagement on PFAS

Dave and Lee, please see attached our updated draft national engagement strategy for PFAS which includes input from OLEM that came in last night. Please let me know when you would like to discuss and what will be most helpful in terms of next steps. Thanks, P. G.

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Sent: 4/10/2018 5:21:44 PM
To: Holsman, Marianne [Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov]
Subject: Close Hold FY18 ARC Grants Selected For Funding By State_R10_4-9-2018.pdf
Attachments: FY18 ARC Grants Selected For Funding By State_R10_4-9-2018.pdf

We will discuss on the 2:30 p.m. est PAD call today.

Thanks ng

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Sent: 4/10/2018 5:18:25 PM
To: Gutro, Doug [Gutro.Doug@epa.gov]
Subject: Close Hold FY18 ARC Grants Selected For Funding By State_R01_4-9-2018.pdf
Attachments: FY18 ARC Grants Selected For Funding By State_R01_4-9-2018.pdf

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Sent: 3/6/2018 1:03:26 PM
To: Sauerhage, Maggie [Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov]
CC: Hubbard, Carolyn [Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov]; Gibbons, Dayna [Gibbons.Dayna@epa.gov]; Maguire, Megan [Maguire.Megan@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: do we know who the recipients are for the lead grants we discussed last week? thanks ng

Can we let the regions know on close hold? Thanks ng

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From: Sauerhage, Maggie
Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2018 7:56 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Hubbard, Carolyn <Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov>; Gibbons, Dayna <Gibbons.Dayna@epa.gov>; Maguire, Megan <Maguire.Megan@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: do we know who the recipients are for the lead grants we discussed last week? thanks ng

Yes - here are the internal summaries for both.

Region 3

1. Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, VA
Project Title: Untapping the Crowd: Detection and Control of Lead in Drinking Water
Award Amount: $1,981,358
Project Alignment with Agency Goals & Objectives:
This research will create a consumer-centric framework to detect and control lead in drinking water that will complement the utility-centric framework embodied in the Lead and Copper Rule. Researchers will leverage citizen participation in data collection, develop predictive models that identify areas of vulnerability to high water lead and empower consumers with interventions to control risk. This research will support the reduction of the health consequences of exposure to lead in drinking water by leveraging citizen participation in data collection, developing predictive models that identify areas of vulnerability to high water lead and empowering consumers with interventions to control risk. The project is focused on protecting human health and water to prioritize robust science.

Region 8

2. Water Research Foundation Denver, CO
Project Title: Development of a Community-Based Lead Risk and Mitigation Model
Award Amount: $1,981,500
Project Alignment with Agency Goals & Objectives:
This research will generate a risk based computational model that is built on an enhanced and comprehensive national database, identify opportunities to mitigate lead exposure in drinking water, and develop a communication framework to educate stakeholders on risk mitigation opportunities. These activities will further the recipient's own effort to protect the environment by reducing lead exposure in the drinking water pathway. The outputs will benefit vulnerable members of the general public as well as small and large communities, municipalities, and states. Specific outputs will include a risk based model of lead in drinking water, mitigation strategies, and a communications framework to educate stakeholders on risk occurrence and mitigation opportunities. This project supports protecting America's waters and protecting human health.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 6, 2018, at 7:40 AM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

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Stories are hitting the wire about this now.

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/energy-environment/wp/2018/02/15/in-a-surprising-study-scientists-say-everyday-chemicals-now-rival-cars-as-a-source-of-air-pollution/?utm_term=.977a7a74cb83

In a surprising study, scientists say everyday chemicals now rival cars as a source of air pollution

Air pollution over downtown Los Angeles on Sept. 20, 2006 . (Gabriel Bouys/AFP/Getty Images)

In a major study released Thursday, a team of government and university scientists say that the nature of air pollution is changing dramatically as cars become cleaner — leaving personal-care products, paints, indoor cleaners and other chemical-containing agents as an increasingly dominant source of key emissions.

"Over time, the transportation sector has been getting cleaner when it comes to emissions of air pollutants," said Brian McDonald, lead author of the study in Science, who works for the University of Colorado at Boulder and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. "And as those emissions come down, the sources of air pollution are becoming more diverse."

The study focused on a class of chemical products that give off "volatile organic compounds," or VOCs — petroleum-based odorous substances that, in outdoor air, can contribute to the formation of ozone or even dangerous small particulate pollution. The research found that the contribution of these chemicals to the overall burden of VOCs has been significantly underestimated and is underrepresented in current inventories used to judge the sources of pollution.

The volatile compounds in question take many diverse forms and have complicated origins, emerging from trees and grass as well as from human-made sources such as cars. They are also found in many kinds of consumer and industrial products. The new research in particular cites "pesticides, coatings, printing inks, adhesives, cleaning agents, and personal care products" as key sources of VOCs.

In some cases — pesticides, for instance — these chemical products give off VOCs outdoors. In other cases, the emissions occur indoors and then migrate outside.

One giveaway in terms of what products are relevant, the authors said, is simply if they have a smell.

"Say somebody is inside using perfume, cologne," explains Chris Cappa, another of the study's authors and a researcher at the University of California at Davis. "That smell eventually dissipates. And the question is, where did it go. And there's air exchange with the outside. Those odors dissipate because it's basically getting moved outside. It's just taking that indoor air and exchanging it with the outdoor air. It's not that hard to get things from the indoor environment outside."

McDonald and Cappa completed the research with a team of 19 others from NOAA, the National Center for Atmospheric Research, and multiple universities in the United States and Canada.

The findings do not automatically mean that the substances are dangerous to breathe indoors — the study simply does not analyze that question — but rather that outdoors, they are interacting with sunlight and other substances, and undergoing other chemical reactions that contribute to outdoor air pollution.

"What we really want to do with this study is just sort of raise the awareness, that this is now, in terms of air-quality implications, for some of these large industrialized cities, this is an important component of trying to meet these air-quality standards," said Jessica Gilman, a study author and a researcher with NOAA.

The study was based on a diversity of approaches — taking inventories of industrial production of products containing VOCs, sampling outdoor air data, and running models of how particles move from indoor environments to outdoor environments and back again. Follow-up research in Los Angeles, notorious for its air-quality problems, found that the prevalence of VOCs in the air from chemical products matched the authors' estimates.

Two scientists not involved in the research praised the work in comments to The Washington Post — and one implied that the regulatory implications of the work could be significant.

"I think this is a comprehensive study," Nga Lee ("Sally") Ng, a professor of chemical and biomolecular engineering at the Georgia Institute of Technology, said by email. "The authors argued that previous source apportionment studies have underestimated [volatile chemical product] emissions as sources of urban VOCs, as those studies did not include many species found in chemical products. Here, they constrained the emission inventory with both outdoor and indoor measurement data, as well as a more extensive chemical speciation than prior studies."

Ng argued that the work suggests that additional research will be needed to determine how much these chemicals are contributing to the formation of fine particles in the atmosphere, the most dangerous form of air pollution.

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The science and policy of environmental issues.

"These results have important implications for how and what emissions we regulate," said Brent Stephens, an expert on indoor air and the built environment at the Illinois Institute of Technology, also by email. "We have traditionally focused on transportation and industrial emissions to the outdoor environment. [Volatile chemical products] are now relatively more important emission sources, and they come from both indoor and outdoor sources (and some

primarily from indoor sources), although we don't regulate the vast majority of indoor environments."

Stephens noted that proposed budget cuts to the Environmental Protection Agency loom large in this context, because the agency conducts much relevant work on atmospheric chemistry and air quality.

"We typically think of outdoor air pollution as an outdoor problem," Stephens added. "But this study demonstrates (quantitatively) that it's more complicated than that."

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FYI –

NOAA Comms reached out to us about a study that will be released today in the publication AAAS Science. It is about a NOAA study in Los Angeles that found that products like perfumes, paints and other scented consumer products now rival vehicles as a dominant pollution source in Greater Los Angeles.

NOAA had indicated that it was a close hold as AAAS Science was sensitive about anything getting out before they issued their press release (draft below), which is today. NOAA is also doing a web posting (darft also below).

I reached out to OAR and ORD to see if they knew of the study and Clint Woods and John Millett worked with NOAA/OAQPS at Bill Wehrum's direction to pull the statement below together and tweak NOAA's draft announcement.

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Statement
EPA continuously reviews the latest scientific developments to inform its approaches to calculating air pollution amounts and sources. As new methods and information become available and proved reliable, EPA updates its approaches. The agency will review the study and methods.

As a result of EPA clean air protections, monitoring data and emissions inventories show that VOC emissions fell by 42 percent across the country between 1990 and 2016. And ground-level ozone (which is formed in the atmosphere by the reaction of VOCs and NOx in the presence of sunlight) has decreased by 31 percent nationally from 1980 to 2016. The dominant source of VOC emissions in the U.S. is from natural and non-human sources as well as fires.

Background
The Clean Air Act requires EPA to regulate emissions of toxic air pollutants from a published list of industrial sources referred to as "source categories." Toxic air pollutants include mercury, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), benzene and other organic compounds, some of which are volatile organic compounds (VOCs). The EPA has established air toxics standards for 174 industry sectors which produce many of the products analyzed in the NOAA study, including oil and natural gas production, coatings, adhesives and cleaning agents. In addition, EPA has established VOC limits on fuels, vehicles and consumer and aerosol products.

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Nancy,

Thanks for chatting. We wanted to make sure HQ EPA is not blind-sided next week by this study. Our NOAA Comms person in Boulder, Colo., with the scientists says they have coordinated at the regional level with EPA. Specifically, NOAA ESRL Chemical Science Division has:

- made several presentations about this work at conferences where EPA counterparts are present
- communicated directly w Barron Henderson of the Office of Research & Development in N.C. about the work
- is finalizing schedule for lead author Brian McDonald to give EPA staff a presentation on the work in March.
- is coordinating with and has recently reached out to California Air Resources Board, which is very interested in the work - as it is a result of the major, multi-agency CALNEX project in 2012

AAAS *Science* is very concerned about their embargo, so please be judicious about sharing the attached paper. AAAS will issue a news release about it on the 15th. NOAA plans a web story on NOAA.gov.

Please let us know if you have questions or concerns.
-Scott

NOAA weekly report item:
Web story: **NOAA-led study says consumer & industrial products now a dominant urban pollution source.** A NOAA-led team finds the contribution to poor air quality from perfumes, paints, pesticides and other

consumer products in the Los Angeles basin is now roughly equal to contributions from transportation. The study found that in the United States, current air pollution inventories underestimate by two or three times the amount of so-called volatile organic compounds (VOCs) emitted by consumer products, and overestimate vehicular sources. While EPA estimates that about 75 percent of VOC emissions are from vehicular sources, and about 25 percent from consumer products, the new study puts those figures closer to 50-50. The paper will appear in *Science*. *(Thu., Feb. 15)*

Current draft NOAA.gov web story for 2/15 after Science issues their news release
DRAFT ONLY -- as of 2/8/18

[hed] **Those scented products you love? NOAA study finds they are a source of air pollution**

Emissions from volatile chemical products like perfumes, paints and other scented consumer items now rival vehicles as a dominant pollution source in greater Los Angeles, according to a surprising new NOAA-led study.

Even though 15 times more petroleum is consumed as fuel than is used as ingredients in industrial and consumer products, the amount of chemical vapors emitted to the atmosphere in scented products is roughly the same, said lead author Brian McDonald, a CIRES scientist working at NOAA.

A paper presenting these study findings was published today in *Science*.

The chemical se vapors, known as *volatile organic compounds* or VOCs, react with sunlight to form ozone pollution, and, as this study finds, also react with other chemicals in the atmosphere to form fine particulates in the air.

"As the transportation sector gets cleaner, these other sources of VOCs become more and more important," McDonald said. "A lot of stuff we use in our everyday lives can impact air pollution."

Pollution sources then, and now

Since adoption of the Clean Air Act in 1970, air quality programs have focused on controlling transportation-related pollution emitted by everything from cars and trucks to oil and gas refineries. But McDonald and his colleagues couldn't reconcile atmospheric measurements made over Los Angeles in 2010 with estimates of transportation emissions. So they reassessed urban pollution sources by cataloging chemical production statistics, by evaluating indoor air quality measurements made by others, and they then evaluated whether the new information filled the gap.

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All emissions are not created equal

The disproportionate air-quality impact of chemical products is because of a fundamental difference between those products and fuels, said NOAA atmospheric scientist Jessica Gilman, a co-author of the new paper.

Fuel systems minimize the loss of gasoline to evaporation in order to to maximize energy generated by combustion, she said. But common products like paints and perfumes are literally engineered to evaporate.

"Perfume and other scented products are designed so that you or your neighbor can enjoy the aroma," Gilman said. "You don't do this with gasoline."

A pollution source hiding in plain … smell

Gilman added that researchers studying the problem ended up taking a close look at things they once took for granted. "Some of my colleagues at NOAA literally spent days watching paint dry," said said. "We learned a lot."

While the focus of this study was Los Angeles, the authors believe the results are applicable to all major urban centers.

"We hope this study spurs collaboration between atmospheric scientists, chemical engineers and public health researchers, to deliver the best science to decision-makers," said McDonald. "The strategies that worked in the past might not necessarily work as well in the future."

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Cc: "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>, "Jones, Enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>, "Biette, Michael (NBCUniversal, ROS)" <Michael.Biette@nbcuni.com>, "Keaney, Terry (Contractor-NBCUniversal)" <Terry.Keaney@nbcuni.com>, "Abboud, Michael" <abboud.michael@epa.gov>, "Hewitt, James" <hewitt.james@epa.gov>, "Wilcox, Jahan" <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>, "Konkus, John" <konkus.john@epa.gov>, "Grantham, Nancy" <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: MSNBC Statement Request - Deadline 9a ET Monday 10/23/17

Hi Brandi – Please see on the record responses to the two issues mentioned, and some background on the NYT story you are referencing. Thank you.

With regard to the climate talk: On the record: "EPA supports the Narragansett Bay Estuary, as just this month provided the program a $600,000 grant. EPA scientists are attending, they simply are not presenting; it is not an EPA conference." – EPA spokesperson

With regard to the NYT Article on TSCA:
On the record: "EPA is committed to protecting human health and the environment. Dr. Nancy Beck is a highly-qualified toxicologist who remains focused on robust chemical evaluations consistent with the law." - EPA spokesperson

Additional Background (not for attribution):
The *New York Times'* characterization of how the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has been implementing the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) is inaccurate. Therefore, the Agency would like to clarify the following:

Legacy Chemicals:
When a chemical is not being manufactured, processed or distributed EPA refers to it as a "legacy use." Under the Toxic Substances Control Act, EPA effectively lacks authority to directly regulate non-commercial "legacy uses" of a chemical. There are other statutory authorities or regulatory bodies that exist to help address legacy issues of chemicals. Examples include:

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->The Occupational Safety and Health Administration requires employees to have specific training and personal protective equipment when handling "legacy use" chemicals in the workplace.

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Under the Clean Air Act, the Asbestos National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants, requires certain demolition, renovation, and disposal work practices at regulated sites.

It is inaccurate to state that Dr. Beck led the Agency to an abrupt new direction on legacy chemicals. The approach for developing scoping documents for TSCA implementation already included exclusion of legacy uses before Dr. Beck arrived at EPA. Career leadership within the toxics office (OPPT) supported excluding legacy uses.

Proposed Rules on NMP, Methylene Chloride and TCE:
The statement "EPA's new leadership also pressed agency scientists to re-evaluate a plan to ban certain uses of two dangerous chemicals..." is factually incorrect. The public comment period on these proposed rules did not close until late Spring 2017. Dr. Beck and other political leadership have not received any briefings from EPA career staff on the status or proposed path forward for these rules, as career staff have spent most of the summer evaluating the large volume of public comments received on those chemicals.

Lead Rules:
Interagency review includes the discussion of the science, policy, and economics related to rule makings. Multiple agencies provide comments, and in the end, the agency which owns the rule (in this case EPA) is responsible for deciding what statements are and are not made in the rule and scientific supporting documents.

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Sent: Sunday, October 22, 2017 6:16 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>; Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>; Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Cc: Biette, Michael (NBCUniversal, ROS) <Michael.Biette@nbcuni.com>; Keaney, Terry (Contractor-NBCUniversal) <Terry.Keaney@nbcuni.com>
Subject: MSNBC Statement Request - Deadline 9a ET Monday 10/23/17

Good evening,
We are planning to have a guest on tomorrow to discuss the NYT reporting on the EPA and toxic chemicals (link included below) and would like to provide a statement from the EPA to include during the segment.

The segment will air in the 9a ET hour on MSNBC and I've included the booking producer for that hour, Mike Biette, so that you can send it to both of us prior to the 9a ET hour tomorrow. My colleague Terry is also included as she is covering our department tonight.

Thank you!

Why Has the E.P.A. Shifted on Toxic Chemicals? An Industry Insider Helps Call the Shots
https://www.nytimes.com/2017/10/21/us/trump-epa-chemicals-regulations.html?hp&action=click&pgtype=Homepage&clickSource=story-heading&module=first-column-region&region=top-news&WT.nav=top-news

*Please note that me may also including the NYT reporting about the EPA canceling talk on climate change as well:
https://www.nytimes.com/2017/10/22/climate/epa-scientists.html

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Message

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Sent: 8/23/2019 1:50:51 PM
To: Duteau, Helen [Duteau.Helen@EPA.GOV]
Subject: Re: SFTF Risk Communications document

About to do

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 23, 2019, at 9:50 AM, Duteau, Helen <Duteau.Helen@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi, Nancy. Could you please forward the invite for Monday's PAD call? Thanks and see you at NARPM.

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From: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 23, 2019 9:35 AM
To: Regional Public Affairs Directors <Regional_Public_Affairs_Directors@epa.gov>
Cc: Manges, Ellen <Manges.Ellen@epa.gov>; Duteau, Helen <Duteau.Helen@EPA.GOV>
Subject: SFTF Risk Communications document
Importance: High

Attached is a copy of the draft plan for enhancing risk communications during long-term stewardship (post-construction). This plan is the deliverable for Goal 5 of the SFTF: "Engaging Partners and Stakeholders."

This a close hold.

OLEM staff will be on our Monday PAD's call at 12:30 p.m. to discuss this document. The CICs are being invited as well.

Thanks ng

From: Healy, Helena <Healy.Helena@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 23, 2019 8:36 AM
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Superfund DDs: Close Hold Please

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Thank you – Helena Healy

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Hi Nancy – I asked Helen to hold off sending to CI managers until you've sent to PADs.

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Sent: Friday, August 23, 2019 8:43 AM
To: Manges, Ellen <Manges.Ellen@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: DD Call Agenda Item
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Ellen,

Helena sent to DDs. If you would like to let Nancy know to send to PADs. I'm going to send to CI managers.

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Thank you – Helena Healy

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Sent: 10/16/2017 2:46:53 PM
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CC: Larson, Darrin [Larson.Darrin@epa.gov]; Mears, Mary [Mears.Mary@epa.gov]; Region2 RRC-InformationOfficer [Region2_RRC-InformationOfficer@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: UPDATE: NICCL Nuggets

Thanks

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From: Harris-Bishop, Rusty
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2017 10:46 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Welderufael, Miriam <welderufael.miriam@epa.gov>
Cc: Larson, Darrin <Larson.Darrin@epa.gov>; Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov>; Region2 RRC-InformationOfficer <Region2_RRC-InformationOfficer@epa.gov>
Subject: UPDATE: NICCL Nuggets
Importance: High

Nancy, the Toa Baja media event is being cancelled due to conditions on the ground. We are going to try and get something out when we determine what we'll do instead (perhaps a meeting at CEPD).

Rusty

From: Harris-Bishop, Rusty
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2017 10:13 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Welderufael, Miriam <welderufael.miriam@epa.gov>
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Subject: NICCL Nuggets

USVI:

- EPA is continuing coordination with USVI on debris management.
- EPA continues to assist the USCG in recovery efforts of sunken vessels by providing data collection, management support and assistance with disposal of oil and hazardous materials recovered from the vessels on all three islands.

Puerto Rico:

- EPA Regional Administrator Pete Lopez arrives in Puerto Rico today. A media event is planned at the Toa Baja facility this afternoon.

- EPA is working to address superfund sites when communities are accessing water. The sites are being secured and EPA is working with FEMA/PREMA to provide additional water to these communities. Our public affairs and CIC staff are addressing media and community outreach actions to warn the public about accessing these sites. A water truck will be stationed at one of the western wells today.

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Sent: 2/5/2017 1:57:57 AM
To: Actadmmccabe, Catherine17 [actadmmccabe.catherine17@epa.gov]; Flynn, Mike [Flynn.Mike@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: WH Comms Report for 2/1
Attachments: COMMS REPORT TEMPLATE v2.docx

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Sent: 2/1/2017 9:18:54 PM
To: Nowotarski, Allison [nowotarski.allison@epa.gov]
Subject: HQ press inquiries to be added into what you are doing ..thanks ng

Importance: High

Air Conditioning, Heating & Refrigeration News (Ron Rajecki) [Received 1/18] -- OPEN -- Drusilla Hufford's pending retirement. Requesting bio and picture of Drusilla. Information with press@epa.gov DDL: 2/1.

AP (Denver) (Dan Elliott) [Received 1/26] -- OPEN -- Oil/gas methane rules. Responses with press@epa.gov DDL: 1/30

Argus (rec'd 1/24) (Elliott Blackburn) – OPEN –What practical consequence follows the delay of the final rule for the 2017 RVO? Does this at all change the deadlines or other milestones set out for the RVO procedure under RFS?

Biomass Producer mag (Erin Voegele) [Received 1/25] – OPEN – She is seeking a list of regulations that will be delayed for a month to allow additional review.

BNA (Brian Dabbs) [Received 1/31] – OPEN – 2017 RFS and social media policy – sent social media statement, working on RFS response, DDL 1/31.

BNA (Stephen Joyce) [Rec'd 1/31] – CLOSED – Burgess v. US.

BNA (David Schultz) [Received 2/1] -- OPEN -- Non-CO2 report. Response with press@epa.gov. DDL: 2/1.

CBS Evening News (rec'd 1/27) (Kevin Finnegan) – CLOSED – missed deadline – Seeking statement on status of glypho review.

CBS 60 Minutes (rec'd 1/24) (Julie Holstein) – OPEN – Looking for info on the lead battery recycling industry, and why the EPA proposed the rule change. With JV for approval.

Civil Eats (rec'd 1/27) (Lizzie Grossman) – CLOSED 1/30 - Q's on pesticide reviews under new administration.

CNN (rec'd 1/25) (Kieron Monk) – CLOSED 2/1 – Questions about biodegradable bullets.

Corp! (Joseph Cabadas) [Rec'd 1/30] – OPEN – Nation's largest utilities. DDL: 2/7. With JV / NG for consideration of handling.

The Delaware News Journal (Karl Baker) [Received 2/1] – OPEN – EPA granting Pennsylvania an extension on ozone. Program working on response. DDL: 2/1, 4 p.m.

Distillations (Natalie Jacewicz) [Rec'd 1/31] – OPEN – Ozone generators. DDL 2/3 @ 12 PM. With press box for review

The Duke Chronicle (Neelesh Moorthy) [Received 1/30] – OPEN – Hiring freeze's impact on summer internships. Program working on response. DDL: 1/30.

The Guardian (Alison Moodie) [Received 2/1]—OPEN—Asking if any neonic alternatives had been registered within the past six months.

Infinite Earth Radio, Podcast (Mike Hancox Paul Zykofsky) [Received 2/1]-- OPEN—Request to interview Kathy Sykes of ORD tomorrow at the 2017 New Partners for Smart Growth conference this week in St. Louis. They hope to interview her to learn more about her work related to designing healthy communities. DDL 2/1

Inside EPA (Maria Hegstad) [Received 1/31]—OPEN-- Story about EPA's scientific integrity policy and whether its been updated since it was published in 2012—are the transition/beachhead team members considered EPA employees?

Investopedia (David Floyd)[Received 2/1] – CLOSED 2/1 – Questions about "gag" order, budget and climate data. Sent media statement.

Mary Roach, science writer (rec'd 1/9) – OPEN – writing a book on natural disasters, looking to talk with EPA about its work during national-scale incidents. Has embedded with the Air Force Contingency Response Wing and looking to do something similar at EPA. DDL flex.

Minneapolis Star-Tribune (Hannah Covington) [Received 1/26] – OPEN – Concerns, trends and study for chloramination study. Story ran on 1/30. Responses with press@epa.gov DDL: 1/27.

Newsday (Emily Dooley) [Received 1/26] – OPEN – Health risk assessment for 1-4, dioxane. Story ran on 1/31. Responses with press@epa.gov DDL: 1/26.

Platts (rec'd 1/27) (Keefe Borden) – OPEN – Questions on Tier 3 Sulfur program. With JV for review. DDL COB today.

POWER mag (Sonal Patel) [Received 2/1] – CLOSED 2/1 – GHG emissions data for natural gas plants. Response with press@epa.gov DDL: 2/1.

Progressive Farmer (rec'd 1/24) (George Orwel) – OPEN – Seeking list of regulations that will be delayed for a month to allow additional review, or at least to confirm the RVOs are being delayed.

ProPublica (Abrahm Lustgarten) [Received 1/26] – OPEN – Data for and detection of chemical contaminants in ground and surface water. Input from OW, ORD, OLEM and OCSPP. Responses with press@epa.gov DDL: 1/30.

Reading Eagle (rec'd 1/24) (Mike Urban) – OPEN – Wants some follow up guidance about 2014 tables and figures we'd sent him on recycling trends and stats. With JV for approval.

Realtor magazine (rec'd 1/26) (Ellen Ryan) – OPEN – Seeking advice for realtors who drive a lot. With program. DDL 2/1.

Reuters (rec'd 1/24) (Chris Prentice) – OPEN – Looking to confirm the RVOs are being delayed. DDL ASAP

Vice (Aaron Reuben) [Received 1/27] – OPEN – Implementation progress and health benefits of CSAPR. Program working on written responses. DDL: 2/3.

Washington Post (Kris Coranodo) [Received 1/27] – CLOSED 1/27 – Looking for clothing recycling stats for an "On Parenting" story.

Water Finance & Management Journal (Andrew Farr) [Rec'd 1/12] – OPEN – EPA to write WIFIA column. DDL: 2/28. With OW for drafting.

Woodrow Wilson High School (DC) student (Aidan Fogarty) [Received 1/30] -- CLOSED 2/1 -- Interview for IMAX Documentary on DC's air quality. Region 3 will handle.

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To: Kamen, Mara [kamen.mara@epa.gov]
CC: Vizian, Donna [Vizian.Donna@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Wheelhouse Challenge

Thanks all

From: Kamen, Mara
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2019 9:17 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Vizian, Donna <Vizian.Donna@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Wheelhouse Challenge

I think this looks good. Thanks for sharing

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 13, 2019, at 8:25 AM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

> Please see attached – close hold –
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> Any edits/comments you would like me to pass along? This is on a fast track thanks ng
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> **From:** Ex. 6 Wheeler Account
> **Sent:** Monday, June 10, 2019 7:08 PM
> **To:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Molina, Michael <molina.michael@epa.gov>; Darwin, Henry <darwin.henry@epa.gov>; Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** Wheelhouse Challenge
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> Nancy, can you please take a look at this and see if you can come up with a couple of banners as well. I would appreciate your input/edits. Thank you.
>
> - Andrew
>
> <WheelhouseChallenge.docx>

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From: Gutro, Doug
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To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Sauerhage, Maggie <Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: May 2019_BF_CommsPlan_05-24-19.docx

Nancy

Here is our comm's plan for our Regional Brownfields event now that we know the Administrator will not be in the region.
Any questions, let us know.

I do expect we will have subsequent "big check" events in various states in the coming months.

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Sent: 7/11/2019 4:40:08 PM
To: Richardson, RobinH [Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]; Bowles, Jack [Bowles.Jack@epa.gov]; Kaiser, Sven-Erik [Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: CORRY/TATE: Sulfoxaflor Talkers and Socials
Attachments: 0712_Comms Roll-out Strategy - Sulfoxaflor 2019.docx

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From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2019 12:38 PM
To: Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
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Subject: RE: CORRY/TATE: Sulfoxaflor Talkers and Socials

Tentative roll-out strategy, based on our 11:30 meetings. Updates highlighted. Please point out any mistakes, and feel free to suggest edits.

Cheers, R.

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I'll be there at 11:30. Your office? Or OPE conference room, WJC-N 1433?

Cheers, R.

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Still would like to gather with the smaller team...so 11:30am looks like an option. I would like to nail down some logistics and the timeline for tomorrow.

Thank you!

From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2019 8:52 AM
To: Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
Cc: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: CORRY/TATE: Sulfoxaflor Talkers and Socials

Keep me posted, pls.

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Communications Officer (Detail)
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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) **(M)**

On Jul 11, 2019, at 8:38 AM, Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov> wrote:

> If you get a quick download from her on what her qs are, yes, I think so.
>
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>
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> **Sent:** Thursday, July 11, 2019 8:37 AM
> **To:** Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; McFaul,

Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: CORRY/TATE: Sulfoxaflor Talkers and Socials

Do you think at our 9:30 we can take care of Corry's questions and save her a meeting? W her now

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 11, 2019, at 8:25 AM, Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov> wrote:

> I can do 11:30. I may be able to make it by 11:15. We're supposed to wrap up our session at 11:10.
>
> Jess/Tate, do you still want to meet at 9:30? Or just wait till we have everyone?
>
> On Jul 11, 2019, at 8:22 AM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:
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>> Can do 9:30! Or 11
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>> **Sent:** Thursday, July 11, 2019 8:22 AM
>> **To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
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>>
>> Robert...could you, Andrea and Jess meet me at 11am in my office? I know Andrea has something with ECOS today, so we may need to be a bit flexible.
>>
>> I am fairly open, but NOT from 8:30-9:30am, 10-11am, 2-2:30pm.
>>
>> Thank you!
>>
>> ---
>>
>> **From:** Daguillard, Robert
>> **Sent:** Wednesday, July 10, 2019 10:21 PM
>> **To:** Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
>> **Subject:** CORRY/TATE: Sulfoxaflor Talkers and Socials
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>> Colleagues, please see attached.
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Message

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Sent: 3/19/2019 8:33:47 PM
To: Sauerhage, Maggie [Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: follow-up per our discussion this morning

Thanks

From: Sauerhage, Maggie
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 3:57 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: follow-up per our discussion this morning

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Maggie Sauerhage
Office of Public Affairs
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Office: (202) 564-0443
Cell: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2019 2:55 PM
To: Sauerhage, Maggie <Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: follow-up per our discussion this morning

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> **To:** "Grantham, Nancy" <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
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> **From:** Grantham, Nancy
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Sent: 3/19/2019 6:54:56 PM
To: Sauerhage, Maggie [Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov]
Subject: Fwd: follow-up per our discussion this morning
Attachments: VGD editsLERD.docx (AM review) NN.wb.docx (AM review 3-18-19).WBdocx.docx; ATT00001.htm

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Sent: 4/17/2019 1:09:50 PM
To: Hewitt, James [hewitt.james@epa.gov]
CC: Beach, Christopher [beach.christopher@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Asbestos Roll-Out Status Check and Current Documents
Attachments: Asbestos SNUR press release 04 16 19 2PM.docx; Asbestos FAQ Doc 04 16 19 2PM.docx; Asbestos Infographic 4.16.2019-01.png; Asbestos_infographic-1-3.jpg; Asbestos_infographic-2-2.jpg; Asbestos_infographic-3.jpg; Asbestos_infographic-4-2.jpg; Asbestos_infographic-5-2.jpg; asbestos exclusive talkers 04 16 19 2PM.docx; Asbetos SNUR comms plan 04 16 19 2PM.docx; Asbestos web 04 16 19 2PM.docx

This is the latest

From: Drinkard, Andrea
Sent: Tuesday, April 16, 2019 2:13 PM
To: Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Schwab, Justin <Schwab.Justin@epa.gov>; Lis-Coghlan, Kamila <lis-coghlan.kamila@epa.gov>; Dunn, Alexandra <dunn.alexandra@epa.gov>; Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Dunton, Cheryl <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov>; Strauss, Linda <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov>
Subject: Asbestos Roll-Out Status Check and Current Documents

Hi all—

Thank you for your time and attention to all of the Asbestos roll-out materials. I wanted to put all of the updated documents in one place so that folks can make any necessary last minute adjustments. Please let me know ASAP if you have any edits to the press release. I will finalize the release at 4pm. For the remaining documents, please send me any edits by COB.

Thanks!

Press Release

Chris: Please have AAW review, I think we're close enough to final for his review

Asbestos SNUR press release 04 ...

FAQs (updated from proposal)

Note: I left these in track changes so everyone could see the updates OCSPP made.

Asbestos FAQ Doc 04 16 19 2PM.do...

Topline messages/Alex's talkers

asbestos exclusive talkers 04 16 19 ...

Comms Plan

James: Please let us know when you've got a confirmed list of interviews as well as the times.

Asbetos SNUR comms plan 04 1...

Infographics (both OPA and OCSPP)

Asbestos_infogr... Asbestos_infogr... Asbestos_infogr... Asbestos_infogr... Asbestos_infogr... Asbestos Infographic 4.16....

Web Updates

Asbestos web 04 16 19 2PM.docx

Andrea Drinkard
Senior Advisor (detail)
EPA Office of Public Affairs
Desk: 202.564.1601
Cell: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Message

From: Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]
Sent: 3/25/2019 4:32:45 PM
To: Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: For Review: Washington Post re new CAFE standards study

Good to send, you can attach my name if need be.

From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2019 11:11 AM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: For Review: Washington Post re new CAFE standards study

Bill and Clint approved this response. In the high event that he asks for a name for attribution, whose name should I provide? Good to send?

Attributable to U.S. EPA: Based on extensive analysis that examined current automotive and fuel technologies, reviewed economic conditions and projections, and consulted with other federal agency partners, DOT and EPA proposed a preferred alternative that reflects a balance of safety, economics, technology, fuel conservation, and pollution reduction. The preferred alternative is anticipated to prevent thousands of on-road fatalities and injuries as compared to the standards set forth in the 2012 final rule. It is also expected to improve vehicle affordability leading to increased use of newer, safer, cleaner and more efficient vehicles.

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All the best,
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Sent: 3/25/2019 3:11:25 PM
To: Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: For Review: Washington Post re new CAFE standards study
Attachments: Carley_et_al-2019-Journal_of_Policy_Analysis_and_Management.pdf; ATT00001.htm

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CC: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Hillview Reservoir Settlement Press Release -- region 2 -- NYC drinking water issue

FYI .. we don't have the final press release yet – however the Administrator's quote is highlighted below. Chris, has he approved this?

We don't know the timing of the release – however we will also issue out of EPA/OPA once DOJ goes.

Thanks ng

From: Hull, George
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 11:39 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Hillview Reservoir Settlement Press Release

We don't have it, yet. DOJ is still reviewing. They have promised to share as soon as they can.- George

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 11:33 AM
To: Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Hillview Reservoir Settlement Press Release

Can you send me the release thanks ng

From: Hull, George
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 11:31 AM
To: Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: egan, patrick <egan.patrick@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Hillview Reservoir Settlement Press Release

DOJ has confirmed that they will announce today. They don't know what time, yet. - George

+ Nancy.

From: Hull, George
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2019 10:23 AM
To: Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: egan, patrick <egan.patrick@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Hillview Reservoir Settlement Press Release

John and Chris,
We are still expecting the announcement to got out today from DOJ. I'm reaching out to DOJ to get the latest version of the press release. Susan would like us to do a parallel EPA press release, immediately after DOJ sends out theirs. I will circle back with you as I get more from DOJ, this morning. - George

From: Beach, Christopher
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2019 8:11 PM
To: Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; egan, patrick <egan.patrick@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Hillview Reservoir Settlement Press Release

Yes, this works. Good catch. Thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 15, 2019, at 7:11 PM, Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov> wrote:

> Chris,
> Here is Susan's response to the edited quote you sent me. Let know if this works. - George
>
> Even though it was in my original version of the quote, I don't want to say Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
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> **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**
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> On Mar 15, 2019, at 4:18 PM, Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> > George, sorry for the delay. Here's AW's approved quote. There were a few tweaks. Could you run this past Susan before it goes out just to make sure she's okay with the final version? Thanks!
> >
> > **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**
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> > **From:** Beach, Christopher
> > **Sent:** Thursday, March 14, 2019 10:32 AM
> > **To:** Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
> > **Cc:** egan, patrick <egan.patrick@epa.gov>
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> >
> > It's on AW's desk. Hoping to get approval asap.

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Susan drafted a quote and recommended it for attribution to the Administrator. Last I heard from Chris, it was with the Administrator for his approval. I'm getting pinged by the US Attorneys Office for the quote. Thanks, George

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From: Konkus, John
Sent: Thursday, March 14, 2019 10:10:19 AM
To: Hull, George; Beach, Christopher
Cc: egan, patrick
Subject: RE: Hillview Reservoir Settlement Press Release

How are we looking on this release. Do we have an approved quote yet? Thanks.

From: Hull, George
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 11:16 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>
Cc: egan, patrick <egan.patrick@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Hillview Reservoir Settlement Press Release

John and Chris,

The US Attorney's Office reached out to me last night to request the EPA quote. Could you send to me. Thanks, George

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From: Hull, George
Sent: Monday, March 04, 2019 12:16 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>
Cc: egan, patrick <egan.patrick@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Hillview Reservoir Settlement Press Release

John and Chris,
I don't have any new information on timing, but wanted to make sure you had seen this. Could one of you let me know that you received it. Thanks, George

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From: Hull, George
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 5:34 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Hillview Reservoir Settlement Press Release

Just heard this is not likely to be ready to announce until next week. - George

From: Hull, George
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 5:29 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>
Subject: Hillview Reservoir Settlement Press Release

John and Chris,

We have a pending announcement with DOJ on a settlement with the City of New York to address violations of an administrative order at the Hillview Reservoir. Susan has recommended this for an Administrative quote. The attached shows Susan's edits, including her suggestion for a quote. I don't have an exact estimate of when DOJ is planning to announce, but this could be soon. I've got a call into DOJ asking about timing and will let you know what I learn. Thanks, George

Message

From: Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]
Sent: 3/21/2019 5:59:12 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Inquiry on glyphosate

Yes.

From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2019 1:03 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Inquiry on glyphosate

OK to work with the program?

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Date: March 21, 2019 at 12:51:43 PM EDT
To: "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Inquiry on glyphosate

Robert, I wanted to check back on this, any more specific read on when this year this decision will come?

Jacob Bunge
Reporter, The Wall Street Journal
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On Thu, Mar 14, 2019 at 4:10 PM Bunge, Jacob <Jacob.Bunge@wsj.com> wrote:

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On Thu, Mar 14, 2019 at 3:20 PM Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Yes, that is correct.

On background, please.

Cheers, R.

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From: Bunge, Jacob <Jacob.Bunge@wsj.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 13, 2019 2:20 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Inquiry on glyphosate

Robert, this EPA web page says the agency expects to "publish the proposed interim registration review decision for glyphosate in 2019." Is that still the current timeframe?

https://www.epa.gov/pesticides/epa-releases-draft-risk-assessments-glyphosate

Thanks,

Jacob

On Fri, Mar 1, 2019 at 2:35 PM Bunge, Jacob <Jacob.Bunge@wsj.com> wrote:

Robert, thanks for your response, but these are questions for EPA, not these litigants.

Let me rephrase:

Has EPA analyzed or investigated the alleged role of Monsanto's scientists in a number of studies evaluating glyphosate's safety profile, some of which have been cited in the EPA's review of glyphosate? If so, what were the conclusions?

Other regulatory agencies have examined this matter and responded, and I need to understand the EPA's position, if there is one. Thanks--

-Jacob

On Fri, Mar 1, 2019 at 2:21 PM Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Jacob,

You'd have to ask the parties to the case for any comment on their arguments and theories in that case. **– EPA Spokesperson.**

Cheers, R.

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Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 5:36 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Inquiry on glyphosate

Robert, following up on this -- the response below lays out the EPA's process and criteria for considering studies and research as part of the pesticide registration process, but it doesn't speak to

the question of how the EPA has considered these allegations by the plaintiffs' lawyers over the past couple of years that Monsanto's scientists played an inappropriate role in reviewing and editing a handful of studies into this subject. I was curious whether the EPA has responded to those assertions:

> I wanted to understand how the EPA considers this sort of involvement in the context of reviewing the scientific literature for the re-registration process, why these assertions by the plaintiffs' attorneys are or are not a concern, and whether the EPA has inquired further about the company's involvement in scientific research that's considered as part of the regulatory review process for this product.

I looked through the documents linked at the bottom of your email, but haven't yet been able to see if this is addressed. If I'm missing it please let me know, and I will look further myself.

Thanks,

Jacob

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On Tue, Feb 26, 2019 at 2:52 PM Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Jacob, for attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson," please:

"The Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act requires that pesticide manufacturers conduct and submit to EPA studies to support registration, registration review, and reregistration decisions. Congress placed this obligation on the pesticide manufacturer rather than requiring EPA to develop and fund such data development. The required data provide a wide range of information and include the following: product chemistry, product performance, studies that determine hazard to humans and domestic animals, studies that determine hazard to non-target organisms, post-application exposure studies, applicator/user exposure studies, pesticide spray drift studies, environmental fate, and residue chemistry studies.

EPA has practices in place and enforcement policies to help ensure that registrant-developed data represent sound science. For example, EPA developed an extensive set of guidelines that applicants and registrants use in developing required data. Laboratories must conduct required studies in accordance with Good Laboratory Practices (GLP) to ensure data quality and integrity. EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA) periodically inspects labs that conduct required studies to ensure that labs are in compliance with GLP. Once studies are submitted to the Agency, EPA scientists review studies to ensure that the design of the study is appropriate and that the data are collected and analyzed accurately.

In addition to registrant-submitted studies, EPA scientists review pesticide studies from peer-reviewed scientific journals and data from a wide variety of sources when they are available. In doing so, agency scientists identify hazards and characterize risks using the best data available for their review. EPA's criteria for evaluating open literature data for both human health and ecological risk assessments are available on the EPA's website. See https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/understanding-science-behind-epas-pesticide-decisions for information on Understanding the Science behind EPA's Pesticide Decisions, especially the subsections, "When EPA Receives New Studies" and "Transparency and Scientific Integrity."

The Freedom of Information Act is the means through which the public can gain access to registrant-submitted studies and EPA's review of those studies.

EPA's cancer evaluation for glyphosate included studies submitted to the Agency and relevant studies from the open literature. See https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EPA-HQ-OPP-2009-0361-0086 for a bibliography of studies submitted by glyphosate registrants and reviewed by EPA. More information on how the studies were identified and evaluated can be found in the revised glyphosate issue paper (https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EPA-HQ-OPP-2009-0361-0073) and https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EPA-HQ-OPP-2009-0361-0067"

Cheers, R.

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Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Inquiry on glyphosate

Thanks, I'll check in with you then

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On Fri, Feb 22, 2019 at 1:38 PM Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Jacob,

So, I'm off to a doctor's appointment shortly. I don't expect we'll be getting back to you today. Monday is probably more likely, but why don't we raincheck our chat till then?

Cheers, R.

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To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Inquiry on glyphosate

Robert, can we follow up on this today?

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On Tue, Feb 19, 2019 at 11:10 AM Bunge, Jacob <Jacob.Bunge@wsj.com> wrote:

That should work, thanks.

-Jacob

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On Tue, Feb 19, 2019 at 11:03 AM Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Jacob. Let's shoot for 3 PM Eastern, then?

Cheers, R.

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From: Bunge, Jacob <Jacob.Bunge@wsj.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 11:59 AM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Inquiry on glyphosate

Thanks. Right now I am tied up from 2-2:30 your time, but otherwise free, at the office number below.

-Jacob

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On Tue, Feb 19, 2019 at 10:58 AM Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Good morning Jacob,

Yes, I can talk to you today. But I must make it very clear I won't be giving you comments for publication, whether on the record, or on background. I really just want to get a better understanding of your ask, of your bigger story (are you, for instance, referencing the ongoing Monsanto litigation in California, etc).

Once I have all that, we'll be in a much better position to work on a response for you.

Let me know if there's a time that works for you this afternoon.

Cheers, R.

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From: Bunge, Jacob <Jacob.Bunge@wsj.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 19, 2019 11:54 AM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Inquiry on glyphosate

Robert, can you talk on this today?

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On Fri, Feb 15, 2019 at 4:27 PM Bunge, Jacob <Jacob.Bunge@wsj.com> wrote:

Hi Robert, good to hear from you. I'm back in the office on Tuesday, if there's a time that works on your end that day.

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On Fri, Feb 15, 2019 at 4:26 PM Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Jacob,

Why don't we touch base early next week, maybe Tuesday?

Robert Daguillard

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On Feb 15, 2019, at 5:23 PM, Bunge, Jacob <Jacob.Bunge@wsj.com> wrote:

> Maggie, thanks for your response, and sorry for the delay getting back to you on this. I have been pulled into a couple other articles in the meantime.
>
> My question relates to the EPA's assessment of glyhosate in the context of the internal company communications that have been disseminated by plaintiffs' attorneys, in which Monsanto officials in some cases review and make edits to research manuscripts being worked on by academics and non-company scientists. Some of these company communications have concerned studies that the EPA has considered as part of its registration

review of glyhosate, such as Kier and Kirkland (2013), Mink et al (2012) and Williams et al (2000), in which plaintiffs' attorneys say the company communications show that Monsanto's scientists reviewed and in some cases proposed edits to these papers.

The company previously has said that the authors' conclusions remain their own and that any edits amounted to textual/editorial changes. I wanted to understand how the EPA considers this sort of involvement in the context of reviewing the scientific literature for the re-registration process, why these assertions by the plaintiffs' attorneys are or are not a concern, and whether the EPA has inquired further about the company's involvement in scientific research that's considered as part of the regulatory review process for this product.

Please let me know if we could set something up by the end of next week, Feb. 22.

-Jacob

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On Wed, Feb 6, 2019 at 8:10 AM Sauerhage, Maggie <Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov> wrote:

> Good morning,
>
> A colleague forwarded your voicemail sharing that you had some questions on EPA's assessment of glyphosate. If you could please send me your questions and deadline, we can work on getting them answered for you.

Thanks,

Maggie

Maggie Sauerhage

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Message

From: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: 6/25/2018 12:24:55 PM
To: Brennan, Thomas [Brennan.Thomas@epa.gov]
CC: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Hewitt, James [hewitt.james@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Urgent request regarding Sean Reilly E&E

Please work with James on this one. Thanks Tom.

> On Jun 23, 2018, at 6:43 PM, Brennan, Thomas <Brennan.Thomas@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> Yes. “ad hoc”.
>
> Are you ok with this clarifying quote?
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
>> On Jun 23, 2018, at 6:27 PM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:
>>
>> Shouldn’t it be “ad hoc”?
>>
>>> On Jun 23, 2018, at 6:04 PM, Brennan, Thomas <Brennan.Thomas@epa.gov> wrote:
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>>> Hi John,
>>>
>>> In addition to the materials we discussed below I would like to give this quote to clarify the issue – “This is a project management decision and the Science Advisory Board is prepared to support all Agency work in the fields of ecological, economics, and engineering via as hoc panels”.
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>>> I think that makes it clear we stand ready to support our traditional work load. Let me know if you are comfortable with this quote.
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>>> Thanks,
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>>> Tom
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>>> Sent from my iPhone
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>>>> On Jun 23, 2018, at 10:48 AM, Brennan, Thomas <Brennan.Thomas@epa.gov> wrote:
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>>>> Sounds like a plan.
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>>>> Sent from my iPhone
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>>>>> On Jun 23, 2018, at 10:23 AM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:
>>>>>
>>>>> It’s OK to send them this memo but please don’t do so before his deadline of 11:30 on Monday. Also send the statements that you and James have approved, but if you could add your name for attribution that would be great. Let me know if that works?
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>>>>>> On Jun 23, 2018, at 8:07 AM, Brennan, Thomas <Brennan.Thomas@epa.gov> wrote:
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>>>>>> 11:30 Monday
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>>>>>> Sent from my iPhone
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>>>>>>> On Jun 23, 2018, at 7:44 AM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:
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>>>>>>> When’s his deadline?
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>>>>>>>> On Jun 23, 2018, at 7:42 AM, Brennan, Thomas <Brennan.Thomas@epa.gov> wrote:
>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>> Hi John and Nancy,
>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>> Sean Reilly is developing a story for E&E regarding our decision to retire the 3 standing committees. He requested the supporting materials for the Administrative meeting be released without a FOIA request. I think releasing this material is to our benefit as we lay out the business case for the decision.
>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>> Attached are the materials from our Administrative meeting. I propose we pull out only the section on standing committees and send it to him by his Monday deadline. My logic is if he is going to write this story we might as well document our business case.

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>>>>>>>> Do you agree?
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>>>>>>>> Tom
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>>>>>>>> Sent from my iPhone

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From: Lucille Sherman [lsherman@gatehousemedia.com]
Sent: 5/29/2019 5:03:15 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
CC: Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Query Sarasota Herald-Tribune Getting .csv of WQ data from WQP as seen on BEACON database

Robert —

In response to this question, "**I'm a little bit confused about your response to my questions about monitored and not monitored beaches. The Beach Monitoring Frequency report shows a variable called "Monitoring Reporting Frequency (to EPA)." If that value for a row under that variable is 0, does that mean it isn't monitored at all?**

You said:

No. It means the frequency of reporting monitoring data to EPA is "0".

To identify which beaches are monitored, (please see question 13, below) you can run a national BEACON query, use the Beach Monitoring Frequency report. Please see the User's Guide for instructions to create the report: (p. 28 D.2.) in the grey panel, select "Total of all Jurisdictions"; (p. 39 D.2.2) click on the column header for the Swim Season Monitoring Frequency column, sort by decreasing value (this will group all beaches with a monitoring frequency of "0" at the bottom of the list; separating monitored from unmonitored beaches)."

This seems contradictory. So does Swim Season Monitoring Frequency = 0, does that mean the beach is unmonitored?

Thanks,

Lucille

On May 24, 2019, at 9:20 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Lucille, for attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson," please:

Are only jurisdictions that receive grants under the BEACH Act required to comply with the BEACH Act Program?

Correct, please see 33 USC 1346 (CWA Sec. 406(b)(1)).

-Are only states/jurisdictions that receive grants required to adopt water quality standards?

No, please see 33 USC 1313 (CWA Sec. 303). TheClean Water Act (CWA) gives primacy to states (including U.S. territories) and authorized tribes for the adoption of water quality standards, including setting designated uses (e.g., primary contact recreation), adopting criteria to protect those uses, and protecting existing and high quality waters. Under the BEACH Act amendments to the CWA, Congress set a clear mandate for coastal recreation waters (including Great Lakes) where a state/territory/authorized tribe has designated the water for primary

contact, that they need to have water quality criteria as protective of public health as EPA's [1986] recreational criteria (regardless of whether they end up applying for a BEACH Act grant). As directed by the BEACH Act (CWA section 303(i), in 2004 EPA promulgated those criteria for any jurisdictions that did not have water quality criteria as protective of public health as EPA's [1986] recreational criteria. After EPA publishes revised recreational criteria, as was done in 2012, the CWA directs states to adopt revised criteria (also section 303(i)).

Are only jurisdictions that receive grants required to provide data to the EPA, in regard to beach/water quality data?

Correct, please see 33 USC 1346 (CWA Sec. 406(b)(3)(A)).

-When I run the WQS Criteria report, I only get 31 states or territories. That does not seem to be accurate, but I'm unclear on how many there should be, since the data I've been getting varies so widely. Could you please confirm that this is an accurate/inaccurate number and how many there should be?

That is accurate as some jurisdictions are still adding that data element (introduced as required in 2016) to their data systems for submission to EPA.

-When it comes to the beach-related national geospatial downloads and fact sheets, you said this will be updated and republished in 2019. When is that expected to be published, exactly?

We do not have a more specific expected date at the moment.

Which three jurisdictions have not submitted 2018 data?

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands;Swinomish Indian Tribal Community; Texas.

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Or does this report show only monitored beaches? I want to generate a list of both monitored/not monitored beaches.

No it includes all BEACH Act beaches, monitored or not, please see: the Step 3 Report Selection Tab, the description of the Beach Monitoring Frequency Report: *For each BEACH Act beach: Identifies swim season and monitoring attributes of each beach including: (1) swimming season length and (2) in- and off-season monitoring frequency. The list is sorted by county and beach name.*

I'm unclear on why using EPABEACH as the only project ID in the water quality data portal isn't sufficient. That's what my colleague was told to use in the portal. Please explain.

The directions the BEACH Program provides to submitters requires associating multiple values with the beach to avoid incomplete data submissions and reports (EPABEACH alone was no longer required beginning 2008). Please see: electronic p.26, p.32, p.34, p.35 of: https://www.epa.gov/beach-tech/submitting-beach-data-epa#monitor.

Please see, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) # 24 on p.45-46; #29 p. 47; #36 p.49 of: https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-08/documents/faqs-2018-seasonal-data.pdf. Your colleague received a reply prepared by the Water Quality Portal.

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On May 23, 2019, at 3:31 PM, Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:

> Yes! It's easier for me if you can give me a solid date of when you might have answers.
>
> Also, it would be really helpful to talk to a data person in your office on background, if possible.

> On May 23, 2019, at 3:28 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> Right. These look like fairly technical questions, so let me see when we can reasonably and feasibly get back to you. I'd bet on next week, to be honest. Would that work for you? Also, keep in we're closed Monday, for the holiday.
>
> Cheers, R.
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> **To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Query Sarasota Herald-Tribune Getting .csv of WQ data from WQP as seen on BEACON database

Robert,

Yes. I am. I had to move my deadline back for this story, but I do need responses ASAP. Thanks.

On May 23, 2019, at 2:37 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Lucille. Are you on deadline for those?

Cheers, R.

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From: Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com>
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To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Cc: Wise, Allison <Wise.Allison@epa.gov>; Harris-Young, Dawn <Harris-Young.Dawn@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>; Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Query Sarasota Herald-Tribune Getting .csv of WQ data from WQP as seen on BEACON database

Robert —

I'm looking into some of the other resources you sent me. In the meantime, here are a few follow-up questions I have:

-Are only jurisdictions that receive grants under the BEACH Act required to comply with the BEACH Act Program?

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I'm sure I'll have more questions after looking through the material you sent me.

Thanks for your help,

Lucille

> On May 22, 2019, at 3:18 PM,
> Daguillard, Robert
> <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> Lucille, with apologies for the late response, and for attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson," please:
>
> Thank you for your interest in water quality and public health.
> Responses are provided below each bolded question. As background, please also note that the water quality data and beach notification

information you seek are provided to EPA (generally once a year) by states, tribes and territories (jurisdictions) that receive BEACH Act grants. The jurisdictions' required capabilities and performance requirements, and EPA recommendations for program operations (related to many of your questions, below) can be found in the National Beach Guidance: www.epa.gov/beach-tech/national-beach-guidance-and-required-performanc e-criteria-grants

The current BEACON User Guide (always accessible in the upper right corner of the BEACON home page) explains how to create and run queries, and download into spreadsheets the data and information you seek.

Also, this BEACON page includes links to each jurisdiction's beach program webpage. If you want to obtain beach data on each jurisdiction, which may include data not submitted to EPA, or have questions about their program, we suggest you contact each jurisdiction directly.

I'm looking at measuring water quality at beaches. I plan on using this definition as my starting point: "The BEACH Act defines coastal recreation waters as the Great Lakes and coastal waters (including coastal estuaries) that states, territories, and authorized tribes officially recognize (or "designate") for swimming, bathing, surfing, or similar activities in the water."

The EPA BEACH Act Program includes coastal and Great Lakes beaches as defined by the Clean Water Act (CWA). Such beaches are: (1) adjacent to water with water quality standards (WQS) for primary contact recreation, (2) used by the public, and (3) are "... waters downstream of the mouth of a river or stream having

unimpaired natural connection with the open sea." [Sec 5. (B)]. (Here, "the sea" also refers to a connection to the Great Lakes.)

States adopt water quality standards to protect their waters, including recreational waters. They may adopt EPA's recommended criteria or other scientifically defensible criteria as part of their proposed Water Quality Standards, and then they submit their proposed standards to EPA for approval under the CWA. Please see EPA's 2012 recommended Recreational Water Quality Criteria (RWQC) for EPA's latest recommendations: www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-10/documents/rwqc2012.pdf

The implementation guidance documents for the 2012 recommended RWQC can be found at: www.epa.gov/wqc/2012-recreational-water-quality-criteria-documents

I have begun collecting enterococcus levels through the water quality portal for each state. I believe I need to collect E.Coli to measure water quality for the Great Lakes. Is this correct?

Correct, all the Great Lakes states measure microbial water quality using E. Coli as an indicator of microbial contamination.

I have also gathered fecal coliform data, but it appears there hasn't been as much monitoring for this characteristic. Is this something that the EPA still measures? Is this still a good indicator of water quality? Are there any other characteristics/bacteria I should be gathering?

EPA no longer recommends fecal coliform as an indicator organism, rather EPA recommends either E. Coli or Enterococcus in fresh waters and Enterococcus in marine waters be used as the appropriate indicator.

The indicators that various jurisdictions have chosen to use are reflected in BEACON. Please run the WQS Criteria report. The BEACON Water Quality report is pulled from the Water Quality Portal (WQP) that you are already familiar with, and it also shows the indicators used. The BEACH Act only requires monitoring for fecal indicators. Some jurisdictions also monitor for other concerns; e.g., algae that produce phytotoxins (harmful algal blooms), medical waste, etc.; see BEACON Beach Actions and Possible Pollution Sources reports. Please see the discussion in the National Beach Guidance.

I found this on the department's website: "As a result, we recommended in 1986 the use of E. coli for fresh recreation waters (criteria set at 126/100mL) and enterococci for fresh and marine recreation waters (criteria set at 33/100mL in freshwater and 35/100mL in marine water). These recommendations replaced our previously recommended bacteria criteria for fecal coliform of 200/100mL."

Are these criteria still correct?

In 2012, EPA reviewed the science and released updated criteria recommendations. From p. 43 of the 2012 RWQC document linked above, these are EPA's current recommended criteria for indicator organisms (GM= geometric mean, STV= statistical threshold value):
<image001.jpg>
In addition, for the purposes of making decisions for posting notifications or closures at beaches, EPA recommended the following Beach Action Values (BAVs) (from p.44 of the 2012 RWQC document):

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If a particular bacteria is high at a beach, what are the reporting/notification requirements?

What and how jurisdictions report in real-time to the public varies by jurisdiction; please see their program websites. Local authorities should notify the public in as timely a manner as possible. What they subsequently report to EPA (usually in the January-March period in the year following the beach season), includes their "local action decision procedures," which if submitted, are listed in BEACON Beach Profile reports for each beach. Please see the discussion in the National Beach Guidance.

How can I find what caused a bacteria to be particularly high in one area?

Please run a BEACON Possible Pollution Source report. Please see the discussion in the National Beach Guidance section on Sanitary Survey.

What kind of action does the EPA take when a particular source has high levels of bacteria?

EPA does not take an action at the time high levels are reported. Under the CWA, and as a requirement to receive a BEACH Act grant, the jurisdiction has authority to take actions under their own programs. Please note that repeated exceedances of the geometric mean threshold may be considered by jurisdictions and EPA when making decisions on whether the waterbody is meeting its designated uses for the purposes of Section 303(d) of the CWA. If a water is listed as impaired and not meeting its designated recreational use, the state must develop a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), which in turn can change National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirements for a particular discharger.

Would it be accurate to average the measure values for one location over the course of a year and compare it to the average level for the previous year?

Please see the discussion in the National Beach Guidance, which recommends the geometric mean calculated over a discrete averaging period, usually 30-60 days. For beach notification purposes, typically a single exceedance of the jurisdiction's beach notification value is used for making decisions.

It appears the values in the "monitoring location name" variable either aren't clean or don't reflect the name of the beach where the water is being tested. Is there a place where I can get the name of the beach for each monitoring location?

Please see the BEACON Beach Actions or Water Quality reports.

It appears there are shape files that show the beach names (https://watersgeo.epa.gov/beacon2/). Is there a way I could obtain those?

Beach-related national geospatial downloads and fact sheets are available for the BEACH Act program. The geospatial data represents BEACH Act beaches based on the information provided to the EPA. This data is available in GIS-compatible shapefile and geodatabase formats and in KMZ Google Earth files. These data are being updated and are expected to be republished later in 2019. NOTE – the BEACON maps (use the Find a Beach tab) previously showed the location of the monitoring station points next to the beach lines, but EPA recently changed to ArcGIS Javascript and we have not received updated code yet.

What's the difference between "estimated" versus "actual" in the variable "result value type name?" Does this mean the water isn't actually being tested? Would it be accurate to include these in my analysis?

An "estimated" value indicates that it is not directly measured. You can check

with the jurisdiction as to how the estimate was created and if other relevant data is available.

Is there a way I could get a spreadsheet of beaches that are currently monitored, and those that are not? I found it at this portal, but I have to click on each state to get a list of the beaches in that state: https://ofmpub.epa.gov/apex/beacon2/f?p=111:12:8414826486221::NO::P12_YEARS:Current.

You can run a national BEACON query, use the Beach Monitoring frequency report. Please see the User's Guide for instructions to download the report: in the grey panel, click on "Actions v," select "Download," pick a format.

Is this constantly updated? If not, how often is it updated? Can I get a list of beaches that were and weren't monitored as of last year?

The jurisdictions usually report annually to EPA (in the January-March period in the year following the beach season, although some report more frequently). As of May 14th, 2019, three jurisdictions have not yet submitted the data for 2018.

Could I obtain a spreadsheet showing advisories and closures within the last two years (Memorial Day 2017 - May 2019)?

You can run two different BEACON reports. If you only want the number and duration of advisories and closures, run a national State Summary/Alternate Report (National Percentage) report. If you want a row for each advisory and closure, run a national Beach Actions report. Please see the User's Guide for instructions to download the reports: in the grey panel, click on "Actions v," select "Download," pick a format.

Could I obtain a spreadsheet/list of places that have received beach grants

in the last 10 years? Is this available per beach? Or is this only available by county/state?

Only by jurisdiction, please see: www.epa.gov/beach-tech/beach-grants . Fiscal Year 2019 grants are still in process.

Note to reporter: The process of submitting and retrieving data using the BEACON App can fail at any of many steps due to something as simple as a space in the wrong place. BEACON pulls all the data in the Water Quality report from WQX & WQP. If water quality (WQ) data are showing in BEACON but not in the WQP, then the structure of the query to the WQP is likely the problem. If water quality data are showing in the WQP but not in BEACON, then the problem is likely either with the submitted data (please see list of example conditions below) or it is not data collected under the Beach Program. If WQ data are incomplete in both the WQP and BEACON, then either the data were not submitted (yet), or not submitted correctly. We ask the jurisdictions each year to verify that their Beach Program submissions show up as intended.

Example Conditions:
1. to pull the WQ data in WQP, the submitted data must be associated with:
a. valid WQX-issued org id(s) (e. g, 21XXBCH or jurisdiction format e. g, 11113300), and b. valid Beach Program-issued beach id(s) (aka WQX project id(s), e. g., XX205937 and (1) Note: the use of EPABEACH as the only WQX project id is not sufficient c. valid jurisdiction-created station id(s) d. beach ids not grouped/concatenated (e.g., as in .xlsx comma separated values (csv) format) or equivalent e. valid BEACH Program Monitoring Location Type (MLTYP_UID values from 58 to 67 inclusive) 2. Other reasons a beach may

not show WQ data at all, or not for a period of time:
a. not monitored (no data)
(1) non-reporting
(2) dormant
(3) indicator(s) searched for not monitored or changed b. in the BEACON Wizard, historical and/or private data not selected to show in report c. new beach id - no data submitted yet (pending action by jurisdiction) d. WQX data Result Status set as "Preliminary", needs to be set to "Final"

At https://www.waterqualitydata.us/, when I select EPABEACH under project ID and sample results for biological metadata or site data and download Connecticut data in it's entirety, only two monitoring locations are showing up (ESPOSITO BEACH and SEASIDE PARK BEACH). The EPA's website shows that 73 Connecticut beaches are monitored. Do you know why there's a discrepancy?

Please see introductory comments above.

I've also noticed Hawaii's data only goes through 2017, but data for enterococcus and fecal coliform only go through 2011 and 1997, respectively. I'm running into similar issues in Massachusetts, which only has data for E.coli and enterococcus through 2007, Michigan, which only has E.coli data through 2014 as well as no designated monitoring locations. I'm running into similar issues in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas and Wisconsin (I've only looked at enterococcus and fecal coliform in these states, and haven't looked at E.coli yet). Illinois and Indiana are also returning "no data", even though they are shown as a jurisdiction with beach data at this site:https://watersgeo.epa.gov/BEACON2/Beacon.html. Some of these do not match up with what is being shown in BEACON.

Please see introductory comments above.

Additionally, does BEACON only show advisories/notifications, or would it match the data found in the water quality portal completely?
The jurisdiction-reported data found in BEACON come from the following EPA/USGS databases:

- EPA's Reach Address Database (RAD). RAD contains geographic data that define each beach's location and the location of water quality monitoring stations. BEACON pulls this data to display the beaches and stations on a map. For more information on RAD, see EPA's Reach Address Database page.
- EPA's Water Quality Exchange (WQX) and the USGS Water Quality Portal (WQP). WQX is the framework by which organizations submit data to the EPA for weekly upload to the WQP. BEACON pulls water quality monitoring data from WQX/WQP. For more information on WQX/WQP, see Water Quality Data (WQX) page.
- PRogram tracking, beach Advisories, Water quality standards, and Nutrients (PRAWN). PRAWN stores beach administrative, advisory and closing data. For more information on PRAWN, see Submitting Data to EPA page. And data flow diagram:https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2019-02/documents/ebeaches-dataflow-2019.pdf

Could you please let me know why there is a discrepancy, and potentially missing years, in the data available in the water quality portal?

Please see introductory comments above.

Cheers, R.

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Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2019 9:59 AM
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Cc: Wise, Allison <Wise.Allison@epa.gov>; Harris-Young, Dawn <Harris-Young.Dawn@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Query Sarasota Herald-Tribune Getting .csv of WQ data from WQP as seen on BEACON database

Robert —

Is there an ETA on when these questions might be answered? It's been a week since I sent them over.

On May 17, 2019, at 3:58 PM, Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:

Robert —

Circling back again.

Lucille Sherman

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On May 16, 2019, at 9:29 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Morning Lucille. Checking.

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On May 16, 2019, at 9:20 AM, Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:

Circling back on this.

On May 14, 2019, at 5:00 PM, Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:

Robert —

I ran this by my editor. Tomorrow (Wednesday) COB works.

If there are any questions that are more easily and quickly answered and it's possible to send them on a rolling basis, that would be great!

Thanks,

Lucille

Lucille Sherman

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On May 14, 2019, at 1:38 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Lucille.

With these additional questions, we're unlikely to get back to you this afternoon. I understand your need to

process all the data and other information you're putting together, but if you could push your deadline back to tomorrow COB, or even Thursday, we'd be grateful. Our water folks want to make sure they get it right – something you'll appreciate, as a reporter. Let me know if you want to discuss.

Cheers, R.

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Thank you,

Lucille

On May 14, 2019, at 11:16 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Sure thing. And it's press@epa.gov. Two Ss, not three.

Cheers, R.

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Subject: RE: Query Sarasota Herald-Tribune Getting .csv of WQ data from WQP as seen on BEACON database

Thanks, Lucille, We'll do our best. For future inquiries, please reach out to presss@epa.gov, and either I or one of my colleagues will get back to you.

Cheers, R.

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Hi Robert,

For getting the questions I sent yesterday answered, my deadline is today. We're aiming to have the story publish on Memorial Day, but we need to get some questions answered and wrangle the data before we can determine if that's feasible.

After we get these questions answered, I can send you an updated publish

date.

Thanks!

Lucille

On May 14, 2019, at 10:54 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Good morning Lucille, and thanks for reaching out,

What's your deadline, please, and when are you planning to publish?

Cheers, R.

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Thanks! If you have any idea, could you let me know an ETA on getting the answers to these questions? Working on a tight deadline.

On May 14, 2019, at 9:52 AM, Young, Dwane <Young.Dwane@epa.gov> wrote:

Lucille,

Thanks for the follow-up. This request needed to be rerouted back through the beaches staff, and likely our communication staff. I've sent it to them for follow-up.

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On May 14, 2019, at 9:41 AM, Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:

Hi Dwane,

Just wanted to circle back on this.

Thanks,

Lucille

On May 13, 2019, at 2:40 PM, Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:

Hello,

My colleague, Daphne Chen, was recently corresponding with you about this, and this story has been transferred over to me.

I have a few questions for you that I was hoping you could answer for me. I need this information by tomorrow afternoon.

I'm looking at measuring water quality at beaches. I plan on using this definition as my starting point: "The BEACH Act defines coastal recreation waters as the Great Lakes and coastal waters (including coastal estuaries) that states, territories, and authorized tribes

officially recognize (or "designate") for swimming, bathing, surfing, or similar activities in the water."

-I have begun collecting enterococcus levels through the water quality portal for each state. I believe I need to collect E.Coli to measure water quality for the Great Lakes. Is this correct? I have also gathered fecal coliform data, but it appears there hasn't been as much monitoring for this characteristic. Is this something that the EPA still measures? Is this still a good indicator of water quality? Are there any other characteristics/bacteria I should be gathering?

-I found this on the department's website: "As a result, we recommended in 1986 the use of E. coli for fresh recreation waters (criteria set at 126/100mL) and enterococci for fresh and marine recreation waters (criteria set at 33/100mL in freshwater and 35/100mL in marine water). These recommendations replaced our previously recommended bacteria criteria for fecal coliform of 200/100mL."

Are these criterium still correct?

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-Could I obtain a spreadsheet/list of places that have received beach grants in the last 10 years? Is this available per beach? Or is this only available by county/state?

Thanks for handling this large volume of questions. Would you mind letting me know when you've received this email? If you think any answers to these questions will be hard or time consuming to track down, please let me know.

Feel free to give me a call if you have any questions or need any clarification.

Thank you,

Lucille Sherman

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On May 13, 2019, at 10:33 AM, Chen, Daphne <dchen@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:

Daphne,

All of these data are available at the water quality portal: https://waterqualitydata.us

To access these data, click on the 'Download Data' button. On the form that shows up next find the field called 'Project ID' (it's on the right hand side of the screen under Sampling Parameters. Enter 'EPABEACH'. You can then download all the station information (including the locations). To do this, choose 'Site Data Only' under 'select data to download' and hit 'Download'. You will then get a .zip file that contains all the site information. To get the actual sampling results, choose 'Sample Results (physical/chemical metadata)' and then click download to get a .zip file of all of those results.

To make your life a little easier, the following links will give you all these data for the past 10 years (anything collected since 2008). If you want a different time period, you can go to the portal and enter your conditions. One warning, this is a sizeable data set (3.5

million records from 10,000 sites). If you try to pull the full dataset (without the date restriction) you'd get 5.5 million records from 13,000 sites.

Site Information:

https://www.waterqualitydata.us/data/Station/search?project=EPABEACH&startDateLo=01-01-2008&mimeType=csv&zip=yes

Results:

https://www.waterqualitydata.us/data/Result/search?project=EPABEACH&startDateLo=01-01-2008&mimeType=csv&zip=yes

If you just want Florida's data, that's a little easier, the following links will give you that:

Site Information:

https://www.waterqualitydata.us/data/Station/search?statecode=US%3A12&project=EPABEACH&startDateLo=01-01-2008&mimeType=csv&zip=yes

Results:

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Subject: Getting .csv of BEACON database

Hello,

My name is Daphne Chen and I'm a data reporter at the Sarasota Herald-Tribune/GateHouse Media in Florida.

I'm working on a data story about beach water quality and was very impressed by the BEACON data app. Robert Daguillard from Media Relations told me to ask you whether there's any way to get a copy of the underlying database in spreadsheet format (excel or .csv) so I can do my analysis.

The problem with the BEACON app is that when I try to download one state at a time, many states have more than 50,000 entries and I get the error of "This query has returned more than 50,000 rows, please filter your data to ensure complete results." It's very difficult for me to download each county in the US manually. Is there any way you can send me a copy of your Water Quality Report underlying database for the entire nation at once?

Any assistance would be greatly appreciated!

Thanks,

Daphne

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Daphne Chen

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Subject: RE: CWA Memo Announcement for Monday afternoo
Attachments: EPA Issues Memo to Increase Compliance with CWA PR 5.29.19.docx

Thanks all! Use this version with the web address in it.

Web is live- we are ready to go when you are.

FaceTweet language coming shortly.

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Monday, June 03, 2019 4:03 PM
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Subject: Fwd: CWA Memo Announcement for Monday afternoo

To go out this afternoon- Allison - please confirm that this is the correct version thx ng

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> **Date:** June 3, 2019 at 2:41:17 PM EDT
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> **Subject: RE: CWA Memo Announcement for Monday afternoon**
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> + others
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> All,
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> Attached is the final approval PR (which includes the ID quote and an additional tweak from Dave). Dave will be signing the memo in the next 20 minutes.
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> **OPA**- are you ok with issuing the attached PR at 3:30 or 4 today?
>
> Unrelated- I understand we will issue the EPA-FEMA SRF MOU tomorrow.

-Allison

From: Dennis, Allison
Sent: Sunday, June 02, 2019 8:26 AM
To: McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Carter, Brittany S. <carter.brittanys@epa.gov>; Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; Frye, Tony (Robert) <frye.robert@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: CWA Memo Announcement for Monday afternoon

Thank you Jessica!

Attached is the revised PR that incorporates Dave's and Jessica's edits. We are waiting to receive **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)** Still aiming to get this out tomorrow (Monday) in the afternoon- say 2 or 3 pm? -Allison

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Edits to the release are attached.

From: Carter, Brittany S.
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Yes thanks for the heads up!

On May 31, 2019, at 5:40 PM, Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov> wrote:

Looks good from my end. We can share with the Hill once it goes live. I suspect Britt's Intergov't folks will be more interested than the hill on this one.

Thanks,

Christian Rodrick

On May 31, 2019, at 4:52 PM, Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov> wrote:

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-Close Hold Information-

All,

OW just received final AO clearance on the attached guidance from Dave to the RAs that aims to increase the agency's compliance with Clean Water Act deadlines (Note: we Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) With OPA and OCIR's approval, we would like to issue the attached press release Monday afternoon that announces this guidance. I will get Dave's final edits on the PR over the weekend. If this timing works for you all, **could we aim for a 3 pm announcement on Monday?**

OCIR- please note that we have a quote in our PR from Carol Comer (Director of MO DNR).

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<EPA Issues Memo to Increase Compliance with CWA PR 5.29.19.docx>

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Message

From: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
Sent: 5/25/2019 1:20:08 AM
To: Lucille Sherman [lsherman@gatehousemedia.com]
CC: Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Query Sarasota Herald-Tribune Getting .csv of WQ data from WQP as seen on BEACON database

Lucille, for attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson," please:

Are only jurisdictions that receive grants under the BEACH Act required to comply with the BEACH Act Program?

Correct, please see 33 USC 1346 (CWA Sec. 406(b)(1)).

-Are only states/jurisdictions that receive grants required to adopt water quality standards?

No, please see 33 USC 1313 (CWA Sec. 303). TheClean Water Act (CWA) gives primacy to states (including U.S. territories) and authorized tribes for the adoption of water quality standards, including setting designated uses (e.g., primary contact recreation), adopting criteria to protect those uses, and protecting existing and high quality waters. Under the BEACH Act amendments to the CWA, Congress set a clear mandate for coastal recreation waters (including Great Lakes) where a state/territory/authorized tribe has designated the water for primary contact, that they need to have water quality criteria as protective of public health as EPA's [1986] recreational criteria (regardless of whether they end up applying for a BEACH Act grant). As directed by the BEACH Act (CWA section 303(i), in 2004 EPA promulgated those criteria for any jurisdictions that did not have water quality criteria as protective of public health as EPA's [1986] recreational criteria. After EPA publishes revised recreational criteria, as was done in 2012, the CWA directs states to adopt revised criteria (also section 303(i)).

Are only jurisdictions that receive grants required to provide data to the EPA, in regard to beach/water quality data?

Correct, please see 33 USC 1346 (CWA Sec. 406(b)(3)(A)).

-When I run the WQS Criteria report, I only get 31 states or territories. That does not seem to be accurate, but I'm unclear on how many there should be, since the data I've been getting varies so widely. Could you please confirm that this is an accurate/inaccurate number and how many there should be?

That is accurate as some jurisdictions are still adding that data element (introduced as required in 2016) to their data systems for submission to EPA.

-When it comes to the beach-related national geospatial downloads and fact sheets, you said this will be updated and republished in 2019. When is that expected to be published, exactly?

We do not have a more specific expected date at the moment.

Which three jurisdictions have not submitted 2018 data?

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands;Swinomish Indian Tribal Community; Texas.

I'm a little bit confused about your response to my questions about monitored and not monitored beaches. The Beach Monitoring Frequency report shows a variable called "Monitoring Reporting Frequency (to EPA)." If that value for a row under that variable is 0, does that mean it isn't monitored at all?

No. It means the frequency of reporting monitoring data to EPA is "0".

To identify which beaches are monitored, (please see question 13, below) you can run a national BEACON query, use the Beach Monitoring Frequency report. Please see the User's Guide for instructions to create the report: (p. 28 D.2.) in the grey panel, select "Total of all Jurisdictions"; (p. 39 D.2.2) click on the column header for the Swim Season Monitoring Frequency column, sort by decreasing value (this will group all beaches with a monitoring frequency of "0" at the bottom of the list; separating monitored from unmonitored beaches).

Or does this report show only monitored beaches? I want to generate a list of both monitored/not monitored beaches.

No it includes all BEACH Act beaches, monitored or not, please see: the Step 3 Report Selection Tab, the description of the Beach Monitoring Frequency Report: *For each BEACH Act beach: Identifies swim season and monitoring attributes of each beach including: (1) swimming season length and (2) in- and off-season monitoring frequency. The list is sorted by county and beach name.*

I'm unclear on why using EPABEACH as the only project ID in the water quality data portal isn't sufficient. That's what my colleague was told to use in the portal. Please explain.

The directions the BEACH Program provides to submitters requires associating multiple values with the beach to avoid incomplete data submissions and reports (EPABEACH alone was no longer required beginning 2008). Please see: electronic p.26, p.32, p.34, p.35 of: https://www.epa.gov/beach-tech/submitting-beach-data-epa#monitor.

Please see, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) # 24 on p.45-46; #29 p. 47; #36 p.49 of: https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-08/documents/faqs-2018-seasonal-data.pdf. Your colleague received a reply prepared by the Water Quality Portal.

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On May 23, 2019, at 3:31 PM, Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:

> Yes! It's easier for me if you can give me a solid date of when you might have answers.
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> Also, it would be really helpful to talk to a data person in your office on background, if possible.
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> > On May 23, 2019, at 3:28 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Right. These look like fairly technical questions, so let me see when we can reasonably and feasibly get back to you. I'd bet on next week, to be honest. Would that work for you? Also, keep in we're closed Monday, for the holiday.

Cheers, R.

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Subject: Re: Query Sarasota Herald-Tribune Getting .csv of WQ data from WQP as seen on BEACON database

Robert,

Yes. I am. I had to move my deadline back for this story, but I do need responses ASAP. Thanks.

> On May 23, 2019, at 2:37 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:
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> Thanks, Lucille. Are you on deadline for those?
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> Cheers, R.
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> Robert —

I'm looking into some of the other resources you sent me. In the meantime, here are a few follow-up questions I have:

-Are only jurisdictions that receive grants under the BEACH Act required to comply with the BEACH Act Program?

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-Are only jurisdictions that receive grants required to provide data to the EPA, in regard to beach/water quality data?

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-I'm unclear on why using EPABEACH as the only project ID in the water quality data portal isn't sufficient. That's what my colleague was told to use in the portal. Please explain.

I'm sure I'll have more questions after looking through the material you sent me.

Thanks for your help,

Lucille

> On May 22, 2019, at 3:18 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:
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> Lucille, with apologies for the late response, and for attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson," please:
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> Thank you for your interest in water quality and public health.

Responses are provided below each bolded question. As background,
please also note that the water quality data and beach notification
information you seek are provided to EPA (generally once a year) by
states, tribes and territories (jurisdictions) that receive BEACH Act
grants. The jurisdictions' required capabilities and performance
requirements, and EPA recommendations for program operations (related
to many of your questions, below) can be found in the National Beach
Guidance:
www.epa.gov/beach-tech/national-beach-guidance-and-required-performanc
e-criteria-grants

The current BEACON User Guide (always accessible in the upper right corner of the BEACON home page) explains how to create and run queries, and download into spreadsheets the data and information you seek.

Also, this BEACON page includes links to each jurisdiction's beach program webpage. If you want to obtain beach data on each jurisdiction, which may include data not submitted to EPA, or have questions about their program, we suggest you contact each jurisdiction directly.

I'm looking at measuring water quality at beaches. I plan on using this definition as my starting point: "The BEACH Act defines coastal recreation waters as the Great Lakes and coastal waters (including coastal estuaries) that states, territories, and authorized tribes officially recognize (or "designate") for swimming, bathing, surfing, or similar activities in the water."

The EPA BEACH Act Program includes coastal and Great Lakes beaches as
defined by the Clean Water Act (CWA). Such beaches are: (1) adjacent
to water with water quality standards (WQS) for primary contact
recreation, (2) used by the public, and (3) are "... waters downstream
of the mouth of a river or stream having unimpaired natural connection
with the open sea." [Sec 5. (B)]. (Here, "the sea" also refers to a
connection to the Great Lakes.)

States adopt water quality standards to protect their waters, including recreational waters. They may adopt EPA's recommended criteria or other scientifically defensible criteria as part of their proposed Water Quality Standards, and then they submit their proposed standards to EPA for approval under the CWA. Please see EPA's 2012 recommended Recreational Water Quality Criteria (RWQC) for EPA's latest recommendations: www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-10/documents/rwqc2012.pdf

The implementation guidance documents for the 2012 recommended RWQC can be found at: www.epa.gov/wqc/2012-recreational-water-quality-criteria-documents

I have begun collecting enterococcus levels through the water quality portal for each state. I believe I need to collect E.Coli to measure water quality for the Great Lakes. Is this correct?

Correct, all the Great Lakes states measure microbial water quality using E. Coli as an indicator of microbial contamination.

I have also gathered fecal coliform data, but it appears there hasn't been as much monitoring for this characteristic. Is this something that the EPA still measures? Is this still a good indicator of water quality? Are there any other characteristics/bacteria I should be gathering?

EPA no longer recommends fecal coliform as an indicator organism, rather EPA recommends either E. Coli or Enterococcus in fresh waters and Enterococcus in marine waters be used as the appropriate indicator.

The indicators that various jurisdictions have chosen to use are reflected in BEACON. Please run the WQS Criteria report. The BEACON Water Quality report is pulled from the Water Quality Portal (WQP) that you are already familiar with, and it also shows the indicators used. The BEACH Act only requires monitoring for fecal indicators. Some jurisdictions also monitor for other concerns; e.g., algae that produce phytotoxins (harmful algal blooms), medical waste, etc.; see BEACON Beach Actions and Possible Pollution Sources reports. Please see the discussion in the National Beach Guidance.

I found this on the department's website: "As a result, we recommended in 1986 the use of E. coli for fresh

recreation waters (criteria set at 126/100mL) and enterococci for fresh and marine recreation waters (criteria set at 33/100mL in freshwater and 35/100mL in marine water). These recommendations replaced our previously recommended bacteria criteria for fecal coliform of 200/100mL."

Are these criteria still correct?

In 2012, EPA reviewed the science and released updated criteria recommendations. From p. 43 of the 2012 RWQC document linked above, these are EPA's current recommended criteria for indicator organisms (GM= geometric mean, STV= statistical threshold value):
<image001.jpg>
In addition, for the purposes of making decisions for posting notifications or closures at beaches, EPA recommended the following Beach Action Values (BAVs) (from p.44 of the 2012 RWQC document):

<image002.jpg>
If a particular bacteria is high at a beach, what are the reporting/notification requirements?

What and how jurisdictions report in real-time to the public varies by jurisdiction; please see their program websites. Local authorities should notify the public in as timely a manner as possible. What they subsequently report to EPA (usually in the January-March period in the year following the beach season), includes their "local action decision procedures," which if submitted, are listed in BEACON Beach Profile reports for each beach. Please see the discussion in the National Beach Guidance.

How can I find what caused a bacteria to be particularly high in one area?

Please run a BEACON Possible Pollution Source report. Please see the discussion in the National Beach Guidance section on Sanitary Survey.

What kind of action does the EPA take when a particular source has high levels of bacteria?

EPA does not take an action at the time high levels are reported. Under the CWA, and as a requirement to receive a BEACH Act grant, the jurisdiction has authority to take actions under their own programs. Please note that repeated exceedances of the geometric mean threshold may be considered by jurisdictions and EPA when making decisions on whether the waterbody is meeting its designated uses for the purposes of Section

303(d) of the CWA. If a water is listed as impaired and not meeting its designated recreational use, the state must develop a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), which in turn can change National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirements for a particular discharger.

Would it be accurate to average the measure values for one location over the course of a year and compare it to the average level for the previous year?

Please see the discussion in the National Beach Guidance, which recommends the geometric mean calculated over a discrete averaging period, usually 30-60 days. For beach notification purposes, typically a single exceedance of the jurisdiction's beach notification value is used for making decisions.

It appears the values in the "monitoring location name" variable either aren't clean or don't reflect the name of the beach where the water is being tested. Is there a place where I can get the name of the beach for each monitoring location?

Please see the BEACON Beach Actions or Water Quality reports.

It appears there are shape files that show the beach names (https://watersgeo.epa.gov/beacon2/). Is there a way I could obtain those?

Beach-related national geospatial downloads and fact sheets are available for the BEACH Act program. The geospatial data represents BEACH Act beaches based on the information provided to the EPA. This data is available in GIS-compatible shapefile and geodatabase formats and in KMZ Google Earth files. These data are being updated and are expected to be republished later in 2019. NOTE – the BEACON maps (use the Find a Beach tab) previously showed the location of the monitoring station points next to the beach lines, but EPA recently changed to ArcGIS Javascript and we have not received updated code yet.

What's the difference between "estimated" versus "actual" in the variable "result value type name?" Does this mean the water isn't actually being tested? Would it be accurate to include these in my analysis?

An "estimated" value indicates that it is not directly measured. You can check with the jurisdiction as to how the estimate was created and if other relevant data is available.

Is there a way I could get a spreadsheet of beaches that are currently monitored, and those that are not? I found it at this portal, but I have to click on each state to get a list of the beaches in that state: https://ofmpub.epa.gov/apex/beacon2/f?p=111:12:8414826486221::NO::P12_YEARS:Current.

You can run a national BEACON query, use the Beach Monitoring frequency report. Please see the User's Guide for instructions to download the report: in the grey panel, click on "Actions v," select "Download," pick a format.

Is this constantly updated? If not, how often is it updated? Can I get a list of beaches that were and weren't monitored as of last year?

The jurisdictions usually report annually to EPA (in the January-March period in the year following the beach season, although some report more frequently). As of May 14th, 2019, three jurisdictions have not yet submitted the data for 2018.

Could I obtain a spreadsheet showing advisories and closures within the last two years (Memorial Day 2017 - May 2019)?

You can run two different BEACON reports. If you only want the number and duration of advisories and closures, run a national State Summary/Alternate Report (National Percentage) report. If you want a row for each advisory and closure, run a national Beach Actions report. Please see the User's Guide for instructions to download the reports: in the grey panel, click on "Actions v," select "Download," pick a format.

Could I obtain a spreadsheet/list of places that have received beach grants in the last 10 years? Is this available per beach? Or is this only available by county/state?

Only by jurisdiction, please see: www.epa.gov/beach-tech/beach-grants . Fiscal Year 2019 grants are still in process.

Note to reporter: The process of submitting and retrieving data using the BEACON App can fail at any of many steps due to something as simple as a space in the wrong place. BEACON pulls all the data in the Water Quality report from WQX & WQP. If water quality (WQ) data are showing in BEACON but not in the WQP, then

the structure of the query to the WQP is likely the problem. If water quality data are showing in the WQP but not in BEACON, then the problem is likely either with the submitted data (please see list of example conditions below) or it is not data collected under the Beach Program. If WQ data are incomplete in both the WQP and BEACON, then either the data were not submitted (yet), or not submitted correctly. We ask the jurisdictions each year to verify that their Beach Program submissions show up as intended.

Example Conditions:
1. to pull the WQ data in WQP, the submitted data must be associated with:
a. valid WQX-issued org id(s) (e. g, 21XXBCH or jurisdiction format e.
g, 11113300), and b. valid Beach Program-issued beach id(s) (aka WQX
project id(s), e. g., XX205937 and
(1) Note: the use of EPABEACH as the only WQX project id is not
sufficient c. valid jurisdiction-created station id(s) d. beach ids
not grouped/concatenated (e.g., as in .xlsx comma separated values
(csv) format) or equivalent e. valid BEACH Program Monitoring Location
Type (MLTYP_UID values from 58 to 67 inclusive) 2. Other reasons a beach may not show WQ data at all, or not for a period of time:
a. not monitored (no data)
(1) non-reporting
(2) dormant
(3) indicator(s) searched for not monitored or changed b. in the
BEACON Wizard, historical and/or private data not selected to show in
report c. new beach id - no data submitted yet (pending action by
jurisdiction) d. WQX data Result Status set as "Preliminary", needs to be set to "Final"

At https://www.waterqualitydata.us/, when I select EPABEACH under project ID and sample results for biological metadata or site data and download Connecticut data in it's entirety, only two monitoring locations are showing up (ESPOSITO BEACH and SEASIDE PARK BEACH). The EPA's website shows that 73 Connecticut beaches are monitored. Do you know why there's a discrepancy?

Please see introductory comments above.

I've also noticed Hawaii's data only goes through 2017, but data for enterococcus and fecal coliform only go through 2011 and 1997, respectively. I'm running into similar issues in Massachusetts, which only has data for E.coli and enterococcus through 2007, Michigan, which only has E.coli data through 2014 as well as no designated monitoring locations. I'm running into similar issues in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas and Wisconsin (I've only looked at enterococcus and fecal coliform in these states, and haven't looked at E.coli yet). Illinois and Indiana are also returning "no data", even though they are shown as a jurisdiction with beach data at this site:https://watersgeo.epa.gov/BEACON2/Beacon.html. Some of these do not match up with what is being shown in BEACON.

Please see introductory comments above.

Additionally, does BEACON only show advisories/notifications, or would it match the data found in the water quality portal completely?
The jurisdiction-reported data found in BEACON come from the following EPA/USGS databases:

- EPA's Reach Address Database (RAD). RAD contains geographic data that define each beach's location and the location of water quality monitoring stations. BEACON pulls this data to display the beaches and stations on a map. For more information on RAD, see EPA's Reach Address Database page.
- EPA's Water Quality Exchange (WQX) and the USGS Water Quality Portal (WQP). WQX is the framework by which organizations submit data to the EPA for weekly upload to the WQP. BEACON pulls water quality monitoring data from WQX/WQP. For more information on WQX/WQP, see Water Quality Data (WQX) page.
- PRogram tracking, beach Advisories, Water quality standards, and Nutrients (PRAWN). PRAWN stores beach administrative, advisory and closing data. For more information on PRAWN, see Submitting Data to EPA page. And data flow diagram:https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2019-02/documents/e beaches-dataflow-2019.pdf

Could you please let me know why there is a discrepancy, and potentially missing years, in the data available in the water quality portal?

Please see introductory comments above.

Cheers, R.

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Robert —

Is there an ETA on when these questions might be answered? It's been a week since I sent them over.

On May 17, 2019, at 3:58 PM, Lucille Sherman
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Robert —

Circling back again.

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On May 16, 2019, at 9:29 AM, Daguillard, Robert
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Morning Lucille. Checking.

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On May 16, 2019, at 9:20 AM, Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:

Circling back on this.

On May 14, 2019, at 5:00 PM, Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:

Robert —

I ran this by my editor. Tomorrow (Wednesday) COB works.

If there are any questions that are more easily and quickly answered and it's possible to send them on a rolling basis, that would be great!

Thanks,

Lucille

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On May 14, 2019, at 1:38 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Lucille.

With these additional questions, we're unlikely to get back to you this afternoon. I understand your need to process all the data and other information you're putting together, but if you could push your deadline back to tomorrow COB, or even Thursday, we'd be grateful. Our water folks want to make sure they get it right – something you'll appreciate, as a reporter. Let me know if you want to discuss.

Cheers, R.

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To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Cc: Wise, Allison <Wise.Allison@epa.gov>; Harris-Young, Dawn
<Harris-Young.Dawn@epa.gov>; Press
<Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Query Sarasota Herald-Tribune Getting .csv of WQ data
from WQP as seen on BEACON database

Hi Robert,

Wanted to add a few more questions to my list.

At https://www.waterqualitydata.us/, when I select EPABEACH under project ID and sample results for biological metadata or site data and download Connecticut data in it's entirety, only two monitoring locations are showing up (ESPOSITO BEACH and SEASIDE PARK BEACH). The EPA's website shows that 73 Connecticut beaches are monitored. Do you know why there's a discrepancy?

I've also noticed Hawaii's data only goes through 2017, but data for enterococcus and fecal coliform only go through 2011 and 1997, respectively. I'm running into similar issues in Massachusetts, which only has data for e.coli and enterococcus through 2007, Michigan, which only has e.coli data through 2014 as well as no designated monitoring locations. I'm running into similar issues in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas and Wisconsin (I've only looked at enterococcus and fecal coliform in these states, and haven't looked at e.coli yet).

Illinois and Indiana are also returning "no data", even though they are shown as a jurisdiction with beach data at this
site: https://watersgeo.epa.gov/BEACON2/Beacon.html
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Some of these do not match up with what is being shown in BEACON. Additionally, does BEACON only show advisories/notifications, or would it match the data found in the water quality portal completely?

Could you please let me know why there is a discrepancy, and potentially missing years, in the data available in the water quality portal?

Thank you,

Lucille

On May 14, 2019, at 11:16 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Sure thing. And it's press@epa.gov. Two Ss, not three.

Cheers, R.

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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) (M)

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Subject: RE: Query Sarasota Herald-Tribune Getting .csv of WQ data
from WQP as seen on BEACON database

Thanks, Lucille, We'll do our best. For future inquiries, please reach out to presss@epa.gov, and either I or one of my colleagues will get back to you.

Cheers, R.

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from WQP as seen on BEACON database

Hi Robert,

For getting the questions I sent yesterday answered, my deadline is today. We're aiming to have the story publish on Memorial Day, but we need to get some questions answered and wrangle the data before we can determine if that's feasible.

After we get these questions answered, I can send you an updated publish date.

Thanks!

Lucille

On May 14, 2019, at 10:54 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Good morning Lucille, and thanks for reaching out,

What's your deadline, please, and when are you planning to publish?

Cheers, R.

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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) M)

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Cc: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Query Sarasota Herald-Tribune Getting .csv of WQ data
from WQP as seen on BEACON database

Thanks! If you have any idea, could you let me know an ETA on getting the answers to these questions? Working on a tight deadline.

On May 14, 2019, at 9:52 AM, Young, Dwane <Young.Dwane@epa.gov> wrote:

Lucille,

Thanks for the follow-up. This request needed to be rerouted back through the beaches staff, and likely our communication staff. I've sent it to them for follow-up.

Dwane Young
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On May 14, 2019, at 9:41 AM, Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:

Hi Dwane,

Just wanted to circle back on this.

Thanks,

Lucille

On May 13, 2019, at 2:40 PM, Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:

Hello,

My colleague, Daphne Chen, was recently corresponding with you about this, and this story has been transferred over to me.

I have a few questions for you that I was hoping you could answer for me. I need this information by tomorrow afternoon.

I'm looking at measuring water quality at beaches. I plan on using this definition as my starting point: "The BEACH Act defines coastal recreation waters as the Great Lakes and coastal waters (including coastal estuaries) that states, territories, and authorized tribes officially recognize (or "designate") for swimming, bathing, surfing, or similar activities in the water."

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Are these criterium still correct?

-If a particular bacteria is high at a beach, what are the reporting/notification requirements?

-How can I find what caused a bacteria to be particularly high in one area?

-What kind of action does the EPA take when a particular source has high levels of bacteria?

-Would it be accurate to average the measure values for one location over the course of a year and compare it to the average level for the previous year?

-It appears the values in the "monitoring location name" variable either aren't clean or don't reflect the name of the beach where the water is being tested. Is there a place where I can get the name of the beach for each monitoring location? It appears there are shape files that show the beach names (https://watersgeo.epa.gov/beacon2/). Is there a way I could obtain those?

-What's the difference between "estimated" versus "actual" in the variable "result value type name?" Does this mean the water isn't actually being tested? Would it be accurate to include these in my analysis?

-Is there a way I could get a spreadsheet of beaches that are currently monitored, and those that are not? I found it at this portal, but I have to click on each state to get a list of the beaches in that state: https://ofmpub.epa.gov/apex/beacon2/f?p=111:

12:8414826486221::NO::P12_YEARS:Current.

Is this constantly updated? If not, how often is it updated? Can I get a list of beaches that were and weren't monitored as of last year?

-Could I obtain a spreadsheet showing advisories and closures within the last two years (Memorial Day 2017 - May 2019)?

-Could I obtain a spreadsheet/list of places that have received beach grants in the last 10 years? Is this available per beach? Or is this only available by county/state?

Thanks for handling this large volume of questions. Would you mind letting me know when you've received this email? If you think any answers to these questions will be hard or time consuming to track down, please let me know.

Feel free to give me a call if you have any questions or need any clarification.

Thank you,

Lucille Sherman

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On May 13, 2019, at 10:33 AM, Chen, Daphne <dchen@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:

Daphne,

All of these data are available at the water quality portal:
https://waterqualitydata.us

To access these data, click on the 'Download Data' button. On the form that shows up next find the field called 'Project ID' (it's on the right hand side of the

screen under Sampling Parameters. Enter 'EPABEACH'. You can then download all the station information (including the locations). To do this, choose 'Site Data Only' under 'select data to download' and hit 'Download'. You will then get a .zip file that contains all the site information. To get the actual sampling results, choose 'Sample Results (physical/chemical metadata)' and then click download to get a .zip file of all of those results.

To make your life a little easier, the following links will give you all these data for the past 10 years (anything collected since 2008). If you want a different time period, you can go to the portal and enter your conditions. One warning, this is a sizeable data set (3.5 million records from 10,000 sites). If you try to pull the full dataset (without the date restriction) you'd get 5.5 million records from 13,000 sites.

Site Information:

https://www.waterqualitydata.us/data/Station/search?project=EPABEACH&s
tartDateLo=01-01-2008&mimeType=csv&zip=yes

Results:

https://www.waterqualitydata.us/data/Result/search?project=EPABEACH&st
artDateLo=01-01-2008&mimeType=csv&zip=yes

If you just want Florida's data, that's a little easier, the following links will give you that:

Site Information:

https://www.waterqualitydata.us/data/Station/search?statecode=US%3A12&
project=EPABEACH&startDateLo=01-01-2008&mimeType=csv&zip=yes

Results:

https://www.waterqualitydata.us/data/Result/search?statecode=US%3A12&project=EPABEACH&startDateLo=01-01-2008&mimeType=csv&zip=yes

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Subject: Getting .csv of BEACON database

Hello,

My name is Daphne Chen and I'm a data reporter at the Sarasota Herald-Tribune/GateHouse Media in Florida.

I'm working on a data story about beach water quality and was very impressed by the BEACON data app. Robert Daguillard from Media Relations told me to ask you whether there's any way to get a copy of the underlying database in spreadsheet format (excel or .csv) so I can do my analysis.

The problem with the BEACON app is that when I try to download one state at a time, many states have more than 50,000 entries and I get the error of "This query has returned more than 50,000 rows, please filter your data to ensure complete results." It's very difficult for me to download each county in the US manually. Is there any way you can send me a copy of your Water Quality Report underlying database for the entire nation at once?

Any assistance would be greatly appreciated!

Thanks,

Daphne

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Daphne Chen

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Message

From: Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]
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CC: Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: For Review - Query Sarasota Herald-Tribune Getting .csv of WQ data from WQP as seen on BEACON database

Good.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 24, 2019, at 5:20 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Approved by Lee. OK to send?

21. -Are only jurisdictions that receive grants under the BEACH Act required to comply with the BEACH Act Program?

Correct, please see 33 USC 1346 (CWA Sec. 406(b)(1)).

22. -Are only states/jurisdictions that receive grants required to adopt water quality standards?

No, please see 33 USC 1313 (CWA Sec. 303). TheClean Water Act (CWA) gives primacy to states (including U.S. territories) and authorized tribes for the adoption of water quality standards, including setting designated uses (e.g., primary contact recreation), adopting criteria to protect those uses, and protecting existing and high quality waters. Under the BEACH Act amendments to the CWA, Congress set a clear mandate for coastal recreation waters (including Great Lakes) where a state/territory/authorized tribe has designated the water for primary contact, that they need to have water quality criteria as protective of public health as EPA's [1986] recreational criteria (regardless of whether they end up applying for a BEACH Act grant). As directed by the BEACH Act (CWA section 303(i), in 2004 EPA promulgated those criteria for any jurisdictions that did not have water quality criteria as protective of public health as EPA's [1986] recreational criteria. After EPA publishes revised recreational criteria, as was done in 2012, the CWA directs states to adopt revised criteria (also section 303(i)).

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Correct, please see 33 USC 1346 (CWA Sec. 406(b)(3)(A)).

24. -When I run the WQS Criteria report, I only get 31 states or territories. That does not seem to be accurate, but I'm unclear on how many there should be, since the data I've been getting varies so widely. Could you please confirm that this is an accurate/inaccurate number and how many there should be?

That is accurate as some jurisdictions are still adding that data element (introduced as required in 2016) to their data systems for submission to EPA.

25. -When it comes to the beach-related national geospatial downloads and fact sheets, you said this will be updated and republished in 2019. When is that expected to be published, exactly?

We do not have a more specific expected date at the moment.

26. -Which three jurisdictions have not submitted 2018 data?

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands;Swinomish Indian Tribal Community; Texas.

27. -I'm a little bit confused about your response to my questions about monitored and not monitored beaches. The Beach Monitoring Frequency report shows a variable called "Monitoring Reporting Frequency (to EPA)." If that value for a row under that variable is 0, does that mean it isn't monitored at all?

No. It means the frequency of reporting monitoring data to EPA is "0".

To identify which beaches are monitored, (please see question 13, below) you can run a national BEACON query, use the Beach Monitoring Frequency report. Please see the User's Guide for instructions to create the report: (p. 28 D.2.) in the grey panel, select "Total of all Jurisdictions"; (p. 39 D.2.2) click on the column header for the Swim Season Monitoring Frequency column, sort by decreasing value (this will group all beaches with a monitoring frequency of "0" at the bottom of the list; separating monitored from unmonitored beaches).

28. Or does this report show only monitored beaches? I want to generate a list of both monitored/not monitored beaches.

No it includes all BEACH Act beaches, monitored or not, please see: the Step 3 Report Selection Tab, the description of the Beach Monitoring Frequency Report: *For each BEACH Act beach: Identifies swim season and monitoring attributes of each beach including: (1) swimming season length and (2) in- and off-season monitoring frequency. The list is sorted by county and beach name.*

29. -I'm unclear on why using EPABEACH as the only project ID in the water quality data portal isn't sufficient. That's what my colleague was told to use in the portal. Please explain.

The directions the BEACH Program provides to submitters requires associating multiple values with the beach to avoid incomplete data submissions and reports (EPABEACH alone was no longer required beginning 2008). Please see: electronic p.26, p.32, p.34, p.35 of: https://www.epa.gov/beach-tech/submitting-beach-data-epa#monitor.

Please see, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) # 24 on p.45-46; #29 p. 47; #36 p.49 of: https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-08/documents/faqs-2018-seasonal-data.pdf. Your colleague received a reply prepared by the Water Quality Portal.

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Yes! It's easier for me if you can give me a solid date of when you might have answers.

Also, it would be really helpful to talk to a data person in your office on background, if possible.

On May 23, 2019, at 3:28 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Right. These look like fairly technical questions, so let me see when we can reasonably and feasibly get back to you. I'd bet on next week, to be honest. Would that work for you? Also, keep in we're closed Monday, for the holiday.

Cheers, R.

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Robert,

Yes. I am. I had to move my deadline back for this story, but I do need responses ASAP. Thanks.

On May 23, 2019, at 2:37 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Lucille. Are you on deadline for those?

Cheers, R.

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Robert —

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I'm sure I'll have more questions after looking through the material you sent me.

Thanks for your help,

Lucille

> On May 22, 2019, at 3:18 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:
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> Lucille, with apologies for the late response, and for attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson," please:
>
> Thank you for your interest in water quality and public health. Responses are provided below each bolded question. As background, please also note that the water quality data and beach notification information you seek are provided to EPA (generally once a year) by states, tribes and territories (jurisdictions) that receive BEACH Act grants. The jurisdictions' required capabilities and performance requirements, and EPA recommendations for program operations (related to many of your questions, below) can be found in the National Beach Guidance: www.epa.gov/beach-tech/national-

beach-guidance-and-required-performanc
e-criteria-grants

The current BEACON User Guide (always accessible in the upper right corner of the BEACON home page) explains how to create and run queries, and download into spreadsheets the data and information you seek.

Also, this BEACON page includes links to each jurisdiction's beach program webpage. If you want to obtain beach data on each jurisdiction, which may include data not submitted to EPA, or have questions about their program, we suggest you contact each jurisdiction directly.

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The EPA BEACH Act Program includes coastal and Great Lakes beaches as defined by the Clean Water Act (CWA). Such beaches are: (1) adjacent to water with water quality standards (WQS) for primary contact recreation, (2) used by the public, and (3) are "... waters downstream of the mouth of a river or stream having unimpaired natural connection with the open sea." [Sec 5. (B)]. (Here, "the sea" also refers to a connection to the Great Lakes.)

States adopt water quality standards to protect their waters, including recreational waters. They may adopt EPA's recommended criteria or other scientifically defensible criteria as part of their proposed Water Quality Standards, and then they submit their proposed standards to EPA for approval

under the CWA. Please see EPA's 2012 recommended Recreational Water Quality Criteria (RWQC) for EPA's latest recommendations: www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-10/documents/rwqc2012.pdf

The implementation guidance documents for the 2012 recommended RWQC can be found at: www.epa.gov/wqc/2012-recreational-water-quality-criteria-documents

I have begun collecting enterococcus levels through the water quality portal for each state. I believe I need to collect E.Coli to measure water quality for the Great Lakes. Is this correct?

Correct, all the Great Lakes states measure microbial water quality using E. Coli as an indicator of microbial contamination.

I have also gathered fecal coliform data, but it appears there hasn't been as much monitoring for this characteristic. Is this something that the EPA still measures? Is this still a good indicator of water quality? Are there any other characteristics/bacteria I should be gathering?

EPA no longer recommends fecal coliform as an indicator organism, rather EPA recommends either E. Coli or Enterococcus in fresh waters and Enterococcus in marine waters be used as the appropriate indicator.

The indicators that various jurisdictions have chosen to use are reflected in BEACON. Please run the WQS Criteria report. The BEACON Water Quality report is pulled from the Water Quality Portal (WQP) that you are already familiar with, and it also shows the indicators used. The BEACH Act only requires monitoring for fecal indicators. Some jurisdictions also monitor for other concerns; e.g., algae that produce phytotoxins (harmful algal blooms), medical waste, etc.; see BEACON Beach

Actions and Possible Pollution Sources reports. Please see the discussion in the National Beach Guidance.

I found this on the department's website: "As a result, we recommended in 1986 the use of E. coli for fresh recreation waters (criteria set at 126/100mL) and enterococci for fresh and marine recreation waters (criteria set at 33/100mL in freshwater and 35/100mL in marine water). These recommendations replaced our previously recommended bacteria criteria for fecal coliform of 200/100mL."

Are these criteria still correct?

In 2012, EPA reviewed the science and released updated criteria recommendations. From p. 43 of the 2012 RWQC document linked above, these are EPA's current recommended criteria for indicator organisms (GM= geometric mean, STV= statistical threshold value):
<image001.jpg>
In addition, for the purposes of making decisions for posting notifications or closures at beaches, EPA recommended the following Beach Action Values (BAVs) (from p.44 of the 2012 RWQC document):

<image002.jpg>
If a particular bacteria is high at a beach, what are the reporting/notification requirements?

What and how jurisdictions report in real-time to the public varies by jurisdiction; please see their program websites. Local authorities should notify the public in as timely a manner as possible. What they subsequently report to EPA (usually in the January-March period in the year following the beach season), includes their "local action decision procedures," which if submitted, are listed in BEACON Beach Profile reports for each beach. Please see the discussion in the National Beach

Guidance.

How can I find what caused a bacteria to be particularly high in one area?

Please run a BEACON Possible Pollution Source report. Please see the discussion in the National Beach Guidance section on Sanitary Survey.

What kind of action does the EPA take when a particular source has high levels of bacteria?

EPA does not take an action at the time high levels are reported. Under the CWA, and as a requirement to receive a BEACH Act grant, the jurisdiction has authority to take actions under their own programs. Please note that repeated exceedances of the geometric mean threshold may be considered by jurisdictions and EPA when making decisions on whether the waterbody is meeting its designated uses for the purposes of Section 303(d) of the CWA. If a water is listed as impaired and not meeting its designated recreational use, the state must develop a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), which in turn can change National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirements for a particular discharger.

Would it be accurate to average the measure values for one location over the course of a year and compare it to the average level for the previous year?

Please see the discussion in the National Beach Guidance, which recommends the geometric mean calculated over a discrete averaging period, usually 30-60 days. For beach notification purposes, typically a single exceedance of the jurisdiction's beach notification value is used for making decisions.

It appears the values in the "monitoring location name" variable either aren't clean or don't reflect the name of the

beach where the water is being tested. Is there a place where I can get the name of the beach for each monitoring location?

Please see the BEACON Beach Actions or Water Quality reports.

It appears there are shape files that show the beach names (https://watersgeo.epa.gov/beacon2/). Is there a way I could obtain those?

Beach-related national geospatial downloads and fact sheets are available for the BEACH Act program. The geospatial data represents BEACH Act beaches based on the information provided to the EPA. This data is available in GIS-compatible shapefile and geodatabase formats and in KMZ Google Earth files. These data are being updated and are expected to be republished later in 2019. NOTE – the BEACON maps (use the Find a Beach tab) previously showed the location of the monitoring station points next to the beach lines, but EPA recently changed to ArcGIS Javascript and we have not received updated code yet.

What's the difference between "estimated" versus "actual" in the variable "result value type name?" Does this mean the water isn't actually being tested? Would it be accurate to include these in my analysis?

An "estimated" value indicates that it is not directly measured. You can check with the jurisdiction as to how the estimate was created and if other relevant data is available.

Is there a way I could get a spreadsheet of beaches that are currently monitored, and those that are not? I found it at this portal, but I have to click on each state to get a list of the beaches in that state: https://ofmpub.epa.gov/apex/beacon2/f?p=111:12:8414826486221::NO::P12_YEARS:Current.

You can run a national BEACON query, use the Beach Monitoring frequency report. Please see the User's Guide for instructions to download the report: in the grey panel, click on "Actions v," select "Download," pick a format.

Is this constantly updated? If not, how often is it updated? Can I get a list of beaches that were and weren't monitored as of last year?

The jurisdictions usually report annually to EPA (in the January-March period in the year following the beach season, although some report more frequently). As of May 14th, 2019, three jurisdictions have not yet submitted the data for 2018.

Could I obtain a spreadsheet showing advisories and closures within the last two years (Memorial Day 2017 - May 2019)?

You can run two different BEACON reports. If you only want the number and duration of advisories and closures, run a national State Summary/Alternate Report (National Percentage) report. If you want a row for each advisory and closure, run a national Beach Actions report. Please see the User's Guide for instructions to download the reports: in the grey panel, click on "Actions v," select "Download," pick a format.

Could I obtain a spreadsheet/list of places that have received beach grants in the last 10 years? Is this available per beach? Or is this only available by county/state?

Only by jurisdiction, please see: www.epa.gov/beach-tech/beach-grants . Fiscal Year 2019 grants are still in process.

Note to reporter: The process of submitting and retrieving data using the BEACON App can fail at any of many

steps due to something as simple as a space in the wrong place. BEACON pulls all the data in the Water Quality report from WQX & WQP. If water quality (WQ) data are showing in BEACON but not in the WQP, then the structure of the query to the WQP is likely the problem. If water quality data are showing in the WQP but not in BEACON, then the problem is likely either with the submitted data (please see list of example conditions below) or it is not data collected under the Beach Program. If WQ data are incomplete in both the WQP and BEACON, then either the data were not submitted (yet), or not submitted correctly. We ask the jurisdictions each year to verify that their Beach Program submissions show up as intended.

Example Conditions:
1. to pull the WQ data in WQP, the submitted data must be associated with:
a. valid WQX-issued org id(s) (e. g, 21XXBCH or jurisdiction format e. g, 11113300), and b. valid Beach Program-issued beach id(s) (aka WQX project id(s), e. g., XX205937 and
(1) Note: the use of EPABEACH as the only WQX project id is not sufficient c. valid jurisdiction-created station id(s) d. beach ids not grouped/concatenated (e.g., as in .xlsx comma separated values (csv) format) or equivalent e. valid BEACH Program Monitoring Location Type (MLTYP_UID values from 58 to 67 inclusive) 2. Other reasons a beach may not show WQ data at all, or not for a period of time:
a. not monitored (no data)
(1) non-reporting
(2) dormant
(3) indicator(s) searched for not monitored or changed b. in the BEACON Wizard, historical and/or private data not selected to show in report c. new beach id - no data submitted yet (pending action by jurisdiction) d. WQX data Result Status set as “Preliminary”, needs to be set to

"Final"

At https://www.waterqualitydata.us/, when I select EPABEACH under project ID and sample results for biological metadata or site data and download Connecticut data in it's entirety, only two monitoring locations are showing up (ESPOSITO BEACH and SEASIDE PARK BEACH). The EPA's website shows that 73 Connecticut beaches are monitored. Do you know why there's a discrepancy?

Please see introductory comments above.

I've also noticed Hawaii's data only goes through 2017, but data for enterococcus and fecal coliform only go through 2011 and 1997, respectively. I'm running into similar issues in Massachusetts, which only has data for E.coli and enterococcus through 2007, Michigan, which only has E.coli data through 2014 as well as no designated monitoring locations. I'm running into similar issues in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas and Wisconsin (I've only looked at enterococcus and fecal coliform in these states, and haven't looked at E.coli yet). Illinois and Indiana are also returning "no data", even though they are shown as a jurisdiction with beach data at this site:https://watersgeo.epa.gov/BEACON2/Beacon.html. Some of these do not match up with what is being shown in BEACON.

Please see introductory comments above.

Additionally, does BEACON only show advisories/notifications, or would it match the data found in the water quality portal completely?
The jurisdiction-reported data found in BEACON come from the following EPA/USGS databases:

- EPA's Reach Address Database (RAD). RAD contains

geographic data that define each beach's location and the location of water quality monitoring stations. BEACON pulls this data to display the beaches and stations on a map. For more information on RAD, see EPA's Reach Address Database page.

• EPA's Water Quality Exchange (WQX) and the USGS Water Quality Portal (WQP). WQX is the framework by which organizations submit data to the EPA for weekly upload to the WQP. BEACON pulls water quality monitoring data from WQX/WQP. For more information on WQX/WQP, see Water Quality Data (WQX) page.

• PRogram tracking, beach Advisories, Water quality standards, and
Nutrients (PRAWN). PRAWN stores beach administrative, advisory and closing data. For more information on PRAWN, see Submitting Data to EPA page. And data flow diagram:https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2019-02/documents/ebeaches-dataflow-2019.pdf

Could you please let me know why there is a discrepancy, and potentially missing years, in the data available in the water quality portal?

Please see introductory comments above.

Cheers, R.

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From: Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com>
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<Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Query Sarasota Herald-Tribune Getting .csv of WQ data from WQP as seen on BEACON database

Robert —

Is there an ETA on when these questions might be answered? It's been a week since I sent them over.

On May 17, 2019, at 3:58 PM, Lucille Sherman
<lsherman@gatehousemedia.com>
wrote:

Robert —

Circling back again.

Lucille Sherman

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On May 16, 2019, at 9:29 AM, Daguillard, Robert
<Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Morning Lucille. Checking.

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On May 16, 2019, at 9:20 AM, Lucille Sherman
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wrote:

Circling back on this.

On May 14, 2019, at 5:00 PM, Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:

Robert —

I ran this by my editor. Tomorrow (Wednesday) COB works.

If there are any questions that are more easily and quickly answered and it's possible to send them on a rolling basis, that would be great!

Thanks,

Lucille

Lucille Sherman

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On May 14, 2019, at 1:38 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Lucille.

With these additional questions, we're unlikely to get back to you this afternoon. I understand your need to process all the data and other information you're putting together, but if you could push your deadline back to tomorrow COB, or even Thursday, we'd be grateful. Our water folks want to make sure they get it right – something you'll appreciate, as a reporter. Let me know if you want to discuss.

Cheers, R.

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Subject: Re: Query Sarasota Herald-Tribune Getting .csv of WQ data from WQP as seen on BEACON database

Hi Robert,

Wanted to add a few more questions to my list.

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Could you please let me know why there is a discrepancy, and potentially missing years, in the data available in the water quality portal?

Thank you,

Lucille

On May 14, 2019, at 11:16 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Sure thing. And it's press@epa.gov. Two Ss, not three.

Cheers, R.

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Subject: RE: Query Sarasota Herald-Tribune Getting .csv of WQ data

from WQP as seen on BEACON
database

Thanks, Lucille, We'll do our best. For
future inquiries, please reach out
to presss@epa.gov, and either I or one
of my colleagues will get back to you.

Cheers, R.

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database

Hi Robert,

For getting the questions I sent
yesterday answered, my deadline is
today. We're aiming to have the story
publish on Memorial Day, but we need
to get some questions answered and
wrangle the data before we can
determine if that's feasible.

After we get these questions answered,
I can send you an updated publish
date.

Thanks!

Lucille

On May 14, 2019, at 10:54 AM,
Daguillard, Robert
<Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Good morning Lucille, and thanks for
reaching out,

What's your deadline, please, and when are you planning to publish?

Cheers, R.

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Thanks! If you have any idea, could you let me know an ETA on getting the answers to these questions? Working on a tight deadline.

On May 14, 2019, at 9:52 AM, Young, Dwane <Young.Dwane@epa.gov> wrote:

Lucille,

Thanks for the follow-up. This request needed to be rerouted back through the beaches staff, and likely our communication staff. I've sent it to them for follow-up.

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On May 14, 2019, at 9:41 AM, Lucille

Sherman
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wrote:

Hi Dwane,

Just wanted to circle back on this.

Thanks,

Lucille

On May 13, 2019, at 2:40 PM, Lucille Sherman
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wrote:

Hello,

My colleague, Daphne Chen, was recently corresponding with you about this, and this story has been transferred over to me.

I have a few questions for you that I was hoping you could answer for me. I need this information by tomorrow afternoon.

I'm looking at measuring water quality at beaches. I plan on using this definition as my starting point: "The BEACH Act defines coastal recreation waters as the Great Lakes and coastal waters (including coastal estuaries) that states, territories, and authorized tribes officially recognize (or "designate") for swimming, bathing, surfing, or similar activities in the water."

-I have begun collecting enterococcus levels through the water quality portal for each state. I believe I need to collect E.Coli to measure water quality for the Great Lakes. Is this correct? I have also gathered fecal coliform data, but it appears there hasn't been as much monitoring for this characteristic. Is this something that the EPA still measures?

Is this still a good indicator of water quality? Are there any other characteristics/bacteria I should be gathering?

-I found this on the department's website: "As a result, we recommended in 1986 the use of E. coli for fresh recreation waters (criteria set at 126/100mL) and enterococci for fresh and marine recreation waters (criteria set at 33/100mL in freshwater and 35/100mL in marine water). These recommendations replaced our previously recommended bacteria criteria for fecal coliform of 200/100mL."

Are these criterium still correct?

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Thanks for handling this large volume of questions. Would you mind letting me know when you've received this email? If you think any answers to these questions will be hard or time consuming to track down, please let me know.

Feel free to give me a call if you have any questions or need any clarification.

Thank you,

Lucille Sherman

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On May 13, 2019, at 10:33 AM, Chen, Daphne <dchen@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:

Daphne,

All of these data are available at the water quality portal: https://waterqualitydata.us

To access these data, click on the 'Download Data' button. On the form that shows up next find the field called 'Project ID' (it's on the right hand side of the screen under Sampling Parameters. Enter 'EPABEACH'. You can then download all the station information (including the locations). To do this, choose 'Site Data Only' under 'select data to download' and hit 'Download'. You will then get a .zip file that contains all the site information. To get the actual sampling results, choose 'Sample Results (physical/chemical metadata)' and then click download to get a .zip file of all of those results.

To make your life a little easier, the following links will give you all these data for the past 10 years (anything collected since 2008). If you want a different time period, you can go to the portal and enter your conditions. One warning, this is a sizeable data set (3.5 million records from 10,000 sites). If you try to pull the full dataset (without the date restriction) you'd get 5.5 million records from 13,000 sites.

Site Information:

https://www.waterqualitydata.us/data/Station/search?project=EPABEACH&startDateLo=01-01-2008&mimeType=csv&zip=yes

Results:

https://www.waterqualitydata.us/data/Result/search?project=EPABEACH&startDateLo=01-01-2008&mimeType=csv&zip=yes

If you just want Florida's data, that's a little easier, the following links will give you that:

Site Information:

https://www.waterqualitydata.us/data/Station/search?statecode=US%3A12&project=EPABEACH&startDateLo=01-01-2008&mimeType=csv&zip=yes

Results:

https://www.waterqualitydata.us/data/Result/search?statecode=US%3A12&project=EPABEACH&startDateLo=01-01-2008&mimeType=csv&zip=yes

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Subject: Getting .csv of BEACON database

Hello,

My name is Daphne Chen and I'm a data reporter at the Sarasota Herald-Tribune/GateHouse Media in Florida.

I'm working on a data story about beach water quality and was very impressed by the BEACON data app. Robert Daguillard from Media Relations told me to ask you whether there's any way to get a copy of the underlying database in spreadsheet format (excel or .csv) so I can do my analysis.

The problem with the BEACON app is that when I try to download one state at a time, many states have more than 50,000 entries and I get the error of "This query has returned more than 50,000 rows, please filter your data to ensure complete results." It's very difficult for me to download each county in the US manually. Is there any way you can send me a copy of your Water Quality Report underlying database for the entire nation at once?

Any assistance would be greatly appreciated!

Thanks,

Daphne

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Daphne Chen

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Sent: 7/24/2018 7:24:33 PM
To: Hewitt, James [hewitt.james@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Peter Wright recusal letter

Much appreciated; I understand this is off the record.

From: Hewitt, James [mailto:hewitt.james@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 24, 2018 3:17 PM
To: Carignan, Sylvia <scarignan@bloombergenvironment.com>
Subject: FW: Peter Wright recusal letter

Sylvia,

Not for attribution/OTR: Please see the below note from Justina Fugh, who is our career Senior Counsel for Ethics. This explains the delay. In the meantime, Mr. Wright had been following ethics protocols established by ethics officials.

Thanks,
James

From: Fugh, Justina
Sent: Tuesday, July 24, 2018 2:38 PM
To: Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Peter Wright recusal letter

Hi James,
Well, he should, but the reason he hasn't yet done so is entirely my fault. Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) I knew that Peter was abiding by the terms of his recusal since I had already articulated his strictures in a document that he sent to the Senate as part of his confirmation package. So I wasn't unduly worried about him while trying to prioritize my work. Anyway, today is the first day I've been back to work in a few days, so I just revised the draft recusal I had received from my staff and sent it to Peter for his signature. He should sign it soon and then I can get it to you for the reporter. Again, it's my fault for any delay.
Justina

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Message

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Robert –

I'm looking into some of the other resources you sent me. In the meantime, here are a few follow-up questions I have:

-Are only jurisdictions that receive grants under the BEACH Act required to comply with the BEACH Act Program?

-Are only states/jurisdictions that receive grants required to adopt water quality standards?

-Are only jurisdictions that receive grants required to provide data to the EPA, in regard to beach/water quality data?

-When I run the WQS Criteria report, I only get 31 states or territories. That does not seem to be accurate, but I'm unclear on how many there should be, since the data I've been getting varies so widely. Could you please confirm that this is an accurate/inaccurate number and how many there should be?

-When it comes to the beach-related national geospatial downloads and fact sheets, you said this will be updated and republished in 2019. When is that expected to be published, exactly?

-Which three jurisdictions have not submitted 2018 data?

-I'm a little bit confused about your response to my questions about monitored and not monitored beaches. The Beach Monitoring Frequency report shows a variable called "Monitoring Reporting Frequency (to EPA)." If that value for a row under that variable is 0, does that mean it isn't monitored at all? Or does this report show only monitored beaches? I want to generate a list of both monitored/not monitored beaches.

-I'm unclear on why using EPABEACH as the only project ID in the water quality data portal isn't sufficient. That's what my colleague was told to use in the portal. Please explain.

I'm sure I'll have more questions after looking through the material you sent me.

Thanks for your help,

Lucille

> On May 22, 2019, at 3:18 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:
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> Lucille, with apologies for the late response, and for attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson," please:
>
> Thank you for your interest in water quality and public health. Responses are provided below each bolded question. As background, please also note that the water quality data and beach notification information you seek are provided to EPA (generally once a year) by states, tribes and territories (jurisdictions) that receive BEACH Act grants. The jurisdictions' required capabilities and performance requirements, and EPA recommendations for program operations (related to many of your questions, below) can be found in the National Beach Guidance: www.epa.gov/beach-tech/national-beach-guidance-and-required-performance-criteria-grants
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> The current BEACON User Guide (always accessible in the upper right corner of the BEACON home page) explains how to create and run queries, and download into spreadsheets the data and information you seek.
>
> Also, this BEACON page includes links to each jurisdiction's beach program webpage. If you want to obtain beach data on each jurisdiction, which may include data not submitted to EPA, or have questions about their program, we suggest you contact each jurisdiction directly.
>
> I'm looking at measuring water quality at beaches. I plan on using this definition as my starting point: "The BEACH Act defines coastal recreation waters as the Great Lakes and coastal waters (including coastal estuaries) that states, territories, and authorized tribes officially recognize (or "designate") for swimming, bathing, surfing, or similar activities in the water."
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> The EPA BEACH Act Program includes coastal and Great Lakes beaches as defined by the Clean Water Act (CWA). Such beaches are: (1) adjacent to water with water quality standards (WQS) for primary contact recreation, (2) used by the public, and (3) are "… waters downstream of the mouth of a river or stream

having unimpaired natural connection with the open sea." [Sec 5. (B)]. (Here, "the sea" also refers to a connection to the Great Lakes.)
>
> States adopt water quality standards to protect their waters, including recreational waters. They may adopt EPA's recommended criteria or other scientifically defensible criteria as part of their proposed Water Quality Standards, and then they submit their proposed standards to EPA for approval under the CWA. Please see EPA's 2012 recommended Recreational Water Quality Criteria (RWQC) for EPA's latest recommendations:
> www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-10/documents/rwqc2012.pdf
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> The implementation guidance documents for the 2012 recommended RWQC can be found at:
> www.epa.gov/wqc/2012-recreational-water-quality-criteria-documents
>
> I have begun collecting enterococcus levels through the water quality portal for each state. I believe I need to collect E.Coli to measure water quality for the Great Lakes. Is this correct?
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> Correct, all the Great Lakes states measure microbial water quality using E. Coli as an indicator of microbial contamination.
>
> I have also gathered fecal coliform data, but it appears there hasn't been as much monitoring for this characteristic. Is this something that the EPA still measures? Is this still a good indicator of water quality? Are there any other characteristics/bacteria I should be gathering?
>
> EPA no longer recommends fecal coliform as an indicator organism, rather EPA recommends either E. Coli or Enterococcus in fresh waters and Enterococcus in marine waters be used as the appropriate indicator.
>
> The indicators that various jurisdictions have chosen to use are reflected in BEACON. Please run the WQS Criteria report. The BEACON Water Quality report is pulled from the Water Quality Portal (WQP) that you are already familiar with, and it also shows the indicators used. The BEACH Act only requires monitoring for fecal indicators. Some jurisdictions also monitor for other concerns; e.g., algae that produce phytotoxins (harmful algal blooms), medical waste, etc.; see BEACON Beach Actions and Possible Pollution Sources reports. Please see the discussion in the National Beach Guidance.
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> I found this on the department's website: "As a result, we recommended in 1986 the use of E. coli for fresh recreation waters (criteria set at 126/100mL) and enterococci for fresh and marine recreation waters (criteria set at 33/100mL in freshwater and 35/100mL in marine water). These recommendations replaced our previously recommended bacteria criteria for fecal coliform of 200/100mL."
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> Are these criteria still correct?
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> In 2012, EPA reviewed the science and released updated criteria recommendations. From p. 43 of the 2012 RWQC document linked above, these are EPA's current recommended criteria for indicator organisms (GM= geometric mean, STV= statistical threshold value):
> <image001.jpg>
> In addition, for the purposes of making decisions for posting notifications or closures at beaches, EPA recommended the following Beach Action Values (BAVs) (from p.44 of the 2012 RWQC document):
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> <image002.jpg>
> If a particular bacteria is high at a beach, what are the reporting/notification requirements?
>
> What and how jurisdictions report in real-time to the public varies by jurisdiction; please see their program websites. Local authorities should notify the public in as timely a manner as possible. What they subsequently report to EPA (usually in the January-March period in the year following the beach season), includes their "local action decision procedures," which if submitted, are listed in BEACON Beach Profile reports for each beach. Please see the discussion in the National Beach Guidance.
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> How can I find what caused a bacteria to be particularly high in one area?
>
> Please run a BEACON Possible Pollution Source report. Please see the discussion in the National Beach Guidance section on Sanitary Survey.
>
> What kind of action does the EPA take when a particular source has high levels of bacteria?
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> EPA does not take an action at the time high levels are reported. Under the CWA, and as a requirement to receive a BEACH Act grant, the jurisdiction has authority to take actions under their own programs. Please note that repeated exceedances of the geometric mean threshold may be considered by jurisdictions and EPA when making decisions on whether the waterbody is meeting its designated uses for the purposes of Section 303(d) of the CWA. If a water is listed as impaired and not meeting its designated recreational use, the state must develop a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), which in turn can change National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirements for a particular discharger.
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> Would it be accurate to average the measure values for one location over the course of a year and compare it to the average level for the previous year?
>
> Please see the discussion in the National Beach Guidance, which recommends the geometric mean calculated over a discrete averaging period, usually 30-60 days. For beach notification purposes, typically a single exceedance of the jurisdiction's beach notification value is used for making decisions.

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> It appears the values in the “monitoring location name” variable either aren’t clean or don’t reflect the name of the beach where the water is being tested. Is there a place where I can get the name of the beach for each monitoring location?
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> Please see the BEACON Beach Actions or Water Quality reports.
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> It appears there are shape files that show the beach names (https://watersgeo.epa.gov/beacon2/). Is there a way I could obtain those?
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> Beach-related national geospatial downloads and fact sheets are available for the BEACH Act program. The geospatial data represents BEACH Act beaches based on the information provided to the EPA. This data is available in GIS-compatible shapefile and geodatabase formats and in KMZ Google Earth files. These data are being updated and are expected to be republished later in 2019. NOTE – the BEACON maps (use the Find a Beach tab) previously showed the location of the monitoring station points next to the beach lines, but EPA recently changed to ArcGIS Javascript and we have not received updated code yet.
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> What’s the difference between “estimated” versus “actual” in the variable “result value type name?” Does this mean the water isn’t actually being tested? Would it be accurate to include these in my analysis?
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> An “estimated” value indicates that it is not directly measured. You can check with the jurisdiction as to how the estimate was created and if other relevant data is available.
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> Is there a way I could get a spreadsheet of beaches that are currently monitored, and those that are not? I found it at this portal, but I have to click on each state to get a list of the beaches in that state: https://ofmpub.epa.gov/apex/beacon2/f?p=111:12:8414826486221::NO::P12_YEARS:Current.
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> You can run a national BEACON query, use the Beach Monitoring frequency report. Please see the User’s Guide for instructions to download the report: in the grey panel, click on “Actions v,” select “Download,” pick a format.
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> Is this constantly updated? If not, how often is it updated? Can I get a list of beaches that were and weren’t monitored as of last year?
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> The jurisdictions usually report annually to EPA (in the January-March period in the year following the beach season, although some report more frequently). As of May 14th, 2019, three jurisdictions have not yet submitted the data for 2018.
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> Could I obtain a spreadsheet showing advisories and closures within the last two years (Memorial Day 2017 - May 2019)?
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> You can run two different BEACON reports. If you only want the number and duration of advisories and closures, run a national State Summary/Alternate Report (National Percentage) report. If you want a row for each advisory and closure, run a national Beach Actions report. Please see the User’s Guide for instructions to download the reports: in the grey panel, click on “Actions v,” select “Download,” pick a format.
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> Could I obtain a spreadsheet/list of places that have received beach grants in the last 10 years? Is this available per beach? Or is this only available by county/state?
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> Only by jurisdiction, please see: www.epa.gov/beach-tech/beach-grants . Fiscal Year 2019 grants are still in process.
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> Note to reporter: The process of submitting and retrieving data using the BEACON App can fail at any of many steps due to something as simple as a space in the wrong place. BEACON pulls all the data in the Water Quality report from WQX & WQP. If water quality (WQ) data are showing in BEACON but not in the WQP, then the structure of the query to the WQP is likely the problem. If water quality data are showing in the WQP but not in BEACON, then the problem is likely either with the submitted data (please see list of example conditions below) or it is not data collected under the Beach Program. If WQ data are incomplete in both the WQP and BEACON, then either the data were not submitted (yet), or not submitted correctly. We ask the jurisdictions each year to verify that their Beach Program submissions show up as intended.
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> Example Conditions:
> 1. to pull the WQ data in WQP, the submitted data must be associated with:
> a. valid WQX-issued org id(s) (e. g, 21XXBCH or jurisdiction format e. g, 11113300), and
> b. valid Beach Program-issued beach id(s) (aka WQX project id(s), e. g., XX205937 and
> (1) Note: the use of EPABEACH as the only WQX project id is not sufficient
> c. valid jurisdiction-created station id(s)
> d. beach ids not grouped/concatenated (e.g., as in .xlsx comma separated values (csv) format) or equivalent
> e. valid BEACH Program Monitoring Location Type (MLTYP_UID values from 58 to 67 inclusive)
> 2. Other reasons a beach may not show WQ data at all, or not for a period of time:
> a. not monitored (no data)
> (1) non-reporting
> (2) dormant
> (3) indicator(s) searched for not monitored or changed

> b. in the BEACON Wizard, historical and/or private data not selected to show in report
> c. new beach id - no data submitted yet (pending action by jurisdiction)
> d. WQX data Result Status set as “Preliminary”, needs to be set to “Final”
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> At https://www.waterqualitydata.us/, when I select EPABEACH under project ID and sample results for biological metadata or site data and download Connecticut data in it’s entirety, only two monitoring locations are showing up (ESPOSITO BEACH and SEASIDE PARK BEACH). The EPA’s website shows that 73 Connecticut beaches are monitored. Do you know why there’s a discrepancy?
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> Please see introductory comments above.
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> I’ve also noticed Hawaii’s data only goes through 2017, but data for enterococcus and fecal coliform only go through 2011 and 1997, respectively. I’m running into similar issues in Massachusetts, which only has data for E.coli and enterococcus through 2007, Michigan, which only has E.coli data through 2014 as well as no designated monitoring locations. I’m running into similar issues in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas and Wisconsin (I’ve only looked at enterococcus and fecal coliform in these states, and haven’t looked at E.coli yet). Illinois and Indiana are also returning "no data", even though they are shown as a jurisdiction with beach data at this site: https://watersgeo.epa.gov/BEACON2/Beacon.html. Some of these do not match up with what is being shown in BEACON.
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> Please see introductory comments above.
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> Additionally, does BEACON only show advisories/notifications, or would it match the data found in the water quality portal completely?
> The jurisdiction-reported data found in BEACON come from the following EPA/USGS databases:
> • EPA’s Reach Address Database (RAD). RAD contains geographic data that define each beach's location and the location of water quality monitoring stations. BEACON pulls this data to display the beaches and stations on a map. For more information on RAD, see EPA's Reach Address Database page.
> • EPA’s Water Quality Exchange (WQX) and the USGS Water Quality Portal (WQP). WQX is the framework by which organizations submit data to the EPA for weekly upload to the WQP. BEACON pulls water quality monitoring data from WQX/WQP. For more information on WQX/WQP, see Water Quality Data (WQX) page.
> • PRogram tracking, beach Advisories, Water quality standards, and Nutrients (PRAWN). PRAWN stores beach administrative, advisory and closing data. For more information on PRAWN, see Submitting Data to EPA page. And data flow diagram:https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2019-02/documents/ebeaches-dataflow-2019.pdf
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> Could you please let me know why there is a discrepancy, and potentially missing years, in the data available in the water quality portal?
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> Please see introductory comments above.
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> Cheers, R.
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> From: Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com>
> Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2019 9:59 AM
> To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
> Cc: Wise, Allison <Wise.Allison@epa.gov>; Harris-Young, Dawn <Harris-Young.Dawn@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
> Subject: Re: Query Sarasota Herald-Tribune Getting .csv of WQ data from WQP as seen on BEACON database
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> Robert –
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> Is there an ETA on when these questions might be answered? It’s been a week since I sent them over.
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> On May 17, 2019, at 3:58 PM, Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:
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> Robert –
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> Circling back again.
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> On May 16, 2019, at 9:29 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:
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> Morning Lucille. Checking.
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> On May 16, 2019, at 9:20 AM, Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:
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> Circling back on this.
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> On May 14, 2019, at 5:00 PM, Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:
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> Robert –
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> I ran this by my editor. Tomorrow (Wednesday) COB works.
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> If there are any questions that are more easily and quickly answered and it's possible to send them on a rolling basis, that would be great!
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> Thanks,
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> Lucille
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> On May 14, 2019, at 1:38 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:
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> Thanks, Lucille.
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> With these additional questions, we're unlikely to get back to you this afternoon. I understand your need to process all the data and other information you're putting together, but if you could push your deadline back to tomorrow COB, or even Thursday, we'd be grateful. Our water folks want to make sure they get it right – something you'll appreciate, as a reporter. Let me know if you want to discuss.
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> Cheers, R.
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> From: Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com>
> Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 1:26 PM
> To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
> Cc: Wise, Allison <Wise.Allison@epa.gov>; Harris-Young, Dawn <Harris-Young.Dawn@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
> Subject: Re: Query Sarasota Herald-Tribune Getting .csv of WQ data from WQP as seen on BEACON database
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> Could you please let me know why there is a discrepancy, and potentially missing years, in the data available in the water quality portal?
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> Thank you,
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> Lucille
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> On May 14, 2019, at 11:16 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:
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> Sure thing. And it's press@epa.gov. Two Ss, not three.
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> Cheers, R.
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> From: Daguillard, Robert
> Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 11:05 AM
> To: Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com>
> Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>; Wise, Allison <Wise.Allison@epa.gov>; Harris-Young, Dawn <Harris-Young.Dawn@epa.gov>
> Subject: RE: Query Sarasota Herald-Tribune Getting .csv of WQ data from WQP as seen on BEACON database
>
> Thanks, Lucille, We'll do our best. For future inquiries, please reach out to presss@epa.gov, and either I or one of my colleagues will get back to you.
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> Cheers, R.
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> From: Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com>
> Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 11:01 AM
> To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
> Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
> Subject: Re: Query Sarasota Herald-Tribune Getting .csv of WQ data from WQP as seen on BEACON database
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> Hi Robert,
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> For getting the questions I sent yesterday answered, my deadline is today. We're aiming to have the story publish on Memorial Day, but we need to get some questions answered and wrangle the data before we can determine if that's feasible.
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> After we get these questions answered, I can send you an updated publish date.
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> Thanks!
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> Lucille
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> On May 14, 2019, at 10:54 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:
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> Good morning Lucille, and thanks for reaching out,
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> What's your deadline, please, and when are you planning to publish?
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> Cheers, R.
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> From: Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com>
> Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 9:54 AM
> To: Young, Dwane <Young.Dwane@epa.gov>
> Cc: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
> Subject: Re: Query Sarasota Herald-Tribune Getting .csv of WQ data from WQP as seen on BEACON database
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> Thanks! If you have any idea, could you let me know an ETA on getting the answers to these questions? Working on a tight deadline.
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> On May 14, 2019, at 9:52 AM, Young, Dwane <Young.Dwane@epa.gov> wrote:
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> Lucille,
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> Thanks for the follow-up. This request needed to be rerouted back through the beaches staff, and likely our communication staff. I've sent it to them for follow-up.
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> Dwane Young
> Chief, Water Data Integration Branch
> U.S. EPA Office of Water
> Phone: 202-566-1214
> Email: young.dwane@epa.gov
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> On May 14, 2019, at 9:41 AM, Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:
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> Hi Dwane,
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> Just wanted to circle back on this.
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> Thanks,
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> Lucille
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> On May 13, 2019, at 2:40 PM, Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:
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> Hello,
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> My colleague, Daphne Chen, was recently corresponding with you about this, and this story has been transferred over to me.
>
> I have a few questions for you that I was hoping you could answer for me. I need this information by tomorrow afternoon.
>
> I'm looking at measuring water quality at beaches. I plan on using this definition as my starting point: "The BEACH Act defines coastal recreation waters as the Great Lakes and coastal waters (including coastal estuaries) that states, territories, and authorized tribes officially recognize (or "designate") for swimming, bathing, surfing, or similar activities in the water."
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> -Could I obtain a spreadsheet/list of places that have received beach grants in the last 10 years? Is this available per beach? Or is this only available by county/state?
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> Thanks for handling this large volume of questions. Would you mind letting me know when you’ve received this email? If you think any answers to these questions will be hard or time consuming to track down, please let me know.
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> Feel free to give me a call if you have any questions or need any clarification.
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> Thank you,
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> Lucille Sherman
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> On May 13, 2019, at 10:33 AM, Chen, Daphne <dchen@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:
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> Daphne,
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> All of these data are available at the water quality portal: https://waterqualitydata.us
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> To access these data, click on the ‘Download Data’ button. On the form that shows up next find the field called ‘Project ID’ (it’s on the right hand side of the screen under Sampling Parameters. Enter ‘EPABEACH’. You can then download all the station information (including the locations). To do this, choose ‘Site Data Only’ under ‘select data to download’ and hit ‘Download’. You will then get a .zip file that contains all the site information. To get the actual sampling results, choose ‘Sample Results (physical/chemical metadata)’ and then click download to get a .zip file of all of those results.
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> To make your life a little easier, the following links will give you all these data for the past 10 years (anything collected since 2008). If you want a different time period, you can go to the portal and enter your conditions. One warning, this is a sizeable data set (3.5 million records from 10,000 sites). If you try to pull the full dataset (without the date restriction) you’d get 5.5 million records from 13,000 sites.
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> Site Information:
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> https://www.waterqualitydata.us/data/Station/search?project=EPABEACH&startDateLo=01-01-2008&mimeType=csv&zip=yes

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> Results:
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> https://www.waterqualitydata.us/data/Result/search?project=EPABEACH&startDateLo=01-01-2008&mimeType=csv&zip=yes
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> If you just want Florida's data, that's a little easier, the following links will give you that:
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> Site Information:
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> https://www.waterqualitydata.us/data/Station/search?statecode=US%3A12&project=EPABEACH&startDateLo=01-01-2008&mimeType=csv&zip=yes
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> Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2019 9:01 AM
> To: wqx@epa.gov; storet@epa.gov
> Subject: Getting .csv of BEACON database
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> Hello,
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> My name is Daphne Chen and I'm a data reporter at the Sarasota Herald-Tribune/GateHouse Media in Florida.
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> I'm working on a data story about beach water quality and was very impressed by the BEACON data app. Robert Daguillard from Media Relations told me to ask you whether there's any way to get a copy of the underlying database in spreadsheet format (excel or .csv) so I can do my analysis.
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> The problem with the BEACON app is that when I try to download one state at a time, many states have more than 50,000 entries and I get the error of "This query has returned more than 50,000 rows, please filter your data to ensure complete results." It's very difficult for me to download each county in the US manually. Is there any way you can send me a copy of your Water Quality Report underlying database for the entire nation at once?
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> Any assistance would be greatly appreciated!
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> Thanks,
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ORD/EPA often conducts research, identifies new technologies and expands the Agency's knowledge base in partnership with a wide variety of stakeholder including industry, academia, NGOs, states and other foreign partners.

Additionally, TSCA requires EPA to develop a Strategic Plan to promote the development and implementation of alternative test methods and strategies to reduce, refine or replace vertebrate animal testing. This plan can be found here.

Does EPA maintain TCE is carcinogenic to humans by all routes of exposure?

In 2011, EPA's Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) Program concluded that TCE is carcinogenic to humans by all routes of exposure. At present, the EPA is conducting a current risk evaluation for TCE under amended TSCA to determine risks to humans: (https://www.epa.gov/assessing-and-managing-chemicals-under-tsca/risk-evaluations-existing-chemicals-under-tsca#ten).

My reporting and research indicate the American Chemistry Council repeatedly requested EPA suspend 2014 guidelines for accelerated cleanup at TCE sites. EPA's Patrick Davis said no but that the agency

might reconsider that decision as part of a different process. ACC later met with Kell Kelly. Does EPA have plans to relax this guidance?

The Superfund program does not have any plans to reconsider the 2014 guidance titled "Compilation of Information Relating to Early/Interim Actions at Superfund Sites and the TCE IRIS Assessment" at this time.

ACC and the Halogenated Solvents Industry have argued the studies EPA relies on for TCE guidelines are not sound, including one linking heart malformations in utero to the chemical. Does EPA currently rely on that study? Is EPA reconsidering relying on that study?

OPPT is currently conducting a risk evaluation on TCE to determine the risks to humans. The draft risk evaluation will be released this summer. The Agency is required to look at the weight of scientific evidence and is utilizing a systematic review approach to evaluate all reasonably available information. We will base the use of each specific study on the results of the systematic review process.

Will EPA make any further decisions about whether to move forward with the Obama administration's proposed restrictions for certain uses of TCE?

OPPT is currently conducting a risk evaluation on TCE to determine the risks to humans. If unreasonable risks are found then the Agency will move to limit the risks, including determining if the proposed rules are appropriate.

What is EPA doing to help states address TCE plumes around the country?

EPA helps states address TCE plumes by enforcing federal statutes such as CERCLA and RCRA, implementing programs to clean up contamination, and providing information about remediation technologies, investigation and monitoring approaches, and other relevant topics. The Superfund program provides a website for this information that also serves as a forum for waste remediation stakeholders, including states.

Outside experts argue that EPA is using the updates to TSCA to undermine ongoing reviews. Can you comment?

When a risk evaluation is conducted under TSCA, EPA evaluates not only the hazard of the chemical, but the hazard in the context of known and reasonably foreseen exposures. Upon completion of this statutorily mandated 3 year process, a risk evaluation will tell the public whether or not specific uses of the chemical present an unreasonable risk.

Completed IRIS assessments are used as a tool that can inform regulation by various stakeholder groups, including EPA but do not direct any risk management action. TSCA both ensures robust scientific assessments and also requires that the Agency expeditiously mitigate risks through regulatory action.

The letter was signed by ACC's Kimberly Wise White, who is now on EPA's science advisory board. Does Ms. White have to recuse herself from any activities she has previously lobbied the agency on?

First, there is currently no formaldhyde work before the board. Before the Science Advisory Board begins any peer review or consultation, all members are evaluated by the SAB Staff Office for possible conflicts of interest. "Before the Science Advisory Board (SAB) takes on any peer review or consultation activity, all the Board members are evaluated for potential conflicts of interest. It is not uncommon that Board members recuse themselves from certain portions of the SAB's work portfolio. These decisions are made on a project-specific, case-by-case basis based on the work before the Board.

Cheers, R.

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Hi Robert. I asked if we could wait until tomorrow, but my editors said we need something by the end of the day today. This is part of a series, so the coordination on the publishing schedule is happening above me. Would you like to chat on the phone to see what EPA might be able to respond to in that timeframe?

On Tue, May 21, 2019 at 11:29 AM Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Hey Emily,

Actually, I was just about to come to you and ask if you could push it back another 24 hours – or better yet, to COB tomorrow. Just heard from the progam folks.

Happy to discuss. Let me know.

Cheers, R.

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Hi all--do you think you'll be able to meet today's deadline of noon?

Thanks,

Emily

On Fri, May 17, 2019 at 4:27 PM Emily Holden <emily.holden@theguardian.com> wrote:

Sure, I should be available except for about 9:45-10:45.

On Fri, May 17, 2019 at 4:24 PM Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Emily. That's super helpful. I'll be in touch Monday AM, if that works.

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Hi Robert and team--Just gave you a call to check in. I wanted to let you know I relayed your request to the editors and they gave us an extra day. Our new deadline for response is Tuesday at noon. Can you let me know by Monday morning if that seems feasible for some, if not all, of these questions? A few I believe EPA has responded to previously, including on the formaldehyde study.

I can also walk through these on the phone if that's helpful for streamlining or understanding the context.

Thanks,

Emily

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On Thu, May 16, 2019 at 4:44 PM Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

As discussed, let's touch based tomorrow. I should have a better idea of what's feasible.

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Hi Robert and thanks. Do you think you could answer some of the questions by 4 pm Monday? I'll definitely see what I can do about the deadline, but I know my editors have a specific publishing schedule in mind.

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On May 16, 2019, at 3:57 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Emily,

Thanks for reaching out. Yes, we'll look into these questions from you. As things stand, however, it's unlikely we'll get back to you by Monday noon, so that we'll almost certainly need an extension – possibly substantial.

If you and I could touch base around this time tomorrow, I might have a better sense of what's feasible.

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Hello,

I plan to write and publish a piece about industry lobbying against regulations on chemicals, including: trichloroethylene, formaldehyde and hexavalent chromium.

I would like to pose the following questions to EPA and make you aware of assertions made about the lobbying process by: outside experts, Americans impacted by chemical exposure, and campaigners who argue for increased regulations.

The deadline for me to include your response is **Noon ET on Monday, May 20**.
If you have any questions, please call me at Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

As well, I ask that you **please confirm receipt** of this message, or I will note that you declined to comment.

Please see below.

Thank you,
Emily

GENERAL QUESTIONS

While the EU bans or restricts more than a thousand chemicals, the US bans 11. What is EPA's comment on the discrepancy?

Can EPA comment on assertions that former industry officials now making decisions on chemical regulations at EPA have a conflict of interest? Nancy Beck worked for ACC, Erik Baptist worked for API, Peter Wright for Dow Chemical, David Dunlap for Koch Industries and Steven Cook for LyondellBasell Industries. They each work on chemicals at EPA. How do they avoid a conflict of interest?

Separately, one expert argues EPA is relying more on cellular-level studies (conducted in petri dishes) often developed in partnership with industry. She says EPA is doing this rather than using rodent studies. She calls it a "complete disaster." Can EPA comment?

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What is EPA doing to help states address TCE plumes around the country?

Outside experts argue that EPA is using the updates to TSCA to undermine ongoing reviews. Can you comment?

FORMALDEHYDE

In a January 2018 letter, ACC criticized the agency's handling of formaldehyde rules. That summer, news broke that the government had been stalling the release of a report that most Americans inhale enough of the chemical to be at risk for leukemia. Did EPA advise withholding the study? Has ACC's criticism informed EPA's decisions around formaldehyde?

The letter was signed by ACC's Kimberly Wise White, who is now on EPA's science advisory board. Does Ms. White have to recuse herself from any activities she has previously lobbied the agency on?

Will the formaldehyde review be overseen by former ACC executive Nancy Beck? How will she avoid a conflict of interest?

HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM

In a recent science scoping meeting, ToxStrategies on behalf of ACC questioned a foundational study of cement workers that EPA relies on that connected the chemical to cancer. Will EPA continue to rely on this study?

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On May 16, 2019, at 3:57 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon Emily,

Thanks for reaching out. Yes, we'll look into these questions from you. As things stand, however, it's unlikely we'll get back to you by Monday noon, so that we'll almost certainly need an extension – possibly substantial.

If you and I could touch base around this time tomorrow, I might have a better sense of what's feasible.

Cheers, R.

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Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 3:35 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: Questions on chemicals, deadline of noon Monday

Hello,

I plan to write and publish a piece about industry lobbying against regulations on chemicals, including: trichloroethylene, formaldehyde and hexavalent chromium.

I would like to pose the following questions to EPA and make you aware of assertions made about the lobbying process by: outside experts, Americans impacted by chemical exposure, and campaigners who argue for increased regulations.

The deadline for me to include your response is **Noon ET on Monday, May 20**.
If you have any questions, please call me at Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

As well, I ask that you **please confirm receipt** of this message, or I will note that you declined to comment.

Please see below.

Thank you,
Emily

GENERAL QUESTIONS

While the EU bans or restricts more than a thousand chemicals, the US bans 11. What is EPA's comment on the discrepancy?

Can EPA comment on assertions that former industry officials now making decisions on chemical regulations at EPA have a conflict of interest? Nancy Beck worked for ACC, Erik Baptist worked for API, Peter Wright for Dow Chemical, David Dunlap for Koch Industries and Steven Cook for LyondellBasell Industries. They each work on chemicals at EPA. How do they avoid a conflict of interest?

Separately, one expert argues EPA is relying more on cellular-level studies (conducted in petri dishes) often developed in partnership with industry. She says EPA is doing this rather than using rodent studies. She calls it a "complete disaster." Can EPA comment?

TCE

Does EPA maintain TCE is carcinogenic to humans by all routes of exposure?

My reporting and research indicate the American Chemistry Council repeatedly requested EPA suspend 2014 guidelines for accelerated cleanup at TCE sites. EPA's Patrick Davis said no but that the agency might reconsider that decision as part of a different process. ACC later met with Kell Kelly. Does EPA have plans to relax this guidance?

ACC and the Halogenated Solvents Industry have argued the studies EPA relies on for TCE guidelines are not sound, including one linking heart malformations in utero to the chemical. Does EPA currently rely on that study? Is EPA reconsidering relying on that study?

Will EPA make any further decisions about whether to move forward with the Obama administration's proposed restrictions for certain uses of TCE?

What is EPA doing to help states address TCE plumes around the country?

Outside experts argue that EPA is using the updates to TSCA to undermine ongoing reviews. Can you comment?

FORMALDEHYDE

In a January 2018 letter, ACC criticized the agency's handling of formaldehyde rules. That summer, news broke that the government had been stalling the release of a report that most Americans inhale enough of the chemical to be at risk for leukemia. Did EPA advise withholding the study? Has ACC's criticism informed EPA's decisions around formaldehyde?

The letter was signed by ACC's Kimberly Wise White, who is now on EPA's science advisory board. Does Ms. White have to recuse herself from any activities she has previously lobbied the agency on?

Will the formaldehyde review be overseen by former ACC executive Nancy Beck? How will she avoid a conflict of interest?

HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM

In a recent science scoping meeting, ToxStrategies on behalf of ACC questioned a foundational study of cement workers that EPA relies on that connected the chemical to cancer. Will EPA continue to rely on this study?

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CC: Press [Press@epa.gov]
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Ok

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Sent: 8/2/2018 10:12:27 PM
To: Hewitt, James [hewitt.james@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Gold king info

We have not paid any tort claims related to the gold king release.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 2, 2018, at 6:11 PM, Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov> wrote:

> David, regarding his second question, I believe Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) ? Can you please confirm?
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> Begin forwarded message:
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> > **From:** "Elliott, Dan" <delliott@ap.org>
> > **Date:** August 2, 2018 at 6:06:48 PM EDT
> > **To:** "Hewitt, James" <hewitt.james@epa.gov>
> > **Cc:** "Block, Molly" <block.molly@epa.gov>, "Abboud, Michael" <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
> > **Subject: RE: Gold king info**
> >
> > James:
> >
> > Thank you. This is very helpful.
> >
> > It's possible that the Colorado official I spoke with heard about the EPA letters seeking clarification or more information, and somewhere along the chain of communication they were misrepresented as offer letters.
> >
> > Three follow-up questions to your email:
> >
> > 1. Please define "on background." I would like to use the information in the fourth and fifth paragraphs in your email, highlighted in yellow below, in my story and attributed to someone by name, because they show the EPA is in fact actively reviewing the claims as then-administrator Pruitt promised. Otherwise, all I have on the record for attribution is Molly's email from yesterday which said, "We have no further information at the moment." I have quotes from two people who filed claims and have heard nothing from the agency, and I have some unhappy-sounding comments from lawmakers who apparently aren't aware of the steps you outlined. Altogether, what I have on the record leaves the impression that the EPA has done very little or nothing. I don't want to leave that impression if it's not accurate.
> > 2. Is it accurate to say that although the review is continuing, no tort claims have been paid yet?
> > 3. Does OGC stand for the EPA's Office of General Counsel?

Thank you.

Dan

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Cc: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
Subject: Gold king info

Dan,

Molly passed along your inquiry.

EPA staff is not aware of any such "offer letters" but if you have additional information to share please do and we will look into it.

Below is information you may used on background:

The claims review process within OGC is continuing. We have 380 or so pending claims before the agency, including approximately 80 that were denied by the previous administration and that we are reconsidering. The deadline to file new tort claims arising from the Gold King release passed last year.

Most recently, on June 13, 2018, EPA OGC sent letters to 54 tort claimants (or their counsel, if the claimant is represented) requesting additional information or documentation to substantiate part or all of their claims. We have received a small number of responses to these requests thus far, which our staff is reviewing. As a reminder, EPA has authority to pay administrative tort claims in the amount of $2,500 or less from EPA appropriations. For claims above that amount, any payments come from the Judgment Fund and require consultation and/or written approval from DOJ.

Because more than six months has passed since the time we received these claims and EPA has not responded to the claim within that time period, any claimant can file a lawsuit against the United States (not against EPA) on their claim. New Mexico, Utah, the Navajo Nation, and approximately 14 individuals have done so. These cases are consolidated in the District of New Mexico, and DOJ filed a motion to dismiss these cases on July 26, 2018 based on various defenses, including sovereign immunity. Once a

claimant sues over a claim on which EPA has not acted, the Agency no longer has authority to act on that claim.

Best,
James

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CC: Carter, Brittany S. [carter.brittanys@epa.gov]; Blaine, Rebecca D [Rebecca.D.Blaine@wv.gov]
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Will do.

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James can you add these guys to the release list?

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On May 13, 2019, at 12:27 PM, Damron, Jordan L <Jordan.L.Damron@wv.gov> wrote:

Thanks! Can you forward us your release when it goes out?

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To: Damron, Jordan L
Cc: Carter, Brittany S.; Blaine, Rebecca D
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Thank you. Here is a Wheeler quote.

"By adding the Shaffer Equipment/Arbuckle Creek area to the National Priorities List, we are taking action to clean up the site and protect the health of the local community," **said EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler.** "EPA listened closely to the concerns of the community in making this decision, and our commitment to the Minden community is that a site on the National Priorities List will be a true national priority."

Sent from my iPhone

On May 13, 2019, at 11:24 AM, Damron, Jordan L <Jordan.L.Damron@wv.gov> wrote:

Thank you both for your help today!

Quote from Gov. Justice is below. Let me know if you need anything else.

"This is such an important day because the great people of Minden have been hurting for too long and they've been waiting on this level of help for decades. Our President, the EPA and our own Department of Environmental Protection here in West Virginia truly care about helping the people of Minden and, together with my office, we are finally taking major steps toward cleaning up this area once and for all. We are going to get it done."

Can you provide a quote from Administrator Wheeler? We may end up using it in a short statement.

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Subject: Re: Invitation: Administrator Wheeler visit to Minden

Thank you!

On May 12, 2019, at 2:43 PM, Blaine, Rebecca D <Rebecca.D.Blaine@wv.gov> wrote:

Hi Brit & Mike,
Jordan is on the email.

Rebecca

Sent from my iPhone

On May 12, 2019, at 2:36 PM, Carter, Brittany S. <carter.brittanys@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Rebecca,

Wanted to connect you with our press secretary, Mike Abboud. We are still keeping everything close hold until early tomorrow morning. Would you mind connecting him with your comms shop?

Thank you!

-Britt

On May 9, 2019, at 10:27 AM, Blaine, Rebecca D <Rebecca.D.Blaine@wv.gov> wrote:

Got it! Thank you

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Great! Forgot to say, Wheeler plans to speak for about 5 minutes—we have allotted the same for everyone else.

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Subject: RE: Invitation: Administrator Wheeler visit to Minden

Hi Brittany,
Thank you for sharing. We do not have any changes.

Rebecca

From: Carter, Brittany S. <carter.brittanys@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 8, 2019 2:45 PM
To: Blaine, Rebecca D <Rebecca.D.Blaine@wv.gov>
Subject: RE: Invitation: Administrator Wheeler visit to Minden

Hi Rebecca,

Wanted to follow up with the draft run of show. I will be sure to update you if it changes. This is all still close-hold. Please let me know if you have any questions. I will be on the ground the day of. My cell phone is Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) if you need anything.

Attire:
- Announcement: Business Casual

Monday, May 13th

9:30am – 10:15am

NPL Announcement Remarks
Location: New Apostolic Church
Format: Remarks with Q&A session
Introduced By: Cosmo Servidio, Regional Administrator, EPA Region 3
Attendees:
- Governor Jim Justice
- Senator Shelley Moore Capito
- Congressman David McKinley (WV-1)
- Congresswoman Carol Miller (WV-3)

Run of Show:
- Cosmo Servidio welcomes attendees and introduces Administrator Wheeler
- Administrator Wheeler delivers remarks and introduces Senator Capito
- Senator Capito delivers remarks and introduces Governor Justice
- Governor Justice delivers remarks introduces Congressman McKinley
- Congressman McKinley delivers remarks and introduces Congresswoman Miller
- Congresswoman Miller delivers remarks
- Cosmo opens Q&A session
- Adjourn

Press: Open

From: Carter, Brittany S.
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2019 10:49 AM
To: rebecca.d.blaine@wv.gov
Subject: Invitation: Administrator Wheeler visit to Minden

Good morning Rebecca,

We are in the beginning stages of planning an event in Minden, WV on Monday, 05/13 and would like to invite Governor Justice to attend. We would start with a site visit at 8:45 a.m. and plan a National Priorities List (NPL) announcement at the church immediately following the tour around 9:30 a.m.

Please let me know if this happens to work with his schedule and if you have any questions. We would be honored to have the Governor join us. We appreciate you keeping this event close-hold for now.

Best regards,

-Britt

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Message

From: Hewitt, James [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=41B19DD598D340BB8032923D902D4BD1-HEWITT, JAM]
Sent: 6/6/2019 1:35:04 PM
To: Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: For Review: Sarasota Herald-Tribune re backgrounder on BEACON database

Fine to proceed.

From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Thursday, June 6, 2019 9:29 AM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: For Review: Sarasota Herald-Tribune re backgrounder on BEACON database

Program would like to do a backgrounder between 11:30 and noon today with this reporter to explain how to use the BEACON database. This approach would greatly reduce the email back-and-forth. Allison approved. I would coordinate and staff. **Good to proceed?**

OW Backgroundees: Bill Kramer who is a senior staffer in the beach program and the BEACON developer/expert, and Dwayne Young who is well versed on the Water Quality Portal, which came up in previous inquiries.

From: Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com>
Date: June 5, 2019 at 8:19:31 PM EDT
To: "Jones, Enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Cc: "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>, Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Query Sarasota Herald-Tribune Getting .csv of WQ data from WQP as seen on BEACON database

Sorry, yes I am. My editor has pushed this back since I've needed to get so many questions answered, but I need these questions answered by Friday in order to meet my deadline. Thanks.

> On Jun 5, 2019, at 8:18 PM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:
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> Thanks Lucille. Are you working on a deadline?
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> On Jun 5, 2019, at 8:14 PM, Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:
>
> Ok, thanks.
>
> For reference, I'm using a combination of the action duration, beach actions (advisories and closures) datasets (gathered from BEACON) to count the number of actions, number of days under action, action reasons, possible solution sources and indicators.
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> My two questions are:
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> For the "action indicator" variable, i've found that some values include all of these indicators in one cell: "ECOLI, ENTERO, FECAL_COL, RATIO, TOTAL_COL."
>
> 1. Why are all of these values grouped together for some actions?
> 2. What does ratio and total col mean?
>
> I've also looked at the possible pollution sources dataset, and I'm a little confused about the variables

and values. I'm unclear on why sometimes under the possible source, the value will say "Activity Source," and other times it will just say "Yes," your website kind of explains it, but I'm still unclear on what the difference is. When it says "activity source," does that mean the pollution source was confirmed, and when it says "yes," it's just a guess?

Thanks,

Lucille

> On Jun 5, 2019, at 10:55 AM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:
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> Hello Lucille, I'll check. In the interim, it would be helpful to get your questions and to know if you are working on a deadline.
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> On Jun 5, 2019, at 10:52 AM, Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:
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> Hi Robert,
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> I wanted to circle back on this. I only have a few more fairly straightforward questions but I want to wait to send them along until I get this answered.
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> Thanks for all your help!
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> Lucille
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>> On May 29, 2019, at 1:03 PM, Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:
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>> Robert —
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>> In response to this question, "I'm a little bit confused about your response to my questions about monitored and not monitored beaches. The Beach Monitoring Frequency report shows a variable called "Monitoring Reporting Frequency (to EPA)." If that value for a row under that variable is 0, does that mean it isn't monitored at all?
>>
>> You said:
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>> No. It means the frequency of reporting monitoring data to EPA is "0".
>>
>> To identify which beaches are monitored, (please see question 13, below) you can run a national BEACON query, use the Beach Monitoring Frequency report. Please see the User's Guide for instructions to create the report: (p. 28 D.2.) in the grey panel, select "Total of all Jurisdictions"; (p. 39 D.2.2) click on the column header for the Swim Season Monitoring Frequency column, sort by decreasing value (this will group all beaches with a monitoring frequency of "0" at the bottom of the list; separating monitored from unmonitored beaches)."
>>
>> This seems contradictory. So does Swim Season Monitoring Frequency = 0, does that mean the beach is unmonitored?

Thanks,

Lucille

> On May 24, 2019, at 9:20 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:
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> Lucille, for attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson," please:
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> Are only jurisdictions that receive grants under the BEACH Act required to comply with the BEACH Act Program?
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> Correct, please see 33 USC 1346 (CWA Sec. 406(b)(1)).
>
> -Are only states/jurisdictions that receive grants required to adopt water quality standards?
>
> No, please see 33 USC 1313 (CWA Sec. 303). TheClean Water Act (CWA) gives primacy to states (including U.S. territories) and authorized tribes for the adoption of water quality standards, including setting designated uses (e.g., primary contact recreation), adopting criteria to protect those uses, and protecting existing and high quality waters. Under the BEACH Act amendments to the CWA, Congress set a clear mandate for coastal recreation waters (including Great Lakes) where a state/territory/authorized tribe has designated the water for primary contact, that they need to have water quality criteria as protective of public health as EPA's [1986] recreational criteria (regardless of whether they end up applying for a BEACH Act grant). As directed by the BEACH Act (CWA section 303(i), in 2004 EPA promulgated those criteria for any jurisdictions that did not have water quality criteria as protective of public health as EPA's [1986] recreational criteria. After EPA publishes revised recreational criteria, as was done in 2012, the CWA directs states to adopt revised criteria (also section 303(i)).
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> Are only jurisdictions that receive grants required to provide data to the EPA, in regard to beach/water quality data?
>
> Correct, please see 33 USC 1346 (CWA Sec. 406(b)(3)(A)).
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> -When I run the WQS Criteria report, I only get 31 states or territories. That does not seem to be accurate, but I'm unclear on how many there should be, since the

data I've been getting varies so widely. Could you please confirm that this is an accurate/inaccurate number and how many there should be?

That is accurate as some jurisdictions are still adding that data element (introduced as required in 2016) to their data systems for submission to EPA.

-When it comes to the beach-related national geospatial downloads and fact sheets, you said this will be updated and republished in 2019. When is that expected to be published, exactly?

We do not have a more specific expected date at the moment.

Which three jurisdictions have not submitted 2018 data?

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands;Swinomish Indian Tribal Community; Texas.

I'm a little bit confused about your response to my questions about monitored and not monitored beaches. The Beach Monitoring Frequency report shows a variable called "Monitoring Reporting Frequency (to EPA)." If that value for a row under that variable is 0, does that mean it isn't monitored at all?

No. It means the frequency of reporting monitoring data to EPA is "0".

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Or does this report show only monitored beaches? I want to generate a list of both monitored/not monitored beaches.

No it includes all BEACH Act beaches, monitored or not, please see: the Step 3 Report Selection Tab, the description of the Beach Monitoring Frequency Report: For each BEACH Act beach: Identifies swim season and monitoring attributes of each beach including: (1)

swimming season length and (2) in- and off-season monitoring frequency. The list is sorted by county and beach name.

I'm unclear on why using EPABEACH as the only project ID in the water quality data portal isn't sufficient. That's what my colleague was told to use in the portal. Please explain.

The directions the BEACH Program provides to submitters requires associating multiple values with the beach to avoid incomplete data submissions and reports (EPABEACH alone was no longer required beginning 2008). Please see: electronic p.26, p.32, p.34, p.35 of: https://www.epa.gov/beach-tech/submitting-beach-data-epa#monitor.

Please see, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) # 24 on p.45-46; #29 p. 47; #36 p.49 of: https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-08/documents/faqs-2018-seasonal-data.pdf. Your colleague received a reply prepared by the Water Quality Portal.

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> On May 23, 2019, at 3:31 PM, Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:
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> Yes! It's easier for me if you can give me a solid date of when you might have answers.
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> Also, it would be really helpful to talk to a data person in your office on background, if possible.
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>> On May 23, 2019, at 3:28 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Right. These look like fairly technical questions, so let me see when we can reasonably and feasibly get back to you. I'd bet on next week, to be honest. Would that work for you? Also, keep in we're closed Monday, for the holiday.

Cheers, R.

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To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Query Sarasota Herald-Tribune Getting .csv of WQ data from WQP as seen on BEACON database

Robert,

Yes. I am. I had to move my deadline back for this story, but I do need responses ASAP. Thanks.

On May 23, 2019, at 2:37 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Lucille. Are you on deadline for those?

Cheers, R.

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From: Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com>
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To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Cc: Wise, Allison <Wise.Allison@epa.gov>; Harris-Young, Dawn <Harris-Young.Dawn@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>; Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Query Sarasota Herald-Tribune Getting .csv of WQ data from WQP as seen on BEACON database

Robert —

I'm looking into some of the other resources you sent me. In the meantime, here are a few follow-up questions I have:

-Are only jurisdictions that receive grants

under the BEACH Act required to comply with the BEACH Act Program?

-Are only states/jurisdictions that receive grants required to adopt water quality standards?

-Are only jurisdictions that receive grants required to provide data to the EPA, in regard to beach/water quality data?

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-I'm unclear on why using EPABEACH as the only project ID in the water quality data portal isn't sufficient. That's what my colleague was told to use in the portal. Please explain.

I'm sure I'll have more questions after looking through the material you sent me.

Thanks for your help,

Lucille

On May 22, 2019, at 3:18 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Lucille, with apologies for the late response, and for attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson," please:

Thank you for your interest in water quality and public health. Responses are provided

below each bolded question. As background, please also note that the water quality data and beach notification information you seek are provided to EPA (generally once a year) by states, tribes and territories (jurisdictions) that receive BEACH Act grants. The jurisdictions' required capabilities and performance requirements, and EPA recommendations for program operations (related to many of your questions, below) can be found in the National Beach Guidance: www.epa.gov/beach-tech/national-beach-guidance-and-required-performanc e-criteria-grants

The current BEACON User Guide (always accessible in the upper right corner of the BEACON home page) explains how to create and run queries, and download into spreadsheets the data and information you seek.

Also, this BEACON page includes links to each jurisdiction's beach program webpage. If you want to obtain beach data on each jurisdiction, which may include data not

submitted to EPA, or have questions about their program, we suggest you contact each jurisdiction directly.

I'm looking at measuring water quality at beaches. I plan on using this definition as my starting point: "The BEACH Act defines coastal recreation waters as the Great Lakes and coastal waters (including coastal estuaries) that states, territories, and authorized tribes officially recognize (or "designate") for swimming, bathing, surfing, or similar activities in the water."

The EPA BEACH Act Program includes coastal and Great Lakes beaches as defined by the Clean Water Act (CWA). Such beaches are: (1) adjacent to water with water quality standards (WQS) for primary contact recreation, (2) used by the public, and (3) are "... waters downstream of the mouth of a river or stream having unimpaired natural connection with the open sea." [Sec 5. (B)]. (Here, "the sea" also refers to a connection to the Great Lakes.)

States adopt water

quality standards to protect their waters, including recreational waters. They may adopt EPA's recommended criteria or other scientifically defensible criteria as part of their proposed Water Quality Standards, and then they submit their proposed standards to EPA for approval under the CWA. Please see EPA's 2012 recommended Recreational Water Quality Criteria (RWQC) for EPA's latest recommendations: www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-10/documents/rwqc2012.pdf

The implementation guidance documents for the 2012 recommended RWQC can be found at: www.epa.gov/wqc/2012-recreational-water-quality-criteria-documents

I have begun collecting enterococcus levels through the water quality portal for each state. I believe I need to collect E.Coli to measure water quality for the Great Lakes. Is this correct?

Correct, all the Great Lakes states measure microbial water quality using E. Coli as an indicator of microbial contamination.

I have also gathered

fecal coliform data, but it appears there hasn't been as much monitoring for this characteristic. Is this something that the EPA still measures? Is this still a good indicator of water quality? Are there any other characteristics/bacteria I should be gathering?

EPA no longer recommends fecal coliform as an indicator organism, rather EPA recommends either E. Coli or Enterococcus in fresh waters and Enterococcus in marine waters be used as the appropriate indicator.

The indicators that various jurisdictions have chosen to use are reflected in BEACON. Please run the WQS Criteria report. The BEACON Water Quality report is pulled from the Water Quality Portal (WQP) that you are already familiar with, and it also shows the indicators used. The BEACH Act only requires monitoring for fecal indicators. Some jurisdictions also monitor for other concerns; e.g., algae that produce phytotoxins (harmful algal blooms), medical waste, etc.; see BEACON Beach Actions and Possible Pollution Sources reports. Please see the discussion in the National Beach Guidance.

I found this on the department's website: "As a result, we recommended in 1986 the use of E. coli for fresh recreation waters (criteria set at 126/100mL) and enterococci for fresh and marine recreation waters (criteria set at 33/100mL in freshwater and 35/100mL in marine water). These recommendations replaced our previously recommended bacteria criteria for fecal coliform of 200/100mL."

Are these criteria still correct?

In 2012, EPA reviewed the science and released updated criteria recommendations. From p. 43 of the 2012 RWQC document linked above, these are EPA's current recommended criteria for indicator organisms (GM= geometric mean, STV= statistical threshold value):
<image001.jpg>
In addition, for the purposes of making decisions for posting notifications or closures at beaches, EPA recommended the following Beach Action Values (BAVs) (from p.44 of the 2012 RWQC document):

<image002.jpg>
If a particular bacteria is

high at a beach, what are the reporting/notification requirements?

What and how jurisdictions report in real-time to the public varies by jurisdiction; please see their program websites. Local authorities should notify the public in as timely a manner as possible. What they subsequently report to EPA (usually in the January-March period in the year following the beach season), includes their "local action decision procedures," which if submitted, are listed in BEACON Beach Profile reports for each beach. Please see the discussion in the National Beach Guidance.

How can I find what caused a bacteria to be particularly high in one area?

Please run a BEACON Possible Pollution Source report. Please see the discussion in the National Beach Guidance section on Sanitary Survey.

What kind of action does the EPA take when a particular source has high levels of bacteria?

EPA does not take an action at the time high levels are reported. Under the CWA, and as

a requirement to receive a BEACH Act grant, the jurisdiction has authority to take actions under their own programs. Please note that repeated exceedances of the geometric mean threshold may be considered by jurisdictions and EPA when making decisions on whether the waterbody is meeting its designated uses for the purposes of Section 303(d) of the CWA. If a water is listed as impaired and not meeting its designated recreational use, the state must develop a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), which in turn can change National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirements for a particular discharger.

Would it be accurate to average the measure values for one location over the course of a year and compare it to the average level for the previous year?

Please see the discussion in the National Beach Guidance, which recommends the geometric mean calculated over a discrete averaging period, usually 30-60 days. For beach notification purposes, typically a single exceedance of the

jurisdiction's beach notification value is used for making decisions.

It appears the values in the "monitoring location name" variable either aren't clean or don't reflect the name of the beach where the water is being tested. Is there a place where I can get the name of the beach for each monitoring location?

Please see the BEACON Beach Actions or Water Quality reports.

It appears there are shape files that show the beach names (https://watersgeo.epa.gov/beacon2/). Is there a way I could obtain those?

Beach-related national geospatial downloads and fact sheets are available for the BEACH Act program. The geospatial data represents BEACH Act beaches based on the information provided to the EPA. This data is available in GIS-compatible shapefile and geodatabase formats and in KMZ Google Earth files. These data are being updated and are expected to be republished later in 2019. NOTE – the BEACON maps (use the Find a Beach tab) previously showed the location of the

monitoring station points next to the beach lines, but EPA recently changed to ArcGIS Javascript and we have not received updated code yet.

What's the difference between "estimated" versus "actual" in the variable "result value type name?" Does this mean the water isn't actually being tested? Would it be accurate to include these in my analysis?

An "estimated" value indicates that it is not directly measured. You can check with the jurisdiction as to how the estimate was created and if other relevant data is available.

Is there a way I could get a spreadsheet of beaches that are currently monitored, and those that are not? I found it at this portal, but I have to click on each state to get a list of the beaches in that state: https://ofmpub.epa.gov/apex/beacon2/f?p=111:12:8414826486221::NO::P12_YEARS:Current.

You can run a national BEACON query, use the Beach Monitoring frequency report. Please see the User's Guide for instructions to download the report: in the grey panel, click

on “Actions v,” select “Download,” pick a format.

Is this constantly updated? If not, how often is it updated? Can I get a list of beaches that were and weren’t monitored as of last year?

The jurisdictions usually report annually to EPA (in the January-March period in the year following the beach season, although some report more frequently). As of May 14th, 2019, three jurisdictions have not yet submitted the data for 2018.

Could I obtain a spreadsheet showing advisories and closures within the last two years (Memorial Day 2017 - May 2019)?

You can run two different BEACON reports. If you only want the number and duration of advisories and closures, run a national State Summary/Alternate Report (National Percentage) report. If you want a row for each advisory and closure, run a national Beach Actions report. Please see the User’s Guide for instructions to download the reports: in the grey panel, click on “Actions v,” select “Download,” pick a format.

Could I obtain a spreadsheet/list of places that have received beach grants in the last 10 years? Is this available per beach? Or is this only available by county/state?

Only by jurisdiction, please see: www.epa.gov/beach-tech/beach-grants . Fiscal Year 2019 grants are still in process.

Note to reporter: The process of submitting and retrieving data using the BEACON App can fail at any of many steps due to something as simple as a space in the wrong place. BEACON pulls all the data in the Water Quality report from WQX & WQP. If water quality (WQ) data are showing in BEACON but not in the WQP, then the structure of the query to the WQP is likely the problem. If water quality data are showing in the WQP but not in BEACON, then the problem is likely either with the submitted data (please see list of example conditions below) or it is not data collected under the Beach Program. If WQ data are incomplete in both the WQP and BEACON, then either the data were not submitted

(yet), or not submitted correctly. We ask the jurisdictions each year to verify that their Beach Program submissions show up as intended.

Example Conditions:
1. to pull the WQ data in WQP, the submitted data must be associated with:
a. valid WQX-issued org id(s) (e. g, 21XXBCH or jurisdiction format e. g, 11113300), and b. valid Beach Program-issued beach id(s) (aka WQX
project id(s), e. g., XX205937 and
(1) Note: the use of EPABEACH as the only WQX project id is not sufficient c. valid jurisdiction-created station id(s) d. beach ids
not
grouped/concatenated (e.g., as in .xlsx comma separated values (csv) format) or equivalent e. valid BEACH Program Monitoring Location Type (MLTYP_UID values from 58 to 67 inclusive) 2. Other reasons a beach may not show WQ data at all, or not for a period of time:
a. not monitored (no data)
(1) non-reporting
(2) dormant
(3) indicator(s) searched for not monitored or changed
b. in the
BEACON Wizard,

historical and/or private data not selected to show in report c. new beach id - no data submitted yet (pending action by jurisdiction) d. WQX data Result Status set as "Preliminary", needs to be set to "Final"

At https://www.waterqualitydata.us/, when I select EPABEACH under project ID and sample results for biological metadata or site data and download Connecticut data in it's entirety, only two monitoring locations are showing up (ESPOSITO BEACH and SEASIDE PARK BEACH). The EPA's website shows that 73 Connecticut beaches are monitored. Do you know why there's a discrepancy?

Please see introductory comments above.

I've also noticed Hawaii's data only goes through 2017, but data for enterococcus and fecal coliform only go through 2011 and 1997, respectively. I'm running into similar issues in Massachusetts, which only has data for E.coli and enterococcus through 2007, Michigan, which only has E.coli data through 2014 as well as no designated monitoring locations. I'm running

into similar issues in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas and Wisconsin (I've only looked at enterococcus and fecal coliform in these states, and haven't looked at E.coli yet). Illinois and Indiana are also returning "no data", even though they are shown as a jurisdiction with beach data at this site:https://watersgeo.epa.gov/BEACON2/Beacon.html. Some of these do not match up with what is being shown in BEACON.

Please see introductory comments above.

Additionally, does BEACON only show advisories/notifications, or would it match the data found in the water quality portal completely?
The jurisdiction-reported data found in BEACON come from the following EPA/USGS databases:

- EPA's Reach Address Database (RAD). RAD contains geographic data that define each beach's location and the location of water quality monitoring stations. BEACON pulls this data to display the beaches and stations on a map. For more information on RAD, see EPA's Reach Address Database page.
- EPA's Water

Quality Exchange (WQX) and the USGS Water Quality Portal (WQP). WQX is the framework by which organizations submit data to the EPA for weekly upload to the WQP. BEACON pulls water quality monitoring data from WQX/WQP. For more information on WQX/WQP, see Water Quality Data (WQX) page.

- PRogram tracking, beach Advisories, Water quality standards, and Nutrients (PRAWN). PRAWN stores beach administrative, advisory and closing data. For more information on PRAWN, see Submitting Data to EPA page. And data flow diagram:https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2019-02/documents/ebeaches-dataflow-2019.pdf

Could you please let me know why there is a discrepancy, and potentially missing years, in the data available in the water quality portal?

Please see introductory comments above.

Cheers, R.

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Robert —

Is there an ETA on when these questions might be answered? It's been a week since I sent them over.

On May 17, 2019, at 3:58 PM, Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:

Robert —

Circling back again.

Lucille Sherman

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On May 16, 2019, at 9:29 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Morning Lucille. Checking.

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On May 16, 2019, at 9:20 AM, Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:

Circling back on this.

On May 14, 2019, at 5:00 PM, Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:

Robert —

I ran this by my editor. Tomorrow (Wednesday) COB works.

If there are any questions that are more easily and quickly answered and it's possible to send them on a rolling basis, that would be great!

Thanks,

Lucille

Lucille Sherman

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On May 14, 2019, at 1:38 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Lucille.

With these additional questions, we're unlikely to get back to you this afternoon. I understand your need to process all the data and other information you're putting together, but if you could push your deadline back to tomorrow COB, or even Thursday, we'd be grateful. Our water folks want to make sure they get it right – something you'll appreciate, as a reporter. Let me know if you want to discuss.

Cheers, R.

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From: Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 1:26 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Cc: Wise, Allison <Wise.Allison@epa.gov>; Harris-Young, Dawn <Harris-Young.Dawn@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Query Sarasota Herald-Tribune Getting .csv of WQ data from WQP as seen on BEACON database

Hi Robert,

Wanted to add a few more questions to my list.

At https://www.waterqualitydata.us/, when I select EPABEACH under project ID and sample results for biological metadata or site data and download Connecticut data in it's entirety, only two monitoring locations are showing up (ESPOSITO BEACH and SEASIDE PARK BEACH). The EPA's website shows that 73 Connecticut beaches are monitored. Do you know why there's a discrepancy?

I've also noticed Hawaii's data only goes through 2017, but data for enterococcus and

fecal coliform only go through 2011 and 1997, respectively. I'm running into similar issues in Massachusetts, which only has data for e.coli and enterococcus through 2007, Michigan, which only has e.coli data through 2014 as well as no designated monitoring locations. I'm running into similar issues in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas and Wisconsin (I've only looked at enterococcus and fecal coliform in these states, and haven't looked at e.coli yet).

Illinois and Indiana are also returning "no data", even though they are shown as a jurisdiction with beach data at this site: https://watersgeo.epa.gov/BEACON2/Beacon.html.

Some of these do not match up with what is being shown in BEACON. Additionally, does BEACON only show advisories/notifications, or would it match the data found in the water quality portal completely?

Could you please let me know why there is a discrepancy, and potentially missing years, in the data available in the water

quality portal?

Thank you,

Lucille

On May 14, 2019, at 11:16 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Sure thing. And it's press@epa.gov. Two Ss, not three.

Cheers, R.

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Subject: RE: Query Sarasota Herald-Tribune Getting .csv of WQ data from WQP as seen on BEACON database

Thanks, Lucille, We'll do

our best. For future inquiries, please reach out to presss@epa.gov, and either I or one of my colleagues will get back to you.

Cheers, R.

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To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Query Sarasota Herald-Tribune Getting .csv of WQ data
from WQP as seen on BEACON database

Hi Robert,

For getting the questions I sent yesterday answered, my deadline is today. We're aiming to have the story publish on Memorial Day, but we need to get some questions answered and wrangle the data before we can determine if that's feasible.

After we get these questions answered, I

can send you an updated publish date.

Thanks!

Lucille

On May 14, 2019, at 10:54 AM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Good morning Lucille, and thanks for reaching out,

What's your deadline, please, and when are you planning to publish?

Cheers, R.

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From: Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 9:54 AM
To: Young, Dwane <Young.Dwane@epa.gov>
Cc: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Query Sarasota Herald-Tribune Getting .csv of WQ data
from WQP as seen on BEACON database

Thanks! If you have any

idea, could you let me know an ETA on getting the answers to these questions? Working on a tight deadline.

On May 14, 2019, at 9:52 AM, Young, Dwane <Young.Dwane@epa.gov> wrote:

Lucille,

Thanks for the follow-up. This request needed to be rerouted back through the beaches staff, and likely our communication staff. I've sent it to them for follow-up.

Dwane Young
Chief, Water Data Integration Branch
U.S. EPA Office of Water
Phone: 202-566-1214
Email: young.dwane@epa.gov

On May 14, 2019, at 9:41 AM, Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:

Hi Dwane,

Just wanted to circle back on this.

Thanks,

Lucille

On May 13, 2019, at 2:40 PM, Lucille Sherman <lsherman@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:

Hello,

My colleague, Daphne Chen, was recently corresponding with you about this, and this story has been transferred over to me.

I have a few questions for you that I was hoping you could answer for me. I need this information by tomorrow afternoon.

I'm looking at measuring water quality at beaches. I plan on using this definition as my starting point: "The BEACH Act defines coastal recreation waters as the Great Lakes and coastal waters (including coastal estuaries) that states, territories, and authorized tribes officially recognize (or "designate") for swimming, bathing, surfing, or similar activities in the water."

-I have begun collecting enterococcus levels through the water quality portal for each state. I believe I need to collect E.Coli to measure water quality for the Great Lakes. Is this correct? I have also gathered fecal coliform

data, but it appears there hasn't been as much monitoring for this characteristic. Is this something that the EPA still measures? Is this still a good indicator of water quality? Are there any other characteristics/bacteria I should be gathering?

-I found this on the department's website: "As a result, we recommended in 1986 the use of E. coli for fresh recreation waters (criteria set at 126/100mL) and enterococci for fresh and marine recreation waters (criteria set at 33/100mL in freshwater and 35/100mL in marine water). These recommendations replaced our previously recommended bacteria criteria for fecal coliform of 200/100mL."

Are these criterium still correct?

-If a particular bacteria is high at a beach, what are the reporting/notification requirements?

-How can I find what caused a bacteria to be particularly high in one area?

-What kind of action does the EPA take when a particular source has high levels of bacteria?

-Would it be accurate to average the measure values for one location over the course of a year and compare it to the average level for the previous year?

-It appears the values in the "monitoring location name" variable either aren't clean or don't reflect the name of the beach where the water is being tested. Is there a place where I can get the name of the beach for each monitoring location? It appears there are shape files that show the beach names (https://watersgeo.epa.gov/beacon2/). Is there a way I could obtain those?

-What's the difference between "estimated" versus "actual" in the variable "result value type name?" Does this mean the water isn't actually being tested? Would it be accurate to include these in my analysis?

-Is there a way I could get a spreadsheet of beaches that are currently monitored, and those that are not? I found it at this portal, but I have to click on each state to get a list of the beaches in that state: https://ofmpub.epa.gov/apex/beacon2/f?p=111:12:8414826486221::NO::P12_YEARS:Current.

Is this constantly updated? If not, how often is it updated? Can I get a list of beaches that were and weren't monitored as of last year?

-Could I obtain a spreadsheet showing advisories and closures within the last two years (Memorial Day 2017 - May 2019)?

-Could I obtain a spreadsheet/list of places that have received beach grants in the last 10 years? Is this available per beach? Or is this only available by county/state?

Thanks for handling this large volume of questions. Would you mind letting me know when you've received this email? If you think any answers to these questions will be hard or time consuming to track down, please let me know.

Feel free to give me a call if you have any questions or need any clarification.

Thank you,

Lucille Sherman

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On May 13, 2019, at 10:33 AM, Chen, Daphne <dchen@gatehousemedia.com> wrote:

Daphne,

All of these data are available at the water quality portal: https://waterqualitydata.us

To access these data, click on the 'Download Data' button. On the form that shows up next find the field called 'Project ID' (it's on the right hand side of the screen under Sampling Parameters. Enter 'EPABEACH'. You can then download all the station information (including the locations). To do this, choose 'Site Data Only' under 'select data to download' and hit 'Download'. You will then get a .zip file that contains all the site information. To get the actual sampling results, choose 'Sample Results (physical/chemical metadata)' and then click download to get a .zip file of all of those results.

To make your life a little easier, the following links will give you all these data for the past 10 years (anything collected since 2008). If you want a different time period, you can go to the portal and enter your conditions. One warning, this is a sizeable data set (3.5 million records from 10,000 sites). If you try to pull the full dataset (without the date restriction) you'd get 5.5 million records from 13,000 sites.

Site Information:

https://www.waterqualitydata.us/data/Station/search?project=EPABEACH&startDateLo=01-01-2008&mimeType=csv&zip=yes

Results:

https://www.waterqualitydata.us/data/Result/search?project=EPABEACH&startDateLo=01-01-2008&mimeType=csv&zip=yes

If you just want Florida's data, that's a little easier, the following links will give you that:

Site Information:

https://www.waterqualitydata.us/data/Station/search?statecode=US%3A12&project=EPABEACH&startDateLo=01-01-2008&mimeType=csv&zip=yes

Results:

https://www.waterqualitydata.us/data/Result/search?statecode=US%3A12&project=EPABEACH&startDateLo=01-01-2008&mimeType=csv&zip=yes

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From: Chen, Daphne <dchen@gatehousemedia.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2019 9:01 AM
To: wqx@epa.gov; storet@epa.gov
Subject: Getting .csv of BEACON database

Hello,

My name is Daphne Chen and I'm a data reporter at the Sarasota Herald-Tribune/GateHouse Media in Florida.

I'm working on a data story about beach water quality and was very impressed by the BEACON data app. Robert Daguillard from Media Relations told me to ask you whether there's any way to get a copy of the underlying database in spreadsheet format (excel or .csv) so I can do my analysis.

The problem with the BEACON app is that when I try to download one state at a time, many states have more than 50,000 entries and I get the error of "This query has returned more than 50,000 rows, please filter your data to ensure complete results." It's very difficult for me to download each county in the US manually. Is there any way you can send me a copy of your Water Quality Report underlying database for the entire nation at once?

Any assistance would

be greatly appreciated!

Thanks,

Daphne

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Daphne Chen

National Data Projects Reporter

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From: Jones.Enesta@epa.gov [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
Sent: 9/12/2019 11:57:04 AM
Subject: White House Report, 9/12/19

White House Report
Thursday, September 12, 2019

AP/John Flesher
WOTUS announcement via livestream
Responded

Argus/Courtney Schlisserman
WOTUS RSVP
Responded

Bloomberg/Andrew Harrer
WOTUS RSVP
Responded

CBS News/Diana Quinn
WOTUS RSVP
Responded

CIO Review/Ivy Megan
Editorial opportunity on critical infrastructure protection
Did not respond

E&E/Francis Chung
WOTUS RSVP
Responded

FOX News/James Levinson
WOTUS RSVP
Responded

International Mosaic/Andrew Yamamoto
Methane proposal
Responded

NPR/Nathan Rott
Backgrounder on WOTUS announcement
Did not respond

POLITICO Pro/Kelsey Tamborrino
WOTUS RSVP
Responded

Texas Farm Bureau Radio Network/Jessica Domel
Administrator's remarks from WOTUS event
Responded

The Patriot-News/Charlie Thompson
Embargo on WOTUS announcement
Did not respond

TIME/Leslie Crimmins
Cost of climate crisis
Responded

WSJ/Katy Stech Ferek
WOTUS RSVP
Responded

Message

From: Jones.Enesta@epa.gov [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
Sent: 2/21/2018 5:02:27 PM
Subject: Attribution

On the record: The information can be used with no caveats, quoting the source by name.

Off the record: The information cannot be used for publication.

Background: The information cannot be attributed to a specific name, but rather an official or source. In our case, according to EPA or an EPA official/source.

Deep background: The information can be used but without attribution in any way.

Message

From: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
Sent: 8/17/2018 9:17:42 PM
To: Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
CC: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Open Inquiries' End-of the-Day (EOD) Edition, 8/17/18

Thanks, Enesta. I completely agree on the Nancy Beck seal of approval. In fact, I try to encourage the program to include that information in their responses.

My sense is that she looks at responses 98% of the time, except in cases where the response consists of a web link, or similar, so the program probably thinks it's a given. Shouldn't be hard to clarify SOP going forward.

Cheers, R.

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From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Friday, August 17, 2018 5:12 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Open Inquiries' End-of the-Day (EOD) Edition, 8/17/18

Robert, John told me over the phone any that you asked whether you can go to the program for answers, go for it! Even the ones you didn't ask about including the Financial Times RE RINs (below). He also said that like I had mentioned to Linda Strauss, we should say on the front end when sending an inquiry to them whether it's Nancy Beck-approved. That helps expedite the gtg.

From: John McGarrity [mailto:john.mcgarrity@energycensus.com]
Sent: Friday, August 17, 2018 12:21 PM
To: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Chuck Grassley's meeting with Andrew Wheeler

Hi there Molly, I just want to get the EPA's view on whether the agency has indeed ditched plans on RINs and ethanol exports.

http://ethanolproducer.com/articles/15538/grassley-epa-not-pursuing-plan-to-attach-rins-to-biofuel-exports

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The U.S. EPA is no longer considering a plan would allow renewable identification numbers (RINs) to be applied to exported volumes of biofuels, according to remarks made by Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, during an Aug. 15 press call.

Thanks,

John

John McGarrity
Senior Editor

Energy Census

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From: Konkus, John
Sent: Friday, August 17, 2018 5:07 PM
To: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Open Inquiries' End-of the-Day (EOD) Edition, 8/17/18

Enesta: Per our phone call to review and talk through these, we're good to go.

Thanks and have a great weekend everyone.

John

From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Friday, August 17, 2018 4:46 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Open Inquiries' End-of the-Day (EOD) Edition, 8/17/18

Tnx!

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Jones, Enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Date: August 17, 2018 at 4:01:33 PM EDT
To: "Konkus, John" <konkus.john@epa.gov>, "Block, Molly" <block.molly@epa.gov>, "Abboud, Michael" <abboud.michael@epa.gov>, "Hewitt, James" <hewitt.james@epa.gov>
Cc: "Grantham, Nancy" <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>, "Jones, Enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>, "Daguillard, Robert"

<Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Open Inquiries' End-of the-Day (EOD) Edition, 8/17/18

17 Awaiting Third-Floor Approval; 8 No Acknowledgement/Response.

From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Friday, August 17, 2018 3:53 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: For Review: Oklahoman (Jack Money) re Anchor Glass settlement (DDL: 8/17)

This reporter is asking for the consent decree for Anchor Glass. Neither DOJ or EPA report on their websites when the judge signs the consent decree (which happens after the comment period closes; we respond to any comments; and we file the motion to enter with the court). The court (which is the US District Court for the Middle District of Florida, in this case) may publish something on their website. OECA recommends this response:

Please check back periodically after the comment period closes around the end of this month.

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The Oklahoman (Jack Money) [Received 8/7] – OPEN – When will Anchor Glass settlement be signed? DDL: Flexible.

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From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Friday, August 17, 2018 2:52 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: For Review: Bloomberg Environment (Sylvia Carignan) re OSRE pilot program (Deadline: 8/17)

Susan Bodine-approved response:

"Discussion of this pilot project is still in the preliminary stages." – EPA spokesperson

On background: We would be glad to revisit at a later date.

From: scarignan@bloombergenvironment.com [mailto:scarignan@bloombergenvironment.com]
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2018 11:14 AM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: OSRE pilot program

Hi all,

Hope you had a good weekend. I'd like to know more about OSRE's pilot program mentioned in the Superfund task force's 2018 update. On pg. 36, the report says the office will pilot an approach where any existing company spins off a new corporate entity that would conduct cleanup.

I'd like to know what EPA's role would be in creating spinoffs, and I'd like to talk to Cyndy Mackey about this. Let me know when she's available this week for a phone call.

Best,
Sylvia

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Sylvia Carignan
Reporter, Superfund and Waste

Bloomberg BNA

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From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Friday, August 17, 2018 2:24 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: media query on federal facility recommendations in Superfund task force report

Third Floor, do you want to handle, as this concerns the task force? Or should I send to the program?

Cheers, R.

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-----Original Message-----
From: Suzanne Yohannan [mailto:suzanne.yohannan@iwpnews.com]
Sent: Friday, August 17, 2018 2:18 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: media query on federal facility recommendations in Superfund task force report

Dear Press officer,

I'm a reporter for Inside EPA. I have a few questions that relate to the Superfund task force recommendations specific to federal facilities.

1. I understand that EPA enforcement staff or officials were supposed to meet with military service officials this month on the Superfund reforms. Could you tell me what was/is on the agenda for these discussions? Were there any disagreements? What did they agree to?

The 2018 update of the Superfund reform recommendations says that the recommendations that pertain to federal facility sites/agencies (recommendations #15, 18, 19, 30) are either partially or almost complete. I have a few questions related to these:

2. For recommendation #15 - Speed settlement process where there are federal PRPs at a site, EPA in the 2018 update report says this has been partially completed. The update says EPA developed model federal agency language to address common settlement delays. Is EPA releasing this model language? Were there any other policy changes made under this recommendation?

3. For recommendation #18, can you release the policy/tools EPA created to meet the recommendation to reinforce adherence to informal and formal dispute timelines in FFAs? What more needs to be done under this recommendation?

4. For recommendation #19, will there be any policy developed to address redelegating CERCLA authorities from one agency to another at mixed ownership mining sites?

5. For recommendation #30, EPA is revising a federal facility enforcement guidance aimed at increasing EPA's flexibility to offer comfort to transferees over concerns about cleanup liability. Could you tell me the status of this guidance? When do you expect it to be finalized? Could I obtain a copy once it is?

My deadline is Thursday (Aug. 23) at 9 a.m.

I can be reached at the email or number below.

Thanks very much.

Sincerely,
Suzanne Yohannan

Inside EPA

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From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Friday, August 17, 2018 12:28 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: For Review: E&E (Ariel Wittenberg) re 404c veto changes (DDL: noon, 8/17)

Dave Ross-approved response:

"As outlined in the June 2018 memorandum, EPA is continuing its work to evaluate updates to the regulations governing EPA's role in the permitting process under section 404(c) of the Clean Water Act in order to increase predictability and provide regulatory certainty for landowners, investors, businesses and other stakeholders." – EPA spokesperson

From: "awittenberg@eenews.net" <awittenberg@eenews.net>
Date: August 17, 2018 at 9:02:59 AM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: 404c veto changesâ€"E&E News

Hi everyone,

We've been hearing from sources that EPA has started working to change regulations about when EPA will initiate the 404c veto process, along the lines of the memo former Admin. Pruitt signed back in June. We'll be publishing a story in Greenwire today and so I wanted to check if you have any comment?

My deadline is noon.

Thanks,

Ariel

Ariel Wittenberg
Reporter, E&E News

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From: "Jones, Enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Date: August 17, 2018 at 11:46:12 AM EDT

To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: For Review: E&E (Sean Reilly) re proposed amendments to clay ceramics NESHAP (DDL: noon, 8/17)

On background: EPA is committed to addressing brick industry issues cited in the Administrator's November 1, 2017 letter. This process is ongoing. In addition, the DC Circuit Court issued an opinion on July 6, 2018. We are still evaluating the impacts of this decision on this rulemaking and others. No final decisions have been made.

From: Sean Reilly <sreilly@eenews.net>
Date: August 17, 2018 at 10:12:04 AM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Proposed amendments to clay ceramics NESHAP

Hi folks:

Quick question related to a story I'm doing this morning on this proposed rule (https://s3.amazonaws.com/public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2018-17933.pdf), given that the NESAHP regs in question also apply to brick manufacturers.

Is EPA planning a separate proposed rule to address other concerns raised by the brick industry and, if so, is there an approximate ETA for publication in the Federal Register?

My deadline is noon today.

Thanks,
Sean

Sean Reilly

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From: "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Date: August 17, 2018 at 11:23:20 AM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: FOR APPROVAL: Proposed response to ADAO re: Asbestos.

The Toxic Chemicals program is objecting to the part of a news release from the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO), https://www.oaoa.com/news/business/article_2f1ac6d9-0444-5584-830f-7c7672e3a9d5.html?mode=jqm, that says the Obama Administration was planning to ban asbestos. OK to send the proposed response?

Statement from ADAO: This problem formulation completes the single-minded effort of the 'Trump EPA' to narrow the asbestos risk evaluation to the point of ignoring nearly all the risks of asbestos in American workplaces, residences, schools and commercial buildings-- undoing the decision of the 'Obama EPA' to use the reformed Toxic Substances Control Act to finally impose a much-delayed ban on asbestos use in the U.S., which now is virtually unregulated.

EPA response: In response to the statement above, the only action EPA took on asbestos under the Obama Administration was to name it as one of the first 10 chemicals to undergo risk evaluation under amended TSCA. Being selected as one of the first 10 chemicals for risk evaluation does not imply that EPA intends to ban the chemical. In accordance with TSCA, EPA can only ban a chemical substance following an unreasonable risk determination, which, when applicable, is only made at the end of the risk evaluation process. EPA is currently working on a risk evaluation for asbestos, which the Agency expects to publish in December 2019. Until EPA publishes the risk evaluation for asbestos, which will describe the risk determination/finding of the current uses of asbestos, it would be premature to speculate on whether or not asbestos should be banned.

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From: "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Date: August 17, 2018 at 10:47:36 AM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: For Review: BNV - Delay of neonic pesticide reviews

The program says it's not doing a listerv, and doesn't normally "announce" changes in its review schedule. The following is all they want to tell the reporter. Good to send?

Incoming: I see that EPA has edited its webpage to delay the review of neonics to next year https://www.epa.gov/pollinator-protection/schedule-review-neonicotinoid-pesticides (see attachment). Why is a delay necessary? Have you announced this delay? Do you plan to make an announcement?

Response: Due to the high volume of comments received on risk assessments released last year, newly submitted data, and the need to update the risk assessments as a result, EPA has shifted the date it plans to issue updated pollinator risk assessments and proposed interim decisions for neonics to Spring 2019.

From: Stecker, Tiffany [mailto:tstecker@bloombergenvironment.com]
Sent: Friday, August 17, 2018 9:19 AM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Cc: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Delay of neonic pesticide reviews

Hello all,

I see that EPA has edited its webpage to delay the review of neonics to next yearhttps://www.epa.gov/pollinator-protection/schedule-review-neonicotinoid-pesticides (see attachment). Why is a delay necessary? Have you announced this delay? Do you plan to make an announcement?

Deadline is as soon as possible.

Thanks!

Tiffany

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Tiffany Stecker

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From: "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Date: August 17, 2018 at 8:46:12 AM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: For Review: Dicamba lawsuit comments - Bloomberg

The reporter says she can still accept our response this AM. The program recommends the following. Please advise whether it's good to send:

EPA does not comment on pending litigation.

Our goal is to make a decision in time for growers to make informed seed purchase decisions for the next planting season.

Cheers, R.

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From: Lydia Mulvany (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:) [mailto:lmulvany2@bloomberg.net]
Sent: Thursday, August 16, 2018 5:47 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Cc: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Dicamba lawsuit comments - Bloomberg

Hello,

I'm writing an article about dicamba which may go out overnight. There is mention of a lawsuit against the EPA for granting dicamba's registration. Please let me know if you have any comments on the following, and even if you can get back to me tomorrow morning, we will be able to update the story:

---Some organizations are suing EPA for granting dicamba's registration. It looks like oral arguments are scheduled for Aug. 29 in Seattle (National Family Farm Coalition v. EPA, 9th Cir., No. 17-70196, 6/20/18.) It sounds like, among the complaints, that they're saying the EPA's label for dicamba was too complicated for farmers to follow, and that it violates Endangered Species Act.

---Do you have comment about whether or not EPA intends to renew dicamba's registration?

Thank you

Lydia Mulvany
Bloomberg News

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From: "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Date: August 16, 2018 at 5:46:45 PM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: For Review: Washington Post - Glyphosate inquiry

From the program. Good to send?

Incoming: looking for reference dose for glyphosate. Have seen everything from .1 mg/kg of bodyweight to 2mg/kg bw.

Response: 1.00 mg/kg/day is the chronic reference dose used for the 2017 draft glyphosate human health risk assessment. The RfD is an estimate of the quantity of chemical that a person could be exposed to every day for the rest of their life with no appreciable risk of adverse health effects. The reference dose is typically measured in milligrams (mg) of chemical per kilogram (kg) of body weight per day.

From: Dewey, Caitlin [mailto:Caitlin.Dewey@washpost.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 16, 2018 4:51 PM

To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Glyphosate inquiry

Hey – again, looking for reference dose for glyphosate. Have seen everything from .1 mg/kg of bodyweight to 2mg/kg bw.

We want to be able to say what daily level of glyphosate consumption EPA considers safe – let me know if that's not the figure I should be using. Thanks!
Caitlin

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Caitlin Dewey
The Washington Post
@caitlindewey // 202-334-9325 (desk)

Note: If I'm not available to take your call, email is best.

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From: "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Date: August 16, 2018 at 5:02:00 PM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: For Review: Bloomberg News - Diesel Truck Follow-up - DDL ASAP

Response to a follow-up inqiury on diesel trucks from Bloomberg News. Good to send?

ORIGINAL RESPONSE: It is estimated that the clean diesel (MY2007 and later) trucks represent about 51% of the heavy-duty fleet in CY2016. For comparing the pre- and post-2007 standards, it's not so easy for NOx, as prior to 2007, it was an "**NMHC + NOx**" standard (2.4 g/bhp-hr), whereas 2007-and-newer engines have separate HC (0.14 g/bhp-hr) and NOx (0.2 g/bhp-hr) standards. You could say that "NMHC + NOx" for 2007-and-newer engines is 0.34 g/bhp-hr (0.14 + 0.2), which is a 85% reduction from pre-2007 levels.

Follow up: **I guess my only follow-up question would be what makes up the other 49 percent of truck penetration in the U.S.?**

Response: The remaining 49 percent includes primarily pre- MY 2007 diesel trucks. A much smaller amount of alternative fuel trucks would be included as well but we can't easily get the exact percentage.

From: Brianna Jackson (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:) [mailto:bjackson125@bloomberg.net]
Sent: Thursday, August 09, 2018 11:26 AM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Reaching out...

Hi Robert,
Thanks for getting back to me on those numbers. I guess my only follow-up question would be what makes up the other 49 percent of truck penetration in the U.S.?

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From: "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Date: August 16, 2018 at 4:34:31 PM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: For Review:: Reuters News inquiry - dicamba

From the program. OK to send for attribution?

Incoming #1: Can you please confirm that EPA plans to announce this month its decision on whether to extend the registration for dicamba? That is what Mike Goodis said in this DTN article:https://www.dtnpf.com/agriculture/web/ag/news/crops/article/2018/08/09/epa-listens-dicamba-discussion

Response #1: Our goal is to make a decision in time for growers to make informed seed purchase decisions for the next planting season.

Incoming #2: I am planning to report that EPA officials including Reuben Baris visited farms in Tennessee, Missouri and Arkansas in July for a first-hand look at damage from dicamba moving off target. Can you please tell me why EPA wanted to take that tour?

Response #2: EPA was invited by the Arkansas State Plant Board to visit with growers, state regulators, and researchers in Arkansas, Tennessee, and Missouri to discuss dicamba in the mid-south. They provided EPA with their first-hand experiences, using dicamba as part of their weed management practices, and helped EPA better understand the impacts that are being reported formally and informally to state departments of agriculture.

Incoming #3: Can you please explain how EPA will make its decision about whether to extend the registration for dicamba?

Response #3: We are reviewing the current use restrictions on the labels for these dicamba formulations in light of the incidents that have been reported this year and in 2017. EPA is using the best available information from several sources to develop a decision that balances protection of the environment with the benefits this technology offers growers for weed control and crop production. EPA will consider both quantitative and qualitative information to formulate a decision. As a result, EPA is working closely with academia, growers, state officials, weed management experts, industry, and the public in order to gather available information that helps us make our decision, including:

- incident data,
- yield information (or potential impacts on yield),
- off-target impacts to plants, including non-dicamba-tolerant soybeans
- conversations with individuals in the field, and
- narrative information contained in state reports.

Incoming #4: Does the agency have any comment on states such as Illinois, Indiana and North Dakota receiving more complaints this year than last year on dicamba damage?

Response #4: EPA continues to gather information to inform this decision and will use all available evidence when evaluating dicamba registrations.

Cheers, R.

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From: Polansek, Tom (Reuters) [mailto:Thomas.Polansek@thomsonreuters.com]
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2018 5:51 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Reuters News inquiry - dicamba

Hi Robert, This is Tom Polansek from Reuters News in Chicago. Hope you are doing well!
I would like to ask for a comment for an article that I am writing about the herbicide called dicamba.
Can you please confirm that EPA plans to announce this month its decision on whether to extend the registration for dicamba? That is what Mike Goodis said in this DTN article:https://www.dtnpf.com/agriculture/web/ag/news/crops/article/2018/08/09/epa-listens-dicamba-discussion
I am planning to report that EPA officials including Reuben Baris visited farms in Tennessee, Missouri and Arkansas in July for a first-hand look at damage from dicamba moving off target. Can you please tell me why EPA wanted to take that tour?
Can you please explain how EPA will make its decision about whether to extend the registration for dicamba?
Does the agency have any comment on states such as Illinois, Indiana and North Dakota receiving more complaints this year than last year on dicamba damage?
Please get back to me by the end of the day on Tuesday, Aug. 14. Thank you!
Tom

Tom Polansek
Reporter
Thomson Reuters

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I'd direct her to the last part of our statement, that says:
We are currently reviewing public comments received on the draft assessment and plan to publish the proposed interim registration review decision for glyphosate in 2019. The proposed interim registration review decision will outline any proposed mitigation measures to reduce risk, if any are needed.

Do we even want to address her question about what we think of EWG?

Cheers, R.

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From: Mihir Zaveri [mailto:mihir.zaveri@nytimes.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 3:09 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov<mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov<mailto:Press@epa.gov>>
Subject: Re: Glyphosate and cereals, oats

Hello -- I'd like to add one more question, so both questions together:

-- Would the EWG report today make you question any of the findings that glyphosate is not likely carcinogenic to humans?
-- What do you think about the Environmental Working Group in general? Do they present fair arguments or counterpoints?

Mihir
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Now with Rich Yamada's edits. Please advise if this is OK to send.

The answer to both is yes. ORD was part of the team that developed the final charge questions that were used for the SAP peer review and the draft Glyphosate Issue Paper: Evaluation of Carcinogenic Potential (September 2016).

Cheers, R.

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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) (M)

From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 3:55 PM
To: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov<mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov<mailto:block.molly@epa.gov>>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov<mailto:hewitt.james@epa.gov>>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov<mailto:abboud.michael@epa.gov>>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov<mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>>; Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov<mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov<mailto:lynn.tricia@epa.gov>>
Subject: RE: Open Inquiries, 8/14/18

Who in ORD approved this response: Response: The answer to both is yes. ORD was part of the team that developed the white paper for SAP review. ORD was also part of the team that developed the final charge questions that were used for the peer review.

You can say "yes" to the request to print AAW's photo. Please make sure they have the hi-res version.

Everything else is good to go.

Thank you Enesta!

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The program is recommending its general statement on pesticides. The reporter said she'd accept general information along those lines, as she's on a tight deadline and plans to file her story by the end of the day. OK to send?

EPA evaluates all pesticides used in the United States to make sure that they meet strict safety standards, and the health and safety of children are paramount in our assessments. In evaluating pesticides, we assess a wide variety of potential human health and environmental effects associated with use of the product and require safety measures to mitigate any potential risks when necessary.

Learn more: https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/about-pesticide-registration

From: Vyas, Aditi X. -ND [mailto:Aditi.X.Vyas.-ND@abc.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 16, 2018 9:20 AM

To: Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov<mailto:Mears.Mary@epa.gov>>
Subject: Requesting an interview an expert

Hi Mary,

Hope this email finds you well. My name is Aditi Vyas and I'm a physician on the medical unit for ABC News. We are doing a digital story on a recent study that came out saying DDE (insecticide) is related to autism. (I've attached the study to this email).

I was wondering if you could put me in touch with an expert who might be able to give me some comments regarding pesticides in general?

Thank you so much and I look forward to hearing from you,

Aditi

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Aditi Vyas MD, MHA | Resident Physician, Resident ABC NEWS Medical Unit | 47 West

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From: "Lynn, Tricia" <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
Date: August 16, 2018 at 11:02:56 AM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: FOR REVIEW: Waterways Journal (Jim Meyers) RE: "How's My Waterway" app. (8/16)

Reporter is asking about the "How's My Waterway" web app. Jim Meyers, Waterways DC.

Suggested Response:
On background:

The How's My Waterway web app, developed in 2011, provides users with a quick and easy way to find information about their local waters. EPA has collected information on healthy and polluted waters under the Clean Water Act for decades, and now all of that information is shared with the public through How's My Waterway. The web app includes information on the health of your local stream or lake, whether it is contaminated from pollution upstream, whether state health standards are being met, and whether water quality has improved over time. Users simply open the page and use their location or zip code to find their closest waters, and specific information about those waters.

From: Jim Myers [mailto: **Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)**
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 12:27 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Media inquiry on EPA link

Hello,

I received the link below as part of one of my news alerts. Not sure what to make of it? Is it a new link now open to the public? Any other information?

Thanks,

Jim Myers
The Waterways Journal

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From: Lynn, Tricia
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 3:30 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: FOR REVIEW: Hotel Management Magazine (Elliott Mest) RE: TV Recycling (8/16)

Reporter is asking about TV recycling. Elliott Mest, Hotel Management Magazine.

Suggested Response:

For attribution to "an EPA spokesperson,"

1. What are the dangers of improperly disposing of TV-related waste to the environment, and what are the legal ramifications?
Electronics are complex devices, which are made of a wide variety of material components. These components can include lead, nickel, cadmium and mercury, and could pose risks to human health and the environment if mismanaged at their end-of-life.

Electronics also are made of valuable materials such as precious metals, copper, glass and engineered plastics. Recycling recovers valuable materials for future use while reducing greenhouse gas emissions and pollution, conserving energy and promoting source reduction by extracting fewer raw materials from the earth.

While there are no Federal requirements to recycle e-waste in the United States, EPA encourages the reuse and recycling of used electronics. Furthermore, 25 states and the District of Columbia have instituted mandatory electronics collection and recycling programs and 18 states ban certain electronics from landfills. Visit this section of our page for more information and links to other sources: https://www.epa.gov/smm-electronics/regulations-initiatives-and-research-electronics-stewardship#02.

The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) is the federal statute that applies to waste, both hazardous and nonhazardous. Certain e-waste may be regulated as hazardous waste, which means its management and disposal is more stringently regulated. Under RCRA, the generator of the waste is responsible for determining whether their waste is hazardous. More information concerning hazardous waste identification and management is available online at https://www.epa.gov/hw/criteria-definition-solid-waste-and-solid-and-hazardous-waste-exclusions and at https://www.epa.gov/hwgenerators.

For example, older TVs and computer monitors used cathode ray tubes (CRT), which are generally hazardous waste due to the levels of lead in the glass. EPA encourages the recycling of CRTs and has a specific exclusion for recycling CRTs. Read more about the federal RCRA requirements for managing CRTs here: https://www.epa.gov/hw/cathode-ray-tubes-crts-0 and here: https://www.epa.gov/hw/frequent-questions-about-regulation-used-cathode-ray-tubes-crts-and-crt-glass.

In addition to federal requirements, it is important to also contact your state, local, and/or tribal government and check specific state regulations.

2. How are hotels recommended to dispose of electronic waste?

EPA encourages the reuse, donation, and/or recycling of used electronics such as TVs, computers, printers, copiers and mobile phones. If recycling, EPA encourages all electronics to be recycled by a certified electronics recycler through the available electronics recycler certification programs: https://www.epa.gov/smm-electronics/certified-electronics-recyclers.
Certified electronics recyclers have demonstrated through audits and other means that they continually meet specific high environmental standards, safely manage and remove personal data from the used electronic equipment. Once certified, continual oversight by the independent accredited certification body holds the recycler to the particular standard. To find certified recyclers in your area go to: https://sustainableelectronics.org/recyclers or http://e-stewards.org/find-a-recycler/. Both programs provide zip code locaters to find recyclers convenient to you. Disclaimer: This is for informational purposes only. EPA does not endorse these entities nor their services.
This EPA page goes into detail on Electronics Stewardship, and has helpful information on reuse and donation: https://www.epa.gov/smm-electronics/basic-information-about-electronics-stewardship. It explains how to make eco-friendly choices on electronics at each life cycle stage, about proper disposal and recommended purchasing, and about the benefits of electronics stewardship.
Because some states have instituted bans on the disposal of e-waste, we recommend you check with your state agency for information about state requirements.

3. What should hotel operators know about the process before they begin?
Hotel operators should check with their state and/or local environmental agency to determine if there are specific requirements that would apply to them (e.g., ban on sending to landfills) or if there are collection or other events in their area (e.g. donations) that they could participate in.

Individual operators may check with their corporate office to see if there are any "sustainability" goals or policies that govern their operations.

Hotels operators can make sure that the electronics recycler they choose is certified to one of the available electronics recycling standards, the Responsible Recycling (R2) or the e-Stewards programs.

Recyclers in the United States have different specialties, so hotel operators should find a recycler that is able to provide the specific services that the hotel deems necessary (e.g., packing, transportation, reuse, data sanitization, etc) to ensure the safe and proper management of those devices.

4. What are some common mistakes that hotel operators make during the disposal process?
This is not an area that EPA collects information on.

5. How can hotels go above and beyond during this process?
When purchasing new electronics, consider products that are registered to the Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT) or have been certified to the ENERGY STAR standard.

- EPEAT is an easy-to-use resource to find electronic products with positive environmental attributes (e.g., manufactured with less toxic materials and more recycled materials, use less energy). EPEAT is an international standard for green electronics that, as of 2015, was available in 43 countries with over 124 million registered products. Read more about EPEAT here: https://www.epa.gov/greenerproducts/electronic-product-environmental-assessment-tool-epeat and see more about buying greener products here: https://www.epa.gov/greenerproducts

- ENERGY STAR is an EPA voluntary program that helps businesses and individuals save money and protect our climate through superior energy efficiency. Learn more about ENERGY STAR.

Hotels could consider calculating their environmental benefits using the Electronics Environmental Benefits Calculator (EEBC), which can be found at: https://www.epa.gov/fec/using-electronics-environmental-benefits-calculator-eebc-7252012

In addition to these tips about managing electronics, hotel operators can examine the hotel's operations (dining, meetings, laundry, etc.) to make them more sustainable.

From: Elliott Mest [mailto:emest@questex.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 09, 2018 5:07 PM
To: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Press Inquiry: Hotel Management Magazine TV Recycling Article

Hi Tricia,

Great! My deadline for this story is next Thursday, August 16. Here are the questions I would like to ask:

1. What are the dangers of improperly disposing of TV-related waste to the environment, and what are the legal ramifications?

2. How are hotels recommended to dispose of electronic waste?

3. What should hotel operators know about the process before they begin?

4. What are some common mistakes that hotel operators make during the disposal process?

5. How can hotels go above and beyond during this process?

Thank you,
Elliott

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From: "Jones, Enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov<mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>>
Date: August 15, 2018 at 4:45:39 PM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov<mailto:Press@epa.gov>>
Subject: For Review: The Intercept (Sharon Lerner) re Chemours and HFCs (DDL: 8/15)
OAR-drafted response:

On background: Per the guiding principles of EPA's Significant New Alternatives Policy (SNAP) program, the Agency does not issue company-specific and/or product endorsements. The SNAP program evaluates alternatives including refrigerants to reduce overall risk to human health and the environment based on criteria including atmospheric effects, toxicity, and flammability. EPA has listed as acceptable alternatives submitted by Chemours and various other companies.

EPA issued a final rule in July 2015 that, among other things, changed the listing for certain HFCs in various end-uses in the aerosols, refrigeration and air conditioning, and foam blowing sectors. The Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit in the case of Mexichem Fluor, Inc. v. EPA vacated the 2015 Rule "to the extent it requires manufacturers to replace HFCs with a substitute substance" and remanded the rule to EPA for further proceedings. Producers of HFCs and chemical alternatives both supported and opposed the Decision. In April 2018 guidance, EPA stated that the Agency would not apply the 2015 Rule HFC unacceptability listings prior to completion of a rulemaking addressing the court's remand. EPA is

currently developing this proposed rule and engaging with a range of interested stakeholders.

From: Sharon Lerner <sharon.lerner@theintercept.com<mailto:sharon.lerner@theintercept.com>>
Date: August 13, 2018 at 10:58:01 AM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov<mailto:Press@epa.gov>>
Subject: question about Chemours meeting
Hi EPA Press office -

I'm writing about a meeting between Chemours CEO Mark Vergnano and several EPA officials that took place in May of 2017. According to the record of the meeting, which was noted in Scott Pruitt's public calendar and was also requested in a letter from Vergnano that was included in EPA's production to the Sierra Club, Chemours asked EPA to "help protect U.S.
leadership in [the refrigerant] space and protect significant new U.S. investments the company has made." The company also asked for EPA to help ensure a "level playing field" against natural refrigerants.

I'm seeking a comment on what if anything the EPA has done to help protect Chemours investment and level the playing field against natural refrigerants. Also, I'd welcome any comments about how EPA generally sets policy around which refrigerant chemicals will be used to replace HFCs.

My deadline is 5 pm on Wednesday.

Thank you,
Sharon

Sharon Lerner
Reporter
The Intercept

No Acknowledgement/Response:

From: Bonnie Eslinger <bonnie.eslinger@law360.com>
Date: August 17, 2018 at 2:22:38 PM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Law360: "Coalition Of 23 States, Counties, And Cities In Opposing Trump EPA Plan To Censor Agency Science"

My name is Bonnie Eslinger; I am a news reporter with Law360.

I am writing a story this afternoon on a tight deadline about a coalition lead by New York Attorney General Barbara D. Underwood are calling on EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler to withdraw the proposed "Strengthening Transparency in Regulatory Science" rule, **saying they stand ready to sue** if the scientific study publication rule isn't pulled.
https://ag.ny.gov/press-release/ag-underwood-leads-coalition-23-states-counties-and-cities-opposing-trump-epa-plan

Does the EPA wish to comment?
Please feel free to respond by email or phone, whichever is easiest for you.

Thank you,
Bonnie

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Bonnie Eslinger
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

From: Gregory Meyer <gregory.meyer@ft.com>
Date: August 17, 2018 at 2:01:23 PM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: RFS query from Financial Times

I am a reporter at the Financial Times, writing with a query about the RFS.

The 2019 RVO proposed rulemaking states that EPA evaluated "petitions for exemption from 20 small refineries for the 2016 RFS standards (3 of which were owned by a small refiner) and 29 small refineries for the 2017 RFS standards (8 of which were owned by a small refiner)."

How many exemptions were granted for 2016 and 2017? Industry sources say all of the petitions were granted, and I would like to confirm this with EPA.

Also, I would like to know how EPA plans to address industry requests to 1) end or reallocate small refinery RVO exemptions and 2) allow year-round blending of E15.

Best regards.

Gregory Meyer
Markets reporter
Financial Times

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From: "Jennifer A. Dlouhy (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:)" <jdlouhy1@bloomberg.net>
Date: August 17, 2018 at 1:11:27 PM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Comment on CPP replacement prooposal?
Reply-To: "Jennifer A. Dlouhy" <jdlouhy1@bloomberg.net>

We are preparing to report that the coming proposal to replace the Clean Power Plan (state guidelines for GHG emissions from existing electric utility generating units) would be modest by comparison to the sweeping reach of the CPP, focusing on heat-rate improvements at individual power plants.

And the structure -- given there's no ambient air quality standard for CO2 -- would be such that states would have broad latitude to write their own requirements.

Critics say that focusing on heat-rate improvements only would yield very limited reductions in CO2 emissions, and by improving efficiency, could inspire plant owners too run the facilities more, effectively reversing those gains and producing more emissions overall.

Does EPA want to respond to any of this?

Thanks,
Jen.

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From: "Jennifer A. Dlouhy (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:)" <jdlouhy1@bloomberg.net>
Date: August 17, 2018 at 12:52:21 PM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Guidance for event next Tuesday in WV?
Reply-To: "Jennifer A. Dlouhy" <jdlouhy1@bloomberg.net>

Greetings, EPA press.

Do you have any for-planning-purposes-only information on CPP-related events (or any other events) and media availabilities next week, to include an appearance by the acting administrator in West Virginia on Tuesday?

Thanks,
Jen.

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From: Carolyn Kormann <carolyn_kormann@newyorker.com>
Date: August 17, 2018 at 12:48:33 PM EDT
To: "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Subject: Re: Fact-checking question from the New Yorker--on deadline

Hi again, Robert,
Could you (or one of your colleagues) confirm that the new proposal for regulating coal-burning power plants' carbon emissions will be announced, with a draft unveiled, next week? On Tuesday?

Also, regarding the proposed SAFE vehicles rule, does EPA have any comment about the memos released Tuesday that detailed EPA career staff objections to the NHTSA's cost-benefit analyses?

I can be reached at Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) if it'd be easier to discuss. My deadline is 4 PM. Thank you!
Best,
Carolyn

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From: "Vazquez, Jennifer (NBCUniversal)" <jennifer.vazquez@nbcuni.com>
Date: August 17, 2018 at 12:36:02 PM EDT
To: "daguillard.robert@epa.gov" <daguillard.robert@epa.gov>, "jones.enesta@epa.gov" <jones.enesta@epa.gov>, "lynn.tricia@epa.gov" <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>, "younes.lina@epa.gov" <younes.lina@epa.gov>, "valentine.julia@epa.gov" <valentine.julia@epa.gov>,

"grantham.nancy@epa.gov" <grantham.nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: NBC Media Inquiry

Good afternoon,

By way of introduction, my name is Jennifer Vazquez. I am a digital editor with NBC 4 New York and Telemundo 47.

I attempted to contact Mr. Andrew Wheeler to get a comment, but his office voicemail was full. I am seeking comment on the multi-state letter sent Friday, Aug. 17 to Mr. Wheeler, calling on the EPA to withdraw its proposal to limit the use of scientific evidence in the agency's decision-making process. See the link to access the letter:https://nj.gov/oag/newsreleases18/Multi-State-County-City-Comment-Letter.pdf

I am on a tight deadline. If you could get back to me as soon as possible, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you in advance.

Jennifer Vazquez
Digital Editor

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From: John McGarrity [mailto:john.mcgarrity@energycensus.com]
Sent: Friday, August 17, 2018 12:21 PM
To: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Chuck Grassley's meeting with Andrew Wheeler

Hi there Molly, I just want to get the EPA's view on whether the agency has indeed ditched plans on RINs and ethanol exports.

http://ethanolproducer.com/articles/15538/grassley-epa-not-pursuing-plan-to-attach-rins-to-biofuel-exports

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ethanolproducer.com

The U.S. EPA is no longer considering a plan would allow renewable identification numbers (RINs) to be applied to exported volumes of biofuels, according to remarks made by Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, during an Aug. 15 press call.

Thanks,

John

John McGarrity
Senior Editor

Energy Census

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From: Friedman, Lisa [mailto:lisa.friedman@nytimes.com]
Sent: Friday, August 17, 2018 9:47 AM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Clean Power Plan story

Hi folks - am doing a story for tomorrow with some details of the proposed new Clean Power Plan rule. Is anyone from EPA able to talk or send a statement?

Hoping to get a general comment on what this will achieve but also specifically hoping you can address how the agency has come to the number of projected premature deaths from rising emissions.

Also wondering if you can say anything on of off record about the rollout. Ty
Lisa

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Lisa Friedman
Reporter, New York Times
(202) 862-0306 office
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Message

From: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
Sent: 8/15/2018 6:10:07 PM
To: Maguire, Megan [Maguire.Megan@epa.gov]; Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
CC: Hubbard, Carolyn [Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: MEGAN/ORD: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

Fantastic. Will forward, then. Thanks, Megan.

Cheers, R.

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To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>; Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Cc: Hubbard, Carolyn <Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: MEGAN/ORD: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

Hi Robert & Enesta- just little tweaks. It was called an issue paper not a white paper.

Response: The answer to both is yes. ORD was part of the team that developed the draft Glyphosate Issue Paper: Evaluation of Carcinogenic Potential (September 2016) and final charge questions that were used for the SAP review.

Thanks,
Megan

Megan Maguire
US EPA, Office of Research and Development
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O: (202)564-6636
C: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

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To: Maguire, Megan <Maguire.Megan@epa.gov>; Hubbard, Carolyn <Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov>
Cc: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Subject: MEGAN/ORD: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

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Subject: FW: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

Incoming: ....Did the OPP in fact accept input from ORD in preparing those questions, or otherwise work with ORD to revise its assessment in any way?"

Response: The answer to both is yes. ORD was part of the team that developed the white paper for SAP review. ORD was also part of the team that developed the final charge questions that were used for the peer review.

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Date: August 11, 2018 at 9:00:08 PM EDT
To: "Dunton, Cheryl" <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov>
Cc: "Han, Kaythi" <Han.Kaythi@epa.gov>, "Strauss, Linda" <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov>, "Sisco, Debby" <Sisco.Debby@epa.gov>, "Dinkins, Darlene" <Dinkins.Darlene@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - 8/10 - glyphosate SAP report-- due next week

Greetings all. More from the reporter here.

"Over the weekend I had a chance to read the above document dated December 14, 2015.

I don't know if you are familiar with this document but it takes issue with a number of aspects of the OPP's Issue paper, some along the lines of the SAP members' critiques.

At the end the ORD offers to work with OPP to develop the charge questions put to the SAP in Dec 2016.

Did the OPP in fact accept input from ORD in preparing those questions, or otherwise work with ORD to revise its assessment in any way?"

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On Aug 10, 2018, at 10:28 AM, Dunton, Cheryl <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov> wrote:

> I think so. I feel like he's asking us to specifically rebut certain people's comments and we're not going to do that when we've already laid out our position in the response to the SAP. If he finds specific issues that are not addressed in that response we could look in to those.
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> **From:** Daguillard, Robert
> **Sent:** Friday, August 10, 2018 10:26 AM
> **To:** Dunton, Cheryl <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Han, Kaythi <Han.Kaythi@epa.gov>; Strauss, Linda <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov>; Sisco, Debby <Sisco.Debby@epa.gov>; Dinkins, Darlene <Dinkins.Darlene@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - 8/10 - glyphosate SAP report-- due next week
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> So I'm happy to tell him the response to SAP constitutes our response, then. Should we just consider this inquiry closed?
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> Cheers, R.
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> **From:** Dunton, Cheryl
> **Sent:** Friday, August 10, 2018 10:25 AM
> **To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Han, Kaythi <Han.Kaythi@epa.gov>; Strauss, Linda <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov>; Sisco, Debby <Sisco.Debby@epa.gov>; Dinkins, Darlene <Dinkins.Darlene@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - 8/10 - glyphosate SAP report-- due next week
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> I don't even know what that means. Our response is our response. We're not going to say anything different now than we said before on the same issues.
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> **From:** Daguillard, Robert
> **Sent:** Friday, August 10, 2018 10:23 AM
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> **Cc:** Han, Kaythi <Han.Kaythi@epa.gov>; Strauss, Linda <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov>; Sisco, Debby <Sisco.Debby@epa.gov>; Dinkins, Darlene <Dinkins.Darlene@epa.gov>
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His response just now. I don't know that it changes anything from our perspective, but….

Thanks Robert. I did indeed read the EPA response to the SAP last week, and it informs some of my questions. I did, however, want to zero in on certain aspects of the EPA's reaction to the SAP recommendations.

Cheers, R.

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We talk about how tumors and lesions were selected for evaluation on page 9.

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Fair enough. I assume our SAP response would also answer the following question?

I'd like to add one important question to the others, so this will be question 8.

8. Chris Portier in his comments to EPA, and to me in an interview, made a large point of the EPA's alleged requiring preneoplastic lesions in animals studies before accepting that tumors found in the animals should be counted in the evaluation. A few panel members also made this point in the Dec 2016 meeting. The argument here is that some cancer types, including those of interest in evaluating glyphosate, do

not show preneoplastic lesions. Ie, the first thing you see is the cancerous tumor in some cancer types. This is an important issue and I would be grateful for a response to it.

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I'm not sure what else we'd say outside of those responses. Perhaps he can take a look at those and let us know if he still has questions.

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Got it. That'll give us – and him – a head start. Thanks, Cheryl.

Cheers, R.

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Subject: RE: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - 8/10 - glyphosate SAP report-- due next week

Robert – I'd ask that the reporter go and read our response to the SAP, linked to in our response to his first question I sent this morning.

For example, our responses to epi issues noted by the panel are on pages 3-6. Likewise, our responses to animal carcinogenicity study issues noted by the panel are on pages 6-10.

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A follow-up to the follow-up: Here are the reporter's additional questions. Let me know if, and how, I can help.

Hi Robert,

Here are some questions that I would ask the agency to respond to. Ideally they would involve a back and forth telephone call to get the nuances right, but I understand that is not possible right now. I am still hoping that even if you provide initial written responses, I might be able to talk to Anna or another staff member with scientific expertise before we finalize the text.

As I said earlier, the idea of the article is to compare the evaluations of glyphosate by various agencies--EPA, IARC, EFSA especially--and guide our readers to an understanding of why they differed. The focus will be on methodologies and interpretations. There will be some discussion of the political context for all this, necessarily, but it will take back seat to the science.

For my reporting on the article, I have read both the original EPA Issue paper, the report by the SAP on its Dec 2016 meeting, the EPA's 12-page response to that report, and the "final" evaluation which I realize will still be subject to public comment, if I have that right (see below.) I have also read much of the 1200+ page transcript of the SAP meeting, and I have been talking to SAP members about that process.

I am going to try to keep my questions limited and fairly straightforward, to deal with the essence of things and stay out of the weeds, as it were. They will not be exhaustive but neither will the article given our limited space, so that should work out.

1. It was clear from the SAP report and the transcript that many members of the panel took issue with some of the approach that

EPA had used to the animal studies, the human epidemiology studies, and the final conclusion that glyphosate was "unlikely" to be carcinogenic in humans at normal doses. And yet it was my distinct impression, and that of several members of the panel I spoke to, that the 12-page response by EPA dismissed nearly all the concerns raised, and adopted only the fairly minor suggestions. Did the EPA conclude that the issues raised by many panel members were incorrect, or that the panel members did not have the proper expertise to peer review the Issue paper? Or is there any other explanation for why so little of the panel's suggestions were adopted in the revised draft?

2. Expanding on the question above: From looking at the transcript, and talking to panel members this past week, it appeared that only a minority of panel members were happy with the proposed "unlikely" to be carcinogenic in humans conclusion. I think a rough estimate would indicate that the panel was indeed "split"--as it described itself in its report--but in three ways: Those who agreed with EPA that glyphosate was unlikely to be a carcinogen; those who would have preferred something in between such as "equivocal" or "inadequate"; and those who thought the evidence was strong enough for a "suggestive" conclusion. So in my estimate, only a third of the SAP actually agreed with the EPA's final evaluation. This is likely to be an important point in my article and so I would be eager to have any comment you care to make on my interpretation of how the panel came down on Charge question no 5.

3. Following on from Question 2: Would it not have been more prudent from a public health perspective, and more consistent with the panel's deliberations, to either withhold a final conclusion for further study, or to adopt the "suggestive" conclusion give the combination of human and animal evidence that the panel considered?

4. On the human evidence: A number of panel members felt it was inappropriate to discount the evidence from the case control studies, despite the negative results in the AHS cohort study, arguing that despite the limitations of the case control studies they all pointed in a positive direction, ie ORs great than 1.0 or meta-RRs great than 1.0 in pretty much every case. As you know, IARC took this as "limited" evidence of human carcinogenicity for glyphosate, and some panel members agreed with that approach. Comment?

5. Several panel members argued that EPA had violated its own carcinogen assessment guidelines in a number of ways. Chris Portier, in his comments to the panel, made similar arguments. The violations included requiring two statistical tests for a positive finding in animals and other issues. I will just ask a general question here, did the EPA follow its own guidelines scrupulously or were errors made in this regard?

6. Portier in particular argued that the EPA had not included a number of animal studies it should have, showing positive results.

Again, without getting into the details which would require a telephone conversation, please comment on his contentions in this regard.

7. Any other comments or observations that EPA would like to make would be very welcome and appreciated.

With thanks for your time and attention to this.

Michael Balter
Undark

Cheers, R.

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Cheryl, just so you know, we just sent the reporter the entire response on background – i.e. for attribution to the agency, as opposed to a spokesperson or a specific individual. Waiting for the rest of his questions.

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Thanks, Cheryl. In fact, I'd already told the reporter he shouldn't expect one. Sometimes, they're just going to keep on pushing. Anyway, I'll send this on, and see if he comes back for more. I expect he will.

Thanks again, R.

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Hi Robert – see our response below. As I mentioned yesterday, don't see how we could do an interview next week given key absences. Thanks.

Q1. The SAP makes a number of recommendations to EPA for revisions and updating of the Sept 2016 Glyphosate Issue Paper on carcinogenicity. What is the process by which the Issue Paper is revised, assuming that the suggestions of the SAP are adopted?

EPA revised the Glyphosate issue paper to be consistent with SAP recommendations in areas where the panel reached consensus. See the EPA's response to the SAP document for specific information on how the issue paper was revised.

Q2. What are the next steps, formal or informal, for doing this, and what is the estimated timeline?

In a December 18, 2017 announcement, EPA released the glyphosate Draft Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessments and supporting documents for public comment. The comment period closed in April 2018. Included in the supporting documents was the revised glyphosate issue paper which was used to inform the draft risk assessment.

Next we are scheduled to publish the proposed interim registration review decision for glyphosate in 2019. The

proposed interim registration review decision will outline any proposed mitigation measures to reduce risk, if any are needed.

Background:
The draft human health risk assessment found no meaningful risks to human health when the product is used according to the pesticide label. The draft ecological risk assessment indicates there is potential for effects on birds, mammals, and terrestrial and aquatic plants. Any proposed mitigation measures, if needed, will focus on reducing the ecological risk.

Message

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Sent: 8/14/2018 8:38:47 PM
To: Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: MEGAN/ORD: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 14, 2018, at 4:32 PM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:

Clarification: EOD Friday, 8/17, is fine.

On Aug 14, 2018, at 4:23 PM, Maguire, Megan <Maguire.Megan@epa.gov> wrote:

Okay, I'll try, I don't know the answer off the top of my head, so not sure how fast I can find out.

From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 4:23:01 PM
To: Maguire, Megan
Cc: Daguillard, Robert; Hubbard, Carolyn
Subject: Re: MEGAN/ORD: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

COB today.

On Aug 14, 2018, at 4:22 PM, Maguire, Megan <Maguire.Megan@epa.gov> wrote:

Checking, what's the deadline?

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Response: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Begin forwarded message:

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Date: August 11, 2018 at 9:00:08 PM EDT
To: "Dunton, Cheryl" <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov>
Cc: "Han, Kaythi" <Han.Kaythi@epa.gov>, "Strauss, Linda" <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov>, "Sisco, Debby" <Sisco.Debby@epa.gov>, "Dinkins, Darlene" <Dinkins.Darlene@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - 8/10 - glyphosate SAP report-- due next week

Greetings all. More from the reporter here.

"Over the weekend I had a chance to read the above document dated December 14, 2015.

I don't know if you are familiar with this document but it takes issue with a number of aspects of the OPP's Issue paper, some along the lines of the SAP members' critiques.

At the end the ORD offers to work with OPP to develop the charge questions put to the SAP in Dec 2016.

Did the OPP in fact accept input from ORD in preparing those questions, or otherwise work with ORD to revise its assessment in any way?"

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On Aug 10, 2018, at 10:28 AM, Dunton, Cheryl <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov> wrote:

I think so. I feel like he's asking us to specifically rebut certain people's comments and we're not going to do that when we've already laid out our position in the response to the SAP. If he finds specific issues that are not addressed in that response we could look in to those.

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So I'm happy to tell him the response to SAP constitutes our response, then. Should we just consider this inquiry closed?

Cheers, R.

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I don't even know what that means. Our response is our response. We're not going to say anything different now than we said before on the same issues.

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His response just now. I don't know that it changes anything from our perspective, but….

Thanks Robert. I did indeed read the EPA response to the SAP last week, and it informs some of my questions. I did, however, want to zero in on certain aspects of the EPA's reaction to the SAP recommendations.

Cheers, R.

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We talk about how tumors and lesions were selected for evaluation on page 9.

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Fair enough. I assume our SAP response would also answer the following question?

I'd like to add one important question to the others, so this will be question 8.

8. Chris Portier in his comments to EPA, and to me in an interview, made a large point of the EPA's alleged requiring preneoplastic lesions in animals studies before accepting that tumors found in the animals should be counted in the evaluation. A few panel members also made this point in the Dec 2016 meeting. The argument here is that some cancer types, including those of interest in evaluating glyphosate, do not show preneoplastic lesions. Ie, the first thing you see is the cancerous tumor in some cancer types. This is an important issue and I would be grateful for a response to it.

Cheers, R.

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I'm not sure what else we'd say outside of those responses. Perhaps he can take a look at those and let us know if he still has questions.

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Got it. That'll give us – and him – a head start.
Thanks, Cheryl.

Cheers, R.

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Robert – I'd ask that the reporter go and read our response to the SAP, linked to in our response to his first question I sent this morning.

For example, our responses to epi issues noted by the panel are on pages 3-6. Likewise, our responses to animal carcinogenicity study issues noted by the panel are on pages 6-10.

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A follow-up to the follow-up: Here are the reporter's additional questions. Let me know if, and how, I can help.

Hi Robert,

Here are some questions that I would ask the agency to respond to. Ideally they would involve a back and forth telephone call to get the nuances right, but I understand that is not possible right now. I am still hoping that even if you provide initial written responses, I might be able to talk to Anna or another

staff member with scientific expertise before we finalize the text.

As I said earlier, the idea of the article is to compare the evaluations of glyphosate by various agencies--EPA, IARC, EFSA especially--and guide our readers to an understanding of why they differed. The focus will be on methodologies and interpretations. There will be some discussion of the political context for all this, necessarily, but it will take back seat to the science.

For my reporting on the article, I have read both the original EPA Issue paper, the report by the SAP on its Dec 2016 meeting, the EPA's 12-page response to that report, and the "final" evaluation which I realize will still be subject to public comment, if I have that right (see below.) I have also read much of the 1200+ page transcript of the SAP meeting, and I have been talking to SAP members about that process.

I am going to try to keep my questions limited and fairly straightforward, to deal with the essence of things and stay out of the weeds, as it were. They will not be exhaustive but neither will the article given our limited space, so that should work out.

1. It was clear from the SAP report and the transcript that many members of the panel took issue with some of the approach that EPA had used to the animal studies, the human epidemiology studies, and the final conclusion that glyphosate was "unlikely" to be carcinogenic in humans at normal doses. And yet it was my distinct impression, and that of several members of the panel I spoke to, that the 12-page response by EPA dismissed nearly all the concerns raised, and adopted only the fairly minor suggestions. Did the EPA conclude that the issues raised by many panel members were incorrect, or that the panel members did not have the proper expertise to peer review the Issue paper? Or is there any other explanation for why so little of the panel's suggestions were adopted in the revised draft?

2. Expanding on the question above: From looking at the transcript, and talking to panel members this past week, it appeared that only a minority of panel members were happy with the proposed "unlikely" to be carcinogenic in humans conclusion. I think a rough estimate would indicate that the panel was indeed "split"--as it described itself in its report--but in three ways: Those who agreed with EPA that glyphosate was unlikely to be a carcinogen; those who

would have preferred something in between such as "equivocal" or "inadequate"; and those who thought the evidence was strong enough for a "suggestive" conclusion. So in my estimate, only a third of the SAP actually agreed with the EPA's final evaluation. This is likely to be an important point in my article and so I would be eager to have any comment you care to make on my interpretation of how the panel came down on Charge question no 5.

3. Following on from Question 2: Would it not have been more prudent from a public health perspective, and more consistent with the panel's deliberations, to either withhold a final conclusion for further study, or to adopt the "suggestive" conclusion give the combination of human and animal evidence that the panel considered?

4. On the human evidence: A number of panel members felt it was inappropriate to discount the evidence from the case control studies, despite the negative results in the AHS cohort study, arguing that despite the limitations of the case control studies they all pointed in a positive direction, ie ORs great than 1.0 or meta-RRs great than 1.0 in pretty much every case. As you know, IARC took this as "limited" evidence of human carcinogenicity for glyphosate, and some panel members agreed with that approach. Comment?

5. Several panel members argued that EPA had violated its own carcinogen assessment guidelines in a number of ways. Chris Portier, in his comments to the panel, made similar arguments. The violations included requiring two statistical tests for a positive finding in animals and other issues. I will just ask a general question here, did the EPA follow its own guidelines scrupulously or were errors made in this regard?

6. Portier in particular argued that the EPA had not included a number of animal studies it should have, showing positive results. Again, without getting into the details which would require a telephone conversation, please comment on his contentions in this regard.

7. Any other comments or observations that EPA would like to make would be very welcome and appreciated.

With thanks for your time and attention to this.

Michael Balter
Undark

Cheers, R.

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Cheryl, just so you know, we just sent the reporter the entire response on background – i.e. for attribution to the agency, as opposed to a spokesperson or a specific individual. Waiting for the rest of his questions.

Cheers, R.

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Thanks, Cheryl. In fact, I'd already told the reporter he shouldn't expect one. Sometimes, they're just

going to keep on pushing. Anyway, I'll send this on, and see if he comes back for more. I expect he will.

Thanks again, R.

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Hi Robert – see our response below. As I mentioned yesterday, don't see how we could do an interview next week given key absences. Thanks.

Q1. The SAP makes a number of recommendations to EPA for revisions and updating of the Sept 2016 Glyphosate Issue Paper on carcinogenicity. What is the process by which the Issue Paper is revised, assuming that the suggestions of the SAP are adopted?

EPA revised the Glyphosate issue paper to be consistent with SAP recommendations in areas where the panel reached consensus. See the EPA's response to the SAP document for specific information on how the issue paper was revised.

Q2. What are the next steps, formal or informal, for doing this, and what is the estimated timeline?

In a December 18, 2017 announcement, EPA released the glyphosate Draft Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessments and supporting documents for public comment. The comment period closed in April 2018. Included in the supporting documents was the revised

glyphosate issue paper which was used to inform the draft risk assessment.

Next we are scheduled to publish the proposed interim registration review decision for glyphosate in 2019. The proposed interim registration review decision will outline any proposed mitigation measures to reduce risk, if any are needed.

Background:
The draft human health risk assessment found no meaningful risks to human health when the product is used according to the pesticide label. The draft ecological risk assessment indicates there is potential for effects on birds, mammals, and terrestrial and aquatic plants. Any proposed mitigation measures, if needed, will focus on reducing the ecological risk.

Message

From: Amorosi, Joanne [Amorosi.Joanne@epa.gov]
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Subject: FW: ACTION: Wash Times re policies
Attachments: OCEFT conduct-final.pdf

Here is OARM's response that consolidates information from the Office of Human Resources and Office of Administration. It provides contextual information in addition to responses to the reporters questions. Please let us know if you have any questions.

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I am working on a story about reporting requirements for employees and interested in government agencies. I'm looking for answers to the following questions.

1. Does the EPA have a policy that requires an active employee to tell the agency if they've committed a crime?

2. If so, what is the threshold for reporting that a crime? A misdemeanor or felony? An arrest or an indictment?

3. Does the EPA do any proactive searches to see if employees have committed a crime before the agency is notified?

I know the Office of Personnel Management does not require government employees to notify an agency if they've been arrested/charged with a crime. I'm just curious if agencies have adopted individual policies.

From: Glazier, Kelly
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To: Cooper, Marian <Cooper.Marian@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: ACTION: Wash Times re policies

I can say, roughly,

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Those are rough. **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)** ..and I wouldn't want to assume....

Message

From: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Sent: 11/21/2017 10:10:25 PM
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Subject: RE: ACTION: The News-Press re: environmental racism

Thanks ..safe travels and happy thanksgiving

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From: Jones, Enesta
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Subject: Re: ACTION: The News-Press re: environmental racism

Will do, thanks.

On Nov 21, 2017, at 5:07 PM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

Do want to refer reporter to the web site lilian references below –and we can regroup next week on a background interview.

Thanks ng

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Subject: RE: ACTION: The News-Press re: environmental racism

We can handle – for the deadline today – will refer to the case resolution manual – and then talk with reporter about future background interview.

Thanks ng

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Subject: RE: ACTION: The News-Press re: environmental racism
Importance: High

Hello Simone, thanks for your email! I am copying Nancy Grantham in OPA as she coordinates all of our External Civil Rights press activities. FYI, in December 2016, we reorganized and all of the **external** civil rights functions transitioned to the Office of General Counsel and within the office now known as the External Civil Rights Compliance Office. The current "OCR" focusses only on **internal** civil rights issues (such as EEO – employment matters.)

As for the reporter's questions re how to file a complaint of discrimination in environmental programs, how the process works, how our office resolves complaints, etc., I think our Case Resolution Manual, which can be found on our Webpage at: https://www.epa.gov/ocr/case-resolution-manual, can probably answer all of the reporter's questions. **NANCY:** if you think it would be helpful, I can certainly answer/clarify any questions the reporter has about the civil rights discrimination complaint process in ECRCO, either on background or for attribution. Sounds like more of an informational request here and could be an opportunity to provide accurate info about the program – rather than with a specific agenda or about a specific case . Please let me know if you need additional information. Lilian

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Subject: FW: ACTION: The News-Press re: environmental racism

Good afternoon Lillian,

I coordinate press inquiries for the Office of Environmental Justice and we recently received the following request from a USA Today Network outlet. It was suggested that I work with OCR to draft an initial response. As OEJ does directly handle environmental racism complaints, I am not certain what would be the best response to these questions.

Is there someone in OCR that I could speak with to gather additional information? I appreciate your assistance.

Best Regards,

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Cc: Letendre, Daisy <letendre.daisy@epa.gov>
Subject: ACTION: The News-Press re: environmental racism

Hi Sandy, would this be all OCR? Any input from EJ?

Reporter: Patricia Borns
DDL: 11/21 at 4:30 p.m.

Request: I report at The News-Press, a USA Today Network outlet in southwest Florida.

For a story about environmental racism complaints, I'm seeking the right EPA expert to inform our audience about how, today, people can file such complaints; where they can file them; the kind of information the EPA seeks in such complaints; and who reviews them and investigates them.

Message

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Non-Hurricane Responses for Review:

- AP, DEADLINE: 10/13 (Matt Brown), Re: TSCA. *Robert Daguillard.*
- The Scientist, DEADLINE: 10/11 (Abby Olena), Re: Genetically engineered mosquitoes. *Robert Daguillard.*
- Health.com, DEADLINE 10/11 (Maria Masters) Re: Indoor Mold Follow-Up. *Tricia Lynn.*
- Politico, DEADLINE: 10/11 (Derek Robertson), Re: Women in law enforcement. *Enesta Jones.*
- New Yorker, DEADLINE: Early October (Margaret Talbot), Re: Ann Arbor lab. *Robert Daguillard.*
- The Nation, DEADLINE: 8/18 (Rene Ebersole), Re: Glyphosate review. *Robert Daguillard.*

Hurricane Harvey:

- ABC News-Washington (Stephanie Ebbs) – Update on Valero benzene leak. (9/14)
- AFP (Delphine Touitou) – Confirmation on letter and inquiry into Arkema plant. (9/12)
- AP (Frank Bajak) – Environmental testing at Houston spill sites. (9/22)
- Argus Media (Chris Knight) - Clarification re: emergency fuel waivers. (9/7)
- Argus (Chris Knight) – Waiver data. (9/21) (DDL: 9/21)
- Bloomberg (Meenal Vamburkar) – Valero leak. (9/15)
- BNA (Sylvia Carignan) – Post-hurricane Superfund site summaries. (9/15)
- BNA (Sam Pearson) – Administrator Pruitt's remarks on Arkema. (9/12)
- BNA (Adam Allington) - Retail facility cleanup and RCRA guidelines. (9/7)
- CQ (Jackie Toth) – Seeking copy of RMP letter from Administrator Pruitt to Arkema plant and 9/7 request for information. (9/12)
- E&E News (Corbin Hiar) – Seeking copy of 9/7 letter to Arkema. (9/12)
- E&E News (Corbin Hiar) – Flooding, Superfund sites, and climate change. (9/14) (DDL: 9/18)
- E&E News (Corbin Hiar) – Rep. Green letter on exposure risk from Superfund spill. (9/27) (DDL: 9/27)
- Fox News (Maggie Kerkman) – Amount of debris.
- Houston Chronicle (Matt Dempsey) – Arkema release from Friday. (9/18)
- Houston Public Media (Travis Bubenik) – Arkema response to EPA letter. (9/19)
- Moody's Investor Service (Roy Ousley) – Seeking names of affected water systems. (9/12)
- San Antonio Express-News (Rye Druzin) – Valero plant and RINs. (9/14)
- Univision 45 Houston (Jessica Rivera) – Benzene and Valero plant. (9/14)
- Vice (Alex Lubben) – U.S. Oil Recovery. (9/19)

Hurricane Irma:

- 2U (John Rehm) – Access to clean drinking water in Texas and Florida. (9/14)
- Al Jazeera (Elizabeth Gorman Shaw) – Interview: Hurricane cleanup and recovery. (9/21)
- Associated Press (Matthew Brown) – Non-Superfund chemical/petrochemical storage sites. (9/8)
- Associated Press (Michael Biesecker) – Vulnerability of Florida Superfund sites. Seeking copy of assessment. (9/9)
- Associated Press (John Flesher) – CWA storm water discharge permits. (9/13)
- CQ (Elvina Nawaguna) – Hurricanes and climate change strategy. (9/11)
- E&E News (Niina Heikkinen) - Emergency response, Administrator Pruitt, and funding. (9/7)
- E&E News (Niina Heikkinen) – Emergency preparedness and climate change. (9/14)
- WIRED (Eric Niiler) – Hurricane debris disposal. (9/14)

Hurricane Maria:

- AP (Michael Biesecker) – Drinking water access. (9/26)
- E&E News (Niina Heikkinen) – Interview with emergency response staff. (9/25)
- Inside Climate News (Philip McKenna) – Update on Superfund and oil site assessments in PR/USVI. (10/2) (DDL: ASAP)
- Inside EPA (Anthony Lacey) – Interview with Pete Lopez. (9/28)
- New York Public Radio (Daniel Lewis) – Role in recovery and areas of particular concern in Puerto Rico. (10/2) (DDL: 10/2)
- Washington Examiner (John Siciliano) – Response in Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands. (9/25)
- The Verge (Rachel Becker) – Puerto Rico drinking water and Superfund sites. (10/12)
- Vox (Umair Irfan) – Agency role in recovery effort and reconstruction. (9/28) (DDL: 9/28)

AP, DEADLINE: 10/13 (Matt Brown), Re: TSCA. *Robert Daguillard.*

Background:
The reporter, who is based in Montana, has been working on a series of stories about asbestos exposure at the Libby Superfund cleanup site in his state. Health professionals say asbestos exposure there has killed hundreds of people in recent decades. Officials expect the cleanup by EPA, which began in 1999, will be complete by next summer. This inquiry focuses on asbestos evaluation and regulation under TSCA - Matthew Brown – AP – mbrown@ap.com

Response:

1. Does the determination on legacy uses apply across all 10 chemicals?

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2. Where is the line on "distribution in commerce"? If it was a previously distributed product (for which production is continuing) is that considered legacy?

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Inquiry:
Hi Enesta-

I'm hoping to follow up on some assistance that you provided last month on a TSCA story we've been working on.

Specifically, I was asking about "legacy" uses of the chemicals being evaluated by the agency. The agency's scoping material has made clear that legacy uses won't be considered but I want to be sure I'm not misinterpreting that. A couple specifics:
-does the determination on legacy uses apply across all 10 chemicals?

-where is the line on "distribution in commerce"? If it was a previously distributed product (for which production is continuing) is that considered legacy?

Please give me a call or let me know if any of that needs clarification.

We're looking to move our story next week so an answer at earliest chance would be most appreciated. Also, we're pursuing a companion video piece for this. Is anyone from the EPA available for a short, on-camera interview on the topic? We would come to you, of course, and could be flexible on timing as needed.

The Scientist, DEADLINE: 10/11 (Abby Olena), Re: Genetically engineered mosquitoes. ***Robert Daguillard.***

BACKGROUND

The reporter's inquiry follows the transfer of responsibility for genetically engineered OXITEC mosquitoes from FDA to EPA. The move, announced last week, follows the new classification of OXITEC mosquitoes as a pesticide. Abby Olena – The Scientist – Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

RESPONSE

1. **Does the EPA have a plan in place for regulating the use of the genetically engineered (Oxitec) mosquitoes?**

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Background:

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2. **Is there still an approval process that needs to take place since the FDA handed oversight over to EPA?**

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3. **If so, what is the timeline and basic structure of that sort of process?**

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Background:

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4. **Will the EPA be looking to other countries in which the Oxitec mosquitoes have already been used for guidance in evaluating the mosquitoes' approval?**

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

5. **Are there other examples of the release of living insects or other kinds of animals that EPA has overseen?**

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Inquiry:

Hello EPA Press team,

I spoke with Robert Daguillard yesterday afternoon about a story I'm writing for The Scientist about the oversight of Oxitec mosquitoes shifting to the EPA. I hadn't heard from him, and I think he mentioned he was out today, so I wanted to try this avenue as well.

I've included some questions below my signature. If someone can help me find answers, that would be great. My story will be a short one (500 or words) headed for the Daily News section. Deadline is Monday at 5 pm ET.

Health.com, DEADLINE 10/11 (Maria Masters) Re: Indoor Mold Follow-Up. Tricia Lynn.

Reporter is asking for a name for attribution. Laureen Burton, Staff Chemist/Toxicologist provided the information, and OAR is suggesting her. Does that work or do you have some other preference?

Politico, DEADLINE: 10/11 (Derek Robertson), Re: Women in law enforcement. ***Enesta Jones***

Background:
POLITICO reporter is asking for the number of senior level women in law enforcement at the agency. OARM did a data pull. Derek Robertson, drobertson@politico.com

Suggested Response:
Please see the chart below.

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Inquiry:

Hi, my name is Derek Robertson and I'm a reporter with POLITICO – we're working on a story about women in law enforcement and I was hoping to learn what percentage of full-time sworn officers in the EPA's employ are women. My deadline for this is mid-October. You can reach me at any time here at this e-mail address or at Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) with any questions, thanks so much, and have a great day.

Hi, thanks so much. If it's at all possible, it would also be immensely helpful to know what percentage of women in EPA's law enforcement are GS-15 or Senior Executive Service level – we're trying to include a component in the story about women in leadership roles. Thanks again, and have a great afternoon.

New Yorker, DEADLINE: Early October (Margaret Talbot), Re: Ann Arbor lab. ***Robert Daguillard.***

Background:
The reporter would like to visit the Ann Arbor emissions lab during the week of October 9 as part of a larger piece on rulemaking, reconsiderations and repeals at the agency – OAR is usually open to such visits. Margaret Talbot – the New Yorker – Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Response:
Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Inquiry:
Dear Mr. Daguillard,
I do mean the NVFEL in Ann Arbor--sorry for the dropped F!
The piece is a larger piece on some of the proposed rules reconsiderations at EPA under the new administrator, and one of the areas I'm likely focusing on is the re-opening of the mid-term evaluation on clean car standards.
I'm interested in the lab's role in research and testing on emissions in cases like the VW cover-up, and frankly--I'm sure you will understand this from a journalistic point of view--looking to get out of Washington and see some of the important work done at the EPA's labs that readers can more easily visualize.

P.S. If it works out, I was hoping to be able to go there the week of October 9th.

The Nation, DEADLINE: 8/18 (Rene Ebersole), Re: Glyphosate review. ***Robert Daguillard.***

Background:

The response consists of: The pesticide program's desk statement on glyphosate; and its standard answer on the allegations surrounding Mr. Rowland. Rene Ebersole – the Nation – Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Proposed Response:

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Inquiry:
I'm in the midst of an article having to do with Roundup and glyphosate and I have a few quick questions for someone there. If you can reply today I'd be very grateful!

1. What's the status of the draft glyphosate human health and ecological risk assessments for public comment? Are those still scheduled to be released in 2017? (Or have I missed them?)

2. Was there an outcome of the Scientific Advisory Panel on glyphosate? I see the minutes online, but it's not clear to me if anything ever came of that?

3. Was that panel a public hearing? Or was it open only to invited scientists?

4. I know this is a touchy question, but can you provide any comment on the charges that EPA officials, and specifically Jess Rowland, were "colluding" with Monsanto to promote glyphosate as non-carcinogenic?

Thanks for your time and attention.

HURRICANE REQUESTS

HURRICANE HARVEY

ABC News-Washington (Stephanie Ebbs) – Update on Valero benzene leak. (9/14)
Was there any new information about the Valero benzene leak out today? I'm seeing references to new information from EPA but I didn't see a release or anything

AFP (Delphine Touitou) – Confirmation on letter and inquiry into Arkema plant. (9/12)
My collegue Douglas Gillison contacted you a couple of hours ago to try to confirm the information published in some US media saying the Environmental Protection Agency has opened an inquiry into whether the Arkema chemical plant in Crosby, Texas followed federal safety rules to protect against hazards, following explosions at the facility that resulted from Hurricane Harvey flooding.
Could you confirm this information please?
The medias also mentionned a letter sent to Arkema on September 7th urging Arkema to reply in 10 days. Could you also confirm this point please? It is very urgent.

AP (Frank Bajak) – Environmental testing at Houston spill sites. (9/22)

I'm interested in getting a rundown on where EPA is collecting air, water and soil samples related to actual or suspected Harvey-related petrochemical spills and releases in 1) the Houston metropolitan area 2) other parts of Texas.

I'd appreciate if someone could talk me through this. I know there is Arkema, the Valero refinery and Superfund sites and would like to know the nature and extent of sampling. I'm curious also about various spills reported to the Coast Guard's NRC.

Argus Media (Chris Knight) - Clarification re: emergency fuel waivers. (9/7)
I'm just trying to understand the difference here. Is the main thing that EPA extended the deadlines of the RFG through September 26?

Argus (Chris Knight) – Waiver data. (9/21) (DDL: 9/21)

EPA press, I'm doing a story about the expiration in the coming week or so of fuel waivers and other waivers from EPA, Homeland Security, highway operating hours, etc., along with the benefits the waivers provided to areas hit by Irma/Harvey/Maria.

Questions:

- Does EPA plan to extend further any of its fuel waivers or enforcement discretion notices?

- Has EPA collected data/information it can share on use of its waivers? I'm trying to sum up what benefits the waivers have provided to those hit by the storms but haven't seen any type of government data on this (E.g., retailers were able to sell XX million barrels that were otherwise unavailable)

Deadline is 3:30 p.m. today.

Bloomberg (Meenal Vamburkar) – Valero leak. (9/15)
I'm following up on the Valero benzene/chemical leak after the hurricane. It's been reported that the leak was bigger than originally estimated and that Valero will be putting out a revised report. Is there a time-frame in which we can expect the revised numbers from the company -- or any other EPA update on the investigation?

BNA (Sylvia Carignan) – Post-hurricane Superfund site summaries. (9/15)
A question about this line from the press release:
"Post-hurricane Superfund site summaries based on preliminary data results are being released."
Where are these summaries available?

BNA (Sam Pearson) – Administrator Pruitt's remarks on Arkema. (9/12)
Do you have a copy of the Section 114 letter sent to Arkema?
If the letter is being shared with the Washington Examiner, does that mean that EPA will release the letter? Not understanding the rationale for only releasing it selectively.
Also, can anyone explain Administrator Pruitt's comment that " "The concern about some of those risk management plans is the data in those RMPs are actually intelligence or information our adversaries — terrorists — can use to attack soft targets across this country. So we [have to] make sure those RMPs are done the right way to assure we are not equipping our adversaries."

Under existing RMP regulations, Arkema already disclosed it kept as much as 66,260 pounds of sulfur dioxide and 86,000 pounds of 2-Methylpropene on site.

From my reading of the final rule that Administrator Pruitt delayed, the main additional requirements would have been:

- required companies to tell the public, if asked, that the information is available, and the companies would track who requested the information.
- Companies would be required to share the names of regulated substances used in a process at the plant
- The substances' safety data sheets
- the plant's five-year accident history (this is already listed on existing RMPs, they just have to be obtained from EPA rather than the plant)
- a list of scheduled emergency response exercises the plant has conducted (not the content of the exercises or what vulnerabilities they were concerned about or specific things of that nature)
- contact information for the Local Emergency Planning Committee responsible for the plant (again this information could already be obtained through basic research but in theory would be faster this way)

How does any of this = detailed information about all chemicals that are there? How specifically would a terrorist exploit this process to obtain "intelligence" to "attack soft targets across this country"?

BNA (Adam Allington) - Retail facility cleanup and RCRA guidelines. (9/7)
Adam Allington from Bloomberg BNA here.
I'm working on a story about cleanup of retail facilities after Hurricane Harvey. Places that sell products which fall under the guidance of hazardous waste, when thrown away...paints, aerosol cans, perfumes, medicine, etc.
I was wondering if EPA has issued any for temporary relaxation of RCRA guidelines as a response to disaster declarations?
If you could let me know on this one particular point I would be very grateful

CQ (Jackie Toth) – Seeking copy of RMP letter from Administrator Pruitt to Arkema plant and 9/7 request for information. (9/12)
Can I get a copy of the letter Admin. Pruitt sent to Arkema with concerns over whether it had followed its Risk Management Plan and the Sept. 7 request for information to the company?

E&E News (Corbin Hiar) – Seeking copy of 9/7 letter to Arkema. (9/12)
Can EPA please provide a copy of the Sept. 7 letter to Arkema asking for information related to its Crosby, Texas, plant explosion? I plan to file a story about this by 11 a.m. this morning.

E&E News (Corbin Hiar) – Flooding, Superfund sites, and climate change. (9/14) (DDL: 9/18)
I'm planning to file a story on Friday about Superfund sites and climate change, so I want to give EPA the opportunity to weigh in on it.
The story notes that the flooding and potential contaminant leaks at the San Jacinto Waste Pits site closely to matches a scenario described in the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response's Climate Change Adaptation Implementation

Plan. While that report is still listed on EPA's Superfund Climate Change Adaptation page, the link to it leads to a page that is being updated to reflect EPA's new priorities.
To what extent, if at all, does EPA think the flooding that occurred at Superfund sites in the wake of Hurricane Harvey is related to climate change? How much, if at all, would the OSWER climate adaptation plan have helped the agency better prepare for Harvey's impacts? How much, if at all, would regulators, responsible parties and affected communities benefit from having access to the OSWER climate plan?
Also, were any Superfund sites in Florida damaged by Hurricane Irma? If so, which ones and to what extent were they damaged?
Please let me know if you have any questions about the story. And thanks for any feedback you can provide by EOD tomorrow.

E&E News (Corbin Hiar) – Rep. Green letter on exposure risk from Superfund spill. (9/27) (DDL: 9/27)
I plan to write about this for tomorrow morning's Daily. Please let me know by EOD if EPA wants to weigh in.
[Attached: Rep Green Letter Requests for Answers from EPA Secretary Pruitt on Exposure Risk from Harvey Superfund Spill.]

Fox News (Maggie Kerkman) – Amount of debris. (9/26)
Would you happen to have anyone in the Dallas area who could talk about just the enormous amount of debris that needs to be removed in the wake of Harvey? We're trying to do a follow up story on the storm and looking for an expert who could give us a sense of how vast this job is.

Houston Chronicle (Matt Dempsey) – Arkema release from Friday. (9/18)

I still have a number of questions. Would prefer an interview but if that's not possible... here's the questions:

Why only one day of water samples?

Was any soil testing done?

Was any air testing done for phenol?

Did the EPA do air modeling and if so for what chemicals and what were the results?

When ASPECT was used, what time of day was the craft run? Why test for only the half mile around the plant?

Was any air monitoring done outside of the half mile around the plant? What about outside the evacuation zone?

Can I get any email communications between the EPA and Arkema from Aug. 25 through Sept. 5?

Houston Public Media (Travis Bubenik) – Arkema response to EPA letter. (9/19)
Morning, has Arkema responded to this information request yet? (Not sure if the 10 days requirement counts weekends or just business days...)

Moody's Investor Service (Roy Ousley) – Seeking names of affected water systems. (9/12)
I read the statement regarding status of water systems in the area affected by Harvey, and wanted to know if it was possible for you to provide me with the names of the water systems that have been affected. Particularly the 50 drinking systems that are shut down.

San Antonio Express-News (Rye Druzin) – Valero plant and RINs. (9/14)
Joe Gorder, the CEO of Valero Energy Corp., the largest U.S. refiner, said that the $800 million to $1 billion that Valero is paying for RINs costs do not go to the government, but rather brokers (the people who buy fuel from Valero, blend it and get the RINs credit) who resell the RINs to Valero.
This is a direct quote from Mr. Gorder, from a talk today:
"We sell it at the refinery, it goes through a pipe, it gets out here. Ethanol gets blended into it. That person that blends it captures the credit, which identifies that the ethanol has been blended. He doesn't need it, he doesn't have an obligation. I'm back here, I've produced the fuel, I do need the credit, he hangs onto them until I cry uncle and then he sells them to me at an inflated price and I get them to the government to show compliance. That is $800 million to $1 billion that's not being paid to the government; it's being paid to individual companies out there that are capturing these credits, brokers who are between us and you. What this means is you're paying 8 to 10 cents a gallon more than you need to for your fuel because of this policy."
I would like to know if Mr. Gorder's characterizations are correct, and I need a response ASAP, no later than 6 p.m. Central Time (7 p.m. ET).
I would prefer an emailed response because it will be easier to put into the story. Thank you.

Univision 45 Houston (Jessica Rivera) – Benzene and Valero plant. (9/14)
Univision 45 in Houston, Texas is requesting information on a Houston Chronicle report that Valero Energy "significantly underestimated" the amount of cancer-causing benzene and other volatile compounds leaked from its Houston refinery during Hurricane Harvey's torrential rains, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said Thursday.
Do you have any information?
Or, could you provide us with the EPA media contact for Texas?
I searched on the website for the Texas contact and the information would not pop up when I scrolled over the media map.

Vice (Alex Lubben) – U.S. Oil Recovery. (9/19)
Hi Jahan,
Has the EPA conducted any sort of clean up operation post-Harvey at the U.S. Oil Recovery Superfund site since the Harvey floodwaters receded?

HURRICANE IRMA

Al Jazeera (Elizabeth Gorman Shaw) – Hurricane cleanup and recovery.
I'm a journalist for "Fault Lines" at Al Jazeera English. I'm interested in making an interview request for a story I'm working on about Hurricane cleanup and recovery.

Associated Press (Matthew Brown) – Non-Superfund chemical/petrochemical storage sites. (9/8)
Greetings-
As part of the EPA's preparations for Irma, can you please tell me if the agency is also trying to assess safety of chemical/petrochemical storage sites that are NOT on the Superfund list?

I'm also following up on earlier questions (repeated below) regarding Harvey-related spills from petrochemical storage tanks.
HARVEY QUESTIONS:
-has EPA received any results of water sampling focused on industrial facilities and hazardous waste sites?
-has EPA been able to make any determinations as to the public health risk of any spills into floodwaters/onto land from crude oil, chemical releases, etc.?
-are there federal regulations governing what kind of flooding defenses/precautions are required of oil and other fuel storage tanks?
-Can you please tell me if the EPA is conducting any investigations into whether storage tanks (either at refineries/plants or oil production facilities) were properly secured for the storm?
-can you please provide details on all reports received by the EPA on chemical/oil/hazliquid/produced water spills as a result of Harvey, including source, volumes, cause, responsible party, etc? (realize this is a broad one so all guidance appreciated)
-broadly (and excepting the Crosby plant) has the EPA been able to assess whether the petrochemical/chemical industries were well prepared for the storm (perhaps compared to past events such as Katrina)?

Associated Press (Michael Biesecker) – Vulnerability of Florida Superfund sites. Seeking copy of assessment. (9/9)
My understanding is that EPA Region 4 has prepared a vulnerability assessment of Florida Superfund sites potentially at risk from Irma that lists Homestead Air Force base, Airco Plating and Cabot Copper as being potentially vulnerable to flooding.
Could you please provide a copy of the assessment? Also, we would be interesting in reporting details of what preparations and monitoring is taking place at those sites as storm progresses.
Would you have time to talk to me or my colleague Jason, copied on this email, later today?

Associated Press (John Flesher) – CWA stormwater discharge permits. (9/13)
I'm putting together a story for AP today on sewage overflows in Florida resulting from Hurricane Irma and have a few questions about EPA's announcement regarding Clean Water Act stormwater discharge permits:
-Does this mean that permit holders will be allowed to discharge untreated or partially treated sewage into waters in ways that ordinarily are impermissible under the Clean Water Act?
-If so, for how long will this waiver be in place?
-What other kinds of exceptions to normal permit requirements would these "upset" or "bypass provisions allow?
-How often are such waivers granted? Is it done routinely during hurricanes, or is does this represent a new policy for EPA? Aside from hurricanes, under what other circumstances would justify such waivers?

CQ (Elvina Nawaguna) – Hurricanes and climate change strategy. (9/11)

I'm working on a story about whether Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Jose can change the conversation about climate change especially among GOP lawmakers who have rejected climate science. Would like to talk with/ get a response from Administrator Pruitt's office on what role climate change may have played in the unusually huge storms and whether the EPA is considering taking stronger action to mitigate climate change. Scientists have said while climate change did not directly cause the storms, it certainly made the flooding worse and project more extreme weather events What strategy does the EPA have going forward?

E&E News (Niina Heikkinen) - Emergency response, Administrator Pruitt, and funding. (9/7)

I'm writing something for tomorrow about what Administrator Pruitt and the agency is doing ahead of Irma. Does EPA have the funding it needs to do two (and potentially three) back to back emergency responses? Will Pruitt be making any TV appearances in the coming days to talk about the storm response?
I'm also interested in what sort of work is happening in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, which haven't gotten as much media attention. Does Administrator Pruitt plan to visit Florida?

E&E News (Niina Heikkinen) – Emergency preparedness and climate change. (9/14)
I'm working on an article for tomorrow about how climate change is being incorporated in emergency response and preparedness efforts.
First, are your staff still using resources such as the National Climate Assessment in planning for future storms like Harvey and Irma?
Are emergency management staff examining different scenarios including sea level rise, precipitation rates, or wildfire frequency that could impact facilities under EPA's jurisdiction?
If you are able to connect me with anyone working in emergency management this afternoon, I'd very much appreciate it.

WIRED (Eric Niiler) – Hurricane debris disposal. (9/14)
I'm a Washington-based contributing writer for WIRED and am putting together a story for Friday (tomorrow) on debris removal after Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. I'd like to either connect with someone by phone, or have a few questions answered in writing:
-Have state environmental officials in Texas or Florida asked for waivers for EPA disposal rules that would allow mixed solid/hazardous waste into construction and demolition landfills? -If so, has the EPA granted any waivers yet?
-Has the Office of Land and Emergency Management (OLEM) addressed concerns raised by a 2016 Office of Inspector General's report on disaster debris:
https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-06/documents/20160629-16-p-0219.pdf
, specifically have they collected information from state agencies about planning for disposal after storms?
-Does OLEM have post-disaster debris disposal plans from state officials for the relevant regions of Texas and Florida?
-Has EPA and OLEM incorporated the effects of climate change into post-disaster debris planning as noted by the OIG report (pp. 3-4) and the 2014 EPA Climate Change Adaptation Plan?
-Anything else that EPA would like to add about its role in debris disposal in Texas and Florida?

2U (John Rehm) – Access to clean drinking water in Texas and Florida. (9/14)
I was wondering if you had any data or information on how many people are without access to clean drinking water in both Texas and Florida.

HURRICANE MARIA

AP (Michael Biesecker) – Drinking water access. (9/26)
AP is reporting on the ground in PR about the crisis with access to drinking water. Are there any EPA folks on the ground there yet they could talk to? If not, is there an ETA for when they will arrive?

E&E News (Niina Heikkinen) – Interview with emergency response staff. (9/25)
Is there any chance I'd be able to talk to some emergency response staff on the ground in Puerto Rico (or any who have recently returned)? I'm working on writing something about EPA's response to Hurricane Maria and would very much like a more personal perspective of what's going on there. If possible, I'd like to speak with someone today.

Inside Climate News (Philip McKenna) – Update on Superfund and oil site assessments in PR/USVI. (10/2) (DDL: ASAP)
Dear EPA press office,
I just wanted to follow up with you to see if there is an update on EPA assessments of Superfund sites and oil sites in Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands following hurricane Maria.
Last I spoke with you Elias Rodriguez on Thursday he told me 3 sites in Puerto Rico had been assessed and found to be OK and he said he thought there would be a new update this past Saturday.
Could you please let me know what the latest update is on EPA assessments of Superfund sites and oil sites on Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands as soon as possible?

Inside EPA (Anthony Lacey) – Interview with Pete Lopez. (9/28)
Hello -- would it be possible to organize a quick telephone interview with Region 2 Administrator Pete Lopez to talk about his priorities for the agency? Happy to figure out a pre-approved question list beforehand and stick to that.

New York Public Radio (Daniel Lewis) – Role in recovery and areas of particular concern in Puerto Rico. (10/2) (DDL: 10/2)
I spoke with the incoming Region 2 Administrator earlier and have some follow-up questions regarding the EPA's response in Puerto Rico right now:
Does the agency have anyone currently on the ground, and if so, how many? What role is the agency currently playing in Puerto Rico's recovery right now? Are there any specific areas of the island that are of particular concern regarding issues from sewage, chemical plants, etc., and is there anything that the agency is currently doing to try and tackle that?
Thanks for the help. My deadline is 4pm today, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Washington Examiner (John Siciliano) – Response in Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands. (9/25)
Can you explain the pause in Puerto Rico and V. Islands? Is it because its too hazardous?

The Verge (Rachel Becker) – Puerto Rico drinking water and Superfund sites. (10/12)
Hello, I saw the EPA's release from yesterday that people are trying to drink water from superfund sites in Puerto Rico. (https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-hurricane-maria-update-wednesday-october-11th)

How many people have attempted this, and how did the EPA hear of it? Has anyone succeeded in obtaining water from these wells? Which superfund sites — is the water contaminated there, and if so, with what?

Besides requesting that people do not drink from superfund sites, what else is the EPA doing to prevent it and ensure that people in Puerto Rico have access to clean water?

Vox (Umair Irfan) – Agency role in recovery effort and reconstruction. (9/28) (DDL: 9/28)
Hi,

I am a reporter at Vox and I am looking into relief efforts in Puerto Rico. I wanted to see if someone at EPA could comment on the environmental concerns in Puerto Rico after the hurricane, particularly with respect to energy infrastructure.

I wanted to see if someone at EPA could comment on the agency's role in the recovery effort, some of the environmental concerns in the reconstruction and what EPA can do to help Puerto Rico prepare for the next disaster.

Also, I saw that Pete Lopez was appointed to lead Region 2, so I was hoping I could speak with him about his take on the role and his strategy for Puerto Rico's recovery.

I anticipate filing by 5 p.m. EST today.

Message

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On Oct 12, 2017, at 11:49 AM, Sparacino, Jessica <sparacino.jessica@epa.gov> wrote:

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- Health.com, DEADLINE 10/11 (Maria Masters) Re: Indoor Mold Follow-Up. *Tricia Lynn.*
- Politico, DEADLINE: 10/11 (Derek Robertson), Re: Women in law enforcement. *Enesta Jones.*
- New Yorker, DEADLINE: Early October (Margaret Talbot), Re: Ann Arbor lab. *Robert Daguillard.*
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AP, DEADLINE: 10/13 (Matt Brown), Re: TSCA. *Robert Daguillard.*

Background:

The reporter, who is based in Montana, has been working on a series of stories about asbestos exposure at the Libby Superfund cleanup site in his state. Health professionals say asbestos exposure there has killed hundreds of people in recent decades. Officials expect the cleanup by EPA, which began in 1999, will be complete by next summer. This inquiry focuses on asbestos evaluation and regulation under TSCA - Matthew Brown – AP – mbrown@ap.com

Response:

1. Does the determination on legacy uses apply across all 10 chemicals?

Yes, it applies to all 10 chemicals. EPA's rationale for this interpretation is described in detail in the preamble to "Procedures for Chemical Risk Evaluation Under the Amended Toxic Substances Control Act" – a procedural rule finalized on June 22, 2017. See pages 15-18 of the prepublication copy available on EPA's website here: https://www.epa.gov/assessing-and-managing-chemicals-under-tsca/procedures-chemical-risk-evaluation-under-amended-toxic. Generally, EPA interprets section 6 of TSCA to require risk evaluations and any corresponding risk management to focus on uses for which manufacturing, processing, or distribution in commerce is intended, known to be occurring, or reasonably foreseen to occur (i.e., is prospective or on-going).

2. Where is the line on "distribution in commerce"? If it was a previously distributed product (for which production is continuing) is that considered legacy?

No, because if production is ongoing, the use is not legacy.

As stated above: Generally, EPA interprets section 6 of TSCA to require risk evaluations and any corresponding risk management to focus on uses for which manufacturing, processing, or distribution in commerce is intended, known to be occurring, or reasonably foreseen to occur (i.e., is prospective or on-going).

Inquiry:
Hi Enesta-

I'm hoping to follow up on some assistance that you provided last month on a TSCA story we've been working on.

Specifically, I was asking about "legacy" uses of the chemicals being evaluated by the agency. The agency's scoping material has made clear that legacy uses won't be considered but I want to be sure I'm not misinterpreting that. A couple specifics:
-does the determination on legacy uses apply across all 10 chemicals?
-where is the line on "distribution in commerce"? If it was a previously distributed product (for which production is continuing) is that considered legacy?

Please give me a call or let me know if any of that needs clarification.

We're looking to move our story next week so an answer at earliest chance would be most appreciated. Also, we're pursuing a companion video piece for this. Is anyone from the EPA available for a short, on-camera interview on the topic? We would come to you, of course, and could be flexible on timing as needed.

The Scientist, DEADLINE: 10/11 (Abby Olena), Re: Genetically engineered mosquitoes. ***Robert Daguillard.***

BACKGROUND

The reporter's inquiry follows the transfer of responsibility for genetically engineered OXITEC mosquitoes from FDA to EPA. The move, announced last week, follows the new classification of OXITEC mosquitoes as a pesticide. Abby Olena – The Scientist – abby.olena@gmail.com

RESPONSE

1. **Does the EPA have a plan in place for regulating the use of the genetically engineered (Oxitec) mosquitoes?**

EPA will regulate GE mosquitoes in the same way the agency regulates other pesticides. The Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) gives EPA the authority to regulate the distribution, sale, and use of pesticide products to ensure they do not cause unreasonable adverse effects on people or the environment.

Background:

More specifically, FIFRA generally requires that, before a pesticide may be sold or distributed in commerce, it must be registered (licensed) based on sufficient scientific data for EPA to conclude that the use of the pesticide will not cause unreasonable adverse effects on people or the environment. FIFRA also gives EPA the authority to issue experimental use permits to allow the testing of a pesticide in the environment for the purpose of generating data to support the registration of the pesticide, and to control the distribution and use of a pesticide post-registration and to monitor its production.

2. **Is there still an approval process that needs to take place since the FDA handed oversight over to EPA?**

Yes. These products will now be regulated under FIFRA; thus the company must show EPA that their product meets FIFRA established safety standards.

3. **If so, what is the timeline and basic structure of that sort of process?**

From start to finish, the FIFRA statutory timeframes can be as short as 7 months to as long as about 2 years, depending on the type of registration application submitted to the Agency.

Background:

FIFRA establishes a statutory framework creating timelines within which EPA must make a determination on an application. The timelines applied depends on the type of application submitted by the company.

At this point, EPA has not received an application from Oxitec. However, in general under FIFRA, an applicant typically applies first for an Experimental Use Permit (EUP) to generate the data necessary to support the registration. Should Oxitec request an EUP, once a complete EUP application has been submitted, the agency would have 7 months to reach a decision. After sufficient data have been collected in field testing (this may take from a few months to several years depending on the types of data to be generated), the applicant typically then applies for a registration under FIFRA. Once a registration application is received, the agency has 13-25 months to complete its review, depending on the nature of application. The 25-month estimate provides for input from nationally recognized technical experts via the EPA's FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel when the Agency deems such input appropriate.

4. **Will the EPA be looking to other countries in which the Oxitec mosquitoes have already been used for guidance in evaluating the mosquitoes' approval?**

If Oxitec applies for a registration, they may submit information generated in another country which may or may not be used by the EPA in its evaluation of the Oxitec mosquito product under FIFRA.

5. **Are there other examples of the release of living insects or other kinds of animals that EPA has overseen?**

Over the past few years, EPA has regulated several field trial releases of *Wolbachia* bacteria that are contained within mosquitoes and are being evaluated for control of mosquito populations.
More information on these trials can be found at:

- www.epa.gov/pesticides/epa-grants-extension-experimental-use-permit-wolbachia-mosquito

www.regulations.gov/docket?D=EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0392

Inquiry:

Hello EPA Press team,

I spoke with Robert Daguillard yesterday afternoon about a story I'm writing for The Scientist about the oversight of Oxitec mosquitoes shifting to the EPA. I hadn't heard from him, and I think he mentioned he was out today, so I wanted to try this avenue as well.

I've included some questions below my signature. If someone can help me find answers, that would be great. My story will be a short one (500 or words) headed for the Daily News section. Deadline is Monday at 5 pm ET.

Health.com, DEADLINE 10/11 (Maria Masters) Re: Indoor Mold Follow-Up. Tricia Lynn.

Reporter is asking for a name for attribution. Laureen Burton, Staff Chemist/Toxicologist provided the information, and OAR is suggesting her. Does that work or do you have some other preference?

Politico, DEADLINE: 10/11 (Derek Robertson), Re: Women in law enforcement. ***Enesta Jones***

Background:
POLITICO reporter is asking for the number of senior level women in law enforcement at the agency. OARM did a data pull. Derek Robertson, drobertson@politico.com

Suggested Response:
Please see the chart below.

Criminal Investigation Series Occupational Series 1811	Count	% EPA Population
EPA Population (no exp/con or cc)	14,511	
1811 Male/Female	207	
1811 Females	43	.3
1811 Females Grade 15 & above	4	.03

Inquiry:

Hi, my name is Derek Robertson and I'm a reporter with POLITICO – we're working on a story about women in law enforcement and I was hoping to learn what percentage of full-time sworn officers in the EPA's employ are women. My deadline for this is mid-October. You can reach me at any time here at this e-mail address or at 810-444-6131 with any questions, thanks so much, and have a great day.

Hi, thanks so much. If it's at all possible, it would also be immensely helpful to know what percentage of women in EPA's law enforcement are GS-15 or Senior Executive Service level – we're trying to include a component in the story about women in leadership roles. Thanks again, and have a great afternoon.

New Yorker, DEADLINE: Early October (Margaret Talbot), Re: Ann Arbor lab. ***Robert Daguillard.***

Background:
The reporter would like to visit the Ann Arbor emissions lab during the week of October 9 as part of a larger piece on rulemaking, reconsiderations and repeals at the agency – OAR is usually open to such visits. Margaret Talbot – the New Yorker – margarettalbot3@gmail.com

Response:
OAR is open to the request.

Inquiry:
Dear Mr. Daguillard,
I do mean the NVFEL in Ann Arbor--sorry for the dropped F!
The piece is a larger piece on some of the proposed rules reconsiderations at EPA under the new administrator, and one of the areas I'm likely focusing on is the re-opening of the mid-term evaluation on clean car standards.

I'm interested in the lab's role in research and testing on emissions in cases like the VW cover-up, and frankly--I'm sure you will understand this from a journalistic point of view--looking to get out of Washington and see some of the important work done at the EPA's labs that readers can more easily visualize.

P.S. If it works out, I was hoping to be able to go there the week of October 9th.

The Nation, DEADLINE: 8/18 (Rene Ebersole), Re: Glyphosate review. *Robert Daguillard.*

Background:

The response consists of: The pesticide program's desk statement on glyphosate; and its standard answer on the allegations surrounding Mr. Rowland. Rene Ebersole – the Nation – reneebersole0@gmail.com

Proposed Response:

EPA is currently re-evaluating the safety of glyphosate via a program called registration review. This re-evaluation process occurs every 15 years and is mandated by federal law. As part of registration review, EPA performed an in-depth review of the cancer database for glyphosate. All studies considered by the United Nation's International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) were included in this review, as well as additional studies from Japan, Europe, and South America, and additional studies identified from the open literature. The available data led EPA to conclude in our draft assessment that glyphosate is not likely to be carcinogenic in people at doses relevant for human health risk assessment.

In December 2016, EPA convened its FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) to review and comment on our draft findings that glyphosate is not likely to be carcinogenic to humans at doses relevant for human health risk assessment. The FIFRA SAP serves as the primary external scientific peer review mechanism of the EPA's Office Pesticide Programs and is structured to provide scientific advice, information, and recommendations to EPA on pesticides and pesticide-related issues. Meeting materials from the December 2016 SAP can be found at https://www.epa.gov/sap/meeting-materials-december-13-16-2016-scientific-advisory-panel.

Once EPA has completed its consideration of the SAP report and made any appropriate changes to our risk assessment, we intend to release the draft human health and ecological risk assessments for a 60-day public comment period. We are currently scheduled to complete the draft risk assessments in 2017. After consideration of the public comments on the draft risk assessments, EPA will determine whether any risk management is needed.

Concerning the lawsuit you're referencing, the agency does not comment on pending litigation and is represented by DOJ.

Inquiry:
I'm in the midst of an article having to do with Roundup and glyphosate and I have a few quick questions for someone there. If you can reply today I'd be very grateful!

1. What's the status of the draft glyphosate human health and ecological risk assessments for public comment? Are those still scheduled to be released in 2017? (Or have I missed them?)

2. Was there an outcome of the Scientific Advisory Panel on glyphosate? I see the minutes online, but it's not clear to me if anything ever came of that?

3. Was that panel a public hearing? Or was it open only to invited scientists?

4. I know this is a touchy question, but can you provide any comment on the charges that EPA officials, and specifically Jess Rowland, were "colluding" with Monsanto to promote glyphosate as non-carcinogenic?

Thanks for your time and attention.

Wired, DEADLINE: Flexible (Phuc Pham), Re: Pre-EPA environmental regulations. ***Robert Daguillard.***

Background:
The reporter is looking for information on pre-EPA pesticide regulations as part of a piece of Monsanto's history, stretching back to the early 20th century. OGC suggested directing him to a historian, but the Office of Pesticide Programs is able to offer some information. Phuc Pham – Wired – phuc_pham@wired.com

Response:
The first law regulating pesticides was passed in 1910 to protect farmers from fraudulent claims. The Federal Government, at the time the U.S. Department of Agriculture, was required to ensure the quality and effectiveness of products, but not its potential effects on humans, wildlife, or the environment in general.

EPA cannot comment on how pesticides were regulated in the 1920's nor the history of Sauget, Illinois.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
1947 marked the year of the passage of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), which required the Federal government to register products before they entered the marketplace. For more information about FIFRA and subsequent amendments, see: https://www.epa.gov/laws-regulations/summary-federal-insecticide-fungicide-and-rodenticide-act.

EPA was established on December 2, 1970 to consolidate in one agency a variety of federal research, monitoring, standard-setting and enforcement activities to ensure environmental protection. Since its inception, EPA has been working for a cleaner, healthier environment for the American people.

For additional information, visit the EPA archives at https://archive.epa.gov/ and relevant articles at: https://archive.epa.gov/epa/aboutepa/guardian-origins-epa.html and https://archive.epa.gov/epa/aboutepa/birth-epa.html

Inquiry:

Hi Kelly & Bill:

My name is Phuc and I'm a researcher for WIRED. I just called you both and left a voicemail with Kelly. I'm fact-checking a story involving Monsanto and had a few questions about what environmental regulations were like in 1926, before the EPA was founded.

- At what level were they handled? Municipal? State? County?
- I'm finding that Monsanto incorporated a small village, naming it Monsanto (later to be called Sauget), in order to environmental regulations. Was this a thing that commonly happened back then?

HURRICANE REQUESTS

HURRICANE HARVEY

ABC News-Washington (Stephanie Ebbs) – Update on Valero benzene leak. (9/14)
Was there any new information about the Valero benzene leak out today? I'm seeing references to new information from EPA but I didn't see a release or anything

AFP (Delphine Touitou) – Confirmation on letter and inquiry into Arkema plant. (9/12)
My collegue Douglas Gillison contacted you a couple of hours ago to try to confirm the information published in some US media saying the Environmental Protection Agency has opened an inquiry into whether the Arkema chemical plant in Crosby, Texas followed federal safety rules to protect against hazards, following explosions at the facility that resulted from Hurricane Harvey flooding.
Could you confirm this information please?
The medias also mentionned a letter sent to Arkema on September 7th urging Arkema to reply in 10 days. Could you also confirm this point please? It is very urgent.

AP (Frank Bajak) – Environmental testing at Houston spill sites. (9/22)

I'm interested in getting a rundown on where EPA is collecting air, water and soil samples related to actual or suspected Harvey-related petrochemical spills and releases in 1) the Houston metropolitan area 2) other parts of Texas.

I'd appreciate if someone could talk me through this. I know there is Arkema, the Valero refinery and Superfund sites and would like to know the nature and extent of sampling. I'm curious also about various spills reported to the Coast Guard's NRC.

Argus Media (Chris Knight) - Clarification re: emergency fuel waivers. (9/7)
I'm just trying to understand the difference here. Is the main thing that EPA extended the deadlines of the RFG through September 26?

Argus (Chris Knight) – Waiver data. (9/21) (DDL: 9/21)

EPA press, I'm doing a story about the expiration in the coming week or so of fuel waivers and other waivers from EPA, Homeland Security, highway operating hours, etc., along with the benefits the waivers provided to areas hit by Irma/Harvey/Maria.

Questions:

- Does EPA plan to extend further any of its fuel waivers or enforcement discretion notices?

- Has EPA collected data/information it can share on use of its waivers? I'm trying to sum up what benefits the waivers have provided to those hit by the storms but haven't seen any type of government data on this (E.g., retailers were able to sell XX million barrels that were otherwise unavailable)

Deadline is 3:30 p.m. today.

Bloomberg (Meenal Vamburkar) – Valero leak. (9/15)
I'm following up on the Valero benzene/chemical leak after the hurricane. It's been reported that the leak was bigger than originally estimated and that Valero will be putting out a revised report. Is there a time-frame in which we can expect the revised numbers from the company -- or any other EPA update on the investigation?

BNA (Sylvia Carignan) – Post-hurricane Superfund site summaries. (9/15)
A question about this line from the press release:
"Post-hurricane Superfund site summaries based on preliminary data results are being released."
Where are these summaries available?

BNA (Sam Pearson) – Administrator Pruitt's remarks on Arkema. (9/12)
Do you have a copy of the Section 114 letter sent to Arkema?
If the letter is being shared with the Washington Examiner, does that mean that EPA will release the letter? Not understanding the rationale for only releasing it selectively.
Also, can anyone explain Administrator Pruitt's comment that " "The concern about some of those risk management plans is the data in those RMPs are actually intelligence or information our adversaries — terrorists — can use to attack soft targets across this country. So we [have to] make sure those RMPs are done the right way to assure we are not equipping our adversaries."

Under existing RMP regulations, Arkema already disclosed it kept as much as 66,260 pounds of sulfur dioxide and 86,000 pounds of 2-Methylpropene on site.

From my reading of the final rule that Administrator Pruitt delayed, the main additional requirements would have been:

- required companies to tell the public, if asked, that the information is available, and the companies would track who requested the information.
- Companies would be required to share the names of regulated substances used in a process at the plant
- The substances' safety data sheets
- the plant's five-year accident history (this is already listed on existing RMPs, they just have to be obtained from EPA rather than the plant)
- a list of scheduled emergency response exercises the plant has conducted (not the content of the exercises or what vulnerabilities they were concerned about or specific things of that nature)
- contact information for the Local Emergency Planning Committee responsible for the plant (again this information could already be obtained through basic research but in theory would be faster this way)

How does any of this = detailed information about all chemicals that are there? How specifically would a terrorist exploit this process to obtain "intelligence" to "attack soft targets across this country"?

BNA (Adam Allington) - Retail facility cleanup and RCRA guidelines. (9/7)
Adam Allington from Bloomberg BNA here.
I'm working on a story about cleanup of retail facilities after Hurricane Harvey. Places that sell products which fall under the guidance of hazardous waste, when thrown away...paints, aerosol cans, perfumes, medicine, etc.

I was wondering if EPA has issued any for temporary relaxation of RCRA guidelines as a response to disaster declarations? If you could let me know on this one particular point I would be very grateful

CQ (Jackie Toth) – Seeking copy of RMP letter from Administrator Pruitt to Arkema plant and 9/7 request for information. (9/12)
Can I get a copy of the letter Admin. Pruitt sent to Arkema with concerns over whether it had followed its Risk Management Plan and the Sept. 7 request for information to the company?

E&E News (Corbin Hiar) – Seeking copy of 9/7 letter to Arkema. (9/12)
Can EPA please provide a copy of the Sept. 7 letter to Arkema asking for information related to its Crosby, Texas, plant explosion? I plan to file a story about this by 11 a.m. this morning.

E&E News (Corbin Hiar) – Flooding, Superfund sites, and climate change. (9/14) (DDL: 9/18)
I'm planning to file a story on Friday about Superfund sites and climate change, so I want to give EPA the opportunity to weigh in on it.
The story notes that the flooding and potential contaminant leaks at the San Jacinto Waste Pits site closely to matches a scenario described in the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response's Climate Change Adaptation Implementation Plan. While that report is still listed on EPA's Superfund Climate Change Adaptation page, the link to it leads to a page that is being updated to reflect EPA's new priorities.
To what extent, if at all, does EPA think the flooding that occurred at Superfund sites in the wake of Hurricane Harvey is related to climate change? How much, if at all, would the OSWER climate adaptation plan have helped the agency better prepare for Harvey's impacts? How much, if at all, would regulators, responsible parties and affected communities benefit from having access to the OSWER climate plan?
Also, were any Superfund sites in Florida damaged by Hurricane Irma? If so, which ones and to what extent were they damaged?
Please let me know if you have any questions about the story. And thanks for any feedback you can provide by EOD tomorrow.

E&E News (Corbin Hiar) – Rep. Green letter on exposure risk from Superfund spill. (9/27) (DDL: 9/27)
I plan to write about this for tomorrow morning's Daily. Please let me know by EOD if EPA wants to weigh in.
[Attached: Rep Green Letter Requests for Answers from EPA Secretary Pruitt on Exposure Risk from Harvey Superfund Spill.]

Fox News (Maggie Kerkman) – Amount of debris. (9/26)
Would you happen to have anyone in the Dallas area who could talk about just the enormous amount of debris that needs to be removed in the wake of Harvey? We're trying to do a follow up story on the storm and looking for an expert who could give us a sense of how vast this job is.

Houston Chronicle (Matt Dempsey) – Arkema release from Friday. (9/18)

I still have a number of questions. Would prefer an interview but if that's not possible... here's the questions:

Why only one day of water samples?

Was any soil testing done?

Was any air testing done for phenol?

Did the EPA do air modeling and if so for what chemicals and what were the results?

When ASPECT was used, what time of day was the craft run? Why test for only the half mile around the plant?

Was any air monitoring done outside of the half mile around the plant? What about outside the evacuation zone?

Can I get any email communications between the EPA and Arkema from Aug. 25 through Sept. 5?

Houston Public Media (Travis Bubenik) – Arkema response to EPA letter. (9/19)
Morning, has Arkema responded to this information request yet? (Not sure if the 10 days requirement counts weekends or just business days...)

Moody's Investor Service (Roy Ousley) – Seeking names of affected water systems. (9/12)
I read the statement regarding status of water systems in the area affected by Harvey, and wanted to know if it was possible for you to provide me with the names of the water systems that have been affected. Particularly the 50 drinking systems that are shut down.

San Antonio Express-News (Rye Druzin) – Valero plant and RINs. (9/14)
Joe Gorder, the CEO of Valero Energy Corp., the largest U.S. refiner, said that the $800 million to $1 billion that Valero is paying for RINs costs do not go to the government, but rather brokers (the people who buy fuel from Valero, blend it and get the RINs credit) who resell the RINs to Valero.
This is a direct quote from Mr. Gorder, from a talk today:
"We sell it at the refinery, it goes through a pipe, it gets out here. Ethanol gets blended into it. That person that blends it captures the credit, which identifies that the ethanol has been blended. He doesn't need it, he doesn't have an obligation. I'm back here, I've produced the fuel, I do need the credit, he hangs onto them until I cry uncle and then he sells them to me at an inflated price and I get them to the government to show compliance. That is $800 million to $1 billion that's not being paid to the government; it's being paid to individual companies out there that are capturing these credits, brokers who are between us and you. What this means is you're paying 8 to 10 cents a gallon more than you need to for your fuel because of this policy."
I would like to know if Mr. Gorder's characterizations are correct, and I need a response ASAP, no later than 6 p.m. Central Time (7 p.m. ET).
I would prefer an emailed response because it will be easier to put into the story. Thank you.

Univision 45 Houston (Jessica Rivera) – Benzene and Valero plant. (9/14)
Univision 45 in Houston, Texas is requesting information on a Houston Chronicle report that Valero Energy "significantly underestimated" the amount of cancer-causing benzene and other volatile compounds leaked from its Houston refinery during Hurricane Harvey's torrential rains, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said Thursday.
Do you have any information?
Or, could you provide us with the EPA media contact for Texas?
I searched on the website for the Texas contact and the information would not pop up when I scrolled over the media map.

Vice (Alex Lubben) – U.S. Oil Recovery. (9/19)
Hi Jahan,

Has the EPA conducted any sort of clean up operation post-Harvey at the U.S. Oil Recovery Superfund site since the Harvey floodwaters receded?

HURRICANE IRMA

Al Jazeera (Elizabeth Gorman Shaw) – Hurricane cleanup and recovery.
I'm a journalist for "Fault Lines" at Al Jazeera English. I'm interested in making an interview request for a story I'm working on about Hurricane cleanup and recovery.

Associated Press (Matthew Brown) – Non-Superfund chemical/petrochemical storage sites. (9/8)
Greetings-
As part of the EPA's preparations for Irma, can you please tell me if the agency is also trying to assess safety of chemical/petrochemical storage sites that are NOT on the Superfund list?
I'm also following up on earlier questions (repeated below) regarding Harvey-related spills from petrochemical storage tanks.
HARVEY QUESTIONS:
-has EPA received any results of water sampling focused on industrial facilities and hazardous waste sites?
-has EPA been able to make any determinations as to the public health risk of any spills into floodwaters/onto land from crude oil, chemical releases, etc.?
-are there federal regulations governing what kind of flooding defenses/precautions are required of oil and other fuel storage tanks?
-Can you please tell me if the EPA is conducting any investigations into whether storage tanks (either at refineries/plants or oil production facilities) were properly secured for the storm?
-can you please provide details on all reports received by the EPA on chemical/oil/hazliquid/produced water spills as a result of Harvey, including source, volumes, cause, responsible party, etc? (realize this is a broad one so all guidance appreciated)
-broadly (and excepting the Crosby plant) has the EPA been able to assess whether the petrochemical/chemical industries were well prepared for the storm (perhaps compared to past events such as Katrina)?

Associated Press (Michael Biesecker) – Vulnerability of Florida Superfund sites. Seeking copy of assessment. (9/9)
My understanding is that EPA Region 4 has prepared a vulnerability assessment of Florida Superfund sites potentially at risk from Irma that lists Homestead Air Force base, Airco Plating and Cabot Copper as being potentially vulnerable to flooding.
Could you please provide a copy of the assessment? Also, we would be interesting in reporting details of what preparations and monitoring is taking place at those sites as storm progresses.
Would you have time to talk to me or my colleague Jason, copied on this email, later today?

Associated Press (John Flesher) – CWA stormwater discharge permits. (9/13)
I'm putting together a story for AP today on sewage overflows in Florida resulting from Hurricane Irma and have a few questions about EPA's announcement regarding Clean Water Act stormwater discharge permits:
-Does this mean that permit holders will be allowed to discharge untreated or partially treated sewage into waters in ways that ordinarily are impermissible under the Clean Water Act?
-If so, for how long will this waiver be in place?
-What other kinds of exceptions to normal permit requirements would these "upset" or "bypass provisions allow?

-How often are such waivers granted? Is it done routinely during hurricanes, or is does this represent a new policy for EPA? Aside from hurricanes, under what other circumstances would justify such waivers?

CQ (Elvina Nawaguna) – Hurricanes and climate change strategy. (9/11)

I'm working on a story about whether Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Jose can change the conversation about climate change especially among GOP lawmakers who have rejected climate science. Would like to talk with/ get a response from Administrator Pruitt's office on what role climate change may have played in the unusually huge storms and whether the EPA is considering taking stronger action to mitigate climate change. Scientists have said while climate change did not directly cause the storms, it certainly made the flooding worse and project more extreme weather events What strategy does the EPA have going forward?

E&E News (Niina Heikkinen) - Emergency response, Administrator Pruitt, and funding. (9/7)
I'm writing something for tomorrow about what Administrator Pruitt and the agency is doing ahead of Irma. Does EPA have the funding it needs to do two (and potentially three) back to back emergency responses? Will Pruitt be making any TV appearances in the coming days to talk about the storm response?
I'm also interested in what sort of work is happening in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, which haven't gotten as much media attention. Does Administrator Pruitt plan to visit Florida?

E&E News (Niina Heikkinen) – Emergency preparedness and climate change. (9/14)
I'm working on an article for tomorrow about how climate change is being incorporated in emergency response and preparedness efforts.
First, are your staff still using resources such as the National Climate Assessment in planning for future storms like Harvey and Irma?
Are emergency management staff examining different scenarios including sea level rise, precipitation rates, or wildfire frequency that could impact facilities under EPA's jurisdiction?
If you are able to connect me with anyone working in emergency management this afternoon, I'd very much appreciate it.

WIRED (Eric Niiler) – Hurricane debris disposal. (9/14)
I'm a Washington-based contributing writer for WIRED and am putting together a story for Friday (tomorrow) on debris removal after Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. I'd like to either connect with someone by phone, or have a few questions answered in writing:
-Have state environmental officials in Texas or Florida asked for waivers for EPA disposal rules that would allow mixed solid/hazardous waste into construction and demolition landfills? -If so, has the EPA granted any waivers yet?
-Has the Office of Land and Emergency Management (OLEM) addressed concerns raised by a 2016 Office of Inspector General's report on disaster debris:
https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-06/documents/20160629-16-p-0219.pdf
, specifically have they collected information from state agencies about planning for disposal after storms?
-Does OLEM have post-disaster debris disposal plans from state officials for the relevant regions of Texas and Florida?
-Has EPA and OLEM incorporated the effects of climate change into post-disaster debris planning as noted by the OIG report (pp. 3-4) and the 2014 EPA Climate Change Adaptation Plan?
-Anything else that EPA would like to add about its role in debris disposal in Texas and Florida?

2U (John Rehm) – Access to clean drinking water in Texas and Florida. (9/14)

I was wondering if you had any data or information on how many people are without access to clean drinking water in both Texas and Florida.

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AP (Michael Biesecker) – Drinking water access. (9/26)
AP is reporting on the ground in PR about the crisis with access to drinking water. Are there any EPA folks on the ground there yet they could talk to? If not, is there an ETA for when they will arrive?

E&E News (Niina Heikkinen) – Interview with emergency response staff. (9/25)
Is there any chance I'd be able to talk to some emergency response staff on the ground in Puerto Rico (or any who have recently returned)? I'm working on writing something about EPA's response to Hurricane Maria and would very much like a more personal perspective of what's going on there. If possible, I'd like to speak with someone today.

Inside Climate News (Philip McKenna) – Update on Superfund and oil site assessments in PR/USVI. (10/2) (DDL: ASAP)
Dear EPA press office,
I just wanted to follow up with you to see if there is an update on EPA assessments of Superfund sites and oil sites in Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands following hurricane Maria.
Last I spoke with you Elias Rodriguez on Thursday he told me 3 sites in Puerto Rico had been assessed and found to be OK and he said he thought there would be a new update this past Saturday.
Could you please let me know what the latest update is on EPA assessments of Superfund sites and oil sites on Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands as soon as possible?

Inside EPA (Anthony Lacey) – Interview with Pete Lopez. (9/28)
Hello -- would it be possible to organize a quick telephone interview with Region 2 Administrator Pete Lopez to talk about his priorities for the agency? Happy to figure out a pre-approved question list beforehand and stick to that.

New York Public Radio (Daniel Lewis) – Role in recovery and areas of particular concern in Puerto Rico. (10/2) (DDL: 10/2)
I spoke with the incoming Region 2 Administrator earlier and have some follow-up questions regarding the EPA's response in Puerto Rico right now:
Does the agency have anyone currently on the ground, and if so, how many? What role is the agency currently playing in Puerto Rico's recovery right now? Are there any specific areas of the island that are of particular concern regarding issues from sewage, chemical plants, etc., and is there anything that the agency is currently doing to try and tackle that?
Thanks for the help. My deadline is 4pm today, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Washington Examiner (John Siciliano) – Response in Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands. (9/25)
Can you explain the pause in Puerto Rico and V. Islands? Is it because its too hazardous?

The Verge (Rachel Becker) – Puerto Rico drinking water and Superfund sites. (10/12)
Hello, I saw the EPA's release from yesterday that people are trying to drink water from superfund sites in Puerto Rico. (https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-hurricane-maria-update-wednesday-october-11th)

How many people have attempted this, and how did the EPA hear of it? Has anyone succeeded in obtaining water from these wells? Which superfund sites — is the water contaminated there, and if so, with what?

Besides requesting that people do not drink from superfund sites, what else is the EPA doing to prevent it and ensure that people in Puerto Rico have access to clean water?

Vox (Umair Irfan) – Agency role in recovery effort and reconstruction. (9/28) (DDL: 9/28)
Hi,

I am a reporter at Vox and I am looking into relief efforts in Puerto Rico. I wanted to see if someone at EPA could comment on the environmental concerns in Puerto Rico after the hurricane, particularly with respect to energy infrastructure.

I wanted to see if someone at EPA could comment on the agency's role in the recovery effort, some of the environmental concerns in the reconstruction and what EPA can do to help Puerto Rico prepare for the next disaster.

Also, I saw that Pete Lopez was appointed to lead Region 2, so I was hoping I could speak with him about his take on the role and his strategy for Puerto Rico's recovery.

I anticipate filing by 5 p.m. EST today.

Message

From: Lynn, Tricia [lynn.tricia@epa.gov]
Sent: 10/12/2017 3:51:04 PM
To: Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]; Sparacino, Jessica [sparacino.jessica@epa.gov]
CC: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]; Sorokin, Nicholas [sorokin.nicholas@epa.gov]; StClair, Christie [StClair.Christie@epa.gov]; Valentine, Julia [Valentine.Julia@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: For Review: Open Inquiries for Review -- 10/12/17 -- MORNING

Same here. Thanks!

From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2017 11:50 AM
To: Sparacino, Jessica <sparacino.jessica@epa.gov>
Cc: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Sorokin, Nicholas <sorokin.nicholas@epa.gov>; StClair, Christie <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>; Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: For Review: Open Inquiries for Review -- 10/12/17 -- MORNING

Accurate.

On Oct 12, 2017, at 11:49 AM, Sparacino, Jessica <sparacino.jessica@epa.gov> wrote:

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- San Antonio Express-News (Rye Druzin) – Valero plant and RINs. (9/14)
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- Vice (Alex Lubben) – U.S. Oil Recovery. (9/19)

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- 2U (John Rehm) – Access to clean drinking water in Texas and Florida. (9/14)
- Al Jazeera (Elizabeth Gorman Shaw) – Interview: Hurricane cleanup and recovery. (9/21)
- Associated Press (Matthew Brown) – Non-Superfund chemical/petrochemical storage sites. (9/8)
- Associated Press (Michael Biesecker) – Vulnerability of Florida Superfund sites. Seeking copy of assessment. (9/9)
- Associated Press (John Flesher) – CWA storm water discharge permits. (9/13)
- CQ (Elvina Nawaguna) – Hurricanes and climate change strategy. (9/11)
- E&E News (Niina Heikkinen) - Emergency response, Administrator Pruitt, and funding. (9/7)
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AP, DEADLINE: 10/13 (Matt Brown), Re: TSCA. ***Robert Daguillard.***

Background:

The reporter, who is based in Montana, has been working on a series of stories about asbestos exposure at the Libby Superfund cleanup site in his state. Health professionals say asbestos exposure there has killed hundreds of people in recent decades. Officials expect the cleanup by EPA, which began in 1999, will be complete by next summer. This inquiry focuses on asbestos evaluation and regulation under TSCA - Matthew Brown – AP – mbrown@ap.com

Response:

1. Does the determination on legacy uses apply across all 10 chemicals?

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

2. Where is the line on "distribution in commerce"? If it was a previously distributed product (for which production is continuing) is that considered legacy?

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Inquiry:
Hi Enesta-

I'm hoping to follow up on some assistance that you provided last month on a TSCA story we've been working on.

Specifically, I was asking about "legacy" uses of the chemicals being evaluated by the agency. The agency's scoping material has made clear that legacy uses won't be considered but I want to be sure I'm not misinterpreting that. A couple specifics:
-does the determination on legacy uses apply across all 10 chemicals?
-where is the line on "distribution in commerce"? If it was a previously distributed product (for which production is continuing) is that considered legacy?

Please give me a call or let me know if any of that needs clarification.

We're looking to move our story next week so an answer at earliest chance would be most appreciated. Also, we're pursuing a companion video piece for this. Is anyone from the EPA available for a short, on-camera interview on the topic? We would come to you, of course, and could be flexible on timing as needed.

The Scientist, DEADLINE: 10/11 (Abby Olena), Re: Genetically engineered mosquitoes. ***Robert Daguillard.***

BACKGROUND

The reporter's inquiry follows the transfer of responsibility for genetically engineered OXITEC mosquitoes from FDA to EPA. The move, announced last week, follows the new classification of OXITEC mosquitoes as a pesticide. Abby Olena – The Scientist – Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

RESPONSE

1. **Does the EPA have a plan in place for regulating the use of the genetically engineered (Oxitec) mosquitoes?**

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Background:

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2. **Is there still an approval process that needs to take place since the FDA handed oversight over to EPA?**

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3. **If so, what is the timeline and basic structure of that sort of process?**

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Background:

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

4. **Will the EPA be looking to other countries in which the Oxitec mosquitoes have already been used for guidance in evaluating the mosquitoes' approval?**

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

5. **Are there other examples of the release of living insects or other kinds of animals that EPA has overseen?**

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Inquiry:

Hello EPA Press team,

I spoke with Robert Daguillard yesterday afternoon about a story I'm writing for The Scientist about the oversight of Oxitec mosquitoes shifting to the EPA. I hadn't heard from him, and I think he mentioned he was out today, so I wanted to try this avenue as well.

I've included some questions below my signature. If someone can help me find answers, that would be great. My story will be a short one (500 or words) headed for the Daily News section. Deadline is Monday at 5 pm ET.

Health.com, DEADLINE 10/11 (Maria Masters) Re: Indoor Mold Follow-Up. Tricia Lynn.

Reporter is asking for a name for attribution. Laureen Burton, Staff Chemist/Toxicologist provided the information, and OAR is suggesting her. Does that work or do you have some other preference?

Politico, DEADLINE: 10/11 (Derek Robertson), Re: Women in law enforcement. ***Enesta Jones***

Background:
POLITICO reporter is asking for the number of senior level women in law enforcement at the agency. OARM did a data pull. Derek Robertson, drobertson@politico.com

Suggested Response:
Please see the chart below.

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Inquiry:

Hi, my name is Derek Robertson and I'm a reporter with POLITICO – we're working on a story about women in law enforcement and I was hoping to learn what percentage of full-time sworn officers in the EPA's employ are women. My deadline for this is mid-October. You can reach me at any time here at this e-mail address or at Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) with any questions, thanks so much, and have a great day.

Hi, thanks so much. If it's at all possible, it would also be immensely helpful to know what percentage of women in EPA's law enforcement are GS-15 or Senior Executive Service level – we're trying to include a component in the story about women in leadership roles. Thanks again, and have a great afternoon.

New Yorker, DEADLINE: Early October (Margaret Talbot), Re: Ann Arbor lab. ***Robert Daguillard.***

Background:
The reporter would like to visit the Ann Arbor emissions lab during the week of October 9 as part of a larger piece on rulemaking, reconsiderations and repeals at the agency – OAR is usually open to such visits. Margaret Talbot – the New Yorker – Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Response:
Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Inquiry:
Dear Mr. Daguillard,
I do mean the NVFEL in Ann Arbor--sorry for the dropped F!
The piece is a larger piece on some of the proposed rules reconsiderations at EPA under the new administrator, and one of the areas I'm likely focusing on is the re-opening of the mid-term evaluation on clean car standards.

I'm interested in the lab's role in research and testing on emissions in cases like the VW cover-up, and frankly--I'm sure you will understand this from a journalistic point of view--looking to get out of Washington and see some of the important work done at the EPA's labs that readers can more easily visualize.

P.S. If it works out, I was hoping to be able to go there the week of October 9th.

The Nation, DEADLINE: 8/18 (Rene Ebersole), Re: Glyphosate review. ***Robert Daguillard.***

Background:

The response consists of: The pesticide program's desk statement on glyphosate; and its standard answer on the allegations surrounding Mr. Rowland. Rene Ebersole – the Nation – Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Proposed Response:

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Inquiry:
I'm in the midst of an article having to do with Roundup and glyphosate and I have a few quick questions for someone there. If you can reply today I'd be very grateful!

1. What's the status of the draft glyphosate human health and ecological risk assessments for public comment? Are those still scheduled to be released in 2017? (Or have I missed them?)

2. Was there an outcome of the Scientific Advisory Panel on glyphosate? I see the minutes online, but it's not clear to me if anything ever came of that?

3. Was that panel a public hearing? Or was it open only to invited scientists?

4. I know this is a touchy question, but can you provide any comment on the charges that EPA officials, and specifically Jess Rowland, were "colluding" with Monsanto to promote glyphosate as non-carcinogenic?

Thanks for your time and attention.

Wired, DEADLINE: Flexible (Phuc Pham), Re: Pre-EPA environmental regulations. ***Robert Daguillard.***

Background:
The reporter is looking for information on pre-EPA pesticide regulations as part of a piece of Monsanto's history, stretching back to the early 20th century. OGC suggested directing him to a historian, but the Office of Pesticide Programs is able to offer some information. Phuc Pham – Wired – phuc_pham@wired.com

Response:

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Inquiry:

Hi Kelly & Bill:

My name is Phuc and I'm a researcher for WIRED. I just called you both and left a voicemail with Kelly. I'm fact-checking a story involving Monsanto and had a few questions about what environmental regulations were like in 1926, before the EPA was founded.

- At what level were they handled? Municipal? State? County?
- I'm finding that Monsanto incorporated a small village, naming it Monsanto (later to be called Sauget), in order to environmental regulations. Was this a thing that commonly happened back then?

HURRICANE REQUESTS

HURRICANE HARVEY

ABC News-Washington (Stephanie Ebbs) – Update on Valero benzene leak. (9/14)
Was there any new information about the Valero benzene leak out today? I'm seeing references to new information from EPA but I didn't see a release or anything

AFP (Delphine Touitou) – Confirmation on letter and inquiry into Arkema plant. (9/12)
My collegue Douglas Gillison contacted you a couple of hours ago to try to confirm the information published in some US media saying the Environmental Protection Agency has opened an inquiry into whether the Arkema chemical plant in Crosby, Texas followed federal safety rules to protect against hazards, following explosions at the facility that resulted from Hurricane Harvey flooding.
Could you confirm this information please?
The medias also mentionned a letter sent to Arkema on September 7th urging Arkema to reply in 10 days. Could you also confirm this point please? It is very urgent.

AP (Frank Bajak) – Environmental testing at Houston spill sites. (9/22)

I'm interested in getting a rundown on where EPA is collecting air, water and soil samples related to actual or suspected Harvey-related petrochemical spills and releases in 1) the Houston metropolitan area 2) other parts of Texas.

I'd appreciate if someone could talk me through this. I know there is Arkema, the Valero refinery and Superfund sites and would like to know the nature and extent of sampling. I'm curious also about various spills reported to the Coast Guard's NRC.

Argus Media (Chris Knight) - Clarification re: emergency fuel waivers. (9/7)
I'm just trying to understand the difference here. Is the main thing that EPA extended the deadlines of the RFG through September 26?

Argus (Chris Knight) – Waiver data. (9/21) (DDL: 9/21)

EPA press, I'm doing a story about the expiration in the coming week or so of fuel waivers and other waivers from EPA, Homeland Security, highway operating hours, etc., along with the benefits the waivers provided to areas hit by Irma/Harvey/Maria.

Questions:

- Does EPA plan to extend further any of its fuel waivers or enforcement discretion notices?

- Has EPA collected data/information it can share on use of its waivers? I'm trying to sum up what benefits the waivers have provided to those hit by the storms but haven't seen any type of government data on this (E.g., retailers were able to sell XX million barrels that were otherwise unavailable)

Deadline is 3:30 p.m. today.

Bloomberg (Meenal Vamburkar) – Valero leak. (9/15)
I'm following up on the Valero benzene/chemical leak after the hurricane. It's been reported that the leak was bigger than originally estimated and that Valero will be putting out a revised report. Is there a time-frame in which we can expect the revised numbers from the company -- or any other EPA update on the investigation?

BNA (Sylvia Carignan) – Post-hurricane Superfund site summaries. (9/15)
A question about this line from the press release:
"Post-hurricane Superfund site summaries based on preliminary data results are being released."
Where are these summaries available?

BNA (Sam Pearson) – Administrator Pruitt's remarks on Arkema. (9/12)
Do you have a copy of the Section 114 letter sent to Arkema?
If the letter is being shared with the Washington Examiner, does that mean that EPA will release the letter? Not understanding the rationale for only releasing it selectively.
Also, can anyone explain Administrator Pruitt's comment that " "The concern about some of those risk management plans is the data in those RMPs are actually intelligence or information our adversaries — terrorists — can use to attack soft targets across this country. So we [have to] make sure those RMPs are done the right way to assure we are not equipping our adversaries."

Under existing RMP regulations, Arkema already disclosed it kept as much as 66,260 pounds of sulfur dioxide and 86,000 pounds of 2-Methylpropene on site.

From my reading of the final rule that Administrator Pruitt delayed, the main additional requirements would have been:

- required companies to tell the public, if asked, that the information is available, and the companies would track who requested the information.
- Companies would be required to share the names of regulated substances used in a process at the plant
- The substances' safety data sheets
- the plant's five-year accident history (this is already listed on existing RMPs, they just have to be obtained from EPA rather than the plant)
- a list of scheduled emergency response exercises the plant has conducted (not the content of the exercises or what vulnerabilities they were concerned about or specific things of that nature)
- contact information for the Local Emergency Planning Committee responsible for the plant (again this information could already be obtained through basic research but in theory would be faster this way)

How does any of this = detailed information about all chemicals that are there? How specifically would a terrorist exploit this process to obtain "intelligence" to "attack soft targets across this country"?

BNA (Adam Allington) - Retail facility cleanup and RCRA guidelines. (9/7)
Adam Allington from Bloomberg BNA here.
I'm working on a story about cleanup of retail facilities after Hurricane Harvey. Places that sell products which fall under the guidance of hazardous waste, when thrown away...paints, aerosol cans, perfumes, medicine, etc.

I was wondering if EPA has issued any for temporary relaxation of RCRA guidelines as a response to disaster declarations? If you could let me know on this one particular point I would be very grateful

CQ (Jackie Toth) – Seeking copy of RMP letter from Administrator Pruitt to Arkema plant and 9/7 request for information. (9/12)
Can I get a copy of the letter Admin. Pruitt sent to Arkema with concerns over whether it had followed its Risk Management Plan and the Sept. 7 request for information to the company?

E&E News (Corbin Hiar) – Seeking copy of 9/7 letter to Arkema. (9/12)
Can EPA please provide a copy of the Sept. 7 letter to Arkema asking for information related to its Crosby, Texas, plant explosion? I plan to file a story about this by 11 a.m. this morning.

E&E News (Corbin Hiar) – Flooding, Superfund sites, and climate change. (9/14) (DDL: 9/18)
I'm planning to file a story on Friday about Superfund sites and climate change, so I want to give EPA the opportunity to weigh in on it.
The story notes that the flooding and potential contaminant leaks at the San Jacinto Waste Pits site closely to matches a scenario described in the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response's Climate Change Adaptation Implementation Plan. While that report is still listed on EPA's Superfund Climate Change Adaptation page, the link to it leads to a page that is being updated to reflect EPA's new priorities.
To what extent, if at all, does EPA think the flooding that occurred at Superfund sites in the wake of Hurricane Harvey is related to climate change? How much, if at all, would the OSWER climate adaptation plan have helped the agency better prepare for Harvey's impacts? How much, if at all, would regulators, responsible parties and affected communities benefit from having access to the OSWER climate plan?
Also, were any Superfund sites in Florida damaged by Hurricane Irma? If so, which ones and to what extent were they damaged?
Please let me know if you have any questions about the story. And thanks for any feedback you can provide by EOD tomorrow.

E&E News (Corbin Hiar) – Rep. Green letter on exposure risk from Superfund spill. (9/27) (DDL: 9/27)
I plan to write about this for tomorrow morning's Daily. Please let me know by EOD if EPA wants to weigh in.
[Attached: Rep Green Letter Requests for Answers from EPA Secretary Pruitt on Exposure Risk from Harvey Superfund Spill.]

Fox News (Maggie Kerkman) – Amount of debris. (9/26)
Would you happen to have anyone in the Dallas area who could talk about just the enormous amount of debris that needs to be removed in the wake of Harvey? We're trying to do a follow up story on the storm and looking for an expert who could give us a sense of how vast this job is.

Houston Chronicle (Matt Dempsey) – Arkema release from Friday. (9/18)

I still have a number of questions. Would prefer an interview but if that's not possible... here's the questions:

Why only one day of water samples?

Was any soil testing done?

Was any air testing done for phenol?

Did the EPA do air modeling and if so for what chemicals and what were the results?

When ASPECT was used, what time of day was the craft run? Why test for only the half mile around the plant?

Was any air monitoring done outside of the half mile around the plant? What about outside the evacuation zone?

Can I get any email communications between the EPA and Arkema from Aug. 25 through Sept. 5?

Houston Public Media (Travis Bubenik) – Arkema response to EPA letter. (9/19)
Morning, has Arkema responded to this information request yet? (Not sure if the 10 days requirement counts weekends or just business days...)

Moody's Investor Service (Roy Ousley) – Seeking names of affected water systems. (9/12)
I read the statement regarding status of water systems in the area affected by Harvey, and wanted to know if it was possible for you to provide me with the names of the water systems that have been affected. Particularly the 50 drinking systems that are shut down.

San Antonio Express-News (Rye Druzin) – Valero plant and RINs. (9/14)
Joe Gorder, the CEO of Valero Energy Corp., the largest U.S. refiner, said that the $800 million to $1 billion that Valero is paying for RINs costs do not go to the government, but rather brokers (the people who buy fuel from Valero, blend it and get the RINs credit) who resell the RINs to Valero.
This is a direct quote from Mr. Gorder, from a talk today:
"We sell it at the refinery, it goes through a pipe, it gets out here. Ethanol gets blended into it. That person that blends it captures the credit, which identifies that the ethanol has been blended. He doesn't need it, he doesn't have an obligation. I'm back here, I've produced the fuel, I do need the credit, he hangs onto them until I cry uncle and then he sells them to me at an inflated price and I get them to the government to show compliance. That is $800 million to $1 billion that's not being paid to the government; it's being paid to individual companies out there that are capturing these credits, brokers who are between us and you. What this means is you're paying 8 to 10 cents a gallon more than you need to for your fuel because of this policy."
I would like to know if Mr. Gorder's characterizations are correct, and I need a response ASAP, no later than 6 p.m. Central Time (7 p.m. ET).
I would prefer an emailed response because it will be easier to put into the story. Thank you.

Univision 45 Houston (Jessica Rivera) – Benzene and Valero plant. (9/14)
Univision 45 in Houston, Texas is requesting information on a Houston Chronicle report that Valero Energy "significantly underestimated" the amount of cancer-causing benzene and other volatile compounds leaked from its Houston refinery during Hurricane Harvey's torrential rains, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said Thursday.
Do you have any information?
Or, could you provide us with the EPA media contact for Texas?
I searched on the website for the Texas contact and the information would not pop up when I scrolled over the media map.

Vice (Alex Lubben) – U.S. Oil Recovery. (9/19)
Hi Jahan,

Has the EPA conducted any sort of clean up operation post-Harvey at the U.S. Oil Recovery Superfund site since the Harvey floodwaters receded?

HURRICANE IRMA

Al Jazeera (Elizabeth Gorman Shaw) – Hurricane cleanup and recovery.
I'm a journalist for "Fault Lines" at Al Jazeera English. I'm interested in making an interview request for a story I'm working on about Hurricane cleanup and recovery.

Associated Press (Matthew Brown) – Non-Superfund chemical/petrochemical storage sites. (9/8)
Greetings-
As part of the EPA's preparations for Irma, can you please tell me if the agency is also trying to assess safety of chemical/petrochemical storage sites that are NOT on the Superfund list?
I'm also following up on earlier questions (repeated below) regarding Harvey-related spills from petrochemical storage tanks.
HARVEY QUESTIONS:
-has EPA received any results of water sampling focused on industrial facilities and hazardous waste sites?
-has EPA been able to make any determinations as to the public health risk of any spills into floodwaters/onto land from crude oil, chemical releases, etc.?
-are there federal regulations governing what kind of flooding defenses/precautions are required of oil and other fuel storage tanks?
-Can you please tell me if the EPA is conducting any investigations into whether storage tanks (either at refineries/plants or oil production facilities) were properly secured for the storm?
-can you please provide details on all reports received by the EPA on chemical/oil/hazliquid/produced water spills as a result of Harvey, including source, volumes, cause, responsible party, etc? (realize this is a broad one so all guidance appreciated)
-broadly (and excepting the Crosby plant) has the EPA been able to assess whether the petrochemical/chemical industries were well prepared for the storm (perhaps compared to past events such as Katrina)?

Associated Press (Michael Biesecker) – Vulnerability of Florida Superfund sites. Seeking copy of assessment. (9/9)
My understanding is that EPA Region 4 has prepared a vulnerability assessment of Florida Superfund sites potentially at risk from Irma that lists Homestead Air Force base, Airco Plating and Cabot Copper as being potentially vulnerable to flooding.
Could you please provide a copy of the assessment? Also, we would be interesting in reporting details of what preparations and monitoring is taking place at those sites as storm progresses.
Would you have time to talk to me or my colleague Jason, copied on this email, later today?

Associated Press (John Flesher) – CWA stormwater discharge permits. (9/13)
I'm putting together a story for AP today on sewage overflows in Florida resulting from Hurricane Irma and have a few questions about EPA's announcement regarding Clean Water Act stormwater discharge permits:
-Does this mean that permit holders will be allowed to discharge untreated or partially treated sewage into waters in ways that ordinarily are impermissible under the Clean Water Act?
-If so, for how long will this waiver be in place?
-What other kinds of exceptions to normal permit requirements would these "upset" or "bypass provisions allow?

-How often are such waivers granted? Is it done routinely during hurricanes, or is does this represent a new policy for EPA? Aside from hurricanes, under what other circumstances would justify such waivers?

CQ (Elvina Nawaguna) – Hurricanes and climate change strategy. (9/11)

I'm working on a story about whether Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Jose can change the conversation about climate change especially among GOP lawmakers who have rejected climate science. Would like to talk with/ get a response from Administrator Pruitt's office on what role climate change may have played in the unusually huge storms and whether the EPA is considering taking stronger action to mitigate climate change. Scientists have said while climate change did not directly cause the storms, it certainly made the flooding worse and project more extreme weather events What strategy does the EPA have going forward?

E&E News (Niina Heikkinen) - Emergency response, Administrator Pruitt, and funding. (9/7)
I'm writing something for tomorrow about what Administrator Pruitt and the agency is doing ahead of Irma. Does EPA have the funding it needs to do two (and potentially three) back to back emergency responses? Will Pruitt be making any TV appearances in the coming days to talk about the storm response?
I'm also interested in what sort of work is happening in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, which haven't gotten as much media attention. Does Administrator Pruitt plan to visit Florida?

E&E News (Niina Heikkinen) – Emergency preparedness and climate change. (9/14)
I'm working on an article for tomorrow about how climate change is being incorporated in emergency response and preparedness efforts.
First, are your staff still using resources such as the National Climate Assessment in planning for future storms like Harvey and Irma?
Are emergency management staff examining different scenarios including sea level rise, precipitation rates, or wildfire frequency that could impact facilities under EPA's jurisdiction?
If you are able to connect me with anyone working in emergency management this afternoon, I'd very much appreciate it.

WIRED (Eric Niiler) – Hurricane debris disposal. (9/14)
I'm a Washington-based contributing writer for WIRED and am putting together a story for Friday (tomorrow) on debris removal after Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. I'd like to either connect with someone by phone, or have a few questions answered in writing:
-Have state environmental officials in Texas or Florida asked for waivers for EPA disposal rules that would allow mixed solid/hazardous waste into construction and demolition landfills? -If so, has the EPA granted any waivers yet?
-Has the Office of Land and Emergency Management (OLEM) addressed concerns raised by a 2016 Office of Inspector General's report on disaster debris:
https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-06/documents/20160629-16-p-0219.pdf
, specifically have they collected information from state agencies about planning for disposal after storms?
-Does OLEM have post-disaster debris disposal plans from state officials for the relevant regions of Texas and Florida?
-Has EPA and OLEM incorporated the effects of climate change into post-disaster debris planning as noted by the OIG report (pp. 3-4) and the 2014 EPA Climate Change Adaptation Plan?
-Anything else that EPA would like to add about its role in debris disposal in Texas and Florida?

2U (John Rehm) – Access to clean drinking water in Texas and Florida. (9/14)

I was wondering if you had any data or information on how many people are without access to clean drinking water in both Texas and Florida.

HURRICANE MARIA

AP (Michael Biesecker) – Drinking water access. (9/26)
AP is reporting on the ground in PR about the crisis with access to drinking water. Are there any EPA folks on the ground there yet they could talk to? If not, is there an ETA for when they will arrive?

E&E News (Niina Heikkinen) – Interview with emergency response staff. (9/25)
Is there any chance I'd be able to talk to some emergency response staff on the ground in Puerto Rico (or any who have recently returned)? I'm working on writing something about EPA's response to Hurricane Maria and would very much like a more personal perspective of what's going on there. If possible, I'd like to speak with someone today.

Inside Climate News (Philip McKenna) – Update on Superfund and oil site assessments in PR/USVI. (10/2) (DDL: ASAP)
Dear EPA press office,
I just wanted to follow up with you to see if there is an update on EPA assessments of Superfund sites and oil sites in Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands following hurricane Maria.
Last I spoke with you Elias Rodriguez on Thursday he told me 3 sites in Puerto Rico had been assessed and found to be OK and he said he thought there would be a new update this past Saturday.
Could you please let me know what the latest update is on EPA assessments of Superfund sites and oil sites on Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands as soon as possible?

Inside EPA (Anthony Lacey) – Interview with Pete Lopez. (9/28)
Hello -- would it be possible to organize a quick telephone interview with Region 2 Administrator Pete Lopez to talk about his priorities for the agency? Happy to figure out a pre-approved question list beforehand and stick to that.

New York Public Radio (Daniel Lewis) – Role in recovery and areas of particular concern in Puerto Rico. (10/2) (DDL: 10/2)
I spoke with the incoming Region 2 Administrator earlier and have some follow-up questions regarding the EPA's response in Puerto Rico right now:
Does the agency have anyone currently on the ground, and if so, how many? What role is the agency currently playing in Puerto Rico's recovery right now? Are there any specific areas of the island that are of particular concern regarding issues from sewage, chemical plants, etc., and is there anything that the agency is currently doing to try and tackle that?
Thanks for the help. My deadline is 4pm today, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Washington Examiner (John Siciliano) – Response in Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands. (9/25)
Can you explain the pause in Puerto Rico and V. Islands? Is it because its too hazardous?

The Verge (Rachel Becker) – Puerto Rico drinking water and Superfund sites. (10/12)
Hello, I saw the EPA's release from yesterday that people are trying to drink water from superfund sites in Puerto Rico. (https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-hurricane-maria-update-wednesday-october-11th)

How many people have attempted this, and how did the EPA hear of it? Has anyone succeeded in obtaining water from these wells? Which superfund sites — is the water contaminated there, and if so, with what?

Besides requesting that people do not drink from superfund sites, what else is the EPA doing to prevent it and ensure that people in Puerto Rico have access to clean water?

Vox (Umair Irfan) – Agency role in recovery effort and reconstruction. (9/28) (DDL: 9/28)
Hi,

I am a reporter at Vox and I am looking into relief efforts in Puerto Rico. I wanted to see if someone at EPA could comment on the environmental concerns in Puerto Rico after the hurricane, particularly with respect to energy infrastructure.

I wanted to see if someone at EPA could comment on the agency's role in the recovery effort, some of the environmental concerns in the reconstruction and what EPA can do to help Puerto Rico prepare for the next disaster.

Also, I saw that Pete Lopez was appointed to lead Region 2, so I was hoping I could speak with him about his take on the role and his strategy for Puerto Rico's recovery.

I anticipate filing by 5 p.m. EST today.

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Pesticides

Freelance Reporter (Kristin Wartman) [Received 11/7] – OPEN – Does EPA test chemicals on its own, or does it rely solely on studies from manufacturers – question in program – DDL 11/17

Le Monde (Nathan Herzberg); Newsweek (Sydney Pereira); [Received 11/9] - OPEN – Questions on Mosquito Mate genetically-engeineered mosquitoes – questions in program – DDL ASAP

Research and Development

Environmental Health Perspectives (Wendee Nicole) [Received 11/9] – Second follow-up in.

Toxic Chemicals

Family Safety & Health (Susan Vargas) [Received 11/13] – OPEN – General questions on Safer Choice program and cleaning product safety – responses ready, but discussing with program to what SME to attribute answers – DDL 11/17

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Fyi .. close hold – for Tuesday, october 2

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EPA Launches Smart Sectors Program

A Program to Engage American Businesses to Achieve Better Environmental Outcomes

WASHINGTON – Today, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt announced the launch of Smart Sectors, a partnership program between the Agency and regulated sectors focused on achieving better environmental outcomes. A sector-based, collaborative approach provides a significant opportunity for EPA to consider more forward-thinking ways to improve the environment.

"**When we consider American business as a partner as opposed to an adversary, we can achieve better environmental outcomes**," said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. "**The Smart Sectors program is designed to effectively engage business partners throughout the regulatory process. The previous administration created a narrative that you can't be pro-business and pro-environment. This program is one of the many ways we can address that false choice and work together to change the story. When industries and regulators better understand each other, the economy, public, and the environment all benefit.**"

A sector-based approach can provide benefits such as increased long-term certainty and predictability, creative solutions based on sound data, and more sensible policies to improve environmental protection. Program leads for each sector will serve as ombudsmen within the Agency across program and regional offices, conduct educational site tours, host roundtables with EPA leadership, analyze data and advise about options for environmental improvement, maintain open dialogue with trade association partners and their environmental committees, and develop reports that profile the impact of each sector on the environment and the economy.

Smart Sectors will facilitate better communication and streamline operations internally at EPA. The program is located in the Office of Policy's Immediate Office, which enables the sector leads to work across EPA's land, water, air, and chemical program offices, as well as with environmental justice, enforcement and compliance assistance, and other offices, including EPA regional offices.

View Smart Sectors Federal Register Notice here.

Administrator Pruitt was joined by representatives from across the American economy, including the following sectors: Aerospace, Agriculture, Automotive, Cement and Concrete, Chemical Manufacturing, Construction, Electronics and Technology, Forestry and Wood Products, Iron and Steel, Mining, Oil and Gas, Ports and Marine, and Utilities and Power Generation.

"Manufacturers are committed to protecting the environment and the communities we serve, and we appreciate the efforts of Administrator Pruitt to work with us to jointly address current and future environmental challenges," **said Ross Eisenberg, vice president of energy and resources policy at the National Association of Manufacturers**. "Smarter, modernized regulations are an essential ingredient in supporting manufacturing job growth here in America, so we are

excited that the EPA is ringing in this year's Manufacturing Day—when we focus on building the next generation of modern manufacturing workers—with a new EPA Smart Sectors program. This will hopefully yield better, smarter regulations that achieve their environmental goals while empowering manufacturers to be more competitive and create more well-paying jobs in America."

"Modern agriculture is environmentally sustainable," **said Zippy Duvall, American Farm Bureau Federation president**. "From satellite technology and data management to the use of cover crops, farmers and ranchers continue to adopt innovations that are effective in helping them grow more food with fewer resources. That's good for the environment and good for business. EPA's Smart Sectors Program provides a framework of welcome collaboration that embraces continued innovation aligned with our commitment to continuous improvement."

"The auto industry is living through what may be its most dynamic moment in history," **said Mitch Bainwol, president and CEO of the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers.** "Our technology is transforming the driving experience and mobility models, offering more fuel efficient and safer transportation for all. We are breaking ground on new plants and expanding existing plants to build the most innovative vehicles in the world. And as we innovate and produce, we are a vital – if not the vital - catalyst for the American economy, providing millions of jobs from coast to coast – building, selling and servicing the vehicles that animate our economy. The Smart Sectors program benefits us all by providing an open and transparent dialogue on policy that is predicated on solid facts and meaningful data. Protecting the environment while supporting economic growth – these twin goals are paramount, mutually supportive, and enabled by thoughtful collaboration between government and business."

"America's cement manufacturers have a strong track record of finding creative ways to reduce their environmental footprint while producing the high quality material our economy needs for building everything from homes to highways and hospitals," **said Todd Johnston, Portland Cement Association executive vice president.** "We look forward to working with EPA and the Administration to protect health and the environment while reducing unnecessary regulatory burdens that undermine economic growth."

"ACC appreciates Administrator Pruitt's actions to foster a more productive relationship between our industry and the Agency through the Smart Sectors program, which will help support economic growth in ways that protect our environment," **said Michael Walls, vice president of regulatory and technical affairs for the American Chemistry Council**. "This program is an opportunity to have a more open and constructive dialogue about how the chemistry industry can continue to fuel the economy through innovation while working with EPA to make American businesses, homes and consumer products more efficient, environmentally friendly and sustainable."

"The Smart Sectors Program shows it's a new day at EPA—and that's good news for the environment and the economy," **said Michael D. Bellaman, president and CEO of Associated Builders and Contractors.** "The nation's construction industry welcomes the opportunity to collaborate with regulators to ensure that environmental protection is streamlined and cost effective. That's the way government can help industry be more productive, create more jobs and grow the economy."

"Finding a way to combine a deep knowledge of how to protect the environment with an understanding of how construction firms operate is the most effective way to craft programs and policies that deliver significant environmental protections to commercial construction sites," said Stephen E. Sandherr, the chief executive officer of the Associated General Contractors of America. "The Administrator clearly understands that firms will be able to do more to protect the environment if the regulations they must follow are crafted with an understanding of how employers operate."

"The real estate industry's leaders are committed to sustainable building management and construction practices that tie directly to their business mission," **said Jeffrey D. DeBoer, president and CEO of The Real Estate Roundtable.** "We look forward to participating in EPA's Smart Sectors Program to share our industry's perspectives on how responsible, measurable environmental stewardship can help create jobs, strengthen our economy, spur innovation, and enhance lasting value for our communities."

"The Smart Sectors initiative holds great promise to enable the technology industry to drive environmental protection and economic growth," **said Gary Shapiro, Consumer Technology Association president and CEO.** "Improved dialogue and collaboration between industry and the EPA at the earliest stages will ideally lead to fewer onerous rules that handcuff

innovation and job creation. Working together, we can unleash our nation's tech sector to help improve environmental performance and increase sustainability across multiple industries."

"Forest Resources Association serves the whole supply chain from the woods to the mill," **said Ryan Rhodes, director of public relations and government affairs.** "The forest products supply chain supports 2.4 million jobs and is dedicated to the sustainability of forest land through conservation and best practices. We look forward to working together to promote a smarter regulatory outcome, which promotes both jobs and environmental stewardship."

"We are very pleased that the steel industry can be a part of the Smart Sectors program, and appreciate the work of Administrator Pruitt and his team to partner with industry to develop a more sensible regulatory framework that better protects human health and the environment," **said Thomas J. Gibson, president and CEO of American Iron and Steel Institute.**

"We welcome the opportunity to explain how long-term, capital-intensive operations like ours – which require regulatory predictability – can be carefully aligned with important agency objectives for ensuring health and environmental protection," **said Hal Quinn, president and CEO of the National Mining Association.** "Regulatory policies will be more effective when they are informed by actual conditions in regulated sectors."

"The oil and natural gas industry is a major economic engine supporting 10.3 million jobs, is leading the world in the production and refining of oil and natural gas, and is a world leader in reducing carbon emissions from energy use which today are near 25-year lows," **said Kyle Isakower, American Petroleum Institute vice president for regulatory and economic policy.** "We welcome this new partnership and look forward to working with the agency on this program to ensure that industry is doing all it can to protect the environment and support economic growth."

"We're grateful Administrator Pruitt invited the American Coalition for Ethanol (ACE) to participate in this Smart Sectors program given the timely and critical ethanol issues currently under consideration at EPA," **said Brian Jennings, ACE executive vice president**. "The biofuels industry is essential to growing the rural economy and protecting the environment."

"Seaports are vital economic engines and create American jobs," **said Kurt Nagle, American Association of Port Authorities president and CEO.** "Seaport cargo activity accounts for over a quarter of the U.S. economy, supports the employment of more than 23 million people in the United States, and generates over $320 billion in tax revenue annually. AAPA is excited to partner with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on the Smart Sectors Program. Improved communication between industry and EPA can streamline processes for all parties, achieving better environmental results and clearer goals and outcomes. The U.S. port industry looks forward to being part of an ongoing dialogue with EPA that furthers ports' commitment to their roles as stewards of coastal resources."

"We are thrilled to be part of the EPA's launch of its Smart Sectors program and are proud to represent an industry that's always first in line when it comes to partnering with EPA to improve its processes and benefits," **said John McKnight, senior vice president of government relations for the National Marine Manufacturers Association.** "The recreational boating industry is unique in that while the EPA, the State of California, and many international environmental government agencies place stringent environmental requirements on our products, our customers—the 142 million Americans who went boating last year—also demand and expect clean water and a healthy environment in which to fish, swim, and enjoy watersports. As a treasured American pastime with 95 percent of the boats sold in the U.S., made in the U.S., an estimated 35,000 marine-related businesses, which provide approximately 650,000 jobs, and an estimated $121 billion in economic impact, the recreational boating industry is one of our country's driving economic engines that is eager to continue meaningful collaboration with the EPA."

For more information, visit www.epa.gov/smartsectors

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Colleagues, relevant information follows – outreach from reporter attached.

Thanks in advance, R.

AIR-OTAQ-RFS

Inside EPA, Doug Obey; on RFS – question in program – likely due 11/2 COB.

Pesticides

NY Times, Eric Lipton; use of epidemiological studies in dicamba registration – question in program – reporter would like to interview policy/subject matter expert – Hopes to publish story on Monday 11/6, so very likely due 11/3.

Reuters, Thomas Polansek; Possible health risks (rashes) from Monsanto's NemaStrike; did EPA test product prior to registration – DDL ASAP

Toxic Chemicals

BNA, Sam Pearson/Pat Rizzuto; Personnel transfer from pesticides to Toxic Chemicals program for TSCA evaluation purposes – first sent of answers sent to reporter, follow-up questions in program – DDL 11/3

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Same here.

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Accurate.

On Oct 11, 2017, at 4:00 PM, Sparacino, Jessica <sparacino.jessica@epa.gov> wrote:

Non-Hurricane Responses for Review:

- CNBC, DEADLINE: ASAP (Jeff Daniels), Re: Nuclear detonation. *Christie StClair.*
- VICE News, DEADLINE: 10/12 (Alex Lubben), Re: ECHO updates, reducing lead in drinking water efforts. *Enesta Jones.*
- The Scientist, DEADLINE: 10/11 (Abby Olena), Re: Genetically engineered mosquitoes. *Robert Daguillard.*
- Fox News, DEADLINE: 10/11 (George Russell) Re: Privilege user cards. *Enesta Jones.*
- Health.com, DEADLINE 10/11 (Maria Masters) Re: Indoor Mold Follow-Up. *Tricia Lynn.*
- Politico, DEADLINE: 10/11 (Derek Robertson), Re: Women in law enforcement. *Enesta Jones.*
- New Yorker, DEADLINE: Early October (Margaret Talbot), Re: Ann Arbor lab. *Robert Daguillard.*
- The Nation, DEADLINE: 8/18 (Rene Ebersole), Re: Glyphosate review. *Robert Daguillard.*

Hurricane Harvey:

- ABC News-Washington (Stephanie Ebbs) – Update on Valero benzene leak. (9/14)
- AFP (Delphine Touitou) – Confirmation on letter and inquiry into Arkema plant. (9/12)
- AP (Frank Bajak) – Environmental testing at Houston spill sites. (9/22)
- Argus Media (Chris Knight) - Clarification re: emergency fuel waivers. (9/7)
- Argus (Chris Knight) – Waiver data. (9/21) (DDL: 9/21)
- Bloomberg (Meenal Vamburkar) – Valero leak. (9/15)
- BNA (Sylvia Carignan) – Post-hurricane Superfund site summaries. (9/15)
- BNA (Sam Pearson) – Administrator Pruitt's remarks on Arkema. (9/12)
- BNA (Adam Allington) - Retail facility cleanup and RCRA guidelines. (9/7)
- CQ (Jackie Toth) – Seeking copy of RMP letter from Administrator Pruitt to Arkema plant and 9/7 request for information. (9/12)
- E&E News (Corbin Hiar) – Seeking copy of 9/7 letter to Arkema. (9/12)
- E&E News (Corbin Hiar) – Flooding, Superfund sites, and climate change. (9/14) (DDL: 9/18)
- E&E News (Corbin Hiar) – Rep. Green letter on exposure risk from Superfund spill. (9/27) (DDL: 9/27)
- Fox News (Maggie Kerkman) – Amount of debris.
- Houston Chronicle (Matt Dempsey) – Arkema release from Friday. (9/18)

- Houston Public Media (Travis Bubenik) – Arkema response to EPA letter. (9/19)
- Moody's Investor Service (Roy Ousley) – Seeking names of affected water systems. (9/12)
- San Antonio Express-News (Rye Druzin) – Valero plant and RINs. (9/14)
- Univision 45 Houston (Jessica Rivera) – Benzene and Valero plant. (9/14)
- Vice (Alex Lubben) – U.S. Oil Recovery. (9/19)

Hurricane Irma:

- 2U (John Rehm) – Access to clean drinking water in Texas and Florida. (9/14)
- Al Jazeera (Elizabeth Gorman Shaw) – Interview: Hurricane cleanup and recovery. (9/21)
- Associated Press (Matthew Brown) – Non-Superfund chemical/petrochemical storage sites. (9/8)
- Associated Press (Michael Biesecker) – Vulnerability of Florida Superfund sites. Seeking copy of assessment. (9/9)
- Associated Press (John Flesher) – CWA storm water discharge permits. (9/13)
- CQ (Elvina Nawaguna) – Hurricanes and climate change strategy. (9/11)
- E&E News (Niina Heikkinen) - Emergency response, Administrator Pruitt, and funding. (9/7)
- E&E News (Niina Heikkinen) – Emergency preparedness and climate change. (9/14)
- WIRED (Eric Niiler) – Hurricane debris disposal. (9/14)

Hurricane Maria:

- AP (Michael Biesecker) – Drinking water access. (9/26)
- E&E News (Niina Heikkinen) – Interview with emergency response staff. (9/25)
- Inside Climate News (Philip McKenna) – Update on Superfund and oil site assessments in PR/USVI. (10/2) (DDL: ASAP)
- Inside EPA (Anthony Lacey) – Interview with Pete Lopez. (9/28)
- New York Public Radio (Daniel Lewis) – Role in recovery and areas of particular concern in Puerto Rico. (10/2) (DDL: 10/2)
- Washington Examiner (John Siciliano) – Response in Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands. (9/25)
- Vox (Umair Irfan) – Agency role in recovery effort and reconstruction. (9/28) (DDL: 9/28)

CNBC, DEADLINE: ASAP (Jeff Daniels), Re: Nuclear detonation. ***Christie StClair.***

Background:

CNBC is doing a piece on the threat of N. Korea test-firing an H-bomb over the Pacific. They're asking about Fukushima's impact, as well as the environmental impact of 1950s and 1960s nuclear testing. His deadline is end of today. Reporter: Jeff Daniels, CNBC, jeff.daniels@nbcuni.com

Proposed response:

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Inquiry:

We wanted to know if EPA's Radnet that measures radiation has a report on the U.S. West Coast impacts from the Japanese nuclear plant disaster in 2011.

Also, has the U.S. studied what impact 1950 and 1960s nuclear bomb test explosions had on the waters or air? Our story is tied to the threat of Korea test-firing an H-bomb over the Pacific.

Thank you.

VICE News, DEADLINE: 10/12 (Alex Lubben), Re: ECHO updates, reducing lead in drinking water efforts. ***Enesta Jones.***

Background:
VICE News reporter is asking for recent drinking water stats in ECHO, and our accomplishments for getting lead out of drinking water. Publicly available information. Third quarter results, by the way, should be posted in the next week to ECHO. Internal only for now. Response input from OECA and OW. Alex Lubben, Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Suggested Response:

Can you confirm that those stats have been updated for the 3rd quarter?

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And can you list the EPA's accomplishments on getting lead out of drinking water so far this year? Is there any significant water infrastructure work planned? Is a revision to the Lead and Copper Rule in the works?

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Inquiry:

Hi Liz,

I'm Alex Lubben, a reporter with VICE News. I'm working on a story about the EPA's lead and drinking water programs, and noticed that the ECHO site notes that its drinking water stats are updated quarterly. Can you confirm that those stats have been updated for the 3rd quarter?

And can you list the EPA's accomplishments on getting lead out of drinking water so far this year? Is there any significant water infrastructure work planned? Is a revision to the Lead and Copper Rule in the works?

The Scientist, DEADLINE: 10/11 (Abby Olena), Re: Genetically engineered mosquitoes. ***Robert Daguillard.***

BACKGROUND

The reporter's inquiry follows the transfer of responsibility for genetically engineered OXITEC mosquitoes from FDA to EPA. The move, announced last week, follows the new classification of OXITEC mosquitoes as a pesticide. Abby Olena – The Scientist – Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

RESPONSE

1. **Does the EPA have a plan in place for regulating the use of the genetically engineered (Oxitec) mosquitoes?**

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Background:

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

2. **Is there still an approval process that needs to take place since the FDA handed oversight over to EPA?**

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3. **If so, what is the timeline and basic structure of that sort of process?**

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Background:

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4. **Will the EPA be looking to other countries in which the Oxitec mosquitoes have already been used for guidance in evaluating the mosquitoes' approval?**

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

5. **Are there other examples of the release of living insects or other kinds of animals that EPA has overseen?**

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Inquiry:

Hello EPA Press team,

I spoke with Robert Daguillard yesterday afternoon about a story I'm writing for The Scientist about the oversight of Oxitec mosquitoes shifting to the EPA. I hadn't heard from him, and I think he mentioned he was out today, so I wanted to try this avenue as well.

I've included some questions below my signature. If someone can help me find answers, that would be great. My story will be a short one (500 or words) headed for the Daily News section. Deadline is Monday at 5 pm ET.

Fox News, DEADLINE: 10/11 (George Russell) Re: Privilege user cards. ***Enesta Jones.***

Background:
Fox News reporter who refers to me as Ernesto has returned, asking for a list of personnel without Privilege User Cards (PUCs) who have privilege access to EPA systems. Response input from OEI, with OARM concurrence. George Russell, George.Russell@FOXNEWS.COM

Suggested Response:

The [Personnel Security Branch] PSB provided us with a list of contractor personnel identified as PUC holders from the Office Administrative Services Information System. The PSB could not provide us with a list of personnel without PUCs who have privilege access to EPA systems. Does the EPA now have such a list, and if so, how many people are on it? If the list exists, can you also tell us what percentage now have had the appropriate background checks?

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Inquiry:

Dear Ernesta,

On review of your replies, I realized there was one question I neglected to ask. The management alert says:

The PSB provided us with a list of contractor personnel identified as PUC holders from the Office Administrative Services Information System. The PSB could not provide us with a list of personnel without PUCs who have privilege access to EPA systems.

Does the EPA now have such a list, and if so, how many people are on it? If the list exists, can you also tell us what percentage now have had the appropriate background checks?

Apologies again for failing to ask the first time around. Would it be possible to have the answer by close of business Wednesday?

Health.com, DEADLINE 10/11 (Maria Masters) Re: Indoor Mold Follow-Up. Tricia Lynn.

Reporter is asking for a name for attribution. Laureen Burton, Staff Chemist/Toxicologist provided the information, and OAR is suggesting her. Does that work or do you have some other preference?

Politico, DEADLINE: 10/11 (Derek Robertson), Re: Women in law enforcement. ***Enesta Jones***

Background:
POLITICO reporter is asking for the number of senior level women in law enforcement at the agency. OARM did a data pull. Derek Robertson, drobertson@politico.com

Suggested Response:
Please see the chart below.

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Inquiry:

Hi, my name is Derek Robertson and I'm a reporter with POLITICO – we're working on a story about women in law enforcement and I was hoping to learn what percentage of full-time sworn officers in the EPA's employ are women. My deadline for this is mid-October. You can reach me at any time here at this e-mail address or at Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) with any questions, thanks so much, and have a great day.

Hi, thanks so much. If it's at all possible, it would also be immensely helpful to know what percentage of women in EPA's law enforcement are GS-15 or Senior Executive Service level – we're trying to include a component in the story about women in leadership roles. Thanks again, and have a great afternoon.

New Yorker, DEADLINE: Early October (Margaret Talbot), Re: Ann Arbor lab. ***Robert Daguillard.***

Background:
The reporter would like to visit the Ann Arbor emissions lab during the week of October 9 as part of a larger piece on rulemaking, reconsiderations and repeals at the agency – OAR is usually open to such visits. Margaret Talbot – the New Yorker – Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Response:
Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Inquiry:
Dear Mr. Daguillard,
I do mean the NVFEL in Ann Arbor--sorry for the dropped F!
The piece is a larger piece on some of the proposed rules reconsiderations at EPA under the new administrator, and one of the areas I'm likely focusing on is the re-opening of the mid-term evaluation on clean car standards.
I'm interested in the lab's role in research and testing on emissions in cases like the VW cover-up, and frankly--I'm sure you will understand this from a journalistic point of view--looking to get out of Washington and see some of the important work done at the EPA's labs that readers can more easily visualize.

P.S. If it works out, I was hoping to be able to go there the week of October 9th.

The Nation, DEADLINE: 8/18 (Rene Ebersole), Re: Glyphosate review. ***Robert Daguillard.***

Background:

The response consists of: The pesticide program's desk statement on glyphosate; and its standard answer on the allegations surrounding Mr. Rowland. Rene Ebersole – the Nation – Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Proposed Response:

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Inquiry:

I'm in the midst of an article having to do with Roundup and glyphosate and I have a few quick questions for someone there. If you can reply today I'd be very grateful!

1. What's the status of the draft glyphosate human health and ecological risk assessments for public comment? Are those still scheduled to be released in 2017? (Or have I missed them?)

2. Was there an outcome of the Scientific Advisory Panel on glyphosate? I see the minutes online, but it's not clear to me if anything ever came of that?

3. Was that panel a public hearing? Or was it open only to invited scientists?

4. I know this is a touchy question, but can you provide any comment on the charges that EPA officials, and specifically Jess Rowland, were "colluding" with Monsanto to promote glyphosate as non-carcinogenic?

Thanks for your time and attention.

HURRICANE REQUESTS

HURRICANE HARVEY

ABC News-Washington (Stephanie Ebbs) – Update on Valero benzene leak. (9/14)
Was there any new information about the Valero benzene leak out today? I'm seeing references to new information from EPA but I didn't see a release or anything

AFP (Delphine Touitou) – Confirmation on letter and inquiry into Arkema plant. (9/12)
My collegue Douglas Gillison contacted you a couple of hours ago to try to confirm the information published in some US media saying the Environmental Protection Agency has opened an inquiry into whether the Arkema chemical plant in Crosby, Texas followed federal safety rules to protect against hazards, following explosions at the facility that resulted from Hurricane Harvey flooding.
Could you confirm this information please?
The medias also mentionned a letter sent to Arkema on September 7th urging Arkema to reply in 10 days. Could you also confirm this point please? It is very urgent.

AP (Frank Bajak) – Environmental testing at Houston spill sites. (9/22)

I'm interested in getting a rundown on where EPA is collecting air, water and soil samples related to actual or suspected Harvey-related petrochemical spills and releases in 1) the Houston metropolitan area 2) other parts of Texas.

I'd appreciate if someone could talk me through this. I know there is Arkema, the Valero refinery and Superfund sites and would like to know the nature and extent of sampling. I'm curious also about various spills reported to the Coast Guard's NRC.

Argus Media (Chris Knight) - Clarification re: emergency fuel waivers. (9/7)
I'm just trying to understand the difference here. Is the main thing that EPA extended the deadlines of the RFG through September 26?

Argus (Chris Knight) – Waiver data. (9/21) (DDL: 9/21)

EPA press, I'm doing a story about the expiration in the coming week or so of fuel waivers and other waivers from EPA, Homeland Security, highway operating hours, etc., along with the benefits the waivers provided to areas hit by Irma/Harvey/Maria.

Questions:

- Does EPA plan to extend further any of its fuel waivers or enforcement discretion notices?

- Has EPA collected data/information it can share on use of its waivers? I'm trying to sum up what benefits the waivers have provided to those hit by the storms but haven't seen any type of government data on this (E.g., retailers were able to sell XX million barrels that were otherwise unavailable)

Deadline is 3:30 p.m. today.

Bloomberg (Meenal Vamburkar) – Valero leak. (9/15)
I'm following up on the Valero benzene/chemical leak after the hurricane. It's been reported that the leak was bigger than originally estimated and that Valero will be putting out a revised report. Is there a time-frame in which we can expect the revised numbers from the company -- or any other EPA update on the investigation?

BNA (Sylvia Carignan) – Post-hurricane Superfund site summaries. (9/15)
A question about this line from the press release:
"Post-hurricane Superfund site summaries based on preliminary data results are being released."
Where are these summaries available?

BNA (Sam Pearson) – Administrator Pruitt's remarks on Arkema. (9/12)
Do you have a copy of the Section 114 letter sent to Arkema?
If the letter is being shared with the Washington Examiner, does that mean that EPA will release the letter? Not understanding the rationale for only releasing it selectively.
Also, can anyone explain Administrator Pruitt's comment that " "The concern about some of those risk management plans is the data in those RMPs are actually intelligence or information our adversaries — terrorists — can use to attack soft targets across this country. So we [have to] make sure those RMPs are done the right way to assure we are not equipping our adversaries."

Under existing RMP regulations, Arkema already disclosed it kept as much as 66,260 pounds of sulfur dioxide and 86,000 pounds of 2-Methylpropene on site.

From my reading of the final rule that Administrator Pruitt delayed, the main additional requirements would have been:

- required companies to tell the public, if asked, that the information is available, and the companies would track who requested the information.
- Companies would be required to share the names of regulated substances used in a process at the plant
- The substances' safety data sheets
- the plant's five-year accident history (this is already listed on existing RMPs, they just have to be obtained from EPA rather than the plant)
- a list of scheduled emergency response exercises the plant has conducted (not the content of the exercises or what vulnerabilities they were concerned about or specific things of that nature)
- contact information for the Local Emergency Planning Committee responsible for the plant (again this information could already be obtained through basic research but in theory would be faster this way)

How does any of this = detailed information about all chemicals that are there? How specifically would a terrorist exploit this process to obtain "intelligence" to "attack soft targets across this country"?

BNA (Adam Allington) - Retail facility cleanup and RCRA guidelines. (9/7)
Adam Allington from Bloomberg BNA here.
I'm working on a story about cleanup of retail facilities after Hurricane Harvey. Places that sell products which fall under the guidance of hazardous waste, when thrown away...paints, aerosol cans, perfumes, medicine, etc.
I was wondering if EPA has issued any for temporary relaxation of RCRA guidelines as a response to disaster declarations?
If you could let me know on this one particular point I would be very grateful

CQ (Jackie Toth) – Seeking copy of RMP letter from Administrator Pruitt to Arkema plant and 9/7 request for information. (9/12)
Can I get a copy of the letter Admin. Pruitt sent to Arkema with concerns over whether it had followed its Risk Management Plan and the Sept. 7 request for information to the company?

E&E News (Corbin Hiar) – Seeking copy of 9/7 letter to Arkema. (9/12)
Can EPA please provide a copy of the Sept. 7 letter to Arkema asking for information related to its Crosby, Texas, plant explosion? I plan to file a story about this by 11 a.m. this morning.

E&E News (Corbin Hiar) – Flooding, Superfund sites, and climate change. (9/14) (DDL: 9/18)
I'm planning to file a story on Friday about Superfund sites and climate change, so I want to give EPA the opportunity to weigh in on it.
The story notes that the flooding and potential contaminant leaks at the San Jacinto Waste Pits site closely to matches a scenario described in the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response's Climate Change Adaptation Implementation Plan. While that report is still listed on EPA's Superfund Climate Change Adaptation page, the link to it leads to a page that is being updated to reflect EPA's new priorities.
To what extent, if at all, does EPA think the flooding that occurred at Superfund sites in the wake of Hurricane Harvey is related to climate change? How much, if at all, would the OSWER climate adaptation plan have helped the agency better prepare for Harvey's impacts? How much, if at all, would regulators, responsible parties and affected communities benefit from having access to the OSWER climate plan?
Also, were any Superfund sites in Florida damaged by Hurricane Irma? If so, which ones and to what extent were they damaged?
Please let me know if you have any questions about the story. And thanks for any feedback you can provide by EOD tomorrow.

E&E News (Corbin Hiar) – Rep. Green letter on exposure risk from Superfund spill. (9/27) (DDL: 9/27)
I plan to write about this for tomorrow morning's Daily. Please let me know by EOD if EPA wants to weigh in.
[Attached: Rep Green Letter Requests for Answers from EPA Secretary Pruitt on Exposure Risk from Harvey Superfund Spill.]

Fox News (Maggie Kerkman) – Amount of debris. (9/26)
Would you happen to have anyone in the Dallas area who could talk about just the enormous amount of debris that needs to be removed in the wake of Harvey? We're trying to do a follow up story on the storm and looking for an expert who could give us a sense of how vast this job is.

Houston Chronicle (Matt Dempsey) – Arkema release from Friday. (9/18)

I still have a number of questions. Would prefer an interview but if that's not possible... here's the questions:

Why only one day of water samples?

Was any soil testing done?

Was any air testing done for phenol?

Did the EPA do air modeling and if so for what chemicals and what were the results?

When ASPECT was used, what time of day was the craft run? Why test for only the half mile around the plant?

Was any air monitoring done outside of the half mile around the plant? What about outside the evacuation zone?

Can I get any email communications between the EPA and Arkema from Aug. 25 through Sept. 5?

Houston Public Media (Travis Bubenik) – Arkema response to EPA letter. (9/19)
Morning, has Arkema responded to this information request yet? (Not sure if the 10 days requirement counts weekends or just business days...)

Moody's Investor Service (Roy Ousley) – Seeking names of affected water systems. (9/12)
I read the statement regarding status of water systems in the area affected by Harvey, and wanted to know if it was possible for you to provide me with the names of the water systems that have been affected. Particularly the 50 drinking systems that are shut down.

San Antonio Express-News (Rye Druzin) – Valero plant and RINs. (9/14)
Joe Gorder, the CEO of Valero Energy Corp., the largest U.S. refiner, said that the $800 million to $1 billion that Valero is paying for RINs costs do not go to the government, but rather brokers (the people who buy fuel from Valero, blend it and get the RINs credit) who resell the RINs to Valero.
This is a direct quote from Mr. Gorder, from a talk today:

"We sell it at the refinery, it goes through a pipe, it gets out here. Ethanol gets blended into it. That person that blends it captures the credit, which identifies that the ethanol has been blended. He doesn't need it, he doesn't have an obligation. I'm back here, I've produced the fuel, I do need the credit, he hangs onto them until I cry uncle and then he sells them to me at an inflated price and I get them to the government to show compliance. That is $800 million to $1 billion that's not being paid to the government; it's being paid to individual companies out there that are capturing these credits, brokers who are between us and you. What this means is you're paying 8 to 10 cents a gallon more than you need to for your fuel because of this policy."
I would like to know if Mr. Gorder's characterizations are correct, and I need a response ASAP, no later than 6 p.m. Central Time (7 p.m. ET).
I would prefer an emailed response because it will be easier to put into the story. Thank you.

Univision 45 Houston (Jessica Rivera) – Benzene and Valero plant. (9/14)
Univision 45 in Houston, Texas is requesting information on a Houston Chronicle report that Valero Energy "significantly underestimated" the amount of cancer-causing benzene and other volatile compounds leaked from its Houston refinery during Hurricane Harvey's torrential rains, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said Thursday.
Do you have any information?
Or, could you provide us with the EPA media contact for Texas?
I searched on the website for the Texas contact and the information would not pop up when I scrolled over the media map.

Vice (Alex Lubben) – U.S. Oil Recovery. (9/19)
Hi Jahan,
Has the EPA conducted any sort of clean up operation post-Harvey at the U.S. Oil Recovery Superfund site since the Harvey floodwaters receded?

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Al Jazeera (Elizabeth Gorman Shaw) – Hurricane cleanup and recovery.
I'm a journalist for "Fault Lines" at Al Jazeera English. I'm interested in making an interview request for a story I'm working on about Hurricane cleanup and recovery.

Associated Press (Matthew Brown) – Non-Superfund chemical/petrochemical storage sites. (9/8)
Greetings-
As part of the EPA's preparations for Irma, can you please tell me if the agency is also trying to assess safety of chemical/petrochemical storage sites that are NOT on the Superfund list?
I'm also following up on earlier questions (repeated below) regarding Harvey-related spills from petrochemical storage tanks.
HARVEY QUESTIONS:
-has EPA received any results of water sampling focused on industrial facilities and hazardous waste sites?
-has EPA been able to make any determinations as to the public health risk of any spills into floodwaters/onto land from crude oil, chemical releases, etc.?
-are there federal regulations governing what kind of flooding defenses/precautions are required of oil and other fuel storage tanks?

-Can you please tell me if the EPA is conducting any investigations into whether storage tanks (either at refineries/plants or oil production facilities) were properly secured for the storm?
-can you please provide details on all reports received by the EPA on chemical/oil/hazliquid/produced water spills as a result of Harvey, including source, volumes, cause, responsible party, etc? (realize this is a broad one so all guidance appreciated)
-broadly (and excepting the Crosby plant) has the EPA been able to assess whether the petrochemical/chemical industries were well prepared for the storm (perhaps compared to past events such as Katrina)?

Associated Press (Michael Biesecker) – Vulnerability of Florida Superfund sites. Seeking copy of assessment. (9/9)
My understanding is that EPA Region 4 has prepared a vulnerability assessment of Florida Superfund sites potentially at risk from Irma that lists Homestead Air Force base, Airco Plating and Cabot Copper as being potentially vulnerable to flooding.
Could you please provide a copy of the assessment? Also, we would be interesting in reporting details of what preparations and monitoring is taking place at those sites as storm progresses.
Would you have time to talk to me or my colleague Jason, copied on this email, later today?

Associated Press (John Flesher) – CWA stormwater discharge permits. (9/13)
I'm putting together a story for AP today on sewage overflows in Florida resulting from Hurricane Irma and have a few questions about EPA's announcement regarding Clean Water Act stormwater discharge permits:
-Does this mean that permit holders will be allowed to discharge untreated or partially treated sewage into waters in ways that ordinarily are impermissible under the Clean Water Act?
-If so, for how long will this waiver be in place?
-What other kinds of exceptions to normal permit requirements would these "upset" or "bypass provisions allow?
-How often are such waivers granted? Is it done routinely during hurricanes, or is does this represent a new policy for EPA? Aside from hurricanes, under what other circumstances would justify such waivers?

CQ (Elvina Nawaguna) – Hurricanes and climate change strategy. (9/11)

I'm working on a story about whether Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Jose can change the conversation about climate change especially among GOP lawmakers who have rejected climate science. Would like to talk with/ get a response from Administrator Pruitt's office on what role climate change may have played in the unusually huge storms and whether the EPA is considering taking stronger action to mitigate climate change. Scientists have said while climate change did not directly cause the storms, it certainly made the flooding worse and project more extreme weather events What strategy does the EPA have going forward?

E&E News (Niina Heikkinen) - Emergency response, Administrator Pruitt, and funding. (9/7)
I'm writing something for tomorrow about what Administrator Pruitt and the agency is doing ahead of Irma. Does EPA have the funding it needs to do two (and potentially three) back to back emergency responses? Will Pruitt be making any TV appearances in the coming days to talk about the storm response?
I'm also interested in what sort of work is happening in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, which haven't gotten as much media attention. Does Administrator Pruitt plan to visit Florida?

E&E News (Niina Heikkinen) – Emergency preparedness and climate change. (9/14)
I'm working on an article for tomorrow about how climate change is being incorporated in emergency response and preparedness efforts.

First, are your staff still using resources such as the National Climate Assessment in planning for future storms like Harvey and Irma?
Are emergency management staff examining different scenarios including sea level rise, precipitation rates, or wildfire frequency that could impact facilities under EPA's jurisdiction?
If you are able to connect me with anyone working in emergency management this afternoon, I'd very much appreciate it.

WIRED (Eric Niiler) – Hurricane debris disposal. (9/14)
I'm a Washington-based contributing writer for WIRED and am putting together a story for Friday (tomorrow) on debris removal after Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. I'd like to either connect with someone by phone, or have a few questions answered in writing:
-Have state environmental officials in Texas or Florida asked for waivers for EPA disposal rules that would allow mixed solid/hazardous waste into construction and demolition landfills? -If so, has the EPA granted any waivers yet?
-Has the Office of Land and Emergency Management (OLEM) addressed concerns raised by a 2016 Office of Inspector General's report on disaster debris:
https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-06/documents/20160629-16-p-0219.pdf
, specifically have they collected information from state agencies about planning for disposal after storms?
-Does OLEM have post-disaster debris disposal plans from state officials for the relevant regions of Texas and Florida?
-Has EPA and OLEM incorporated the effects of climate change into post-disaster debris planning as noted by the OIG report (pp. 3-4) and the 2014 EPA Climate Change Adaptation Plan?
-Anything else that EPA would like to add about its role in debris disposal in Texas and Florida?

2U (John Rehm) – Access to clean drinking water in Texas and Florida. (9/14)
I was wondering if you had any data or information on how many people are without access to clean drinking water in both Texas and Florida.

HURRICANE MARIA

AP (Michael Biesecker) – Drinking water access. (9/26)
AP is reporting on the ground in PR about the crisis with access to drinking water. Are there any EPA folks on the ground there yet they could talk to? If not, is there an ETA for when they will arrive?

E&E News (Niina Heikkinen) – Interview with emergency response staff. (9/25)
Is there any chance I'd be able to talk to some emergency response staff on the ground in Puerto Rico (or any who have recently returned)? I'm working on writing something about EPA's response to Hurricane Maria and would very much like a more personal perspective of what's going on there. If possible, I'd like to speak with someone today.

Inside Climate News (Philip McKenna) – Update on Superfund and oil site assessments in PR/USVI. (10/2) (DDL: ASAP)
Dear EPA press office,
I just wanted to follow up with you to see if there is an update on EPA assessments of Superfund sites and oil sites in Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands following hurricane Maria.
Last I spoke with you Elias Rodriguez on Thursday he told me 3 sites in Puerto Rico had been assessed and found to be OK and he said he thought there would be a new update this past Saturday.
Could you please let me know what the latest update is on EPA assessments of Superfund sites and oil sites on Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands as soon as possible?

Inside EPA (Anthony Lacey) – Interview with Pete Lopez. (9/28)
Hello -- would it be possible to organize a quick telephone interview with Region 2 Administrator Pete Lopez to talk about his priorities for the agency? Happy to figure out a pre-approved question list beforehand and stick to that.

New York Public Radio (Daniel Lewis) – Role in recovery and areas of particular concern in Puerto Rico. (10/2) (DDL: 10/2)
I spoke with the incoming Region 2 Administrator earlier and have some follow-up questions regarding the EPA's response in Puerto Rico right now:
Does the agency have anyone currently on the ground, and if so, how many? What role is the agency currently playing in Puerto Rico's recovery right now? Are there any specific areas of the island that are of particular concern regarding issues from sewage, chemical plants, etc., and is there anything that the agency is currently doing to try and tackle that?
Thanks for the help. My deadline is 4pm today, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Washington Examiner (John Siciliano) – Response in Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands. (9/25)
Can you explain the pause in Puerto Rico and V. Islands? Is it because its too hazardous?

Vox (Umair Irfan) – Agency role in recovery effort and reconstruction. (9/28) (DDL: 9/28)
Hi,

I am a reporter at Vox and I am looking into relief efforts in Puerto Rico. I wanted to see if someone at EPA could comment on the environmental concerns in Puerto Rico after the hurricane, particularly with respect to energy infrastructure.

I wanted to see if someone at EPA could comment on the agency's role in the recovery effort, some of the environmental concerns in the reconstruction and what EPA can do to help Puerto Rico prepare for the next disaster.

Also, I saw that Pete Lopez was appointed to lead Region 2, so I was hoping I could speak with him about his take on the role and his strategy for Puerto Rico's recovery.

I anticipate filing by 5 p.m. EST today.

Message

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CNBC, DEADLINE: ASAP (Jeff Daniels), Re: Nuclear detonation. ***Christie StClair.***

Background:

CNBC is doing a piece on the threat of N. Korea test-firing an H-bomb over the Pacific. They're asking about Fukushima's impact, as well as the environmental impact of 1950s and 1960s nuclear testing. His deadline is end of today. Reporter: Jeff Daniels, CNBC, jeff.daniels@nbcuni.com

Proposed response:

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Inquiry:

We wanted to know if EPA's Radnet that measures radiation has a report on the U.S. West Coast impacts from the Japanese nuclear plant disaster in 2011.

Also, has the U.S. studied what impact 1950 and 1960s nuclear bomb test explosions had on the waters or air? Our story is tied to the threat of Korea test-firing an H-bomb over the Pacific.

Thank you.

VICE News, DEADLINE: 10/12 (Alex Lubben), Re: ECHO updates, reducing lead in drinking water efforts. ***Enesta Jones.***

Background:
VICE News reporter is asking for recent drinking water stats in ECHO, and our accomplishments for getting lead out of drinking water. Publicly available information. Third quarter results, by the way, should be posted in the next week to ECHO. Internal only for now. Response input from OECA and OW. Alex Lubben, Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Suggested Response:

Can you confirm that those stats have been updated for the 3rd quarter?

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

And can you list the EPA's accomplishments on getting lead out of drinking water so far this year? Is there any significant water infrastructure work planned? Is a revision to the Lead and Copper Rule in the works?

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Inquiry:

Hi Liz,

I'm Alex Lubben, a reporter with VICE News. I'm working on a story about the EPA's lead and drinking water programs, and noticed that the ECHO site notes that its drinking water stats are updated quarterly. Can you confirm that those stats have been updated for the 3rd quarter?

And can you list the EPA's accomplishments on getting lead out of drinking water so far this year? Is there any significant water infrastructure work planned? Is a revision to the Lead and Copper Rule in the works?

The Scientist, DEADLINE: 10/11 (Abby Olena), Re: Genetically engineered mosquitoes. ***Robert Daguillard.***

BACKGROUND

The reporter's inquiry follows the transfer of responsibility for genetically engineered OXITEC mosquitoes from FDA to EPA. The move, announced last week, follows the new classification of OXITEC mosquitoes as a pesticide. Abby Olena – The Scientist – Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

RESPONSE

1. **Does the EPA have a plan in place for regulating the use of the genetically engineered (Oxitec) mosquitoes?**

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Background:

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

2. **Is there still an approval process that needs to take place since the FDA handed oversight over to EPA?**

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

3. **If so, what is the timeline and basic structure of that sort of process?**

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Background:

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

4. **Will the EPA be looking to other countries in which the Oxitec mosquitoes have already been used for guidance in evaluating the mosquitoes' approval?**

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

5. **Are there other examples of the release of living insects or other kinds of animals that EPA has overseen?**

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Inquiry:

Hello EPA Press team,

I spoke with Robert Daguillard yesterday afternoon about a story I'm writing for The Scientist about the oversight of Oxitec mosquitoes shifting to the EPA. I hadn't heard from him, and I think he mentioned he was out today, so I wanted to try this avenue as well.

I've included some questions below my signature. If someone can help me find answers, that would be great. My story will be a short one (500 or words) headed for the Daily News section. Deadline is Monday at 5 pm ET.

Fox News, DEADLINE: 10/11 (George Russell) Re: Privilege user cards. ***Enesta Jones.***

Background:
Fox News reporter who refers to me as Ernesto has returned, asking for a list of personnel without Privilege User Cards (PUCs) who have privilege access to EPA systems. Response input from OEI, with OARM concurrence. George Russell, George.Russell@FOXNEWS.COM

Suggested Response:

The [Personnel Security Branch] PSB provided us with a list of contractor personnel identified as PUC holders from the Office Administrative Services Information System. The PSB could not provide us with a list of personnel without PUCs who have privilege access to EPA systems. Does the EPA now have such a list, and if so, how many people are on it? If the list exists, can you also tell us what percentage now have had the appropriate background checks?

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Inquiry:

Dear Ernesta,

On review of your replies, I realized there was one question I neglected to ask. The management alert says:

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Does the EPA now have such a list, and if so, how many people are on it? If the list exists, can you also tell us what percentage now have had the appropriate background checks?

Apologies again for failing to ask the first time around. Would it be possible to have the answer by close of business Wednesday?

Health.com, DEADLINE 10/11 (Maria Masters) Re: Indoor Mold Follow-Up. Tricia Lynn.

Reporter is asking for a name for attribution. Laureen Burton, Staff Chemist/Toxicologist provided the information, and OAR is suggesting her. Does that work or do you have some other preference?

Politico, DEADLINE: 10/11 (Derek Robertson), Re: Women in law enforcement. ***Enesta Jones***

Background:
POLITICO reporter is asking for the number of senior level women in law enforcement at the agency. OARM did a data pull. Derek Robertson, drobertson@politico.com

Suggested Response:
Please see the chart below.

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Inquiry:

Hi, my name is Derek Robertson and I'm a reporter with POLITICO – we're working on a story about women in law enforcement and I was hoping to learn what percentage of full-time sworn officers in the EPA's employ are women. My deadline for this is mid-October. You can reach me at any time here at this e-mail address or at Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) with any questions, thanks so much, and have a great day.

Hi, thanks so much. If it's at all possible, it would also be immensely helpful to know what percentage of women in EPA's law enforcement are GS-15 or Senior Executive Service level – we're trying to include a component in the story about women in leadership roles. Thanks again, and have a great afternoon.

New Yorker, DEADLINE: Early October (Margaret Talbot), Re: Ann Arbor lab. ***Robert Daguillard.***

Background:
The reporter would like to visit the Ann Arbor emissions lab during the week of October 9 as part of a larger piece on rulemaking, reconsiderations and repeals at the agency – OAR is usually open to such visits. Margaret Talbot – the New Yorker – Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Response:
Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Inquiry:
Dear Mr. Daguillard,
I do mean the NVFEL in Ann Arbor--sorry for the dropped F!
The piece is a larger piece on some of the proposed rules reconsiderations at EPA under the new administrator, and one of the areas I'm likely focusing on is the re-opening of the mid-term evaluation on clean car standards.
I'm interested in the lab's role in research and testing on emissions in cases like the VW cover-up, and frankly--I'm sure you will understand this from a journalistic point of view--looking to get out of Washington and see some of the important work done at the EPA's labs that readers can more easily visualize.

P.S. If it works out, I was hoping to be able to go there the week of October 9th.

The Nation, DEADLINE: 8/18 (Rene Ebersole), Re: Glyphosate review. ***Robert Daguillard.***

Background:

The response consists of: The pesticide program's desk statement on glyphosate; and its standard answer on the allegations surrounding Mr. Rowland. Rene Ebersole – the Nation – Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Proposed Response:

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Inquiry:
I'm in the midst of an article having to do with Roundup and glyphosate and I have a few quick questions for someone there. If you can reply today I'd be very grateful!

1. What's the status of the draft glyphosate human health and ecological risk assessments for public comment? Are those still scheduled to be released in 2017? (Or have I missed them?)

2. Was there an outcome of the Scientific Advisory Panel on glyphosate? I see the minutes online, but it's not clear to me if anything ever came of that?

3. Was that panel a public hearing? Or was it open only to invited scientists?

4. I know this is a touchy question, but can you provide any comment on the charges that EPA officials, and specifically Jess Rowland, were "colluding" with Monsanto to promote glyphosate as non-carcinogenic?

Thanks for your time and attention.

HURRICANE REQUESTS

HURRICANE HARVEY

ABC News-Washington (Stephanie Ebbs) – Update on Valero benzene leak. (9/14)
Was there any new information about the Valero benzene leak out today? I'm seeing references to new information from EPA but I didn't see a release or anything

AFP (Delphine Touitou) – Confirmation on letter and inquiry into Arkema plant. (9/12)
My collegue Douglas Gillison contacted you a couple of hours ago to try to confirm the information published in some US media saying the Environmental Protection Agency has opened an inquiry into whether the Arkema chemical plant in Crosby, Texas followed federal safety rules to protect against hazards, following explosions at the facility that resulted from Hurricane Harvey flooding.
Could you confirm this information please?
The medias also mentionned a letter sent to Arkema on September 7th urging Arkema to reply in 10 days. Could you also confirm this point please? It is very urgent.

AP (Frank Bajak) – Environmental testing at Houston spill sites. (9/22)

I'm interested in getting a rundown on where EPA is collecting air, water and soil samples related to actual or suspected Harvey-related petrochemical spills and releases in 1) the Houston metropolitan area 2) other parts of Texas.

I'd appreciate if someone could talk me through this. I know there is Arkema, the Valero refinery and Superfund sites and would like to know the nature and extent of sampling. I'm curious also about various spills reported to the Coast Guard's NRC.

Argus Media (Chris Knight) - Clarification re: emergency fuel waivers. (9/7)
I'm just trying to understand the difference here. Is the main thing that EPA extended the deadlines of the RFG through September 26?

Argus (Chris Knight) – Waiver data. (9/21) (DDL: 9/21)

EPA press, I'm doing a story about the expiration in the coming week or so of fuel waivers and other waivers from EPA, Homeland Security, highway operating hours, etc., along with the benefits the waivers provided to areas hit by Irma/Harvey/Maria.

Questions:

- Does EPA plan to extend further any of its fuel waivers or enforcement discretion notices?

- Has EPA collected data/information it can share on use of its waivers? I'm trying to sum up what benefits the waivers have provided to those hit by the storms but haven't seen any type of government data on this (E.g., retailers were able to sell XX million barrels that were otherwise unavailable)

Deadline is 3:30 p.m. today.

Bloomberg (Meenal Vamburkar) – Valero leak. (9/15)
I'm following up on the Valero benzene/chemical leak after the hurricane. It's been reported that the leak was bigger than originally estimated and that Valero will be putting out a revised report. Is there a time-frame in which we can expect the revised numbers from the company -- or any other EPA update on the investigation?

BNA (Sylvia Carignan) – Post-hurricane Superfund site summaries. (9/15)
A question about this line from the press release:
"Post-hurricane Superfund site summaries based on preliminary data results are being released."
Where are these summaries available?

BNA (Sam Pearson) – Administrator Pruitt's remarks on Arkema. (9/12)
Do you have a copy of the Section 114 letter sent to Arkema?
If the letter is being shared with the Washington Examiner, does that mean that EPA will release the letter? Not understanding the rationale for only releasing it selectively.
Also, can anyone explain Administrator Pruitt's comment that " "The concern about some of those risk management plans is the data in those RMPs are actually intelligence or information our adversaries — terrorists — can use to attack soft targets across this country. So we [have to] make sure those RMPs are done the right way to assure we are not equipping our adversaries."

Under existing RMP regulations, Arkema already disclosed it kept as much as 66,260 pounds of sulfur dioxide and 86,000 pounds of 2-Methylpropene on site.

From my reading of the final rule that Administrator Pruitt delayed, the main additional requirements would have been:

- required companies to tell the public, if asked, that the information is available, and the companies would track who requested the information.
- Companies would be required to share the names of regulated substances used in a process at the plant
- The substances' safety data sheets
- the plant's five-year accident history (this is already listed on existing RMPs, they just have to be obtained from EPA rather than the plant)
- a list of scheduled emergency response exercises the plant has conducted (not the content of the exercises or what vulnerabilities they were concerned about or specific things of that nature)
- contact information for the Local Emergency Planning Committee responsible for the plant (again this information could already be obtained through basic research but in theory would be faster this way)

How does any of this = detailed information about all chemicals that are there? How specifically would a terrorist exploit this process to obtain "intelligence" to "attack soft targets across this country"?

BNA (Adam Allington) - Retail facility cleanup and RCRA guidelines. (9/7)
Adam Allington from Bloomberg BNA here.
I'm working on a story about cleanup of retail facilities after Hurricane Harvey. Places that sell products which fall under the guidance of hazardous waste, when thrown away...paints, aerosol cans, perfumes, medicine, etc.

I was wondering if EPA has issued any for temporary relaxation of RCRA guidelines as a response to disaster declarations? If you could let me know on this one particular point I would be very grateful

CQ (Jackie Toth) – Seeking copy of RMP letter from Administrator Pruitt to Arkema plant and 9/7 request for information. (9/12)
Can I get a copy of the letter Admin. Pruitt sent to Arkema with concerns over whether it had followed its Risk Management Plan and the Sept. 7 request for information to the company?

E&E News (Corbin Hiar) – Seeking copy of 9/7 letter to Arkema. (9/12)
Can EPA please provide a copy of the Sept. 7 letter to Arkema asking for information related to its Crosby, Texas, plant explosion? I plan to file a story about this by 11 a.m. this morning.

E&E News (Corbin Hiar) – Flooding, Superfund sites, and climate change. (9/14) (DDL: 9/18)
I'm planning to file a story on Friday about Superfund sites and climate change, so I want to give EPA the opportunity to weigh in on it.
The story notes that the flooding and potential contaminant leaks at the San Jacinto Waste Pits site closely to matches a scenario described in the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response's Climate Change Adaptation Implementation Plan. While that report is still listed on EPA's Superfund Climate Change Adaptation page, the link to it leads to a page that is being updated to reflect EPA's new priorities.
To what extent, if at all, does EPA think the flooding that occurred at Superfund sites in the wake of Hurricane Harvey is related to climate change? How much, if at all, would the OSWER climate adaptation plan have helped the agency better prepare for Harvey's impacts? How much, if at all, would regulators, responsible parties and affected communities benefit from having access to the OSWER climate plan?
Also, were any Superfund sites in Florida damaged by Hurricane Irma? If so, which ones and to what extent were they damaged?
Please let me know if you have any questions about the story. And thanks for any feedback you can provide by EOD tomorrow.

E&E News (Corbin Hiar) – Rep. Green letter on exposure risk from Superfund spill. (9/27) (DDL: 9/27)
I plan to write about this for tomorrow morning's Daily. Please let me know by EOD if EPA wants to weigh in.
[Attached: Rep Green Letter Requests for Answers from EPA Secretary Pruitt on Exposure Risk from Harvey Superfund Spill.]

Fox News (Maggie Kerkman) – Amount of debris. (9/26)
Would you happen to have anyone in the Dallas area who could talk about just the enormous amount of debris that needs to be removed in the wake of Harvey? We're trying to do a follow up story on the storm and looking for an expert who could give us a sense of how vast this job is.

Houston Chronicle (Matt Dempsey) – Arkema release from Friday. (9/18)

I still have a number of questions. Would prefer an interview but if that's not possible... here's the questions:

Why only one day of water samples?

Was any soil testing done?

Was any air testing done for phenol?

Did the EPA do air modeling and if so for what chemicals and what were the results?

When ASPECT was used, what time of day was the craft run? Why test for only the half mile around the plant?

Was any air monitoring done outside of the half mile around the plant? What about outside the evacuation zone?

Can I get any email communications between the EPA and Arkema from Aug. 25 through Sept. 5?

Houston Public Media (Travis Bubenik) – Arkema response to EPA letter. (9/19)
Morning, has Arkema responded to this information request yet? (Not sure if the 10 days requirement counts weekends or just business days...)

Moody's Investor Service (Roy Ousley) – Seeking names of affected water systems. (9/12)
I read the statement regarding status of water systems in the area affected by Harvey, and wanted to know if it was possible for you to provide me with the names of the water systems that have been affected. Particularly the 50 drinking systems that are shut down.

San Antonio Express-News (Rye Druzin) – Valero plant and RINs. (9/14)
Joe Gorder, the CEO of Valero Energy Corp., the largest U.S. refiner, said that the $800 million to $1 billion that Valero is paying for RINs costs do not go to the government, but rather brokers (the people who buy fuel from Valero, blend it and get the RINs credit) who resell the RINs to Valero.
This is a direct quote from Mr. Gorder, from a talk today:
"We sell it at the refinery, it goes through a pipe, it gets out here. Ethanol gets blended into it. That person that blends it captures the credit, which identifies that the ethanol has been blended. He doesn't need it, he doesn't have an obligation. I'm back here, I've produced the fuel, I do need the credit, he hangs onto them until I cry uncle and then he sells them to me at an inflated price and I get them to the government to show compliance. That is $800 million to $1 billion that's not being paid to the government; it's being paid to individual companies out there that are capturing these credits, brokers who are between us and you. What this means is you're paying 8 to 10 cents a gallon more than you need to for your fuel because of this policy."
I would like to know if Mr. Gorder's characterizations are correct, and I need a response ASAP, no later than 6 p.m. Central Time (7 p.m. ET).
I would prefer an emailed response because it will be easier to put into the story. Thank you.

Univision 45 Houston (Jessica Rivera) – Benzene and Valero plant. (9/14)
Univision 45 in Houston, Texas is requesting information on a Houston Chronicle report that Valero Energy "significantly underestimated" the amount of cancer-causing benzene and other volatile compounds leaked from its Houston refinery during Hurricane Harvey's torrential rains, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said Thursday.
Do you have any information?
Or, could you provide us with the EPA media contact for Texas?
I searched on the website for the Texas contact and the information would not pop up when I scrolled over the media map.

Vice (Alex Lubben) – U.S. Oil Recovery. (9/19)
Hi Jahan,

Has the EPA conducted any sort of clean up operation post-Harvey at the U.S. Oil Recovery Superfund site since the Harvey floodwaters receded?

HURRICANE IRMA

Al Jazeera (Elizabeth Gorman Shaw) – Hurricane cleanup and recovery.
I'm a journalist for "Fault Lines" at Al Jazeera English. I'm interested in making an interview request for a story I'm working on about Hurricane cleanup and recovery.

Associated Press (Matthew Brown) – Non-Superfund chemical/petrochemical storage sites. (9/8)
Greetings-
As part of the EPA's preparations for Irma, can you please tell me if the agency is also trying to assess safety of chemical/petrochemical storage sites that are NOT on the Superfund list?
I'm also following up on earlier questions (repeated below) regarding Harvey-related spills from petrochemical storage tanks.
HARVEY QUESTIONS:
-has EPA received any results of water sampling focused on industrial facilities and hazardous waste sites?
-has EPA been able to make any determinations as to the public health risk of any spills into floodwaters/onto land from crude oil, chemical releases, etc.?
-are there federal regulations governing what kind of flooding defenses/precautions are required of oil and other fuel storage tanks?
-Can you please tell me if the EPA is conducting any investigations into whether storage tanks (either at refineries/plants or oil production facilities) were properly secured for the storm?
-can you please provide details on all reports received by the EPA on chemical/oil/hazliquid/produced water spills as a result of Harvey, including source, volumes, cause, responsible party, etc? (realize this is a broad one so all guidance appreciated)
-broadly (and excepting the Crosby plant) has the EPA been able to assess whether the petrochemical/chemical industries were well prepared for the storm (perhaps compared to past events such as Katrina)?

Associated Press (Michael Biesecker) – Vulnerability of Florida Superfund sites. Seeking copy of assessment. (9/9)
My understanding is that EPA Region 4 has prepared a vulnerability assessment of Florida Superfund sites potentially at risk from Irma that lists Homestead Air Force base, Airco Plating and Cabot Copper as being potentially vulnerable to flooding.
Could you please provide a copy of the assessment? Also, we would be interesting in reporting details of what preparations and monitoring is taking place at those sites as storm progresses.
Would you have time to talk to me or my colleague Jason, copied on this email, later today?

Associated Press (John Flesher) – CWA stormwater discharge permits. (9/13)
I'm putting together a story for AP today on sewage overflows in Florida resulting from Hurricane Irma and have a few questions about EPA's announcement regarding Clean Water Act stormwater discharge permits:
-Does this mean that permit holders will be allowed to discharge untreated or partially treated sewage into waters in ways that ordinarily are impermissible under the Clean Water Act?
-If so, for how long will this waiver be in place?
-What other kinds of exceptions to normal permit requirements would these "upset" or "bypass provisions allow?

-How often are such waivers granted? Is it done routinely during hurricanes, or is does this represent a new policy for EPA? Aside from hurricanes, under what other circumstances would justify such waivers?

CQ (Elvina Nawaguna) – Hurricanes and climate change strategy. (9/11)

I'm working on a story about whether Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Jose can change the conversation about climate change especially among GOP lawmakers who have rejected climate science. Would like to talk with/ get a response from Administrator Pruitt's office on what role climate change may have played in the unusually huge storms and whether the EPA is considering taking stronger action to mitigate climate change. Scientists have said while climate change did not directly cause the storms, it certainly made the flooding worse and project more extreme weather events What strategy does the EPA have going forward?

E&E News (Niina Heikkinen) - Emergency response, Administrator Pruitt, and funding. (9/7)
I'm writing something for tomorrow about what Administrator Pruitt and the agency is doing ahead of Irma. Does EPA have the funding it needs to do two (and potentially three) back to back emergency responses? Will Pruitt be making any TV appearances in the coming days to talk about the storm response?
I'm also interested in what sort of work is happening in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, which haven't gotten as much media attention. Does Administrator Pruitt plan to visit Florida?

E&E News (Niina Heikkinen) – Emergency preparedness and climate change. (9/14)
I'm working on an article for tomorrow about how climate change is being incorporated in emergency response and preparedness efforts.
First, are your staff still using resources such as the National Climate Assessment in planning for future storms like Harvey and Irma?
Are emergency management staff examining different scenarios including sea level rise, precipitation rates, or wildfire frequency that could impact facilities under EPA's jurisdiction?
If you are able to connect me with anyone working in emergency management this afternoon, I'd very much appreciate it.

WIRED (Eric Niiler) – Hurricane debris disposal. (9/14)
I'm a Washington-based contributing writer for WIRED and am putting together a story for Friday (tomorrow) on debris removal after Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. I'd like to either connect with someone by phone, or have a few questions answered in writing:
-Have state environmental officials in Texas or Florida asked for waivers for EPA disposal rules that would allow mixed solid/hazardous waste into construction and demolition landfills? -If so, has the EPA granted any waivers yet?
-Has the Office of Land and Emergency Management (OLEM) addressed concerns raised by a 2016 Office of Inspector General's report on disaster debris:
https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-06/documents/20160629-16-p-0219.pdf
, specifically have they collected information from state agencies about planning for disposal after storms?
-Does OLEM have post-disaster debris disposal plans from state officials for the relevant regions of Texas and Florida?
-Has EPA and OLEM incorporated the effects of climate change into post-disaster debris planning as noted by the OIG report (pp. 3-4) and the 2014 EPA Climate Change Adaptation Plan?
-Anything else that EPA would like to add about its role in debris disposal in Texas and Florida?

2U (John Rehm) – Access to clean drinking water in Texas and Florida. (9/14)

I was wondering if you had any data or information on how many people are without access to clean drinking water in both Texas and Florida.

HURRICANE MARIA

AP (Michael Biesecker) – Drinking water access. (9/26)
AP is reporting on the ground in PR about the crisis with access to drinking water. Are there any EPA folks on the ground there yet they could talk to? If not, is there an ETA for when they will arrive?

E&E News (Niina Heikkinen) – Interview with emergency response staff. (9/25)
Is there any chance I'd be able to talk to some emergency response staff on the ground in Puerto Rico (or any who have recently returned)? I'm working on writing something about EPA's response to Hurricane Maria and would very much like a more personal perspective of what's going on there. If possible, I'd like to speak with someone today.

Inside Climate News (Philip McKenna) – Update on Superfund and oil site assessments in PR/USVI. (10/2) (DDL: ASAP)
Dear EPA press office,
I just wanted to follow up with you to see if there is an update on EPA assessments of Superfund sites and oil sites in Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands following hurricane Maria.
Last I spoke with you Elias Rodriguez on Thursday he told me 3 sites in Puerto Rico had been assessed and found to be OK and he said he thought there would be a new update this past Saturday.
Could you please let me know what the latest update is on EPA assessments of Superfund sites and oil sites on Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands as soon as possible?

Inside EPA (Anthony Lacey) – Interview with Pete Lopez. (9/28)
Hello -- would it be possible to organize a quick telephone interview with Region 2 Administrator Pete Lopez to talk about his priorities for the agency? Happy to figure out a pre-approved question list beforehand and stick to that.

New York Public Radio (Daniel Lewis) – Role in recovery and areas of particular concern in Puerto Rico. (10/2) (DDL: 10/2)
I spoke with the incoming Region 2 Administrator earlier and have some follow-up questions regarding the EPA's response in Puerto Rico right now:
Does the agency have anyone currently on the ground, and if so, how many? What role is the agency currently playing in Puerto Rico's recovery right now? Are there any specific areas of the island that are of particular concern regarding issues from sewage, chemical plants, etc., and is there anything that the agency is currently doing to try and tackle that?
Thanks for the help. My deadline is 4pm today, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Washington Examiner (John Siciliano) – Response in Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands. (9/25)
Can you explain the pause in Puerto Rico and V. Islands? Is it because its too hazardous?

Vox (Umair Irfan) – Agency role in recovery effort and reconstruction. (9/28) (DDL: 9/28)
Hi,

I am a reporter at Vox and I am looking into relief efforts in Puerto Rico. I wanted to see if someone at EPA could comment on the environmental concerns in Puerto Rico after the hurricane, particularly with respect to energy infrastructure.

I wanted to see if someone at EPA could comment on the agency's role in the recovery effort, some of the environmental concerns in the reconstruction and what EPA can do to help Puerto Rico prepare for the next disaster.

Also, I saw that Pete Lopez was appointed to lead Region 2, so I was hoping I could speak with him about his take on the role and his strategy for Puerto Rico's recovery.

I anticipate filing by 5 p.m. EST today.

Message

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Ditto.

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Accurate.

On Oct 11, 2017, at 4:00 PM, Sparacino, Jessica <sparacino.jessica@epa.gov> wrote:

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- VICE News, DEADLINE: 10/12 (Alex Lubben), Re: ECHO updates, reducing lead in drinking water efforts. *Enesta Jones.*
- The Scientist, DEADLINE: 10/11 (Abby Olena), Re: Genetically engineered mosquitoes. *Robert Daguillard.*
- Fox News, DEADLINE: 10/11 (George Russell) Re: Privilege user cards. *Enesta Jones.*
- Health.com, DEADLINE 10/11 (Maria Masters) Re: Indoor Mold Follow-Up. *Tricia Lynn.*
- Politico, DEADLINE: 10/11 (Derek Robertson), Re: Women in law enforcement. *Enesta Jones.*
- New Yorker, DEADLINE: Early October (Margaret Talbot), Re: Ann Arbor lab. *Robert Daguillard.*
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CNBC, DEADLINE: ASAP (Jeff Daniels), Re: Nuclear detonation. ***Christie StClair.***

Background:

CNBC is doing a piece on the threat of N. Korea test-firing an H-bomb over the Pacific. They're asking about Fukushima's impact, as well as the environmental impact of 1950s and 1960s nuclear testing. His deadline is end of today. Reporter: Jeff Daniels, CNBC, jeff.daniels@nbcuni.com

Proposed response:

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Inquiry:

We wanted to know if EPA's Radnet that measures radiation has a report on the U.S. West Coast impacts from the Japanese nuclear plant disaster in 2011.

Also, has the U.S. studied what impact 1950 and 1960s nuclear bomb test explosions had on the waters or air? Our story is tied to the threat of Korea test-firing an H-bomb over the Pacific.

Thank you.

VICE News, DEADLINE: 10/12 (Alex Lubben), Re: ECHO updates, reducing lead in drinking water efforts. ***Enesta Jones.***

Background:
VICE News reporter is asking for recent drinking water stats in ECHO, and our accomplishments for getting lead out of drinking water. Publicly available information. Third quarter results, by the way, should be posted in the next week to ECHO. Internal only for now. Response input from OECA and OW. Alex Lubben, Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Suggested Response:

Can you confirm that those stats have been updated for the 3rd quarter?

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

And can you list the EPA's accomplishments on getting lead out of drinking water so far this year? Is there any significant water infrastructure work planned? Is a revision to the Lead and Copper Rule in the works?

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Inquiry:

Hi Liz,

I'm Alex Lubben, a reporter with VICE News. I'm working on a story about the EPA's lead and drinking water programs, and noticed that the ECHO site notes that its drinking water stats are updated quarterly. Can you confirm that those stats have been updated for the 3rd quarter?

And can you list the EPA's accomplishments on getting lead out of drinking water so far this year? Is there any significant water infrastructure work planned? Is a revision to the Lead and Copper Rule in the works?

The Scientist, DEADLINE: 10/11 (Abby Olena), Re: Genetically engineered mosquitoes. ***Robert Daguillard.***

BACKGROUND

The reporter's inquiry follows the transfer of responsibility for genetically engineered OXITEC mosquitoes from FDA to EPA. The move, announced last week, follows the new classification of OXITEC mosquitoes as a pesticide. Abby Olena – The Scientist – Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

RESPONSE

1. **Does the EPA have a plan in place for regulating the use of the genetically engineered (Oxitec) mosquitoes?**

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Background:

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

2. **Is there still an approval process that needs to take place since the FDA handed oversight over to EPA?**

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

3. **If so, what is the timeline and basic structure of that sort of process?**

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Background:

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

4. **Will the EPA be looking to other countries in which the Oxitec mosquitoes have already been used for guidance in evaluating the mosquitoes' approval?**

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

5. **Are there other examples of the release of living insects or other kinds of animals that EPA has overseen?**

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Inquiry:

Hello EPA Press team,

I spoke with Robert Daguillard yesterday afternoon about a story I'm writing for The Scientist about the oversight of Oxitec mosquitoes shifting to the EPA. I hadn't heard from him, and I think he mentioned he was out today, so I wanted to try this avenue as well.

I've included some questions below my signature. If someone can help me find answers, that would be great. My story will be a short one (500 or words) headed for the Daily News section. Deadline is Monday at 5 pm ET.

Fox News, DEADLINE: 10/11 (George Russell) Re: Privilege user cards. ***Enesta Jones.***

Background:
Fox News reporter who refers to me as Ernesto has returned, asking for a list of personnel without Privilege User Cards (PUCs) who have privilege access to EPA systems. Response input from OEI, with OARM concurrence. George Russell, George.Russell@FOXNEWS.COM

Suggested Response:

The [Personnel Security Branch] PSB provided us with a list of contractor personnel identified as PUC holders from the Office Administrative Services Information System. The PSB could not provide us with a list of personnel without PUCs who have privilege access to EPA systems. Does the EPA now have such a list, and if so, how many people are on it? If the list exists, can you also tell us what percentage now have had the appropriate background checks?

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Inquiry:

Dear Ernesta,

On review of your replies, I realized there was one question I neglected to ask. The management alert says:

The PSB provided us with a list of contractor personnel identified as PUC holders from the Office Administrative Services Information System. The PSB could not provide us with a list of personnel without PUCs who have privilege access to EPA systems.

Does the EPA now have such a list, and if so, how many people are on it? If the list exists, can you also tell us what percentage now have had the appropriate background checks?

Apologies again for failing to ask the first time around. Would it be possible to have the answer by close of business Wednesday?

Health.com, DEADLINE 10/11 (Maria Masters) Re: Indoor Mold Follow-Up. Tricia Lynn.

Reporter is asking for a name for attribution. Laureen Burton, Staff Chemist/Toxicologist provided the information, and OAR is suggesting her. Does that work or do you have some other preference?

Politico, DEADLINE: 10/11 (Derek Robertson), Re: Women in law enforcement. ***Enesta Jones***

Background:
POLITICO reporter is asking for the number of senior level women in law enforcement at the agency. OARM did a data pull. Derek Robertson, drobertson@politico.com

Suggested Response:
Please see the chart below.

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Inquiry:

Hi, my name is Derek Robertson and I'm a reporter with POLITICO – we're working on a story about women in law enforcement and I was hoping to learn what percentage of full-time sworn officers in the EPA's employ are women. My deadline for this is mid-October. You can reach me at any time here at this e-mail address or at Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) with any questions, thanks so much, and have a great day.

Hi, thanks so much. If it's at all possible, it would also be immensely helpful to know what percentage of women in EPA's law enforcement are GS-15 or Senior Executive Service level – we're trying to include a component in the story about women in leadership roles. Thanks again, and have a great afternoon.

New Yorker, DEADLINE: Early October (Margaret Talbot), Re: Ann Arbor lab. ***Robert Daguillard.***

Background:
The reporter would like to visit the Ann Arbor emissions lab during the week of October 9 as part of a larger piece on rulemaking, reconsiderations and repeals at the agency – OAR is usually open to such visits. Margaret Talbot – the New Yorker – Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Response:
Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Inquiry:
Dear Mr. Daguillard,
I do mean the NVFEL in Ann Arbor--sorry for the dropped F!
The piece is a larger piece on some of the proposed rules reconsiderations at EPA under the new administrator, and one of the areas I'm likely focusing on is the re-opening of the mid-term evaluation on clean car standards.
I'm interested in the lab's role in research and testing on emissions in cases like the VW cover-up, and frankly--I'm sure you will understand this from a journalistic point of view--looking to get out of Washington and see some of the important work done at the EPA's labs that readers can more easily visualize.

P.S. If it works out, I was hoping to be able to go there the week of October 9th.

The Nation, DEADLINE: 8/18 (Rene Ebersole), Re: Glyphosate review. ***Robert Daguillard.***

Background:

The response consists of: The pesticide program's desk statement on glyphosate; and its standard answer on the allegations surrounding Mr. Rowland. Rene Ebersole – the Nation – Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Proposed Response:

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Inquiry:

I'm in the midst of an article having to do with Roundup and glyphosate and I have a few quick questions for someone there. If you can reply today I'd be very grateful!

1. What's the status of the draft glyphosate human health and ecological risk assessments for public comment? Are those still scheduled to be released in 2017? (Or have I missed them?)

2. Was there an outcome of the Scientific Advisory Panel on glyphosate? I see the minutes online, but it's not clear to me if anything ever came of that?

3. Was that panel a public hearing? Or was it open only to invited scientists?

4. I know this is a touchy question, but can you provide any comment on the charges that EPA officials, and specifically Jess Rowland, were "colluding" with Monsanto to promote glyphosate as non-carcinogenic?

Thanks for your time and attention.

HURRICANE REQUESTS

HURRICANE HARVEY

ABC News-Washington (Stephanie Ebbs) – Update on Valero benzene leak. (9/14)
Was there any new information about the Valero benzene leak out today? I'm seeing references to new information from EPA but I didn't see a release or anything

AFP (Delphine Touitou) – Confirmation on letter and inquiry into Arkema plant. (9/12)
My collegue Douglas Gillison contacted you a couple of hours ago to try to confirm the information published in some US media saying the Environmental Protection Agency has opened an inquiry into whether the Arkema chemical plant in Crosby, Texas followed federal safety rules to protect against hazards, following explosions at the facility that resulted from Hurricane Harvey flooding.
Could you confirm this information please?
The medias also mentionned a letter sent to Arkema on September 7th urging Arkema to reply in 10 days. Could you also confirm this point please? It is very urgent.

AP (Frank Bajak) – Environmental testing at Houston spill sites. (9/22)

I'm interested in getting a rundown on where EPA is collecting air, water and soil samples related to actual or suspected Harvey-related petrochemical spills and releases in 1) the Houston metropolitan area 2) other parts of Texas.

I'd appreciate if someone could talk me through this. I know there is Arkema, the Valero refinery and Superfund sites and would like to know the nature and extent of sampling. I'm curious also about various spills reported to the Coast Guard's NRC.

Argus Media (Chris Knight) - Clarification re: emergency fuel waivers. (9/7)
I'm just trying to understand the difference here. Is the main thing that EPA extended the deadlines of the RFG through September 26?

Argus (Chris Knight) – Waiver data. (9/21) (DDL: 9/21)

EPA press, I'm doing a story about the expiration in the coming week or so of fuel waivers and other waivers from EPA, Homeland Security, highway operating hours, etc., along with the benefits the waivers provided to areas hit by Irma/Harvey/Maria.

Questions:

- Does EPA plan to extend further any of its fuel waivers or enforcement discretion notices?

- Has EPA collected data/information it can share on use of its waivers? I'm trying to sum up what benefits the waivers have provided to those hit by the storms but haven't seen any type of government data on this (E.g., retailers were able to sell XX million barrels that were otherwise unavailable)

Deadline is 3:30 p.m. today.

Bloomberg (Meenal Vamburkar) – Valero leak. (9/15)
I'm following up on the Valero benzene/chemical leak after the hurricane. It's been reported that the leak was bigger than originally estimated and that Valero will be putting out a revised report. Is there a time-frame in which we can expect the revised numbers from the company -- or any other EPA update on the investigation?

BNA (Sylvia Carignan) – Post-hurricane Superfund site summaries. (9/15)
A question about this line from the press release:
"Post-hurricane Superfund site summaries based on preliminary data results are being released."
Where are these summaries available?

BNA (Sam Pearson) – Administrator Pruitt's remarks on Arkema. (9/12)
Do you have a copy of the Section 114 letter sent to Arkema?
If the letter is being shared with the Washington Examiner, does that mean that EPA will release the letter? Not understanding the rationale for only releasing it selectively.
Also, can anyone explain Administrator Pruitt's comment that " "The concern about some of those risk management plans is the data in those RMPs are actually intelligence or information our adversaries — terrorists — can use to attack soft targets across this country. So we [have to] make sure those RMPs are done the right way to assure we are not equipping our adversaries."

Under existing RMP regulations, Arkema already disclosed it kept as much as 66,260 pounds of sulfur dioxide and 86,000 pounds of 2-Methylpropene on site.

From my reading of the final rule that Administrator Pruitt delayed, the main additional requirements would have been:

- required companies to tell the public, if asked, that the information is available, and the companies would track who requested the information.
- Companies would be required to share the names of regulated substances used in a process at the plant
- The substances' safety data sheets
- the plant's five-year accident history (this is already listed on existing RMPs, they just have to be obtained from EPA rather than the plant)
- a list of scheduled emergency response exercises the plant has conducted (not the content of the exercises or what vulnerabilities they were concerned about or specific things of that nature)
- contact information for the Local Emergency Planning Committee responsible for the plant (again this information could already be obtained through basic research but in theory would be faster this way)

How does any of this = detailed information about all chemicals that are there? How specifically would a terrorist exploit this process to obtain "intelligence" to "attack soft targets across this country"?

BNA (Adam Allington) - Retail facility cleanup and RCRA guidelines. (9/7)
Adam Allington from Bloomberg BNA here.
I'm working on a story about cleanup of retail facilities after Hurricane Harvey. Places that sell products which fall under the guidance of hazardous waste, when thrown away...paints, aerosol cans, perfumes, medicine, etc.
I was wondering if EPA has issued any for temporary relaxation of RCRA guidelines as a response to disaster declarations?
If you could let me know on this one particular point I would be very grateful

CQ (Jackie Toth) – Seeking copy of RMP letter from Administrator Pruitt to Arkema plant and 9/7 request for information. (9/12)
Can I get a copy of the letter Admin. Pruitt sent to Arkema with concerns over whether it had followed its Risk Management Plan and the Sept. 7 request for information to the company?

E&E News (Corbin Hiar) – Seeking copy of 9/7 letter to Arkema. (9/12)
Can EPA please provide a copy of the Sept. 7 letter to Arkema asking for information related to its Crosby, Texas, plant explosion? I plan to file a story about this by 11 a.m. this morning.

E&E News (Corbin Hiar) – Flooding, Superfund sites, and climate change. (9/14) (DDL: 9/18)
I'm planning to file a story on Friday about Superfund sites and climate change, so I want to give EPA the opportunity to weigh in on it.
The story notes that the flooding and potential contaminant leaks at the San Jacinto Waste Pits site closely to matches a scenario described in the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response's Climate Change Adaptation Implementation Plan. While that report is still listed on EPA's Superfund Climate Change Adaptation page, the link to it leads to a page that is being updated to reflect EPA's new priorities.
To what extent, if at all, does EPA think the flooding that occurred at Superfund sites in the wake of Hurricane Harvey is related to climate change? How much, if at all, would the OSWER climate adaptation plan have helped the agency better prepare for Harvey's impacts? How much, if at all, would regulators, responsible parties and affected communities benefit from having access to the OSWER climate plan?
Also, were any Superfund sites in Florida damaged by Hurricane Irma? If so, which ones and to what extent were they damaged?
Please let me know if you have any questions about the story. And thanks for any feedback you can provide by EOD tomorrow.

E&E News (Corbin Hiar) – Rep. Green letter on exposure risk from Superfund spill. (9/27) (DDL: 9/27)
I plan to write about this for tomorrow morning's Daily. Please let me know by EOD if EPA wants to weigh in.
[Attached: Rep Green Letter Requests for Answers from EPA Secretary Pruitt on Exposure Risk from Harvey Superfund Spill.]

Fox News (Maggie Kerkman) – Amount of debris. (9/26)
Would you happen to have anyone in the Dallas area who could talk about just the enormous amount of debris that needs to be removed in the wake of Harvey? We're trying to do a follow up story on the storm and looking for an expert who could give us a sense of how vast this job is.

Houston Chronicle (Matt Dempsey) – Arkema release from Friday. (9/18)

I still have a number of questions. Would prefer an interview but if that's not possible... here's the questions:

Why only one day of water samples?

Was any soil testing done?

Was any air testing done for phenol?

Did the EPA do air modeling and if so for what chemicals and what were the results?

When ASPECT was used, what time of day was the craft run? Why test for only the half mile around the plant?

Was any air monitoring done outside of the half mile around the plant? What about outside the evacuation zone?

Can I get any email communications between the EPA and Arkema from Aug. 25 through Sept. 5?

Houston Public Media (Travis Bubenik) – Arkema response to EPA letter. (9/19)
Morning, has Arkema responded to this information request yet? (Not sure if the 10 days requirement counts weekends or just business days...)

Moody's Investor Service (Roy Ousley) – Seeking names of affected water systems. (9/12)
I read the statement regarding status of water systems in the area affected by Harvey, and wanted to know if it was possible for you to provide me with the names of the water systems that have been affected. Particularly the 50 drinking systems that are shut down.

San Antonio Express-News (Rye Druzin) – Valero plant and RINs. (9/14)
Joe Gorder, the CEO of Valero Energy Corp., the largest U.S. refiner, said that the $800 million to $1 billion that Valero is paying for RINs costs do not go to the government, but rather brokers (the people who buy fuel from Valero, blend it and get the RINs credit) who resell the RINs to Valero.
This is a direct quote from Mr. Gorder, from a talk today:

"We sell it at the refinery, it goes through a pipe, it gets out here. Ethanol gets blended into it. That person that blends it captures the credit, which identifies that the ethanol has been blended. He doesn't need it, he doesn't have an obligation. I'm back here, I've produced the fuel, I do need the credit, he hangs onto them until I cry uncle and then he sells them to me at an inflated price and I get them to the government to show compliance. That is $800 million to $1 billion that's not being paid to the government; it's being paid to individual companies out there that are capturing these credits, brokers who are between us and you. What this means is you're paying 8 to 10 cents a gallon more than you need to for your fuel because of this policy."
I would like to know if Mr. Gorder's characterizations are correct, and I need a response ASAP, no later than 6 p.m. Central Time (7 p.m. ET).
I would prefer an emailed response because it will be easier to put into the story. Thank you.

Univision 45 Houston (Jessica Rivera) – Benzene and Valero plant. (9/14)
Univision 45 in Houston, Texas is requesting information on a Houston Chronicle report that Valero Energy "significantly underestimated" the amount of cancer-causing benzene and other volatile compounds leaked from its Houston refinery during Hurricane Harvey's torrential rains, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said Thursday.
Do you have any information?
Or, could you provide us with the EPA media contact for Texas?
I searched on the website for the Texas contact and the information would not pop up when I scrolled over the media map.

Vice (Alex Lubben) – U.S. Oil Recovery. (9/19)
Hi Jahan,
Has the EPA conducted any sort of clean up operation post-Harvey at the U.S. Oil Recovery Superfund site since the Harvey floodwaters receded?

HURRICANE IRMA

Al Jazeera (Elizabeth Gorman Shaw) – Hurricane cleanup and recovery.
I'm a journalist for "Fault Lines" at Al Jazeera English. I'm interested in making an interview request for a story I'm working on about Hurricane cleanup and recovery.

Associated Press (Matthew Brown) – Non-Superfund chemical/petrochemical storage sites. (9/8)
Greetings-
As part of the EPA's preparations for Irma, can you please tell me if the agency is also trying to assess safety of chemical/petrochemical storage sites that are NOT on the Superfund list?
I'm also following up on earlier questions (repeated below) regarding Harvey-related spills from petrochemical storage tanks.
HARVEY QUESTIONS:
-has EPA received any results of water sampling focused on industrial facilities and hazardous waste sites?
-has EPA been able to make any determinations as to the public health risk of any spills into floodwaters/onto land from crude oil, chemical releases, etc.?
-are there federal regulations governing what kind of flooding defenses/precautions are required of oil and other fuel storage tanks?

-Can you please tell me if the EPA is conducting any investigations into whether storage tanks (either at refineries/plants or oil production facilities) were properly secured for the storm?
-can you please provide details on all reports received by the EPA on chemical/oil/hazliquid/produced water spills as a result of Harvey, including source, volumes, cause, responsible party, etc? (realize this is a broad one so all guidance appreciated)
-broadly (and excepting the Crosby plant) has the EPA been able to assess whether the petrochemical/chemical industries were well prepared for the storm (perhaps compared to past events such as Katrina)?

Associated Press (Michael Biesecker) – Vulnerability of Florida Superfund sites. Seeking copy of assessment. (9/9)
My understanding is that EPA Region 4 has prepared a vulnerability assessment of Florida Superfund sites potentially at risk from Irma that lists Homestead Air Force base, Airco Plating and Cabot Copper as being potentially vulnerable to flooding.
Could you please provide a copy of the assessment? Also, we would be interesting in reporting details of what preparations and monitoring is taking place at those sites as storm progresses.
Would you have time to talk to me or my colleague Jason, copied on this email, later today?

Associated Press (John Flesher) – CWA stormwater discharge permits. (9/13)
I'm putting together a story for AP today on sewage overflows in Florida resulting from Hurricane Irma and have a few questions about EPA's announcement regarding Clean Water Act stormwater discharge permits:
-Does this mean that permit holders will be allowed to discharge untreated or partially treated sewage into waters in ways that ordinarily are impermissible under the Clean Water Act?
-If so, for how long will this waiver be in place?
-What other kinds of exceptions to normal permit requirements would these "upset" or "bypass provisions allow?
-How often are such waivers granted? Is it done routinely during hurricanes, or is does this represent a new policy for EPA? Aside from hurricanes, under what other circumstances would justify such waivers?

CQ (Elvina Nawaguna) – Hurricanes and climate change strategy. (9/11)

I'm working on a story about whether Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Jose can change the conversation about climate change especially among GOP lawmakers who have rejected climate science. Would like to talk with/ get a response from Administrator Pruitt's office on what role climate change may have played in the unusually huge storms and whether the EPA is considering taking stronger action to mitigate climate change. Scientists have said while climate change did not directly cause the storms, it certainly made the flooding worse and project more extreme weather events What strategy does the EPA have going forward?

E&E News (Niina Heikkinen) - Emergency response, Administrator Pruitt, and funding. (9/7)
I'm writing something for tomorrow about what Administrator Pruitt and the agency is doing ahead of Irma. Does EPA have the funding it needs to do two (and potentially three) back to back emergency responses? Will Pruitt be making any TV appearances in the coming days to talk about the storm response?
I'm also interested in what sort of work is happening in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, which haven't gotten as much media attention. Does Administrator Pruitt plan to visit Florida?

E&E News (Niina Heikkinen) – Emergency preparedness and climate change. (9/14)
I'm working on an article for tomorrow about how climate change is being incorporated in emergency response and preparedness efforts.

First, are your staff still using resources such as the National Climate Assessment in planning for future storms like Harvey and Irma?
Are emergency management staff examining different scenarios including sea level rise, precipitation rates, or wildfire frequency that could impact facilities under EPA's jurisdiction?
If you are able to connect me with anyone working in emergency management this afternoon, I'd very much appreciate it.

WIRED (Eric Niiler) – Hurricane debris disposal. (9/14)
I'm a Washington-based contributing writer for WIRED and am putting together a story for Friday (tomorrow) on debris removal after Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. I'd like to either connect with someone by phone, or have a few questions answered in writing:
-Have state environmental officials in Texas or Florida asked for waivers for EPA disposal rules that would allow mixed solid/hazardous waste into construction and demolition landfills? -If so, has the EPA granted any waivers yet?
-Has the Office of Land and Emergency Management (OLEM) addressed concerns raised by a 2016 Office of Inspector General's report on disaster debris:
https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-06/documents/20160629-16-p-0219.pdf
, specifically have they collected information from state agencies about planning for disposal after storms?
-Does OLEM have post-disaster debris disposal plans from state officials for the relevant regions of Texas and Florida?
-Has EPA and OLEM incorporated the effects of climate change into post-disaster debris planning as noted by the OIG report (pp. 3-4) and the 2014 EPA Climate Change Adaptation Plan?
-Anything else that EPA would like to add about its role in debris disposal in Texas and Florida?

2U (John Rehm) – Access to clean drinking water in Texas and Florida. (9/14)
I was wondering if you had any data or information on how many people are without access to clean drinking water in both Texas and Florida.

HURRICANE MARIA

AP (Michael Biesecker) – Drinking water access. (9/26)
AP is reporting on the ground in PR about the crisis with access to drinking water. Are there any EPA folks on the ground there yet they could talk to? If not, is there an ETA for when they will arrive?

E&E News (Niina Heikkinen) – Interview with emergency response staff. (9/25)
Is there any chance I'd be able to talk to some emergency response staff on the ground in Puerto Rico (or any who have recently returned)? I'm working on writing something about EPA's response to Hurricane Maria and would very much like a more personal perspective of what's going on there. If possible, I'd like to speak with someone today.

Inside Climate News (Philip McKenna) – Update on Superfund and oil site assessments in PR/USVI. (10/2) (DDL: ASAP)
Dear EPA press office,
I just wanted to follow up with you to see if there is an update on EPA assessments of Superfund sites and oil sites in Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands following hurricane Maria.
Last I spoke with you Elias Rodriguez on Thursday he told me 3 sites in Puerto Rico had been assessed and found to be OK and he said he thought there would be a new update this past Saturday.
Could you please let me know what the latest update is on EPA assessments of Superfund sites and oil sites on Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands as soon as possible?

Inside EPA (Anthony Lacey) – Interview with Pete Lopez. (9/28)
Hello -- would it be possible to organize a quick telephone interview with Region 2 Administrator Pete Lopez to talk about his priorities for the agency? Happy to figure out a pre-approved question list beforehand and stick to that.

New York Public Radio (Daniel Lewis) – Role in recovery and areas of particular concern in Puerto Rico. (10/2) (DDL: 10/2)
I spoke with the incoming Region 2 Administrator earlier and have some follow-up questions regarding the EPA's response in Puerto Rico right now:
Does the agency have anyone currently on the ground, and if so, how many? What role is the agency currently playing in Puerto Rico's recovery right now? Are there any specific areas of the island that are of particular concern regarding issues from sewage, chemical plants, etc., and is there anything that the agency is currently doing to try and tackle that?
Thanks for the help. My deadline is 4pm today, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Washington Examiner (John Siciliano) – Response in Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands. (9/25)
Can you explain the pause in Puerto Rico and V. Islands? Is it because its too hazardous?

Vox (Umair Irfan) – Agency role in recovery effort and reconstruction. (9/28) (DDL: 9/28)
Hi,

I am a reporter at Vox and I am looking into relief efforts in Puerto Rico. I wanted to see if someone at EPA could comment on the environmental concerns in Puerto Rico after the hurricane, particularly with respect to energy infrastructure.

I wanted to see if someone at EPA could comment on the agency's role in the recovery effort, some of the environmental concerns in the reconstruction and what EPA can do to help Puerto Rico prepare for the next disaster.

Also, I saw that Pete Lopez was appointed to lead Region 2, so I was hoping I could speak with him about his take on the role and his strategy for Puerto Rico's recovery.

I anticipate filing by 5 p.m. EST today.

Message

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CNBC, DEADLINE: ASAP (Jeff Daniels), Re: Nuclear detonation. ***Christie StClair.***

Background:
CNBC is doing a piece on the threat of N. Korea test-firing an H-bomb over the Pacific. They're asking about Fukushima's impact, as well as the environmental impact of 1950s and 1960s nuclear testing. His deadline is end of today. Reporter: Jeff Daniels, CNBC, jeff.daniels@nbcuni.com

Proposed response:

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Inquiry:

We wanted to know if EPA's Radnet that measures radiation has a report on the U.S. West Coast impacts from the Japanese nuclear plant disaster in 2011.

Also, has the U.S. studied what impact 1950 and 1960s nuclear bomb test explosions had on the waters or air? Our story is tied to the threat of Korea test-firing an H-bomb over the Pacific.

Thank you.

VICE News, DEADLINE: 10/12 (Alex Lubben), Re: ECHO updates, reducing lead in drinking water efforts. ***Enesta Jones.***

Background:
VICE News reporter is asking for recent drinking water stats in ECHO, and our accomplishments for getting lead out of drinking water. Publicly available information. Third quarter results, by the way, should be posted in the next week to ECHO. Internal only for now. Response input from OECA and OW. Alex Lubben, Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Suggested Response:

Can you confirm that those stats have been updated for the 3rd quarter?

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

And can you list the EPA's accomplishments on getting lead out of drinking water so far this year? Is there any significant water infrastructure work planned? Is a revision to the Lead and Copper Rule in the works?

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Inquiry:

Hi Liz,

I'm Alex Lubben, a reporter with VICE News. I'm working on a story about the EPA's lead and drinking water programs, and noticed that the ECHO site notes that its drinking water stats are updated quarterly. Can you confirm that those stats have been updated for the 3rd quarter?

And can you list the EPA's accomplishments on getting lead out of drinking water so far this year? Is there any significant water infrastructure work planned? Is a revision to the Lead and Copper Rule in the works?

The Scientist, DEADLINE: 10/11 (Abby Olena), Re: Genetically engineered mosquitoes. ***Robert Daguillard.***

BACKGROUND

The reporter's inquiry follows the transfer of responsibility for genetically engineered OXITEC mosquitoes from FDA to EPA. The move, announced last week, follows the new classification of OXITEC mosquitoes as a pesticide. Abby Olena – The Scientist – Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

RESPONSE

1. **Does the EPA have a plan in place for regulating the use of the genetically engineered (Oxitec) mosquitoes?**

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Background:

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

2. **Is there still an approval process that needs to take place since the FDA handed oversight over to EPA?**

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

3. **If so, what is the timeline and basic structure of that sort of process?**

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Background:

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

4. **Will the EPA be looking to other countries in which the Oxitec mosquitoes have already been used for guidance in evaluating the mosquitoes' approval?**

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

5. **Are there other examples of the release of living insects or other kinds of animals that EPA has overseen?**

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Inquiry:

Hello EPA Press team,

I spoke with Robert Daguillard yesterday afternoon about a story I'm writing for The Scientist about the oversight of Oxitec mosquitoes shifting to the EPA. I hadn't heard from him, and I think he mentioned he was out today, so I wanted to try this avenue as well.

I've included some questions below my signature. If someone can help me find answers, that would be great. My story will be a short one (500 or words) headed for the Daily News section. Deadline is Monday at 5 pm ET.

Fox News, DEADLINE: 10/11 (George Russell) Re: Privilege user cards. ***Enesta Jones.***

Background:
Fox News reporter who refers to me as Ernesto has returned, asking for a list of personnel without Privilege User Cards (PUCs) who have privilege access to EPA systems. Response input from OEI, with OARM concurrence. George Russell, George.Russell@FOXNEWS.COM

Suggested Response:

The [Personnel Security Branch] PSB provided us with a list of contractor personnel identified as PUC holders from the Office Administrative Services Information System. The PSB could not provide us with a list of personnel without PUCs who have privilege access to EPA systems. Does the EPA now have such a list, and if so, how many people are on it? If the list exists, can you also tell us what percentage now have had the appropriate background checks?

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Inquiry:

Dear Ernesta,

On review of your replies, I realized there was one question I neglected to ask. The management alert says:

The PSB provided us with a list of contractor personnel identified as PUC holders from the Office Administrative Services Information System. The PSB could not provide us with a list of personnel without PUCs who have privilege access to EPA systems.

Does the EPA now have such a list, and if so, how many people are on it? If the list exists, can you also tell us what percentage now have had the appropriate background checks?

Apologies again for failing to ask the first time around. Would it be possible to have the answer by close of business Wednesday?

Health.com, DEADLINE 10/11 (Maria Masters) Re: Indoor Mold Follow-Up. Tricia Lynn.

Reporter is asking for a name for attribution. Laureen Burton, Staff Chemist/Toxicologist provided the information, and OAR is suggesting her. Does that work or do you have some other preference?

Politico, DEADLINE: 10/11 (Derek Robertson), Re: Women in law enforcement. ***Enesta Jones***

Background:
POLITICO reporter is asking for the number of senior level women in law enforcement at the agency. OARM did a data pull. Derek Robertson, drobertson@politico.com

Suggested Response:
Please see the chart below.

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Inquiry:

Hi, my name is Derek Robertson and I'm a reporter with POLITICO – we're working on a story about women in law enforcement and I was hoping to learn what percentage of full-time sworn officers in the EPA's employ are women. My deadline for this is mid-October. You can reach me at any time here at this e-mail address or at Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) with any questions, thanks so much, and have a great day.

Hi, thanks so much. If it's at all possible, it would also be immensely helpful to know what percentage of women in EPA's law enforcement are GS-15 or Senior Executive Service level – we're trying to include a component in the story about women in leadership roles. Thanks again, and have a great afternoon.

New Yorker, DEADLINE: Early October (Margaret Talbot), Re: Ann Arbor lab. ***Robert Daguillard.***

Background:
The reporter would like to visit the Ann Arbor emissions lab during the week of October 9 as part of a larger piece on rulemaking, reconsiderations and repeals at the agency – OAR is usually open to such visits. Margaret Talbot – the New Yorker – Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Response:
Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Inquiry:
Dear Mr. Daguillard,
I do mean the NVFEL in Ann Arbor--sorry for the dropped F!
The piece is a larger piece on some of the proposed rules reconsiderations at EPA under the new administrator, and one of the areas I'm likely focusing on is the re-opening of the mid-term evaluation on clean car standards.
I'm interested in the lab's role in research and testing on emissions in cases like the VW cover-up, and frankly--I'm sure you will understand this from a journalistic point of view--looking to get out of Washington and see some of the important work done at the EPA's labs that readers can more easily visualize.

P.S. If it works out, I was hoping to be able to go there the week of October 9th.

The Nation, DEADLINE: 8/18 (Rene Ebersole), Re: Glyphosate review. ***Robert Daguillard.***

Background:

The response consists of: The pesticide program's desk statement on glyphosate; and its standard answer on the allegations surrounding Mr. Rowland. Rene Ebersole – the Nation – Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Proposed Response:

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Inquiry:
I'm in the midst of an article having to do with Roundup and glyphosate and I have a few quick questions for someone there. If you can reply today I'd be very grateful!

1. What's the status of the draft glyphosate human health and ecological risk assessments for public comment? Are those still scheduled to be released in 2017? (Or have I missed them?)

2. Was there an outcome of the Scientific Advisory Panel on glyphosate? I see the minutes online, but it's not clear to me if anything ever came of that?

3. Was that panel a public hearing? Or was it open only to invited scientists?

4. I know this is a touchy question, but can you provide any comment on the charges that EPA officials, and specifically Jess Rowland, were "colluding" with Monsanto to promote glyphosate as non-carcinogenic?

Thanks for your time and attention.

HURRICANE REQUESTS

HURRICANE HARVEY

ABC News-Washington (Stephanie Ebbs) – Update on Valero benzene leak. (9/14)
Was there any new information about the Valero benzene leak out today? I'm seeing references to new information from EPA but I didn't see a release or anything

AFP (Delphine Touitou) – Confirmation on letter and inquiry into Arkema plant. (9/12)
My collegue Douglas Gillison contacted you a couple of hours ago to try to confirm the information published in some US media saying the Environmental Protection Agency has opened an inquiry into whether the Arkema chemical plant in Crosby, Texas followed federal safety rules to protect against hazards, following explosions at the facility that resulted from Hurricane Harvey flooding.
Could you confirm this information please?
The medias also mentionned a letter sent to Arkema on September 7th urging Arkema to reply in 10 days. Could you also confirm this point please? It is very urgent.

AP (Frank Bajak) – Environmental testing at Houston spill sites. (9/22)

I'm interested in getting a rundown on where EPA is collecting air, water and soil samples related to actual or suspected Harvey-related petrochemical spills and releases in 1) the Houston metropolitan area 2) other parts of Texas.

I'd appreciate if someone could talk me through this. I know there is Arkema, the Valero refinery and Superfund sites and would like to know the nature and extent of sampling. I'm curious also about various spills reported to the Coast Guard's NRC.

Argus Media (Chris Knight) - Clarification re: emergency fuel waivers. (9/7)
I'm just trying to understand the difference here. Is the main thing that EPA extended the deadlines of the RFG through September 26?

Argus (Chris Knight) – Waiver data. (9/21) (DDL: 9/21)

EPA press, I'm doing a story about the expiration in the coming week or so of fuel waivers and other waivers from EPA, Homeland Security, highway operating hours, etc., along with the benefits the waivers provided to areas hit by Irma/Harvey/Maria.

Questions:

- Does EPA plan to extend further any of its fuel waivers or enforcement discretion notices?

- Has EPA collected data/information it can share on use of its waivers? I'm trying to sum up what benefits the waivers have provided to those hit by the storms but haven't seen any type of government data on this (E.g., retailers were able to sell XX million barrels that were otherwise unavailable)

Deadline is 3:30 p.m. today.

Bloomberg (Meenal Vamburkar) – Valero leak. (9/15)
I'm following up on the Valero benzene/chemical leak after the hurricane. It's been reported that the leak was bigger than originally estimated and that Valero will be putting out a revised report. Is there a time-frame in which we can expect the revised numbers from the company -- or any other EPA update on the investigation?

BNA (Sylvia Carignan) – Post-hurricane Superfund site summaries. (9/15)
A question about this line from the press release:
"Post-hurricane Superfund site summaries based on preliminary data results are being released."
Where are these summaries available?

BNA (Sam Pearson) – Administrator Pruitt's remarks on Arkema. (9/12)
Do you have a copy of the Section 114 letter sent to Arkema?
If the letter is being shared with the Washington Examiner, does that mean that EPA will release the letter? Not understanding the rationale for only releasing it selectively.
Also, can anyone explain Administrator Pruitt's comment that " "The concern about some of those risk management plans is the data in those RMPs are actually intelligence or information our adversaries — terrorists — can use to attack soft targets across this country. So we [have to] make sure those RMPs are done the right way to assure we are not equipping our adversaries."

Under existing RMP regulations, Arkema already disclosed it kept as much as 66,260 pounds of sulfur dioxide and 86,000 pounds of 2-Methylpropene on site.

From my reading of the final rule that Administrator Pruitt delayed, the main additional requirements would have been:

- required companies to tell the public, if asked, that the information is available, and the companies would track who requested the information.
- Companies would be required to share the names of regulated substances used in a process at the plant
- The substances' safety data sheets
- the plant's five-year accident history (this is already listed on existing RMPs, they just have to be obtained from EPA rather than the plant)
- a list of scheduled emergency response exercises the plant has conducted (not the content of the exercises or what vulnerabilities they were concerned about or specific things of that nature)
- contact information for the Local Emergency Planning Committee responsible for the plant (again this information could already be obtained through basic research but in theory would be faster this way)

How does any of this = detailed information about all chemicals that are there? How specifically would a terrorist exploit this process to obtain "intelligence" to "attack soft targets across this country"?

BNA (Adam Allington) - Retail facility cleanup and RCRA guidelines. (9/7)
Adam Allington from Bloomberg BNA here.
I'm working on a story about cleanup of retail facilities after Hurricane Harvey. Places that sell products which fall under the guidance of hazardous waste, when thrown away...paints, aerosol cans, perfumes, medicine, etc.

I was wondering if EPA has issued any for temporary relaxation of RCRA guidelines as a response to disaster declarations? If you could let me know on this one particular point I would be very grateful

CQ (Jackie Toth) – Seeking copy of RMP letter from Administrator Pruitt to Arkema plant and 9/7 request for information. (9/12)
Can I get a copy of the letter Admin. Pruitt sent to Arkema with concerns over whether it had followed its Risk Management Plan and the Sept. 7 request for information to the company?

E&E News (Corbin Hiar) – Seeking copy of 9/7 letter to Arkema. (9/12)
Can EPA please provide a copy of the Sept. 7 letter to Arkema asking for information related to its Crosby, Texas, plant explosion? I plan to file a story about this by 11 a.m. this morning.

E&E News (Corbin Hiar) – Flooding, Superfund sites, and climate change. (9/14) (DDL: 9/18)
I'm planning to file a story on Friday about Superfund sites and climate change, so I want to give EPA the opportunity to weigh in on it.
The story notes that the flooding and potential contaminant leaks at the San Jacinto Waste Pits site closely to matches a scenario described in the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response's Climate Change Adaptation Implementation Plan. While that report is still listed on EPA's Superfund Climate Change Adaptation page, the link to it leads to a page that is being updated to reflect EPA's new priorities.
To what extent, if at all, does EPA think the flooding that occurred at Superfund sites in the wake of Hurricane Harvey is related to climate change? How much, if at all, would the OSWER climate adaptation plan have helped the agency better prepare for Harvey's impacts? How much, if at all, would regulators, responsible parties and affected communities benefit from having access to the OSWER climate plan?
Also, were any Superfund sites in Florida damaged by Hurricane Irma? If so, which ones and to what extent were they damaged?
Please let me know if you have any questions about the story. And thanks for any feedback you can provide by EOD tomorrow.

E&E News (Corbin Hiar) – Rep. Green letter on exposure risk from Superfund spill. (9/27) (DDL: 9/27)
I plan to write about this for tomorrow morning's Daily. Please let me know by EOD if EPA wants to weigh in.
[Attached: Rep Green Letter Requests for Answers from EPA Secretary Pruitt on Exposure Risk from Harvey Superfund Spill.]

Fox News (Maggie Kerkman) – Amount of debris. (9/26)
Would you happen to have anyone in the Dallas area who could talk about just the enormous amount of debris that needs to be removed in the wake of Harvey? We're trying to do a follow up story on the storm and looking for an expert who could give us a sense of how vast this job is.

Houston Chronicle (Matt Dempsey) – Arkema release from Friday. (9/18)

I still have a number of questions. Would prefer an interview but if that's not possible... here's the questions:

Why only one day of water samples?

Was any soil testing done?

Was any air testing done for phenol?

Did the EPA do air modeling and if so for what chemicals and what were the results?

When ASPECT was used, what time of day was the craft run? Why test for only the half mile around the plant?

Was any air monitoring done outside of the half mile around the plant? What about outside the evacuation zone?

Can I get any email communications between the EPA and Arkema from Aug. 25 through Sept. 5?

Houston Public Media (Travis Bubenik) – Arkema response to EPA letter. (9/19)
Morning, has Arkema responded to this information request yet? (Not sure if the 10 days requirement counts weekends or just business days...)

Moody's Investor Service (Roy Ousley) – Seeking names of affected water systems. (9/12)
I read the statement regarding status of water systems in the area affected by Harvey, and wanted to know if it was possible for you to provide me with the names of the water systems that have been affected. Particularly the 50 drinking systems that are shut down.

San Antonio Express-News (Rye Druzin) – Valero plant and RINs. (9/14)
Joe Gorder, the CEO of Valero Energy Corp., the largest U.S. refiner, said that the $800 million to $1 billion that Valero is paying for RINs costs do not go to the government, but rather brokers (the people who buy fuel from Valero, blend it and get the RINs credit) who resell the RINs to Valero.
This is a direct quote from Mr. Gorder, from a talk today:
"We sell it at the refinery, it goes through a pipe, it gets out here. Ethanol gets blended into it. That person that blends it captures the credit, which identifies that the ethanol has been blended. He doesn't need it, he doesn't have an obligation. I'm back here, I've produced the fuel, I do need the credit, he hangs onto them until I cry uncle and then he sells them to me at an inflated price and I get them to the government to show compliance. That is $800 million to $1 billion that's not being paid to the government; it's being paid to individual companies out there that are capturing these credits, brokers who are between us and you. What this means is you're paying 8 to 10 cents a gallon more than you need to for your fuel because of this policy."
I would like to know if Mr. Gorder's characterizations are correct, and I need a response ASAP, no later than 6 p.m. Central Time (7 p.m. ET).
I would prefer an emailed response because it will be easier to put into the story. Thank you.

Univision 45 Houston (Jessica Rivera) – Benzene and Valero plant. (9/14)
Univision 45 in Houston, Texas is requesting information on a Houston Chronicle report that Valero Energy "significantly underestimated" the amount of cancer-causing benzene and other volatile compounds leaked from its Houston refinery during Hurricane Harvey's torrential rains, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said Thursday.
Do you have any information?
Or, could you provide us with the EPA media contact for Texas?
I searched on the website for the Texas contact and the information would not pop up when I scrolled over the media map.

Vice (Alex Lubben) – U.S. Oil Recovery. (9/19)
Hi Jahan,

Has the EPA conducted any sort of clean up operation post-Harvey at the U.S. Oil Recovery Superfund site since the Harvey floodwaters receded?

HURRICANE IRMA

Al Jazeera (Elizabeth Gorman Shaw) – Hurricane cleanup and recovery.
I'm a journalist for "Fault Lines" at Al Jazeera English. I'm interested in making an interview request for a story I'm working on about Hurricane cleanup and recovery.

Associated Press (Matthew Brown) – Non-Superfund chemical/petrochemical storage sites. (9/8)
Greetings-
As part of the EPA's preparations for Irma, can you please tell me if the agency is also trying to assess safety of chemical/petrochemical storage sites that are NOT on the Superfund list?
I'm also following up on earlier questions (repeated below) regarding Harvey-related spills from petrochemical storage tanks.
HARVEY QUESTIONS:
-has EPA received any results of water sampling focused on industrial facilities and hazardous waste sites?
-has EPA been able to make any determinations as to the public health risk of any spills into floodwaters/onto land from crude oil, chemical releases, etc.?
-are there federal regulations governing what kind of flooding defenses/precautions are required of oil and other fuel storage tanks?
-Can you please tell me if the EPA is conducting any investigations into whether storage tanks (either at refineries/plants or oil production facilities) were properly secured for the storm?
-can you please provide details on all reports received by the EPA on chemical/oil/hazliquid/produced water spills as a result of Harvey, including source, volumes, cause, responsible party, etc? (realize this is a broad one so all guidance appreciated)
-broadly (and excepting the Crosby plant) has the EPA been able to assess whether the petrochemical/chemical industries were well prepared for the storm (perhaps compared to past events such as Katrina)?

Associated Press (Michael Biesecker) – Vulnerability of Florida Superfund sites. Seeking copy of assessment. (9/9)
My understanding is that EPA Region 4 has prepared a vulnerability assessment of Florida Superfund sites potentially at risk from Irma that lists Homestead Air Force base, Airco Plating and Cabot Copper as being potentially vulnerable to flooding.
Could you please provide a copy of the assessment? Also, we would be interesting in reporting details of what preparations and monitoring is taking place at those sites as storm progresses.
Would you have time to talk to me or my colleague Jason, copied on this email, later today?

Associated Press (John Flesher) – CWA stormwater discharge permits. (9/13)
I'm putting together a story for AP today on sewage overflows in Florida resulting from Hurricane Irma and have a few questions about EPA's announcement regarding Clean Water Act stormwater discharge permits:
-Does this mean that permit holders will be allowed to discharge untreated or partially treated sewage into waters in ways that ordinarily are impermissible under the Clean Water Act?
-If so, for how long will this waiver be in place?
-What other kinds of exceptions to normal permit requirements would these "upset" or "bypass provisions allow?

-How often are such waivers granted? Is it done routinely during hurricanes, or is does this represent a new policy for EPA? Aside from hurricanes, under what other circumstances would justify such waivers?

CQ (Elvina Nawaguna) – Hurricanes and climate change strategy. (9/11)

I'm working on a story about whether Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Jose can change the conversation about climate change especially among GOP lawmakers who have rejected climate science. Would like to talk with/ get a response from Administrator Pruitt's office on what role climate change may have played in the unusually huge storms and whether the EPA is considering taking stronger action to mitigate climate change. Scientists have said while climate change did not directly cause the storms, it certainly made the flooding worse and project more extreme weather events What strategy does the EPA have going forward?

E&E News (Niina Heikkinen) - Emergency response, Administrator Pruitt, and funding. (9/7)
I'm writing something for tomorrow about what Administrator Pruitt and the agency is doing ahead of Irma. Does EPA have the funding it needs to do two (and potentially three) back to back emergency responses? Will Pruitt be making any TV appearances in the coming days to talk about the storm response?
I'm also interested in what sort of work is happening in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, which haven't gotten as much media attention. Does Administrator Pruitt plan to visit Florida?

E&E News (Niina Heikkinen) – Emergency preparedness and climate change. (9/14)
I'm working on an article for tomorrow about how climate change is being incorporated in emergency response and preparedness efforts.
First, are your staff still using resources such as the National Climate Assessment in planning for future storms like Harvey and Irma?
Are emergency management staff examining different scenarios including sea level rise, precipitation rates, or wildfire frequency that could impact facilities under EPA's jurisdiction?
If you are able to connect me with anyone working in emergency management this afternoon, I'd very much appreciate it.

WIRED (Eric Niiler) – Hurricane debris disposal. (9/14)
I'm a Washington-based contributing writer for WIRED and am putting together a story for Friday (tomorrow) on debris removal after Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. I'd like to either connect with someone by phone, or have a few questions answered in writing:
-Have state environmental officials in Texas or Florida asked for waivers for EPA disposal rules that would allow mixed solid/hazardous waste into construction and demolition landfills? -If so, has the EPA granted any waivers yet?
-Has the Office of Land and Emergency Management (OLEM) addressed concerns raised by a 2016 Office of Inspector General's report on disaster debris:
https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-06/documents/20160629-16-p-0219.pdf
, specifically have they collected information from state agencies about planning for disposal after storms?
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I was wondering if you had any data or information on how many people are without access to clean drinking water in both Texas and Florida.

HURRICANE MARIA

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AP is reporting on the ground in PR about the crisis with access to drinking water. Are there any EPA folks on the ground there yet they could talk to? If not, is there an ETA for when they will arrive?

E&E News (Niina Heikkinen) – Interview with emergency response staff. (9/25)
Is there any chance I'd be able to talk to some emergency response staff on the ground in Puerto Rico (or any who have recently returned)? I'm working on writing something about EPA's response to Hurricane Maria and would very much like a more personal perspective of what's going on there. If possible, I'd like to speak with someone today.

Inside Climate News (Philip McKenna) – Update on Superfund and oil site assessments in PR/USVI. (10/2) (DDL: ASAP)
Dear EPA press office,
I just wanted to follow up with you to see if there is an update on EPA assessments of Superfund sites and oil sites in Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands following hurricane Maria.
Last I spoke with you Elias Rodriguez on Thursday he told me 3 sites in Puerto Rico had been assessed and found to be OK and he said he thought there would be a new update this past Saturday.
Could you please let me know what the latest update is on EPA assessments of Superfund sites and oil sites on Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands as soon as possible?

Inside EPA (Anthony Lacey) – Interview with Pete Lopez. (9/28)
Hello -- would it be possible to organize a quick telephone interview with Region 2 Administrator Pete Lopez to talk about his priorities for the agency? Happy to figure out a pre-approved question list beforehand and stick to that.

New York Public Radio (Daniel Lewis) – Role in recovery and areas of particular concern in Puerto Rico. (10/2) (DDL: 10/2)
I spoke with the incoming Region 2 Administrator earlier and have some follow-up questions regarding the EPA's response in Puerto Rico right now:
Does the agency have anyone currently on the ground, and if so, how many? What role is the agency currently playing in Puerto Rico's recovery right now? Are there any specific areas of the island that are of particular concern regarding issues from sewage, chemical plants, etc., and is there anything that the agency is currently doing to try and tackle that?
Thanks for the help. My deadline is 4pm today, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Washington Examiner (John Siciliano) – Response in Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands. (9/25)
Can you explain the pause in Puerto Rico and V. Islands? Is it because its too hazardous?

Vox (Umair Irfan) – Agency role in recovery effort and reconstruction. (9/28) (DDL: 9/28)
Hi,

I am a reporter at Vox and I am looking into relief efforts in Puerto Rico. I wanted to see if someone at EPA could comment on the environmental concerns in Puerto Rico after the hurricane, particularly with respect to energy infrastructure.

I wanted to see if someone at EPA could comment on the agency's role in the recovery effort, some of the environmental concerns in the reconstruction and what EPA can do to help Puerto Rico prepare for the next disaster.

Also, I saw that Pete Lopez was appointed to lead Region 2, so I was hoping I could speak with him about his take on the role and his strategy for Puerto Rico's recovery.

I anticipate filing by 5 p.m. EST today.

Message

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Subject: Open Inquiries for Review -- 10/10/17 -- AFTERNOON

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Reporter is asking for a name for attribution. Laureen Burton, Staff Chemist/Toxicologist provided the information, and OAR is suggesting her. Does that work or do you have some other preference?

Politico, DEADLINE: 10/11 (Derek Robertson), Re: Women in law enforcement. ***Enesta Jones***

Background:
POLITICO reporter is asking for the number of senior level women in law enforcement at the agency. OARM did a data pull. Derek Robertson, drobertson@politico.com

Suggested Response:
Please see the chart below.

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Inquiry:

Hi, my name is Derek Robertson and I'm a reporter with POLITICO – we're working on a story about women in law enforcement and I was hoping to learn what percentage of full-time sworn officers in the EPA's employ are women. My deadline for this is mid-October. You can reach me at any time here at this e-mail address or at Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) with any questions, thanks so much, and have a great day.

Hi, thanks so much. If it's at all possible, it would also be immensely helpful to know what percentage of women in EPA's law enforcement are GS-15 or Senior Executive Service level – we're trying to include a component in the story about women in leadership roles. Thanks again, and have a great afternoon.

New Yorker, DEADLINE: Early October (Margaret Talbot), Re: Ann Arbor lab. ***Robert Daguillard.***

Background:
The reporter would like to visit the Ann Arbor emissions lab during the week of October 9 as part of a larger piece on rulemaking, reconsiderations and repeals at the agency – OAR is usually open to such visits. Margaret Talbot – the New Yorker – **Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)**

Response:

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Inquiry:

Dear Mr. Daguillard,
I do mean the NVFEL in Ann Arbor--sorry for the dropped F!
The piece is a larger piece on some of the proposed rules reconsiderations at EPA under the new administrator, and one of the areas I'm likely focusing on is the re-opening of the mid-term evaluation on clean car standards.
I'm interested in the lab's role in research and testing on emissions in cases like the VW cover-up, and frankly--I'm sure you will understand this from a journalistic point of view--looking to get out of Washington and see some of the important work done at the EPA's labs that readers can more easily visualize.

P.S. If it works out, I was hoping to be able to go there the week of October 9th.

The Nation, DEADLINE: 8/18 (Rene Ebersole), Re: Glyphosate review. *Robert Daguillard.*

Background:

The response consists of: The pesticide program's desk statement on glyphosate; and its standard answer on the allegations surrounding Mr. Rowland. Rene Ebersole – the Nation – Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Proposed Response:

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Inquiry:

I'm in the midst of an article having to do with Roundup and glyphosate and I have a few quick questions for someone there. If you can reply today I'd be very grateful!

1. What's the status of the draft glyphosate human health and ecological risk assessments for public comment? Are those still scheduled to be released in 2017? (Or have I missed them?)

2. Was there an outcome of the Scientific Advisory Panel on glyphosate? I see the minutes online, but it's not clear to me if anything ever came of that?

3. Was that panel a public hearing? Or was it open only to invited scientists?

4. I know this is a touchy question, but can you provide any comment on the charges that EPA officials, and specifically Jess Rowland, were "colluding" with Monsanto to promote glyphosate as non-carcinogenic?

Thanks for your time and attention.

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HURRICANE HARVEY

ABC News-Washington (Stephanie Ebbs) – Update on Valero benzene leak. (9/14)
Was there any new information about the Valero benzene leak out today? I'm seeing references to new information from EPA but I didn't see a release or anything

AFP (Delphine Touitou) – Confirmation on letter and inquiry into Arkema plant. (9/12)
My collegue Douglas Gillison contacted you a couple of hours ago to try to confirm the information published in some US media saying the Environmental Protection Agency has opened an inquiry into whether the Arkema chemical plant in Crosby, Texas followed federal safety rules to protect against hazards, following explosions at the facility that resulted from Hurricane Harvey flooding.
Could you confirm this information please?
The medias also mentionned a letter sent to Arkema on September 7th urging Arkema to reply in 10 days. Could you also confirm this point please? It is very urgent.

AP (Frank Bajak) – Environmental testing at Houston spill sites. (9/22)

I'm interested in getting a rundown on where EPA is collecting air, water and soil samples related to actual or suspected Harvey-related petrochemical spills and releases in 1) the Houston metropolitan area 2) other parts of Texas.

I'd appreciate if someone could talk me through this. I know there is Arkema, the Valero refinery and Superfund sites and would like to know the nature and extent of sampling. I'm curious also about various spills reported to the Coast Guard's NRC.

Argus Media (Chris Knight) - Clarification re: emergency fuel waivers. (9/7)
I'm just trying to understand the difference here. Is the main thing that EPA extended the deadlines of the RFG through September 26?

Argus (Chris Knight) – Waiver data. (9/21) (DDL: 9/21)

EPA press, I'm doing a story about the expiration in the coming week or so of fuel waivers and other waivers from EPA, Homeland Security, highway operating hours, etc., along with the benefits the waivers provided to areas hit by Irma/Harvey/Maria.

Questions:

- Does EPA plan to extend further any of its fuel waivers or enforcement discretion notices?

- Has EPA collected data/information it can share on use of its waivers? I'm trying to sum up what benefits the waivers have provided to those hit by the storms but haven't seen any type of government data on this (E.g., retailers were able to sell XX million barrels that were otherwise unavailable)

Deadline is 3:30 p.m. today.

Bloomberg (Meenal Vamburkar) – Valero leak. (9/15)
I'm following up on the Valero benzene/chemical leak after the hurricane. It's been reported that the leak was bigger than originally estimated and that Valero will be putting out a revised report. Is there a time-frame in which we can expect the revised numbers from the company -- or any other EPA update on the investigation?

BNA (Sylvia Carignan) – Post-hurricane Superfund site summaries. (9/15)
A question about this line from the press release:
"Post-hurricane Superfund site summaries based on preliminary data results are being released."
Where are these summaries available?

BNA (Sam Pearson) – Administrator Pruitt's remarks on Arkema. (9/12)
Do you have a copy of the Section 114 letter sent to Arkema?
If the letter is being shared with the Washington Examiner, does that mean that EPA will release the letter? Not understanding the rationale for only releasing it selectively.
Also, can anyone explain Administrator Pruitt's comment that " "The concern about some of those risk management plans is the data in those RMPs are actually intelligence or information our adversaries — terrorists — can use to attack soft targets across this country. So we [have to] make sure those RMPs are done the right way to assure we are not equipping our adversaries."

Under existing RMP regulations, Arkema already disclosed it kept as much as 66,260 pounds of sulfur dioxide and 86,000 pounds of 2-Methylpropene on site.

From my reading of the final rule that Administrator Pruitt delayed, the main additional requirements would have been:

- required companies to tell the public, if asked, that the information is available, and the companies would track who requested the information.
- Companies would be required to share the names of regulated substances used in a process at the plant
- The substances' safety data sheets
- the plant's five-year accident history (this is already listed on existing RMPs, they just have to be obtained from EPA rather than the plant)
- a list of scheduled emergency response exercises the plant has conducted (not the content of the exercises or what vulnerabilities they were concerned about or specific things of that nature)
- contact information for the Local Emergency Planning Committee responsible for the plant (again this information could already be obtained through basic research but in theory would be faster this way)

How does any of this = detailed information about all chemicals that are there? How specifically would a terrorist exploit this process to obtain "intelligence" to "attack soft targets across this country"?

BNA (Adam Allington) - Retail facility cleanup and RCRA guidelines. (9/7)
Adam Allington from Bloomberg BNA here.
I'm working on a story about cleanup of retail facilities after Hurricane Harvey. Places that sell products which fall under the guidance of hazardous waste, when thrown away...paints, aerosol cans, perfumes, medicine, etc.
I was wondering if EPA has issued any for temporary relaxation of RCRA guidelines as a response to disaster declarations?
If you could let me know on this one particular point I would be very grateful

CQ (Jackie Toth) – Seeking copy of RMP letter from Administrator Pruitt to Arkema plant and 9/7 request for information. (9/12)
Can I get a copy of the letter Admin. Pruitt sent to Arkema with concerns over whether it had followed its Risk Management Plan and the Sept. 7 request for information to the company?

E&E News (Corbin Hiar) – Seeking copy of 9/7 letter to Arkema. (9/12)
Can EPA please provide a copy of the Sept. 7 letter to Arkema asking for information related to its Crosby, Texas, plant explosion? I plan to file a story about this by 11 a.m. this morning.

E&E News (Corbin Hiar) – Flooding, Superfund sites, and climate change. (9/14) (DDL: 9/18)
I'm planning to file a story on Friday about Superfund sites and climate change, so I want to give EPA the opportunity to weigh in on it.
The story notes that the flooding and potential contaminant leaks at the San Jacinto Waste Pits site closely to matches a scenario described in the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response's Climate Change Adaptation Implementation Plan. While that report is still listed on EPA's Superfund Climate Change Adaptation page, the link to it leads to a page that is being updated to reflect EPA's new priorities.
To what extent, if at all, does EPA think the flooding that occurred at Superfund sites in the wake of Hurricane Harvey is related to climate change? How much, if at all, would the OSWER climate adaptation plan have helped the agency better prepare for Harvey's impacts? How much, if at all, would regulators, responsible parties and affected communities benefit from having access to the OSWER climate plan?
Also, were any Superfund sites in Florida damaged by Hurricane Irma? If so, which ones and to what extent were they damaged?
Please let me know if you have any questions about the story. And thanks for any feedback you can provide by EOD tomorrow.

E&E News (Corbin Hiar) – Rep. Green letter on exposure risk from Superfund spill. (9/27) (DDL: 9/27)
I plan to write about this for tomorrow morning's Daily. Please let me know by EOD if EPA wants to weigh in.
[Attached: Rep Green Letter Requests for Answers from EPA Secretary Pruitt on Exposure Risk from Harvey Superfund Spill.]

Fox News (Maggie Kerkman) – Amount of debris. (9/26)
Would you happen to have anyone in the Dallas area who could talk about just the enormous amount of debris that needs to be removed in the wake of Harvey? We're trying to do a follow up story on the storm and looking for an expert who could give us a sense of how vast this job is.

Houston Chronicle (Matt Dempsey) – Arkema release from Friday. (9/18)

I still have a number of questions. Would prefer an interview but if that's not possible... here's the questions:

Why only one day of water samples?

Was any soil testing done?

Was any air testing done for phenol?

Did the EPA do air modeling and if so for what chemicals and what were the results?

When ASPECT was used, what time of day was the craft run? Why test for only the half mile around the plant?

Was any air monitoring done outside of the half mile around the plant? What about outside the evacuation zone?

Can I get any email communications between the EPA and Arkema from Aug. 25 through Sept. 5?

Houston Public Media (Travis Bubenik) – Arkema response to EPA letter. (9/19)
Morning, has Arkema responded to this information request yet? (Not sure if the 10 days requirement counts weekends or just business days...)

Moody's Investor Service (Roy Ousley) – Seeking names of affected water systems. (9/12)
I read the statement regarding status of water systems in the area affected by Harvey, and wanted to know if it was possible for you to provide me with the names of the water systems that have been affected. Particularly the 50 drinking systems that are shut down.

San Antonio Express-News (Rye Druzin) – Valero plant and RINs. (9/14)
Joe Gorder, the CEO of Valero Energy Corp., the largest U.S. refiner, said that the $800 million to $1 billion that Valero is paying for RINs costs do not go to the government, but rather brokers (the people who buy fuel from Valero, blend it and get the RINs credit) who resell the RINs to Valero.
This is a direct quote from Mr. Gorder, from a talk today:
"We sell it at the refinery, it goes through a pipe, it gets out here. Ethanol gets blended into it. That person that blends it captures the credit, which identifies that the ethanol has been blended. He doesn't need it, he doesn't have an obligation. I'm back here, I've produced the fuel, I do need the credit, he hangs onto them until I cry uncle and then he sells them to me at an inflated price and I get them to the government to show compliance. That is $800 million to $1 billion that's not being paid to the government; it's being paid to individual companies out there that are capturing these credits, brokers who are between us and you. What this means is you're paying 8 to 10 cents a gallon more than you need to for your fuel because of this policy."

I would like to know if Mr. Gorder's characterizations are correct, and I need a response ASAP, no later than 6 p.m. Central Time (7 p.m. ET).
I would prefer an emailed response because it will be easier to put into the story. Thank you.

Univision 45 Houston (Jessica Rivera) – Benzene and Valero plant. (9/14)
Univision 45 in Houston, Texas is requesting information on a Houston Chronicle report that Valero Energy "significantly underestimated" the amount of cancer-causing benzene and other volatile compounds leaked from its Houston refinery during Hurricane Harvey's torrential rains, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said Thursday.
Do you have any information?
Or, could you provide us with the EPA media contact for Texas?
I searched on the website for the Texas contact and the information would not pop up when I scrolled over the media map.

Vice (Alex Lubben) – U.S. Oil Recovery. (9/19)
Hi Jahan,
Has the EPA conducted any sort of clean up operation post-Harvey at the U.S. Oil Recovery Superfund site since the Harvey floodwaters receded?

HURRICANE IRMA

Al Jazeera (Elizabeth Gorman Shaw) – Hurricane cleanup and recovery.
I'm a journalist for "Fault Lines" at Al Jazeera English. I'm interested in making an interview request for a story I'm working on about Hurricane cleanup and recovery.

Associated Press (Matthew Brown) – Non-Superfund chemical/petrochemical storage sites. (9/8)
Greetings-
As part of the EPA's preparations for Irma, can you please tell me if the agency is also trying to assess safety of chemical/petrochemical storage sites that are NOT on the Superfund list?
I'm also following up on earlier questions (repeated below) regarding Harvey-related spills from petrochemical storage tanks.
HARVEY QUESTIONS:
-has EPA received any results of water sampling focused on industrial facilities and hazardous waste sites?
-has EPA been able to make any determinations as to the public health risk of any spills into floodwaters/onto land from crude oil, chemical releases, etc.?
-are there federal regulations governing what kind of flooding defenses/precautions are required of oil and other fuel storage tanks?
-Can you please tell me if the EPA is conducting any investigations into whether storage tanks (either at refineries/plants or oil production facilities) were properly secured for the storm?
-can you please provide details on all reports received by the EPA on chemical/oil/hazliquid/produced water spills as a result of Harvey, including source, volumes, cause, responsible party, etc? (realize this is a broad one so all guidance appreciated)
-broadly (and excepting the Crosby plant) has the EPA been able to assess whether the petrochemical/chemical industries were well prepared for the storm (perhaps compared to past events such as Katrina)?

Associated Press (Michael Biesecker) – Vulnerability of Florida Superfund sites. Seeking copy of assessment. (9/9)
My understanding is that EPA Region 4 has prepared a vulnerability assessment of Florida Superfund sites potentially at risk from Irma that lists Homestead Air Force base, Airco Plating and Cabot Copper as being potentially vulnerable to flooding.
Could you please provide a copy of the assessment? Also, we would be interesting in reporting details of what preparations and monitoring is taking place at those sites as storm progresses.
Would you have time to talk to me or my colleague Jason, copied on this email, later today?

Associated Press (John Flesher) – CWA stormwater discharge permits. (9/13)
I'm putting together a story for AP today on sewage overflows in Florida resulting from Hurricane Irma and have a few questions about EPA's announcement regarding Clean Water Act stormwater discharge permits:
-Does this mean that permit holders will be allowed to discharge untreated or partially treated sewage into waters in ways that ordinarily are impermissible under the Clean Water Act?
-If so, for how long will this waiver be in place?
-What other kinds of exceptions to normal permit requirements would these "upset" or "bypass provisions allow?
-How often are such waivers granted? Is it done routinely during hurricanes, or is does this represent a new policy for EPA? Aside from hurricanes, under what other circumstances would justify such waivers?

CQ (Elvina Nawaguna) – Hurricanes and climate change strategy. (9/11)

I'm working on a story about whether Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Jose can change the conversation about climate change especially among GOP lawmakers who have rejected climate science. Would like to talk with/ get a response from Administrator Pruitt's office on what role climate change may have played in the unusually huge storms and whether the EPA is considering taking stronger action to mitigate climate change. Scientists have said while climate change did not directly cause the storms, it certainly made the flooding worse and project more extreme weather events What strategy does the EPA have going forward?

E&E News (Niina Heikkinen) - Emergency response, Administrator Pruitt, and funding. (9/7)
I'm writing something for tomorrow about what Administrator Pruitt and the agency is doing ahead of Irma. Does EPA have the funding it needs to do two (and potentially three) back to back emergency responses? Will Pruitt be making any TV appearances in the coming days to talk about the storm response?
I'm also interested in what sort of work is happening in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, which haven't gotten as much media attention. Does Administrator Pruitt plan to visit Florida?

E&E News (Niina Heikkinen) – Emergency preparedness and climate change. (9/14)
I'm working on an article for tomorrow about how climate change is being incorporated in emergency response and preparedness efforts.
First, are your staff still using resources such as the National Climate Assessment in planning for future storms like Harvey and Irma?
Are emergency management staff examining different scenarios including sea level rise, precipitation rates, or wildfire frequency that could impact facilities under EPA's jurisdiction?
If you are able to connect me with anyone working in emergency management this afternoon, I'd very much appreciate it.

WIRED (Eric Niiler) – Hurricane debris disposal. (9/14)

I'm a Washington-based contributing writer for WIRED and am putting together a story for Friday (tomorrow) on debris removal after Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. I'd like to either connect with someone by phone, or have a few questions answered in writing:
-Have state environmental officials in Texas or Florida asked for waivers for EPA disposal rules that would allow mixed solid/hazardous waste into construction and demolition landfills? -If so, has the EPA granted any waivers yet?
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Also, I saw that Pete Lopez was appointed to lead Region 2, so I was hoping I could speak with him about his take on the role and his strategy for Puerto Rico's recovery.

I anticipate filing by 5 p.m. EST today.

Message

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Jess, can you please add the following? Thanks!

Health.com, DEADLINE 10/11 (Maria Masters) Re: Indoor Mold Follow-Up. *Tricia Lynn.*

Reporter is asking for a name for attribution. Laureen Burton, Staff Chemist/Toxicologist provided the information, and OAR is suggesting her. Does that work or do you have some other preference?

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Politico, DEADLINE: 10/11 (Derek Robertson), Re: Women in law enforcement. ***Enesta Jones***

Background:
POLITICO reporter is asking for the number of senior level women in law enforcement at the agency. OARM did a data pull. Derek Robertson, drobertson@politico.com

Suggested Response:
Please see the chart below.

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Inquiry:

Hi, my name is Derek Robertson and I'm a reporter with POLITICO – we're working on a story about women in law enforcement and I was hoping to learn what percentage of full-time sworn officers in the EPA's employ are women. My deadline for this is mid-October. You can reach me at any time here at this e-mail address or at Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) with any questions, thanks so much, and have a great day.

Hi, thanks so much. If it's at all possible, it would also be immensely helpful to know what percentage of women in EPA's law enforcement are GS-15 or Senior Executive Service level – we're trying to include a component in the story about women in leadership roles. Thanks again, and have a great afternoon.

New Yorker, DEADLINE: Early October (Margaret Talbot), Re: Ann Arbor lab. ***Robert Daguillard.***

Background:
The reporter would like to visit the Ann Arbor emissions lab during the week of October 9 as part of a larger piece on rulemaking, reconsiderations and repeals at the agency – OAR is usually open to such visits. Margaret Talbot – the New Yorker – Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Response:
Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Inquiry:
Dear Mr. Daguillard,
I do mean the NVFEL in Ann Arbor--sorry for the dropped F!
The piece is a larger piece on some of the proposed rules reconsiderations at EPA under the new administrator, and one of the areas I'm likely focusing on is the re-opening of the mid-term evaluation on clean car standards.
I'm interested in the lab's role in research and testing on emissions in cases like the VW cover-up, and frankly--I'm sure you will understand this from a journalistic point of view--looking to get out of Washington and see some of the important work done at the EPA's labs that readers can more easily visualize.

P.S. If it works out, I was hoping to be able to go there the week of October 9th.

The Nation, DEADLINE: 8/18 (Rene Ebersole), Re: Glyphosate review. ***Robert Daguillard.***

Background:

The response consists of: The pesticide program's desk statement on glyphosate; and its standard answer on the allegations surrounding Mr. Rowland. Rene Ebersole – the Nation – Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Proposed Response:

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Inquiry:
I'm in the midst of an article having to do with Roundup and glyphosate and I have a few quick questions for someone there. If you can reply today I'd be very grateful!

1. What's the status of the draft glyphosate human health and ecological risk assessments for public comment? Are those still scheduled to be released in 2017? (Or have I missed them?)

2. Was there an outcome of the Scientific Advisory Panel on glyphosate? I see the minutes online, but it's not clear to me if anything ever came of that?

3. Was that panel a public hearing? Or was it open only to invited scientists?

4. I know this is a touchy question, but can you provide any comment on the charges that EPA officials, and specifically Jess Rowland, were "colluding" with Monsanto to promote glyphosate as non-carcinogenic?

Thanks for your time and attention.

HURRICANE REQUESTS

HURRICANE HARVEY

ABC News-Washington (Stephanie Ebbs) – Update on Valero benzene leak. (9/14)
Was there any new information about the Valero benzene leak out today? I'm seeing references to new information from EPA but I didn't see a release or anything

AFP (Delphine Touitou) – Confirmation on letter and inquiry into Arkema plant. (9/12)
My collegue Douglas Gillison contacted you a couple of hours ago to try to confirm the information published in some US media saying the Environmental Protection Agency has opened an inquiry into whether the Arkema chemical plant in Crosby, Texas followed federal safety rules to protect against hazards, following explosions at the facility that resulted from Hurricane Harvey flooding.
Could you confirm this information please?

The medias also mentionned a letter sent to Arkema on September 7th urging Arkema to reply in 10 days. Could you also confirm this point please? It is very urgent.

AP (Frank Bajak) – Environmental testing at Houston spill sites. (9/22)

I'm interested in getting a rundown on where EPA is collecting air, water and soil samples related to actual or suspected Harvey-related petrochemical spills and releases in 1) the Houston metropolitan area 2) other parts of Texas.

I'd appreciate if someone could talk me through this. I know there is Arkema, the Valero refinery and Superfund sites and would like to know the nature and extent of sampling. I'm curious also about various spills reported to the Coast Guard's NRC.

Argus Media (Chris Knight) - Clarification re: emergency fuel waivers. (9/7)
I'm just trying to understand the difference here. Is the main thing that EPA extended the deadlines of the RFG through September 26?

Argus (Chris Knight) – Waiver data. (9/21) (DDL: 9/21)

EPA press, I'm doing a story about the expiration in the coming week or so of fuel waivers and other waivers from EPA, Homeland Security, highway operating hours, etc., along with the benefits the waivers provided to areas hit by Irma/Harvey/Maria.

Questions:

- Does EPA plan to extend further any of its fuel waivers or enforcement discretion notices?

- Has EPA collected data/information it can share on use of its waivers? I'm trying to sum up what benefits the waivers have provided to those hit by the storms but haven't seen any type of government data on this (E.g., retailers were able to sell XX million barrels that were otherwise unavailable)

Deadline is 3:30 p.m. today.

Bloomberg (Meenal Vamburkar) – Valero leak. (9/15)
I'm following up on the Valero benzene/chemical leak after the hurricane. It's been reported that the leak was bigger than originally estimated and that Valero will be putting out a revised report. Is there a time-frame in which we can expect the revised numbers from the company -- or any other EPA update on the investigation?

BNA (Sylvia Carignan) – Post-hurricane Superfund site summaries. (9/15)
A question about this line from the press release:
"Post-hurricane Superfund site summaries based on preliminary data results are being released."

Where are these summaries available?

BNA (Sam Pearson) – Administrator Pruitt's remarks on Arkema. (9/12)
Do you have a copy of the Section 114 letter sent to Arkema?
If the letter is being shared with the Washington Examiner, does that mean that EPA will release the letter? Not understanding the rationale for only releasing it selectively.
Also, can anyone explain Administrator Pruitt's comment that " "The concern about some of those risk management plans is the data in those RMPs are actually intelligence or information our adversaries — terrorists — can use to attack soft targets across this country. So we [have to] make sure those RMPs are done the right way to assure we are not equipping our adversaries."

Under existing RMP regulations, Arkema already disclosed it kept as much as 66,260 pounds of sulfur dioxide and 86,000 pounds of 2-Methylpropene on site.

From my reading of the final rule that Administrator Pruitt delayed, the main additional requirements would have been:

- required companies to tell the public, if asked, that the information is available, and the companies would track who requested the information.
- Companies would be required to share the names of regulated substances used in a process at the plant
- The substances' safety data sheets
- the plant's five-year accident history (this is already listed on existing RMPs, they just have to be obtained from EPA rather than the plant)
- a list of scheduled emergency response exercises the plant has conducted (not the content of the exercises or what vulnerabilities they were concerned about or specific things of that nature)
- contact information for the Local Emergency Planning Committee responsible for the plant (again this information could already be obtained through basic research but in theory would be faster this way)

How does any of this = detailed information about all chemicals that are there? How specifically would a terrorist exploit this process to obtain "intelligence" to "attack soft targets across this country"?

BNA (Adam Allington) - Retail facility cleanup and RCRA guidelines. (9/7)
Adam Allington from Bloomberg BNA here.
I'm working on a story about cleanup of retail facilities after Hurricane Harvey. Places that sell products which fall under the guidance of hazardous waste, when thrown away...paints, aerosol cans, perfumes, medicine, etc.
I was wondering if EPA has issued any for temporary relaxation of RCRA guidelines as a response to disaster declarations?
If you could let me know on this one particular point I would be very grateful

CQ (Jackie Toth) – Seeking copy of RMP letter from Administrator Pruitt to Arkema plant and 9/7 request for information. (9/12)
Can I get a copy of the letter Admin. Pruitt sent to Arkema with concerns over whether it had followed its Risk Management Plan and the Sept. 7 request for information to the company?

E&E News (Corbin Hiar) – Seeking copy of 9/7 letter to Arkema. (9/12)
Can EPA please provide a copy of the Sept. 7 letter to Arkema asking for information related to its Crosby, Texas, plant explosion? I plan to file a story about this by 11 a.m. this morning.

E&E News (Corbin Hiar) – Flooding, Superfund sites, and climate change. (9/14) (DDL: 9/18)
I'm planning to file a story on Friday about Superfund sites and climate change, so I want to give EPA the opportunity to weigh in on it.
The story notes that the flooding and potential contaminant leaks at the San Jacinto Waste Pits site closely to matches a

scenario described in the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response's Climate Change Adaptation Implementation Plan. While that report is still listed on EPA's Superfund Climate Change Adaptation page, the link to it leads to a page that is being updated to reflect EPA's new priorities.
To what extent, if at all, does EPA think the flooding that occurred at Superfund sites in the wake of Hurricane Harvey is related to climate change? How much, if at all, would the OSWER climate adaptation plan have helped the agency better prepare for Harvey's impacts? How much, if at all, would regulators, responsible parties and affected communities benefit from having access to the OSWER climate plan?
Also, were any Superfund sites in Florida damaged by Hurricane Irma? If so, which ones and to what extent were they damaged?
Please let me know if you have any questions about the story. And thanks for any feedback you can provide by EOD tomorrow.

E&E News (Corbin Hiar) – Rep. Green letter on exposure risk from Superfund spill. (9/27) (DDL: 9/27)
I plan to write about this for tomorrow morning's Daily. Please let me know by EOD if EPA wants to weigh in.
[Attached: Rep Green Letter Requests for Answers from EPA Secretary Pruitt on Exposure Risk from Harvey Superfund Spill.]

Fox News (Maggie Kerkman) – Amount of debris. (9/26)
Would you happen to have anyone in the Dallas area who could talk about just the enormous amount of debris that needs to be removed in the wake of Harvey? We're trying to do a follow up story on the storm and looking for an expert who could give us a sense of how vast this job is.

Houston Chronicle (Matt Dempsey) – Arkema release from Friday. (9/18)

I still have a number of questions. Would prefer an interview but if that's not possible... here's the questions:

Why only one day of water samples?

Was any soil testing done?

Was any air testing done for phenol?

Did the EPA do air modeling and if so for what chemicals and what were the results?

When ASPECT was used, what time of day was the craft run? Why test for only the half mile around the plant?

Was any air monitoring done outside of the half mile around the plant? What about outside the evacuation zone?

Can I get any email communications between the EPA and Arkema from Aug. 25 through Sept. 5?

Houston Public Media (Travis Bubenik) – Arkema response to EPA letter. (9/19)
Morning, has Arkema responded to this information request yet? (Not sure if the 10 days requirement counts weekends or just business days...)

Moody's Investor Service (Roy Ousley) – Seeking names of affected water systems. (9/12)

I read the statement regarding status of water systems in the area affected by Harvey, and wanted to know if it was possible for you to provide me with the names of the water systems that have been affected. Particularly the 50 drinking systems that are shut down.

San Antonio Express-News (Rye Druzin) – Valero plant and RINs. (9/14)
Joe Gorder, the CEO of Valero Energy Corp., the largest U.S. refiner, said that the $800 million to $1 billion that Valero is paying for RINs costs do not go to the government, but rather brokers (the people who buy fuel from Valero, blend it and get the RINs credit) who resell the RINs to Valero.
This is a direct quote from Mr. Gorder, from a talk today:
"We sell it at the refinery, it goes through a pipe, it gets out here. Ethanol gets blended into it. That person that blends it captures the credit, which identifies that the ethanol has been blended. He doesn't need it, he doesn't have an obligation. I'm back here, I've produced the fuel, I do need the credit, he hangs onto them until I cry uncle and then he sells them to me at an inflated price and I get them to the government to show compliance. That is $800 million to $1 billion that's not being paid to the government; it's being paid to individual companies out there that are capturing these credits, brokers who are between us and you. What this means is you're paying 8 to 10 cents a gallon more than you need to for your fuel because of this policy."
I would like to know if Mr. Gorder's characterizations are correct, and I need a response ASAP, no later than 6 p.m. Central Time (7 p.m. ET).
I would prefer an emailed response because it will be easier to put into the story. Thank you.

Univision 45 Houston (Jessica Rivera) – Benzene and Valero plant. (9/14)
Univision 45 in Houston, Texas is requesting information on a Houston Chronicle report that Valero Energy "significantly underestimated" the amount of cancer-causing benzene and other volatile compounds leaked from its Houston refinery during Hurricane Harvey's torrential rains, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said Thursday.
Do you have any information?
Or, could you provide us with the EPA media contact for Texas?
I searched on the website for the Texas contact and the information would not pop up when I scrolled over the media map.

Vice (Alex Lubben) – U.S. Oil Recovery. (9/19)
Hi Jahan,
Has the EPA conducted any sort of clean up operation post-Harvey at the U.S. Oil Recovery Superfund site since the Harvey floodwaters receded?

HURRICANE IRMA

Al Jazeera (Elizabeth Gorman Shaw) – Hurricane cleanup and recovery.
I'm a journalist for "Fault Lines" at Al Jazeera English. I'm interested in making an interview request for a story I'm working on about Hurricane cleanup and recovery.

Associated Press (Matthew Brown) – Non-Superfund chemical/petrochemical storage sites. (9/8)

Greetings-
As part of the EPA's preparations for Irma, can you please tell me if the agency is also trying to assess safety of chemical/petrochemical storage sites that are NOT on the Superfund list?
I'm also following up on earlier questions (repeated below) regarding Harvey-related spills from petrochemical storage tanks.
HARVEY QUESTIONS:
-has EPA received any results of water sampling focused on industrial facilities and hazardous waste sites?
-has EPA been able to make any determinations as to the public health risk of any spills into floodwaters/onto land from crude oil, chemical releases, etc.?
-are there federal regulations governing what kind of flooding defenses/precautions are required of oil and other fuel storage tanks?
-Can you please tell me if the EPA is conducting any investigations into whether storage tanks (either at refineries/plants or oil production facilities) were properly secured for the storm?
-can you please provide details on all reports received by the EPA on chemical/oil/hazliquid/produced water spills as a result of Harvey, including source, volumes, cause, responsible party, etc? (realize this is a broad one so all guidance appreciated)
-broadly (and excepting the Crosby plant) has the EPA been able to assess whether the petrochemical/chemical industries were well prepared for the storm (perhaps compared to past events such as Katrina)?

Associated Press (Michael Biesecker) – Vulnerability of Florida Superfund sites. Seeking copy of assessment. (9/9)
My understanding is that EPA Region 4 has prepared a vulnerability assessment of Florida Superfund sites potentially at risk from Irma that lists Homestead Air Force base, Airco Plating and Cabot Copper as being potentially vulnerable to flooding.
Could you please provide a copy of the assessment? Also, we would be interesting in reporting details of what preparations and monitoring is taking place at those sites as storm progresses.
Would you have time to talk to me or my colleague Jason, copied on this email, later today?

Associated Press (John Flesher) – CWA stormwater discharge permits. (9/13)
I'm putting together a story for AP today on sewage overflows in Florida resulting from Hurricane Irma and have a few questions about EPA's announcement regarding Clean Water Act stormwater discharge permits:
-Does this mean that permit holders will be allowed to discharge untreated or partially treated sewage into waters in ways that ordinarily are impermissible under the Clean Water Act?
-If so, for how long will this waiver be in place?
-What other kinds of exceptions to normal permit requirements would these "upset" or "bypass provisions allow?
-How often are such waivers granted? Is it done routinely during hurricanes, or is does this represent a new policy for EPA? Aside from hurricanes, under what other circumstances would justify such waivers?

CQ (Elvina Nawaguna) – Hurricanes and climate change strategy. (9/11)

I'm working on a story about whether Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Jose can change the conversation about climate change especially among GOP lawmakers who have rejected climate science. Would like to talk with/ get a response from Administrator Pruitt's office on what role climate change may have played in the unusually huge storms and whether the EPA is considering taking stronger action to mitigate climate change. Scientists have said while climate change did not directly cause the storms, it certainly made the flooding worse and project more extreme weather events What strategy does the EPA have going forward?

E&E News (Niina Heikkinen) - Emergency response, Administrator Pruitt, and funding. (9/7)
I'm writing something for tomorrow about what Administrator Pruitt and the agency is doing ahead of Irma. Does EPA have the funding it needs to do two (and potentially three) back to back emergency responses? Will Pruitt be making any TV appearances in the coming days to talk about the storm response?
I'm also interested in what sort of work is happening in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, which haven't gotten as much media attention. Does Administrator Pruitt plan to visit Florida?

E&E News (Niina Heikkinen) – Emergency preparedness and climate change. (9/14)
I'm working on an article for tomorrow about how climate change is being incorporated in emergency response and preparedness efforts.
First, are your staff still using resources such as the National Climate Assessment in planning for future storms like Harvey and Irma?
Are emergency management staff examining different scenarios including sea level rise, precipitation rates, or wildfire frequency that could impact facilities under EPA's jurisdiction?
If you are able to connect me with anyone working in emergency management this afternoon, I'd very much appreciate it.

WIRED (Eric Niiler) – Hurricane debris disposal. (9/14)
I'm a Washington-based contributing writer for WIRED and am putting together a story for Friday (tomorrow) on debris removal after Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. I'd like to either connect with someone by phone, or have a few questions answered in writing:
-Have state environmental officials in Texas or Florida asked for waivers for EPA disposal rules that would allow mixed solid/hazardous waste into construction and demolition landfills? -If so, has the EPA granted any waivers yet?
-Has the Office of Land and Emergency Management (OLEM) addressed concerns raised by a 2016 Office of Inspector General's report on disaster debris:
https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-06/documents/20160629-16-p-0219.pdf
, specifically have they collected information from state agencies about planning for disposal after storms?
-Does OLEM have post-disaster debris disposal plans from state officials for the relevant regions of Texas and Florida?
-Has EPA and OLEM incorporated the effects of climate change into post-disaster debris planning as noted by the OIG report (pp. 3-4) and the 2014 EPA Climate Change Adaptation Plan?
-Anything else that EPA would like to add about its role in debris disposal in Texas and Florida?

2U (John Rehm) – Access to clean drinking water in Texas and Florida. (9/14)
I was wondering if you had any data or information on how many people are without access to clean drinking water in both Texas and Florida.

HURRICANE MARIA

AP (Michael Biesecker) – Drinking water access. (9/26)
AP is reporting on the ground in PR about the crisis with access to drinking water. Are there any EPA folks on the ground there yet they could talk to? If not, is there an ETA for when they will arrive?

E&E News (Niina Heikkinen) – Interview with emergency response staff. (9/25)
Is there any chance I'd be able to talk to some emergency response staff on the ground in Puerto Rico (or any who have recently returned)? I'm working on writing something about EPA's response to Hurricane Maria and would very much like a more personal perspective of what's going on there. If possible, I'd like to speak with someone today.

Inside Climate News (Philip McKenna) – Update on Superfund and oil site assessments in PR/USVI. (10/2) (DDL: ASAP)
Dear EPA press office,
I just wanted to follow up with you to see if there is an update on EPA assessments of Superfund sites and oil sites in Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands following hurricane Maria.
Last I spoke with you Elias Rodriguez on Thursday he told me 3 sites in Puerto Rico had been assessed and found to be OK and he said he thought there would be a new update this past Saturday.
Could you please let me know what the latest update is on EPA assessments of Superfund sites and oil sites on Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands as soon as possible?

Inside EPA (Anthony Lacey) – Interview with Pete Lopez. (9/28)
Hello -- would it be possible to organize a quick telephone interview with Region 2 Administrator Pete Lopez to talk about his priorities for the agency? Happy to figure out a pre-approved question list beforehand and stick to that.

New York Public Radio (Daniel Lewis) – Role in recovery and areas of particular concern in Puerto Rico. (10/2) (DDL: 10/2)
I spoke with the incoming Region 2 Administrator earlier and have some follow-up questions regarding the EPA's response in Puerto Rico right now:
Does the agency have anyone currently on the ground, and if so, how many? What role is the agency currently playing in Puerto Rico's recovery right now? Are there any specific areas of the island that are of particular concern regarding issues from sewage, chemical plants, etc., and is there anything that the agency is currently doing to try and tackle that?
Thanks for the help. My deadline is 4pm today, and I look forward to hearing from you.

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Message

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- Waste360, DEADLINE: 10/19 (Arlene Karidis), Re: WasteWise. *Christie StClair.*
- Inside EPA, DEADLINE: 10/19 (Suzanne Yohannan), Re: Radiation PAGs Q&A Document. *Tricia Lynn.*
- New York Times, DEADLINE: 10/19 (Roni Rabin), Re: Pesticides Program meetings with stakeholders. *Robert Daguillard.*
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Rick Keigwin drafted this response. Nancy Beck has approved. Roni Rabin – New York Times – roni.rabin@nytimes.com

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On the refinery capacity data, I spoke with the EIA, and I've seen the data it keeps on capacity. It's helpful, but the trouble is that the EIA doesn't use FRS ID numbers, so there's really no way I can be sure that a refinery on the EIA's list is the same as one on the EPA's.

This would really be a favor: I'm interested in refinery capacity because it seems like a good proxy for the size of any given refinery and, then, for the amount of air pollution that refinery generates. Could you tell me what data I might find in an EPA database (that comes with FRS ID numbers) that would tell me how much air pollution each refinery creates?

Hope I'm not pushing my luck too much, here!

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Background:

A subject matter expert from the Science and Ecosystems Division (R4) provided the response for this inquiry. OW, OCSPP, OECA and OITA declined input. The reporter is asking about studies on findings of malathion, an insecticide, in the Pasion river in Guatemala. Her inquiry is part of a book project on palm oil. Jocelyn Zuckerman – Freelancer –
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Response:

1. As of the writing of the report (September 16, 2015), EPA had not been given the surface water sample analytical results from sampling activities conducted on July 7, 2015. On page 9 of the report it says, "Upon completion of the analytical results, the results and their interpretation will be provided in an additional report.

I'm hoping you can send that additional report along. (If for some reason there was never an additional report done, can you explain why?)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

2. Similarly, EPA had not received technical documentation related to the fish sampling protocols performed during the fish kill investigation and fish tissue toxicity analytical results. Has the agency since received these and if so, please provide those results.

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3. At the top of page 11, the following note appears in boldface type:
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Inquiry:
Thanks so much for getting back to me. I am working on a book about palm oil, including a chapter on Guatemala, and will likely do a magazine feature story as well. (I've written about palm oil for *Audubon, OnEarth, Vogue, NewYorker.com,* and *HuffPo*, among others.) I currently have a pitch in with the editors of *Mother Jones* but have not yet heard back. If I don't end up doing this piece for them I'll likely do for one of my other outlets. Happy to keep you posted on that front.

I was in Guatemala in late August and will probably head back down next month for some additional reporting. Really appreciate your help in trying to figure out these missing pieces from the report.

Thanks again and please let me know if there's any other information I can provide.

New Yorker, DEADLINE: Early October (Margaret Talbot), Re: Ann Arbor lab. *Robert Daguillard.*

Background:
The reporter would like to visit the Ann Arbor emissions lab during the week of October 9 as part of a larger piece on rulemaking, reconsiderations and repeals at the agency – OAR is usually open to such visits. Margaret Talbot – the New Yorker – Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Response:
Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Inquiry:
Dear Mr. Daguillard,
I do mean the NVFEL in Ann Arbor--sorry for the dropped F!
The piece is a larger piece on some of the proposed rules reconsiderations at EPA under the new administrator, and one of the areas I'm likely focusing on is the re-opening of the mid-term evaluation on clean car standards.
I'm interested in the lab's role in research and testing on emissions in cases like the VW cover-up, and frankly--I'm sure you will understand this from a journalistic point of view--looking to get out of Washington and see some of the important work done at the EPA's labs that readers can more easily visualize.

P.S. If it works out, I was hoping to be able to go there the week of October 9th.

The Nation, DEADLINE: 8/18 (Rene Ebersole), Re: Glyphosate review. *Robert Daguillard.*

Background:

The response consists of: The pesticide program's desk statement on glyphosate; and its standard answer on the allegations surrounding Mr. Rowland. Rene Ebersole – the Nation – Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Proposed Response:

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Inquiry:
I'm in the midst of an article having to do with Roundup and glyphosate and I have a few quick questions for someone there. If you can reply today I'd be very grateful!

1. What's the status of the draft glyphosate human health and ecological risk assessments for public comment? Are those still scheduled to be released in 2017? (Or have I missed them?)

2. Was there an outcome of the Scientific Advisory Panel on glyphosate? I see the minutes online, but it's not clear to me if anything ever came of that?

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4. I know this is a touchy question, but can you provide any comment on the charges that EPA officials, and specifically Jess Rowland, were "colluding" with Monsanto to promote glyphosate as non-carcinogenic?

Thanks for your time and attention.

HURRICANE MARIA

AP (Michael Biesecker) – Drinking water access. (9/26)
AP is reporting on the ground in PR about the crisis with access to drinking water. Are there any EPA folks on the ground there yet they could talk to? If not, is there an ETA for when they will arrive?

The Atlantic (Lena Felton) – Drinking water access. (10/12) (DDL: 10/12)
My name is Lena Felton, and I'm on the Politics team at *The Atlantic*. I'm writing in regards to the Reuters story published last night, about the report the EPA issued warning residents not to drink from wells near toxic-waste sites. I am wondering if the EPA has any additional comment as we work on a story here at *The Atlantic*. You can email or call the number below, and I'd appreciate a response as soon as possible, as our deadline is EOD.

BuzzFeed News (Grace Wyler) – Vieques Naval Installation assessments. (10/15)
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Inside Climate News (Philip McKenna) – Update on Superfund and oil site assessments in PR/USVI. (10/2) (DDL: ASAP)
Dear EPA press office,
I just wanted to follow up with you to see if there is an update on EPA assessments of Superfund sites and oil sites in Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands following hurricane Maria.
Last I spoke with you Elias Rodriguez on Thursday he told me 3 sites in Puerto Rico had been assessed and found to be OK and he said he thought there would be a new update this past Saturday.
Could you please let me know what the latest update is on EPA assessments of Superfund sites and oil sites on Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands as soon as possible?

Inside EPA (Anthony Lacey) – Interview with Pete Lopez. (9/28)
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New York Public Radio (Daniel Lewis) – Role in recovery and areas of particular concern in Puerto Rico. (10/2) (DDL: 10/2)
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Vox (Umair Irfan) – Status of Superfund sites. (10/19)
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Washington Examiner (John Siciliano) – Response in Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands. (9/25)
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Message

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Suggested Response:

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- What guidance is EPA giving to states, companies and municipalities as it concerns limiting or monitoring emissions from landfills? The 90-day stay expired in September -- how does EPA interpret that in terms of what standards and rules landfills must operate under?
- Some have described to us that they're kind of operating under two sets of rules -- the old rules, because there was no language saying that they could stop following the old rules, and the new rules, since the 90-day stay has expired. Is that something that EPA has heard concern about?
- Will there be, or is there currently, another rulemaking process to consider changes to emissions guidelines for landfills?

Essentially, as it concerns NSPS and EG rules....where are we now, and where are we headed? We're talking to industry officials, but need some sort of guidance from how EPA is interpreting things.

Waste360, DEADLINE: 10/19 (Arlene Karidis), Re: WasteWise. ***Christie StClair.***

Background: The Deputy Division Director of the Resource Conservation and Sustainability Division approved this response. Please note the reporter has specifically asked for a name and title for attribution. Deadline is tomorrow, 10/19. Reporter: Arlene Karidis, Waste360, Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Proposed response:

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Inquiry:

Hi Christie,

I'm writing for Waste360 on EPA's WasteWise program. Can you please provide me with answers to the questions (BELOW) by **Thursday, Oct 19**, including name and title of person I am to quote?

Thanks.
Arlene

QUESTIONS
When I went to one EPA line about WasteWise, there was a note that said the content was not being maintained and to click on the EPA logo for more information. Clicking on the EPA logo did not provide up to date info on WasteWise. So can you confirm if the info at this link is current? https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-03/documents/10_steps_rev.pdf

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Background:

Rick Keigwin drafted this response. Nancy Beck has approved. Roni Rabin – New York Times – roni.rabin@nytimes.com

Response:

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I'm looking into the status of Superfund sites in Puerto Rico, Texas, and Florida in light of the recent storms that hit these regions. I wanted to see if someone at EPA could give a general assessment of the status of these sites (any breaches or contamination) and more generally speak to how the agency prepares for extreme weather.

Please let me know if you can point me to someone who can speak to this and how best I can get in touch with them.

Washington Examiner (John Siciliano) – Response in Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands. (9/25)
Can you explain the pause in Puerto Rico and V. Islands? Is it because its too hazardous?

Xylem (Lisa Landry) Interview on water quality. (10/17)
Hope all is well and you guys didn't sustain any damage from Nate! YSI started putting out our Mission Water magazine early last year, and they're currently working on the next edition. I think you're on the distribution list, but if not here's a link to check it out: https://www.ysi.com/mission-water . The editors in Ohio reached out to me because they are looking to do a Q&A piece in the next issue on hurricanes and potential post-hurricane water quality impacts. We'd love to have you or someone from your office for this interview since you guys cover Texas through Florida and do some great things here in the gulf. Would you have any interest in being interviewed for this piece? Let me know if you have any questions or need more information. Thanks!
Also, it was great seeing you at the conference in Mississippi back at the end of August – I attached a pic I snapped while you were giving your presentation. Let me know if you ever need a hand with the outreach you're doing!

Message

From: Holsman, Marianne [Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov]
Sent: 12/21/2017 7:49:38 PM
To: Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
CC: Lynn, Tricia [lynn.tricia@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Liz .. for review -- FW: Yukon River ARNI letter -- E&E News inq

Hi. More on the E an E inquiry...

A clip from an Alaska outlet about this issue is linked below and our most recent response to Ariel (last month) that was approved by Nancy. Then she has the FOIA in as well.

Marianne

Follow us!

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Thursday, November 30, 2017 1:05 PM
To: Skadowski, Suzanne <Skadowski.Suzanne@epa.gov>; Holsman, Marianne <Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Liz .. for review -- FW: Yukon River ARNI letter -- E&E News inq

Good to go

Thx ng

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Bowman, Liz" <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
> **Date:** November 30, 2017 at 3:35:37 PM EST
> **To:** "Grantham, Nancy" <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
> **Subject: FW: Liz .. for review -- FW: Yukon River ARNI letter -- E&E News inq**
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> These are fine with us; thanks for checking/reminding me
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> > **MEDIA INQUIRY**
> >
> > **REPORTER:** Ariel Wittenberg, Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) awittenberg@eenews.net
> >
> > **TOPIC:** EPA review of Alaska Gasline Development Corp. (AGDC), Clean Water Act Section 404 permit applications to Corps of Engineers Alaska District, for Alaska Standalone Pipeline (ASAP) and Alaska Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) projects. EPA's designation of Yukon River basin as "Aquatic Resource of National Importance (ARNI)." E&E News and Alaska media have been tracking this story: Alaska Journal: EPA designation of Yukon River complicates gasline plans, Petroleum News: AGDC aims at year end. Note: Alaska Commerce Department Commissioner Chris Hladick

was appointed to be EPA Region 10 Regional Administrator, starting Dec. 4. Hladick previously served on the AGDC board of directors.

QUESTIONS: See below. Reporter has copy of R10 Aug. 2017 CWA 404q 3(a) ARNI letter re ASAP and 1992 EPA-Corps CWA 404q MOU. Reporter also submitted FOIA re EPA communications re 3(a) letter.

PROPOSED ACTION/OUTCOME: Email response to reporter - on background, not for attribution.

E&E News Q #1: How common are ARNI letters?

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

E&E News Q #2: What other projects in Alaska has EPA sent ARNI letters on since 2008?

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Message

From: Labbe, Ken [Labbe.Ken@epa.gov]
Sent: 7/8/2019 8:20:27 PM
To: Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Press inquiry
Attachments: AsbestosNEJM.pdf

Importance: High

Sent to Robert

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Cell: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

From: Amy Norton < Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) >
Sent: Monday, July 08, 2019 4:16 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Press inquiry
Importance: High

Amy Norton, medical journalist
HealthDay
www.healthday.com
cell: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) (New York)

Hello:

I'm writing an article for the HealthDay news service on this perspective piece coming out in NEJM this week, on the recent EPA asbestos use rule. I wondered if the EPA would care to comment on it.

I'm attaching a PDF of the article.

My deadline is **Thursday morning ET.**

Thanks very much,
Amy

Embargoed until 5 PM ET Wednesday, July 10

A draft abstract is now available on the NEJM Media Center. The final file will be available at (estimated) 5 PM ET tomorrow.

Perpsective: A Most Reckless Proposal -- A Plan to Continue Asbestos Use in the United States

Philip J. Landrigan, M.D., the Program in Global Public Health and the Common Good and the Global Observatory on Pollution and Health, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA

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PERSPECTIVE**A Most Reckless Proposal – A Plan to Continue Asbestos Use in the United States**Dr. Philip John Landrigan, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (retired), Atlanta, Georgia

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Dr. Lemen is co-author of this Perspective. He is a retired US Assistant Surgeon General, USPHS and former Deputy Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)

Message

From: Valentine, Julia [Valentine.Julia@epa.gov]
Sent: 7/7/2017 2:55:51 PM
To: AO OPA Media Relations [AO_OPA_Media_Relations@epa.gov]
Subject: OMR ACTION: FW: Open Inquiries for Review 7/6/17 -- AFTERNOON

These are all approved to go out.

Thanks!

From: Valentine, Julia
Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 9:36 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Open Inquiries for Review 7/6/17 -- AFTERNOON

Checking on these. Thanks

Julia P. Valentine
Office of Media Relations
202.564.2663
Sent from USEPA iPhone

On Jul 6, 2017, at 4:22 PM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

I will work with Jahan to get these cleared thanks ng

Nancy Grantham
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US Environmental Protection Agency
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202-253-7056 (mobile)

From: Valentine, Julia
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 3:24 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Open Inquiries for Review 7/6/17 -- AFTERNOON

- Fair Warning, DEADLINE: ASAP (Christie StClair) Re: Auto emissions
- Ensia, DEADLINE: ASAP (Christie StClair) Re: Vapor intrusion sites
- Wall Street Journal, DEADLINE: ASAP (Robert Daguillard) Re: Dicamba drift meeting
- Washington Examiner, DEADLINE: 7/6, 2 pm soft (Julia Valentine) Re: RFS
- National Geographic Magazine, DEADLINE: 7/7 (Enesta Jones) Re: Carbon emissions
- NPR Sacramento, DEADLINE: 7/21 (Robert Daguillard) Re: Chlorpyrifos
- CBS This Morning, DEADLINE: 7/5 (Tricia Lynn) Re: National / Hudson River water quality
- Women's Health Magazine, DEADLINE: 6/27 (Robert Daguillard) Re: Pesticide tolerance
- Undark, DEADLINE: week of 6/26 (Robert Daguillard) Re: multigenerational effects of PBB Flame Retardant
- VI Source, DEADLINE: week of 6/26 (Robert Daguillard) Re: Pressure treated wood
- Buzzfeed, DEADLINE: 6/24 (Tricia Lynn) Re: ECHO database call
- Center for Public Integrity, DEADLINE: ? (Julia Ortiz) Re: EPA/FERC meetings

Fair Warning, DEADLINE: ASAP (Christie StClair) Re: Auto emissions

Background: The reporter is writing a piece about the history of EPA's emissions regulations, focusing on the "small equipment and tools" category. He wants to compare the emissions from small off-road engines (leaf blowers, lawn mowers, etc) to emissions from passenger cars. We previously sent him a graph, but he requested the actual data, plus a clarification of what the data represent. While he could calculate the numbers himself using an online public database called MOVES, it's difficult to do – so we did it for him. Reporter: Stuart Silverstein, FairWarning, stuart.silverstein@fairwarning.org.

Proposed response: Using the MOVES online model (https://www.epa.gov/moves)) to estimate total U.S. emissions from small nonroad engines and light duty engines in calendar year 2016, EPA found that:

- Emissions of NOx from small nonroad engines (equipment with horsepower less than or equal to 25) was approximately 130,000 tons, and emissions of VOCs from this source was 900,000 tons.
- Emissions of NOx from light-duty passenger cars was approximately 670,000 tons and emissions of VOCs from this source was 600,000 tons.

The NOx and VOC inventories include both exhaust and evaporative emissions.

Inquiry:

1) I'm wondering if someone can extract for me at least the specific 2016 tonnage numbers of VOC and NOx that are represented on the charts you sent yesterday. (I tried drawing the information from the MOVES website, but wasn't able to navigate it successfully.)

2) Can we arrange an interview with someone at the EPA to help put the information in context? I don't mean to pester you. If the interview is not going to happen, please let me know and I'll stop asking.

3) Regarding the VOC and NOx tonnage figures reflected in the charts, do you know if those reflect "exhaust emissions" or "evaporative emissions"? Or maybe they reflect both? If you could also find that out, I'd very much appreciate it.

Ensia, DEADLINE: ASAP (Christie St Clair) Re: Vapor intrusion sites

Background:
The reporter has been assigned a broad story about vapor intrusion for Harvard's Ensia magazine. She is looking for a simple tally of VI sites, but the issue spans three offices within the Office of Land and Emergency Management: Brownfields, Superfund and The Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery (ORCR). Each has a very different approach.

Reporter: Lynn Peeple's, Ensia, lpeeples@post.harvard.edu.

Suggested response:
Off the record: Three different offices work on vapor intrusion sites: the Brownfield office, the Superfund office, and The Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery (ORCR). Each has a very different approach, as you'll see below from each office's individual response.

For attribution to an agency spokesperson:

Based upon readily available data sources, EPA has identified 91 existing Superfund National Priorities List (NPL) and Superfund Alternative Approach sites where a response action was taken to mitigate unacceptable human health risks

associated with vapor intrusion. As a result of revisions to EPA's Hazard Ranking System (EPA's system for evaluating sites for possible inclusion on the NPL) in 2017, EPA expects to evaluate potential new sites for placement on the NPL based on vapor intrusion.

Other contaminated sites are regulated under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). This universe of sites includes many cleanups that are overseen by States. EPA does not have a current estimate of how many of the 3,778 RCRA sites have vapor intrusion concerns. EPA estimates from 2000 and 2002 found that about ¼ of RCRA sites were likely to have some possible vapor intrusion
Brownfields make up a third category of sites with potential vapor intrusion concerns. The US EPA does not track the occurrence of vapor intrusion, or any other specific contaminant pathways, at brownfield sites. The US EPA encourages recipients of brownfield grant funding for assessment, area-wide planning and cleanup grants to consider vapor intrusion and vapor encroachment as part of property assessments and pre-acquisition due diligence, as well as within cleanup activities at brownfields sites.

Inquiry:
I'm reporting on vapor intrusion for Ensia Magazine and looking for an estimate of the number of sites in the U.S. impacted by vapor intrusion. Please let me know if one of you might be able to point me to any relevant figures -- by Thursday. Thanks so much for your time and help.

Wall Street Journal, DEADLINE: ASAP (Robert Daguillard) Re: Dicamba Drift Meeting

BACKGROUND
The writer's inquiry is referencing a meeting to address dozens of injuries related to illegal use of the pesticide dicamba this year. Jacob Bunge – Wall Street Journal – jacob.bunge@wsj.com

RESPONSE
For your background, EPA will be having a meeting with the registrants to discuss the drift incidents that have been reported this year. This meeting is closed to the media.

INQUIRY
Enesta, I wanted to check back on this quickly -- I was told this meeting between EPA and the registrants is next week (July 3 - 7), can you please confirm that?

Washington Examiner, DEADLINE: 7/6, 2 pm (soft) Re: RFS

Background
Reporter has a follow up question about the meaning of the Administrator's quote in yesterday's RFS press release. Office of Transportation and Air Quality (OTAQ), within the Office of Air and Radiation provided the response and the link the reporter requested. Reporter info: John Siciliano, Washington Examiner, jsiciliano@washingtonexaminer.com.

Suggested Response
The quote is referring to the "reset" trigger in the rule. The triggers for cellulosic and advanced volume standards have already been met, but not the total volume standard. A reset rule would be required within one year of meeting the statutory requirements for the reset rule. The Administrator has directed staff to begin conducting an analysis that could inform a future reset rule if and when the statutory requirements are met.

Also, a link to the proposed rule: https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-07/documents/rfs-2018-standards-nprm-2017-07-05.pdf

Inquiry

What does this mean? See below:

"The Clean Air Act requires EPA to reset volume targets when certain conditions are met. We expect those conditions to be met in the near future, so we are conducting technical analysis now, to inform future reset rules," said Administrator Pruitt.

It was the quote in yesterday's RFS announcement. What technical analysis is the agency doing that could reset the volume targets?

Also, is the full proposed rule available?

National Geographic Magazine, DEADLINE: 7/7 (Enesta Jones) Re: Carbon emissions

Background: Reporter is doing a fact check on carbon emissions. Basically, they would like to compare the per capita U.S. figure to Dubai. All publicly available information. Fact checker is Michelle Harris, National Geographic, michelle.rae.harris@gmail.com

Suggested Response: EPA's Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks (GHG Inventory) does not calculate per capita carbon dioxide emissions, but as you noted, you can do this calculation using emissions estimates from the GHG Inventory and population estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau.

The most recent year of data available in the GHG Inventory is for 2015. In that year, gross carbon dioxide emissions in the United States were 5,411.4 million metric tons 2015 - this includes emissions from energy, industrial processes and agriculture. Net carbon dioxide emissions (accounting for carbon dioxide removals from the atmosphere by vegetation) were 4,632.8 million metric tons. The choice on whether to use gross or net emissions estimates would depend on what is included in the emissions estimates of your comparison country.

U.S. Census Bureau population estimates for 2015 are available here.

Inquiry: I am checking material for an upcoming article to be published in National Geographic's October issue. We'd like to use a per capita figure for U.S. for carbon emissions.

I found the data here:
https://www3.epa.gov/climatechange/ghgemissions/inventoryexplorer/#iallsectors/carbondioxide/inventsect/all

This is in million metric tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent, can we refer to this as carbon emissions or is this different? We do want to use the carbon figure and not the total for all GHGs.

If you download the spreadsheet, I see 5,232 million metric tons of CO_2 in 2015. Should I use the "energy" figure or the "total," which is less because I think it takes into account land use and carbon sinks.

What population figure should I use? The mid-year Census estimate?

Is it possible to check with a data expert? I'd like to make sure I understand the data correctly.

May I hear back by July 7?

NPR Sacramento, DEADLINE: 7/21 (Robert Daguillard) Re: Chlorpyrifos

BACKGROUND: OCSPP is recommending we decline this reporter's interview request because of the publicity over recent agency action, as well as pending litigation, on chlopyrifos. As a reminder, the agency, in March, declined a petition to essentially ban the pesticide from all agricultural use. Ali Budner, NPR Sacramento, peanutbudner@gmail.com

RESPONSE: Over the past several years, we have conducted several risk assessments and taken regulatory action in response to a petition from the Pesticide Action Network of North America and Natural Resources Defense Council.

In March 2017, we denied that petition, which asked us to revoke all pesticide tolerances (maximum residue levels in food) for chlorpyrifos and cancel all chlorpyrifos registrations. As a part of the ongoing registration review, we will continue to review the science addressing neurodevelopmental effects of chlorpyrifos. Read the Federal Register notice announcing our response to the petition.

Currently, chlorpyrifos remains registered as it undergoes registration review, a program that re-evaluates all pesticides on a 15-year cycle. Registration review ensures pesticides will not cause unreasonable adverse effects when used according to label directions and precautions and that there is a reasonable certainty of no harm from dietary and residential exposure. All documents related to the registration review can be located in the registration review docket EPA-HQ-OPP-2008-0850 located at www.regulations.gov. We will continue to evaluate the potential risks posed by chlorpyrifos as part of the ongoing registration review and intend to complete our assessment by the statutory deadline of October 1, 2022.

INQUIRY: I'm a reporter working on a story for Capital Public Radio, the NPR station in Sacramento, about the impacts of the pesticide, chlorpyrifos, on children's health in the Central Valley of California.

Given the recent news that the EPA administrator, Scott Pruitt, chose not to pursue a previously recommended ban on chlorpyrifos, I am hoping to get multiple sides of this issue to weigh in.

Would the appropriate person from EPA be available for an interview on this subject?

CBS This Morning, DEADLINE: 7/5 (Tricia Lynn) Re: National / Hudson River water quality

Background:
Reporter is trying to find a national statistic about what percentage of the nation's rivers are in poor quality. She is also specifically interested in the Hudson River. The fact sheet we're able to point her to can answer her specific questions about national river quality. While there's significantly more information included regarding the Hudson River, it seems warranted. The reporter would likely need to be a technical expert and wade through quite a bit of technical information (20+ pages) to find what she's looking for otherwise. Reporter is Maite Amorebieta (AmorebietaM@cbsnews.com) of *CBS This Morning*.

Suggested Response:
The draft report you cited was updated. Here is the final information: https://www.epa.gov/national-aquatic-resource-surveys/national-rivers-and-streams-assessment-2008-2009-results. In particular, see the fact sheet for key findings.

Regarding your specific question about NY Harbor and the Hudson River:
In checking the specific sites sampled in 2008-2009, there were 5 sites on the Hudson River but none were near the NY Harbor. All were north of Poughkeepsie and a couple were north of Albany. Keeping in mind that the results from these individual sites do not constitute an assessment of the Hudson, in looking at the benthic macroinvertebrate assessments for these five sites, all were rated "poor." For total phosphorus concentrations, two sites were rated "good," one was

rated "fair," and two were rated "poor." Additional data and assessment (condition) results for the sites can be found at https://www.epa.gov/national-aquatic-resource-surveys/data-national-aquatic-resource-surveys.

We pulled this information together in one place for you from various places in the report:

The Unique Ids and Site Ids for the sites on the Hudson are:

UID	SITE_ID	YEAR	VISIT_NO	DATE_COL	STATE	LOC_NAME	LAT_DD83	LON_DD83
11733	FW08RNY9004	2008	1	27-Sep-08	NY	Hudson River	43.2519	-73.8352
11777	FW08NY025	2008	1	30-Sep-08	NY	Hudson River	43.24866	-73.7408
11780	FW08NY028	2008	1	23-Sep-08	NY	Hudson River	42.47413	-73.787
11786	FW08NY040	2008	1	1-Oct-08	NY	Hudson River	43.25553	-73.5864
11790	FW08NY044	2008	1	26-Aug-08	NY	Hudson River	42.05576	-73.932

To further explore the NRSA data:

- Select the survey of interest (waterbody type and year) in the pull-down menu (in this case Rivers and Streams 2008-2009)
- Download the *Site Information* data file. Each row within the file includes the location (e.g., latitude and longitude coordinates, state, EPA region), sample collection date, and unique identification number (**UID**) for each sample collected in the survey. (The information above is from the site information file from Rivers and Streams 2008-2009)
- Download the data files for the indicators of interest for the same survey. In each of the data files, locate the same **UID** from the *Site Information* file to match the data collected and analyzed to the site location of interest.

Inquiry

I am a producer for *CBS This Morning*, the national morning show hosted by Charlie Rose, Gayle King & Norah O'Donnell.

I am trying to find a national statistic about what percentage of the nation's rivers are in poor quality. I see your 2013 study quoted consistently:

https://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/C967210C37CFFB6885257B3A004CFAF6

Can someone on your team please confirm whether this is the most up to date information? If not, can you please point me to your latest statistics on river quality? Do you have any data for the NY harbor/Hudson?

Women's Health Magazine, DEADLINE: 6/27 (Robert Daguillard) Re: Pesticide tolerance

BACKGROUND

The reporter is fact-checking a story on pesticides and health issues, including but not limited to, cancer. It focuses on the "Clean 15," a group of fruit and vegetable crops the Environmental Working Group says contain the smallest amount of pesticide residues. The response comes from OCSPP's "About Pesticide Tolerance" web page. Maya Kukes – Women's Health – mmkukes@yahoo.com

RESPONSE:

https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-tolerances/about-pesticide-tolerances

By law, EPA is responsible for regulating the pesticides that are used by growers to protect crops grown for human food and animal feed and for setting limits on the amount of pesticides that may remain in or on foods marketed in the USA. These limits on pesticides left on foods are called "tolerances" in the United States (they are referred to as maximum residue limits, or MRLs, in many other countries).

INQUIRY:

I'm a researcher with Women's Health magazine and I got your contact information from my colleague, Jill Waldbieser. I sent you an email last week but never heard back so am now worried it may have gone to "junk." I will give you a quick follow-up call if I don't hear back from you...The reason for my email is I am trying to confirm that the following information is correct for the piece we are working on regarding conventional food with the lowest amounts of pesticide. Can you confirm the following? I'm working on deadline so if you could reply as soon as possible that would be much appreciated! The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has "set tolerances" which are the maximum amount of a pesticide allowed to remain in or on a food.

VI Source, DEADLINE: week of 6/26 (Robert Daguillard) Re: Pressure treated wood

BACKGROUND:
Homeowners in the US Virgin Islands have complained that the newer approved pesticides for lumber don't withstand the local weather and pests (humidity, salt air, termites) as well as CCA lumber did. Kelsey Novakowski – VI Source – kelsey.visoure@gmail.com

RESPONSE:
The chromated arsenical group, which includes chromated copper arsenate (CCA), is a group of pesticides containing chromium, copper, and/or arsenic that protect wood against termites, fungi, and other pests that can degrade or threaten the integrity of wood products. After EPA identified concerns about potential human health risks related to exposure to chemical residues from contact with wood treated with chromated arsenicals and the surrounding soils, chromated arsenicals manufacturers voluntarily cancelled their registrations for residential uses. After December 31, 2003, manufacturers discontinued producing these products for homeowner use, including wood intended for play structures, decks, picnic tables, landscaping timbers, residential fencing, patios, and walkways/boardwalks. EPA does not require the removal of existing structures made with wood treated with chromated arsenicals or the surrounding soil. Learn more about chromated arsenicals.

There are a number of alternatives to chromated arsenicals such as copper naphthenate, pentachlorophenol (PCP), creosote, ammoniac/alkaline copper quaternary compounds (ACQ), ammoniacal copper zinc arsenate (ACZA), copper azole (CBA), sodium borates (SBX), and copper HDO. Similar to CCA, PCP, ACZA and creosote are Restricted Use Pesticides (RUPs) that are restricted from use in residential areas. Copper naphthenate, ACQ, CBA, SBX, and copper HDO are all approved for residential uses. In addition to directions on EPA-approved pesticide labels, the United States wood treating industry follows guidelines from the American Wood Protection Association (AWPA). The AWPA makes recommendations as to what preservative systems and retentions they have found to be effective in protecting wood products under specified exposure conditions. Learn more about the AWPA standards

The EPA registers pesticides with a focus on the human health and environmental impacts of these products and, while EPA does require data to support the effectiveness of a pesticide against public health pests, EPA does not request data to show how long a product treated with a pesticide will maintain its intended use. Learn more about the pesticide registration process. The AWPA standards were revised in 2016 to indicate that a higher pesticide application rate is required when treated lumber is installed less than 6 inches off the ground; when it is wetted on a frequent and recurring basis; for joists and beams that are difficult to maintain, repair or replace and are critical to the performance and safety of the structure; or when used in tropical climates. For additional information on treatment of wood in tropical climates, visit Pressure Treated Southern Pine and Best Management Practices for Using Treated Wood in Caribbean Residential Applications.

INQUIRY:
I'm a St. Thomas-based reporter working on a story about the use of pressure treated wood in the U.S. Virgin Islands. We've been contacted by a homeowner here who says that the newer approved pesticides for lumber don't withstand to the elements here (humidity, salt air, termites) as well as CCA lumber did. To fairly report this story, I'd like to get more information from the EPA on a few things:

1) Can you send me information about why the EPA supported the phasing out of CCA lumber?

2) Does the EPA have information on approved alternatives to CCA? And is there information on how these alternative forms of treating wood compare to CCA? And, how were they tested?

3) Is the EPA aware that some people and companies claim that the new pressure treated wood is not lasting as long as the CCA lumber did? And that many claim they are experiencing wood rot and termite infestations in parts of their house and with decks that are only around 5 years old?

Undark, DEADLINE: week of 6/26 (Robert Daguillard) Re: multigenerational effects of PBB Flame Retardant

BACKGROUND
ORD did most of the heavy lifting, with some assistance from OCSPP. The response is lengthy, but the reporter is knowledgeable and her questions, very technical in nature, relate to specific, down-in-the-weeds-type medical issues. The reporter has sent us several research papers (attached) as part of her query on the health effects of the PBB flame retardant. Carrie Arnold – Undark Magazine - carrierobin@gmail.com

RESPONSE
Multigenerational effects could result from an exposure in a non-heritable way, as it could affect the mother, developing embryo, and the sex cells of the embryo in a direct way. Transgenerational effects result from heritable effects and would be seen in exposure-linked effects that persisted in great-grandchildren, even though direct exposure was only to the great-grandmother (or grandfather). These effects would have caused DNA changes (such as mutagenicity) or heritable epigenetic alterations.

Many reported multi-/transgenerational effects that occur by chemical exposure happen during sensitive windows of development. For example, DNA methylation patterns reset twice during early sex cell and embryo development, and the timing of these resets are different in male and females. Endocrine disrupting chemicals are commonly reported in the literature to have multigenerational effects (see Xin et al. in *Seminars in Cell & Developmental Biology*). There is little mechanistic evidence that epigenetic alterations during sensitive life stages have a direct role in later phenotypic alterations; evidence to date has been mostly correlative. More research needs to be done to better define the role that epigenetics may play in the multigenerational effects of chemicals.

Currently, if we believe a new chemical may raise multigenerational issues, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Test Guideline 416: Two-Generation Reproduction Toxicity test could be used to characterize parental and offspring toxicity. These tests are conducted with multiple generations of animals; however, they do not measure nor provide a determination that the effects may be epigenetic. A laboratory environment is critical to control for other confounding factors (other exposures, diet, genetic strains of rodents, etc.). Confirmation in other labs and validation is important.
Currently, rodent (rat/mouse) models are most popular, but are expensive. Experiments would require exposure of females and/or males of breeding pairs and then breeding offspring for three generations or more without further exposures.An alternative animal model, zebrafish, has recently been used and has additional benefits of lower cost, less time to breed subsequent generations, and could assess transgenerational effects in less generations (since only eggs and not embryos are directly exposed).

This would roughly quadruple the costs to assess out to the F3 generation for transgenerational studies; maybe more if long-term effects needed to be assessed.
The zebrafish model would be modest in comparison to the total cost of rodent studies, which argues for further development and utilization of this model for multi/transgenerational studies.As we know more about critical epigenetic mechanisms we could test for chemical-mediated epigenetic effects in cell-based assays.

We need mechanistic-based data to establish causation (e.g., if we alter the epigenetics specifically, and the phenotype occurs). Tools such as gene knockout mice, chemicals inhibitors, and gene inhibition (including CRISPR-Cas) can mechanistically define the role of epigenetic-based effects on phenotype.

Epigenetic baseline needs to be better understood to define what is adverse.
This is the goal of many efforts, including the NIH Roadmap Epigenomics Project.

More focus on epigenetic-mediated heritable effects has ramped up significantly in the past 10 years. Previous barriers were limitations in technology to measure epigenetic alterations. Development and lowering costs of tools such as next generation DNA sequencing and computational power for analysis now allows us to measure specific epigenetic-based alterations in a variety of models and exposures. Lack of funding can impact this research in this area.

Starting in the 1970s, Robin Holliday demonstrated heritability of DNA methylation and the idea that epigenetic information could mediate phenotypic effects in a heritable way. This prompted many global methylation measurements in the 80s.

Recent enthusiasm has been prompted by aforementioned technological advancements, as well as the recent work by Dr. Mike Skinner of possible epigenetic-mediated mechanisms of transgenerational heritability of phenotype.

There is continued push from regulatory agencies/industry to incorporate genomic-based measurements formally into risk assessment (which loosely includes epigenetic measurements).

The Agouti mouse model developed by Dr. Randy Jirtle in 2003 is an example of a measurable phenotypic that is linked to epigenetic alterations that has been used in toxicological studies.

INQUIRY
From scientists at the EPA (and I realize we might need to set up interviews with several different experts- it's a big topic!), I was wanting to talk about:

1) what do we know about the multigenerational effects of toxic chemicals (both epigenetic and perhaps via other mechanisms. PBB is highly lipophilic and it can persist in the body for decades, thus the children of the exposed mothers could have had a direct exposure in the womb and via breastmilk)
2) if there are specific types of chemicals that are more likely to have these effects than others
3) how you would go about testing chemicals for multigenerational effects
4) how this would change the cost of testing (I realize that different chemicals would have different answers depending on safety precautions and other factors, but any hard numbers you can find would be really appreciated)
5) in order to conclude that a chemical caused multigenerational epigenetic changes, what types of data would you need? How would you go about establishing the chain of causation?
6) what factors are preventing researchers from delving more deeply into the topic?
7) how long have toxicologists been thinking about the potentials for multigenerational effects, especially in the realm of epigenetics?

Buzzfeed, DEADLINE: 6/24 (Tricia Lynn) Re: ECHO database call

Background:
Reporter is requesting a call with the Environmental Compliance History Online (ECHO) staff to understand more about the database. He doesn't currently have a story or hard deadline, but he's exploring the database. John Senn of OECA notes that we've facilitated these calls in the past.

Suggested Response:
We suggest setting up a call between one of the ECHO staff and the reporter on background.

Inquiry: Thanks for responding so quickly. I'm not working on a particular story, and I don't have a hard deadline. I'm analyzing the ECHO database for the first time, and just want to make sure that I'm understanding it accurately. I also have a few questions about data fields that don't seem to be in the ECHO database, and where else I might be able to find them.

Center for Public Integrity, DEADLINE: ? (Julia Ortiz) Re: EPA/FERC meetings

Background:
This inquiry came in to a R5 staffer earlier this week. The reporter is working on a story about FERC's review process for natural-gas pipelines, and she asked: What happened after your request for a headquarters-level meeting with FERC to discuss EPA's concerns about FERC's climate-change analyses. Was there a meeting? Have your concerns been addressed?
Reporter says the request was part of the EPA's October review of the final environmental impact statement for the Leach XPress project: https://cdxnodengn.epa.gov/cdx-enepa-II/public/action/eis/details?eisId=217181

Reporter: Jamie Smith Hopkins, The Center for Public Integrity, jhopkins@publicintegrity.org

Suggested Response:
The EPA and FERC have held a series of productive workshops among staff resulting in a collaborative and mutually supportive relationship and reflective of a strong desire by both agencies to promote an improved environmental review process that balances environmental impacts with mission requirements.

Message

From: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Sent: 7/5/2017 5:45:49 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]; Press [Press@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: JAHAN/NANCY: Follow-up Response to Gary Stoll, CT Health Investigative Network, on Glyphosate - DDL ASAP

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Thanks ng

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US Environmental Protection Agency
202-564-6879 (desk)
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) **(mobile)**

From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 1:38 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: JAHAN/NANCY: Follow-up Response to Gary Stoll, CT Health Investigative Network, on Glyphosate - DDL ASAP

BACKGROUND:

The agency doesn't speak on behalf of Scientific Advisory Panels – or vice-versa. The program recommends referring the reporter to the SAP meeting report's Executive Summary – Gary Stoll – CT Health Investigative Network –
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RESPONSE:

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From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 8:32 AM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: DEADLINE EXCEEDED for Media Questions

Checking with the program to see if they recommend responding.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Gary Stoller <Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)>
Date: June 28, 2017 at 5:27:34 PM EDT
To: "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: DEADLINE EXCEEDED for Media Questions

Hi Robert: How could the EPA Scientific Advisory Panel conclude that glyphosate is "not likely to be carcinogenic to humans" if some panel members agreed with this characterization, while other Panel members felt that the better descriptor for glyphosate is "suggestive evidence of carcinogenic potential"?

Thank you.

Gary Stoller
CT Health Investigative Team
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On Mon, Jun 26, 2017 at 8:50 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Dear Gary, with apologies for the delay and for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

EPA is currently re-evaluating the safety of glyphosate via a program called registration review. This re-evaluation process occurs every 15 years and is mandated by federal law. As part of registration review, EPA performed an in-depth review of the cancer database for glyphosate. All studies considered by the United Nation's International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) were included in this review, as well as additional studies from Japan, Europe, and South America, and additional studies identified from the open literature. The available data led EPA to conclude in our draft assessment that glyphosate is not likely to be carcinogenic in people at doses relevant for human health risk assessment.

In December 2016, EPA convened its FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP) to review and comment on our draft findings that glyphosate is not likely to be carcinogenic to humans at doses relevant for human health risk assessment. The FIFRA SAP serves as the primary external scientific peer review mechanism of the EPA's Office Pesticide Programs and is structured to provide scientific advice, information, and recommendations to EPA on pesticides and pesticide-related issues. Meeting materials from the December 2016 SAP can be found athttps://www.epa.gov/sap/meeting-materials-december-13-16-2016-scientific-advisory-panel.

Once EPA has completed its consideration of the SAP report and made any appropriate changes to our risk assessment, we intend to release the draft human health and ecological risk assessments for a 60-day public comment period. We are currently scheduled to complete the draft risk assessments in 2017. After consideration of the public comments on the draft risk assessments, EPA will determine whether any risk management is needed.

On Jun 26, 2017, at 2:43 PM, Gary Stoller <Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)> wrote:

I am writing the story now. I need a response asap.

Thanks,

Gary

Gary Stoller

On Mon, Jun 26, 2017 at 2:35 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Dear Gary, with apologies for the delay as I've only returned to the office today – and Christie, with whom you've been working, is out - but we are still very much working on a response.

Is there any way you can extend your deadline? What's the very latest we could get back to you and when are you planning to publish?

Thanks in advance, R.

From: Gary Stoller <Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Date: June 26, 2017 at 1:30:34 PM EDT
To: "StClair, Christie" <StClair.Christie@epa.gov>
Subject: DEADLINE EXCEEDED for Media Questions

Hi Christie; I have received no responses from you or the press office. I will have to say that EPA officials refused to comment on glyphosate matters, the limits the agency established, or whether the public and homeowners should be concerned about their safety.

I would prefer immediate comment.

Thank you.

Gary Stoller

Journalist

Connecticut Health Investigative Team

Newtown, CT 06470

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From: Shah, Surabhi
To: Orquina, Jessica
CC: Valentine, Julia; Jones, Enesta; Thomas, Latosha; Hart, Daniel; Hull, George
Sent: 5/9/2017 12:27:21 AM
Subject: Re: Jessica and Enesta - Approval for PSRW / Sammies twitter chat tomorrow

Thanks all for clarifying! Will one of you be responding to Katie the Partnership? Or would you like me to do that?

Sent from my iPhone

On May 8, 2017, at 7:27 PM, Orquina, Jessica <Orquina.Jessica@epa.gov> wrote:

The email I received was from George at 6:30 saying that John Konkus asked us to decline.

Jess

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Mobile Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

On May 8, 2017, at 7:26 PM, Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov> wrote:

+George
Who got the word from OPA.

On May 8, 2017, at 7:22 PM, Shah, Surabhi <Shah.Surabhi@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Jessica, for your response. One clarifying question: Mike Flynn was checking with George around 5 pm... so I just want to make sure I have this right...

Was this disapproved? Or is it just that we didn't hear back with approval?

I'm okay either way. I just don't want to decline and then have George approve.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 8, 2017, at 6:58 PM, Orquina, Jessica <Orquina.Jessica@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi,

I'm sorry, we did not get permission to participate in the Twitter chat. We will have to decline.

Jess

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On May 8, 2017, at 4:47 PM, Shah, Surabhi <Shah.Surabhi@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Jessica and Enesta,

Administrator Pruitt sent an all EPA message about the Sammies today. Seems like he and the agency are supportive.

Can John Reeder or Mike Flynn help with approval for the Twitter chat?

I'm just concerned that we've not responded to PPS.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 8, 2017, at 7:31 AM, Orquina, Jessica <Orquina.Jessica@epa.gov> wrote:

FYI, I don't yet have approval to participate in the Twitter chat. I'll check again.

Jess

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On May 5, 2017, at 11:43 AM, Katie Koziara <KKoziara@ourpublicservice.org> wrote:

That's great news! Looking forward to getting the info from you, Jessica. Thanks for coordinating!

We'd love to have you join in Friday as well – feel free to submit your responses to the questions that day too. I'll send them along once I have the Twitter handles J

Best,
Katie

From: Shah, Surabhi [mailto:Shah.Surabhi@epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, May 5, 2017 10:52 AM
To: Katie Koziara <KKoziara@ourpublicservice.org>
Cc: Orquina, Jessica <Orquina.Jessica@epa.gov>; Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>; Thomas, Latosha <Thomas.Latosha@epa.gov>; Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Subject: PSRW / Sammies twitter chat next week

Hi Katie,

Thank you for thinking of us!

Jessica Orquina at EPA will confirm and provide the appropriate twitter handle.
Thanks to Jessica for helping along the approvals process!

Question: Meanwhile, when do you need confirmation from us?

Note if you've still got a need for a panelist for Friday, we'd be happy to do that instead. Attaching schedule for our EPA team.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 4, 2017, at 3:31 PM, Orquina, Jessica <Orquina.Jessica@epa.gov> wrote:

I am working on getting this approved. I have not gotten an answer yet.

Jess

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From: Shah, Surabhi
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To: Orquina, Jessica <Orquina.Jessica@epa.gov>
Cc: Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>; Thomas, Latosha <Thomas.Latosha@epa.gov>; Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Embargoed Sammies Finalists News Release

Hi Jessica,

Below, PPS is offering us the opportunity to be featured in this twitter chat on Tuesday. Seems like a great opportunity and a positive story for the agency.

Are we interested? If so, they need the handle we plan to use.

If we're not interested, we need to let them know asap to give someone else the opportunity.

Your thoughts?

Thank you so much for your engagement on this!

Best,
Surabhi

Sent from my iPhone

On May 4, 2017, at 2:50 PM, Katie Koziara <KKoziara@ourpublicservice.org> wrote:

Good afternoon:

Congratulations again on being a Sammies finalist! I am getting back in touch to share an early look at our embargoed news release announcing the finalists, please note attached. We encourage your communications office to put out a press release/statement about your selection as a finalist and share the news internally and through social media channels too after the embargo lifts Sunday night. Our hashtag for Sammies is #Sammies2017 and our handle is

@rpublicservice.

Additionally, we're hosting a Twitter chat on Tuesday, May 9 at 2 p.m. entitled "Why do Sammies finalists serve?" Questions include the following:

- Why did you join public service?
- What motivated you to pursue the accomplishment that earned you a Sammies nomination?
- How does recognition make a difference for federal employees?

Let me know if you're interested in joining and I can add you as a featured panelist. We look forward to sharing Sammies finalists' work with Federal News Radio, GovLoop, Government Matters TV and other media outlets throughout the summer!

Again, congratulations on your selection as a finalist, and I look forward to meeting you on Tuesday.

Best,
Katie

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<2017 Sammies finalists news release Embargoed.pdf>

Message

From: Jones, Enesta [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=65B8E6C6E5CA4A7A9AE85D98A4C8EEDB-EJONES02]
Sent: 5/17/2019 10:42:22 PM
To: DeLuca, Isabel [DeLuca.Isabel@epa.gov]
CC: Bremer, Kristen [Bremer.Kristen@epa.gov]; Millett, John [Millett.John@epa.gov]; Davis, Alison [Davis.Alison@epa.gov]; Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Bloomberg NATA walk thru (on background)

Amena circled back that she would like the NATA backgrounder. Can we look at the possible dates of June 5, 6, 11-14? Appreciate it!

On May 16, 2019, at 4:45 PM, DeLuca, Isabel <DeLuca.Isabel@epa.gov> wrote:

Yes, I think it's safe to say that at this time NATA does not specify which facilities are covered by regulations, and would agree that we don't need to flag for Clint's review. Thanks!

From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 4:15 PM
To: Bremer, Kristen <Bremer.Kristen@epa.gov>; DeLuca, Isabel <DeLuca.Isabel@epa.gov>
Cc: Millett, John <Millett.John@epa.gov>; Davis, Alison <Davis.Alison@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Bloomberg NATA walk thru (on background)

So I'll just tell her that she can't at this time. Does that work?
This doesn't warrant political review. Isabel, are you good with this?

From: Bremer, Kristen
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:43 PM
To: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Cc: Millett, John <Millett.John@epa.gov>; DeLuca, Isabel <DeLuca.Isabel@epa.gov>; Davis, Alison <Davis.Alison@epa.gov>
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The short answer is, she can't. There is a field that allows us to indicate whether a unit or process is subject to a regulation (not just NESHAP), but that is not fully populated in the database at this time.

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From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:04 PM
To: Bremer, Kristen <Bremer.Kristen@epa.gov>
Cc: Millett, John <Millett.John@epa.gov>; DeLuca, Isabel <DeLuca.Isabel@epa.gov>; Davis, Alison <Davis.Alison@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Bloomberg NATA walk thru (on background)

Kristen,
How does she tell or differentiate whether a facility is regulated under NESHAP?

On May 16, 2019, at 12:00 PM, Bremer, Kristen <Bremer.Kristen@epa.gov> wrote:

Here are some brief bullets that explain the data presented in NATA. Again, we can discuss a backgrounder, but our NATA team won't be available until the first week of June at the earliest; they are tied up with court-ordered RTR work and also producing the risk assessment for Willowbrook.

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From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 10:32 AM
To: Bremer, Kristen <Bremer.Kristen@epa.gov>
Cc: Millett, John <Millett.John@epa.gov>; DeLuca, Isabel <DeLuca.Isabel@epa.gov>; Davis, Alison <Davis.Alison@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Bloomberg NATA walk thru (on background)

Ok. Can we address the questions she just sent?

On May 15, 2019, at 10:30 AM, Bremer, Kristen <Bremer.Kristen@epa.gov> wrote:

If she wants a live walk-thru on how to use NATA, it would likely be the first week of June. However, if her questions are really about which facilities in the database are regulated, they won't be able to address those questions.

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From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 10:24 AM
To: Bremer, Kristen <Bremer.Kristen@epa.gov>
Cc: Millett, John <Millett.John@epa.gov>; DeLuca, Isabel <DeLuca.Isabel@epa.gov>; Davis, Alison <Davis.Alison@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Bloomberg NATA walk thru (on background)

Also, she said the walk-thru isn't something she needs this week or next. She's flexible. What would be the soonest she could speak to a human?

On May 15, 2019, at 9:37 AM, Bremer, Kristen <Bremer.Kristen@epa.gov> wrote:

If we do schedule anything, we'd have to do it after the Willowbrook meeting. The entire NATA team is tied up with the risk assessment, so their availability is nonexistent. They also won't be able to answer her questions about which facilities are regulated; those would need to be handled in writing.

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From: Millett, John
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 9:25 AM
To: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Cc: Bremer, Kristen <Bremer.Kristen@epa.gov>; DeLuca, Isabel <DeLuca.isabel@epa.gov>; Davis, Alison <Davis.Alison@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Bloomberg NATA walk thru (on background)

A good start. Thanks.

If there's an easy recipe for drilling down to what's required at a certain facility, sure, let's provide that in writing.

However, Amena is a frequent flyer, and she writes daily about our stuff. If we can spend a little time with her showing her how our online tools work, I think it will help in the long run.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 15, 2019, at 9:13 AM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:

> This seems helpful and a good starting point. What does Isabel and Millett think?
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> We could say Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
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> On May 15, 2019, at 9:03 AM, Bremer, Kristen <Bremer.Kristen@epa.gov> wrote:
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> One thought is to Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
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> Our NATA team is pretty swamped at the moment, so it might be difficult to schedule a backgrounder. Written responses might be easier.
>
> Kristen Bremer

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From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2019 7:44 AM
To: Bremer, Kristen <Bremer.Kristen@epa.gov>
Cc: DeLuca, Isabel <DeLuca.Isabel@epa.gov>; Millett, John <Millett.John@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Bloomberg NATA walk thru (on background)

Before I reengage the 3F — do you all want to do a backgrounder or written responses?

On May 14, 2019, at 5:10 PM, Bremer, Kristen <Bremer.Kristen@epa.gov> wrote:

Good to know. I'll loop in Alison. You might want to let the third floor know before we schedule anything.

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From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 5:07 PM
To: Bremer, Kristen <Bremer.Kristen@epa.gov>
Cc: DeLuca, Isabel <DeLuca.Isabel@epa.gov>; Millett, John <Millett.John@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Bloomberg NATA walk thru (on background)

When asked if her interest is prompted by EtO, she responded:

"Yes it is. I am trying to understand the emissions data for ethylene oxide."

I am signing off for the night. Talk to you all tomorrow.

On May 14, 2019, at 4:51 PM, Bremer, Kristen <Bremer.Kristen@epa.gov> wrote:

As far as who would do the backgrounder, it will depend on her answer to what she wants us to walk through. If it's NATA it will likely be Kelly Rimer and/or Darcie Smith. If it's actually the NEI, we'd probably ask Mark Houyoux.

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From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 4:48 PM
To: DeLuca, Isabel <DeLuca.Isabel@epa.gov>
Cc: Bremer, Kristen <Bremer.Kristen@epa.gov>; Millett, John <Millett.John@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Bloomberg NATA walk thru (on background)

I'll get them!

In the event we do land on a backgrounder, the 3F just gave me the greenlight to proceed. 😀

On May 14, 2019, at 4:45 PM, DeLuca, Isabel <DeLuca.Isabel@epa.gov> wrote:

Sorry! I was confusing this with something else. Don't we usually get a list of questions first, in any case?

From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 4:42 PM
To: DeLuca, Isabel <DeLuca.Isabel@epa.gov>
Cc: Bremer, Kristen <Bremer.Kristen@epa.gov>; Millett, John <Millett.John@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Bloomberg NATA walk thru (on background)

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Explaining NATA data is challenging — in writing. But I'll ask for clarity and DDL.

On May 14, 2019, at 4:40 PM, DeLuca, Isabel <DeLuca.Isabel@epa.gov> wrote:

Hey -- Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
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From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 4:40 PM
To: Bremer, Kristen <Bremer.Kristen@epa.gov>
Cc: Millett, John <Millett.John@epa.gov>; DeLuca, Isabel <DeLuca.Isabel@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Bloomberg NATA walk thru (on background)

Who would do the backgrounder?

On May 14, 2019, at 4:32 PM, Bremer, Kristen <Bremer.Kristen@epa.gov> wrote:

If we do schedule a backgrounder it would be helpful to know what she means by the NATA database. Is she referring to the map? The table of results? Or does she really mean the NEI, which feeds NATA?

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From: Millett, John
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 4:05 PM
To: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Cc: DeLuca, Isabel <DeLuca.Isabel@epa.gov>; Bremer, Kristen <Bremer.Kristen@epa.gov>
Subject: Bloomberg NATA walk thru (on background)

Hi All – I haven't responded, but this seems like a reasonable request for a walk thru of the NATA data. Can we set this up?

From: Saiyid, Amena <asaiyid@bloombergenvironment.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 3:56 PM
To: Millett, John <Millett.John@epa.gov>
Subject: quick question

Hi John,
Can someone at EPA on background walk me through the 2014 national air toxics assessment database and help me understand whether the facilities reporting emissions in that database are all regulated facilities requiring macts for the standard set for that particular industrial sector.
This is not for attribution or anything. I need to understand how this database operates. When I have questions, I will be submitting them formally.
Thank you,
amena

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Message

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To: Bremer, Kristen [Bremer.Kristen@epa.gov]
CC: DeLuca, Isabel [DeLuca.Isabel@epa.gov]; Millett, John [Millett.John@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Bloomberg NATA walk thru (on background)

Amena responded:

The National Air Toxics Assessment Database. How to read the columns and what they mean in terms of emissions reported by facilities and associated NACIS codes. I specifically want to know whether all the facilities included in this database are regulated by EPA.
I can't give you a deadline because this is me trying to understand the dataset.

On May 14, 2019, at 4:51 PM, Bremer, Kristen <Bremer.Kristen@epa.gov> wrote:

As far as who would do the backgrounder, it will depend on her answer to what she wants us to walk through. If it's NATA it will likely be Kelly Rimer and/or Darcie Smith. If it's actually the NEI, we'd probably ask Mark Houyoux.

Kristen Bremer
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From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 4:48 PM
To: DeLuca, Isabel <DeLuca.Isabel@epa.gov>
Cc: Bremer, Kristen <Bremer.Kristen@epa.gov>; Millett, John <Millett.John@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Bloomberg NATA walk thru (on background)

I'll get them!

In the event we do land on Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) 😀

On May 14, 2019, at 4:45 PM, DeLuca, Isabel <DeLuca.Isabel@epa.gov> wrote:

Sorry! I was confusing this with something else. Don't we usually get a list of questions first, in any case?

From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 4:42 PM
To: DeLuca, Isabel <DeLuca.Isabel@epa.gov>
Cc: Bremer, Kristen <Bremer.Kristen@epa.gov>; Millett, John <Millett.John@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Bloomberg NATA walk thru (on background)

I'm confused. Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) 😀

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) But I'll ask for clarity and DDL.

On May 14, 2019, at 4:40 PM, DeLuca, Isabel <DeLuca.Isabel@epa.gov> wrote:

Hey -- I don't think we should do a backgrounder, but we should get more specific questions, and it would be good to get clarity on Kristen's questions below.

From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 4:40 PM
To: Bremer, Kristen <Bremer.Kristen@epa.gov>
Cc: Millett, John <Millett.John@epa.gov>; DeLuca, Isabel <DeLuca.Isabel@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Bloomberg NATA walk thru (on background)

Who would do the backgrounder?

On May 14, 2019, at 4:32 PM, Bremer, Kristen <Bremer.Kristen@epa.gov> wrote:

If we do schedule a backgrounder it would be helpful to know what she means by the NATA database. Is she referring to the map? The table of results? Or does she really mean the NEI, which feeds NATA?

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From: Millett, John
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 4:05 PM
To: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Cc: DeLuca, Isabel <DeLuca.Isabel@epa.gov>; Bremer, Kristen <Bremer.Kristen@epa.gov>
Subject: Bloomberg NATA walk thru (on background)

Hi All – I haven't responded, but this seems like a reasonable request for a walk thru of the NATA data. Can we set this up?

From: Saiyid, Amena <asaiyid@bloombergenvironment.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 14, 2019 3:56 PM
To: Millett, John <Millett.John@epa.gov>
Subject: quick question

Hi John,
Can someone at EPA on background walk me through the 2014 national air toxics assessment database and help me understand whether the facilities reporting emissions in that database are all regulated facilities requiring macts for the standard set for that particular industrial sector.
This is not for attribution or anything. I need to understand how this database operates. When I have questions, I will be submitting them formally.
Thank you,
amena

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Amena H. Saiyid
Air Reporter

Bloomberg Environment

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Message

From: Jones, Enesta [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=65B8E6C6E5CA4A7A9AE85D98A4C8EEDB-EJONES02]
Sent: 5/18/2017 6:17:59 PM
To: Fuld, John [Fuld.John@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: FLAGGING -- FDA Media Request: Fish Advice, Slate, 3 p.m.

FDA is good with that…thanks!

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From: Fuld, John
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 2:08 PM
To: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: FLAGGING -- FDA Media Request: Fish Advice, Slate, 3 p.m.

Enesta,

Program suggest the following change in red.

EPA and FDA reviewed the totality of science available, including an FDA analysis that found a significant percentage of pregnant woman avoided fish, the FDA's 2014 Net Effects report, and additional studies. EPA and FDA believe that we took a cautious and protective approach to allow consumers to enjoy the nutritional benefits of fish while avoiding those with higher levels of mercury, which is especially important during pregnancy and early childhood.

From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 1:04 PM
To: Fuld, John <Fuld.John@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: FLAGGING -- FDA Media Request: Fish Advice, Slate, 3 p.m.

See below.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Cassell, Peter" <Peter.Cassell@fda.hhs.gov>
Date: May 18, 2017 at 12:38:41 PM EDT
To: "Jones, Enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: FLAGGING -- FDA Media Request: Fish Advice, Slate, 3 p.m.

Hey Enesta,

I checked with our program and we are concerned with the highlighted language and suggest sticking with the paragraph we provided. Our suggested edit would be:

EPA and FDA reviewed the totality of science available, including an FDA analysis that found a significant percentage of pregnant woman avoided fish, the FDA's 2014 Net Effects report, and additional studies. EPA and FDA believe that we took a cautious and highly protective approach to allow consumers to enjoy the nutritional benefits of fish while avoiding those with higher levels of mercury, which is especially important during pregnancy and early childhood.

Give me a call if you have any questions ☺

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From: Jones, Enesta [mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 10:34 AM
To: Cassell, Peter
Subject: Re: FLAGGING -- FDA Media Request: Fish Advice, Slate, 3 p.m.

Yep.

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On May 18, 2017, at 10:32 AM, Cassell, Peter <Peter.Cassell@fda.hhs.gov> wrote:

I'll check with the program. Can this wait until noon?

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From: Jones, Enesta [mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 18, 2017 10:26 AM
To: Cassell, Peter
Subject: Re: FLAGGING -- FDA Media Request: Fish Advice, Slate, 3 p.m.

Hi Peter,

Any concerns with our response?

The current advice, released in January 2017, relies on the reference dose (RfD) for methylmercury, as every version of the advice has in the past.

When developing the updated fish consumption advice, EPA and FDA reviewed the totality of science available, including the 2014 FDA report entitled "Quantitative Assessment of the Net Effects on Fetal Neurodevelopment from Eating Commercial Fish (As Measured by IQ and also by Early Age Verbal Development in Children)." As discussed in the EPA-FDA joint response to public comments document, there is an ongoing debate in the scientific community about quantifying the integrated effects of the benefits of fish consumption relative to the potential adverse health effects of mercury exposure from fish consumption.

EPA and FDA obtained an external peer review of the information and method used to categorize the fish in the advice. As can be found in the peer review report and the EPA-FDA response to the peer review, all reviewers agreed that keeping pregnant women's and children's exposure to mercury at or below the RfD on a weekly basis is a conservative approach and prudent measure to protect public health.

2017 EPA-FDA Advice About Eating Fish:https://www.epa.gov/fish-tech/2017-epa-fda-advice-about-eating-fish-and-shellfish

EPA agreed with all the recommendations in the Office of Inspector's General (OIG) final report and provided corrective actions to address the OIG recommendations, as noted in the final report (https://www.epa.gov/office-inspector-general/report-epa-needs-provide-leadership-and-better-guidance-improve-fish). The Office of Research and Development had already indicated that methylmercury is among the highest priority chemicals for evaluation in the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) Program, as evidenced by its inclusion on the IRIS multi-year agenda, and has started to address the Inspector General's recommendation.

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On May 17, 2017, at 10:21 AM, Cassell, Peter <Peter.Cassell@fda.hhs.gov> wrote:

> I highlighted the language below. We cleared this a few months ago for use with Slate. I think this language works for your inquiry.
>
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> *Press Officer*
> **Office of Media Affairs**
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> **From:** Cassell, Peter [mailto:Peter.Cassell@fda.hhs.gov]
> **Sent:** Friday, February 17, 2017 1:25 PM
> **To:** OS - Interviews
> **Cc:** OCOEAOMA-Press (FDA)
> **Subject:** FDA Media Request: Fish Advice, Slate, 3 p.m.
>
> I know this is rather long, but the reporter's story will be about 4 to 5 pages. I've provided the direction of the story below. This information is from the cleared key messages and questions and answers about the fish advice and was approved by Dr. Mayne. We plan to ask the reporter to feature the advice chart in the story.

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ASPA Media Interview Request
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Reporter: Annie Behr

Organization: Slate.com

Phone #(s): 215-983-8644

Subject: FDA/EPA Fish Advice

Deadline: 3 p.m., Today

Spokesperson: Dr. Susan Mayne, director of the FDA's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition

Background on story: The reporter has spoken to a number of experts both supportive and critical of the fish advice, including a former FDA employee who provided similar comments during the comment period. This will be a 4 to 5 page story. Reporter has asked for as much information on her topic we can provide.

Request/questions:

1. Reporter wanted to give you an opportunity to respond to one comment in particular regarding the Net Effects assessment. Tom Brenna feels that the new guidelines do not reflect the findings of the Net Effects assessment. In particular, he feels that the Net Effects Report "established that 12 oz. per week of any and all fish by pregnant women caused a +2 point increase in the IQ of the kids, even, for instance, shark. It further states that the peak benefit from all types of fish is mostly independent of the mercury content." In addition, Dr. Brenna felt that "according to the evidence in the report, women should not be concerned with deleterious effects of fish until they are consuming well over 4 servings per week of commercial fish from the "don't consume" group; they should also be aware of advisories about fish caught from local bodies of water. If consuming a variety of fish including the ones favored, then the number of servings would double, at least. No amount of salmon, for instance, is known to cause problems." I'm wondering if you have any comments on this?

2. Reporter says later research seems to point more towards the idea that there is no significant effect of lose-dose mercury exposure on development. Reporter is wondering if FDA was able to take these studies into account in your final guidelines (and/or

others that I may not be aware of), or did the guidelines stem from the Net Effects assessment exclusively? If FDA was able to take them into account, do you think these studies would have made a difference to your assessment?

3. How do you plan to promote the advice.

Recommended approach: (written response)

For Attribution to Dr. Susan Mayne, director of the FDA's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition:

Pregnant women, women who may become pregnant, women who are nursing, and parents of young children have long wanted sound advice that they could easily use to make informed choices about how they can safely eat fish but avoid exposure to mercury. Past efforts by FDA and EPA to provide this advice have been criticized for their focus on risk and their lack of clarity. In developing our most recent advice, the FDA ensured that it was based on the best available science, reflected the best health and risk communication expertise, was responsive to comments from the public, and was consistent with advice provided by some states.

For the first time, we provided an easy-to-use chart that grouped fish into "best choices," "good choices," and "choices to avoid." With this information in hand, consumers can confidently choose a variety of fish that are healthy to eat and should be a part of the diet of pregnant women and young children. The FDA is encouraging health professionals and retailers to help make this advice readily available to their patients and customers.

The FDA reviewed the totality of science available, including an FDA analysis that found a significant percentage of pregnant woman avoided fish, the FDA's 2014 Net Effects report, and the additional studies you cited. FDA believes it took a cautious and highly protective approach to allow consumers to enjoy the nutritional benefits of fish while avoiding those with higher levels of mercury, which is especially important during pregnancy and early childhood.

Background information only:
Women who are pregnant or are breast-feeding their babies should eat 2-3 servings (or 8 to 12 ounces) per week of a variety of fish from choices that are lower in mercury. This advice is consistent with the 2015-2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans. Previously, the FDA and EPA recommended that up to 12 ounces

of fish be consumed each week, but did not recommend a minimum amount. An FDA analysis of fish consumption data from more than 1,000 pregnant women in the United States found that 21 percent of them ate no fish in the previous month. Those who ate fish ate far less than the Dietary Guidelines recommendations – with 50 percent eating less than 2 ounces a week and 75 percent eating less than 4 ounces.

The FDA and EPA also obtained an external peer review of the information and method used to categorize the fish. The fish are presented in categories of "best choices," or those which the target audience can eat 2 to 3 servings a week; "good choices," which the target audience can eat 1 serving a week; and "choices to avoid." An adult serving is 4 ounces of uncooked fish. Fish is good for a child's growth and development. Serve 1 to 2 servings of fish/week to children starting at age 2. Fish contains high quality protein, many vitamins and minerals, omega-3 fatty acids, and some types of fish contain vitamin D. Many fish are also low in saturated fat.

The 2014 FDA report entitled "Quantitative Assessment of the Net Effects on Fetal Neurodevelopment from Eating Commercial Fish (As Measured by IQ and also by Early Age Verbal Development in Children)" was one of many resources used by FDA in its risk management decision-making process to draft and finalize advice. Many of the most commonly eaten fish are lower in mercury, including shrimp, pollock, salmon, canned light tuna, tilapia, catfish and cod, not to mention that the fish consumption chart has 36 fish species that can be eaten multiple times per week. This is valuable information for private industry and we think it will entice fish sellers to post our seafood consumption chart.

The FDA would like consumers to have this information available at their points of purchase. Ideally, retail establishments, grocers, fish markets and seafood restaurants would post the fish consumption chart in their facilities (so that consumers can view and refer to the chart).

The new FDA and EPA fish advice chart can be found at (if you post this in the story please post the pdf – it comes out more clear): http://www.fda.gov/Food/FoodbornelllnessContaminants/Metals/ucm393070.htm.

FDA's announcement about the advice: http://www.fda.gov/NewsEvents/Newsroom/PressAnnouncements/ucm397929.htm

The 2014 FDA report entitled "Quantitative Assessment of the Net Effects on Fetal Neurodevelopment from Eating Commercial Fish (As Measured by IQ and also by Early Age Verbal Development in Children)":
http://www.fda.gov/Food/FoodbornelllnessContaminants/Metals/ucm393211.htm

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists press release about the new advice:
http://www.acog.org/About-ACOG/News-Room/Practice-Advisories/ACOG-Practice-Advisory-Seafood-Consumption-During-Pregnancy

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Message

From: Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
Sent: 5/17/2017 5:10:39 PM
To: Fuld, John [Fuld.John@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: FLAGGING -- FDA Media Request: Fish Advice, Slate, 3 p.m.

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On May 17, 2017, at 1:08 PM, Fuld, John <Fuld.John@epa.gov> wrote:

I did ...lol

From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 1:00 PM
To: Fuld, John <Fuld.John@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: FLAGGING -- FDA Media Request: Fish Advice, Slate, 3 p.m.

Reply to them: E got this, per usual.

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On May 17, 2017, at 12:59 PM, Fuld, John <Fuld.John@epa.gov> wrote:

Yep ....just keeping you in the loop as they send me stuff.... ☺

From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 12:58 PM
To: Fuld, John <Fuld.John@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: FLAGGING -- FDA Media Request: Fish Advice, Slate, 3 p.m.

Yep. We already know. I'm the lead here and will coordinate the response with ORD, if necessary, and get back to the reporter.

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On May 17, 2017, at 12:56 PM, Fuld, John <Fuld.John@epa.gov> wrote:

> FYI
> From OST....
> FYI- ORD also got part or all of the same inquiry. Please make sure the press officers are aware of that (in case they work separate beats), so that none of them send a response before the other folks have coordinated. My staff is coordinating with ORD staff right now.
>
> **John W. Fuld, Ph.D.**
> U.S. Media Relations Manager Office of Water
> Environmental Protection Agency
> 1200 Constitution Ave
> Washington DC 20460
> Office: 202-564-8847
> Cell: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
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> **From:** Jones, Enesta
> **Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2017 11:17 AM
> **To:** Fuld, John <Fuld.John@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: FLAGGING -- FDA Media Request: Fish Advice, Slate, 3 p.m.
>
> Correct. Correct.
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> **Enesta Jones**
> **U.S. EPA**

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On May 17, 2017, at 11:16 AM, Fuld, John <Fuld.John@epa.gov> wrote:

> Oh- just to clarify, FDA did not receive a new inquiry from Slate in recent days, right? The one from February that they reference below is the last time Slate asked FDA questions about this topic?

From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2017 10:25 AM
To: Fuld, John <Fuld.John@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: FLAGGING -- FDA Media Request: Fish Advice, Slate, 3 p.m.

John, see below from FDA and share with Cara and team.

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Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Cassell, Peter" <Peter.Cassell@fda.hhs.gov>
> **Date:** May 17, 2017 at 10:16:02 AM EDT
> **To:** "Jones, Enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
> **Subject: FW: FLAGGING -- FDA Media Request: Fish Advice, Slate, 3 p.m.**
>
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ASPA Media Interview Request
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Reporter: Annie Behr

Organization: Slate.com

Phone #(s): Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Subject: FDA/EPA Fish Advice

Deadline: 3 p.m., Today

Spokesperson: Dr. Susan Mayne, director of

the FDA's Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition

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3. How do you plan to promote the advice.

Recommended approach:

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Sent: 4/2/2019 8:59:18 PM
To: DeLuca, Isabel [DeLuca.Isabel@epa.gov]
CC: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Millett, John [Millett.John@epa.gov]; Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: ENERGYSTAR awards press release & timing

Tnx Isabel. This event has traditionally been open press, but reporters usually don't show up.

Quick q — why don't we Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) See my **bolded suggestion** below.

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

On Apr 2, 2019, at 4:47 PM, DeLuca, Isabel <DeLuca.Isabel@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Nancy & Enesta,
As we discussed last week, attached is the ENERGYSTAR awards HQ press release.

The program is planning to Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
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If there is a conflict on Tuesday morning, let me know if Monday afternoon or Tuesday afternoon would work, and I'll check with the program.

(FYI on the review process in OAR IO – I just sent the complete draft to Bill for review, but he had already approved the quote and the format is similar to last year, so I don't expect big edits. If he or the team has any, I'll let you know asap.)

Also, Nancy, just wanted to check to see if you had a chance to send the regions the spreadsheet and template press release to the regional PADs yet?

Many thanks, and please let me know what you think about timing,
Isabel

Isabel DeLuca
Office of Air and Radiation, US EPA
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Message

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Sent: 8/17/2018 8:54:44 PM
To: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Open Inquiries' End-of the-Day (EOD) Edition, 8/17/18

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On Aug 17, 2018, at 4:54 PM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:

What's your number?

From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Friday, August 17, 2018 4:46 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Open Inquiries' End-of the-Day (EOD) Edition, 8/17/18

Tnx!

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Jones, Enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
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Cc: "Grantham, Nancy" <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>, "Jones, Enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>, "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Open Inquiries' End-of the-Day (EOD) Edition, 8/17/18

17 Awaiting Third-Floor Approval; 8 No Acknowledgement/Response.

From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Friday, August 17, 2018 3:53 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: For Review: Oklahoman (Jack Money) re Anchor Glass settlement (DDL: 8/17)

This reporter is asking for the consent decree for Anchor Glass. Neither DOJ or EPA report on their websites when the judge signs the consent decree (which happens after the comment period closes; we respond to any comments; and we file the motion to enter with the court). The court (which is the US District Court for the Middle District of Florida, in this case) may publish something on their website. OECA recommends this response:

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The Oklahoman (Jack Money) [Received 8/7] – OPEN – When will Anchor Glass settlement be signed? DDL: Flexible.

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From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Friday, August 17, 2018 2:52 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: For Review: Bloomberg Environment (Sylvia Carignan) re OSRE pilot program (Deadline: 8/17)

Susan Bodine-approved response:

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) - EPA spokesperson

On background: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

From: scarignan@bloombergenvironment.com [mailto:scarignan@bloombergenvironment.com]
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2018 11:14 AM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: OSRE pilot program

Hi all,

Hope you had a good weekend. I'd like to know more about OSRE's pilot program mentioned in the Superfund task force's 2018 update. On pg. 36, the report says the office will pilot an approach where any existing company spins off a new corporate entity that would conduct cleanup.

I'd like to know what EPA's role would be in creating spinoffs, and I'd like to talk to Cyndy Mackey about this. Let me know when she's available this week for a phone call.

Best,
Sylvia

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Sylvia Carignan
Reporter, Superfund and Waste

Bloomberg BNA

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From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Friday, August 17, 2018 2:24 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: media query on federal facility recommendations in Superfund task force report

Third Floor, do you want to handle, as this concerns the task force? Or should I send to the program?

Cheers, R.

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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) (M)

-----Original Message-----
From: Suzanne Yohannan [mailto:suzanne.yohannan@iwpnews.com]
Sent: Friday, August 17, 2018 2:18 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: media query on federal facility recommendations in Superfund task force report

Dear Press officer,

I'm a reporter for Inside EPA. I have a few questions that relate to the Superfund task force recommendations specific to federal facilities.

1. I understand that EPA enforcement staff or officials were supposed to meet with military service officials this month on the Superfund reforms. Could you tell me what was/is on the agenda for these discussions? Were there any disagreements? What did they agree to?

The 2018 update of the Superfund reform recommendations says that the recommendations that pertain to federal facility sites/agencies (recommendations #15, 18, 19, 30) are either partially or almost complete. I have a few questions related to these:

2. For recommendation #15 - Speed settlement process where there are federal PRPs at a site, EPA in the 2018 update report says this has been partially completed. The update says EPA developed model federal agency language to address common settlement delays. Is EPA releasing this model language? Were there any other policy changes made under this recommendation?

3. For recommendation #18, can you release the policy/tools EPA created to meet the recommendation to reinforce adherence to informal and formal dispute timelines in FFAs? What more needs to be done under this recommendation?

4. For recommendation #19, will there be any policy developed to address redelegating CERCLA authorities from one agency to another at mixed ownership mining sites?

5. For recommendation #30, EPA is revising a federal facility enforcement guidance aimed at increasing EPA's flexibility to offer comfort to transferees over concerns about cleanup liability. Could you tell me the status of this guidance? When do you expect it to be finalized? Could I obtain a copy once it is?

My deadline is Thursday (Aug. 23) at 9 a.m.

I can be reached at the email or number below.

Thanks very much.

Sincerely,
Suzanne Yohannan

Inside EPA

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From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Friday, August 17, 2018 12:28 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: For Review: E&E (Ariel Wittenberg) re 404c veto changes (DDL: noon, 8/17)

Dave Ross-approved response:

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

From: "awittenberg@eenews.net" <awittenberg@eenews.net>
Date: August 17, 2018 at 9:02:59 AM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: 404c veto changesâ€"E&E News

Hi everyone,

We've been hearing from sources that EPA has started working to change regulations about when EPA will initiate the 404c veto process, along the lines of the memo former Admin. Pruitt signed back in June. We'll be publishing a story in Greenwire today and so I wanted to check if you have any comment?

My deadline is noon.

Thanks,

Ariel

Ariel Wittenberg
Reporter, E&E News

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From: "Jones, Enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Date: August 17, 2018 at 11:46:12 AM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: For Review: E&E (Sean Reilly) re proposed amendments to clay ceramics NESHAP (DDL: noon, 8/17)

On background: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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From: Sean Reilly <sreilly@eenews.net>
Date: August 17, 2018 at 10:12:04 AM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Proposed amendments to clay ceramics NESHAP

Hi folks:

Quick question related to a story I'm doing this morning on this proposed rule (https://s3.amazonaws.com/public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2018-17933.pdf), given that the NESAHP regs in question also apply to brick manufacturers.

Is EPA planning a separate proposed rule to address other concerns raised by the brick industry and, if so, is there an approximate ETA for publication in the Federal Register?

My deadline is noon today.

Thanks,
Sean

Sean Reilly

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From: "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Date: August 17, 2018 at 11:23:20 AM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: FOR APPROVAL: Proposed response to ADAO re: Asbestos.

The Toxic Chemicals program is objecting to the part of a news release from the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO), https://www.oaoa.com/news/business/article_2f1ac6d9-0444-5584-830f-7c7672e3a9d5.html?mode=jqm, that says the Obama Administration was planning to ban asbestos. OK to send the proposed response?

Statement from ADAO: This problem formulation completes the single-minded effort of the 'Trump EPA' to narrow the asbestos risk evaluation to the point of ignoring nearly all the risks of asbestos in American workplaces, residences, schools and commercial buildings-- undoing the decision of the 'Obama EPA' to use the reformed Toxic Substances Control Act to finally impose a much-delayed ban on asbestos use in the U.S., which now is virtually unregulated.

EPA response: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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From: "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Date: August 17, 2018 at 10:47:36 AM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: For Review: BNV - Delay of neonic pesticide reviews

The program says Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) The following is all they want to tell the reporter. Good to send?

Incoming: I see that EPA has edited its webpage to delay the review of neonics to next year https://www.epa.gov/pollinator-protection/schedule-review-neonicotinoid-pesticides (see attachment). Why is a delay necessary? Have you announced this delay? Do you plan to make an announcement?

Response: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

From: Stecker, Tiffany [mailto:tstecker@bloombergenvironment.com]
Sent: Friday, August 17, 2018 9:19 AM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Cc: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Delay of neonic pesticide reviews

Hello all,

I see that EPA has edited its webpage to delay the review of neonics to next yearhttps://www.epa.gov/pollinator-protection/schedule-review-neonicotinoid-pesticides (see attachment). Why is a delay necessary? Have you announced this delay? Do you plan to make an announcement?

Deadline is as soon as possible.

Thanks!

Tiffany

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Tiffany Stecker

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From: "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Date: August 17, 2018 at 8:46:12 AM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: For Review: Dicamba lawsuit comments - Bloomberg

The reporter says she can still accept our response this AM. The program recommends the following. Please advise whether it's good to send:

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Cheers, R.

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From: Lydia Mulvany (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:) [mailto:lmulvany2@bloomberg.net]
Sent: Thursday, August 16, 2018 5:47 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Cc: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Dicamba lawsuit comments - Bloomberg

Hello,

I'm writing an article about dicamba which may go out overnight. There is mention of a lawsuit against the EPA for granting dicamba's registration. Please let me know if you have any comments on the following, and even if you can get back to me tomorrow morning, we will be able to update the story:

---Some organizations are suing EPA for granting dicamba's registration. It looks like oral arguments are scheduled for Aug. 29 in Seattle (National Family Farm Coalition v. EPA, 9th Cir., No. 17-70196, 6/20/18.) It sounds like, among the complaints, that they're saying the EPA's label for dicamba was too complicated for farmers to follow, and that it violates Endangered Species Act.

---Do you have comment about whether or not EPA intends to renew dicamba's registration?

Thank you

Lydia Mulvany
Bloomberg News

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From: "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Date: August 16, 2018 at 5:46:45 PM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: For Review: Washington Post - Glyphosate inquiry

From the program. Good to send?

Incoming: looking for reference dose for glyphosate. Have seen everything from .1 mg/kg of bodyweight to 2mg/kg bw.

Response: **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

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From: Dewey, Caitlin [mailto:Caitlin.Dewey@washpost.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 16, 2018 4:51 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Glyphosate inquiry

Hey – again, looking for reference dose for glyphosate. Have seen everything from .1 mg/kg of bodyweight to 2mg/kg bw.

We want to be able to say what daily level of glyphosate consumption EPA considers safe – let me know if that's not the figure I should be using. Thanks!
Caitlin

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Caitlin Dewey
The Washington Post
@caitlindewey // 202-334-9325 (desk)

Note: If I'm not available to take your call, email is best.

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From: "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Date: August 16, 2018 at 5:02:00 PM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: For Review: Bloomberg News - Diesel Truck Follow-up - DDL ASAP

Response to a follow-up inqiury on diesel trucks from Bloomberg News. Good to send?

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Follow up: **I guess my only follow-up question would be what makes up the other 49 percent of truck penetration in the U.S.?**

Response: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
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From: Brianna Jackson (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:) [mailto:bjackson125@bloomberg.net]
Sent: Thursday, August 09, 2018 11:26 AM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Reaching out...

Hi Robert,
Thanks for getting back to me on those numbers. I guess my only follow-up question would be what makes up the other 49 percent of truck penetration in the U.S.?

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From: "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Date: August 16, 2018 at 4:34:31 PM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: For Review:: Reuters News inquiry - dicamba

From the program. OK to send for attribution?

Incoming #1: Can you please confirm that EPA plans to announce this month its decision on whether to extend the registration for dicamba? That is what Mike Goodis said in this DTN article:https://www.dtnpf.com/agriculture/web/ag/news/crops/article/2018/08/09/epa-listens-dicamba-discussion

Response #1: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
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Incoming #2: I am planning to report that EPA officials including Reuben Baris visited farms in Tennessee, Missouri and Arkansas in July for a first-hand look at damage from dicamba moving off target. Can you please tell me why EPA wanted to take that tour?

Response #2: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Incoming #3: Can you please explain how EPA will make its decision about whether to extend the registration for dicamba?

Response #3: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Incoming #4: Does the agency have any comment on states such as Illinois, Indiana and North Dakota receiving more complaints this year than last year on dicamba damage?

Response #4: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Cheers, R.

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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) **(M)**

From: Polansek, Tom (Reuters) [mailto:Thomas.Polansek@thomsonreuters.com]
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2018 5:51 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Reuters News inquiry - dicamba

Hi Robert, This is Tom Polansek from Reuters News in Chicago. Hope you are doing well!
I would like to ask for a comment for an article that I am writing about the herbicide called dicamba.
Can you please confirm that EPA plans to announce this month its decision on whether to extend the registration for dicamba? That is what Mike Goodis said in this DTN article:https://www.dtnpf.com/agriculture/web/ag/news/crops/article/2018/08/09/epa-listens-dicamba-discussion
I am planning to report that EPA officials including Reuben Baris visited farms in Tennessee, Missouri and Arkansas in July for a first-hand look at damage from dicamba moving off target. Can you please tell me why EPA wanted to take that tour?
Can you please explain how EPA will make its decision about whether to extend the registration for dicamba?
Does the agency have any comment on states such as Illinois, Indiana and North Dakota receiving more complaints this year than last year on dicamba damage?

Please get back to me by the end of the day on Tuesday, Aug. 14. Thank you!
Tom

Tom Polansek
Reporter
Thomson Reuters

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I'd direct her to the last part of our statement, that says:

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Do we even want to **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**?

Cheers, R.

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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) (M)

From: Mihir Zaveri [mailto:mihir.zaveri@nytimes.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 3:09 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov<mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov<mailto:Press@epa.gov>>
Subject: Re: Glyphosate and cereals, oats

Hello -- I'd like to add one more question, so both questions together:

-- Would the EWG report today make you question any of the findings that glyphosate is not likely carcinogenic to humans?
-- What do you think about the Environmental Working Group in general? Do they present fair arguments or counterpoints?

Mihir
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Now with Rich Yamada's edits. Please advise if this is OK to send.

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Cheers, R.

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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) (M)

From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 3:55 PM
To: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov<mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov<mailto:block.molly@epa.gov>>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov<mailto:hewitt.james@epa.gov>>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov<mailto:abboud.michael@epa.gov>>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov<mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>>; Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov<mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov<mailto:lynn.tricia@epa.gov>>
Subject: RE: Open Inquiries, 8/14/18

Who in ORD approved this response: Response: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Everything else is good to go.

Thank you Enesta!

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The program is recommending its general statement on pesticides. The reporter said she'd accept general information along those lines, as she's on a tight deadline and plans to file her story by the end of the day. OK to send?

EPA evaluates all pesticides used in the United States to make sure that they meet strict safety standards, and the health and safety of children are paramount in our assessments. In evaluating pesticides, we assess a wide variety of potential human health and environmental effects associated with use of the product and require safety measures to mitigate any potential risks when necessary.

Learn more: https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/about-pesticide-registration

From: Vyas, Aditi X. -ND [mailto:Aditi.X.Vyas.-ND@abc.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 16, 2018 9:20 AM
To: Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov<mailto:Mears.Mary@epa.gov>>
Subject: Requesting an interview an expert

Hi Mary,

Hope this email finds you well. My name is Aditi Vyas and I'm a physician on the medical unit for ABC News. We are doing a digital story on a recent study that came out saying DDE (insecticide) is related to autism. (I've attached the study to this email).

I was wondering if you could put me in touch with an expert who might be able to give me some comments regarding pesticides in general?

Thank you so much and I look forward to hearing from you,

Aditi

[ABCLOGO2]
Aditi Vyas MD, MHA | Resident Physician, Resident ABC NEWS Medical Unit | 47 West

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From: "Lynn, Tricia" <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
Date: August 16, 2018 at 11:02:56 AM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: FOR REVIEW: Waterways Journal (Jim Meyers) RE: "How's My Waterway" app. (8/16)

Reporter is asking about the "How's My Waterway" web app. Jim Meyers, Waterways DC.

Suggested Response:
On background:

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From: Jim Myers [mailto: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 12:27 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Media inquiry on EPA link

Hello,

I received the link below as part of one of my news alerts. Not sure what to make of it? Is it a new link now open to the public? Any other information?

Thanks,

Jim Myers
The Waterways Journal

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From: Lynn, Tricia
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 3:30 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: FOR REVIEW: Hotel Management Magazine (Elliott Mest) RE: TV Recycling (8/16)

Reporter is asking about TV recycling. Elliott Mest, Hotel Management Magazine.

Suggested Response:

For attribution to "an EPA spokesperson,"

1. What are the dangers of improperly disposing of TV-related waste to the environment, and what are the legal ramifications?

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2. How are hotels recommended to dispose of electronic waste?

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3. What should hotel operators know about the process before they begin?

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4. What are some common mistakes that hotel operators make during the disposal process?

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5. How can hotels go above and beyond during this process?

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From: Elliott Mest [mailto:emest@questex.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 09, 2018 5:07 PM
To: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Press Inquiry: Hotel Management Magazine TV Recycling Article

Hi Tricia,

Great! My deadline for this story is next Thursday, August 16. Here are the questions I would like to ask:

1. What are the dangers of improperly disposing of TV-related waste to the environment, and what are the legal ramifications?

2. How are hotels recommended to dispose of electronic waste?

3. What should hotel operators know about the process before they begin?

4. What are some common mistakes that hotel operators make during the disposal process?

5. How can hotels go above and beyond during this process?

Thank you,
Elliott

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From: "Jones, Enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov<mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>>
Date: August 15, 2018 at 4:45:39 PM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov<mailto:Press@epa.gov>>
Subject: For Review: The Intercept (Sharon Lerner) re Chemours and HFCs (DDL: 8/15)
OAR-drafted response:

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

From: Sharon Lerner <sharon.lerner@theintercept.com<mailto:sharon.lerner@theintercept.com>>
Date: August 13, 2018 at 10:58:01 AM EDT

To: Press <Press@epa.gov<mailto:Press@epa.gov>>
Subject: question about Chemours meeting
Hi EPA Press office -

I'm writing about a meeting between Chemours CEO Mark Vergnano and several EPA officials that took place in May of 2017. According to the record of the meeting, which was noted in Scott Pruitt's public calendar and was also requested in a letter from Vergnano that was included in EPA's production to the Sierra Club, Chemours asked EPA to "help protect U.S.
leadership in [the refrigerant] space and protect significant new U.S. investments the company has made." The company also asked for EPA to help ensure a "level playing field" against natural refrigerants.

I'm seeking a comment on what if anything the EPA has done to help protect Chemours investment and level the playing field against natural refrigerants. Also, I'd welcome any comments about how EPA generally sets policy around which refrigerant chemicals will be used to replace HFCs.

My deadline is 5 pm on Wednesday.

Thank you,
Sharon

Sharon Lerner
Reporter
The Intercept

No Acknowledgement/Response:

From: Bonnie Eslinger <bonnie.eslinger@law360.com>
Date: August 17, 2018 at 2:22:38 PM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Law360: "Coalition Of 23 States, Counties, And Cities In Opposing Trump EPA Plan To Censor Agency Science"

My name is Bonnie Eslinger; I am a news reporter with Law360.

I am writing a story this afternoon on a tight deadline about a coalition lead by New York Attorney General Barbara D. Underwood are calling on EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler to withdraw the proposed "Strengthening Transparency in Regulatory Science" rule, **saying they stand ready to sue** if the scientific study publication rule isn't pulled.
https://ag.ny.gov/press-release/ag-underwood-leads-coalition-23-states-counties-and-cities-opposing-trump-epa-plan

Does the EPA wish to comment?
Please feel free to respond by email or phone, whichever is easiest for you.

Thank you,

Bonnie

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Bonnie Eslinger
646-856-7091

From: Gregory Meyer <gregory.meyer@ft.com>
Date: August 17, 2018 at 2:01:23 PM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: RFS query from Financial Times

I am a reporter at the Financial Times, writing with a query about the RFS.

The 2019 RVO proposed rulemaking states that EPA evaluated "petitions for exemption from 20 small refineries for the 2016 RFS standards (3 of which were owned by a small refiner) and 29 small refineries for the 2017 RFS standards (8 of which were owned by a small refiner)."

How many exemptions were granted for 2016 and 2017? Industry sources say all of the petitions were granted, and I would like to confirm this with EPA.

Also, I would like to know how EPA plans to address industry requests to 1) end or reallocate small refinery RVO exemptions and 2) allow year-round blending of E15.

Best regards.

Gregory Meyer
Markets reporter
Financial Times

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From: "Jennifer A. Dlouhy (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:)" <jdlouhy1@bloomberg.net>
Date: August 17, 2018 at 1:11:27 PM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Comment on CPP replacement prooposal?
Reply-To: "Jennifer A. Dlouhy" <jdlouhy1@bloomberg.net>

We are preparing to report that the coming proposal to replace the Clean Power Plan (state guidelines for GHG emissions from existing electric utility generating units) would be modest by comparison to the sweeping reach of the CPP, focusing on heat-rate improvements at individual power plants.

And the structure -- given there's no ambient air quality standard for CO2 -- would be such that states would have broad latitude to write their own requirements.

Critics say that focusing on heat-rate improvements only would yield very limited reductions in CO2 emissions, and by improving efficiency, could inspire plant owners too run the facilities more, effectively reversing those gains and producing more emissions overall.

Does EPA want to respond to any of this?

Thanks,
Jen.

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From: "Jennifer A. Dlouhy (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:)" <jdlouhy1@bloomberg.net>
Date: August 17, 2018 at 12:52:21 PM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Guidance for event next Tuesday in WV?
Reply-To: "Jennifer A. Dlouhy" <jdlouhy1@bloomberg.net>

Greetings, EPA press.

Do you have any for-planning-purposes-only information on CPP-related events (or any other events) and media availabilities next week, to include an appearance by the acting administrator in West Virginia on Tuesday?

Thanks,
Jen.

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From: Carolyn Kormann <carolyn_kormann@newyorker.com>
Date: August 17, 2018 at 12:48:33 PM EDT
To: "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Subject: Re: Fact-checking question from the New Yorker--on deadline

Hi again, Robert,
Could you (or one of your colleagues) confirm that the new proposal for regulating coal-burning power plants' carbon emissions will be announced, with a draft unveiled, next week? On Tuesday?

Also, regarding the proposed SAFE vehicles rule, does EPA have any comment about the memos released Tuesday that detailed EPA career staff objections to the NHTSA's cost-benefit analyses?

I can be reached at Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) if it'd be easier to discuss. My deadline is 4 PM. Thank you!
Best,
Carolyn

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From: "Vazquez, Jennifer (NBCUniversal)" <jennifer.vazquez@nbcuni.com>
Date: August 17, 2018 at 12:36:02 PM EDT
To: "daguillard.robert@epa.gov" <daguillard.robert@epa.gov>, "jones.enesta@epa.gov" <jones.enesta@epa.gov>, "lynn.tricia@epa.gov" <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>, "younes.lina@epa.gov" <younes.lina@epa.gov>, "valentine.julia@epa.gov" <valentine.julia@epa.gov>, "grantham.nancy@epa.gov" <grantham.nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: NBC Media Inquiry

Good afternoon,

By way of introduction, my name is Jennifer Vazquez. I am a digital editor with NBC 4 New York and Telemundo 47.

I attempted to contact Mr. Andrew Wheeler to get a comment, but his office voicemail was full. I am seeking comment on the multi-state letter sent Friday, Aug. 17 to Mr. Wheeler, calling on the EPA to withdraw its proposal to limit the use of scientific evidence in the agency's decision-making process. See the link to access the letter:https://nj.gov/oag/newsreleases18/Multi-State-County-City-Comment-Letter.pdf

I am on a tight deadline. If you could get back to me as soon as possible, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you in advance.

Jennifer Vazquez
Digital Editor

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From: John McGarrity [mailto:john.mcgarrity@energycensus.com]
Sent: Friday, August 17, 2018 12:21 PM
To: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Chuck Grassley's meeting with Andrew Wheeler

Hi there Molly, I just want to get the EPA's view on whether the agency has indeed ditched plans on RINs and ethanol exports.

http://ethanolproducer.com/articles/15538/grassley-epa-not-pursuing-plan-to-attach-rins-to-biofuel-exports

Ethanol Producer Magazine – The Latest News and Data About Ethanol Production

ethanolproducer.com

The U.S. EPA is no longer considering a plan would allow renewable identification numbers (RINs) to be applied to exported volumes of biofuels, according to remarks made by Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, during an Aug. 15 press call.

Thanks,

John

John McGarrity
Senior Editor

Energy Census

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From: Friedman, Lisa [mailto:lisa.friedman@nytimes.com]
Sent: Friday, August 17, 2018 9:47 AM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Clean Power Plan story

Hi folks - am doing a story for tomorrow with some details of the proposed new Clean Power Plan rule. Is anyone from EPA able to talk or send a statement?

Hoping to get a general comment on what this will achieve but also specifically hoping you can address how the agency has come to the number of projected premature deaths from rising emissions.

Also wondering if you can say anything on of off record about the rollout. Ty
Lisa

202-251-2083 today

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Lisa Friedman
Reporter, New York Times
(202) 862-0306 office
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) cell

Message

From: Jones, Enesta [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=65B8E6C6E5CA4A7A9AE85D98A4C8EEDB-EJONES02]
Sent: 8/17/2018 8:45:56 PM
To: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]
Subject: Fwd: Open Inquiries' End-of the-Day (EOD) Edition, 8/17/18

Tnx!

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Jones, Enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Date: August 17, 2018 at 4:01:33 PM EDT
To: "Konkus, John" <konkus.john@epa.gov>, "Block, Molly" <block.molly@epa.gov>, "Abboud, Michael" <abboud.michael@epa.gov>, "Hewitt, James" <hewitt.james@epa.gov>
Cc: "Grantham, Nancy" <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>, "Jones, Enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>, "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Open Inquiries' End-of the-Day (EOD) Edition, 8/17/18

17 Awaiting Third-Floor Approval; 8 No Acknowledgement/Response.

From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Friday, August 17, 2018 3:53 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: For Review: Oklahoman (Jack Money) re Anchor Glass settlement (DDL: 8/17)

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The Oklahoman (Jack Money) [Received 8/7] – OPEN – When will Anchor Glass settlement be signed? DDL: Flexible.

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From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Friday, August 17, 2018 2:52 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: For Review: Bloomberg Environment (Sylvia Carignan) re OSRE pilot program (Deadline: 8/17)

Susan Bodine-approved response:

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

On background: **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

From: scarignan@bloombergenvironment.com [mailto:scarignan@bloombergenvironment.com]
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2018 11:14 AM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: OSRE pilot program

Hi all,

Hope you had a good weekend. I'd like to know more about OSRE's pilot program mentioned in the Superfund task force's 2018 update. On pg. 36, the report says the office will pilot an approach where any existing company spins off a new corporate entity that would conduct cleanup.

I'd like to know what EPA's role would be in creating spinoffs, and I'd like to talk to Cyndy Mackey about this. Let me know when she's available this week for a phone call.

Best,
Sylvia

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Sylvia Carignan
Reporter, Superfund and Waste

Bloomberg BNA

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From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Friday, August 17, 2018 2:24 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: media query on federal facility recommendations in Superfund task force report

Third Floor, do you want to handle, as this concerns the task force? Or should I send to the program?

Cheers, R.

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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) (M)

-----Original Message-----
From: Suzanne Yohannan [mailto:suzanne.yohannan@iwpnews.com]
Sent: Friday, August 17, 2018 2:18 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: media query on federal facility recommendations in Superfund task force report

Dear Press officer,

I'm a reporter for Inside EPA. I have a few questions that relate to the Superfund task force recommendations specific to federal facilities.

1. I understand that EPA enforcement staff or officials were supposed to meet with military service officials this month on the Superfund reforms. Could you tell me what was/is on the agenda for these discussions? Were there any disagreements? What did they agree to?

The 2018 update of the Superfund reform recommendations says that the recommendations that pertain to federal facility sites/agencies (recommendations #15, 18, 19, 30) are either partially or almost complete. I have a few questions related to these:

2. For recommendation #15 - Speed settlement process where there are federal PRPs at a site, EPA in the 2018 update report says this has been partially completed. The update says EPA developed model federal agency language to address common settlement delays. Is EPA releasing this model language? Were there any other policy changes made under this recommendation?

3. For recommendation #18, can you release the policy/tools EPA created to meet the recommendation to reinforce adherence to informal and formal dispute timelines in FFAs? What more needs to be done under this recommendation?

4. For recommendation #19, will there be any policy developed to address redelegating CERCLA authorities from one agency to another at mixed ownership mining sites?

5. For recommendation #30, EPA is revising a federal facility enforcement guidance aimed at increasing EPA's flexibility to offer comfort to transferees over concerns about cleanup liability. Could you tell me the status of this guidance? When do you expect it to be finalized? Could I obtain a copy once it is?

My deadline is Thursday (Aug. 23) at 9 a.m.

I can be reached at the email or number below.

Thanks very much.

Sincerely,
Suzanne Yohannan

Inside EPA

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From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Friday, August 17, 2018 12:28 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: For Review: E&E (Ariel Wittenberg) re 404c veto changes (DDL: noon, 8/17)

Dave Ross-approved response:

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From: "awittenberg@eenews.net" <awittenberg@eenews.net>
Date: August 17, 2018 at 9:02:59 AM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: 404c veto changesâ€"E&E News

Hi everyone,

We've been hearing from sources that EPA has started working to change regulations about when EPA will initiate the 404c veto process, along the lines of the memo former Admin. Pruitt signed back in June. We'll be publishing a story in Greenwire today and so I wanted to check if you have any comment?

My deadline is noon.

Thanks,

Ariel

Ariel Wittenberg
Reporter, E&E News

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From: "Jones, Enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Date: August 17, 2018 at 11:46:12 AM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: For Review: E&E (Sean Reilly) re proposed amendments to clay ceramics NESHAP (DDL: noon, 8/17)
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On background: **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

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From: Sean Reilly <sreilly@eenews.net>
Date: August 17, 2018 at 10:12:04 AM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Proposed amendments to clay ceramics NESHAP

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Hi folks:

Quick question related to a story I'm doing this morning on this proposed rule (https://s3.amazonaws.com/public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2018-17933.pdf), given that the NESAHP regs in question also apply to brick manufacturers.

Is EPA planning a separate proposed rule to address other concerns raised by the brick industry and, if so, is there an approximate ETA for publication in the Federal Register?

My deadline is noon today.

Thanks,
Sean

Sean Reilly

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From: "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Date: August 17, 2018 at 11:23:20 AM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: FOR APPROVAL: Proposed response to ADAO re: Asbestos.
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The Toxic Chemicals program is objecting to the part of a news release from the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO), https://www.oaoa.com/news/business/article_2f1ac6d9-0444-5584-830f-7c7672e3a9d5.html?mode=jqm, that says the Obama Administration was planning to ban asbestos. OK to send the proposed response?

Statement from ADAO: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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EPA response: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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From: "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Date: August 17, 2018 at 10:47:36 AM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: For Review: BNV - Delay of neonic pesticide reviews
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Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) The following is all they want to tell the reporter. Good to send?

Incoming: I see that EPA has edited its webpage to delay the review of neonics to next year https://www.epa.gov/pollinator-protection/schedule-review-neonicotinoid-pesticides (see attachment). Why is a delay necessary? Have you announced this delay? Do you plan to make an announcement?

Response: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

From: Stecker, Tiffany [mailto:tstecker@bloombergenvironment.com]
Sent: Friday, August 17, 2018 9:19 AM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Cc: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Delay of neonic pesticide reviews

Hello all,

I see that EPA has edited its webpage to delay the review of neonics to next yearhttps://www.epa.gov/pollinator-protection/schedule-review-neonicotinoid-pesticides (see attachment). Why is a delay necessary? Have you announced this delay? Do you plan to make an announcement?

Deadline is as soon as possible.

Thanks!

Tiffany

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Tiffany Stecker

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From: "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Date: August 17, 2018 at 8:46:12 AM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: For Review: Dicamba lawsuit comments - Bloomberg
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The reporter says she can still accept our response this AM. The program recommends the following. Please advise whether it's good to send:

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Cheers, R.

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From: Lydia Mulvany (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:) [mailto:lmulvany2@bloomberg.net]
Sent: Thursday, August 16, 2018 5:47 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Cc: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Dicamba lawsuit comments - Bloomberg

Hello,

I'm writing an article about dicamba which may go out overnight. There is mention of a lawsuit against the EPA for granting dicamba's registration. Please let me know if you have any comments on the following, and even if you can get back to me tomorrow morning, we will be able to update the story:

---Some organizations are suing EPA for granting dicamba's registration. It looks like oral arguments are scheduled for Aug. 29 in Seattle (National Family Farm Coalition v. EPA, 9th Cir., No. 17-70196, 6/20/18.) It sounds like, among the complaints, that they're saying the EPA's label for dicamba was too complicated for farmers to follow, and that it violates Endangered Species Act.

---Do you have comment about whether or not EPA intends to renew dicamba's registration?

Thank you

Lydia Mulvany
Bloomberg News

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From: "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Date: August 16, 2018 at 5:46:45 PM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: For Review: Washington Post - Glyphosate inquiry
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From the program. Good to send?

Incoming: looking for reference dose for glyphosate. Have seen everything from .1 mg/kg of bodyweight to 2mg/kg bw.

Response: **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

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From: Dewey, Caitlin [mailto:Caitlin.Dewey@washpost.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 16, 2018 4:51 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Glyphosate inquiry

Hey – again, looking for reference dose for glyphosate. Have seen everything from .1 mg/kg of bodyweight to 2mg/kg bw.

We want to be able to say what daily level of glyphosate consumption EPA considers safe – let me know if that's not the figure I should be using. Thanks!
Caitlin

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Caitlin Dewey
The Washington Post
@caitlindewey // 202-334-9325 (desk)

Note: If I'm not available to take your call, email is best.

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From: "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Date: August 16, 2018 at 5:02:00 PM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: For Review: Bloomberg News - Diesel Truck Follow-up - DDL ASAP

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Response to a follow-up inqiury on diesel trucks from Bloomberg News. Good to send?

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Follow up: **I guess my only follow-up question would be what makes up the other 49 percent of truck penetration in the U.S.?**

Response: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
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From: Brianna Jackson (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:) [mailto:bjackson125@bloomberg.net]
Sent: Thursday, August 09, 2018 11:26 AM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Reaching out...

Hi Robert,
Thanks for getting back to me on those numbers. I guess my only follow-up question would be what makes up the other 49 percent of truck penetration in the U.S.?

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From: "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Date: August 16, 2018 at 4:34:31 PM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: For Review:: Reuters News inquiry - dicamba
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From the program. OK to send for attribution?

Incoming #1: Can you please confirm that EPA plans to announce this month its decision on whether to extend the registration for dicamba? That is what Mike Goodis said in this DTN article:https://www.dtnpf.com/agriculture/web/ag/news/crops/article/2018/08/09/epa-listens-dicamba-discussion

Response #1: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
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Incoming #2: I am planning to report that EPA officials including Reuben Baris visited farms in Tennessee, Missouri and Arkansas in July for a first-hand look at damage from dicamba moving off target. Can you please tell me why EPA wanted to take that tour?

Response #2: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Incoming #3: Can you please explain how EPA will make its decision about whether to extend the registration for dicamba?

Response #3: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Incoming #4: Does the agency have any comment on states such as Illinois, Indiana and North Dakota receiving more complaints this year than last year on dicamba damage?

Response #4: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Cheers, R.

Robert Daguillard
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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) **M)**

From: Polansek, Tom (Reuters) [mailto:Thomas.Polansek@thomsonreuters.com]
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2018 5:51 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Reuters News inquiry - dicamba

Hi Robert, This is Tom Polansek from Reuters News in Chicago. Hope you are doing well!
I would like to ask for a comment for an article that I am writing about the herbicide called dicamba.
Can you please confirm that EPA plans to announce this month its decision on whether to extend the registration for dicamba? That is what Mike Goodis said in this DTN article:https://www.dtnpf.com/agriculture/web/ag/news/crops/article/2018/08/09/epa-listens-dicamba-discussion
I am planning to report that EPA officials including Reuben Baris visited farms in Tennessee, Missouri and Arkansas in July for a first-hand look at damage from dicamba moving off target. Can you please tell me why EPA wanted to take that tour?
Can you please explain how EPA will make its decision about whether to extend the registration for dicamba?
Does the agency have any comment on states such as Illinois, Indiana and North Dakota receiving more complaints this year than last year on dicamba damage?
Please get back to me by the end of the day on Tuesday, Aug. 14. Thank you!
Tom

Tom Polansek
Reporter
Thomson Reuters

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I'd direct her to the last part of our statement, that says:

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Do we even want to Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)?

Cheers, R.

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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) (M)

From: Mihir Zaveri [mailto:mihir.zaveri@nytimes.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 3:09 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov<mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov<mailto:Press@epa.gov>>
Subject: Re: Glyphosate and cereals, oats

Hello -- I'd like to add one more question, so both questions together:

-- Would the EWG report today make you question any of the findings that glyphosate is not likely carcinogenic to humans?
-- What do you think about the Environmental Working Group in general? Do they present fair arguments or counterpoints?

Mihir
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Now with Rich Yamada's edits. Please advise if this is OK to send.

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Cheers, R.

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From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 3:55 PM
To: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov<mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov<mailto:block.molly@epa.gov>>; Hewitt, James

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Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov<mailto:Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>>; Daguillard, Robert
<Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov<mailto:Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>>; Lynn, Tricia
<lynn.tricia@epa.gov<mailto:lynn.tricia@epa.gov>>
Subject: RE: Open Inquiries, 8/14/18

Who in ORD approved this response: Response: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Everything else is good to go.

Thank you Enesta!

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The program is recommending Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) The reporter said she'd accept general information along those lines, as she's on a tight deadline and plans to file her story by the end of the day. OK to send?

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From: Vyas, Aditi X. -ND [mailto:Aditi.X.Vyas.-ND@abc.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 16, 2018 9:20 AM
To: Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov<mailto:Mears.Mary@epa.gov>>
Subject: Requesting an interview an expert

Hi Mary,

Hope this email finds you well. My name is Aditi Vyas and I'm a physician on the medical unit for ABC News. We are doing a digital story on a recent study that came out saying DDE (insecticide) is related to autism. (I've attached the study to this email).

I was wondering if you could put me in touch with an expert who might be able to give me some comments regarding pesticides in general?

Thank you so much and I look forward to hearing from you,

Aditi

[ABCLOGO2]
Aditi Vyas MD, MHA | Resident Physician, Resident ABC NEWS Medical Unit | 47 West

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From: "Lynn, Tricia" <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
Date: August 16, 2018 at 11:02:56 AM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: FOR REVIEW: Waterways Journal (Jim Meyers) RE: "How's My Waterway" app. (8/16)

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Reporter is asking about the "How's My Waterway" web app. Jim Meyers, Waterways DC.

Suggested Response:
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Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

From: Jim Myers [mailto: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 12:27 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Media inquiry on EPA link

Hello,

I received the link below as part of one of my news alerts. Not sure what to make of it? Is it a new link now open to the public? Any other information?

Thanks,

Jim Myers
The Waterways Journal

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From: Lynn, Tricia
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 3:30 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: FOR REVIEW: Hotel Management Magazine (Elliott Mest) RE: TV Recycling (8/16)

Reporter is asking about TV recycling. Elliott Mest, Hotel Management Magazine.

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Suggested Response:

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1. What are the dangers of improperly disposing of TV-related waste to the environment, and what are the legal ramifications?

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2. How are hotels recommended to dispose of electronic waste?

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3. What should hotel operators know about the process before they begin?

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4. What are some common mistakes that hotel operators make during the disposal process?

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5. How can hotels go above and beyond during this process?

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

From: Elliott Mest [mailto:emest@questex.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 09, 2018 5:07 PM
To: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Press Inquiry: Hotel Management Magazine TV Recycling Article

Hi Tricia,

Great! My deadline for this story is next Thursday, August 16. Here are the questions I would like to ask:

1. What are the dangers of improperly disposing of TV-related waste to the environment, and what are the legal ramifications?

2. How are hotels recommended to dispose of electronic waste?

3. What should hotel operators know about the process before they begin?

4. What are some common mistakes that hotel operators make during the disposal process?

5. How can hotels go above and beyond during this process?

Thank you,
Elliott

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From: "Jones, Enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov<mailto:Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>>
Date: August 15, 2018 at 4:45:39 PM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov<mailto:Press@epa.gov>>
Subject: For Review: The Intercept (Sharon Lerner) re Chemours and HFCs (DDL: 8/15)
OAR-drafted response:

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From: Sharon Lerner <sharon.lerner@theintercept.com<mailto:sharon.lerner@theintercept.com>>
Date: August 13, 2018 at 10:58:01 AM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov<mailto:Press@epa.gov>>
Subject: question about Chemours meeting
Hi EPA Press office -

I'm writing about a meeting between Chemours CEO Mark Vergnano and several EPA officials that took place in May of 2017. According to the record of the meeting, which was noted in Scott Pruitt's public calendar and was also requested in a letter from Vergnano that was included in EPA's production to the

Sierra Club, Chemours asked EPA to "help protect U.S.
leadership in [the refrigerant] space and protect significant new U.S. investments the company has made." The company also asked for EPA to help ensure a "level playing field" against natural refrigerants.

I'm seeking a comment on what if anything the EPA has done to help protect Chemours investment and level the playing field against natural refrigerants. Also, I'd welcome any comments about how EPA generally sets policy around which refrigerant chemicals will be used to replace HFCs.

My deadline is 5 pm on Wednesday.

Thank you,
Sharon

Sharon Lerner
Reporter
The Intercept

No Acknowledgement/Response:

From: Bonnie Eslinger <bonnie.eslinger@law360.com>
Date: August 17, 2018 at 2:22:38 PM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Law360: "Coalition Of 23 States, Counties, And Cities In Opposing Trump EPA Plan To Censor Agency Science"

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My name is Bonnie Eslinger; I am a news reporter with Law360.
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I am writing a story this afternoon on a tight deadline about a coalition lead by New York Attorney General Barbara D. Underwood are calling on EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler to withdraw the proposed "Strengthening Transparency in Regulatory Science" rule, **saying they stand ready to sue** if the scientific study publication rule isn't pulled.
https://ag.ny.gov/press-release/ag-underwood-leads-coalition-23-states-counties-and-cities-opposing-trump-epa-plan
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Does the EPA wish to comment?
Please feel free to respond by email or phone, whichever is easiest for you.
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Thank you,
Bonnie
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Bonnie Eslinger
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From: Gregory Meyer <gregory.meyer@ft.com>
Date: August 17, 2018 at 2:01:23 PM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: RFS query from Financial Times

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I am a reporter at the Financial Times, writing with a query about the RFS.

The 2019 RVO proposed rulemaking states that EPA evaluated "petitions for exemption from 20 small refineries for the 2016 RFS standards (3 of which were owned by a small refiner) and 29 small refineries for the 2017 RFS standards (8 of which were owned by a small refiner)."

How many exemptions were granted for 2016 and 2017? Industry sources say all of the petitions were granted, and I would like to confirm this with EPA.

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Also, I would like to know how EPA plans to address industry requests to 1) end or reallocate small refinery RVO exemptions and 2) allow year-round blending of E15.

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Best regards.

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Gregory Meyer
Markets reporter
Financial Times

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From: "Jennifer A. Dlouhy (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:)" <jdlouhy1@bloomberg.net>
Date: August 17, 2018 at 1:11:27 PM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Comment on CPP replacement prooposal?
Reply-To: "Jennifer A. Dlouhy" <jdlouhy1@bloomberg.net>

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We are preparing to report that the coming proposal to replace the Clean Power Plan (state guidelines for GHG emissions from existing electric utility generating units) would be modest by comparison to the sweeping reach of the CPP, focusing on heat-rate improvements at individual power plants.

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And the structure -- given there's no ambient air quality standard for CO2 -- would be such that states would have broad latitude to write their own requirements.
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Critics say that focusing on heat-rate improvements only would yield very limited reductions in CO2 emissions, and by improving efficiency, could inspire plant owners too run the facilities more, effectively reversing those gains and producing more emissions overall.

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Does EPA want to respond to any of this?

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Thanks,
Jen.

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From: "Jennifer A. Dlouhy (BLOOMBERG/ NEWSROOM:)" <jdlouhy1@bloomberg.net>
Date: August 17, 2018 at 12:52:21 PM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Guidance for event next Tuesday in WV?
Reply-To: "Jennifer A. Dlouhy" <jdlouhy1@bloomberg.net>

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Greetings, EPA press.

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Do you have any for-planning-purposes-only information on CPP-related events (or any other events) and media availabilities next week, to include an appearance by the acting administrator in West Virginia on Tuesday?

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Thanks,
Jen.

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From: Carolyn Kormann <carolyn_kormann@newyorker.com>
Date: August 17, 2018 at 12:48:33 PM EDT
To: "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Subject: Re: Fact-checking question from the New Yorker--on deadline

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Hi again, Robert,
Could you (or one of your colleagues) confirm that the new proposal for regulating coal-burning power plants' carbon emissions will be announced, with a draft unveiled, next week? On Tuesday?

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Also, regarding the proposed SAFE vehicles rule, does EPA have any comment about the memos released Tuesday that detailed EPA career staff objections to the NHTSA's cost-benefit analyses?

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I can be reached at 914-255-0872 if it'd be easier to discuss. My deadline is 4 PM. Thank you!
Best,
Carolyn

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From: "Vazquez, Jennifer (NBCUniversal)" <jennifer.vazquez@nbcuni.com>
Date: August 17, 2018 at 12:36:02 PM EDT
To: "daguillard.robert@epa.gov" <daguillard.robert@epa.gov>, "jones.enesta@epa.gov" <jones.enesta@epa.gov>, "lynn.tricia@epa.gov" <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>, "younes.lina@epa.gov" <younes.lina@epa.gov>, "valentine.julia@epa.gov" <valentine.julia@epa.gov>, "grantham.nancy@epa.gov" <grantham.nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: NBC Media Inquiry

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Good afternoon,

By way of introduction, my name is Jennifer Vazquez. I am a digital editor with NBC 4 New York and Telemundo 47.

I attempted to contact Mr. Andrew Wheeler to get a comment, but his office voicemail was full. I am seeking comment on the multi-state letter sent Friday, Aug. 17 to Mr. Wheeler, calling on the EPA to withdraw its proposal to limit the use of scientific evidence in the agency's decision-making process. See the link to access the letter:https://nj.gov/oag/newsreleases18/Multi-State-County-City-Comment-Letter.pdf

I am on a tight deadline. If you could get back to me as soon as possible, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you in advance.

Jennifer Vazquez
Digital Editor

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From: John McGarrity [mailto:john.mcgarrity@energycensus.com]
Sent: Friday, August 17, 2018 12:21 PM
To: Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>

Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Chuck Grassley's meeting with Andrew Wheeler

Hi there Molly, I just want to get the EPA's view on whether the agency has indeed ditched plans on RINs and ethanol exports.

http://ethanolproducer.com/articles/15538/grassley-epa-not-pursuing-plan-to-attach-rins-to-biofuel-exports

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ethanolproducer.com

The U.S. EPA is no longer considering a plan would allow renewable identification numbers (RINs) to be applied to exported volumes of biofuels, according to remarks made by Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, during an Aug. 15 press call.

Thanks,

John

John McGarrity
Senior Editor

Energy Census

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From: Friedman, Lisa [mailto:lisa.friedman@nytimes.com]
Sent: Friday, August 17, 2018 9:47 AM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Clean Power Plan story

Hi folks - am doing a story for tomorrow with some details of the proposed new Clean Power Plan rule. Is anyone from EPA able to talk or send a statement?

Hoping to get a general comment on what this will achieve but also specifically hoping you can address how the agency has come to the number of projected premature deaths from rising emissions.

Also wondering if you can say anything on of off record about the rollout. Ty
Lisa

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Lisa Friedman
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(202) 862-0306 office
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Message

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Sent: 8/16/2018 8:04:05 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
CC: Lynn, Tricia [lynn.tricia@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: OMR: Draft Open inquiries list

No, it's open. Fine — as in should be on the list.

On Aug 16, 2018, at 4:03 PM, Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks. Do you mean HFC is now closed?

Cheers, R.

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From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Thursday, August 16, 2018 4:02 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: OMR: Draft Open inquiries list

Mine is fine – HFC. Let me quickly look over the incomings for 3. BRB. Just sent asbestos one from R5 that needs our statement.

From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Thursday, August 16, 2018 4:01 PM
To: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: OMR: Draft Open inquiries list

Tricia and Enesta, I'm running this list by you first to make sure I haven't left out any of your open inquiries, or any left open for 3rd floor action for whatever reason. Please note, I'm not including WOTUS queries, as we now have a green light to send our statement. Also, Sean Reilly's EFAB is here out of an abundance of caution, Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
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- The Intercept: Chemours & HFCs
- Waterways Journal: How's My Waterway?
- E&E News: EFAB
- ABC News: DDE & Autism
- NY Times: Glyphosate & Oats (follow-up questions on EWG report)
- Financial Times: RVO
- Undark: OPP/ORD conversations on glyphosate

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Good to send?

From: "Jones, Enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Date: August 15, 2018 at 4:45:39 PM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: For Review: The Intercept (Sharon Lerner) re Chemours and HFCs (DDL: 8/15)

OAR-drafted response:

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From: Sharon Lerner <sharon.lerner@theintercept.com>
Date: August 13, 2018 at 10:58:01 AM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: question about Chemours meeting

Hi EPA Press office -

I'm writing about a meeting between Chemours CEO Mark Vergnano and several EPA officials that took place in May of 2017. According to the record of the meeting, which was noted in Scott Pruitt's public calendar and was also requested in a letter from Vergnano that was included in EPA's production to the Sierra Club, Chemours asked EPA to "help protect U.S. leadership in [the refrigerant] space and protect significant new U.S. investments the company has made." The company also asked for EPA to help ensure a "level playing field" against natural refrigerants.

I'm seeking a comment on what if anything the EPA has done to help protect Chemours investment and level the playing field against natural refrigerants. Also, I'd welcome any comments about how EPA generally sets policy around which refrigerant chemicals will be used to replace HFCs.

My deadline is 5 pm on Wednesday.

Thank you,
Sharon

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Reporter is asking about the "How's My Waterway" web app. Jim Meyers, Waterways DC.

Suggested Response:
On background:

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From: Jim Myers [mailto: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 12:27 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Media inquiry on EPA link

Hello,

I received the link below as part of one of my news alerts. Not sure what to make of it? Is it a new link now open to the public? Any other information?

Thanks,

Jim Myers
The Waterways Journal

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https://watersgeo.epa.gov/mywaterway/

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Michael, third floor, I reached out to get the specificity of his request. I am now turning this over to you based on his line of questioning.

From: Sean Reilly <sreilly@eenews.net>
Date: August 16, 2018 at 11:10:25 AM EDT
To: "Jones, Enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EFAB

Hi Enesta:

No questions about coal ash at this point. Regarding EFAB, I'm working on an article on the extent to which EPA has fully implemented the requirements of Scott Pruitt's Oct. 31, 2017 directive titled "Strengthening and Improving Membership on EPA Federal Advisory Committees, " to all of the agency's 22 committees. In announcing this directive, Mr. Pruitt singled out three (the SAB, CASAC, and BOSC), but the directive makes clear (and Michael Abboud confirmed at the time) that the directive's requirements apply to all 22. After speaking to numerous members of the EFAB and other committees, however, I've been unable to find any evidence that EPA has sought to substantively implement the directive to any FACs beyond the three mentioned by Mr. Pruitt.

My specific questions at this point are:

1) Has EPA implemented the directive's requirements, including the ban on federal advisory committee service by active EPA grant recipients, to any of the other 19 advisory committees and, if so, which ones? Have any members been required to resign from their respective committees because they declined to give up their EPA grants, and if, so how many?

2) If EPA has not applied the directive's requirements to any of the 19 committees, why not, given that almost ten months have passed since Mr. Pruitt issued it?

My deadline is 4 p.m. tomorrow; I will need on-the-record, for-attribution responses if they're going to be used.

Thanks,
Sean

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From: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 16, 2018 7:41 AM
To: Sean Reilly <sreilly@eenews.net>
Cc: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Subject: EFAB

Sean, I understand you have questions about EFAB and coal ash. Please share along with your firm deadline.

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Learn more: https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/about-pesticide-registration

From: Vyas, Aditi X. -ND [mailto:Aditi.X.Vyas.-ND@abc.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 16, 2018 9:20 AM
To: Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov>
Subject: Requesting an interview an expert

Hi Mary,

Hope this email finds you well. My name is Aditi Vyas and I'm a physician on the medical unit for ABC News. We are doing a digital story on a recent study that came out saying DDE (insecticide) is related to autism. (I've attached the study to this email).

I was wondering if you could put me in touch with an expert who might be able to give me some comments regarding pesticides in general?

Thank you so much and I look forward to hearing from you,

Aditi

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Aditi Vyas MD, MHA | Resident Physician, Resident ABC NEWS Medical Unit | 47 West 66th Street, 2nd floor | New York, NY 10023 | **O. 630-234-2108**| Aditi.X.Vyas.-ND@abc.com | avyas07@gmail.com

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I'd direct her to the last part of our statement, that says:

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Do we even want to Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)?

Cheers, R.

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From: Mihir Zaveri [mailto:mihir.zaveri@nytimes.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 3:09 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Glyphosate and cereals, oats

Hello -- I'd like to add one more question, so both questions together:

-- Would the EWG report today make you question any of the findings that glyphosate is not likely carcinogenic to humans?
-- What do you think about the Environmental Working Group in general? Do they present fair arguments or counterpoints?

Mihir

On Wed, Aug 15, 2018 at 2:39 PM Mihir Zaveri <mihir.zaveri@nytimes.com> wrote:
Hi, would the EWG report today make you question any of the findings that glyphosate is not likely carcinogenic to humans?

On Wed, Aug 15, 2018 at 1:22 PM Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:
Hullo Mihir,

For attribution to "an EPA Spokesperson," please:

As stated in our December 2017 announcement, EPA's draft human health risk assessment concluded that glyphosate is not likely to be carcinogenic to humans. Our assessment found no other meaningful risks to human health when the product is used according to the pesticide label. The Agency's scientific findings are consistent with other countries and regulatory authorities including the Canadian Pest Management Regulatory Agency, Australian Pesticide and Veterinary Medicines Authority, European Food Safety Authority, the European Chemicals Agency, German Federal Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, the Joint FAO/WHO Meeting on Pesticide Residues, the New Zealand Environmental Protection Authority, and Food Safety Commission of Japan.

EPA's human health review evaluated dietary, residential/non-occupational, aggregate, and occupational exposures. Additionally, the Agency performed an in-depth review of the glyphosate cancer database, including data from epidemiological, animal carcinogenicity, and genotoxicity studies.

We are currently reviewing public comments received on the draft assessment and plan to publish the proposed interim registration review decision for glyphosate in 2019. The proposed interim registration review decision will outline any proposed mitigation measures to reduce risk, if any are needed.

For more information read our Revised Glyphosate Issue Paper: Evaluation of Carcinogenic Potential.

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On Aug 15, 2018, at 11:35 AM, Mihir Zaveri <mihir.zaveri@nytimes.com> wrote:

Thank you -- appreciate your acknowledgement!

Mihir

On Wed, Aug 15, 2018 at 11:34 AM Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

Good morning Mihir,

A quick work to acknowledge receipt. We'll be in touch soon.

Cheers, R.

Robert Daguillard

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From: Mihir Zaveri [mailto:mihir.zaveri@nytimes.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 11:26 AM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Glyphosate and cereals, oats

Hello, this is Mihir Zaveri, I'm a reporter with The New York Times. I'm working on a story today about this new report from the Environmental Working Group that shows certain levels of the chemical "glyphosate" in cereal, granola, and other food products.

I'm sure you have been over these points before, but the report suggests that glyphosate is linked to cancer, and supports that notion with a WHO agency designation and California state designation as well as the recent settlement in California earlier this month. The report further suggests that the levels of glyphosate that they found could particularly put children at risk.

Hoping to get an answer to some questions:

-- It's my understanding that the federal government does not consider glyphosate to be linked to cancer, is this true?

-- Are there any risks associated with glyphosate for parents, or general population, to be concerned about?

-- Why is there this dissonance between what federal regulators say and what, for example, the state of California says regarding Glyphosate?

-- How would EPA respond to the public who might read this EWG report and be scared that their children might not be safe if they eat these foods? Or others?

-- The EWG scientists assert that glyphosate applied later in a crop cycle reflects an increased risk compared to that applied earlier in the cycle. Is there any reason to challenge this notion?

-- When do the draft risk assessments published in December become final and what more is there to do in that process?

Thank you, I am writing this story today and it will go online later this afternoon.

Thank you,
Mihir

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Third Floor, please advise on next steps.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Gregory Meyer <gregory.meyer@ft.com>
Date: August 15, 2018 at 12:53:23 PM EDT
To: daguillard.robert@epa.gov
Subject: Press Inquiry about Fuel: ethanol, RFS, fuel efficiency

Dear Mr. Daguillard:

I am a reporter at the Financial Times, writing with a query about the RFS.

The 2019 RVO proposed rulemaking states that EPA evaluated "petitions for exemption from 20 small refineries for the 2016 RFS standards (3 of which were owned by a small refiner) and 29 small refineries for the 2017 RFS standards (8 of which were owned by a small refiner)."

How many exemptions were granted for 2016 and 2017? Industry sources say all of the petitions were granted, and I would like to confirm this with EPA.

My deadline is today.

Thanks and regards,

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Now with Rich Yamada's edits. Please advise if this is OK to send.

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From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 3:55 PM
To: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Open Inquiries, 8/14/18

Who in ORD approved this response: Response: **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

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Everything else is good to go.

Thank you Enesta!

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Sent: 8/14/2018 8:24:35 PM
To: Maguire, Megan [Maguire.Megan@epa.gov]
CC: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]; Hubbard, Carolyn [Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: MEGAN/ORD: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

I've asked for wiggle room...

On Aug 14, 2018, at 4:23 PM, Maguire, Megan <Maguire.Megan@epa.gov> wrote:

Okay, I'll try, I don't know the answer off the top of my head, so not sure how fast I can find out.

From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 4:23:01 PM
To: Maguire, Megan
Cc: Daguillard, Robert; Hubbard, Carolyn
Subject: Re: MEGAN/ORD: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

COB today.

On Aug 14, 2018, at 4:22 PM, Maguire, Megan <Maguire.Megan@epa.gov> wrote:

Checking, what's the deadline?

From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 4:01:34 PM
To: Maguire, Megan; Hubbard, Carolyn
Cc: Jones, Enesta
Subject: MEGAN/ORD: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

Good afternoon Megan,

John Konkus is asking for ORD review of the following response, from a reporter working on the agency's glyphosate assessments. Thanks in advance for sending the response to Enesta, who's covering for me for the rest of the day.

Cheers, R.

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From: Strauss, Linda
Sent: Monday, August 13, 2018 11:36 AM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Cc: Sisco, Debby <Sisco.Debby@epa.gov>; Dinkins, Darlene <Dinkins.Darlene@epa.gov>; Han, Kaythi

<Han.Kaythi@epa.gov>; Dunton, Cheryl <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - - glyphosate SAP report

Incoming: ....Did the OPP in fact accept input from ORD in preparing those questions, or otherwise work with ORD to revise its assessment in any way?"

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Date: August 11, 2018 at 9:00:08 PM EDT
To: "Dunton, Cheryl" <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov>
Cc: "Han, Kaythi" <Han.Kaythi@epa.gov>, "Strauss, Linda" <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov>, "Sisco, Debby" <Sisco.Debby@epa.gov>, "Dinkins, Darlene" <Dinkins.Darlene@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - 8/10 - glyphosate SAP report-- due next week

Greetings all. More from the reporter here.

"Over the weekend I had a chance to read the above document dated December 14, 2015.

I don't know if you are familiar with this document but it takes issue with a number of aspects of the OPP's Issue paper, some along the lines of the SAP members' critiques.

At the end the ORD offers to work with OPP to develop the charge questions put to the SAP in Dec 2016.

Did the OPP in fact accept input from ORD in preparing those questions, or otherwise work with ORD to revise its assessment in any way?"

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On Aug 10, 2018, at 10:28 AM, Dunton, Cheryl <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov> wrote:

> I think so. I feel like he's asking us to specifically rebut certain people's comments and we're not going to do that when we've already laid out our position in the response to the SAP. If he finds specific issues that are not addressed in that response we could look in to those.
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> **From:** Daguillard, Robert
> **Sent:** Friday, August 10, 2018 10:26 AM
> **To:** Dunton, Cheryl <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Han, Kaythi <Han.Kaythi@epa.gov>; Strauss, Linda

<Strauss.Linda@epa.gov>; Sisco, Debby <Sisco.Debby@epa.gov>; Dinkins, Darlene <Dinkins.Darlene@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: LINDA/OPP: UNDARK - 8/10 - glyphosate SAP report-- due next week

So I'm happy to tell him the response to SAP constitutes our response, then. Should we just consider this inquiry closed?

Cheers, R.

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I don't even know what that means. Our response is our response. We're not going to say anything different now than we said before on the same issues.

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His response just now. I don't know that it changes anything from our perspective, but….

Thanks Robert. I did indeed read the EPA response to the SAP last week, and it informs some of my questions. I did, however, want to zero in on certain aspects of the EPA's reaction to the SAP recommendations.

Cheers, R.

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We talk about how tumors and lesions were selected for evaluation on page 9.

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Fair enough. I assume our SAP response would also answer the following question?

I'd like to add one important question to the others, so this will be question 8.

8. Chris Portier in his comments to EPA, and to me in an interview, made a large point of the EPA's alleged requiring preneoplastic lesions in animals studies before accepting that tumors found in the animals should be counted in the evaluation. A few panel members also made this point in the Dec 2016 meeting. The argument here is that some cancer types, including those of interest in evaluating glyphosate, do not show preneoplastic lesions. Ie, the first thing you see is the cancerous tumor in some cancer types. This is an important issue and I would be grateful for a response to it.

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I'm not sure what else we'd say outside of those responses. Perhaps he can take a look at those and let us know if he still has questions.

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Got it. That'll give us – and him – a head start. Thanks, Cheryl.

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Robert – I'd ask that the reporter go and read our response to the SAP, linked to in our response to his first question I sent this morning.

For example, our responses to epi issues noted by the panel are on pages 3-6. Likewise, our responses to animal carcinogenicity study issues noted by the panel are on pages 6-10.

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A follow-up to the follow-up: Here are the reporter's additional questions. Let me know if, and how, I can help.

Hi Robert,

Here are some questions that I would ask the agency to respond to. Ideally they would involve a back and forth telephone call to get the nuances right, but I understand that is not possible right now. I am still hoping that even if you provide initial written responses, I might be able to talk to Anna or another staff member with scientific expertise before we finalize the text.

As I said earlier, the idea of the article is to compare the evaluations of glyphosate by various agencies--EPA, IARC, EFSA especially--and guide our readers to an understanding of why they differed. The focus will be on methodologies and interpretations. There will be some discussion of the political context for all this, necessarily, but it will take back seat to the science.

For my reporting on the article, I have read both the original EPA Issue paper, the report by the SAP on its Dec 2016 meeting, the EPA's 12-page response to that report, and the "final" evaluation which I realize will still be subject to public comment, if I have that right (see below.) I have also read much of the 1200+ page transcript of the SAP meeting, and I have been talking to SAP members about that process.

I am going to try to keep my questions limited and fairly straightforward, to deal with the essence of things and stay out of the weeds, as it were. They will not be exhaustive but neither will the article given our limited space, so that should work out.

1. It was clear from the SAP report and the transcript that many members of the panel took issue with some of the approach that EPA had used to the animal studies, the human epidemiology studies, and the final conclusion that glyphosate was "unlikely" to be carcinogenic in humans at normal doses. And yet it was my distinct impression, and that of several members of the panel I spoke to, that the 12-page response by EPA dismissed nearly all the concerns raised, and adopted only the fairly minor suggestions. Did the EPA conclude that the issues raised by many panel members were incorrect, or that the panel members did not have the proper expertise to peer review the Issue paper? Or is there any other explanation for why so little of the panel's suggestions were adopted in the revised draft?

2. Expanding on the question above: From looking at the transcript, and talking to panel members this past week, it appeared that only a

minority of panel members were happy with the proposed "unlikely" to be carcinogenic in humans conclusion. I think a rough estimate would indicate that the panel was indeed "split"--as it described itself in its report--but in three ways: Those who agreed with EPA that glyphosate was unlikely to be a carcinogen; those who would have preferred something in between such as "equivocal" or "inadequate"; and those who thought the evidence was strong enough for a "suggestive" conclusion. So in my estimate, only a third of the SAP actually agreed with the EPA's final evaluation. This is likely to be an important point in my article and so I would be eager to have any comment you care to make on my interpretation of how the panel came down on Charge question no 5.

3. Following on from Question 2: Would it not have been more prudent from a public health perspective, and more consistent with the panel's deliberations, to either withhold a final conclusion for further study, or to adopt the "suggestive" conclusion give the combination of human and animal evidence that the panel considered?

4. On the human evidence: A number of panel members felt it was inappropriate to discount the evidence from the case control studies, despite the negative results in the AHS cohort study, arguing that despite the limitations of the case control studies they all pointed in a positive direction, ie ORs great than 1.0 or meta-RRs great than 1.0 in pretty much every case. As you know, IARC took this as "limited" evidence of human carcinogenicity for glyphosate, and some panel members agreed with that approach. Comment?

5. Several panel members argued that EPA had violated its own carcinogen assessment guidelines in a number of ways. Chris Portier, in his comments to the panel, made similar arguments. The violations included requiring two statistical tests for a positive finding in animals and other issues. I will just ask a general question here, did the EPA follow its own guidelines scrupulously or were errors made in this regard?

6. Portier in particular argued that the EPA had not included a number of animal studies it should have, showing positive results. Again, without getting into the details which would require a telephone conversation, please comment on his contentions in this regard.

7. Any other comments or observations that EPA would like to make would be very welcome and appreciated.

With thanks for your time and attention to this.

Michael Balter
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Cheryl, just so you know, we just sent the reporter the entire response on background – i.e. for attribution to the agency, as opposed to a spokesperson or a specific individual. Waiting for the rest of his questions.

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Thanks, Cheryl. In fact, I'd already told the reporter he shouldn't expect one. Sometimes, they're just going to keep on pushing. Anyway, I'll send this on, and see if he comes back for more. I expect he will.

Thanks again, R.

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Hi Robert – see our response below. As I mentioned yesterday, don't see how we could do an interview next week given key absences. Thanks.

Q1. The SAP makes a number of recommendations to EPA for revisions and updating of the Sept 2016 Glyphosate Issue Paper on carcinogenicity. What is the process by which the Issue Paper is revised, assuming that the suggestions of the SAP are adopted?

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Q2. What are the next steps, formal or informal, for doing this, and what is the estimated timeline?

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Yes. That's fine.

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Yes. Is that time good for ORD. Would we just loop in ORD?

Sent from my iPhone

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> Linda,
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> Reporter is fine with it on background.
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Rusty is available this morning if you would like for him to join the interview with Jeff Morris. Please let us know how he should join the call.

Monica

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Adding Monica.

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> Jeff can give an interview that addresses #3 and #4. Carolyn, Jeff Morris believes that #1 and #2 are ORD's - and to pull in Liz and Monica. Would Rusty or another ORD person be able to be on the phone to address?
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> Looks like outlet needs by 1:00 today.
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> Linda
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Julia, he responded:

Hello - thanks! I am in London, UK, and would need to speak by end of UK day Monday [i.e. 18:00 here, 13:00 ET], or it would be ok to have answers to specific questions for my Tuesday morning -- i.e. end your day Monday. I appreciate this may be too short a deadline for you to respond, but we will go to press on Tuesday morning.

The context is new research by Thomas Hartung (Johns Hopkins), Craig Rowlands (Underwriter Laboratories) and others describing advances in computational models to predict chemical toxicity; these can now outperform animal tests for some simple toxicity endpoints.

I wanted to talk in general about the EPA's approach to computational methods for toxicity prediction, but if that is not possible, then answers to these specific questions would be great:

- is EPA working with Hartung/Rowland's computational model, or with the database of animal-test results that Hartung's team downloaded from the ECHA/Reach website?

- I spoke to Nicole Kleinstreuer (NICETAM, US toxicology program), about an April inter-agency workshop where research groups were invited to test their latest computational models to predict acute oral toxicity in around 40,000 chemicals [comparing against previous rat test data]. (I'm referring to https://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/pubhealth/evalatm/3rs-meetings/past-meetings/tox-models-2018/index.html). She said that a consensus model performed just as well as the animal tests and the expectation is that the EPA would release this consensus model online for free download later this year. Do you know when that is planned to happen?

- I spoke to Kristie Sullivan, of the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (PCRM), about her group's concerns that EPA last year requested more than 300 animal safety tests involving more than 75,000 animals, up from a few dozen safety tests involving around 700 animals the year before. (The details were written up at Science in May: https://www.sciencemag.org/news/2018/05/animal-tests-surge-under-new-us-chemical-safety-law) Can you explain why so many more animal tests have been requested?

- Animal welfare groups are concerned that EPA is not taking full advantage of alternative non-animal tests to measure chemical toxicity, such as in vitro and computational models. What would you say to that concern?

On Jul 6, 2018, at 4:07 PM, Ortiz, Julia <Ortiz.Julia@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Enesta,

Please see below for an interview request from Nature magazine. It looks like we've missed the reporter's deadline – please let us know how you'd like to proceed. Thank you!

From: Richard Van Noorden [mailto:R.VanNoorden@nature.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 28, 2018 8:14 AM
To: Scarano, Louis <Scarano.Louis@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Nature reporter --- reporting on computational methods to predict chemical toxicity

Dear Gino – I am not sure if you received this email, but I would like to talk to you about EPA's plans to assess chemicals without animal testing, for a story in Nature.

Would you be available this week or early next week?

Best wishes

Richard Van Noorden.

From: Richard Van Noorden
Sent: 21 June 2018 17:58
To: 'Scarano.louis@epa.gov'
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Dear Gino,

I'm a reporter at Nature, and am writing a news story about improvements to computational methods to predict chemical toxicity. IN particular, with reference to the attached paper by Hartung et al. It's to be published in *Toxicological Sciences* on 4 July and should be treated as under embargo until then (13:00 UK time).

This paper first argues that animal safety tests are far more inconsistent than was thought, with accuracies between the results of identical tests on identical chemicals dipping to around 78% for skin irritation tests, for instance. (Based on analysis of animal test results of tens of thousands of chemicals, from REACH submissions).

Then it claims that the latest computational software can outdo animal testing results. (It's presenting an updated approach which hasn't previously been disclosed). It's a mixture of QSAR and read-across, and I understand that this paper isn't unique, and that there are other computational efforts too. I talked to Craig Rowlands at Underwriter Laboratories, which is doing this work, and he noted that this software was one of a number of models tested out by EPA, FDA etc. at an April workshop that you talked at (https://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/pubhealth/evalatm/3rs-meetings/past-meetings/tox-models-2018/index.html).

I am also aware that you are in charge of the strategic plan to assess chemicals without animals, due to be published June 22nd.

Would it be possible to talk next week – Thurs 28th June or Fri 29th June – about general progress in this field, with reference to the EPA's strategic plan, and on how significant this particular work by Hartung, Rowlands and their team is?

I am in London, UK, so it would be best to talk morning your time if this is possible. But I could discuss another time if this is not convenient.

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Subject: RE: Nature reporter --- reporting on computational methods to predict chemical toxicity

Rusty is available this morning if you would like for him to join the interview with Jeff Morris. Please let us know how he should join the call.

Monica

From: Blackburn, Elizabeth
Sent: Monday, July 9, 2018 9:08 AM
To: Strauss, Linda <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov>
Cc: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>; Ortiz, Julia <Ortiz.Julia@epa.gov>; Blair, Susanna <Blair.Susanna@epa.gov>; Hubbard, Carolyn <Hubbard.Carolyn@epa.gov>; linnenbronk.monica@epa.gov; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Maguire, Megan <Maguire.Megan@epa.gov>; Pierce, Alison <Pierce.Alison@epa.gov>; Linnenbrink, Monica <Linnenbrink.Monica@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Nature reporter --- reporting on computational methods to predict chemical toxicity

Adding Monica.

Liz Blackburn
Chief of Staff
EPA Office of Research and Development
202-564-2192
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Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 9, 2018, at 9:03 AM, Strauss, Linda <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov> wrote:

> Jeff can give an interview that addresses #3 and #4. Carolyn, Jeff Morris believes that #1 and #2 are ORD's - and to pull in Liz and Monica. Would Rusty or another ORD person be able to be on the phone to address?
>
> Looks like outlet needs by 1:00 today.
>
> Linda
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
> On Jul 6, 2018, at 5:15 PM, Strauss, Linda <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov> wrote:
>
>> Adding Carolyn, ORD, and Susanna, OPPT.

From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Friday, July 06, 2018 5:12 PM
To: Ortiz, Julia <Ortiz.Julia@epa.gov>
Cc: Pierce, Alison <Pierce.Alison@epa.gov>; Strauss, Linda <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Nature reporter --- reporting on computational methods to predict chemical toxicity

Julia, he responded:

Hello - thanks! I am in London, UK, and would need to speak by end of UK day Monday [i.e. 18:00 here, 13:00 ET], or it would be ok to have answers to specific questions for my Tuesday morning -- i.e. end your day Monday. I appreciate this may be too short a deadline for you to respond, but we will go to press on Tuesday morning.

The context is new research by Thomas Hartung (Johns Hopkins), Craig Rowlands (Underwriter Laboratories) and others describing advances in computational models to predict chemical toxicity; these can now outperform animal tests for some simple toxicity endpoints.

I wanted to talk in general about the EPA's approach to computational methods for toxicity prediction, but if that is not possible, then answers to these specific questions would be great:

- is EPA working with Hartung/Rowland's computational model, or with the database of animal-test results that Hartung's team downloaded from the ECHA/Reach website?

- I spoke to Nicole Kleinstreuer (NICETAM, US toxicology program), about an April inter-agency workshop where research groups were invited to test their latest computational models to predict acute oral toxicity in around 40,000 chemicals [comparing against previous rat test data]. (I'm referring to https://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/pubhealth/evalatm/3rs-meetings/past-meetings/tox-models-2018/index.html). She said that a consensus model performed just as well as the animal tests and the expectation is that the EPA would release this consensus model online for free download later this year. Do you know when that is planned to happen?

- I spoke to Kristie Sullivan, of the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (PCRM), about her group's concerns that EPA last year requested more than 300 animal safety tests involving more than 75,000 animals, up from a few dozen safety tests involving around 700 animals the year before. (The details were written up at Science in May: https://www.sciencemag.org/news/2018/05/animal-tests-surge-under-new-us-chemical-safety-law) Can you explain why so many more animal tests have been requested?

- Animal welfare groups are concerned that EPA is not taking full advantage of alternative non-animal tests to measure chemical toxicity, such as in vitro and computational models. What would you say to that concern?

On Jul 6, 2018, at 4:07 PM, Ortiz, Julia <Ortiz.Julia@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Enesta,

Please see below for an interview request from Nature magazine. It looks like we've missed the reporter's deadline – please let us know how you'd like to proceed. Thank you!

From: Richard Van Noorden [mailto:R.VanNoorden@nature.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 28, 2018 8:14 AM
To: Scarano, Louis <Scarano.Louis@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Nature reporter --- reporting on computational methods to predict chemical toxicity

Dear Gino – I am not sure if you received this email, but I would like to talk to you about EPA's plans to assess chemicals without animal testing, for a story in Nature.

Would you be available this week or early next week?

Best wishes

Richard Van Noorden.

From: Richard Van Noorden
Sent: 21 June 2018 17:58
To: 'Scarano.louis@epa.gov'
Subject: Nature reporter --- reporting on computational methods to predict chemical toxicity

Dear Gino,

I'm a reporter at Nature, and am writing a news story about improvements to computational methods to predict chemical toxicity. IN particular, with reference to the attached paper by Hartung et al. It's to be published in *Toxicological Sciences* on 4 July and should be treated as under embargo until then (13:00 UK time).

This paper first argues that animal safety tests are far more inconsistent than was thought, with accuracies between the results of identical tests on identical chemicals dipping to around 78% for skin irritation tests, for

instance. (Based on analysis of animal test results of tens of thousands of chemicals, from REACH submissions).

Then it claims that the latest computational software can outdo animal testing results. (It's presenting an updated approach which hasn't previously been disclosed). It's a mixture of QSAR and read-across, and I understand that this paper isn't unique, and that there are other computational efforts too. I talked to Craig Rowlands at Underwriter Laboratories, which is doing this work, and he noted that this software was one of a number of models tested out by EPA, FDA etc. at an April workshop that you talked at (https://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/pubhealth/evalatm/3rs-meetings/past-meetings/tox-models-2018/index.html).

I am also aware that you are in charge of the strategic plan to assess chemicals without animals, due to be published June 22nd.

Would it be possible to talk next week – Thurs 28th June or Fri 29th June – about general progress in this field, with reference to the EPA's strategic plan, and on how significant this particular work by Hartung, Rowlands and their team is?

I am in London, UK, so it would be best to talk morning your time if this is possible. But I could discuss another time if this is not convenient.

Best wishes

Richard Van Noorden

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From: Jones, Enesta [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=65B8E6C6E5CA4A7A9AE85D98A4C8EEDB-EJONES02]
Sent: 1/10/2018 9:01:01 PM
To: Drinkard, Andrea [Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov]
CC: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: For Review: Bloomberg Environment (Sylvia Carignan) re: PFAS at Superfund sites (Deadline: 1/9)

Still want to and awaiting a response from OLEM on your other questions.

Do we want replace Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) ? I did already. Good?

On background: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

On Jan 10, 2018, at 2:09 PM, Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov> wrote:

One correct: PFOA/PFOS (not, PFAS) ☺

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2018 2:07 PM
To: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Cc: Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: For Review: Bloomberg Environment (Sylvia Carignan) re: PFAS at Superfund sites (Deadline: 1/9)

Enesta,

Andrea looked at this and wonders if Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) ? Can you check with olem?

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Also, we want to refer to this as PFOA/PFAS ..

Thanks ng

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2018 1:59 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: For Review: Bloomberg Environment (Sylvia Carignan) re: PFAS at Superfund sites (Deadline: 1/9)

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From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2018 11:47 AM
To: Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: For Review: Bloomberg Environment (Sylvia Carignan) re: PFAS at Superfund sites (Deadline: 1/9)

Need to connect with you on this thanks ng

Nancy Grantham
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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) **(mobile)**

From: Block, Molly
Sent: Wednesday, January 10, 2018 8:15 AM
To: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: For Review: Bloomberg Environment (Sylvia Carignan) re: PFAS at Superfund sites (Deadline: 1/9)

Pared it down a bit and no need for attribution because this is all background info.

On background:

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Tuesday, January 9, 2018 5:27 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: For Review: Bloomberg Environment (Sylvia Carignan) re: PFAS at Superfund sites (Deadline: 1/9)

Background: Bloomberg Environment reporter is asking for the names and number of Superfund sites on the National Priorities List that are contaminated with the chemical, Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). **Note: This response to the reporter would be the first public release. There have been public meetings and news articles at specific sites and the site-specific information was made public. OLEM is fine with attribution to Barry Breen, principal deputy assistant administrator of OLEM.** Response input from OLEM. Sylvia Carignan, scarignan@bloombergenvironment.com

Suggested Response: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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From: "Carignan, Sylvia" <scarignan@bloombergenvironment.com>
Date: January 3, 2018 at 1:16:54 PM EST

To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: PFAS at Superfund sites

Hi all,

Happy new year! Hope you all got some time off. I'd like to follow up on something I heard about before the holidays:

It's my understanding that EPA has identified 32 federal and 15 non-federal NPL sites contaminated by PFAS. Could you provide the names of those sites?

And if there's an estimate of how many other NPL sites could be affected by PFAS, let me know about that as well. Dr. Tom Sinks had mentioned in a November presentation that there were likely "hundreds," but I'd like to know if EPA has a narrower estimate.

My deadline for this is Friday at 3 p.m.; let me know if that won't be enough time.

Best,
Sylvia

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Sent: 10/12/2017 3:49:44 PM
To: Sparacino, Jessica [sparacino.jessica@epa.gov]
CC: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]; Lynn, Tricia [lynn.tricia@epa.gov]; Sorokin, Nicholas [sorokin.nicholas@epa.gov]; StClair, Christie [StClair.Christie@epa.gov]; Valentine, Julia [Valentine.Julia@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: For Review: Open Inquiries for Review -- 10/12/17 -- MORNING

Accurate.

On Oct 12, 2017, at 11:49 AM, Sparacino, Jessica <sparacino.jessica@epa.gov> wrote:

Non-Hurricane Responses for Review:

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->AP, DEADLINE: 10/13 (Matt Brown), Re: TSCA. *Robert Daguillard.*
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->The Scientist, DEADLINE: 10/11 (Abby Olena), Re: Genetically engineered mosquitoes. *Robert Daguillard.*
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Health.com, DEADLINE 10/11 (Maria Masters) Re: Indoor Mold Follow-Up. *Tricia Lynn.*
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Politico, DEADLINE: 10/11 (Derek Robertson), Re: Women in law enforcement. *Enesta Jones.*
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->New Yorker, DEADLINE: Early October (Margaret Talbot), Re: Ann Arbor lab. *Robert Daguillard.*
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->The Nation, DEADLINE: 8/18 (Rene Ebersole), Re: Glyphosate review. *Robert Daguillard.*
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Wired, DEADLINE: Flexible (Phuc Pham), Re: Pre-EPA environmental regulations. *Robert Daguillard.*

Hurricane Harvey:

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->ABC News-Washington (Stephanie Ebbs) – Update on Valero benzene leak. (9/14)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->AFP (Delphine Touitou) – Confirmation on letter and inquiry into Arkema plant. (9/12)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->AP (Frank Bajak) – Environmental testing at Houston spill sites. (9/22)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Argus Media (Chris Knight) - Clarification re: emergency fuel waivers. (9/7)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Argus (Chris Knight) – Waiver data. (9/21) (DDL: 9/21)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Bloomberg (Meenal Vamburkar) – Valero leak. (9/15)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->BNA (Sylvia Carignan) – Post-hurricane Superfund site summaries. (9/15)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->BNA (Sam Pearson) – Administrator Pruitt's remarks on Arkema. (9/12)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->BNA (Adam Allington) - Retail facility cleanup and RCRA guidelines. (9/7)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->CQ (Jackie Toth) – Seeking copy of RMP letter from Administrator Pruitt to Arkema plant and 9/7 request for information. (9/12)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->E&E News (Corbin Hiar) – Seeking copy of 9/7 letter to Arkema. (9/12)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->E&E News (Corbin Hiar) – Flooding, Superfund sites, and climate change. (9/14) (DDL: 9/18)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->E&E News (Corbin Hiar) – Rep. Green letter on exposure risk from Superfund spill. (9/27) (DDL: 9/27)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Fox News (Maggie Kerkman) – Amount of debris.

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Houston Chronicle (Matt Dempsey) – Arkema release from Friday. (9/18)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Houston Public Media (Travis Bubenik) – Arkema response to EPA letter. (9/19)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Moody's Investor Service (Roy Ousley) – Seeking names of affected water systems. (9/12)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->San Antonio Express-News (Rye Druzin) – Valero plant and RINs. (9/14)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Univision 45 Houston (Jessica Rivera) – Benzene and Valero plant. (9/14)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Vice (Alex Lubben) – U.S. Oil Recovery. (9/19)

Hurricane Irma:

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->2U (John Rehm) – Access to clean drinking water in Texas and Florida. (9/14)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Al Jazeera (Elizabeth Gorman Shaw) – Interview: Hurricane cleanup and recovery. (9/21)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Associated Press (Matthew Brown) – Non-Superfund chemical/petrochemical storage sites. (9/8)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Associated Press (Michael Biesecker) – Vulnerability of Florida Superfund sites. Seeking copy of assessment. (9/9)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Associated Press (John Flesher) – CWA storm water discharge permits. (9/13)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->CQ (Elvina Nawaguna) – Hurricanes and climate change strategy. (9/11)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->E&E News (Niina Heikkinen) - Emergency response, Administrator Pruitt, and funding. (9/7)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->E&E News (Niina Heikkinen) – Emergency preparedness and climate change. (9/14)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->WIRED (Eric Niiler) – Hurricane debris disposal. (9/14)

Hurricane Maria:

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->AP (Michael Biesecker) – Drinking water access. (9/26)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->E&E News (Niina Heikkinen) – Interview with emergency response staff. (9/25)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Inside Climate News (Philip McKenna) – Update on Superfund and oil site assessments in PR/USVI. (10/2) (DDL: ASAP)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Inside EPA (Anthony Lacey) – Interview with Pete Lopez. (9/28)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->New York Public Radio (Daniel Lewis) – Role in recovery and areas of particular concern in Puerto Rico. (10/2) (DDL: 10/2)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Washington Examiner (John Siciliano) – Response in Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands. (9/25)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->The Verge (Rachel Becker) – Puerto Rico drinking water and Superfund sites. (10/12)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Vox (Umair Irfan) – Agency role in recovery effort and reconstruction. (9/28) (DDL: 9/28)

AP, DEADLINE: 10/13 (Matt Brown), Re: TSCA. *Robert Daguillard.*

Background:

The reporter, who is based in Montana, has been working on a series of stories about asbestos exposure at the Libby Superfund cleanup site in his state. Health professionals say asbestos exposure there has killed hundreds

of people in recent decades. Officials expect the cleanup by EPA, which began in 1999, will be complete by next summer. This inquiry focuses on asbestos evaluation and regulation under TSCA - Matthew Brown – AP – mbrown@ap.com

Response:

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2. Where is the line on "distribution in commerce"? If it was a previously distributed product (for which production is continuing) is that considered legacy?

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Inquiry:
Hi Enesta-

I'm hoping to follow up on some assistance that you provided last month on a TSCA story we've been working on.

Specifically, I was asking about "legacy" uses of the chemicals being evaluated by the agency. The agency's scoping material has made clear that legacy uses won't be considered but I want to be sure I'm not misinterpreting that. A couple specifics:
-does the determination on legacy uses apply across all 10 chemicals?
-where is the line on "distribution in commerce"? If it was a previously distributed product (for which production is continuing) is that considered legacy?

Please give me a call or let me know if any of that needs clarification.

We're looking to move our story next week so an answer at earliest chance would be most appreciated. Also, we're pursuing a companion video piece for this. Is anyone from the EPA available for a short, on-camera interview on the topic? We would come to you, of course, and could be flexible on timing as needed.

The Scientist, DEADLINE: 10/11 (Abby Olena), Re: Genetically engineered mosquitoes. ***Robert Daguillard.***

BACKGROUND

The reporter's inquiry follows the transfer of responsibility for genetically engineered OXITEC mosquitoes from FDA to EPA. The move, announced last week, follows the new classification of OXITEC mosquitoes as a pesticide. Abby Olena – The Scientist – Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

RESPONSE

1. <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->**Does the EPA have a plan in place for regulating the use of the genetically engineered (Oxitec) mosquitoes?**

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Background:

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2. <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->**Is there still an approval process that needs to take place since the FDA handed oversight over to EPA?**

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3. <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->**If so, what is the timeline and basic structure of that sort of process?**

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Background:

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4. <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->**Will the EPA be looking to other countries in which the Oxitec mosquitoes have already been used for guidance in evaluating the mosquitoes' approval?**

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5. <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->**Are there other examples of the release of living insects or other kinds of animals that EPA has overseen?**

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Inquiry:

Hello EPA Press team,

I spoke with Robert Daguillard yesterday afternoon about a story I'm writing for The Scientist about the oversight of Oxitec mosquitoes shifting to the EPA. I hadn't heard from him, and I think he mentioned he was out today, so I wanted to try this avenue as well.

I've included some questions below my signature. If someone can help me find answers, that would be great. My story will be a short one (500 or words) headed for the Daily News section. Deadline is Monday at 5 pm ET.

Health.com, DEADLINE 10/11 (Maria Masters) Re: Indoor Mold Follow-Up. Tricia Lynn.

Reporter is asking for a name for attribution. Laureen Burton, Staff Chemist/Toxicologist provided the information, and OAR is suggesting her. Does that work or do you have some other preference?

Politico, DEADLINE: 10/11 (Derek Robertson), Re: Women in law enforcement. ***Enesta Jones***

Background:
POLITICO reporter is asking for the number of senior level women in law enforcement at the agency. OARM did a data pull. Derek Robertson, drobertson@politico.com

Suggested Response:
Please see the chart below.

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Inquiry:

Hi, my name is Derek Robertson and I'm a reporter with POLITICO – we're working on a story about women in law enforcement and I was hoping to learn what percentage of full-time sworn officers in the EPA's employ are women. My deadline for this is mid-October. You can reach me at any time here at this e-mail address or at Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) with any questions, thanks so much, and have a great day.

Hi, thanks so much. If it's at all possible, it would also be immensely helpful to know what percentage of women in EPA's law enforcement are GS-15 or Senior Executive Service level – we're trying to include a component in the story about women in leadership roles. Thanks again, and have a great afternoon.

New Yorker, DEADLINE: Early October (Margaret Talbot), Re: Ann Arbor lab. ***Robert Daguillard.***

Background:
The reporter would like to visit the Ann Arbor emissions lab during the week of October 9 as part of a larger piece on rulemaking, reconsiderations and repeals at the agency – OAR is usually open to such visits. Margaret Talbot – the New Yorker – Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Response:
Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Inquiry:
Dear Mr. Daguillard,
I do mean the NVFEL in Ann Arbor--sorry for the dropped F!
The piece is a larger piece on some of the proposed rules reconsiderations at EPA under the new administrator, and one of the areas I'm likely focusing on is the re-opening of the mid-term evaluation on clean car standards.
I'm interested in the lab's role in research and testing on emissions in cases like the VW cover-up, and frankly--I'm sure you will understand this from a journalistic point of view--looking to get out of Washington and see some of the important work done at the EPA's labs that readers can more easily visualize.

P.S. If it works out, I was hoping to be able to go there the week of October 9th.

The Nation, DEADLINE: 8/18 (Rene Ebersole), Re: Glyphosate review. ***Robert Daguillard.***

Background:

The response consists of: The pesticide program's desk statement on glyphosate; and its standard answer on the allegations surrounding Mr. Rowland. Rene Ebersole – the Nation – Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Proposed Response:

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Inquiry:
I'm in the midst of an article having to do with Roundup and glyphosate and I have a few quick questions for someone there. If you can reply today I'd be very grateful!

1. What's the status of the draft glyphosate human health and ecological risk assessments for public comment? Are those still scheduled to be released in 2017? (Or have I missed them?)

2. Was there an outcome of the Scientific Advisory Panel on glyphosate? I see the minutes online, but it's not clear to me if anything ever came of that?

3. Was that panel a public hearing? Or was it open only to invited scientists?

4. I know this is a touchy question, but can you provide any comment on the charges that EPA officials, and specifically Jess Rowland, were "colluding" with Monsanto to promote glyphosate as non-carcinogenic?

Thanks for your time and attention.

Wired, DEADLINE: Flexible (Phuc Pham), Re: Pre-EPA environmental regulations. *Robert Daguillard.*

Background:
The reporter is looking for information on pre-EPA pesticide regulations as part of a piece of Monsanto's history, stretching back to the early 20th century. OGC suggested directing him to a historian, but the Office of Pesticide Programs is able to offer some information. Phuc Pham – Wired – phuc_pham@wired.com

Response:

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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Inquiry:

Hi Kelly & Bill:

My name is Phuc and I'm a researcher for WIRED. I just called you both and left a voicemail with Kelly. I'm fact-checking a story involving Monsanto and had a few questions about what environmental regulations were like in 1926, before the EPA was founded.

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->At what level were they handled? Municipal? State? County?
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->I'm finding that Monsanto incorporated a small village, naming it Monsanto (later to be called Sauget), in order to environmental regulations. Was this a thing that commonly happened back then?

HURRICANE REQUESTS

HURRICANE HARVEY

ABC News-Washington (Stephanie Ebbs) – Update on Valero benzene leak. (9/14)
Was there any new information about the Valero benzene leak out today? I'm seeing references to new information from EPA but I didn't see a release or anything

AFP (Delphine Touitou) – Confirmation on letter and inquiry into Arkema plant. (9/12)
My collegue Douglas Gillison contacted you a couple of hours ago to try to confirm the information published in some US media saying the Environmental Protection Agency has opened an inquiry into whether the Arkema chemical plant in Crosby, Texas followed federal safety rules to protect against hazards, following explosions at the facility that resulted from Hurricane Harvey flooding.
Could you confirm this information please?
The medias also mentionned a letter sent to Arkema on September 7th urging Arkema to reply in 10 days. Could you also confirm this point please? It is very urgent.

AP (Frank Bajak) – Environmental testing at Houston spill sites. (9/22)

I'm interested in getting a rundown on where EPA is collecting air, water and soil samples related to actual or suspected Harvey-related petrochemical spills and releases in 1) the Houston metropolitan area 2) other parts of Texas.

I'd appreciate if someone could talk me through this. I know there is Arkema, the Valero refinery and Superfund sites and would like to know the nature and extent of sampling. I'm curious also about various spills reported to the Coast Guard's NRC.

Argus Media (Chris Knight) - Clarification re: emergency fuel waivers. (9/7)

I'm just trying to understand the difference here. Is the main thing that EPA extended the deadlines of the RFG through September 26?

Argus (Chris Knight) – Waiver data. (9/21) (DDL: 9/21)

EPA press, I'm doing a story about the expiration in the coming week or so of fuel waivers and other waivers from EPA, Homeland Security, highway operating hours, etc., along with the benefits the waivers provided to areas hit by Irma/Harvey/Maria.

Questions:

- Does EPA plan to extend further any of its fuel waivers or enforcement discretion notices?

- Has EPA collected data/information it can share on use of its waivers? I'm trying to sum up what benefits the waivers have provided to those hit by the storms but haven't seen any type of government data on this (E.g., retailers were able to sell XX million barrels that were otherwise unavailable)

Deadline is 3:30 p.m. today.

Bloomberg (Meenal Vamburkar) – Valero leak. (9/15)
I'm following up on the Valero benzene/chemical leak after the hurricane. It's been reported that the leak was bigger than originally estimated and that Valero will be putting out a revised report. Is there a time-frame in which we can expect the revised numbers from the company -- or any other EPA update on the investigation?

BNA (Sylvia Carignan) – Post-hurricane Superfund site summaries. (9/15)
A question about this line from the press release:
"Post-hurricane Superfund site summaries based on preliminary data results are being released."
Where are these summaries available?

BNA (Sam Pearson) – Administrator Pruitt's remarks on Arkema. (9/12)
Do you have a copy of the Section 114 letter sent to Arkema?
If the letter is being shared with the Washington Examiner, does that mean that EPA will release the letter? Not understanding the rationale for only releasing it selectively.
Also, can anyone explain Administrator Pruitt's comment that " "The concern about some of those risk management plans is the data in those RMPs are actually intelligence or information our adversaries — terrorists — can use to attack soft targets across this country. So we [have to] make sure those RMPs are done the right way to assure we are not equipping our adversaries."

Under existing RMP regulations, Arkema already disclosed it kept as much as 66,260 pounds of sulfur dioxide and 86,000 pounds of 2-Methylpropene on site.

From my reading of the final rule that Administrator Pruitt delayed, the main additional requirements would have been:

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->required companies to tell the public, if asked, that the information is available, and the companies would track who requested the information.

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Companies would be required to share the names of regulated substances used in a process at the plant
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->The substances' safety data sheets
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->the plant's five-year accident history (this is already listed on existing RMPs, they just have to be obtained from EPA rather than the plant)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->a list of scheduled emergency response exercises the plant has conducted (not the content of the exercises or what vulnerabilities they were concerned about or specific things of that nature)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->contact information for the Local Emergency Planning Committee responsible for the plant (again this information could already be obtained through basic research but in theory would be faster this way)

How does any of this = detailed information about all chemicals that are there? How specifically would a terrorist exploit this process to obtain "intelligence" to "attack soft targets across this country"?

BNA (Adam Allington) - Retail facility cleanup and RCRA guidelines. (9/7)
Adam Allington from Bloomberg BNA here.
I'm working on a story about cleanup of retail facilities after Hurricane Harvey. Places that sell products which fall under the guidance of hazardous waste, when thrown away...paints, aerosol cans, perfumes, medicine, etc.
I was wondering if EPA has issued any for temporary relaxation of RCRA guidelines as a response to disaster declarations?
If you could let me know on this one particular point I would be very grateful

CQ (Jackie Toth) – Seeking copy of RMP letter from Administrator Pruitt to Arkema plant and 9/7 request for information. (9/12)
Can I get a copy of the letter Admin. Pruitt sent to Arkema with concerns over whether it had followed its Risk Management Plan and the Sept. 7 request for information to the company?

E&E News (Corbin Hiar) – Seeking copy of 9/7 letter to Arkema. (9/12)
Can EPA please provide a copy of the Sept. 7 letter to Arkema asking for information related to its Crosby, Texas, plant explosion? I plan to file a story about this by 11 a.m. this morning.

E&E News (Corbin Hiar) – Flooding, Superfund sites, and climate change. (9/14) (DDL: 9/18)
I'm planning to file a story on Friday about Superfund sites and climate change, so I want to give EPA the opportunity to weigh in on it.
The story notes that the flooding and potential contaminant leaks at the San Jacinto Waste Pits site closely to matches a scenario described in the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response's Climate Change Adaptation Implementation Plan. While that report is still listed on EPA's Superfund Climate Change Adaptation page, the link to it leads to a page that is being updated to reflect EPA's new priorities.
To what extent, if at all, does EPA think the flooding that occurred at Superfund sites in the wake of Hurricane Harvey is related to climate change? How much, if at all, would the OSWER climate adaptation plan have helped the agency better prepare for Harvey's impacts? How much, if at all, would regulators, responsible parties and affected communities benefit from having access to the OSWER climate plan?
Also, were any Superfund sites in Florida damaged by Hurricane Irma? If so, which ones and to what extent were they damaged?
Please let me know if you have any questions about the story. And thanks for any feedback you can provide by EOD tomorrow.

E&E News (Corbin Hiar) – Rep. Green letter on exposure risk from Superfund spill. (9/27) (DDL: 9/27)
I plan to write about this for tomorrow morning's Daily. Please let me know by EOD if EPA wants to weigh in.

[Attached: Rep Green Letter Requests for Answers from EPA Secretary Pruitt on Exposure Risk from Harvey Superfund Spill.]

Fox News (Maggie Kerkman) – Amount of debris. (9/26)
Would you happen to have anyone in the Dallas area who could talk about just the enormous amount of debris that needs to be removed in the wake of Harvey? We're trying to do a follow up story on the storm and looking for an expert who could give us a sense of how vast this job is.

Houston Chronicle (Matt Dempsey) – Arkema release from Friday. (9/18)

I still have a number of questions. Would prefer an interview but if that's not possible... here's the questions:

Why only one day of water samples?

Was any soil testing done?

Was any air testing done for phenol?

Did the EPA do air modeling and if so for what chemicals and what were the results?

When ASPECT was used, what time of day was the craft run? Why test for only the half mile around the plant?

Was any air monitoring done outside of the half mile around the plant? What about outside the evacuation zone?

Can I get any email communications between the EPA and Arkema from Aug. 25 through Sept. 5?

Houston Public Media (Travis Bubenik) – Arkema response to EPA letter. (9/19)
Morning, has Arkema responded to this information request yet? (Not sure if the 10 days requirement counts weekends or just business days...)

Moody's Investor Service (Roy Ousley) – Seeking names of affected water systems. (9/12)
I read the statement regarding status of water systems in the area affected by Harvey, and wanted to know if it was possible for you to provide me with the names of the water systems that have been affected. Particularly the 50 drinking systems that are shut down.

San Antonio Express-News (Rye Druzin) – Valero plant and RINs. (9/14)
Joe Gorder, the CEO of Valero Energy Corp., the largest U.S. refiner, said that the $800 million to $1 billion that Valero is paying for RINs costs do not go to the government, but rather brokers (the people who buy fuel from Valero, blend it and get the RINs credit) who resell the RINs to Valero.
This is a direct quote from Mr. Gorder, from a talk today:
"We sell it at the refinery, it goes through a pipe, it gets out here. Ethanol gets blended into it. That person that blends it captures the credit, which identifies that the ethanol has been blended. He doesn't need it, he doesn't have an obligation. I'm back here, I've produced the fuel, I do need the credit, he hangs onto them until I cry uncle and then he sells them to me at an inflated price and I get them to the government to show compliance. That is $800 million to $1 billion that's not being paid to the government; it's being paid to individual companies out there that are capturing these credits, brokers

who are between us and you. What this means is you're paying 8 to 10 cents a gallon more than you need to for your fuel because of this policy."
I would like to know if Mr. Gorder's characterizations are correct, and I need a response ASAP, no later than 6 p.m. Central Time (7 p.m. ET).
I would prefer an emailed response because it will be easier to put into the story. Thank you.

Univision 45 Houston (Jessica Rivera) – Benzene and Valero plant. (9/14)
Univision 45 in Houston, Texas is requesting information on a Houston Chronicle report that Valero Energy "significantly underestimated" the amount of cancer-causing benzene and other volatile compounds leaked from its Houston refinery during Hurricane Harvey's torrential rains, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said Thursday.
Do you have any information?
Or, could you provide us with the EPA media contact for Texas?
I searched on the website for the Texas contact and the information would not pop up when I scrolled over the media map.

Vice (Alex Lubben) – U.S. Oil Recovery. (9/19)
Hi Jahan,
Has the EPA conducted any sort of clean up operation post-Harvey at the U.S. Oil Recovery Superfund site since the Harvey floodwaters receded?

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Al Jazeera (Elizabeth Gorman Shaw) – Hurricane cleanup and recovery.
I'm a journalist for "Fault Lines" at Al Jazeera English. I'm interested in making an interview request for a story I'm working on about Hurricane cleanup and recovery.

Associated Press (Matthew Brown) – Non-Superfund chemical/petrochemical storage sites. (9/8)
Greetings-
As part of the EPA's preparations for Irma, can you please tell me if the agency is also trying to assess safety of chemical/petrochemical storage sites that are NOT on the Superfund list?
I'm also following up on earlier questions (repeated below) regarding Harvey-related spills from petrochemical storage tanks.
HARVEY QUESTIONS:
-has EPA received any results of water sampling focused on industrial facilities and hazardous waste sites?
-has EPA been able to make any determinations as to the public health risk of any spills into floodwaters/onto land from crude oil, chemical releases, etc.?
-are there federal regulations governing what kind of flooding defenses/precautions are required of oil and other fuel storage tanks?
-Can you please tell me if the EPA is conducting any investigations into whether storage tanks (either at refineries/plants or oil production facilities) were properly secured for the storm?
-can you please provide details on all reports received by the EPA on chemical/oil/hazliquid/produced water spills as a result of Harvey, including source, volumes, cause, responsible party, etc? (realize this is a broad one so all guidance appreciated)

-broadly (and excepting the Crosby plant) has the EPA been able to assess whether the petrochemical/chemical industries were well prepared for the storm (perhaps compared to past events such as Katrina)?

Associated Press (Michael Biesecker) – Vulnerability of Florida Superfund sites. Seeking copy of assessment. (9/9)
My understanding is that EPA Region 4 has prepared a vulnerability assessment of Florida Superfund sites potentially at risk from Irma that lists Homestead Air Force base, Airco Plating and Cabot Copper as being potentially vulnerable to flooding.
Could you please provide a copy of the assessment? Also, we would be interesting in reporting details of what preparations and monitoring is taking place at those sites as storm progresses.
Would you have time to talk to me or my colleague Jason, copied on this email, later today?

Associated Press (John Flesher) – CWA stormwater discharge permits. (9/13)
I'm putting together a story for AP today on sewage overflows in Florida resulting from Hurricane Irma and have a few questions about EPA's announcement regarding Clean Water Act stormwater discharge permits:
-Does this mean that permit holders will be allowed to discharge untreated or partially treated sewage into waters in ways that ordinarily are impermissible under the Clean Water Act?
-If so, for how long will this waiver be in place?
-What other kinds of exceptions to normal permit requirements would these "upset" or "bypass provisions allow?
-How often are such waivers granted? Is it done routinely during hurricanes, or is does this represent a new policy for EPA? Aside from hurricanes, under what other circumstances would justify such waivers?

CQ (Elvina Nawaguna) – Hurricanes and climate change strategy. (9/11)

I'm working on a story about whether Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Jose can change the conversation about climate change especially among GOP lawmakers who have rejected climate science. Would like to talk with/ get a response from Administrator Pruitt's office on what role climate change may have played in the unusually huge storms and whether the EPA is considering taking stronger action to mitigate climate change. Scientists have said while climate change did not directly cause the storms, it certainly made the flooding worse and project more extreme weather events What strategy does the EPA have going forward?

E&E News (Niina Heikkinen) - Emergency response, Administrator Pruitt, and funding. (9/7)
I'm writing something for tomorrow about what Administrator Pruitt and the agency is doing ahead of Irma. Does EPA have the funding it needs to do two (and potentially three) back to back emergency responses? Will Pruitt be making any TV appearances in the coming days to talk about the storm response?
I'm also interested in what sort of work is happening in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, which haven't gotten as much media attention. Does Administrator Pruitt plan to visit Florida?

E&E News (Niina Heikkinen) – Emergency preparedness and climate change. (9/14)
I'm working on an article for tomorrow about how climate change is being incorporated in emergency response and preparedness efforts.
First, are your staff still using resources such as the National Climate Assessment in planning for future storms like Harvey and Irma?
Are emergency management staff examining different scenarios including sea level rise, precipitation rates, or wildfire frequency that could impact facilities under EPA's jurisdiction?
If you are able to connect me with anyone working in emergency management this afternoon, I'd very much appreciate it.

WIRED (Eric Niiler) – Hurricane debris disposal. (9/14)
I'm a Washington-based contributing writer for WIRED and am putting together a story for Friday (tomorrow) on debris removal after Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. I'd like to either connect with someone by phone, or have a few questions answered in writing:
-Have state environmental officials in Texas or Florida asked for waivers for EPA disposal rules that would allow mixed solid/hazardous waste into construction and demolition landfills? -If so, has the EPA granted any waivers yet?
-Has the Office of Land and Emergency Management (OLEM) addressed concerns raised by a 2016 Office of Inspector General's report on disaster debris:
https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-06/documents/20160629-16-p-0219.pdf
, specifically have they collected information from state agencies about planning for disposal after storms?
-Does OLEM have post-disaster debris disposal plans from state officials for the relevant regions of Texas and Florida?
-Has EPA and OLEM incorporated the effects of climate change into post-disaster debris planning as noted by the OIG report (pp. 3-4) and the 2014 EPA Climate Change Adaptation Plan?
-Anything else that EPA would like to add about its role in debris disposal in Texas and Florida?

2U (John Rehm) – Access to clean drinking water in Texas and Florida. (9/14)
I was wondering if you had any data or information on how many people are without access to clean drinking water in both Texas and Florida.

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AP (Michael Biesecker) – Drinking water access. (9/26)
AP is reporting on the ground in PR about the crisis with access to drinking water. Are there any EPA folks on the ground there yet they could talk to? If not, is there an ETA for when they will arrive?

E&E News (Niina Heikkinen) – Interview with emergency response staff. (9/25)
Is there any chance I'd be able to talk to some emergency response staff on the ground in Puerto Rico (or any who have recently returned)? I'm working on writing something about EPA's response to Hurricane Maria and would very much like a more personal perspective of what's going on there. If possible, I'd like to speak with someone today.

Inside Climate News (Philip McKenna) – Update on Superfund and oil site assessments in PR/USVI. (10/2) (DDL: ASAP)
Dear EPA press office,
I just wanted to follow up with you to see if there is an update on EPA assessments of Superfund sites and oil sites in Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands following hurricane Maria.
Last I spoke with you Elias Rodriguez on Thursday he told me 3 sites in Puerto Rico had been assessed and found to be OK and he said he thought there would be a new update this past Saturday.
Could you please let me know what the latest update is on EPA assessments of Superfund sites and oil sites on Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands as soon as possible?

Inside EPA (Anthony Lacey) – Interview with Pete Lopez. (9/28)
Hello -- would it be possible to organize a quick telephone interview with Region 2 Administrator Pete Lopez to talk about his priorities for the agency? Happy to figure out a pre-approved question list beforehand and stick to that.

New York Public Radio (Daniel Lewis) – Role in recovery and areas of particular concern in Puerto Rico. (10/2) (DDL: 10/2)
I spoke with the incoming Region 2 Administrator earlier and have some follow-up questions regarding the EPA's response in Puerto Rico right now:
Does the agency have anyone currently on the ground, and if so, how many? What role is the agency currently playing in Puerto Rico's recovery right now? Are there any specific areas of the island that are of particular concern regarding issues from sewage, chemical plants, etc., and is there anything that the agency is currently doing to try and tackle that?
Thanks for the help. My deadline is 4pm today, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Washington Examiner (John Siciliano) – Response in Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands. (9/25)
Can you explain the pause in Puerto Rico and V. Islands? Is it because its too hazardous?

The Verge (Rachel Becker) – Puerto Rico drinking water and Superfund sites. (10/12)
Hello, I saw the EPA's release from yesterday that people are trying to drink water from superfund sites in Puerto Rico. (https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-hurricane-maria-update-wednesday-october-11th)

How many people have attempted this, and how did the EPA hear of it? Has anyone succeeded in obtaining water from these wells? Which superfund sites — is the water contaminated there, and if so, with what?

Besides requesting that people do not drink from superfund sites, what else is the EPA doing to prevent it and ensure that people in Puerto Rico have access to clean water?

Vox (Umair Irfan) – Agency role in recovery effort and reconstruction. (9/28) (DDL: 9/28)
Hi,

I am a reporter at Vox and I am looking into relief efforts in Puerto Rico. I wanted to see if someone at EPA could comment on the environmental concerns in Puerto Rico after the hurricane, particularly with respect to energy infrastructure.

I wanted to see if someone at EPA could comment on the agency's role in the recovery effort, some of the environmental concerns in the reconstruction and what EPA can do to help Puerto Rico prepare for the next disaster.

Also, I saw that Pete Lopez was appointed to lead Region 2, so I was hoping I could speak with him about his take on the role and his strategy for Puerto Rico's recovery.

I anticipate filing by 5 p.m. EST today.

Message

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On Oct 11, 2017, at 4:00 PM, Sparacino, Jessica <sparacino.jessica@epa.gov> wrote:

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CNBC, DEADLINE: ASAP (Jeff Daniels), Re: Nuclear detonation. ***Christie StClair.***

Background:

CNBC is doing a piece on the threat of N. Korea test-firing an H-bomb over the Pacific. They're asking about Fukushima's impact, as well as the environmental impact of 1950s and 1960s nuclear testing. His deadline is end of today. Reporter: Jeff Daniels, CNBC, jeff.daniels@nbcuni.com

Proposed response:

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Inquiry:

We wanted to know if EPA's Radnet that measures radiation has a report on the U.S. West Coast impacts from the Japanese nuclear plant disaster in 2011.

Also, has the U.S. studied what impact 1950 and 1960s nuclear bomb test explosions had on the waters or air? Our story is tied to the threat of Korea test-firing an H-bomb over the Pacific.

Thank you.

VICE News, DEADLINE: 10/12 (Alex Lubben), Re: ECHO updates, reducing lead in drinking water efforts. ***Enesta Jones.***

Background:

VICE News reporter is asking for recent drinking water stats in ECHO, and our accomplishments for getting lead out of drinking water. Publicly available information. Third quarter results, by the way, should be posted in the next week to ECHO. Internal only for now. Response input from OECA and OW. Alex Lubben, Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Suggested Response:

Can you confirm that those stats have been updated for the 3rd quarter?

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

And can you list the EPA's accomplishments on getting lead out of drinking water so far this year? Is there any significant water infrastructure work planned? Is a revision to the Lead and Copper Rule in the works?

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Inquiry:

Hi Liz,

I'm Alex Lubben, a reporter with VICE News. I'm working on a story about the EPA's lead and drinking water programs, and noticed that the ECHO site notes that its drinking water stats are updated quarterly. Can you confirm that those stats have been updated for the 3rd quarter?

And can you list the EPA's accomplishments on getting lead out of drinking water so far this year? Is there any significant water infrastructure work planned? Is a revision to the Lead and Copper Rule in the works?

The Scientist, DEADLINE: 10/11 (Abby Olena), Re: Genetically engineered mosquitoes. ***Robert Daguillard.***

BACKGROUND

The reporter's inquiry follows the transfer of responsibility for genetically engineered OXITEC mosquitoes from FDA to EPA. The move, announced last week, follows the new classification of OXITEC mosquitoes as a pesticide. Abby Olena – The Scientist – Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

RESPONSE

1. **Does the EPA have a plan in place for regulating the use of the genetically engineered (Oxitec) mosquitoes?**

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Background:

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2. **Is there still an approval process that needs to take place since the FDA handed oversight over to EPA?**

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3. **If so, what is the timeline and basic structure of that sort of process?**

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4. **Will the EPA be looking to other countries in which the Oxitec mosquitoes have already been used for guidance in evaluating the mosquitoes' approval?**

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5. **Are there other examples of the release of living insects or other kinds of animals that EPA has overseen?**

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Inquiry:

Hello EPA Press team,

I spoke with Robert Daguillard yesterday afternoon about a story I'm writing for The Scientist about the oversight of Oxitec mosquitoes shifting to the EPA. I hadn't heard from him, and I think he mentioned he was out today, so I wanted to try this avenue as well.

I've included some questions below my signature. If someone can help me find answers, that would be great. My story will be a short one (500 or words) headed for the Daily News section. Deadline is Monday at 5 pm ET.

Fox News, DEADLINE: 10/11 (George Russell) Re: Privilege user cards. ***Enesta Jones.***

Background:
Fox News reporter who refers to me as Ernesto has returned, asking for a list of personnel without Privilege User Cards (PUCs) who have privilege access to EPA systems. Response input from OEI, with OARM concurrence. George Russell, George.Russell@FOXNEWS.COM

Suggested Response:

The [Personnel Security Branch] PSB provided us with a list of contractor personnel identified as PUC holders from the Office Administrative Services Information System. The PSB could not provide us with a list of personnel without PUCs who have privilege access to EPA systems. Does the EPA now have such a list, and if so, how many people are on it? If the list exists, can you also tell us what percentage now have had the appropriate background checks?

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Inquiry:

Dear Ernesta,

On review of your replies, I realized there was one question I neglected to ask. The management alert says:

The PSB provided us with a list of contractor personnel identified as PUC holders from the Office Administrative Services Information System. The PSB could not provide us with a list of personnel without PUCs who have privilege access to EPA systems.

Does the EPA now have such a list, and if so, how many people are on it? If the list exists, can you also tell us what percentage now have had the appropriate background checks?

Apologies again for failing to ask the first time around. Would it be possible to have the answer by close of business Wednesday?

Health.com, DEADLINE 10/11 (Maria Masters) Re: Indoor Mold Follow-Up. Tricia Lynn.

Reporter is asking for a name for attribution. Laureen Burton, Staff Chemist/Toxicologist provided the information, and OAR is suggesting her. Does that work or do you have some other preference?

Politico, DEADLINE: 10/11 (Derek Robertson), Re: Women in law enforcement. ***Enesta Jones***

Background:
POLITICO reporter is asking for the number of senior level women in law enforcement at the agency. OARM did a data pull. Derek Robertson, drobertson@politico.com

Suggested Response:
Please see the chart below.

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Inquiry:

Hi, my name is Derek Robertson and I'm a reporter with POLITICO – we're working on a story about women in law enforcement and I was hoping to learn what percentage of full-time sworn officers in the EPA's employ are women. My deadline for this is mid-October. You can reach me at any time here at this e-mail address or at Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) with any questions, thanks so much, and have a great day.

Hi, thanks so much. If it's at all possible, it would also be immensely helpful to know what percentage of women in EPA's law enforcement are GS-15 or Senior Executive Service level – we're trying to include a component in the story about women in leadership roles. Thanks again, and have a great afternoon.

New Yorker, DEADLINE: Early October (Margaret Talbot), Re: Ann Arbor lab. ***Robert Daguillard.***

Background:
The reporter would like to visit the Ann Arbor emissions lab during the week of October 9 as part of a larger piece on rulemaking, reconsiderations and repeals at the agency – OAR is usually open to such visits. Margaret Talbot – the New Yorker – Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Response:
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Inquiry:
Dear Mr. Daguillard,
I do mean the NVFEL in Ann Arbor--sorry for the dropped F!
The piece is a larger piece on some of the proposed rules reconsiderations at EPA under the new administrator, and one of the areas I'm likely focusing on is the re-opening of the mid-term evaluation on clean car standards.
I'm interested in the lab's role in research and testing on emissions in cases like the VW cover-up, and frankly--I'm sure you will understand this from a journalistic point of view--looking to get out of Washington and see some of the important work done at the EPA's labs that readers can more easily visualize.

P.S. If it works out, I was hoping to be able to go there the week of October 9th.

The Nation, DEADLINE: 8/18 (Rene Ebersole), Re: Glyphosate review. ***Robert Daguillard.***

Background:

The response consists of: The pesticide program's desk statement on glyphosate; and its standard answer on the allegations surrounding Mr. Rowland. Rene Ebersole – the Nation – Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Proposed Response:

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Inquiry:
I'm in the midst of an article having to do with Roundup and glyphosate and I have a few quick questions for someone there. If you can reply today I'd be very grateful!

1. What's the status of the draft glyphosate human health and ecological risk assessments for public comment? Are those still scheduled to be released in 2017? (Or have I missed them?)

2. Was there an outcome of the Scientific Advisory Panel on glyphosate? I see the minutes online, but it's not clear to me if anything ever came of that?

3. Was that panel a public hearing? Or was it open only to invited scientists?

4. I know this is a touchy question, but can you provide any comment on the charges that EPA officials, and specifically Jess Rowland, were "colluding" with Monsanto to promote glyphosate as non-carcinogenic?

Thanks for your time and attention.

HURRICANE REQUESTS

HURRICANE HARVEY

ABC News-Washington (Stephanie Ebbs) – Update on Valero benzene leak. (9/14)
Was there any new information about the Valero benzene leak out today? I'm seeing references to new information from EPA but I didn't see a release or anything

AFP (Delphine Touitou) – Confirmation on letter and inquiry into Arkema plant. (9/12)
My collegue Douglas Gillison contacted you a couple of hours ago to try to confirm the information published in some US media saying the Environmental Protection Agency has opened an inquiry into whether the Arkema chemical plant in Crosby, Texas followed federal safety rules to protect against hazards, following explosions at the facility that resulted from Hurricane Harvey flooding.
Could you confirm this information please?
The medias also mentionned a letter sent to Arkema on September 7th urging Arkema to reply in 10 days. Could you also confirm this point please? It is very urgent.

AP (Frank Bajak) – Environmental testing at Houston spill sites. (9/22)

I'm interested in getting a rundown on where EPA is collecting air, water and soil samples related to actual or suspected Harvey-related petrochemical spills and releases in 1) the Houston metropolitan area 2) other parts of Texas.

I'd appreciate if someone could talk me through this. I know there is Arkema, the Valero refinery and Superfund sites and would like to know the nature and extent of sampling. I'm curious also about various spills reported to the Coast Guard's NRC.

Argus Media (Chris Knight) - Clarification re: emergency fuel waivers. (9/7)
I'm just trying to understand the difference here. Is the main thing that EPA extended the deadlines of the RFG through September 26?

Argus (Chris Knight) – Waiver data. (9/21) (DDL: 9/21)

EPA press, I'm doing a story about the expiration in the coming week or so of fuel waivers and other waivers from EPA, Homeland Security, highway operating hours, etc., along with the benefits the waivers provided to areas hit by Irma/Harvey/Maria.

Questions:

- Does EPA plan to extend further any of its fuel waivers or enforcement discretion notices?

- Has EPA collected data/information it can share on use of its waivers? I'm trying to sum up what benefits the waivers have provided to those hit by the storms but haven't seen any type of government data on this (E.g., retailers were able to sell XX million barrels that were otherwise unavailable)

Deadline is 3:30 p.m. today.

Bloomberg (Meenal Vamburkar) – Valero leak. (9/15)

I'm following up on the Valero benzene/chemical leak after the hurricane. It's been reported that the leak was bigger than originally estimated and that Valero will be putting out a revised report. Is there a time-frame in which we can expect the revised numbers from the company -- or any other EPA update on the investigation?

BNA (Sylvia Carignan) – Post-hurricane Superfund site summaries. (9/15)
A question about this line from the press release:
"Post-hurricane Superfund site summaries based on preliminary data results are being released."
Where are these summaries available?

BNA (Sam Pearson) – Administrator Pruitt's remarks on Arkema. (9/12)
Do you have a copy of the Section 114 letter sent to Arkema?
If the letter is being shared with the Washington Examiner, does that mean that EPA will release the letter? Not understanding the rationale for only releasing it selectively.
Also, can anyone explain Administrator Pruitt's comment that " "The concern about some of those risk management plans is the data in those RMPs are actually intelligence or information our adversaries — terrorists — can use to attack soft targets across this country. So we [have to] make sure those RMPs are done the right way to assure we are not equipping our adversaries."

Under existing RMP regulations, Arkema already disclosed it kept as much as 66,260 pounds of sulfur dioxide and 86,000 pounds of 2-Methylpropene on site.

From my reading of the final rule that Administrator Pruitt delayed, the main additional requirements would have been:

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->required companies to tell the public, if asked, that the information is available, and the companies would track who requested the information.
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Companies would be required to share the names of regulated substances used in a process at the plant
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->The substances' safety data sheets
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->the plant's five-year accident history (this is already listed on existing RMPs, they just have to be obtained from EPA rather than the plant)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->a list of scheduled emergency response exercises the plant has conducted (not the content of the exercises or what vulnerabilities they were concerned about or specific things of that nature)
- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->contact information for the Local Emergency Planning Committee responsible for the plant (again this information could already be obtained through basic research but in theory would be faster this way)

How does any of this = detailed information about all chemicals that are there? How specifically would a terrorist exploit this process to obtain "intelligence" to "attack soft targets across this country"?

BNA (Adam Allington) - Retail facility cleanup and RCRA guidelines. (9/7)
Adam Allington from Bloomberg BNA here.
I'm working on a story about cleanup of retail facilities after Hurricane Harvey. Places that sell products which fall under the guidance of hazardous waste, when thrown away...paints, aerosol cans, perfumes, medicine, etc.
I was wondering if EPA has issued any for temporary relaxation of RCRA guidelines as a response to disaster declarations?
If you could let me know on this one particular point I would be very grateful

CQ (Jackie Toth) – Seeking copy of RMP letter from Administrator Pruitt to Arkema plant and 9/7 request for information. (9/12)

Can I get a copy of the letter Admin. Pruitt sent to Arkema with concerns over whether it had followed its Risk Management Plan and the Sept. 7 request for information to the company?

E&E News (Corbin Hiar) – Seeking copy of 9/7 letter to Arkema. (9/12)
Can EPA please provide a copy of the Sept. 7 letter to Arkema asking for information related to its Crosby, Texas, plant explosion? I plan to file a story about this by 11 a.m. this morning.

E&E News (Corbin Hiar) – Flooding, Superfund sites, and climate change. (9/14) (DDL: 9/18)
I'm planning to file a story on Friday about Superfund sites and climate change, so I want to give EPA the opportunity to weigh in on it.
The story notes that the flooding and potential contaminant leaks at the San Jacinto Waste Pits site closely to matches a scenario described in the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response's Climate Change Adaptation Implementation Plan. While that report is still listed on EPA's Superfund Climate Change Adaptation page, the link to it leads to a page that is being updated to reflect EPA's new priorities.
To what extent, if at all, does EPA think the flooding that occurred at Superfund sites in the wake of Hurricane Harvey is related to climate change? How much, if at all, would the OSWER climate adaptation plan have helped the agency better prepare for Harvey's impacts? How much, if at all, would regulators, responsible parties and affected communities benefit from having access to the OSWER climate plan?
Also, were any Superfund sites in Florida damaged by Hurricane Irma? If so, which ones and to what extent were they damaged?
Please let me know if you have any questions about the story. And thanks for any feedback you can provide by EOD tomorrow.

E&E News (Corbin Hiar) – Rep. Green letter on exposure risk from Superfund spill. (9/27) (DDL: 9/27)
I plan to write about this for tomorrow morning's Daily. Please let me know by EOD if EPA wants to weigh in.
[Attached: Rep Green Letter Requests for Answers from EPA Secretary Pruitt on Exposure Risk from Harvey Superfund Spill.]

Fox News (Maggie Kerkman) – Amount of debris. (9/26)
Would you happen to have anyone in the Dallas area who could talk about just the enormous amount of debris that needs to be removed in the wake of Harvey? We're trying to do a follow up story on the storm and looking for an expert who could give us a sense of how vast this job is.

Houston Chronicle (Matt Dempsey) – Arkema release from Friday. (9/18)

I still have a number of questions. Would prefer an interview but if that's not possible... here's the questions:

Why only one day of water samples?

Was any soil testing done?

Was any air testing done for phenol?

Did the EPA do air modeling and if so for what chemicals and what were the results?

When ASPECT was used, what time of day was the craft run? Why test for only the half mile around the plant?

Was any air monitoring done outside of the half mile around the plant? What about outside the evacuation zone?

Can I get any email communications between the EPA and Arkema from Aug. 25 through Sept. 5?

Houston Public Media (Travis Bubenik) – Arkema response to EPA letter. (9/19)
Morning, has Arkema responded to this information request yet? (Not sure if the 10 days requirement counts weekends or just business days...)

Moody's Investor Service (Roy Ousley) – Seeking names of affected water systems. (9/12)
I read the statement regarding status of water systems in the area affected by Harvey, and wanted to know if it was possible for you to provide me with the names of the water systems that have been affected. Particularly the 50 drinking systems that are shut down.

San Antonio Express-News (Rye Druzin) – Valero plant and RINs. (9/14)
Joe Gorder, the CEO of Valero Energy Corp., the largest U.S. refiner, said that the $800 million to $1 billion that Valero is paying for RINs costs do not go to the government, but rather brokers (the people who buy fuel from Valero, blend it and get the RINs credit) who resell the RINs to Valero.
This is a direct quote from Mr. Gorder, from a talk today:
"We sell it at the refinery, it goes through a pipe, it gets out here. Ethanol gets blended into it. That person that blends it captures the credit, which identifies that the ethanol has been blended. He doesn't need it, he doesn't have an obligation. I'm back here, I've produced the fuel, I do need the credit, he hangs onto them until I cry uncle and then he sells them to me at an inflated price and I get them to the government to show compliance. That is $800 million to $1 billion that's not being paid to the government; it's being paid to individual companies out there that are capturing these credits, brokers who are between us and you. What this means is you're paying 8 to 10 cents a gallon more than you need to for your fuel because of this policy."
I would like to know if Mr. Gorder's characterizations are correct, and I need a response ASAP, no later than 6 p.m. Central Time (7 p.m. ET).
I would prefer an emailed response because it will be easier to put into the story. Thank you.

Univision 45 Houston (Jessica Rivera) – Benzene and Valero plant. (9/14)
Univision 45 in Houston, Texas is requesting information on a Houston Chronicle report that Valero Energy "significantly underestimated" the amount of cancer-causing benzene and other volatile compounds leaked from its Houston refinery during Hurricane Harvey's torrential rains, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said Thursday.
Do you have any information?
Or, could you provide us with the EPA media contact for Texas?
I searched on the website for the Texas contact and the information would not pop up when I scrolled over the media map.

Vice (Alex Lubben) – U.S. Oil Recovery. (9/19)
Hi Jahan,
Has the EPA conducted any sort of clean up operation post-Harvey at the U.S. Oil Recovery Superfund site since the Harvey floodwaters receded?

HURRICANE IRMA

Al Jazeera (Elizabeth Gorman Shaw) – Hurricane cleanup and recovery.
I'm a journalist for "Fault Lines" at Al Jazeera English. I'm interested in making an interview request for a story I'm working on about Hurricane cleanup and recovery.

Associated Press (Matthew Brown) – Non-Superfund chemical/petrochemical storage sites. (9/8)
Greetings-
As part of the EPA's preparations for Irma, can you please tell me if the agency is also trying to assess safety of chemical/petrochemical storage sites that are NOT on the Superfund list?
I'm also following up on earlier questions (repeated below) regarding Harvey-related spills from petrochemical storage tanks.
HARVEY QUESTIONS:
-has EPA received any results of water sampling focused on industrial facilities and hazardous waste sites?
-has EPA been able to make any determinations as to the public health risk of any spills into floodwaters/onto land from crude oil, chemical releases, etc.?
-are there federal regulations governing what kind of flooding defenses/precautions are required of oil and other fuel storage tanks?
-Can you please tell me if the EPA is conducting any investigations into whether storage tanks (either at refineries/plants or oil production facilities) were properly secured for the storm?
-can you please provide details on all reports received by the EPA on chemical/oil/hazliquid/produced water spills as a result of Harvey, including source, volumes, cause, responsible party, etc? (realize this is a broad one so all guidance appreciated)
-broadly (and excepting the Crosby plant) has the EPA been able to assess whether the petrochemical/chemical industries were well prepared for the storm (perhaps compared to past events such as Katrina)?

Associated Press (Michael Biesecker) – Vulnerability of Florida Superfund sites. Seeking copy of assessment. (9/9)
My understanding is that EPA Region 4 has prepared a vulnerability assessment of Florida Superfund sites potentially at risk from Irma that lists Homestead Air Force base, Airco Plating and Cabot Copper as being potentially vulnerable to flooding.
Could you please provide a copy of the assessment? Also, we would be interesting in reporting details of what preparations and monitoring is taking place at those sites as storm progresses.
Would you have time to talk to me or my colleague Jason, copied on this email, later today?

Associated Press (John Flesher) – CWA stormwater discharge permits. (9/13)
I'm putting together a story for AP today on sewage overflows in Florida resulting from Hurricane Irma and have a few questions about EPA's announcement regarding Clean Water Act stormwater discharge permits:
-Does this mean that permit holders will be allowed to discharge untreated or partially treated sewage into waters in ways that ordinarily are impermissible under the Clean Water Act?
-If so, for how long will this waiver be in place?
-What other kinds of exceptions to normal permit requirements would these "upset" or "bypass provisions allow?
-How often are such waivers granted? Is it done routinely during hurricanes, or is does this represent a new policy for EPA? Aside from hurricanes, under what other circumstances would justify such waivers?

CQ (Elvina Nawaguna) – Hurricanes and climate change strategy. (9/11)

I'm working on a story about whether Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, Jose can change the conversation about climate change especially among GOP lawmakers who have rejected climate science. Would like to talk with/ get a response from Administrator Pruitt's office on what role climate change may have played in the unusually huge storms and whether the EPA is considering taking stronger action to mitigate climate change. Scientists have said while climate change did not directly cause the storms, it certainly made the flooding worse and project more extreme weather events What strategy does the EPA have going forward?

E&E News (Niina Heikkinen) - Emergency response, Administrator Pruitt, and funding. (9/7)
I'm writing something for tomorrow about what Administrator Pruitt and the agency is doing ahead of Irma. Does EPA have the funding it needs to do two (and potentially three) back to back emergency responses? Will Pruitt be making any TV appearances in the coming days to talk about the storm response?
I'm also interested in what sort of work is happening in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, which haven't gotten as much media attention. Does Administrator Pruitt plan to visit Florida?

E&E News (Niina Heikkinen) – Emergency preparedness and climate change. (9/14)
I'm working on an article for tomorrow about how climate change is being incorporated in emergency response and preparedness efforts.
First, are your staff still using resources such as the National Climate Assessment in planning for future storms like Harvey and Irma?
Are emergency management staff examining different scenarios including sea level rise, precipitation rates, or wildfire frequency that could impact facilities under EPA's jurisdiction?
If you are able to connect me with anyone working in emergency management this afternoon, I'd very much appreciate it.

WIRED (Eric Niiler) – Hurricane debris disposal. (9/14)
I'm a Washington-based contributing writer for WIRED and am putting together a story for Friday (tomorrow) on debris removal after Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. I'd like to either connect with someone by phone, or have a few questions answered in writing:
-Have state environmental officials in Texas or Florida asked for waivers for EPA disposal rules that would allow mixed solid/hazardous waste into construction and demolition landfills? -If so, has the EPA granted any waivers yet?
-Has the Office of Land and Emergency Management (OLEM) addressed concerns raised by a 2016 Office of Inspector General's report on disaster debris:
https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-06/documents/20160629-16-p-0219.pdf
, specifically have they collected information from state agencies about planning for disposal after storms?
-Does OLEM have post-disaster debris disposal plans from state officials for the relevant regions of Texas and Florida?
-Has EPA and OLEM incorporated the effects of climate change into post-disaster debris planning as noted by the OIG report (pp. 3-4) and the 2014 EPA Climate Change Adaptation Plan?
-Anything else that EPA would like to add about its role in debris disposal in Texas and Florida?

2U (John Rehm) – Access to clean drinking water in Texas and Florida. (9/14)
I was wondering if you had any data or information on how many people are without access to clean drinking water in both Texas and Florida.

HURRICANE MARIA

AP (Michael Biesecker) – Drinking water access. (9/26)

AP is reporting on the ground in PR about the crisis with access to drinking water. Are there any EPA folks on the ground there yet they could talk to? If not, is there an ETA for when they will arrive?

E&E News (Niina Heikkinen) – Interview with emergency response staff. (9/25)
Is there any chance I'd be able to talk to some emergency response staff on the ground in Puerto Rico (or any who have recently returned)? I'm working on writing something about EPA's response to Hurricane Maria and would very much like a more personal perspective of what's going on there. If possible, I'd like to speak with someone today.

Inside Climate News (Philip McKenna) – Update on Superfund and oil site assessments in PR/USVI. (10/2) (DDL: ASAP)
Dear EPA press office,
I just wanted to follow up with you to see if there is an update on EPA assessments of Superfund sites and oil sites in Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands following hurricane Maria.
Last I spoke with you Elias Rodriguez on Thursday he told me 3 sites in Puerto Rico had been assessed and found to be OK and he said he thought there would be a new update this past Saturday.
Could you please let me know what the latest update is on EPA assessments of Superfund sites and oil sites on Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands as soon as possible?

Inside EPA (Anthony Lacey) – Interview with Pete Lopez. (9/28)
Hello -- would it be possible to organize a quick telephone interview with Region 2 Administrator Pete Lopez to talk about his priorities for the agency? Happy to figure out a pre-approved question list beforehand and stick to that.

New York Public Radio (Daniel Lewis) – Role in recovery and areas of particular concern in Puerto Rico. (10/2) (DDL: 10/2)
I spoke with the incoming Region 2 Administrator earlier and have some follow-up questions regarding the EPA's response in Puerto Rico right now:
Does the agency have anyone currently on the ground, and if so, how many? What role is the agency currently playing in Puerto Rico's recovery right now? Are there any specific areas of the island that are of particular concern regarding issues from sewage, chemical plants, etc., and is there anything that the agency is currently doing to try and tackle that?
Thanks for the help. My deadline is 4pm today, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Washington Examiner (John Siciliano) – Response in Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands. (9/25)
Can you explain the pause in Puerto Rico and V. Islands? Is it because its too hazardous?

Vox (Umair Irfan) – Agency role in recovery effort and reconstruction. (9/28) (DDL: 9/28)
Hi,

I am a reporter at Vox and I am looking into relief efforts in Puerto Rico. I wanted to see if someone at EPA could comment on the environmental concerns in Puerto Rico after the hurricane, particularly with respect to energy infrastructure.

I wanted to see if someone at EPA could comment on the agency's role in the recovery effort, some of the environmental concerns in the reconstruction and what EPA can do to help Puerto Rico prepare for the next disaster.

Also, I saw that Pete Lopez was appointed to lead Region 2, so I was hoping I could speak with him about his take on the role and his strategy for Puerto Rico's recovery.

I anticipate filing by 5 p.m. EST today.

Message

From: Jones, Enesta [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=65B8E6C6E5CA4A7A9AE85D98A4C8EEDB-EJONES02]
Sent: 9/29/2017 6:48:01 PM
To: Fuld, John [Fuld.John@epa.gov]
CC: Drinkard, Andrea [Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov]
Subject: FINAL RESPONSE: WIFIA projects

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On Sep 29, 2017, at 2:36 PM, Fuld, John <Fuld.John@epa.gov> wrote:

Enesta,

We have no more information beyond **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

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John

From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Friday, September 29, 2017 2:21 PM
To: Fuld, John <Fuld.John@epa.gov>
Cc: Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: WIFIA projects

Do you have anything on this yet?

On Sep 28, 2017, at 5:23 PM, Fuld, John <Fuld.John@epa.gov> wrote:

Will not get till Friday morning

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 28, 2017, at 5:22 PM, Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov> wrote:

> Spoke too soon. There's more follow-up on this one.
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> Thanks!
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> **From:** Eugene Gilligan [mailto:Eugene.Gilligan@acuris.com]
> **Sent:** Thursday, September 28, 2017 5:20 PM
> **To:** Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: WIFIA projects
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> Hi, Tricia:

The confusion is arising from a speech given by Jordan Dorfman, senior attorney advisor to EPA, who said at a Bond Buyer conference that three California projects would receive $700 million in WIFIA funding.

Again, any way we can clear up the discrepancy?

Thanks very much.

Gene

From: Lynn, Tricia [mailto:lynn.tricia@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 2:59 PM
To: Eugene Gilligan <Eugene.Gilligan@acuris.com>
Subject: RE: WIFIA projects

Gene—

If attributing, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson:"

Again, no loan funding has been received by any WIFIA project. No final decisions have been made as to whether individual projects will or will not receive loans, including any of the four in California.

Best,

Tricia

From: Eugene Gilligan [mailto:Eugene.Gilligan@acuris.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 1:42 PM
To: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: WIFIA projects

Hi, Tricia:

Just checking on something one of our sources told us. The source said that 3 projects in California had received WIFIA funding, for a total of $700 million. That would seem to eliminate the last project, the San Francisco Southeast Water Pollution Control project in San Francisco.

Can you provide any guidance on this?

Thank you,

Gene

From: Lynn, Tricia [mailto:lynn.tricia@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 11:51 AM
To: Eugene Gilligan <Eugene.Gilligan@acuris.com>
Subject: RE: WIFIA projects

Hi Gene—

Please see below for EPA's response to your inquiry. If attributing, please attribute to "an EPA spokesperson:"

Best,

Tricia

_____

Tricia Lynn
Office of Public Affairs
U.S. EPA
Office: 202.564.2615

The WIFIA program is inviting 12 entities with projects in nine states to apply for more than $2 billion in Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) loans. (See https://www.epa.gov/wifia/wifia-fy-2017-letters-interest-and-selected-projects#selectedprojects.) Among them, the WIFIA program invited 4 entities with projects in California to apply for loans. (See below)

EPA has not yet closed any of the 12 loans. After an invitee applies for WIFIA credit assistance, the WIFIA program conducts a detailed financial and engineering review in order to develop the terms and conditions for the project. Once a mutually agreeable term sheet is developed, the Administrator approves the loan and executes the term sheet. Based on the term sheet, the WIFIA program finalizes the terms of credit assistance. At closing, the Administrator and the borrower execute the credit agreement, which is the binding legal document that allows the borrower to receive WIFIA funds.

California Projects Invited to Apply for WIFIA credit assistance:

Project Name	Borrower	Requested Loan Amount
Groundwater Replenishment System Final Expansion	Orange County Water District (California)	$124 million

Pure Water San Diego	City of San Diego (California)	$492 million
Water Reclamation Facility Project	City of Morro Bay (California) (Small Community)	$82 million
Southeast Water Pollution Control Plant Biosolids Digester Facilities Project	San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (California)	$625 million

California

? <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Groundwater Replenishment System Final Expansion (Orange County, California) (PDF)(1 pg, 178 K)

? <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Pure Water San Diego (San Diego, California) (PDF)(1 pg, 178 K)

? <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Southeast Water Pollution Control Plant Biosolids Digester Facilities Project (San Francisco, California) (PDF)(1 pg, 230 K)

? <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->Water Reclamation Project (Morro Bay, California) (PDF)(1 pg, 619 K)

From: Eugene Gilligan [mailto:Eugene.Gilligan@acuris.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2017 4:21 PM
To: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: WIFIA projects

Hi, Tricia:

Sorry to get back so late to you. I am wondering if you can provide the names of the water projects that received WIFIA funding in California. I understand that there are three of them.

Thanks, I don't know if it's possible, but if I can get an answer to this today, that would be great.

Thanks very much.

Gene

From: Lynn, Tricia [mailto:lynn.tricia@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2017 8:16 AM
To: Eugene Gilligan <Eugene.Gilligan@acuris.com>
Subject: RE: WIFIA projects

Hi Gene—

I see that you wrote to Enesta looking for an answer last night. Do you still want a response? If so, what's your hard deadline?

Thanks!

--Tricia

From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2017 7:33 AM
To: Eugene Gilligan <Eugene.Gilligan@acuris.com>
Cc: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: WIFIA projects

Hi Eugene,

Tricia Lynn, copied here, will be in touch.

On Sep 26, 2017, at 5:02 PM, Eugene Gilligan <Eugene.Gilligan@acuris.com> wrote:

Hi, Enesta:

I hope you are well. I am checking to see if you might be able to provide any information on the projects that were granted WIFIA funding. I understand that all of the projects are located in California.

Thanks, if it would be possible to get this information today, that would be great.

Best,

Gene

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Message

From: Jones, Enesta [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=65B8E6C6E5CA4A7A9AE85D98A4C8EEDB-EJONES02]
Sent: 10/13/2017 2:41:05 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Voice Mail Press Inquiry

FYI, I responded to this reporter last week. Here's what I sent:

- **Can you confirm that this taking place 11/15?**

  On December 18, 2008, EPA published a rule exempting farms from reporting air releases of hazardous substances from animal waste. On April 11, 2017, the DC Circuit Court vacated this rule, thus eliminating the exemptions. The court's ruling takes effect once the mandate is issued (i.e., when the court issues the mandate, EPA's previous regulatory exemption no longer applies). Upon EPA's request, the court has currently delayed issuance of the mandate through November 14, 2017.

- **How big of an area does it affect (U.S. at large)?**

  The total number of farms potentially affected by the vacatur could be up to 44,900 farms, based on farm data from the 2012 USDA Agricultural Census and concentrated animal feeding operation (CAFO) size categories defined in the December 18, 2008 rule.

- **How will farmers know when they've reached a reporting threshold?**

EPA plans to provide guidance to assist farm facility owners/operators in estimating emissions from animal wastes. If a facility exceeds the reporting threshold due to emissions from animal wastes, the facility may be eligible for streamlined reporting called "continuous release reporting." EPA's guide Reporting Requirements for Continuous Releases of Hazardous Substances provides an overview of the continuous release reporting requirements, including forms to assist with developing written reports.

- **How big a livestock operation is affected?**
  Factors that contribute to whether a livestock operation would be subject to reporting requirements, include, but are not limited to: operating conditions (e.g., animal species, housing/confinement type); management practices (e.g., feed, manure); and geographic location and environmental conditions (e.g., precipitation, humidity, temperature, wind conditions, terrain). EPA plans to provide guidance to farm facility owners and operators to assist them in determining whether they may be subject to reporting requirements for emissions from animal wastes.

- **What penalties are there for violations?**

  CERCLA section 109 and EPCRA section 325 authorize both administrative and judicial penalties.

- **What is a "reportable quantity" and how is it determined when that quantity is reached?**
  A reportable quantity (RQ) is the quantity of a hazardous substance, when released, which triggers a notification requirement. Farm owners/operators will need to estimate emissions from the facility. EPA plans to provide guidance to farm facility owners and operators to assist them in determining whether they may be subject to reporting requirements for emissions from animal wastes.

On Oct 13, 2017, at 10:38 AM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

Fyi . close hold – Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) ng

Nancy Grantham
Office of Public Affairs
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202-564-6879 (desk)
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) **(mobile)**

From: Bryan, David
Sent: Friday, October 13, 2017 10:24 AM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Cc: Carey, Curtis <Carey.Curtis@epa.gov>; Brees, Angela <Brees.Angela@epa.gov>; Murdie, Ashley <murdie.ashley@epa.gov>; Washburn, Ben <washburn.ben@epa.gov>; Sanders, LaTonya <Sanders.Latonya@epa.gov>
Subject: Voice Mail Press Inquiry

I received a voice mail inquiry while I was on travel status from Tom Sever, Brownfield Ag News, last Friday, Oct. 6. He is inquiring about the CERCLA / EPCRA reporting requirements for air releases of hazardous substances from animal waste at farms. I suspect that HQ should field this and might even have already talked with him. He is based in Jefferson City, Mo. and can be reached at Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

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Message

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Sent: 7/12/2019 4:36:17 PM
To: Hull, George [Hull.George@epa.gov]
CC: Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Bloomber Businessweek; Ski Waxes

George,

If it's determined that a call is the preferred approach, please provide the following so I can get OPA IO approval to proceed today — as well as coordinate/sked with the reporter today. Then Ken can staff the call when he returns Monday.

+Times that work/don't work for the phoner on Monday.
+Names and titles of the interviewees.
+Is this on background (reporter cannot use the interviewee/s' names in the article) or for attribution (interviewee/s can be quoted)?
+Main messages to be conveyed (doesn't have to be long, just a quick summary).

On Jul 12, 2019, at 11:55 AM, Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov> wrote:

Pat and Robert,
I can work on this today. Robert and I are going to talk at 12:30. It looked to me like there was benefit with the call we did with "Faster Skier Magazine" for their article on ski was. It looks to me like the Bloomberg reporter would benefit from a call as well, and it would help make his article more accurate. - George

From: Egan, Patrick
Sent: Friday, July 12, 2019 11:52 AM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Cc: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Bloomber Businessweek; Ski Waxes

Robert please see Philips message below. Is it possible to set up a phone call with someone from OPPT and the reporter? I'm on vacation so I'll be checking my emails sporadically.
Thanks

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Milton, Philip" <Milton.Philip@epa.gov>
> **Date:** July 12, 2019 at 10:34:29 AM EDT
> **To:** "Sullivan, Greg" <Sullivan.Greg@epa.gov>, "Vizard, Elizabeth" <Vizard.Elizabeth@epa.gov>, "Egan, Patrick" <egan.patrick@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** "Seltzer, Mark" <Seltzer.Mark@epa.gov>, "Miles, James" <miles.james@epa.gov>, "Ellis, Tony" <Ellis.Tony@epa.gov>, "Hull, George" <Hull.George@epa.gov>, "Saenz, Diana" <Saenz.Diana@epa.gov>, "Garvey, Mark" <Garvey.Mark@epa.gov>
> **Subject: RE: Bloomber Businessweek; Ski Waxes**
>
> George –

Tried phoning and stopped by your office. I had a conversation with our some of our Ski Wax experts... Mark Seltzer and Mark Garvey would be available to have a conversation with you today, if necessary.

I received a little background from Mark S. who indicated to me that he, Tony Ellis, and Pat Egan had a "background" conversation with a reporter from Faster Skier. It does seem that a similar discussion should happen with this Bloomberg reporter... Though my recommendation is that Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

We discovered that Faster Skier published an online article on Tuesday, July 9, 2019. Mark S. is reviewing it to identify any potential concerns. For your information here is a link to the article https://fasterskier.com/fsarticle/the-epa-and-regulating-the-ski-wax-industry/

Please let us know if you want to have a conversation.

V/r

Phil

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From: Sullivan, Greg
Sent: Friday, July 12, 2019 9:20 AM
To: Milton, Philip <Milton.Philip@epa.gov>; Vizard, Elizabeth <Vizard.Elizabeth@epa.gov>; Egan, Patrick <egan.patrick@epa.gov>
Cc: Seltzer, Mark <Seltzer.Mark@epa.gov>; Miles, James <miles.james@epa.gov>; Ellis, Tony <Ellis.Tony@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; Saenz, Diana <Saenz.Diana@epa.gov>; Garvey, Mark <Garvey.Mark@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Bloomber Businessweek; Ski Waxes

Agree this is probably a program answer. Generally, TSCA regulates the manufacture and uses of chemicals. The criteria is/restrictions are in the SNUR(s). Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
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Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) We've seen recently Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) I haven't looked at the relevant SNUR(s) closely on this point but Seltzer or Garvey have, and should weigh in too. Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
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From: Milton, Philip
Sent: Friday, July 12, 2019 8:49 AM
To: Vizard, Elizabeth <Vizard.Elizabeth@epa.gov>; Egan, Patrick <egan.patrick@epa.gov>
Cc: Seltzer, Mark <Seltzer.Mark@epa.gov>; Miles, James <miles.james@epa.gov>; Ellis, Tony <Ellis.Tony@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; Saenz, Diana <Saenz.Diana@epa.gov>; Sullivan, Greg <Sullivan.Greg@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Bloomber Businessweek; Ski Waxes

Enforcement Confidential – Please do not release

Good Morning

It appears that everyone on the incoming email chain is out today...

George, can you provide any history regarding the interaction with the reporter – not real clear what the context is here.

This seems to be strictly a program (OPPT) question about how TSCA works and how OPPT is managing/regulating fluoro ski waxes.

Is there a specific enforcement angle in the inquiry? (I know that Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Also, I'm pretty confused about his proposed language The EPA would not say what criteria it's invoking as it outlaws some fluoro ski waxes but allows others to be sold in shops and online.

It seems like a pretty uninformed statement on how TSCA works... and Ken Labbe provided information on the PMN processs.... More information about risk management of PFAS can be found in the PFAS Action Plan.... (it includes a lot of discussion of TSCA).

Let me know if there is something we need to follow-up on, though I'm not confident how much can pull together with the experts out of the office until Monday...

V/r

Phil

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From: Vizard, Elizabeth
Sent: Friday, July 12, 2019 12:16 AM
To: Egan, Patrick <egan.patrick@epa.gov>; Milton, Philip <Milton.Philip@epa.gov>
Cc: Seltzer, Mark <Seltzer.Mark@epa.gov>; Miles, James <miles.james@epa.gov>; Ellis, Tony <Ellis.Tony@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Bloomber Businessweek; Ski Waxes

Looping in Phil who is acting BC for James Friday. Is there anything more we can say to help the reporter?

Elizabeth Vizard
Associate Division Director, Acting
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Office of Civil Enforcement
202-564-5940

On Jul 11, 2019, at 7:46 PM, Egan, Patrick <egan.patrick@epa.gov> wrote:

We received a follow up question from the Bloomberg reporter. He still doesn't understand why EPA is taking action against some merchants but allowing others to continue selling both online and in brick-and-mortar stores.

He said he's going with the highlighted text below if we don't get him a better answer.

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From: Labbe, Ken
Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2019 11:12 AM
To: Egan, Patrick <egan.patrick@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Bloomber Businessweek; Ski Waxes

Hi Pat and George,

We need to offer the reporter more clarification on subject matter. We've not clearly answered his question (below). DDL ASAP.

Thanks,

Ken

From: Bill Donahue <**Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)**>
Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2019 8:33 AM
To: Labbe, Ken <Labbe.Ken@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Bloomber Businessweek; Ski Waxes

Hi Ken

I appreciate your replying, but I'm afraid that I still don't have a clear answer to the question that I've repeatedly posed to the EPA: Why is that that the agency is taking action against some merchants and manufacturers of fluorinated ski but allowing others to continue selling fluorinated ski wax, both online and in brick-and-mortar stores? Are the allowed waxes chemically different than the un-allowed waxes? If so, in what way? If the allowed waxes are not chemically different than the un-allowed waxes, what distinguishes them? Are they, say, grandfathered in? Please call me at 503 929 0964 if you are able to do so. Currently, I plan to go with the language below.

Thanks,
Bill Donahue

I'm going with this language below. Correct me if it's wrong.

The EPA would not say what criteria it's invoking as it outlaws some fluoro ski waxes but allows others to be sold in shops and online.
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On Wed, Jul 10, 2019 at 12:46 PM Labbe, Ken <Labbe.Ken@epa.gov> wrote:

Hello Bill,

Apologies for the time it's taken to get this response to you. Please see below, attributable to an EPA Spokesperson.

EPA uses its authority under TSCA section 5 to review new chemicals and the products that contain them. This is a rigorous process that looks at each new chemical notification submitted to EPA, including new PFAS chemicals. The assessment process that we use is explained on our website at: https://www.epa.gov/reviewing-new-chemicals-under-toxic-substances-control-act-tsca. Under the TSCA section 5 New Chemicals Program we assess and manage, if needed, the potential risk to human health and the environment from chemicals new to the marketplace.

Kenneth T. Labbe

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Message

From: Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]
Sent: 7/31/2017 9:04:54 AM
To: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
CC: Jones, Enesta [Jones.Enesta@epa.gov]; Strauss, Linda [Strauss.Linda@epa.gov]
Subject: UPDATED: ROBERT DAGUILLARD: Status of OPEN +NEW Inquiries
Attachments: General Hydroponics Special Local Needs pesticides for cannabis applications ; ATT00001.htm; RE: Dicamba story - lots of questions - Reuters; ATT00002.htm; Checking in on status of request + new deadline ; ATT00003.htm; Re: Scientific American magazine - request for comment on TSCA final framework rules; ATT00004.htm

+ **Reuters.**

Three **NEW** inquiries on Friday. I partially closed one -- provided a website -- and the reporter returned with a question.

UPDATE on NEW inquiries:

- **OPEN:** Emily Flitter of Reuters has follow-up questions on dicamba testing. Reporter is requesting a specific name for attribution. Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) DDL: 3 p.m. on 7/31.

- **OPEN:** Kelly Franklin of Chemical Watch is asking about the PMN backlog. Sent website and she returned asking if there would be an update on 8/1. Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) She's writing for 8/1 or 8/2, for an update on our progress, etc.

- **OPEN:** Pat Rizzuto of BNA is asking for information and interview on the new chemicals program. Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) DDL: week of 7/31.

UPDATE on OPEN inquiries:

Pesticides

STATUS: Still open. Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Cannabiz Journal (David Heldreth) [Received 7/14] – OPEN – Checking on whether states have withdrawn registrations for marijuana pesticides – OCSPP response Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) - Deadline 7/21

Toxic Chemicals

STATUS: Still open. Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) **Re: the fact check part of the inquiry, she is asking about OAR rules so** Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

BNA (Pat Rizzuto) [Received 7/25] - OPEN – Reporter wants interview with program expert about "severability" clause in proposed final TSCA framework rules – discussing with program; Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) – DDL 8/1 for interview, 7/28 for fact-check.

STATUS: Still open. Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) **Asked for an extension until 7/31. Reporter agreed.**

Scientific American (Annie Sneed) [Received 7/17] – OPEN – Reporter requesting interview on final TSCA framework rules – OCSPP management Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) – DDL 7/28 hard

From: "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Date: July 27, 2017 at 4:03:12 PM EDT
To: AO OPA Media Relations <AO_OPA_Media_Relations@epa.gov>
Subject: OMR: Robert Compressed Friday 7/28 - OPEN Inquiries

Enesta, team, thanks for following up on the four following inquiries if/when you get a chance.

Regards, R.

Pesticides:

Cannabiz Journal (David Heldreth) [Received 7/14] – OPEN – Checking on whether states have withdrawn registrations for marijuana pesticides – OCSPP response Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Deadline 7/21

Reuters (Emily Flitter) [Received 7/26] - OPEN – EPA testing of Dicamba – Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) – DDL soonest.

Toxic Chemicals

BNA (Pat Rizzuto) [Received 7/25] - OPEN – Reporter wants interview with program expert about "severability" clause in proposed final TSCA framework rules – discussing with program; OCSPP trying to Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) – DDL 8/1 for interview, 7/28 for fact-check.

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Message

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Sent: 6/5/2019 6:05:02 PM
To: Bremer, Kristen [Bremer.Kristen@epa.gov]
CC: DeLuca, Isabel [DeLuca.Isabel@epa.gov]; Noonan, Jenny [Noonan.Jenny@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: ACTION: Bloomberg NATA backgrounder

Let's do June 13 at 2 pm for 30 mins. Tnx Kristen. I'll send out an invite. Who should be on it?

On Jun 5, 2019, at 2:03 PM, Bremer, Kristen <Bremer.Kristen@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Enesta,

Any of the proposed dates/times work for Mark. We need to be very specific that Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2019 10:16 AM
To: Bremer, Kristen <Bremer.Kristen@epa.gov>
Cc: DeLuca, Isabel <DeLuca.Isabel@epa.gov>; Noonan, Jenny <Noonan.Jenny@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: ACTION: Bloomberg NATA backgrounder

Tnx. Standing by.

On Jun 5, 2019, at 10:14 AM, Bremer, Kristen <Bremer.Kristen@epa.gov> wrote:

Let me check again with the NATA folks. Mark Morris (who will likely do the backgrounder) was out earlier in the week.

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From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2019 7:27 AM
To: Bremer, Kristen <Bremer.Kristen@epa.gov>; DeLuca, Isabel <DeLuca.Isabel@epa.gov>; Noonan, Jenny <Noonan.Jenny@epa.gov>
Cc: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Subject: ACTION: Bloomberg NATA backgrounder

Morning! Are any of the date/time preferences provided by the reporters (Jasmine Han & Amena Saiyid) below doable?

June 13 and 14, between 1:30 pm and 3 pm eastern standard time (12:30 pm and 2 pm CST).

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Noonan, Jenny" <Noonan.Jenny@epa.gov>
Date: May 31, 2019 at 12:10:28 PM EDT
To: "Jones, Enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Cc: "DeLuca, Isabel" <DeLuca.Isabel@epa.gov>, "Bremer, Kristen" <Bremer.Kristen@epa.gov>, "Davis, Alison" <Davis.Alison@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: ACTION: Bloomberg NATA backgrounder

Our NATA team is mostly out today after being in Willowbrook. May be Monday before we can sort out schedules for certain.

From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2019 12:03 PM
To: Noonan, Jenny <Noonan.Jenny@epa.gov>
Cc: DeLuca, Isabel <DeLuca.Isabel@epa.gov>; Bremer, Kristen <Bremer.Kristen@epa.gov>; Davis, Alison <Davis.Alison@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: ACTION: Bloomberg NATA backgrounder

Appreciate it!

On May 31, 2019, at 12:02 PM, Noonan, Jenny <Noonan.Jenny@epa.gov> wrote:

I think Kristen has something in the works and I'll try to figure that out and share with you today ☺

From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2019 10:17 AM
To: DeLuca, Isabel <DeLuca.Isabel@epa.gov>; Bremer, Kristen <Bremer.Kristen@epa.gov>; Noonan, Jenny <Noonan.Jenny@epa.gov>; Davis, Alison <Davis.Alison@epa.gov>
Cc: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Subject: ACTION: Bloomberg NATA backgrounder

Morning! Is it possible to nail down some possible date/time options as well as the backgroundee **today**?

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Hi, Everybody: Amena circled back that she still would like the NATA backgrounder. **Can we look at the possible dates of June 5, 6, 11-14?** And who would do it so I can I reflag for the 3F?

Appreciate it!

On May 16, 2019, at 4:45 PM, DeLuca, Isabel <DeLuca.Isabel@epa.gov> wrote:

Yes, I think it's safe to say that at this time **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**
Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Thanks!

From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 4:15 PM
To: Bremer, Kristen <Bremer.Kristen@epa.gov>; DeLuca, Isabel <DeLuca.Isabel@epa.gov>
Cc: Millett, John <Millett.John@epa.gov>; Davis, Alison <Davis.Alison@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Bloomberg NATA walk thru (on background)

So I'll just tell her that Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Does that work?
Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Isabel, are you good with this?

From: Bremer, Kristen
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:43 PM
To: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Cc: Millett, John <Millett.John@epa.gov>; DeLuca, Isabel <DeLuca.Isabel@epa.gov>; Davis, Alison <Davis.Alison@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Bloomberg NATA walk thru (on background)

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From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Thursday, May 16, 2019 12:04 PM
To: Bremer, Kristen <Bremer.Kristen@epa.gov>
Cc: Millett, John <Millett.John@epa.gov>; DeLuca, Isabel <DeLuca.Isabel@epa.gov>; Davis, Alison <Davis.Alison@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Bloomberg NATA walk thru (on background)

Kristen,
How does she tell or differentiate whether a facility is regulated under NESHAP?

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UPDATE on OPEN inquiries:

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STATUS: Still open. Linda said to continue to hold.

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Date: July 27, 2017 at 4:03:12 PM EDT
To: AO OPA Media Relations <AO_OPA_Media_Relations@epa.gov>
Subject: OMR: Robert Compressed Friday 7/28 - OPEN Inquiries

Enesta, team, thanks for following up on the four following inquiries if/when you get a chance.

Regards, R.

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June 13 and 14, between 1:30 pm and 3 pm eastern standard time (12:30 pm and 2 pm CST).

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Message

From: Zito, Kelly [ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV]
Sent: 4/20/2018 4:33:23 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]; Sauerhage, Maggie [Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov]
CC: Huitric, Michele [Huitric.Michele@epa.gov]; PerezSullivan, Margot [PerezSullivan.Margot@epa.gov]; Glenn, William [Glenn.William@epa.gov]
Subject: R9 Pitch Plan - Brownfields Announcement

Hi folks-
Please find below our plan for the brownfields rollout.
Let me know if you have any questions!
Thanks-
Kelly

R9 pitch plan for Brownfields grants announcement

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Message

From: Dennis, Allison [Dennis.Allison@epa.gov]
Sent: 6/3/2019 7:19:58 PM
To: McFaul, Jessica [mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov]; Carter, Brittany S. [carter.brittanys@epa.gov]; Rodrick, Christian [rodrick.christian@epa.gov]
CC: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]; Lyons, Troy [lyons.troy@epa.gov]; Schiermeyer, Corry [schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Drinkard, Andrea [Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov]; Frye, Tony (Robert) [frye.robert@epa.gov]; Bowles, Jack [Bowles.Jack@epa.gov]; Borum, Denis [Borum.Denis@epa.gov]; Kaiser, Sven-Erik [Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov]; Skane, Elizabeth [Skane.Elizabeth@epa.gov]; Hanson, Andrew [Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: CWA Memo Announcement for Monday afternoon
Attachments: Policy for the EPAs Review and Action on CWA Program Submittals.pdf

Attached is the signed memo.

OPA- should we go ahead and make this memo live now (and then issue the PR? Or hold?)

From: Dennis, Allison
Sent: Monday, June 03, 2019 2:41 PM
To: McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Carter, Brittany S. <carter.brittanys@epa.gov>; Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; Frye, Tony (Robert) <frye.robert@epa.gov>; Bowles, Jack <Bowles.Jack@epa.gov>; Borum, Denis <Borum.Denis@epa.gov>; Kaiser, Sven-Erik <Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov>; Skane, Elizabeth <Skane.Elizabeth@epa.gov>; Andrew Hanson <Hanson.Andrew@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: CWA Memo Announcement for Monday afternoon

+ others

All,

Attached is the final approval PR (which includes the ID quote and an additional tweak from Dave). Dave will be signing the memo in the next 20 minutes.

OPA- are you ok with issuing the attached PR at 3:30 or 4 today?

Unrelated- I understand we will issue the EPA-FEMA SRF MOU tomorrow.

-Allison

From: Dennis, Allison
Sent: Sunday, June 02, 2019 8:26 AM
To: McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Carter, Brittany S. <carter.brittanys@epa.gov>; Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; Frye, Tony (Robert) <frye.robert@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: CWA Memo Announcement for Monday afternoon

Thank you Jessica!

Attached is the revised PR that incorporates Dave's and Jessica's edits. We are waiting to Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Still aiming to get this out tomorrow (Monday) in the afternoon- say 2 or 3 pm? -Allison

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From: McFaul, Jessica
Sent: Saturday, June 01, 2019 3:26 PM
To: Carter, Brittany S. <carter.brittanys@epa.gov>; Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>
Cc: Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; Frye, Tony (Robert) <frye.robert@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: CWA Memo Announcement for Monday afternoon

Edits to the release are attached.

From: Carter, Brittany S.
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2019 6:09 PM
To: Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>
Cc: Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; Frye, Tony (Robert) <frye.robert@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: CWA Memo Announcement for Monday afternoon

Yes thanks for the heads up!

On May 31, 2019, at 5:40 PM, Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov> wrote:

Looks good from my end. We can share with the Hill once it goes live. I suspect Britt's Intergov't folks will be more interested than the hill on this one.

Thanks,

Christian Rodrick

On May 31, 2019, at 4:52 PM, Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov> wrote:

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> **From:** Dennis, Allison
> **Sent:** Friday, May 31, 2019 4:51 PM
> **To:** Schollhamer, Mary <Schollhamer.Mary@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>; Carter, Brittany S. <carter.brittanys@epa.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** CWA Memo Announcement for Monday afternoon
>
> -Close Hold Information-
>
> All,

OW just received final AO clearance on the attached guidance from Dave to the RAs that aims to increase the agency's compliance with Clean Water Act deadlines (Note: we need to fix the "to" line on pg Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) With OPA and OCIR's approval, we would like to issue the attached press release Monday afternoon that announces this guidance. I will get Dave's final edits on the PR over the weekend. If this timing works for you all, **could we aim for a 3 pm announcement on Monday?**

OCIR- please note that we have a quote in our PR from Carol Comer (Director of MO DNR).

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<EPA Issues Memo to Increase Compliance with CWA PR 5.29.19.docx>

<CWAdeadlinespolicy-draft.pdf>

Message

From: Bennett, Tate [Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: 10/26/2017 6:40:29 PM
To: Ringel, Aaron [ringel.aaron@epa.gov]
CC: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: EPA Event Next Tuesday

Konkus- Do you think this is ok?

From: Ringel, Aaron
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2017 2:38 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Event Next Tuesday

Considering their time constraints I've been asked to ensure Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) They are still confirming that they can be there but should be able to make it happen. That work?

-Aaron

From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2017 10:27 AM
To: Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Event Next Tuesday

I think we'd like to give Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Thoughts?

From: Ringel, Aaron
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 3:51 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Teller, Paul S. EOP/WHO < Ex.6 EOP Personal Privacy (PP) >
Subject: RE: EPA Event Next Tuesday

Working with Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Should have a list back from them later today or early tomorrow, will pass along once I get it.

-Aaron

From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 3:33 PM
To: Teller, Paul S. EOP/WHO < Ex.6 EOP Personal Privacy (PP) >
Cc: Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Event Next Tuesday

Ok! Do you think it's still worth trying to Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Adding Aaron Ringel in our Congressional who is helping me build out Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) He can shed more light on exactly what members.

As for our groups I was thinking the following (open to more suggestions):

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

From: Teller, Paul S. EOP/WHO [mailto: Ex.6 EOP Personal Privacy (PP)
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 3:17 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Event Next Tuesday

Yes—love it. Folks will be thrilled. And I think just that one event at EPA will be enough. If we do another one at the WH, folks will want to know what is different, y'know? Anyway, once you settle on details for the 2pm event Tuesday, lemme know and I can try to be there. Also, if you want, let me know whom you invite, and I can see who might be missing (for example, someone we invited to the WH meeting last time but who could not attend for logistics reasons). Thanks!

Paul Teller
Special Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs
The White House

Ex.6 EOP Personal Privacy (PP)

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, October 25, 2017 10:14 AM
To: Teller, Paul S. EOP/WHO < Ex.6 EOP Personal Privacy (PP) >
Subject: EPA Event Next Tuesday

It will be here at EPA at 2 PM next Tuesday. I was going to call folks from the meeting last week and personally invite them/ simultaneously ask them to keep a close hold. Thoughts?

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Message

From: Bennett, Tate [Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: 5/23/2019 7:17:36 PM
To: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]
Subject: Fwd: FDA Date Labeling letter

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Zimdahl, Nina" <Nina.Zimdahl@fda.hhs.gov>
Date: May 23, 2019 at 3:00:09 PM EDT
To: "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: "Yiannas, Frank" <Frank.Yiannas@fda.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: FDA Date Labeling letter

That's great! Thanks for sharing. We appreciate your support and partnership.

From: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2019 2:59 PM
To: Zimdahl, Nina <Nina.Zimdahl@fda.hhs.gov>
Cc: Yiannas, Frank <Frank.Yiannas@fda.hhs.gov>
Subject: Re: FDA Date Labeling letter

We had some social media waiting applauding your efforts. See below links to social media kudos from EPA to FDA :)

Twitter

Facebook

LinkedIn

Instagram

On May 23, 2019, at 1:49 PM, Zimdahl, Nina <Nina.Zimdahl@fda.hhs.gov> wrote:

Hi Tate,

Yes! Below is a link to the industry letter, as well as the FDA Voices post co-authored by Frank and FDA's Acting Commissioner, Dr. Ned Sharpless.

Letter: https://www.fda.gov/media/125114/download

Voices: https://www.fda.gov/news-events/fda-voices-perspectives-fda-leadership-and-experts/working-food-industry-reduce-confusion-over-date-labels

Thank you,
Nina

From: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2019 1:42 PM
To: Zimdahl, Nina <Nina.Zimdahl@fda.hhs.gov>
Cc: Yiannas, Frank <Frank.Yiannas@fda.hhs.gov>
Subject: RE: FDA Date Labeling letter

Hi there! Has this announcement gone live?

From: Zimdahl, Nina <Nina.Zimdahl@fda.hhs.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2019 11:26 AM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Yiannas, Frank <Frank.Yiannas@fda.hhs.gov>
Subject: FDA Date Labeling letter

Hi Tate,

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Please let us know if you have any questions. We look forward to continuing to work with EPA on reducing food waste.

Thank you,
Nina

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Message

From: Bennett, Tate [Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: 5/23/2019 5:42:44 PM
To: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: FDA Date Labeling letter

Checking in

From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2019 1:42 PM
To: Zimdahl, Nina <Nina.Zimdahl@fda.hhs.gov>
Cc: Yiannas, Frank <Frank.Yiannas@fda.hhs.gov>
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Message

From: McFaul, Jessica [mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov]
Sent: 5/21/2019 5:30:01 PM
To: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: For OPA and OCIR review & approval: WA WQS Comms Plan

Thank you…sorry, I thought I found it!

From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2019 1:29 PM
To: McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: For OPA and OCIR review & approval: WA WQS Comms Plan

"EPA has approved the human health criteria water quality standards that Washington State submitted to the agency in 2016, thus agreeing with the state that its proposal is protective of public health and consistent with the Clean Water Act." – EPA Spokesperson

John Konkus
Environmental Protection Agency
Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Affairs
Mobile: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

On May 21, 2019, at 1:25 PM, McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov> wrote:

> On WA HHWQC, followed the email chain, and I believe this is the final. Want to just confirm with you.
> Jess
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> **Holding Statement:**
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> **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**
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> **From:** Konkus, John
> **Sent:** Friday, May 10, 2019 5:17 PM
> **To:** Skadowski, Suzanne <Skadowski.Suzanne@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Holsman, Marianne <Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov>; Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>; Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: For OPA and OCIR review & approval: WA WQS Comms Plan
>
> What you have from Allison is good to go.
>
> John Konkus
> Environmental Protection Agency
> Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Affairs
> Mobile: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

On May 10, 2019, at 5:14 PM, Skadowski, Suzanne <Skadowski.Suzanne@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi John,

Do you have a final statement?

Our folks are doing stakeholder notifications and I want to be sure we have your latest.

Thanks!

Suzanne

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Sent: Friday, May 10, 2019 11:14 AM
To: Skadowski, Suzanne <Skadowski.Suzanne@epa.gov>; Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>; Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
Cc: Holsman, Marianne <Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: For OPA and OCIR review & approval: WA WQS Comms Plan

Hold. Statement is not approved yet. Also, can R10 route all inquiries on this topic through HQ via press@epa.gov? Thank you!

From: Skadowski, Suzanne
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2019 2:13 PM
To: Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>; Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
Cc: Holsman, Marianne <Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: For OPA and OCIR review & approval: WA WQS Comms Plan

Hi Allison,

As discussed, we have one media inquiry already, from Bloomberg, Paul Shukovsky, Pshukovsky@bloomberglaw.com.

Could you please send him the statement after the web post is live?

Thanks.

Suzanne Skadowski
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Subject: RE: For OPA and OCIR review & approval: WA WQS Comms Plan
Importance: High

All, the Regional Administrator will sign this action today. We are looking at kicking our rollout plan (see below and attached for reference) into gear starting at **3 pm eastern** (Noon pacific) where head's up calls will take place between 3 -4 pm eastern. OW will add the signed decision doc to its website at 4 pm. Let me know if you have any concerns with this plan. -Allison

Rollout Plan for Today (Day of Signature):

3- 4 pm eastern: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

- Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

4 pm eastern: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
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Holding Statement:

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Subject: For OPA and OCIR review & approval: WA WQS Comms Plan

DELIBERATIVE

Attached is the updated comms plan for the WA water quality standards (human health criteria) decision. We expect the Region 10 Administrator will sign either tomorrow or Friday.

Attached is the comms strategy with proposed holding statement The comms plan was reviewed and approved by R10 and Dave and Anna. For your awareness, the Administrator received a letter yesterday from WA State (Ecology) on this issue as well as a letter from state's attorney general today (both attached).

As far as press strategy we are recommending sharing the holding statement with three outlets who have or will be writing: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Let's chat! -Allison

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Message

From: Valentine, Julia [Valentine.Julia@epa.gov]
Sent: 7/12/2017 6:33:08 PM
To: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
CC: Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]; Graham, Amy [graham.amy@epa.gov]; Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]; Hull, George [Hull.George@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: For Review: Reuters (Ryan Beene re FCA Resumes Diesel Production? (Deadline: asap) [PRIVILEGED + AND CONFIDENTIAL DELIBERATIVE]

Great thanks

Julia P. Valentine
Office of Media Relations
202.564.2663
Sent from USEPA iPhone

On Jul 12, 2017, at 2:29 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

Yes anytime we are sending the same response out on the same type of inquiry, we don't need to approve each one ☺

From: Valentine, Julia
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 2:20 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
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Ok to send same response to Detroit Free Press (Eric Lawrence)?

From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 10:53 AM
To: Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
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yes

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Ok to send?

Julia P. Valentine
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On Jul 11, 2017, at 7:10 PM, Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov> wrote:

Michael, as I've explained to the others on this email, some of what is contained in here is subject to litigation hold and is privileged and confidential due to our lawsuit against FCA , Fiat Chrysler. I keep the emails about this issue to a small group so as not to expose anyone else to the lit hold.

Background: (Repeating some background here for Michael, sorry this is a repeat for some) The information is from the compliance division of OTAQ (The Office of Transportation and Air Quality) -- Byron Bunker and his team. It is entirely plausible that FCA has produced some of the 2017 Ram 1500. It is legal, but they may not ship them domestically or import them if produced in foreign plants. We have used this response a few times since February. The answer is not different than it has been in the past. All information about vehicles in testing in confidential business information (CBI). Even when we approve or deny, that information remains CBI. Only since Volkswagen have reporters been interested in a vehicle's certificate of conformity. Now, for diesels especially, it is news in the auto sector.

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Suggested response:

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 10:12 AM
To: Valentine, Julia <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: FCA Resumes Diesel Production?

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Thanks

Ryan

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Reporter - Autos
Regulation Team
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Office: 202.807.2025
Mobile: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Message

From: Graham, Amy [graham.amy@epa.gov]
Sent: 7/12/2017 12:54:45 PM
To: Valentine, Julia [Valentine.Julia@epa.gov]; Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]
CC: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]; Hull, George [Hull.George@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: For Review: Reuters (Ryan Beene re FCA Resumes Diesel Production? (Deadline: asap) [PRIVILEGED + AND CONFIDENTIAL DELIBERATIVE]

Yes, okay with this response.

From: Valentine, Julia
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 8:12 AM
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Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
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Ok to send?

Julia P. Valentine
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202.564.2663
Sent from USEPA iPhone

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Suggested response:

EPA does not comment on certification applications prior to vehicles being introduced into commerce.

On background, only for the reporter's information, not for attribution:

Manufacturers occasionally produce vehicles in advance of receiving a Certificate of Conformity but are prohibited from shipping those vehicles from the plant for domestic vehicles or from importing them from foreign plants until they have received a valid Certificate.

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Message

From: Valentine, Julia [Valentine.Julia@epa.gov]
Sent: 3/16/2017 7:23:44 PM
To: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]
CC: Hull, George [Hull.George@epa.gov]
Subject: JOHN BUDGET: Mother Jones

Importance: High

OUTLET: Mother Jones
Reporter: Rebecca Leber

Question:
The budget says it will cut "more than 50 programs" at the EPA and lists a few examples. I was wondering if I could see the full list of programs.

EPA Answer:

This blueprint reflects the President's priorities of preserving clean air and water as well as to ease the burden of costly regulations to industry. It helps refocus the Agency on being more effective, more focused, and less costly.

We are redesigning the way we do business to focus on achieving our core responsibilities - working with the states to ensure clean and breathable air, protecting water quality and investing in infrastructure, restoring our communities, ensuring timely review of chemicals and products to ensure safety for American families, all of which will have a positive impact on the environment and the economy

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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) m/txt

From: Rebecca Leber [mailto:rleber@motherjones.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 11:45 AM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Request for comment on the White House budget

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Rebecca Leber
Reporter | Mother Jones
202-626-7248
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From: "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Date: Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 11:27 AM
To: Rebecca Leber <rleber@motherjones.com>, Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Request for comment on the White House budget

Rebecca, for attribution to "an EPA spokesperson," please:

We'll get back to you if we have anything to share.

Thanks, R.

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Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) (M)

From: Rebecca Leber [mailto:rleber@motherjones.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2017 11:26 AM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Request for comment on the White House budget

Hi, a question from Mother Jones, my deadline is 2pm est, thank you:

Mr. Pruitt said the other week, "I am communicating a message that the Brownfields Program, the Superfund program, water infrastructure … are essential to protect" and hoped to get a comment on the White House's budget cutting the superfund budget from $762 million to $330 million. Also, a reaction on where the budget comes down on protecting drinking water and state grants.

Appreciate it

--
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Message

From: Hupp, Millan [hupp.millan@epa.gov]
Sent: 4/14/2017 9:38:59 PM
To: Wilkinson, Joe [jwilkinson@AECI.org]
CC: Barry Hart [bhart@amec.org]; Bennett, Tate [Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]; Graham, Amy [graham.amy@epa.gov]; Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]; Bell, Stephen A. [Stephen.Bell@nreca.coop]; Viguet, Mark [mviguet@aeci.org]; Horner, Lynnette [Horner.Lynnette@epa.gov]; Boats, Brian [boats.brian@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Associated Electric Cooperative Overview

Excellent. This is just what we will need. Thank you, Joe.

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday.

Millan

From: Wilkinson, Joe <jwilkinson@AECI.org>
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2017 5:10:20 PM
To: Hupp, Millan
Cc: Barry Hart; Bennett, Tate; Graham, Amy; Konkus, John; Bell, Stephen A.; Viguet, Mark; Horner, Lynnette; Boats, Brian
Subject: Re: Associated Electric Cooperative Overview

Millan,
Thanks for confirming. From Associated's side, we'll have the following:
Steve Iwanowicz - plant manager
Ron Webb - Associated security detail
John Paschal - Associated Security detail
Brent Ross - Manager of Environmental, Health & Safety
Joe Wilkinson - VP Member Services & Corporate Communications
Mark Viguet - Manager, Corporate Communications
Linda Putman - Managing Editor

We will show the venue for the media event and then will walk the route for the tour. We'll be happy to show anything else you or the security detail would like to see.

Thanks,
Joe

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 14, 2017, at 3:40 PM, Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov> wrote:

> Joe,
>
> It looks like I did not respond to you here. My apologies.
>
> We are confirmed for a 3PM walk-through on Wednesday, April 19. Participants will be myself, Lynnette Horner (EPA Protective Service Detail), Brian Boats (EPA Protective Service Detail), John Konkus (EPA Public Affairs/Communications), and Tate Bennett (EPA Congressional Affairs).

I am copying Agent Horner and Agent Boats on this email as well. On this day, we will want to mirror the Administrator's steps for the 20th.

From: Barry Hart <bhart@amec.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2017 9:19:42 AM
To: Joe Wilkinson
Cc: Hupp, Millan; Bennett, Tate; Graham, Amy; Konkus, John; Bell, Stephen A.; Mark Viguet (GR)
Subject: Re: Associated Electric Cooperative Overview

Thanks Joe! Ditto on being honored to host your great event!

Knowing who will be doing the walk through and be available for dinner Wednesday night in Columbia would be great as well. It will be our thank you for all the hard work everyone is putting into this!

Barry

Sent from my iPad

> On Apr 12, 2017, at 8:07 AM, Wilkinson, Joe <jwilkinson@AECI.org> wrote:
>
> We're honored to host the EPA April 20 at Thomas Hill Energy Center. You'll find Associated Electric Cooperative and its member systems are proud of their environmental stewardship, which is balanced with our mission of providing an affordable, reliable power supply to rural electric cooperatives.
>
> Invitation
> Attached you'll find the invitation we've developed to use after you have made an announcement of the upcoming visit. The second page contains a map to the plant and information regarding the tour.
>
> Information about Associated
> Attached fact sheets provide information on what we do, why and how, and features our proactive and innovative record of environmental compliance.
>
> Why our mission is to keep electricity affordable and reliable:
>
> · What we do
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> · A recent survey shows that 41% of the members we serve make less than $40,000 a year, and 16% of those make less than $25,000 a year. You'll find these demographics in the fact sheet "Members score co-op system among best utilities."
>
> · Also included is a service map of the cooperatives and region we serve
> How we produce that electricity:
>
> · Associated uses a mix of resources to keep electricity clean, affordable and reliable
> A number of fact sheets show how we balance mission with environmental stewardship:
>
> · Environmental commitment
>
> · AECI reduces emissions and meets energy needs
>
> · Carbon costs
>
> · AECI moves head on CCR rule for coal ash
>
> · Putting ash to good use
>
> · AECI reduces mercury emissions years ahead of time
>
> · Another piece of the past erased and replaced (tells of our award-winning mining land reclamation)
>

> · Co-ops protect members and mammals (partnership helps ensure transmission reliability while meeting regulations)
>
> You can find more about Associated on our website, www.aeci.org<http://www.aeci.org>, which also includes a "Clean" section about our stewardship and our 2016 annual report.
>
> Finally, we're preparing information specific to Thomas Hill Energy Center that we will send later today.
>
> Security Requirements
> I would like to know if the EPA has a protocol for security that you'd like us to follow. Our plans are to use our internal security staff in addition to a contracted firm that provides security at the plant. We are also in contact with Missouri Highway Patrol and the Randolph County Sheriff. But we want to make sure that we follow any protocol you have.
>
> Advance Meeting
> I also want to confirm an advance meeting at Thomas Hill Energy Center at 3:00 pm on April 19. We are assuming that this is 3:00 central, please let me know if that's not the case. I'd also like to know who will be attending the walkthrough and if there are particular things you'd like to discuss or see during the walkthrough. From Associated, I will be in attendance in addition to my Communications Manager, the plant manager at Thomas Hill and our head of security.
>
> Thank you for the opportunity to work with you. Please let me know what I can do to make this event a success.
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> Joe
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> Joe Wilkinson
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Message

From: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Sent: 2/23/2017 4:45:36 AM
To: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]
Subject: Fwd: KRDO Interview today - Colorado Smelter

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Mutter, Andrew" <mutter.andrew@epa.gov>
> **Date:** February 22, 2017 at 5:31:13 PM EST
> **To:** "Grantham, Nancy" <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>, "Hull, George" <Hull.George@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** "Valentine, Julia" <Valentine.Julia@epa.gov>, "Mylott, Richard" <Mylott.Richard@epa.gov>
> **Subject: FW: KRDO Interview today - Colorado Smelter**
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> Nancy,
> Short summary of today's media event.
>
> Best regards,
>
> Andrew
>
> ***Andrew Mutter***
>
> Director, Office of Communication and Public Involvement
> U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8 (Denver, CO)
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> **From:** Mylott, Richard
> **Sent:** Wednesday, February 22, 2017 2:59 PM
> **To:** Faulk, Libby <Faulk.Libby@epa.gov>; Wharton, Steve <Wharton.Steve@epa.gov>; Murray, Bill <Murray.Bill@epa.gov>; Stavnes, Sandra <Stavnes.Sandra@epa.gov>; Smidinger, Betsy <Smidinger.Betsy@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Mutter, Andrew <mutter.andrew@epa.gov>; Forrest, Sabrina <Forrest.Sabrina@epa.gov>; Guerra, Valeria <Guerra.Valeria@epa.gov>; Forrest, Sabrina <Forrest.Sabrina@epa.gov>; McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa <Mcclain-Vanderpool.Lisa@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: KRDO Interview today - Colorado Smelter
>
> All- I just spoke with Sabrina. Interview went as expected, content covered included a simple description of EPA alley sampling as part of larger Operable Unit 1 sampling effort (that includes residential properties, parks, and other locations within the site boundaries) to characterize site conditions and determine cleanup needs. Sabrina emphasized that we will continue to work with community to communicate sample results and discuss next steps as we move forward. This includes regular bi-

monthly meetings in Pueblo. We expect news segment will air tonight at 6. Special thanks to Sabrina for handling!

Rich 303-312-6654

From: Faulk, Libby
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2017 1:15 PM
To: Wharton, Steve <Wharton.Steve@epa.gov>; Murray, Bill <Murray.Bill@epa.gov>; Stavnes, Sandra <Stavnes.Sandra@epa.gov>; Smidinger, Betsy <Smidinger.Betsy@epa.gov>
Cc: Mylott, Richard <Mylott.Richard@epa.gov>; Mutter, Andrew <mutter.andrew@epa.gov>; Forrest, Sabrina <Forrest.Sabrina@epa.gov>; Guerra, Valeria <Guerra.Valeria@epa.gov>
Subject: KRDO Interview today - Colorado Smelter
Importance: High

Hi All,

Wanted to alert you all to an media request that Sabrina received in the field today from KRDO, a local TV station in Pueblo. They are wanting to take video of the alley sampling efforts and interview Sabrina about the alley work. Sabrina has access to the site messaging and Q&A's and will do great. We've talked with Rich who connected with HQ's who has approved of the interview. HQ's will want a report out afterwards of the interview. The interview should take place after 2:00 today. The Reporters plan is to broadcast it on the 5:00 news.

Let me know if you have questions. Please share with others as necessary (RA/DAR?). Thanks, Libby

Libby Faulk, Program Manager
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Message

From: Bennett, Tate [Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: 4/30/2019 2:17:07 PM
To: Zimdahl, Nina [Nina.Zimdahl@fda.hhs.gov]
CC: Yiannas, Frank [Frank.Yiannas@fda.hhs.gov]; Molina, Michael [molina.michael@epa.gov]; Beck, Nancy [Beck.Nancy@epa.gov]; Schiermeyer, Corry [schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov]; Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]; McFaul, Jessica [mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov]; Kaiser, Sven-Erik [Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Under embargo until 1pm: New Era of Smarter Food Safety Statement

Thank you very much, Team FDA. Copying our comms team and some of our sr team for their awareness. Appreciate the heads up and good luck. We will keep a close hold.

On Apr 30, 2019, at 10:12 AM, Zimdahl, Nina <Nina.Zimdahl@fda.hhs.gov> wrote:

> Hi Tate,
>
> Thank you for taking the time to talk to Frank today about the release of the statement on the New Era of Smarter Food Safety. I've attached the forthcoming statement, which we appreciate you keeping under embargo until 1pm ET.
>
> Please let us know if you have any questions.
>
> Thank you,
> Nina
>
> **Nina Zimdahl**
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> nina.zimdahl@fda.hhs.gov
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> <FDA New Era of Smarter Food Safety_FINAL_04.30.19.pdf>

Message

From: Dennis, Allison [Dennis.Allison@epa.gov]
Sent: 5/10/2019 9:30:52 PM
To: Schiermeyer, Corry [schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov]; Lyons, Troy [lyons.troy@epa.gov]; Rodrick, Christian [rodrick.christian@epa.gov]; McFaul, Jessica [mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov]; Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]; Carter, Brittany S. [carter.brittanys@epa.gov]; Wildeman, Anna [wildeman.anna@epa.gov]
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Subject: RE: For OPA and OCIR review & approval: WA WQS Comms Plan

Decision Memo is now posted: https://www.epa.gov/wqs-tech/water-quality-standards-regulations-washington

Direct link to the pdf → https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2019-05/documents/wawqsletter_td_dated_may_2019.pdf

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From: Dennis, Allison
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2019 2:02 PM
To: Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Carter, Brittany S. <carter.brittanys@epa.gov>; Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>
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Subject: RE: For OPA and OCIR review & approval: WA WQS Comms Plan
Importance: High

All, the Regional Administrator will sign this action today. We are looking at kicking our rollout plan (see below and attached for reference) into gear starting at **3 pm eastern** (Noon pacific) where head's up calls will take place between 3 - 4 pm eastern. OW will add the signed decision doc to its website at 4 pm. Let me know if you have any concerns with this plan. -Allison

Rollout Plan Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) **(Day of Signature):**

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

From: Dennis, Allison
Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2019 5:29 PM
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DELIBERATIVE

Attached is the updated comms plan for the WA water quality standards (human health criteria) decision. We expect the Region 10 Administrator will sign either tomorrow or Friday.

Attached is the comms strategy with proposed holding statement The comms plan was reviewed and approved by R10 and Dave and Anna. For your awareness, the Administrator received a letter yesterday from WA State (Ecology) on this issue as well as a letter from state's attorney general today (both attached).

As far as press strategy we are recommending Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Let's chat! -Allison

Allison Dennis

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Message

From: Skadowski, Suzanne [Skadowski.Suzanne@epa.gov]
Sent: 5/10/2019 9:20:25 PM
To: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]
CC: Holsman, Marianne [Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov]; Dennis, Allison [Dennis.Allison@epa.gov]; Schiermeyer, Corry [schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov]; McFaul, Jessica [mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Drinkard, Andrea [Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: For OPA and OCIR review & approval: WA WQS Comms Plan

Great, thank you!

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What you have from Allison is good to go.

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On May 10, 2019, at 5:14 PM, Skadowski, Suzanne <Skadowski.Suzanne@epa.gov> wrote:

> Hi John,
>
> Do you have a final statement?
>
> Our folks are doing stakeholder notifications and I want to be sure we have your latest.
>
> Thanks!
>
> Suzanne
>
> ***Suzanne Skadowski***
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Good here

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Attachments: 5-7-19 Director Bellon Letter to EPA Administrator Wheeler re HHC.pdf; ATT00001.htm; incoming_wa_ag_wa_state_wqs_5-8-19.pdf; ATT00002.htm; WA WQS HHC_Comm Strategy OW 5.8.19.docx; ATT00003.htm

Any issues with a 3pm notification/4pm web posting tomorrow for this? Chris Hladick will sign. Allison has coordinated with OCIR on notifications.

Thanks.

Begin forwarded message:

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Sent: 3/31/2017 2:42:43 PM
To: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]; Valentine, Julia [Valentine.Julia@epa.gov]; Hull, George [Hull.George@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Regional office elimination

See info from OARM below – I am checking with region 3 to see if Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) **as indicated in Donna's message.**

Thanks ng

From: Vizian, Donna
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2017 12:46 PM
To: 2017 Daily Hot Issues <2017_Daily_Hot_Issues@epa.gov>
Cc: Showman, John <Showman.John@epa.gov>
Subject: Delay of R3 lease renewal

- The current lease for the R3 HQ space in Philadelphia expires in 2020. R3 is in a commercial building.
- We have been working with GSA on a competitive bid for space in Philadelphia. GSA enters into the lease agreement on behalf of the federal government.
- GSA is ready to move into the final phase of the competition with an award projected in June. This would commit the government (GSA) to a 15 years lease and EPA at least 16 months of rent.
- Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

From: Valentine, Julia
Sent: Friday, March 31, 2017 10:26 AM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Regional office elimination

Minus reporter
I'll send budget response to John for approval

Julia P. Valentine
Assoc. Dir./Acting Dir.
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202.564.2663 direct
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) m/txt

From: Susan Phillips [mailto:Sphillips@whyy.org]
Sent: Friday, March 31, 2017 10:20 AM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Cc: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Regional office elimination

Hi Tricia, I'm doing a story about concerns of employees at region 3 who are worried what recent reports about eliminating two regional offices could mean for region 3. They're telling me that the headquarters in downtown Philadelphia is up for a lease renewal but it may not be renewed. Can you shed any light on this? Are there plans to eliminate region 3 and/or not renew the lease of their current office? Thanks. My deadline is 5 pm today.

Susan Phillips
Energy reporter
NPR member station WHYY
90.9 FM Philadelphia

On Mar 23, 2017, at 9:49 AM, Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov> wrote:

Susan—

See below for EPA's response to your inquiry.

Best,

Tricia

Reporter:
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Reporter would like to find some good ways of illustrating the impact of proposed EPA Budget cuts to the environment and the Chesapeake Bay. She is "looking to tell a story in a way that goes beyond just numbers."

EPA Response:

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Tricia Lynn
Office of Public Affairs
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From: Hull, George [Hull.George@epa.gov]
Sent: 3/16/2019 12:25:14 AM
To: Beach, Christopher [beach.christopher@epa.gov]
CC: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]; egan, patrick [egan.patrick@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Hillview Reservoir Settlement Press Release

Thanks, Chris. I'll send to the US Attorneys Office and DOJ. - George

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 15, 2019, at 8:11 PM, Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov> wrote:

> Yes, this works. Good catch. Thanks!
>
> Sent from my iPhone
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> On Mar 15, 2019, at 7:11 PM, Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> > Chris,
> > Here is Susan's response to the edited quote you sent me. Let know if this works. - George
> >
> > Even though it was in my original version of the quote, I don't want to say Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) so can we edit it to say:
> >
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I don't have any new information on timing, but wanted to make sure you had seen this. Could one of you let me know that you received it. Thanks, George

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From: Hull, George
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 5:34 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>
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Just heard **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**
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Subject: Hillview Reservoir Settlement Press Release

John and Chris,

We have a pending announcement with DOJ on a settlement with the City of New York to address violations of an administrative order at the Hillview Reservoir. Susan has recommended this for an Administrative quote. The attached shows Susan's edits, including her suggestion for a quote. I don't have an exact estimate of when DOJ is planning to announce, but this could be soon. I've got a call into DOJ asking about timing and will let you know what I learn. Thanks, George

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Cc: egan, patrick <egan.patrick@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Hillview Reservoir Settlement Press Release

John and Chris,

The US Attorney's Office reached out to me last night to request the EPA quote. Could you send to me. Thanks, George

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From: Hull, George
Sent: Monday, March 04, 2019 12:16 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>
Cc: egan, patrick <egan.patrick@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Hillview Reservoir Settlement Press Release

John and Chris,
I don't have any new information on timing, but wanted to make sure you had seen this. Could one of you let me know that you received it. Thanks, George

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From: Hull, George
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 5:34 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Hillview Reservoir Settlement Press Release

Just heard **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)** - George

From: Hull, George
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2019 5:29 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>
Subject: Hillview Reservoir Settlement Press Release

John and Chris,

We have a pending announcement with DOJ on a settlement with the City of New York to address violations of an administrative order at the Hillview Reservoir. Susan has recommended this for an Administrative quote. The attached shows Susan's edits, including her suggestion for a quote. I don't have an exact estimate of when DOJ is planning to announce, but this could be soon. I've got a call into DOJ asking about timing and will let you know what I learn. Thanks, George

Message

From: Dennis, Allison [Dennis.Allison@epa.gov]
Sent: 5/8/2019 9:29:10 PM
To: Schiermeyer, Corry [schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov]; Lyons, Troy [lyons.troy@epa.gov]; Rodrick, Christian [rodrick.christian@epa.gov]; McFaul, Jessica [mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov]; Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]; Carter, Brittany S. [carter.brittanys@epa.gov]
CC: Fotouhi, David [Fotouhi.David@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Drinkard, Andrea [Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov]; Kaiser, Sven-Erik [Kaiser.Sven-Erik@epa.gov]; Borum, Denis [Borum.Denis@epa.gov]; Bowles, Jack [Bowles.Jack@epa.gov]; Hannon, Arnita [Hannon.Arnita@epa.gov]; Holsman, Marianne [Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov]
Subject: For OPA and OCIR review & approval: WA WQS Comms Plan
Attachments: 5-7-19 Director Bellon Letter to EPA Administrator Wheeler re HHC.pdf; incoming_wa_ag_wa_state_wqs_5-8-19.pdf; WA WQS HHC_Comm Strategy OW 5.8.19.docx

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Attached is the updated comms plan for the WA water quality standards (human health criteria) decision. We expect the Region 10 Administrator will sign either tomorrow or Friday.

Attached is the comms strategy with proposed holding statement The comms plan was reviewed and approved by R10 and Dave and Anna. For your awareness, the Administrator received a letter yesterday from WA State (Ecology) on this issue as well as a letter from state's attorney general today (both attached).

As far as press strategy we are recommending Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Let's chat! -Allison

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Message

From: Schiermeyer, Corry [schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov]
Sent: 6/24/2019 3:57:58 PM
To: Fotouhi, David [Fotouhi.David@epa.gov]
CC: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]; Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Bristol Bay/Pebble Mine issue

Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 24, 2019, at 10:43 AM, Fotouhi, David <Fotouhi.David@epa.gov> wrote:

> It should be ready to share by this afternoon. Thanks!
>
> **David Fotouhi**
>
> Principal Deputy General Counsel
> Office of General Counsel
> U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
> Tel: +1 202.564.1976
> fotouhi.david@epa.gov
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> **From:** Schiermeyer, Corry
> **Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 11:33 AM
> **To:** Fotouhi, David <Fotouhi.David@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: Bristol Bay/Pebble Mine issue
>
> Do you have the draft memo we can review? I'm traveling with the Administrator but would like to see what you all are planning.
>
> Thank you!
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
> On Jun 24, 2019, at 9:33 AM, Fotouhi, David <Fotouhi.David@epa.gov> wrote:
>
>> Excellent; I'll ask Matt's assistant to send around a calendar invitation. Thanks so much.
>>
>> **David Fotouhi**
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>> Principal Deputy General Counsel
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>> **From:** Konkus, John
>> **Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2019 10:32 AM
>> **To:** Fotouhi, David <Fotouhi.David@epa.gov>; Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
>> **Subject:** RE: Bristol Bay/Pebble Mine issue

Mike and I will be here.

From: Fotouhi, David
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2019 10:31 AM
To: Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
Subject: Bristol Bay/Pebble Mine issue

Corry, John, Mike,

Matt and I would like to discuss with you a memo we're planning to release on Wednesday of this week regarding Bristol Bay/Pebble Mine so that we can develop a press strategy. Would one or more of you be available at 3:30 or 4:30 this afternoon? Thanks.

Best,

David

David Fotouhi

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Message

From: Vance, Eric [Vance.Eric@epa.gov]
Sent: 6/20/2019 1:14:50 AM
To: Dunn, Alexandra [dunn.alexandra@epa.gov]; Ryan, Jini [Ryan.Jini@epa.gov]
CC: Schiermeyer, Corry [schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov]; Bolen, Derrick [bolen.derrick@epa.gov]; Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]; Bennett, Tate [Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]; Humphreys, Hayly [humphreys.hayly@epa.gov]; Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Heads up

Adding Jini to this thread.

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Bookmark this link to Office of Multimedia photo galleries, all photos are available here.
http://intranet.epa.gov/media/
Accessible from within EPA's network.
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On Jun 19, 2019, at 9:08 PM, Dunn, Alexandra <dunn.alexandra@epa.gov> wrote:

> Thanks Corry. Hopefully our package is 90 percent of what you need.
>
> Also we to Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) which I believe will be final tomorrow. Let me know who I can work with in OPA to pull some tweets and a press release together. Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
>
> Alexandra Dapolito Dunn, Esq.
> Assistant Administrator
> Office of Chemical Safety & Pollution Prevention
> U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
> Washington, DC
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
> On Jun 19, 2019, at 8:58 PM, Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> > I will have our communications plan in the morning. I want to make a few tweaks before sending around.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 19, 2019, at 8:15 PM, Bolen, Derrick <bolen.derrick@epa.gov> wrote:

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Thank you,
Derrick Bolen

On Jun 19, 2019, at 7:52 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

> For sure. Derrick has the latest run of show I provided edits to just now. He's going to circulate shortly I believe .
>
> > On Jun 19, 2019, at 7:37 PM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:
> >
> > This will be perfect.
> >
> > Tate can you help Derrick with room set up for the meeting?
> >
> > -----Original Message-----
> >
> > From: Bennett, Tate
> >
> > Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2019 5:20 PM

To: Humphreys, Hayly <humphreys.hayly@epa.gov>

Cc: Dunn, Alexandra <dunn.alexandra@epa.gov>; Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Bolen, Derrick <bolen.derrick@epa.gov>; Vance, Eric <Vance.Eric@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>

Subject: Heads up

Lead dust moved back to Wheeler's office.

Message

From: Sauerhage, Maggie [Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov]
Sent: 3/4/2019 5:21:05 PM
To: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: coal ash story

Done

Maggie Sauerhage
Office of Public Affairs
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Office: (202) 564-0443
Cell: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

From: Konkus, John
Sent: Monday, March 04, 2019 12:20 PM
To: Sauerhage, Maggie <Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: coal ash story

You can give them mine since I've been dealing with Brady.

John Konkus
Environmental Protection Agency
Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Affairs
Mobile: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

On Mar 4, 2019, at 12:18 PM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:

> Mine or Michael Abboud.
>
> John Konkus
> Environmental Protection Agency
> Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Affairs
> Mobile: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
>
> On Mar 4, 2019, at 12:15 PM, Sauerhage, Maggie <Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov> wrote:
>
>> Washington Post would like a name for attribution for the coal ash statement, whose should I give them?
>>
>> Maggie Sauerhage
>> Office of Public Affairs
>> U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
>> Office: (202) 564-0443
>> Cell: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
>>
>> -----Original Message-----
>> From: Dennis, Brady <Brady.Dennis@washpost.com>
>> Sent: Monday, March 04, 2019 12:09 PM
>> To: Sauerhage, Maggie <Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov>
>> Subject: RE: coal ash story

Hi Maggie,

Thanks for this. Happy to include some of this. We have to use a specific name when we quote someone, so I will plan to attribute this to you if that works...

Thanks,
Brady

-----Original Message-----
From: Sauerhage, Maggie [mailto:Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 04, 2019 12:07 PM
To: Dennis, Brady <Brady.Dennis@washpost.com>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: coal ash story

Good afternoon Brady,

We appreciate you updating your story. Please see below for our comment, attributable to an EPA spokesperson.

EPA is reviewing the Environmental Integrity Project report issued today and cannot comment on its contents yet. However, it is important to note that the federal regulations for the disposal of coal combustion residuals (CCR), finalized in 2015, require groundwater monitoring as a first step in a process to monitor and assess contaminants from CCR units. Where contamination is detected above specified levels, the regulations require the owner or operator of the facility to initiate measures to clean up the contamination.

The posting of groundwater monitoring data, as well as other information on facilities' actions to comply with the elements of the regulations, on a publicly available website is also part of the federal regulations for CCR disposal units. This set of requirements helps provide transparency and a mechanism to oversee a facility's compliance with the regulations.

EPA continues to work with our state partners toward full implementation of the CCR regulations. Additional information on EPA's coal ash program is available here: https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.epa.gov_coalash&d=DwIGaQ&c=RAhzPLrCAq19eJdrcQiUVEwFYoMRqGDAXQ_puw5tYjg&r=t4hJdWEVTki0hCEVS913r1wqu5bBniXm3-ASfF0zGfY&m=fVJA1kscAy4lN2q3q28EjBM3LxMGtCBdcYNg_U1tOB8&s=mLbnN9IKBepDHCN-2L2gpHgZoL-mR-0Nu0159yQ8BZk&e=.

Thanks,
Maggie

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-----Original Message-----
From: Dennis, Brady <Brady.Dennis@washpost.com>

Sent: Sunday, March 03, 2019 8:19 PM
To: Sauerhage, Maggie <Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: coal ash story

Hi Maggie,

The story is posting early tomorrow, I think, because that's when the embargo lifts on this report. Though we should have ability to add additional comment tomorrow, if necessary.

Thanks,
Brady

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@brady_dennis

On Mar 3, 2019, at 6:53 PM, Sauerhage, Maggie <Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov> wrote:

[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Hi Brady,

What's your deadline?

Thanks,
Maggie

Maggie Sauerhage
Office of Public Affairs
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

On Mar 3, 2019, at 2:30 PM, Dennis, Brady <Brady.Dennis@washpost.com> wrote:

Hi all,

Some environmental groups are planning to put out findings early tomorrow, based on the monitoring data released last year, that they claim shows that a large percentage of coal ash ponds and landfills around the country are leaking harmful metals into nearby groundwater — sometimes at very high levels. This is using data that the 2015 CCR rule required to be disclosed.

We will probably write about this report, and I just wanted to check to see if EPA has any comment about what it is doing to prevent coal ash contamination around the country or any planned future changes are to the existing rule. I will of course note some to the changes that were finalized last year. And my understanding is that a subsequent proposal that sells with the use of coal ash in concrete and other materials is currently at OMB.

In any case, wanted to make sure and seek any comment you might have on specifics or on the broader issue of preventing coal ash leaks.

Thanks much,

Brady

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Message

From: Parkinson, Zach Z. EOP/WHO [Ex. 6 EOP (PP)]
Sent: 2/15/2019 3:36:03 PM
To: Parkinson, Zach Z. EOP/WHO [Ex. 6 EOP (PP)]
CC: Hasse, Sarah K. EOP/WHO [Ex. 6 EOP (PP)]
Subject: RE: FYI - POTUS Remarks Pushed Back Slightly
Attachments: Funding Bill Factsheet V.4.docx

Attached to be released by WH at **END** of POTUS remarks. Please keep close hold until then.

From: Parkinson, Zach Z. EOP/WHO <[Ex. 6 EOP (PP)]>
Sent: Friday, February 15, 2019 10:03 AM
To: Parkinson, Zach Z. EOP/WHO <[Ex. 6 EOP (PP)]>
Cc: Hasse, Sarah K. EOP/WHO <[Ex. 6 EOP (PP)]>
Subject: FYI - POTUS Remarks Pushed Back Slightly

We are now expecting the President to begin his remarks closer to 10:30. Below links/tweet are good to share through social.

Watch Live: President Trump Speaks on the National Security & Humanitarian Crisis on Our Southern Border

- Watch Live on Facebook, YouTube, or WhiteHouse.Gov/Live.

Tweets:

The White House
@WhiteHouse

LIVE at 10 a.m. ET: President @realDonaldTrump will deliver remarks from the Rose Garden on the national security and humanitarian crisis on our southern border.

Watch here: 45.wh.gov/RIVRmD
313 9:51 AM - Feb 15, 2019

276 people are talking about this

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Message

From: Dennis, Allison [Dennis.Allison@epa.gov]
Sent: 12/20/2018 3:42:46 PM
To: Richardson, RobinH [Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]
CC: Lyons, Troy [lyons.troy@epa.gov]; Nitsch, Chad [Nitsch.Chad@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Drinkard, Andrea [Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov]; Klasen, Matthew [Klasen.Matthew@epa.gov]; Bowles, Jack [Bowles.Jack@epa.gov]; Palich, Christian [palich.christian@epa.gov]; Ringel, Aaron [ringel.aaron@epa.gov]; Frye, Tony (Robert) [frye.robert@epa.gov]; Rodrick, Christian [rodrick.christian@epa.gov]; Bennett, Tate [Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]; Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Baltimore Planning

All,

This loan was closed today, as planned. Just to ensure everyone is on the same page, we are holding on all external comms (web updates , email blasts, etc.) regarding this loan closure until our public announcement on January 28. The borrower will be following our approach as well. Please let me know if you have any concerns or questions with this approach .

Sent from my iPhone

> On Dec 19, 2018, at 2:58 PM, Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> Hi everyone – This is time for us to begin planning for the Baltimore WIFIA event. Please add others as appropriate. Thank you! Robin
> ---
> Team– (from Troy)
>
> We have locked in 10:00 AM on Monday, January 28 to hold the WIFIA signing ceremony in Baltimore with Senator Cardin. There is a lot of external stakeholder engagement so we need to all coordinate to ensure this is a successful event. I suggest we have representatives from OCIR, OW, OPEE, and OPA meet in short order to discuss the planning and execution of the event.
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> Topics of Discussion
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> 1. Logistics
> * Location
> * Run of Show
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> 1. Invitees
> * Participants
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> 1. Press Strategy
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> <meeting.ics>

Message

From: Hull, George [Hull.George@epa.gov]
Sent: 1/31/2019 6:24:06 PM
To: Beach, Christopher [beach.christopher@epa.gov]
CC: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: DRAFT NYCHA release

Thanks, Chris. I'll get it over to the US Attorney's Office right away. - George

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From: Beach, Christopher
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2019 1:23 PM
To: Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: DRAFT NYCHA release

George, just a few small edits from AAW. Please use this version; it's good to go:

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

From: Hull, George
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2019 11:51 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: DRAFT NYCHA release
Importance: High

John,
Here is a draft quote that Susan is recommending for Administrator Wheeler. She followed the format that was used in the previous press release on NYCHA. Let me know if there are edits and if/when we have a green light to send this to the US Attorney's Office . They are looking for it from us, ASAP. – Thanks, George

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

From: Hull, George
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2019 10:14 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Nancy Grantham (grantham.nancy@epa.gov) <grantham.nancy@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: DRAFT NYCHA release
Importance: High

John,
Per our phone conversation, please find attached the draft press release from the US Attorney's Office regarding today's announcement on an Administrative Agreement from HUD to oversee concerns with the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA). We working on a quote to send for your review, shortly. - George

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From: Dearden, Dawn (USANYS) <Dawn.Dearden@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2019 10:02 AM
To: Sullivan, Brian E <brian.e.sullivan@hud.gov>; Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; Rodriguez, Elias <Rodriguez.Elias@epa.gov>; Schaaf, Eric <Schaaf.Eric@epa.gov>
Cc: Margolin, James (USANYS) [Contractor] <James.Margolin@usdoj.gov>
Subject: DRAFT NYCHA release
Importance: High

All, this is a close-hold draft for today's agreement announcement. Please provide a quote as soon as possible. I'll advise on timing as soon as I can, unless you all have some insight?

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Message

From: Hull, George [Hull.George@epa.gov]
Sent: 1/31/2019 5:51:36 PM
To: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]
CC: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Subject: Urgent - NYCHA Quote Needed

Importance: High

John,
Looks like we have a very small window to get back to the U.S. Attorney's Office with the Administrator's quote, maybe less than a half hour. - George

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From: Dearden, Dawn (USANYS) <Dawn.Dearden@usdoj.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2019 12:44 PM
To: Sullivan, Brian E <brian.e.sullivan@hud.gov>; Margolin, James (USANYS) [Contractor] <James.Margolin@usdoj.gov>; Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; Rodriguez, Elias <Rodriguez.Elias@epa.gov>; Schaaf, Eric <Schaaf.Eric@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: HUD quote
Importance: High

EPA - do you have a quote? We are close to finalizing everything and hope to issue in the next 30 to 45 min. or so.

Dawn
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

From: Dearden, Dawn (USANYS)
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2019 12:10 PM
To: 'Sullivan, Brian E' <brian.e.sullivan@hud.gov>; Margolin, James (USANYS) [Contractor] <JMargolin@usa.doj.gov>; Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; Rodriguez, Elias <Rodriguez.Elias@epa.gov>; Schaaf, Eric <Schaaf.Eric@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: HUD quote

Got it. Thanks!

Dawn
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

From: Sullivan, Brian E <brian.e.sullivan@hud.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2019 12:04 PM
To: Margolin, James (USANYS) [Contractor] <JMargolin@usa.doj.gov>; Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov>; Dearden, Dawn (USANYS) <DDearden@usa.doj.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; Rodriguez, Elias <Rodriguez.Elias@epa.gov>; Schaaf, Eric <Schaaf.Eric@epa.gov>
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Subject: RE: DRAFT NYCHA release

Thanks. You said right in your prior email that it was at 26 Fed, and then I said I was unaware of plans for an event here. Sorry, I wasn't paying close enough attention!

From: Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2019 11:28 AM
To: Margolin, James (USANYS) [Contractor] <JMargolin@usa.doj.gov>; Dearden, Dawn (USANYS) <DDearden@usa.doj.gov>; Sullivan, Brian E <brian.e.sullivan@hud.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; Rodriguez, Elias <Rodriguez.Elias@epa.gov>; Schaaf, Eric <Schaaf.Eric@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: DRAFT NYCHA release

Thanks. I hear it's in 26 Federal at HUD and I guess with the city.

Mary Mears
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(212) 637-3673 (office)
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Subject: RE: DRAFT NYCHA release

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) We haven't made any arrangements for such an announcement. It was our understanding that Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Cc: Margolin, James (USANYS) [Contractor] <JMargolin@usa.doj.gov>
Subject: RE: DRAFT NYCHA release

Hi Dawn,

Is the US Attorney planning to attend the announcement? If so, do you have any details about the exact room in 26 Fed and the time/etc. I am sure there are security considerations and probably requirements for prior clearance, but Eric Schaaf was asking about maybe EPA attending.

Mary Mears
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To: Sullivan, Brian E <brian.e.sullivan@hud.gov>; Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; Rodriguez, Elias <Rodriguez.Elias@epa.gov>; Schaaf, Eric <Schaaf.Eric@epa.gov>
Cc: Margolin, James (USANYS) [Contractor] <James.Margolin@usdoj.gov>
Subject: DRAFT NYCHA release
Importance: High

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Message

From: Parrish, Cayce [Parrish.Cayce@epa.gov]
Sent: 9/11/2018 1:06:33 PM
To: Perovich, Gina [Perovich.Gina@epa.gov]; Kudarauskas, Paul [Kudarauskas.Paul@epa.gov]; Nalipinski, Mike [Nalipinski.Mike@epa.gov]; Devlin, Betsy [Devlin.Betsy@epa.gov]; Elliott, Ross [Elliott.Ross@epa.gov]; Kirkland, Kim [Kirkland.Kim@epa.gov]; Allgeier, Steve [Allgeier.Steve@epa.gov]; Nichols, Tonya [Nichols.Tonya@epa.gov]; Ryan, Shawn [Ryan.Shawn@epa.gov]; Ernst, Hiba [Ernst.Hiba@epa.gov]; Kaminer, Joan [Kaminer.Joan@epa.gov]; Youngblood, Charlotte [Youngblood.Charlotte@epa.gov]; Seidel, Jimmy [Seidel.Jimmy@epa.gov]; Beg, Gul [Beg.Gul@epa.gov]; Youngblood, Charlotte [Youngblood.Charlotte@epa.gov]; Kaminer, Joan [Kaminer.Joan@epa.gov]
CC: Stanich, Ted [Stanich.Ted@epa.gov]; Cheatham, Reggie [cheatham.reggie@epa.gov]; Clark, Becki [Clark.Becki@epa.gov]; Travers, David [Travers.David@epa.gov]; Newberry, Debbie [Newberry.Debbie@epa.gov]; Sayles, Gregory [Sayles.Gregory@epa.gov]; Hanlon, Edward [Hanlon.Edward@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Richardson, RobinH [Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov]; Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: NBS Announcement
Attachments: EPA_Rollout_National Biodefense Strategy_September2018.docx

EPA NBS Workgroup:

Per my email yesterday, the NBS announcement may happen this week. We have prepared some talking points and a Holding or Desk statement for use by the Deputy Administrator or his designee to participate in the various release venues. Please take a quick look at the attached Word document and provide any comments by noon today. Thanks in advance.

Cayce

From: Parrish, Cayce
Sent: Monday, September 10, 2018 3:03 PM
To: Perovich, Gina <Perovich.Gina@epa.gov>; Kudarauskas, Paul <Kudarauskas.Paul@epa.gov>; Nalipinski, Mike <Nalipinski.Mike@epa.gov>; Devlin, Betsy <Devlin.Betsy@epa.gov>; Elliott, Ross <Elliott.Ross@epa.gov>; Kirkland, Kim <Kirkland.Kim@epa.gov>; Allgeier, Steve <Allgeier.Steve@epa.gov>; Nichols, Tonya <Nichols.Tonya@epa.gov>; Ryan, Shawn <Ryan.Shawn@epa.gov>; 'Ernst, Hiba' <Ernst.Hiba@epa.gov>; Kaminer, Joan <Kaminer.Joan@epa.gov>; Youngblood, Charlotte <Youngblood.Charlotte@epa.gov>; Seidel, Jimmy <Seidel.Jimmy@epa.gov>; Beg, Gul <Beg.Gul@epa.gov>; Youngblood, Charlotte <Youngblood.Charlotte@epa.gov>; Kaminer, Joan <Kaminer.Joan@epa.gov>
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EPA NBS Workgroup:

Just a heads up that NSC is working towards release of the National Security Presidential Memorandum and accompanying National Biodefense Strategy in the coming week. Stay tuned, the hurricane may change the timing.

This information is close hold. We do not have final copies of either of the documents. We do have the latest version from the Principals meeting downstairs in the EOC SAF.

Please contact with Tonya Nichols or me if you have any questions.

Cayce

Message

From: Parkinson, Zach Z. EOP/WHO Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Sent: 10/8/2018 4:22:06 PM
To: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Briefing by Senior Administration Officials on E15

Call in below. FYI, I stand corrected, embargo until 830 tonight.

From: White House Press Office <whitehouse-noreply@messages.whitehouse.gov>
Sent: Monday, October 8, 2018 12:21 PM
To: Parkinson, Zach Z. EOP/WHO < Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Subject: Briefing by Senior Administration Officials on E15

THE WHITE HOUSE
Office of the Press Secretary

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October 8, 2018

Briefing by Senior Administration Officials on E15

Today, senior Administration officials will hold a briefing call on the E15 announcement. The briefing will be conducted via conference call at 2:00PM EDT, and the information will be embargoed until 8:30PM EDT. Please find the dial-in information below. The number of lines are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis, so please limit to one per outlet.

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From: Murphy, Ryan (OS/ASPA) [Ryan.Murphy1@hhs.gov]
Sent: 11/30/2018 9:09:21 PM
To: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]; Vanvick, Caroline G [Caroline.G.Vanvick@hud.gov]; Thompson, Amy C [Amy.C.Thompson@hud.gov]; Williams, Raffi [Raphael.L.Williams@hud.gov]; Hall, Bill (HHS/ASPA) [bill.hall@hhs.gov]
Subject: RE: Federal Action Plan

Adding Bill Hall in our public affairs shop.

From: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, November 30, 2018 4:04 PM
To: Vanvick, Caroline G <Caroline.G.Vanvick@hud.gov>; Thompson, Amy C <Amy.C.Thompson@hud.gov>; Williams, Raffi <Raphael.L.Williams@hud.gov>; bill.hull@hhs.gov; Murphy, Ryan (OS/ASPA) <Ryan.Murphy1@hhs.gov>
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To: Thompson, Amy C [Amy.C.Thompson@hud.gov]; Raphael.L.Williams@hud.gov; Caroline.G.Vanvick@hud.gov; bill.hull@hhs.gov; Murphy, Ryan (OS/ASPA) [Ryan.Murphy1@hhs.gov]
Subject: Federal Action Plan
Attachments: Backgrounder. Federal Action Plan.Announcement.Nov.29.2018_.docx

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Message

From: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
Sent: 7/19/2018 11:19:04 AM
To: Dunn, Alexandra [dunn.alexandra@epa.gov]
CC: Konkus, John [konkus.john@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Draft Run of Show for R1/New Bedford Visit

Thx

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 19, 2018, at 7:00 AM, Dunn, Alexandra <dunn.alexandra@epa.gov> wrote:

Sent from my iPhone

Alexandra Dapolito Dunn, J.D.
Regional Administrator
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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Dunn, Alexandra" <dunn.alexandra@epa.gov>
Date: July 18, 2018 at 7:30:20 PM EDT
To: "Dixon, Sean" <dixon.sean@epa.gov>, "Szaro, Deb" <Szaro.Deb@epa.gov>, "Olson, Bryan" <Olson.Bryan@epa.gov>, "Gutro, Doug" <Gutro.Doug@epa.gov>, "Bender, Emily" <Bender.Emily@epa.gov>
Subject: Draft Run of Show for R1/New Bedford Visit

Hi there! Thanks for putting this together. I think it will just be Michael Abboud and Michael Molina and Ken coming in from HQ. Going to be a wonderful day.

From: Dunn, Alexandra
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 4:13 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Kundinger, Kelly <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
Subject: Draft Run of Show for R1/New Bedford Visit

All - if you concur this is what we agreed to at noon can we circulate to our teams?

Wednesday July 25

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Sent from my iPhone

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Message

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Sent: 4/13/2017 10:24:55 PM
To: Freire, JP [Freire.JP@epa.gov]
CC: Graham, Amy [graham.amy@epa.gov]; Ferguson, Lincoln [ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]; Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]; Milbourn, Cathy [Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW: Photo and Video from Admin. Pruitt's Speech and Underground Mine Tour

Here's the YouTube of the media event:
https://youtu.be/sM62FDBDae8

From: Freire, JP
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2017 6:24 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Milbourn, Cathy <Milbourn.Cathy@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: FOR REVIEW: Photo and Video from Admin. Pruitt's Speech and Underground Mine Tour

Taking off.

J.P. Freire
Environmental Protection Agency
Associate Administrator for Public Affairs
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On Apr 13, 2017, at 6:22 PM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:

> Honestly, we won't be getting this out tonight. The underground b-roll (only video I've seen) is great but it's about 2 hours away from fully uploading to YouTube.
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> **From:** Freire, JP
> **Sent:** Thursday, April 13, 2017 6:21 PM
> **To:** Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
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> To emphasize: I would much rather Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
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> Have people viewed this b roll all the way thru?
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> J.P. Freire
> Environmental Protection Agency
> Associate Administrator for Public Affairs
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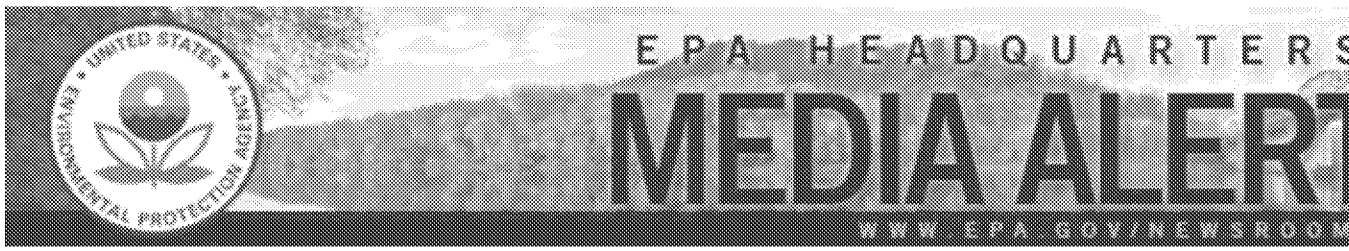
> On Apr 13, 2017, at 6:13 PM, Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov> wrote:

Yes. JP - good with you?

On Apr 13, 2017, at 5:36 PM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:

Video is still uploading, but when it's ready, we'd like to send this…



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
April 13, 2017

Photos and Videos from EPA Administrator Pruitt's Pennsylvania Speech and Underground Mine Tour

Interested Media: Please click this link to find photos and video clips from Thursday's EPA *Back-to-Basics* agenda event in Sycamore, PA, including photos and b-roll from the underground mine tour: https://www.epa.gov/newsroom/epa-administrator-scott-pruitt-back-basics-agenda

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Sent: 5/10/2019 3:46:23 PM
To: Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: For OPA and OCIR review & approval: WA WQS Comms Plan
Attachments: 5-7-19 Director Bellon Letter to EPA Administrator Wheeler re HHC.pdf; incoming_wa_ag_wa_state_wqs_5-8-19.pdf; WA WQS HHC_Comm Strategy OW 5.8.19.docx

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From: Drinkard, Andrea
Sent: Friday, May 10, 2019 11:09 AM
To: McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: For OPA and OCIR review & approval: WA WQS Comms Plan

Also, did you have any edits on these. The are targeting 4pm today. Note the ask about sharing the statement with the three outlets.

From: Dennis, Allison
Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2019 5:29 PM
To: Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Carter, Brittany S. <carter.brittanys@epa.gov>
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DELIBERATIVE

Attached is the updated comms plan for the WA water quality standards (human health criteria) decision. We expect the Region 10 Administrator will sign either tomorrow or Friday.

Attached is the comms strategy with proposed holding statement The comms plan was reviewed and approved by R10 and Dave and Anna. For your awareness, the Administrator received a letter yesterday from WA State (Ecology) on this issue as well as a letter from state's attorney general today (both attached).

As far as press strategy we are recommending Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
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Let's chat! -Allison

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Sent: 1/31/2019 3:15:45 PM
To: Beach, Christopher [beach.christopher@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: DRAFT NYCHA release
Attachments: NYCHA Agreement PR nq.docx

Importance: High

From: Hull, George
Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2019 10:14 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: DRAFT NYCHA release
Importance: High

John,
Per our phone conversation, please find attached the draft press release from the US Attorney's Office regarding today's announcement on an Administrative Agreement from HUD to oversee concerns with the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA). We working on a quote to send for your review, shortly. - George

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Sent: Thursday, January 31, 2019 10:02 AM
To: Sullivan, Brian E <brian.e.sullivan@hud.gov>; Mears, Mary <Mears.Mary@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; Rodriguez, Elias <Rodriguez.Elias@epa.gov>; Schaaf, Eric <Schaaf.Eric@epa.gov>
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Sent: 8/15/2018 7:21:30 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: John K: Open Inquiries, 8/14/18

Thanks.

From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 3:21 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: John K: Open Inquiries, 8/14/18

I got it from Megan Maguire, ORD's media lead, but I've now asked her to double-check with R. Yamada.

Cheers, R.

Robert Daguillard
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From: Konkus, John
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 3:19 PM
To: Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: John K: Open Inquiries, 8/14/18

Who from ORD? Thanks.

From: Daguillard, Robert
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 3:16 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
Subject: John K: Open Inquiries, 8/14/18

John, here's ORD's response. Please advise if this is OK to send as amended:

"Hi Robert & Enesta- just little tweaks. It was called Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Response: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Who in ORD approved this response: Response: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

You can say Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Everything else is good to go.

Thank you Enesta!

From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 3:40 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Block, Molly <block.molly@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
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Seven Awaiting Third Floor Approval:

From: "Jones, Enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Date: August 14, 2018 at 3:37:03 PM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: For Review: InsideClimate News (Philip McKenna) re NEJAC meeting (DDL: 8/14)

OP/EJ approved response:

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From: Philip McKenna <phil.mckenna@insideclimatenews.org>
Date: August 14, 2018 at 3:10:51 PM EDT
To: "Jones, Enesta" <jones.enesta@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: journalist requesting press pass to attend this week's NEJAC conference in Boston

Hi Enesta,
I'm a journalist covering environmental justice interested in attending tomorrow's NEJAC hearing in person in Boston. I missed the deadline for pre-registration and it appears that seating at the event is limited. Do you know if there is separate registration for members of the media? Also, if I can't attend in person, do you know if there is separate registration for the live teleconference (I missed preregistration for this as well and it also appears to be limited)

Best,
Phil

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From: "Jones, Enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Date: August 14, 2018 at 3:29:23 PM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: For Review: ProPublica (Talia Buford) re NEJAC meeting (DDL: 8/14)

OP/EJ approved response:

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

From: Talia Buford <Talia.Buford@propublica.org>
Date: August 14, 2018 at 2:51:39 PM EDT
To: "Jones, Enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Cc: "Martin, KarenL" <Martin.KarenL@epa.gov>
Subject: ProPublica re: NEJAC meeting

Hi Enesta,

I'm wondering if you can help me with some information or a solution possibly for an issue I'm having. I'm in New York, and I wanted to listen to the NEJAC meeting today in Boston. The call in option is apparently only for the meeting tomorrow and Thursday – and there's no way for remote people to listen in on the public comment portion tonight. I reached out to Karen, but I assume she's in Boston for the meeting and unavailable via email.

I don't need to listen to it in real time, but I am hoping to listen to this portion of the meeting at some point. Do you know if it will be recorded, or if it can be? Or, if it is possible, if there can be a listen only line set up for the public comment section? I thought the public comment portion would be included in the meeting, and didn't realize until this morning that I had no way to listen to it.

Please let me know if you can help with this.

Thanks,
Talia Buford
ProPublica

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From: "Lynn, Tricia" <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
To: "Press" <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: FOR REVIEW: The Environmental Editors (Tricia Hodkiewicz) RE: EPA letter denying UST deadline extension (8/14)

Reporter is asking for the letters EPA sent to Senators and House Members regarding their request for a compliance deadline extension. Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Tricia Hodkiewicz, The Environmental Editors

Suggested Response:

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From: epaeditors [mailto:epaeditors@jjkeller.com]
Sent: Friday, August 10, 2018 7:37 PM
To: McDermott, Elizabeth <McDermott.Elizabeth@epa.gov<mailto:McDermott.Elizabeth@epa.gov>>
Subject: request for EPA letter denying UST deadline extension

Elizabeth,
Hello! How may I obtain a copy of the EPA letter or letters (to U.S. Senate and House members) denying requests<https://www.pmaa.org/advocacy/regulatory-issues/> for a three-year compliance deadline extension of portions of the 2015 UST rule. The EPA denial letter is described (but not provided) at http://www.mitchellwilliamslaw.com/federal-underground-storage-tank-rule-revisions-us-environmental-protection-agency-is-stated-to-have-denied-extension-request ? However, I could not find it in the docket, and I am eager to obtain a copy of the EPA letter. Could you please send me a copy?

Thank you for your help!

Best Regards,

Tricia Hodkiewicz, Editor
[http://www.jjkeller.com/wcsstore/CVCatalogAssetStore/images/global/email-images/white-keller-logo84.png]

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From: "Lynn, Tricia" <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
Date: August 14, 2018 at 11:44:07 AM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: FOR REVIEW: Global Health Magazine (Cate Montana) RE: Indoor Mold (8/20)

Reporter is asking about indoor mold cleanup. Cate Montana, Global Health Magazine

Suggested Response:

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From: Jones, Enesta
Sent: Thursday, August 09, 2018 6:38 PM
To: Cate Montana <cate@catemontana.com>
Cc: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Article on toxic molds

Thanks for speaking to me just now, Cara. I will get this started for Tricia Lynn now and see what's possible — and she'll be in touch when she returns tomorrow.

On Aug 9, 2018, at 6:36 PM, Cate Montana <cate@catemontana.com> wrote:

Hi Anesta -

I'm writing an article for the global health magazine *What Doctors Don't Tell You* on the impact of the common indoor molds, Cladosporium, Aspergillus, Stachybotrys, Fusarium, Penicillium, and Alternaria on human health.

The reason I'm contacting the EPA is to find out the correct guidelines for dealing with indoor molds—what chemicals to use and what not to use to mitigate mold.

There is so much confusion in the marketplace. For example, household bleach is commonly prescribed as a solution. And yet bleach is contraindicated for porous surfaces and recent studies show bleach can actually promulgate the spread of spores.

I've seen the general recommendations on the EPA website. But I'm looking for specific "safe" product solutions for people who want to deal with a mold problem themselves - the appropriate biocides to use for specific molds. Also, I need to find out what natural products can be used effectively, such as tea tree oil and white vinegar.

Is there someone I can interview on this subject?

My deadline is August 20.

Thanks so much.

Best regards,

Cate
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www.catemontana.com

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From: "Jones, Enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Date: August 14, 2018 at 12:02:07 PM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: NC region. TV Interview for PearVideo, CatersNews and TVC.

Would you like me to Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) - or you will handle directly?

From: Marat Sadana < Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) >
Date: August 14, 2018 at 11:59:36 AM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>, "Marraccini, Davina" <Marraccini.Davina@epa.gov>
Subject: NC region. TV Interview for PearVideo, CatersNews and TVC.

Dear Sir or Madam,

I really appreciate any time you can give me!
My name is Marat Sadana and I am a PhD student at NCSU (communication, rhetoric and digital media) and a professional TV journalist.

I really appreciate any time that you can give. I am working on a project about the climate change, that is going to be a documentary for PearVideo, CatersNews and TVC.

Can you please give me some of time and assist me in finding an interviewee/expert/researcher whom I could interview in the EPA in North Carolina, Durham.

In the interview we will touch upon the unusual high temperatures in the US, Europe and the reasons behind it - global warming and pollution. What is being done now and what will be done in the nearest future to protect the environment. Also, it would be good if we could cover the issue about the quitting the Paris agreement - what consequences is it bringing and will it bring? This is going to be a very general interview - we will not get into the details. Questions about the current US policy on this topic - can be omitted.

The interview will take about 30 minutes. . It has to be In-person interview. As for the b-roll - I will need to have a footage of any EPA building- with the Logo, people come and go - just general b-roll to put the voiceover upon. and the b-roll of the interviewee - s/he comes, walks, shows a chart of a climate change.

I would love to do that within this week, because of the deadlines. Thank you for understanding!

Thank you so much!

Marat Sadana

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From: "Jones, Enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Date: August 14, 2018 at 8:08:10 AM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: For Review: The Intercept (Sharon Lerner) re PFAS on TSCA Inventory (Deadline: 8/14)

Nancy Beck-approved response.

Attributable to an EPA spokesperson:

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From: Sharon Lerner <sharon.lerner@theintercept.com>
Date: August 3, 2018 at 10:59:44 AM EDT
To: enesta Jones <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Subject: question re PFAS

Hi Enesta-

I have a question related to PFAS.

On EPA's website --https://www.epa.gov/pfas/pfas-laws-and-regulations — it says that there are 478 PFAS on the TSCA Inventory (though the inventory is still "interim" due to inventory reset), 294 of which have been added to the inventory since 2006.

In particular, it says: **330** non-CBI PFAS are listed on the Interim Updated TSCA Inventory. In addition, **148** CBI PFAS are reported.

But at the recent PFAS Summit, Jeff Morris, director of OPPT, reported that "[n]early 900 new PFAS chemicals have come through EPA's TSCA program since 2006." https://www.epa.gov/pfas/pfas-national-leadership-summit-materials

Can you please help me understand this discrepancy? In particular, he says that 900 new PFAS "came through" the TSCA program. Yet the website indicates that only 294 PFAS have been added to the inventory since 2006. What happened to the other 606 PFAS that "came through" the program if they weren't added to the TSCA inventory? Were they exempted for some reason? Did EPA refuse to approve them for distribution in commerce?

I'd really appreciate your help in understanding this.

Thanks,
Sharon

Sharon Lerner
Reporter
The Intercept

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From: "Daguillard, Robert" <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>
Date: August 13, 2018 at 12:08:14 PM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: FOR REVIEW: UNDARK - DDL 8/14 - Questions for EPA -- glyphosate story

SUMMARY: The reporter is taking a look at questions surrounding the glyphosate issue paper and the more recent conversations between the agency and the glyphosate SAP. The reporter originally wanted an interview with Anna Lowit, but both she and Rick Keigwin, the pesticides chief, are out this week. Also, the program feels Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
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Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) He wants to hand in a first draft to his story this week, but will almost certainly return with more questions next week. Michael Balter – Undark (MIT publication)
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Incoming: Dear Robert,

Over the weekend I had a chance to read the above document dated December 14, 2015.

I don't know if you are familiar with this document but it takes issue with a number of aspects of the OPP's Issue paper, some along the lines of the SAP members' critiques.

At the end the ORD offers to work with OPP to develop the charge questions put to the SAP in Dec 2016.

Did the OPP in fact accept input from ORD in preparing those questions, or otherwise work with ORD to revise its assessment in any way?

Response: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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One No Response/Acknowledgement:

From: Kate McCreary <Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)>
Date: August 14, 2018 at 3:15:26 PM EDT
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Photo Permission - Andrew Wheeler

Hello!

I am reaching out from The Alumni Association of Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Andrew Wheeler is an alumnus of Case Western Reserve University and we are mentioning his EPA appointment in the upcoming issue of our alumni publication, *Think Magazine*.

We would like to include the photo of Mr. Wheeler found on his bio page. Please let me know if we have permission to use the photo in print and online (we will only use this picture in association with the Class Note on Mr. Wheeler). If we have permission to use it, please also provide the preferred photo credit.

Best regards,
Kate

Kate McCreary
Director for Marketing, Communications & Regional Programming
The Alumni Association I Case Western Reserve University

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Message

From: Konkus, John [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=555471B2BAA6419E8E141696F4577062-KONKUS, JOH]
Sent: 8/1/2018 7:09:16 PM
To: McInerney, Marianne (OST) [marianne.mcinerney@dot.gov]; Beach, Christopher [beach.christopher@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: E&E News inquiry

Thoughts: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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From: Konkus, John
Sent: Wednesday, August 1, 2018 3:01 PM
To: 'McInerney, Marianne (OST)' <marianne.mcinerney@dot.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: E&E News inquiry

We'll want to address this…

From: Maxine Joselow [mailto:mjoselow@eenews.net]
Sent: Wednesday, August 1, 2018 2:59 PM
To: Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: E&E News inquiry

Hi Michael,

My colleague and I heard from a former EPA official that EPA career staff were sidelined by Department of Transportation political appointees when crafting the proposal for revised clean car rules. We plan to report on this tomorrow. Our deadline is noon tomorrow. Would you be able to provide a comment or response from EPA addressing whether EPA career staff's input was taken into account? Feel free to give me a call if you'd prefer to discuss on background before discussing on the record for attribution.

Thanks,
Maxine
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Maxine Joselow
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From: McFaul, Jessica [mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov]
Sent: 8/29/2019 8:24:45 PM
Subject: FOR REVIEW: OPA Tracker (Week of Sept. 2)
Attachments: 2019-2020 DRAFT-DELIBERATIVE OPA Monthly Content Tracker.docx

Importance: High

Next week is going to be the busiest "light" week of all time. Thanks to those who have already sent in their updates. If you haven't, please reply to this email with your items for the tracker **by 10am ET tomorrow**. Have a safe holiday weekend. Thanks! Jess

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Jessica McFaul
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Message

From: McFaul, Jessica [mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov]
Sent: 7/31/2019 8:10:48 PM
Subject: FOR REVIEW: OPA Content Tracker (Week of Aug. 5)
Attachments: 2019-2020 DRAFT-DELIBERATIVE OPA Monthly Content Tracker.docx

Now that SRI is (largely) behind us this week, please reply to this email with your edits or additions to the OPA Content Tracker by 3pm tomorrow. Week ahead outlook below, full tracker attached. Thanks! Jess

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Message

From: Dennis, Allison [Dennis.Allison@epa.gov]
Sent: 4/15/2019 6:32:25 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Schiermeyer, Corry [schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov]
Subject: Fwd: DHC/Conduit Roll Out Materials
Attachments: FINALDHC Factsheet_41419.pdf; ATT00001.htm; FINALDHC Roll Out 4.14.19.pdf; ATT00002.htm; FINALNPDES Inter Statement PR4.14.19.pdf; ATT00003.htm

See the rollout out for the TPs.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Wildeman, Anna" <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>
> **Date:** April 15, 2019 at 10:42:44 AM EDT
> **To:** "Dennis, Allison" <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>
> **Subject: Fwd: DHC/Conduit Roll Out Materials**

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Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Wildeman, Anna" <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>
> **Date:** April 14, 2019 at 5:23:26 PM EDT
> **To:** Leadership_Regional_Administrators <Leadership_Regional_Administrators@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** "Fotouhi, David" <Fotouhi.David@epa.gov>, "Ross, David P" <ross.davidp@epa.gov>, "Leopold, Matt (OGC)" <Leopold.Matt@epa.gov>, "Molina, Michael" <molina.michael@epa.gov>
> **Subject: Fwd: DHC/Conduit Roll Out Materials**
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> DELIBERATIVE; CLOSE HOLD MATERIALS
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> Hello RAs,
>
> Tomorrow we will be issuing EPA's Interpretive Statement on the application of the Clean Water Act permitting requirements to discharges to groundwater.

Attached for your information is the comms roll out plan with Q&As and Talking Points. This document provides helpful background and context and is for internal use only.

Also attached is a press release and fact sheet that will be posted to EPA's website as part of the roll out plan.

We expect this Interpretive Statement will receive a fair amount of attention. Please make sure press inquiries for the first week or two on the Interpretive Statement are directed to the HQ comms team so we are delivering consistent messages on this important topic. Please contact Dave Ross or Anna Wildeman if you have questions.

Thank you,

Anna

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Message

From: Woods, Andrea [Woods.Andrea@epa.gov]
Sent: 9/12/2019 8:45:36 PM
To: Schiermeyer, Corry [schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: ***MEDIA ADVISORY*** EPA Administrator Wheeler and Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works James to Make Major Water Policy Announcement in Washington, D.C.

https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-us-army-repeal-2015-rule-defining-waters-united-states-ending-regulatory-patchwork

From: Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2019 4:37 PM
To: Woods, Andrea <Woods.Andrea@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: ***MEDIA ADVISORY*** EPA Administrator Wheeler and Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works James to Make Major Water Policy Announcement in Washington, D.C.

Please send me the full link to the release

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 12, 2019, at 2:42 PM, Woods, Andrea <Woods.Andrea@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Elvina,

Our release can be found here. Also including text below:

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
NEWS RELEASE
WWW.EPA.GOV/NEWSROOM

EPA, U.S. Army Repeal 2015 Rule Defining "Waters of the United States" Ending Regulatory Patchwork

WASHINGTON (September 12, 2019) — At an event in Washington, D.C., U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Andrew Wheeler and Department of the Army Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works R.D. James announced that the agencies are repealing a 2015 rule that impermissibly expanded the definition of "waters of the United States" (WOTUS) under the Clean Water Act. The agencies are also recodifying the longstanding and familiar regulatory text that existed prior to the 2015 Rule—ending a regulatory patchwork that required implementing two competing Clean Water Act regulations, which has created regulatory uncertainty across the United States.

"Today, EPA and the Department of the Army finalized a rule to repeal the previous administration's overreach in the federal regulation of U.S. waters and recodify the longstanding and familiar regulatory text that previously existed," **said EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler**. "Today's Step 1 action fulfills a key promise of President Trump and sets the stage for Step 2 - a new WOTUS definition that will provide greater regulatory certainty for farmers, landowners, home builders, and developers nationwide."

"Today, Administrator Wheeler and I signed a final rule that repeals the 2015 Rule and restores the previous regulatory regime exactly how it existed prior to finalization of the 2015 Rule," **said R.D. James, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works**. "Before this final rule, a patchwork of regulations existed across the country as a result of various judicial decisions enjoining the 2015 Rule. This final rule reestablishes national consistency across the country by returning all jurisdictions to the longstanding regulatory framework that existed prior to the 2015 Rule, which is more familiar to the agencies, States, Tribes, local governments, regulated entities, and the public while the agencies engage in a second rulemaking to revise the definition of 'waters of the United States.'"

Today's rule is the first step—Step 1—in a two-step rulemaking process to define the scope of "waters of the United States" that are regulated under the Clean Water Act. Step 1 provides regulatory certainty as to the definition of "waters of the United States" following years of litigation surrounding the 2015 Rule. The two federal district courts that have reviewed the merits of the 2015 Rule found that the rule suffered from certain errors and issued orders remanding the 2015 Rule back to the agencies. Multiple other federal district courts have preliminarily enjoined the 2015 Rule pending a decision on the merits of the rule. In this action, EPA and the Army jointly conclude that multiple substantive and procedural errors warrant a repeal of the 2015 Rule. For example, the 2015 Rule:

- Did not implement the legal limits on the scope of the agencies' authority under the Clean Water Act as intended by Congress and reflected in Supreme Court cases.
- Failed to adequately recognize, preserve, and protect the primary responsibilities and rights of states to manage their own land and water resources.
- Approached the limits of the agencies' constitutional and statutory authority absent a clear statement from Congress.
- Suffered from certain procedural errors and a lack of adequate record support as it relates to the 2015 Rule's distance-based limitations.

With this final repeal, the agencies will implement the pre-2015 regulations, which are currently in place in more than half of the states, informed by applicable agency guidance documents and consistent with Supreme Court decisions and longstanding agency practice. The final rule takes effect 60 days after publication in the Federal Register.

In December 2018, EPA and the Army proposed a new definition—Step 2—that would clearly define where federal jurisdiction begins and ends in accordance with the Clean Water Act and Supreme Court precedent. In the proposal, the agencies provide a clear definition of the

difference between federally regulated waterways and those waters that rightfully remain solely under state authority.

Additional information is available at: http://www.epa.gov/wotus-rule.

Background

The final Step 1 rule follows President Trump's Executive Order 13778, "Restoring the Rule of Law, Federalism, and Economic Growth by Reviewing the 'Waters of the United States' Rule." Section 1 of the Executive Order states that "[i]t is in the national interest to ensure that the Nation's navigable waters are kept free from pollution, while at the same time promoting economic growth, minimizing regulatory uncertainty, and showing due regard for the roles of Congress and the States under the Constitution." The Executive Order also directs the EPA and the Department of the Army to review the 2015 Rule for consistency with the policy outlined in Section 1 of the order and to issue a proposed rule rescinding or revising the 2015 Rule as appropriate and consistent with law.

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From: Elvina Nawaguna <elvina.nawaguna@fiscalnote.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2019 1:20 PM
To: Woods, Andrea <Woods.Andrea@epa.gov>
Cc: Elvina Nawaguna <elvinanawaguna@cqrollcall.com>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: ***MEDIA ADVISORY*** EPA Administrator Wheeler and Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works James to Make Major Water Policy Announcement in Washington, D.C.

Hi folks,
Checking again on whether you're planning to release any info on embargo before the news conference.
Grateful for any guidance on this.

Elvina Nawaguna
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On Sep 12, 2019, at 9:07 AM, Elvina Nawaguna <elvina.nawaguna@fiscalnote.com> wrote:

Hi Andrea,
Are you planning to send out any materials, press releases etc before the event starts?
Would be helpful for prewriting purposes, if possible.
Let me know.
Thanks!

Elvina Nawaguna
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On Sep 11, 2019, at 2:43 PM, Woods, Andrea <Woods.Andrea@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Elvina,

Thanks for RSVP'ing to tomorrow's water announcement event. Press should check-in at the 1st floor lobby between **1:00 PM - 1:30 pm ET**. Please arrive **no later than 1:30 pm ET.**

To attend, you must fill out this form: https://namissvr.nam.org/minisites/Meetings/Registration.aspx?MTG=ER20190912. You will need a government-issued photo ID to enter the building.

The event address is 733 10th St. NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20001.

Don't hesitate to email/call if you have any issues or questions.

Best,
Andrea

From: Elvina Nawaguna <elvinanawaguna@cqrollcall.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 2:38 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: ***MEDIA ADVISORY*** EPA Administrator Wheeler and Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works James to Make Major Water Policy Announcement in Washington, D.C.

Hi there,
Would like to be there for this event.
Thanks!

Elvina Nawaguna

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From: **EPA Press Office** <press@epa.gov>
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Subject: ***MEDIA ADVISORY*** EPA Administrator Wheeler and Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works James to Make Major Water Policy Announcement in Washington, D.C.
To: enawaguna@cq.com <enawaguna@cq.com>

MEDIA ADVISORY

EPA Administrator Wheeler and Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil James to Make Major Water Policy Announcement in Washington, D.

WASHINGTON (Sept. 11, 2019)— U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator And Wheeler and Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works R.D. James will hold an event tomo Washington, D.C. to make a major water policy announcement.

WHO: U.S. EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler
Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works R.D. James
National Association of Manufacturers CEO Jay Timmons

WHAT: Open press announcement

WHEN: Thursday, September 12, 2019
2:00 PM ET

WHERE: National Association of Manufacturers
733 10th St NW
Suite 700
Washington, D.C. 20001

This event will also be livestreamed. To view the event online, please visit: https://www.facebook.com/NAMpage/.

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Message

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Sent: 7/17/2019 3:33:47 PM
To: Rodrick, Christian [rodrick.christian@epa.gov]; Bennett, Tate [Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]; Schiermeyer, Corry [schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov]; Zimmer, Nathaniel [zimmer.nathaniel@epa.gov]; Molina, Michael [molina.michael@epa.gov]
CC: Humphreys, Hayly [humphreys.hayly@epa.gov]; Dickerson, Aaron [dickerson.aaron@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Ohio - LxL - Version 10
Attachments: LxL - EPA - Ohio V10.docx; LxL - EPA - Ohio V10.pdf

+Updated to include radio interviews from Corry.

I will be leaving for the airport shortly. I've attached the word document for any changes made between now and COB. Thanks.

Mick

From: Ditlevson, Michael
Sent: Wednesday, July 17, 2019 10:19 AM
To: Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Zimmer, Nathaniel <zimmer.nathaniel@epa.gov>; Flinn, Darren <flinn.darren@epa.gov>; Mickle, John <mickle.john@epa.gov>; Hoffner, Nicholas <hoffner.nicholas@epa.gov>; Pruitt, Mark <pruitt.mark@epa.gov>; Molina, Michael <molina.michael@epa.gov>; Seaver, Jedidiah <seaver.jedidiah@epa.gov>; Vance, Eric <Vance.Eric@epa.gov>
Subject: Ohio - LxL - Version 9

All,

Please see the updated LxL attached.

I still require the following:

- Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

If you see any discrepancies, please reply to me separately and I will make the necessary changes. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Mick Ditlevson
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M: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Message

From: Sauerhage, Maggie [Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov]
Sent: 7/30/2019 5:30:20 PM
To: Schiermeyer, Corry [schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov]
CC: Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]; McFaul, Jessica [mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Drinkard, Andrea [Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Update on Request from PBS FRONTLINE

Sounds good, will do!

Maggie Sauerhage
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From: Schiermeyer, Corry
Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2019 1:29 PM
To: Sauerhage, Maggie <Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov>
Cc: Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Update on Request from PBS FRONTLINE

Thank you. Let me know what you find out from OW and OITA...I think we definitely need OITA...but we should work to set this up

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 30, 2019, at 12:18 PM, Sauerhage, Maggie <Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov> wrote:

> Hi Corry – just a quick update on this request that I spoke with you about last week. I spoke with Emma Schwartz, the producer for PBS Frontline on this program, and they are in the initial research phase for an hour-long piece that'll probably take a few months to put together. They're hoping to speak with someone on background, not for attribution, about the state of plastic recycling in the US to get ideas on where they might focus their story. Topics Emma mentioned include the EPA recycling summit, marine plastics, the international shipping component, and the recent EPA letter to the OECD on plastic scrap objections. They're hoping to speak with someone next week.
>
> Peter is good with Cheryl Coleman doing a backgrounder, not for attribution, with them on plastic recycling. I'm still waiting to hear if OW/OITA would like to join to talk about international recycling considerations and the Trash Free Waters program. At a minimum, we'll make sure they've shared talking points with Cheryl on those topics.
>
> OLEM is working on talking points for Cheryl and getting her availability. Once I have those, I'll share with you. Please let me know if you have any questions.
>
> Thanks,
> Maggie
>
> Maggie Sauerhage
> Office of Public Affairs
> U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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From: Emma Schwartz <Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)>
Sent: Friday, July 26, 2019 3:59 PM
To: Sauerhage, Maggie <Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Request from PBS FRONTLINE

Hi Maggie:

Thanks for your quick response. Left you a voicemail. It's not like have a list of questions per se but are trying to learn and understand what EPA is doing and thinking on recycling and marine debris to help guide us as we think about how to put the program together. Our project is longer form so it's not like we're turning around and putting something out next week. Happy to chat further by phone.

Thanks.
Best,
Emma

On Thu, Jul 25, 2019 at 10:06 AM Sauerhage, Maggie <Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov> wrote:

> Good morning Emma,
>
> We'll check on this for you. Do you have specific questions you can share?
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> Thanks,
>
> Maggie
>
> Maggie Sauerhage
>
> Office of Public Affairs
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> U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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> Office: (202) 564-0443
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> Cell: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
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> **From:** Emma Schwartz <Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)>
> **Sent:** Thursday, July 25, 2019 9:56 AM
> **To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** Request from PBS FRONTLINE

Press Office:

I'm a producer for the documentary news program FRONTLINE on PBS. We're in the early stages of working on a one-hour film looking at recycling, with a focus on plastic.

I'm reaching out because we'd love to set up a backgrounder with your policy staff to discuss these issues. I know EPA has taken a lead holding the first ever Recycling Summit last fall and has been active in discussing efforts to reduce marine debris. If I understand the organization chart correctly, I believe Barry Breen and Barnes Johnson are two top policy experts on these issues.

As our team is based in DC, we are happy to do this in person if possible. I'd love to set up a meeting in the next week or so, depending on schedules.

If you're curious about our team's work you can check out our last film looking at the trade war with China online here.

Thanks in advance.
Best,

Emma

—

Emma Schwartz

PBS FRONTLINE

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To: Drinkard, Andrea[Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov]
Cc: Schiermeyer, Corry[schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
From: McFaul, Jessica[/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=51B00479CD7446E4AA7743028C0D8D91-MCFAUL, JES]
Sent: Fri 5/10/2019 3:15:37 PM (UTC)
Subject: Re: ESA press release - Timing and Last version w/links

Great thank you

Jessica McFaul
Senior Advisor for Public Affairs
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On May 10, 2019, at 11:00 AM, Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov> wrote:

Targeting 2:15. Corry is double checking with RJ, so hold on sharing till she gives the green light. Adding her here.

On May 10, 2019, at 10:57 AM, McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov> wrote:

> Thank you! Okay to share close hold/embargo with Interior? We still thinking this afternoon (time?)?
>
> Jessica McFaul
> Senior Advisor for Public Affairs
> Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
>
> On May 10, 2019, at 10:56 AM, Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> This is the final.
>
> Begin forwarded message:
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> > **From:** "Strauss, Linda" <Strauss.Linda@epa.gov>
> > **Date:** May 10, 2019 at 9:10:27 AM EDT
> > **To:** "Drinkard, Andrea" <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>, "Grantham, Nancy" <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
> > **Cc:** "Dunton, Cheryl" <Dunton.Cheryl@epa.gov>
> > **Subject: ESA press release - Timing and Last version w/links**
> >
> > Possible to push this out around 11:00, 11:30? As we chatted about, Cheryl is out 12:15-1:45. It just makes it easier when she can handle the web vs. the program. Also, we won't run into program SME's leaving early on a Friday and not being available to help with press Q's.
> >
> > Thanks – Linda
> > Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
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> <ESA Public Meeting Press Release 5 10 19 clean.docx>
>
> <ESA Public Meeting Press Release 5 10 19 redline.docx>

To: Schiermeyer, Corry[schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Drinkard, Andrea[Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov]; McFaul, Jessica[mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov]
From: Dennis, Allison[/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=9BF7959058B241FAB18E564E9C957B56-ADENNIS]
Sent: Thur 4/11/2019 3:37:38 PM (UTC)
Subject: Fwd nodes interpretative statement
EPA Responses -- Releases of Pollutants to Groundwater from a Point Source FRN (2019-04-10).docx
ATT00001.htm

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From: "Schollhamer, Mary" <Schollhamer.Mary@epa.gov>
Date: April 11, 2019 at 11:35:27 AM EDT
To: "Mayer, Lauren" <mayer.lauren@epa.gov>, "Dennis, Allison" <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: EPA Responses

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Zobrist, Marcus" <Zobrist.Marcus@epa.gov>
Date: April 11, 2019 at 11:29:28 AM EDT
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Cc: "Sawyers, Andrew" <Sawyers.Andrew@epa.gov>, "Ramach, Sean" <Ramach.Sean@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: EPA Responses

Mary,

Per your request, attached is the most recent version that we have of the statement. This is a track changes version and we understand that it is not the final version. Lauren and others in OGC may have a more recent version. To the extent you are pulling language from this for any comms material, I suggest that you look to language that is not subject to edits as that language may change further.

Note that this is Close Hold, please check with Andrew before sharing further.

From: Sawyers, Andrew
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 4:10 PM
To: Gutierrez, Sally <Gutierrez.Sally@epa.gov>; Ramach, Sean <Ramach.Sean@epa.gov>; Zobrist, Marcus <Zobrist.Marcus@epa.gov>
Subject: EPA Responses

FYI – Close Hold. Thanks

Message

From: Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]
Sent: 7/30/2019 4:12:00 PM
To: Leopold, Matt (OGC) [Leopold.Matt@epa.gov]; Brazauskas, Joseph [brazauskas.joseph@epa.gov]; Willey, Katharine [willey.katharine@epa.gov]; Fotouhi, David [Fotouhi.David@epa.gov]
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Subject: FW: EPA Withdraws Outdated, Preemptive Proposed Determination to Restrict Use of the Pebble Deposit Area as a Disposal Site - Preview

Hey everyone quick update. This is ready to roll at 2pm eastern from Region 10 with amplification from HQ. This has been shared with Jen as well under embargo.

From: EPA Press Office <press@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 30, 2019 12:07 PM
To: Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
Subject: EPA Withdraws Outdated, Preemptive Proposed Determination to Restrict Use of the Pebble Deposit Area as a Disposal Site - Preview

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
NEWS RELEASE
WWW.EPA.GOV/NEWSROOM

EPA Withdraws Outdated, Preemptive Proposed Determination to Restrict Use of the Pebble Deposit Area as a Disposal Site

SEATTLE (July 30, 2019) - Today, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 10 Administrator Chris Hladick withdrew the 2014 Proposed Determination issued under section 404(c) of the Clean Water Act (CWA) for the use of the Pebble Deposit Area in Southwest Alaska as a disposal site associated with mining of the deposit.

"Today's action restores the well-understood permit review process for the Pebble Mine project" **said Region 10 Administrator Chris Hladick**. "The agency has worked closely with the Army Corps to engage with stakeholders and the public on this issue, which has resulted in an expansive public record, including specific information about the proposed mining project that did not exist in 2014. By withdrawing the 2014 Proposed Determination, which was issued preemptively and is now outdated, the agency can continue its focus on fulfilling its responsibilities under the Clean Water Act to work with the Army Corps to review the permit."

Today's action does not approve Pebble's permit application or determine a particular outcome in the Corps' permitting process. Instead, it allows EPA to continue working

with the Corps to review the current permit application and engage in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. "Region 10's decision restores the proper process for 404(c) determinations, eliminating a preemptive veto of a hypothetical mine and focusing EPA's environmental review on an actual project before the Agency," **EPA General Counsel Matthew Z. Leopold**. EPA Region 10 provided the Corps with detailed comments to its Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and permit notice on July 1, 2019, and EPA looks forward to continuing its work with the Corps and the other cooperating agencies on the next steps in the permit review process.

Additional information: https://www.epa.gov/bristolbay.

Background

In July 2014, EPA Region 10 issued a Proposed Determination under CWA section 404(c) to restrict the use of the Pebble Deposit Area as a disposal site for dredged or fill material associated with mining the deposit. The Proposed Determination was based on three hypothetical scenarios for the mine site, each of which was different than the permit application submitted to the Corps for review in December 2017. Since 2014, there have been significant developments, including a lawsuit challenging the EPA's process for developing the 2014 Proposed Determination and a related settlement, the permit application submitted by Pebble to the Corps, additional direction from the former EPA Administrator in January 2018, and a 1,400-page Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and permit notice issued by the Corps.

In July 2017, EPA Region 10 published a proposal to withdraw the 2014 Proposed Determination. The notice opened a three-month-long public comment period, during which the EPA held two public hearings in the watershed area and consulted with federally recognized tribal governments and Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act Regional and Village Corporations with lands in the watershed. In December 2017, PLP submitted a CWA section 404 permit application to the Corps that proposes to develop a mine in the Pebble Deposit Area. The Corps then invited relevant federal and state agencies, including the EPA, to cooperate on the development of the DEIS under NEPA. The Corps released a DEIS for public comment in February 2019; this public comment period closed on July 1, 2019.

In January 2018, EPA announced that it was suspending the withdrawal proceeding and leaving the 2014 Proposed Determination in place at that time pending further action by the Agency.

In June 2019, EPA General Counsel Matthew Z. Leopold, acting pursuant to a delegation of authority from the EPA Administrator, directed Region 10 to resume its consideration whether to withdraw the 2014 Proposed Determination. He also directed the Region to reconsider its previous statement that it would seek additional public comment on the 2014 Proposed Determination, in light of the ample opportunity for public comment previously provided and the public comment opportunity on the DEIS and permit notice.

On July 1, 2019, Region 10 submitted to the Corps two sets of comments, totaling more than 150 pages, regarding the Corps' DEIS and permit notice. The Region also took the first step under the elevation procedures established between the EPA and the Army in a 1992 memorandum to work towards resolving issues EPA identified in the permit notice.

This action removes the Agency's outdated, preemptive proposed veto of the Pebble Mine and restores the well-understood permit review process. EPA Region 10 reached this conclusion based on two primary reasons. First, the Corps' DEIS includes significant project-specific information that was not accounted for in the 2014 Proposed Determination and, based on that information, the Corps has reached preliminary conclusions that in certain respects conflict with preliminary conclusions in the 2014 Proposed Determination. The now-five-year-old Proposed Determination does not grapple with the currently available expansive record, including specific information about the proposed mining project that did not exist in 2014. Second, other processes are available and better-suited for EPA to resolve issues with the Corps as the record develops; specifically, the well-understood elevation process under CWA section 404(q) and the NEPA process. EPA believes these processes should be exhausted prior to any decision by EPA, based upon all information that has and will be developed, to exercise its section 404(c) authority. A detailed explanation of EPA's decision is available in the notice signed today by EPA's Region 10 Administrator, which will be published in the Federal Register.

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CC: Bunker, Byron [bunker.byron@epa.gov]; Cohen, Janet [cohen.janet@epa.gov]; Millett, John [Millett.John@epa.gov]; Birgfeld, Erin [Birgfeld.Erin@epa.gov]; Dominguez, Alexander [dominguez.alexander@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Press Strategy - Call-in # Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) ID: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

PS -- sorry for the multiple emails but I thought I'd point out that there are summaries of our arguments both in the "Introduction" (p. 15 of the document, numbered as p. 1) and the "Summary of Argument" (pp. 26-27, numbered as pp. 12-13).

Ex. 5 AC/AWP/DP

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From: Orlin, David
Sent: Wednesday, May 01, 2019 5:05 PM
To: Schwab, Justin <schwab.justin@epa.gov>; Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Woods, Clint <woods.Clint@epa.gov>; Stahle, Susan <Stahle.Susan@epa.gov>
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FYI, attached is the near-final version of the brief DOJ will be filing tonight on behalf of EPA in the ABFA small refinery hardship petition litigation (subject to final typo corrections).

Please let know if I can be of further assistance,

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U.S. EPA, Office of General Counsel
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From: Schwab, Justin
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2019 10:57 AM
To: Schwab, Justin; Schiermeyer, Corry; Abboud, Michael; Woods, Clint; Stahle, Susan; Orlin, David

Cc: Bunker, Byron; Cohen, Janet; Millett, John; Birgfeld, Erin; Dominguez, Alexander
Subject: Press Strategy - Call-in #: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) ID: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
When: Friday, April 26, 2019 2:30 PM-3:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: DCRoomARN4304/DC-Ariel-Rios-OGC

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To: Orlin, David [Orlin.David@epa.gov]; Schwab, Justin [Schwab.Justin@epa.gov]; Schiermeyer, Corry [schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov]; Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]; Woods, Clint [woods.clint@epa.gov]
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Subject: RE: Press Strategy - Call-in #: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

The brief has been filed.

Susan Stahle
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From: Sauerhage, Maggie [Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov]
Sent: 9/17/2019 6:31:11 PM
To: Schiermeyer, Corry [schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: CASAC consultant pool

Thanks ☺

Maggie Sauerhage
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From: Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 2:31 PM
To: Sauerhage, Maggie <Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: CASAC consultant pool

Ugh...sure

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 17, 2019, at 2:30 PM, Sauerhage, Maggie <Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov> wrote:

> Thanks – Sean wants a name for attribution, should I give him yours?
>
> Maggie Sauerhage
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> ---
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> **From:** Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>
> **Sent:** Tuesday, September 17, 2019 2:29 PM
> **To:** Sauerhage, Maggie <Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: CASAC consultant pool
>
> *The pool of subject matter experts are all highly regarded experts in their fields. The Administrator named the pool following recommendations and nominations from the public. All candidates for the CASAC pool of consultants had to file the same confidential financial disclosure forms as all other Special Government Employees. EPA Ethics Officials reviewed these forms and did not identify any conflicts of interest for the 12 consultants that were selected. The Administrator, and the CASAC look forward to hearing from this pool of experts as they review and comment on issues before EPA.*
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
> On Sep 17, 2019, at 2:27 PM, Sauerhage, Maggie <Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov> wrote:

Corry – here's what Tom said.

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Maggie Sauerhage
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From: Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2019 2:08 PM
To: Sauerhage, Maggie <Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: CASAC consultant pool

I think I have a statement on this. But not sure of the list of nominees

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On Sep 17, 2019, at 2:05 PM, Sauerhage, Maggie <Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov> wrote:

> Will check with Tom
>
> Maggie Sauerhage
> Office of Public Affairs
> U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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> **From:** Sean Reilly <sreilly@eenews.net>
> **Sent:** Tuesday, September 17, 2019 2:00 PM
> **To:** Press <Press@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** CASAC consultant pool
>
> Hi folks:
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> I'm working on a story for tomorrow that will look more closely at the backgrounds of some of the pool's members. A couple of questions:
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> 1) Can I get a full list of all nominees/candidates who were considered for the pool?
> 2) The story will note the industry connections of some (e.g., Mr. Jansen) and the fact that some (e.g., Dr. Sax and Dr. Rhomberg) were nominated by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association and/or have previously taken positions that questioned the need to strengthen a particular NAAQS. The story may also note that some (e.g., Dr. Aliferis) appear to have

little, if any, background in current air pollution research. What were Mr. Wheeler's guiding criteria in making selections for this pool?

My deadline is 10:30 a.m. tomorrow. For-attribution responses, please.

Thanks,
Sean

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To: Robertson, Ritika[Ritika.Robertson@mail.house.gov]
Cc: Kolb, John (JohnMark)[kolb.john@epa.gov]; Mutter, Andrew[mutter.andrew@epa.gov]; Hampson, James[James.Hampson@mail.house.gov]; Lopez, Janessa[Janessa.Lopez@mail.house.gov]; Braden, Ansley[Ansley.Braden@mail.house.gov]; Yanick, Brittany[Brittany.Yanick@mail.house.gov]; McFaul, Jessica[mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov]; Garvey, Megan[garvey.megan@epa.gov]; Sopkin, Gregory[sopkin.gregory@epa.gov]; Schiermeyer, Corry[schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov]; Rodrick, Christian[rodrick.christian@epa.gov]; Brazauskas, Joseph[brazauskas.joseph@epa.gov]; Mylott, Richard[Mylott.Richard@epa.gov]
From: LeBlanc, Cody[Cody.LeBlanc@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wed 8/28/2019 8:08:22 PM (UTC)
Subject: Re: Tomorrow Region 8 Event

Farr Regional Library is reserved 11:30 - 1:30.
1939 61st Ave.
Greeley, CO 80634

Cody LeBlanc
Area Representative
Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, & Weld Counties
Congressman Ken Buck (CO - 04)
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Greeley, CO 80634

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On Aug 28, 2019, at 1:32 PM, Robertson, Ritika <Ritika.Robertson@mail.house.gov> wrote:

> Cody will respond with additional options.
>
> Ritika Robertson
> Chief of Staff
> Congressman Ken Buck
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
> On Aug 28, 2019, at 1:32 PM, LeBlanc, Cody <Cody.LeBlanc@mail.house.gov> wrote:
>
>> After chatting with them a bit more, I do not believe that location will be ideal. I am confirming with High Plains Library and will be in touch.
>>
>> **Cody LeBlanc**
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>>
>> On Aug 28, 2019, at 1:24 PM, Kolb, John (JohnMark) <kolb.john@epa.gov> wrote:

Great! Thanks you. As soon as we have a location we can send around a media advisory. Please see talking points and background attached for your boss's background – on very close hold until after the event tomorrow.

From: Robertson, Ritika <Ritika.Robertson@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2019 3:06 PM
To: Mutter, Andrew <mutter.andrew@epa.gov>
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Subject: Re: Tomorrow Region 8 Event

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Ritika Robertson
Chief of Staff
Congressman Ken Buck

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<EMBARGO Oil and Gas Policy Proposed Amendments.pdf>

Message

From: Kolb, John (JohnMark) [kolb.john@epa.gov]
Sent: 8/28/2019 7:24:20 PM
To: Robertson, Ritika [Ritika.Robertson@mail.house.gov]; Mutter, Andrew [mutter.andrew@epa.gov]
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Great! Thanks you. As soon as we have a location we can send around a media advisory. Please see talking points and background attached for your boss's background – on very close hold until after the event tomorrow.

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Cc: Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Kolb, John (JohnMark)[kolb.john@epa.gov]
From: Larson, Darrin[/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=AF2D4B28B0B842B2BAF3DF180786B67E-LARSON, DARRIN]
Sent: Tue 8/27/2019 10:05:24 PM (UTC)
Subject: RE: Methane Rule - Thursday Event
Erin Chancellor Bio.docx

Here you go.

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Mobile: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

From: McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 5:00 PM
To: Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>
Cc: Larson, Darrin <Larson.Darrin@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Kolb, John (JohnMark) <kolb.john@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Methane Rule - Thursday Event

Thank you all! Darrin, can you send a bio for Erin?
On Aug 27, 2019, at 5:49 PM, Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov> wrote:

Ok.
If I would have known we were going to LBB, I totally would have gone! But too much to do here tomorrow and wouldn't make it out there in time ☹

From: Larson, Darrin <Larson.Darrin@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 5:47 PM
To: Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Kolb, John (JohnMark) <kolb.john@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Methane Rule - Thursday Event

We're good. Thanks for pulling this together. Ken and David are not available that day, so Erin will be covering the event.

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Subject: RE: Methane Rule - Thursday Event

I'm good if Darrin is good. Who from R6 will be able to go?

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Cc: Larson, Darrin <Larson.Darrin@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Kolb, John (JohnMark) <kolb.john@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Methane Rule - Thursday Event

If they can lock it down, we can put the event in our name and he can be an "honorary cohost" and House ethics will approve it. No worries there. If you're otherwise good then I'll confirm!
On Aug 27, 2019, at 5:35 PM, Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov> wrote:

Sounds good. It should be ok, as it is not a campaign event. But who knows, schools are funny these days.
But I've had a number of events at locations associated with TTU.

From: McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 5:29 PM
To: Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Larson, Darrin <Larson.Darrin@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Kolb, John (JohnMark) <kolb.john@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Methane Rule - Thursday Event

Region 6 event details. Any problems with this? Let me know and I'll lock it down! Jess

1:30, location tentative:

"I've also identified a location on the outskirts of Lubbock that I need to confirm is okay to use. It's associated with the petroleum engineering department at Texas Tech, so we need to make sure there's that's not an issue."

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Kolb, John (JohnMark)" <kolb.john@epa.gov>
Date: August 27, 2019 at 5:20:41 PM EDT
To: "Mathis, Kaley" <Kaley.Mathis@mail.house.gov>
Cc: "Rodrick, Christian" <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>, "Taylor, Samuel" <Samuel.Taylor@mail.house.gov>, "McFaul, Jessica" <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Methane Rule - Thursday Event

Awesome! Looping in Jess on our comms team.

Jess - do the below details seem fine for Rep. Arrington event in Lubbock?

From: Mathis, Kaley <Kaley.Mathis@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 5:19 PM
To: Kolb, John (JohnMark) <kolb.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>; Taylor, Samuel <Samuel.Taylor@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Methane Rule - Thursday Event

Update: He is available 1:30pm -2:30pm on Thursday.

From: Mathis, Kaley
Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 4:47 PM
To: 'Kolb, John (JohnMark)' <kolb.john@epa.gov>

Cc: Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>; Taylor, Samuel <Samuel.Taylor@mail.house.gov>
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He just confirmed that he wants to do the conference.

What are next steps for EPA? Establishing time and location?

It looks like the Congressman will be in meetings in Lubbock until 2pm Thursday, however I'm asking our scheduler if there's any chance we can reschedule the 1:30 meeting so we can have the press conference sooner in the afternoon. What are your thoughts on that or does it matter if its sometime closer to 2:30?

I've also identified a location on the outskirts of Lubbock that I need to confirm is okay to use. It's associated with the petroleum engineering department at Texas Tech, so we need to make sure there's that's not an issue.

Let me know if there's anything else we need to be looking at in terms of immediate next steps!

From: Kolb, John (JohnMark) <kolb.john@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 3:54 PM
To: Mathis, Kaley <Kaley.Mathis@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Methane Rule - Thursday Event

Sure thing!

Keep these on embargo but see below:

TPs:

- Soon, we will be proposing changes to burdensome and costly federal regulations impacting the oil and natural gas industry that unnecessarily added extra cost to domestic energy production while providing zero environmental benefit.
- EPA's proposal delivers on President Trump's executive order and removes unnecessary and duplicative regulatory burdens from the oil and gas industry.
- The Trump Administration recognizes that methane is valuable, and the industry has an incentivize to minimize leaks and maximize its use.
- Since 1990, U.S. natural gas production has nearly doubled while methane emissions from production have fallen by approximately 15 percent.
- Our regulations should not stifle this innovation and progress.

- **The proposal would remove regulatory requirements for sources it was not appropriate to regulate in the 2016 rule**

  - EPA considers sources in the transmission and storage segment of the industry to be a separate "source category."
  - That means that, by law, EPA has to make a separate finding to demine that the emissions from that source category cause or significantly contribute to air pollution that may endanger public health or welfare, before the agency can regulate it.
  - The production and processing segments of the industry would still be subject to VOC regulations.

- **The proposal also will reduce unnecessary regulatory duplication**

  - In addition to removing sources in the transmission and storage segments of the industry, EPA is proposing to remove regulatory limitations on methane for sources in the production and processing segment of the industry
  - These sources would remain subject to limits for smog-forming volatile organic compounds (VOCs).
  - The controls to reduce VOCs emissions also reduce methane at the same time, which protects public health and the environment, so methane limitations in these segments of the industry are redundant.

- **EPA's proposal will reduce burden to industry**

  - EPA's regulatory impact analysis for the proposal estimates that the proposed amendments would save the oil and natural gas industry $15 million a year, for a total of $85 million from 2019 through 2025. Additional estimates in the analysis show those savings could reach as high as $17 million a year, or a total of $108 million for the 2019-2025 period.
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the 2019-2025 period.

- **EPA also is co-proposing an alternative action, which would rescind the methane emissions limitations without removing from regulation any sources from the transmission and storage segment of the industry.**
- **In addition, EPA is seeking comment on alternative interpretations of EPA's legal authority to regulate pollutants under section 111(b)(1)(A) of the Clean Air Act.**

From: Mathis, Kaley <Kaley.Mathis@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 3:50 PM
To: Kolb, John (JohnMark) <kolb.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Methane Rule - Thursday Event

Thanks for the call JohnMark. Waiting to hear from my boss still.

I'm expecting he'll call soon. Are there any topline points of the rule that I'm able to share with him for background?

From: Kolb, John (JohnMark) <kolb.john@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 11:47 AM
To: Mathis, Kaley <Kaley.Mathis@mail.house.gov>
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Subject: RE: Methane Rule - Thursday Event

Got some updates for you. Can you please give me a call when you have a chance?

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From: Mathis, Kaley <Kaley.Mathis@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 26, 2019 4:40 PM
To: Kolb, John (JohnMark) <kolb.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Methane Rule - Thursday Event

Absolutely! (taking Dom out since she's out of the office this week.)

Some questions from my scheduler:

Do you know if Conaway is going? What would Jodey's role be? Do you have a draft itinerary or is it going to be similar to a press conference?

From: Kolb, John (JohnMark) <kolb.john@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 26, 2019 4:38 PM
To: Mathis, Kaley <Kaley.Mathis@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>; Spadavecchia, Dominique <Dominique.S@mail.house.gov>
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Much appreciated! And please keep this on very close hold.

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Thanks again for thinking of us in advance of this rollout! Flagging for our team now.

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Kaley,

Thanks for taking the call. If you could flag for your team that we are looking at Thursday in Midland that would be fantastic. I will follow up tomorrow morning with more details.

Looping in Dominique because we go way back – hope things are going well.

Will be in touch on this.

Sincerely,

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Message

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Sent: 7/17/2019 2:18:36 PM
To: Rodrick, Christian [rodrick.christian@epa.gov]; Bennett, Tate [Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]; Schiermeyer, Corry [schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov]; Zimmer, Nathaniel [zimmer.nathaniel@epa.gov]; Flinn, Darren [flinn.darren@epa.gov]; Mickle, John [Mickle.John@epa.gov]; Hoffner, Nicholas [hoffner.nicholas@epa.gov]; Pruitt, Mark [pruitt.mark@epa.gov]; Molina, Michael [molina.michael@epa.gov]; Seaver, Jedidiah [seaver.jedidiah@epa.gov]; Vance, Eric [Vance.Eric@epa.gov]
Subject: Ohio - LxL - Version 9
Attachments: LxL - EPA - Ohio V9.pdf

All,

Please see the updated LxL attached.

I still require the following:

- Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

If you see any discrepancies, please reply to me separately and I will make the necessary changes. Thank you.

Respectfully,

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Subject: RE: press release for cleveland trip -- trashfree waters grant
Attachments: DRAFT Talking Point Materials - CLOSE HOLD

I sent TFW materials over to Chris Beach last Friday to begin putting together the speech. Per our discussion, he intended to pass it along to the rest of OPA. Corry, my apologies for not closing the loop with you personally.

I'd also note that Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
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Best,

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From: Schiermeyer, Corry
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 1:02 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Kramer, Jessica L. <kramer.jessical@epa.gov>
Cc: Risley, David <Risley.David@epa.gov>; Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; Kelley, Jeff <kelley.jeff@epa.gov>; Rowan, Anne <rowan.anne@epa.gov>; Zimmer, Nathaniel <zimmer.nathaniel@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: press release for cleveland trip -- trashfree waters grant

Up until yesterday I didn't know we were making an announcement. But we are making a fairly significant Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) we need a release to push, at least locally.

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 12:44 PM
To: Kramer, Jessica L. <kramer.jessical@epa.gov>
Cc: Risley, David <Risley.David@epa.gov>; Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; Kelley, Jeff <kelley.jeff@epa.gov>; Rowan, Anne <rowan.anne@epa.gov>; Zimmer, Nathaniel <zimmer.nathaniel@epa.gov>; Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: press release for cleveland trip -- trashfree waters grant

Looping corry on this .. for further direction

From: Kramer, Jessica L.
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2019 12:32 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Risley, David <Risley.David@epa.gov>; Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; Kelley, Jeff <kelley.jeff@epa.gov>; Rowan, Anne <rowan.anne@epa.gov>; Zimmer, Nathaniel <zimmer.nathaniel@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: press release for cleveland trip -- trashfree waters grant

We have been working on this trip but I don't know if a request for us to do anything on a PR. Allison has a request come in for us to work on this or put something together?

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 16, 2019, at 12:30 PM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

> Is ow working on this? Just got off a call with corry and the region .. for adm's visit.
>
> Thanks ng
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> **Nancy Grantham**
> **Principal Deputy Associate Administrator**
> **Environmental Protection Agency**
> **Office of Public Affairs**
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Message

From: Zimmer, Nathaniel [zimmer.nathaniel@epa.gov]
Sent: 7/12/2019 8:39:15 PM
To: Beach, Christopher [beach.christopher@epa.gov]
CC: Bennett, Tate [Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]; Kramer, Jessica L. [kramer.jessical@epa.gov]
Subject: DRAFT Talking Point Materials - CLOSE HOLD
Attachments: Lake Guardian.pdf; Great Lakes Trash Free Waters Grant Program_Draft 07092019 katjlk.docx; Marine Litter - MYP Final.docx; Marine Litter Action Plan - Outline Final.docx

Chris,

As discussed this morning, please see attached materials to begin crafting talking points for AW's speech. The attachments include:

- A brochure on the Lake Guardian vessel
- A briefing on the Great Lakes Trash Free Waters Grant Program
- The Multi-Year Planning Justification Briefing for the Ocean Pollution and Plastics Reductions program (Note: Proposal for review at the Senior Leadership Council next week)
- The Marine Litter Action Plan (Note: Draft for SLC)

OW and OITA's marine litter proposals were approved by AW for use in the TPs per our meeting this afternoon. Again, all of this is close hold for press, but should serve as applicable background for the Cleveland speech itself. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Best,

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CC: Schwab, Justin [Schwab.Justin@epa.gov]; Idsal, Anne [idsal.anne@epa.gov]; Woods, Clint [woods.clint@epa.gov]; Schiermeyer, Corry [schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov]; McFaul, Jessica [mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov]; Beach, Christopher [beach.christopher@epa.gov]; Dominguez, Alexander [dominguez.alexander@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: following up on our conversation

Is this fine with everyone?

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 21, 2019, at 11:52 AM, Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov> wrote:

> Ok, well I think it's worthwhile to just provide these two sentences then. This will run in print tomorrow and I think we just provide what we have already stated on the issue. Does that work for everyone?
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> **DRAFT:** Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
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> Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) – **EPA spokesman**
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> **From:** Harlow, David
> **Sent:** Friday, July 19, 2019 7:17 PM
> **To:** Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Brazauskas, Joseph <brazauskas.joseph@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Schwab, Justin <Schwab.Justin@epa.gov>; Idsal, Anne <idsal.anne@epa.gov>; Woods, Clint <woods.clint@epa.gov>; Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>; Dominguez, Alexander <dominguez.alexander@epa.gov>
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Cc: Schwab, Justin <Schwab.Justin@epa.gov>; Idsal, Anne <idsal.anne@epa.gov>; Woods, Clint <woods.clint@epa.gov>; Harlow, David <harlow.david@epa.gov>; Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>; Dominguez, Alexander <dominguez.alexander@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: following up on our conversation

What if we say something along this line and Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

DRAFT: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 19, 2019, at 2:55 PM, Brazauskas, Joseph <brazauskas.joseph@epa.gov> wrote:

The first statement I think is fine. The second one we may want to Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Joseph A. Brazauskas
Acting Associate Administrator
Office of Congressional & Intergovernmental Relations
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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From: Schwab, Justin
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 2:51 PM
To: Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Idsal, Anne <idsal.anne@epa.gov>; Woods, Clint <woods.clint@epa.gov>; Harlow, David <harlow.david@epa.gov>; Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>; Dominguez, Alexander <dominguez.alexander@epa.gov>; Brazauskas, Joseph <brazauskas.joseph@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: following up on our conversation

I don't know whether we are in a position to Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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From: Abboud, Michael
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 2:50 PM
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Subject: FW: following up on our conversation

FYI story is pushed to Monday. We have provided these statements below. We can probably get rid of the Air Permitting Forum part and use the DTE portions. Any thoughts?

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From: Eilperin, Juliet <Juliet.Eilperin@washpost.com>
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 12:57 PM
To: Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
Subject: following up on our conversation

Dear Michael,
As we discussed, I just wanted to circle back on the ethics story that I am writing, which I will finish today and will run online Monday morning. While it will mainly focus on the IG inquiry I mentioned, it will also address congressional Democrats' ongoing investigations of both Bill Wehrum and David Harlow. While my piece will only mention David Harlow in passing, Senate Democrats are arguing that he, along with Bill Wehrum, improperly weighed in on the DTE memo back in December 2017, and may have failed to fully list all his former clients on his recusal letter because they assert that the individual members of the Utility Air Regulatory Group were also individual clients of UARG. (For what it is worth, when Bill was questioned on this point during a House Energy and Commerce hearing, he replied, "That's not my understanding.") More broadly, these lawmakers are arguing that both of them advanced their former clients' interests while serving at EPA.

I also had one factual question I was hoping you could answer: I believe David Harlow was a partner at Hunton & Williams before joining EPA, but I am not positive because I can't find that listed online. So if you could clarify that, not for attribution, it would be helpful.

If there is either any specific response you'd like to provide from Mr. Harlow, or if there's a general statement you'd like to make, just let me know.
Thanks, Juliet

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Message

From: Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]
Sent: 8/27/2019 7:17:39 PM
To: Schiermeyer, Corry [schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Ruth Etzel

Ok. I'll send to Kevin.

From: Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2019 3:17 PM
To: Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Ruth Etzel

Sure...

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 27, 2019, at 3:11 PM, Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov> wrote:

> We're you good with this?
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> **From:** Abboud, Michael
> **Sent:** Tuesday, August 27, 2019 11:46 AM
> **To:** Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** FW: Ruth Etzel
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> How about this?
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> **DRAFT:** "After undergoing a performance review by career EPA staff, and pending further actions, it was determined that Dr. Etzel be moved to a non-supervisory role in another department following her reinstatement in March 2019. EPA has now appointed Jeanne Briskin to head up the Office of Children's Health Protection who will advance Administrator Wheeler's priorities on children's health, and fulfill the Agency's mission."
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> **From:** Kevin Bogardus <kbogardus@eenews.net>
> **Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2019 4:13 PM
> **To:** Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>; Woods, Andrea <Woods.Andrea@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** awittenberg@eenews.net
> **Subject:** Ruth Etzel
>
> Hey everyone,
>
> It's Kevin Bogardus with E&E News.
>
> Myself and my colleague Ariel Wittenberg (who is CCed on this email) are working on a story about Ruth Etzel, the former director of EPA's Office of Children's Health Protection. In our story, we are linking to and quoting from EPA emails and personnel records that I obtained under the Freedom of Information Act (please see attached). I had a few questions about this, which are:

- Etzel was given a pay raise in January 2018 (please see Page 5 R Etzel complete eOPF_Redacted) and a cash award in August 2018 (please see Page 2 R Etzel complete eOPF_Redacted), about a month before she was put on leave. Why did Etzel get a pay raise and a cash award when there were allegations about her leadership of OCHP?

- We will say that Etzel was told she was not ready to brief EPA leadership on the federal lead strategy about three weeks before she was put on leave (please see 834-835 Records Resonsive_OCHP FOIAs_7.19.2019_). Do you have any additional comment?

- We will say that Etzel said she was going to finish the federal lead strategy in June 2018 (please see 840 Records Resonsive_OCHP FOIAs_7.19.2019_). Why was it delayed?

- We will say that OCHP had a 360 leadership assessment that raised "several concerns" (please see 702 Records Resonsive_OCHP FOIAs_7.19.2019_). What were those concerns?

- We will say that EPA Chief of Staff Ryan Jackson questioned why the American Academy of Pediatrics wasn't familiar with OCHP (please see 616 Records Resonsive_OCHP FOIAs_7.19.2019_). Do you have any additional comment?

- We will quote emails from John Konkus and Jackson discussing press strategy in response to Etzel being put on leave, such as "opportunity to strike" and "press pushing back on her" (please see 3 Records Resonsive_OCHP FOIAs_7.19.2019_, 555 Records Resonsive_OCHP FOIAs_7.19.2019_ and 556 Records Resonsive_OCHP FOIAs_7.19.2019_). Do you have any additional comment?

- We will say that Konkus received a list of EPA children's health-related grants (please see 594-598 Records Resonsive_OCHP FOIAs_7.19.2019_). Why was Konkus reviewing such grants? I ask because his grants review was rescinded in May 2018, according to this email (https://www.eenews.net/assets/2018/06/18/document_gw_19.pdf).

- We will quote emails from OCHP officials saying they were not consulted on the children's health booklet (please see 334-335 Records Resonsive_OCHP FOIAs_7.19.2019_). Why weren't OCHP officials consulted on this booklet?

- We will say Veronica Darwin gathered materials on children's health for the booklet (please see 565 Records Resonsive_OCHP FOIAs_7.19.2019_). Do you have any additional comment?

- We will say that Etzel returned to EPA in March 2019 and was reassigned to "unclassified duties" in the Office of Water's Office of Science and Technology (please see Page 4 R Etzel complete eOPF_Redacted). Do you have any additional comment?

Please get back to me as soon as possible. My deadline is close of business Wednesday, Aug. 28, but the sooner you get back to me, the more it helps my reporting. Thank you for your help.

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Message

From: McFaul, Jessica [mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov]
Sent: 4/25/2019 4:55:41 PM
To: Frye, Tony (Robert) [frye.robert@epa.gov]
CC: Carter, Brittany S. [carter.brittanys@epa.gov]; Voyles, Travis [Voyles.Travis@epa.gov]; Rodrick, Christian [rodrick.christian@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Tracker

Done. Note that everything in the tracker is extremely close hold for internal use only because it changes sometimes several times a day. The Weekly Grid (which you've also been added to) is also draft-deliberative/internal only since it's subject to chance throughout the week, but it's based largely off the tracker contents and sent to regions for their planning and amplification. Jess

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From: Frye, Tony (Robert)
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2019 10:00 AM
To: McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>
Cc: Carter, Brittany S. <carter.brittanys@epa.gov>; Voyles, Travis <Voyles.Travis@epa.gov>; Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>
Subject: Tracker

Hey Jessica – Can you add us to your distro for the tracker you produce?
Thanks,
Tony

Tony Frye
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Message

From: McFaul, Jessica [mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov]
Sent: 4/25/2019 4:37:10 PM
To: Schiermeyer, Corry [schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Tracker

We don't send a "final" since there's never a final, it changes every day. I send it once a week (on Wednesday) requesting input for updates, so that's the email they would be on. And then also on the Monday weekly grid.

From: Schiermeyer, Corry
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2019 12:35 PM
To: McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Tracker

Figured this would happen. Let's include them in the final we send around…**as close hold/draft deliberative**…but not in the distro to contribute.

Does that work? Are we creating too many distro lists?

From: McFaul, Jessica
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2019 12:21 PM
To: Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Tracker

Per our convo yesterday

From: Frye, Tony (Robert)
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2019 10:00 AM
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Sent: 8/8/2019 1:57:30 PM
To: Schiermeyer, Corry [schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov]
CC: Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]; McFaul, Jessica [mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov]; Risley, David [Risley.David@epa.gov]; Gordon, Brittney [Gordon.Brittney@epa.gov]; Kramer, Jessica L. [kramer.jessical@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Draft401FactSheetRevised_8_5_19.docx

Corry, we will certainly do what we can to develop additional materials. The Administrator is also welcome to call me any time with additional questions.

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> **Sent:** Wednesday, August 7, 2019 12:50 PM
> **To:** Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Brazauskas, Joseph <brazauskas.joseph@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Risley, David <Risley.David@epa.gov>; Gordon, Brittney <Gordon.Brittney@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Mejias, Melissa <mejias.melissa@epa.gov>; Kramer, Jessica L. <kramer.jessical@epa.gov>; Kasparek, Lauren <kasparek.lauren@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: Draft401FactSheetRevised_8_5_19.docx
>
> Here is a DRAFT Q/A for AW that I request we keep as a CLOSE HOLD for now.
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> **From:** Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>
> **Sent:** Wednesday, August 7, 2019 10:22 AM
> **To:** Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Brazauskas, Joseph <brazauskas.joseph@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Gordon, Brittney <Gordon.Brittney@epa.gov>; Risley, David <Risley.David@epa.gov>; Gordon, Brittney <Gordon.Brittney@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Mejias, Melissa <mejias.melissa@epa.gov>; Kramer, Jessica L. <kramer.jessical@epa.gov>; Kasparek,

Lauren <kasparek.lauren@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Draft401FactSheetRevised_8_5_19.docx

Ok…thank you. I'm most concerned with having this for the Administrator. The talking points and fact sheet should be enough for the regions as this time.

Thank you!

From: Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 7, 2019 10:18 AM
To: Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Brazauskas, Joseph <brazauskas.joseph@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Gordon, Brittney <Gordon.Brittney@epa.gov>; Risley, David <Risley.David@epa.gov>; Gordon, Brittney <Gordon.Brittney@epa.gov>
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Hi Corry,
The team did prepare a Q/A document. It is quite lengthy and needs QAQC before it can go public so we are taking some time with it and plan to transform it into a power point presentation for our public webinar, rather than issue it this week with the proposed rule. I can take a quick look through it and pull out items that may be helpful for AW this week, but it would need to be close hold and not distributed to the regions with the other materials.
Anna

From: Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, August 7, 2019 9:31 AM
To: Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Brazauskas, Joseph <brazauskas.joseph@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Gordon, Brittney <Gordon.Brittney@epa.gov>; Risley, David <Risley.David@epa.gov>; Gordon, Brittney <Gordon.Brittney@epa.gov>
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Subject: RE: Draft401FactSheetRevised_8_5_19.docx

Hello Anna,

Was your team putting together a q/a document, as well? I thought that was in the works, too. We have the two docs for talking points and fact sheet, but a q/a for the Administrator or maybe a little more info on the rule could be helpful.

Let me know what you all think…I just want to make sure he has all the info he needs to explain our action…why we are doing it (I think we have this part)…and what our proposal will do (this is where I think we might could add to the three areas we identified…if there are some more specifics we could provide him).

Thank you!

From: Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 6, 2019 11:51 AM
To: Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Brazauskas, Joseph <brazauskas.joseph@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Gordon, Brittney <Gordon.Brittney@epa.gov>; Risley, David <Risley.David@epa.gov>
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Subject: FW: Draft401FactSheetRevised_8_5_19.docx

Looks like there are two mailing lists going on here. Please see the attached OW comms materials.

From: Mejias, Melissa <mejias.melissa@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 6, 2019 11:38 AM
To: Bowles, Jack <Bowles.Jack@epa.gov>; Kasparek, Lauren <kasparek.lauren@epa.gov>; Kramer, Jessica L. <kramer.jessical@epa.gov>; Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>; Goodin, John <Goodin.John@epa.gov>; Risley, David <Risley.David@epa.gov>
Cc: Frazer, Brian <Frazer.Brian@epa.gov>; McDavit, Michael W. <Mcdavit.Michael@epa.gov>; Beck, Whitney <beck.whitney@epa.gov>; Gude, Karen <Gude.Karen@epa.gov>; Carter, Brittany S. <carter.brittanys@epa.gov>; Pic, Jordan <pic.jordan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Draft401FactSheetRevised_8_5_19.docx

Hi Jack and All,

The following are attached.

1. 401 Proposed Rule Press Release
2. 401 Proposed Rule Comms Plan w/
   - External Talking Points
   - Internal Q&As
3. Fact sheet (still marked draft at top)
4. State and tribal letters

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks!,
Mel

Best Regards,
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Hi again –

Do y'all have a draft comms plan you can send over here yet? Thank you.

Best,
Jack

From: Kasparek, Lauren <kasparek.lauren@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 05, 2019 6:31 PM
To: Kramer, Jessica L. <kramer.jessical@epa.gov>; Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>; Goodin, John <Goodin.John@epa.gov>; Risley, David <Risley.David@epa.gov>; Mejias, Melissa <mejias.melissa@epa.gov>
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Hi all,

Please see attached for the updated versions for the following:

1. TPs for WDDs (still marked draft at top)
2. Internal Q&As (still marked draft at top)
3. Fact sheet (still marked draft at top)
4. State and tribal letters

We are working on prepping the webpages with the updated edits.

Thanks!
Lauren

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From: Kramer, Jessica L. <kramer.jessical@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 5, 2019 5:37 PM
To: Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>; Goodin, John <Goodin.John@epa.gov>; Risley, David <Risley.David@epa.gov>
Cc: Frazer, Brian <Frazer.Brian@epa.gov>; McDavit, Michael W. <Mcdavit.Michael@epa.gov>; Kasparek, Lauren <kasparek.lauren@epa.gov>; Beck, Whitney <beck.whitney@epa.gov>; Bowles, Jack <Bowles.Jack@epa.gov>; Gude, Karen <Gude.Karen@epa.gov>
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A couple edits.

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Redlines attached. Will send edits one by one as I review.

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From: Kramer, Jessica L.[/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=7112D115592049C6B99DC721BEA9EB3A-KRAMER, JES]
Sent: Thur 8/8/2019 1:47:25 PM (UTC)
Subject: RE: Draft401FactSheetRevised_8_5_19.docx

Hey Michael,

Give me a call back and I'll help you with this. Thanks!

202-322-9523

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From: Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, August 8, 2019 9:42 AM
To: Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Risley, David <Risley.David@epa.gov>; Gordon, Brittney <Gordon.Brittney@epa.gov>
Cc: Kramer, Jessica L. <kramer.jessical@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Draft401FactSheetRevised_8_5_19.docx

Hey Anna, just left you a voicemail. Can you call me back at 202-578-9013?

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Sent: Thursday, August 8, 2019 9:29 AM
To: Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Risley, David <Risley.David@epa.gov>; Gordon, Brittney <Gordon.Brittney@epa.gov>
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Hello Anna,

Was your team putting together a q/a document, as well? I thought that was in the works, too. We have the two docs for talking points and fact sheet, but a q/a for the Administrator or maybe a little more info on the rule could be helpful.

Let me know what you all think…I just want to make sure he has all the info he needs to explain our action…why we are doing it (I think we have this part)…and what our proposal will do (this is where I think we might could add to the three areas we identified…if there are some more specifics we could provide him).

Thank you!

From: Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 6, 2019 11:51 AM
To: Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Brazauskas, Joseph <brazauskas.joseph@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Gordon, Brittney <Gordon.Brittney@epa.gov>; Risley, David <Risley.David@epa.gov>
Cc: Mejias, Melissa <mejias.melissa@epa.gov>; Kramer, Jessica L. <kramer.jessical@epa.gov>; Kasparek, Lauren <kasparek.lauren@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Draft401FactSheetRevised_8_5_19.docx

Looks like there are two mailing lists going on here. Please see the attached OW comms materials.

From: Mejias, Melissa <mejias.melissa@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 6, 2019 11:38 AM
To: Bowles, Jack <Bowles.Jack@epa.gov>; Kasparek, Lauren <kasparek.lauren@epa.gov>; Kramer, Jessica L. <kramer.jessical@epa.gov>; Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>; Goodin, John <Goodin.John@epa.gov>; Risley, David <Risley.David@epa.gov>
Cc: Frazer, Brian <Frazer.Brian@epa.gov>; McDavit, Michael W. <Mcdavit.Michael@epa.gov>; Beck, Whitney <beck.whitney@epa.gov>; Gude, Karen <Gude.Karen@epa.gov>; Carter, Brittany S. <carter.brittanys@epa.gov>; Pic, Jordan <pic.jordan@epa.gov>
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Hi Jack and All,

The following are attached.

1. 401 Proposed Rule Press Release
2. 401 Proposed Rule Comms Plan w/

- External Talking Points
- Internal Q&As

3. Fact sheet (still marked draft at top)
4. State and tribal letters

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks!,
Mel

Best Regards,
Melissa Mejias, Confidential Assistant to
Dave Ross, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Room 3226B WJC East
Phone: (202) 564-6512
Mobile: (202) 774-6656
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Hi again –

Do y'all have a draft comms plan you can send over here yet? Thank you.

Best,
Jack

From: Kasparek, Lauren <kasparek.lauren@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 05, 2019 6:31 PM
To: Kramer, Jessica L. <kramer.jessical@epa.gov>; Wildeman, Anna <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>; Goodin, John <Goodin.John@epa.gov>; Risley, David <Risley.David@epa.gov>; Mejias, Melissa <mejias.melissa@epa.gov>
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Hi all,

Please see attached for the updated versions for the following:

1. TPs for WDDs (still marked draft at top)
2. Internal Q&As (still marked draft at top)
3. Fact sheet (still marked draft at top)
4. State and tribal letters

We are working on prepping the webpages with the updated edits.

Thanks!
Lauren

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Program Development and Jurisdiction Branch
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A couple edits.

Jessica L. Kramer
Policy Counsel to the Assistant Administrator
Office of Water
(202) 564-6322

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To: Goodin, John <Goodin.John@epa.gov>; Kramer, Jessica L. <kramer.jessical@epa.gov>; Risley, David <Risley.David@epa.gov>
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Redlines attached. Will send edits one by one as I review.

Message

From: Ross, David P [ross.davidp@epa.gov]
Sent: 9/25/2019 2:18:42 PM
To: Schiermeyer, Corry [schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Cal Letter and Press Release

Hi Corry. Can you call my cell this morning when you have a chance. I have one question for you. 202.747.4638

Sent from my iPhone

> On Sep 25, 2019, at 10:09 AM, Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov> wrote:
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Sent: 9/9/2019 3:37:35 PM
To: Lovett, Kasey [Kasey.Lovett@mail.house.gov]; Kolb, John (JohnMark) [kolb.john@epa.gov]; Howell, Steven [Steven.Howell@mail.house.gov]; McFaul, Jessica [mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov]
CC: Rodrick, Christian [rodrick.christian@epa.gov]; Jenkins, Brandi [Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov]; Schiermeyer, Corry [schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: EPA Administrator Chattanooga Event

Thanks Kasey –

Yes, you can use our quote:

"Thanks to the hard work of EPA career officials, the Superfund Task Force has strengthened the program in numerous ways, from accelerating cleanups to promoting redevelopment to improving community engagement," **said Administrator Andrew Wheeler**. "The recommendations generated by the Task Force and applied by the Superfund program have directly improved the health and economic opportunity of thousands of people living near Superfund sites. We are taking concrete steps to ensure that the work of the Task Force continues to enhance the Superfund program moving forward."

Joseph A. Brazauskas
Acting Associate Administrator
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
(202) 564-5189

From: Lovett, Kasey <Kasey.Lovett@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 9, 2019 11:30 AM
To: Kolb, John (JohnMark) <kolb.john@epa.gov>; Howell, Steven <Steven.Howell@mail.house.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>
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Hi JohnMark-

See below for statement from Congressman Fleischmann. Let me know if I am ok to pull the Administrator's quote to use in our release as well.

"The Southside Superfund site is the perfect location to welcome Administrator Wheeler and highlight the positive impact of the Superfund Task Force," **said Congressman Fleischmann**. "The EPA's ongoing success in Chattanooga is a testament to their ability to deploy Superfund resources to remediate contaminated sites, protect the health and wellbeing of our communities, and revitalize previously underutilized hubs of economic potential. I am thankful that Southside was added to the National Priorities List and that EPA officials continue to prioritize the safety of area residents. As East Tennessee expands and attracts further economic investments, I thank Administrator Wheeler and the expertise of EPA officials for the work they have done to advance the prosperity of our region."

Let me know if you need anything else from me!

Kasey L. Lovett
Communications Director | Congressman Chuck Fleischmann (TN-03)
2410 Rayburn House Office Building
Office: (202) 225-3271
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From: Kolb, John (JohnMark) <kolb.john@epa.gov>
Sent: Saturday, September 7, 2019 10:13 AM
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Kasey – apologies on the delay here – attached is a draft press release. Will defer to Jess on timing but if you can get a quote to us by Monday morning before the event that would be great so we can go live as soon as it's over.

Steven – below is time and location. Brandi please let Steven know if this has changed.

- **Date:** Monday, September 9
- **Where:** Charles A. Bell Park (3501 Central Avenue, Chattanooga, TN; Southside Chattanooga Superfund Site)
- **Time:** 12:15 – 1:00 pm (EDT)

Thanks!

JohnMark Kolb
Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
O: (202) 564-7793
C: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

From: Kolb, John (JohnMark)
Sent: Friday, September 6, 2019 5:58 PM
To: Lovett, Kasey <Kasey.Lovett@mail.house.gov>; Howell, Steven <Steven.Howell@mail.house.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>
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Steven,

Great chatting – looping in Brandi who has details on the event. Jess – as soon as you have a draft release, please send it over so we can give them comms team time.

Thanks!

JohnMark Kolb
Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Kasey and Steven – happy to chat. Am free now.

Also, we have a draft release coming your way shortly for more context.

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Hi JohnMark,

One more request from the Congressman that just came in – in light of his absence, would he be able to speak with the Administrator for a quick call on Monday or sometime this coming week? I believe he has something he would like to discuss. Please let me know, thank so much.

From: Howell, Steven <Steven.Howell@mail.house.gov>
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Thank you, Kasey.

JohnMark, we are back in the office. Is there some chance we can catch up this afternoon?

From: Lovett, Kasey <Kasey.Lovett@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 06, 2019 12:35 PM
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Hi JohnMark-

Using this email chain for ease but I have added Steve Howell (cc'd) who is the Congressman's District Director. Let me know if you need anything else for the press release, etc.

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Kasey,

We are checking on this and will get back to you tomorrow morning. The event will be in the late morning with a hard stop at 1pm.

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Subject: RE: EPA Administrator Chattanooga Event

Hi Jessica-

We are still trying (and hoping) that this is feasible with the Congressman's current travel logistics. I am not sure you are the correct POC for this question but it appears that it might only be possible for the Congressman to attend if he is able to fly back with the Administrator to DC? If this can be done, I would love to make it happen.

If the Congressman can attend, he would be more than happy to speak at the event. Please let me know – thanks!

Kasey L. Lovett
Communications Director | Congressman Chuck Fleischmann (TN-03)
2410 Rayburn House Office Building
Office: (202) 225-3271
Email: kasey.lovett@mail.house.gov

From: McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2019 3:57 PM
To: Lovett, Kasey <Kasey.Lovett@mail.house.gov>; Kolb, John (JohnMark) <kolb.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>; Brazauskas, Joseph <brazauskas.joseph@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Administrator Chattanooga Event

Hi Kasey,

Are you looking to have the congressman speak at the event? If yes, let me know so we can get the ROS adjusted for the media advisory.

Thanks so much!

Jessica McFaul
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Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2019 1:15 PM
To: Kolb, John (JohnMark) <kolb.john@epa.gov>
Cc: McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>; Brazauskas, Joseph <brazauskas.joseph@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Administrator Chattanooga Event

Thanks JohnMark – really appreciate the heads up and always great chatting with you.

Working on logistics for the Congressman as we speak.

Jess –

Please let me know what you need from me to help make the visit a success.

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Cc: McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>; Brazauskas, Joseph <brazauskas.joseph@epa.gov>
Subject: EPA Administrator Chattanooga Event

Hey Kasey!

Great catching up with you. Please keep this on very close hold but Administrator Wheeler is going to be in your district on Monday the 9th to announce a Regional Superfund Task Force effort. We are going to be telling a good news story and looks like doing a tour of the site below:

Administrator and RA Event: Southside Chattanooga Lead Site	Chattanooga, TN	9/9	*Highlights early action and addressing human health risks. Administrator can observe current construction work.* 120 miles (2 hours) from Nashville. There is an ongoing removal action in the Highland Park Neighborhood, one of eight residential neighborhoods, addressing residential properties that have lead soil contamination levels exceeding the removal management level of 1,200 parts per million. There is an ongoing remedial design for the residential parcels which is scheduled to be concluded in September 2019 when remedial action will begin on residential properties that have lead soil contamination levels exceeding 360 parts per million, the early action ROD remedial action cleanup level.

Apologies I don't have any more info on the site at the moment but we can coordinate moving forward.

Jess is on our Comms team and can coordinate press with you. Jess – Kasey is Rep. Fleischmann's Comms Director.

Jess do we have a time on the event and a draft release?

Sincerely,

JohnMark Kolb
EPA Congressional Affairs
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Message

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Sent: 9/25/2019 3:07:17 AM
To: Benevento, Douglas [benevento.douglas@epa.gov]
CC: Bodine, Susan [bodine.susan@epa.gov]; Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]; Forsgren, Lee [Forsgren.Lee@epa.gov]; Mejias, Melissa [mejias.melissa@epa.gov]; Schiermeyer, Corry [schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Cal Letter and Press Release

Ok thanks. I will work with Mel in the morning to look for the issues Susan has raised and insert my few additional edits and then Mel will get it to Beth for signature. Thanks all.

Sent from my iPad

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> To: Bodine, Susan <bodine.susan@epa.gov>; Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
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>> <Water TPs spb edits.docx>
> <California Water Letter - Final - September, 2019.docx>

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Message

From: Carey, Curtis [Carey.Curtis@epa.gov]
Sent: 5/13/2019 8:37:00 PM
To: Schiermeyer, Corry [schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: E15 Rollout Prep for RA

Hi Corry,

I called a couple of times today but wasn't lucky enough to catch you.

It would be good to catch up by phone so I can share additional details regarding No. 2. 913-551-7506

best,
Curtis

From: Schiermeyer, Corry
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 12:25 PM
To: Carey, Curtis <Carey.Curtis@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: E15 Rollout Prep for RA

On number 2 below…what do you need from Tate?

As for #1…I don't have anything, yet. When I know more, we will share.

Thank you!

From: Carey, Curtis
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 1:14 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: E15 Rollout Prep for RA

Hi Corry,

I'm happy to talk by phone if you have time. 913-551-7506

best,
Curtis

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 12:01 PM
To: Carey, Curtis <Carey.Curtis@epa.gov>
Cc: Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: E15 Rollout Prep for RA

Looping in Corry on this thanks ng

From: Carey, Curtis
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 12:54 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: E15 Rollout Prep for RA

Hi Nancy,

We're getting geared up to prep Jim for the May 30 or 31st E15 rollout. I met with him this morning on his four week look ahead. A couple of items coming out of that meeting:

1. To give us time to prep him, we'll need early embargoed (close hold) news release, talking points, and Q&A. I understand how close hold it needs to be. I have to use those tools to prep Jim for his public appearance and media interviews. He is very concerned about having enough time to get up to speed.
2. Did you have a chance to tag-up with Tate yet on the R7 proposal? My recommendation is for Tate or the program AA to engage him directly on any needed changes and then bring me in the loop so I can execute on the work.

Curtis D. Carey, Ph.D.
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Community Based Environmental Protection Program, Community Involvement, Media Relations, and Communication Services
Region 7 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Message

From: Ditlevson, Michael [ditlevson.michael@epa.gov]
Sent: 7/12/2019 9:08:21 PM
To: Molina, Michael [molina.michael@epa.gov]; Bennett, Tate [Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]; Beach, Christopher [beach.christopher@epa.gov]; Rodrick, Christian [rodrick.christian@epa.gov]; Humphreys, Hayly [humphreys.hayly@epa.gov]; Dickerson, Aaron [dickerson.aaron@epa.gov]; Pruitt, Mark [pruitt.mark@epa.gov]; Seaver, Jedidiah [seaver.jedidiah@epa.gov]; Marshall, William [marshall.william@epa.gov]; Zimmer, Nathaniel [zimmer.nathaniel@epa.gov]; Schiermeyer, Corry [schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov]; Scott, Corey [scott.corey@epa.gov]
Subject: LxL - Ohio - V4
Attachments: LxL - EPA - Ohio V4.pdf

All,

Good afternoon! Please find the updated Ohio line by line attached. If you have any questions or edits, please respond separately. Thank you

Respectfully,

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Message

From: Beach, Christopher [beach.christopher@epa.gov]
Sent: 7/12/2019 8:43:39 PM
To: Schiermeyer, Corry [schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov]; Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]; McFaul, Jessica [mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov]
Subject: Fwd: DRAFT Talking Point Materials - CLOSE HOLD
Attachments: Lake Guardian.pdf; ATT00001.htm; Great Lakes Trash Free Waters Grant Program_Draft 07092019 katjlk.docx; ATT00002.htm; Marine Litter - MYP Final.docx; ATT00003.htm; Marine Litter Action Plan - Outline Final.docx; ATT00004.htm

Nate said I could forward this to you for selecting the proper media outlets for interviews but he told me that these documents can NOT be shared with anyone outside the Agency at this point.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Zimmer, Nathaniel" <zimmer.nathaniel@epa.gov>
Date: July 12, 2019 at 4:39:15 PM EDT
To: "Beach, Christopher" <beach.christopher@epa.gov>
Cc: "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>, "Kramer, Jessica L." <kramer.jessical@epa.gov>
Subject: DRAFT Talking Point Materials - CLOSE HOLD

Chris,

As discussed this morning, please see attached materials to begin crafting talking points for AW's speech. The attachments include:

- A brochure on the Lake Guardian vessel
- A briefing on the Great Lakes Trash Free Waters Grant Program
- The Multi-Year Planning Justification Briefing for the Ocean Pollution and Plastics Reductions program (Note: Proposal for review at the Senior Leadership Council next week)
- The Marine Litter Action Plan (Note: Draft for SLC)

OW and OITA's marine litter proposals were approved by AW for use in the TPs per our meeting this afternoon. Again, all of this is close hold for press, but should serve as applicable background for the Cleveland speech itself. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Best,

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Message

From: Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]
Sent: 7/12/2019 3:01:03 PM
To: Drinkard, Andrea [Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov]; Daguillard, Robert [Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Bennett, Tate [Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]; Beach, Christopher [beach.christopher@epa.gov]; McFaul, Jessica [mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov]; Schiermeyer, Corry [schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: EPA Registers Long-Term Uses of Sulfoxaflor While Ensuring Strong Pollinator Protection - Preview

Will start sending around under embargo until 12:30.

From: EPA Press Office <press@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, July 12, 2019 11:00 AM
To: Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
Subject: EPA Registers Long-Term Uses of Sulfoxaflor While Ensuring Strong Pollinator Protection - Preview

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
NEWS RELEASE
WWW.EPA.GOV/NEWSROOM

EPA Registers Long-Term Uses of Sulfoxaflor While Ensuring Strong Pollinator Protection

Registration provides benefits to growers and is supported by strong science that shows minimal risks for pollinators

WASHINGTON (July 12, 2019) - Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is issuing a long-term approval for the insecticide sulfoxaflor— an effective tool to control challenging pests with fewer environmental impacts. After conducting an extensive risk analysis, including the review of one of the agency's largest datasets on the effects of a pesticide on bees, EPA is approving the use of sulfoxaflor on alfalfa, corn, cacao, grains (millet, oats), pineapple, sorghum, teff, teosinte, tree plantations, citrus, cotton, cucurbits (squash, cucumbers, watermelons, some gourds), soybeans, and strawberries.

"EPA is providing long-term certainty for U.S. growers to use an important tool to protect crops and avoid potentially significant economic losses, while maintaining strong protection for pollinators," **said Alexandra Dapolito Dunn, assistant administrator for EPA's Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention.** "Today's decision shows the agency's commitment to making decisions that are based on a sound science."

Sulfoxaflor is an important and highly effective tool for growers that targets difficult pests such as sugarcane aphids and tarnished plant bugs, also known as lygus. These pests can damage crops and cause significant economic loss. Additionally, there are few viable alternatives for sulfoxaflor for these pests. In many cases, alternative insecticides may be effective only if applied repeatedly or in a tank mix, whereas sulfoxaflor often requires fewer applications, resulting in less risk to aquatic and terrestrial wildlife.

EPA's registration also includes updated requirements for product labels, which will include crop-specific restrictions and pollinator protection language.

Background

Sulfoxaflor is an important and highly effective tool for growers that targets difficult pests such as aphids and tarnished plant bugs (lygus). These pests can cause significant economic loss leading several states to request emergency exemptions in recent years. There are few viable alternatives for sulfoxaflor. In many cases, alternative insecticides may be effective only if applied repeatedly, whereas sulfoxaflor typically requires fewer applications resulting in less risk to non-target pests and plants.

In 2016, following a 2015 decision of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals vacating the registration of sulfoxaflor citing inadequate data on the effects on bees, EPA reevaluated the data and approved registrations that did not include crops that attract bees. The 2016 registration allowed fewer uses than the initial registration and included additional interim restrictions on application while new data on bees were being obtained. Today's action, adding new uses, restoring previous uses, and removing certain application restrictions is backed by substantial data supporting the use of sulfoxaflor.

For additional information, please visit: www.epa.gov/ingredients-used-pesticide-products/decision-register-insecticide-sulfoxaflor-limited-uses-and

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CC: Regional Public Affairs Directors [Regional_Public_Affairs_Directors@epa.gov]; Murdie, Ashley [murdie.ashley@epa.gov]; Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]; Schiermeyer, Corry [schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov]; McFaul, Jessica [mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: WOTUS event

Copy that. thanks

From: Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 03, 2019 11:52 AM
To: Carey, Curtis <Carey.Curtis@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Regional Public Affairs Directors <Regional_Public_Affairs_Directors@epa.gov>; Murdie, Ashley <murdie.ashley@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: WOTUS event

In case I wasn't clear, please continue to work with the participants on close hold basis, but please hold on any invitations or media advisory until I can get you the template. Thanks.

On Sep 3, 2019, at 10:51 AM, Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov> wrote:

> Here are updated talking points. We are continuing to work on other documents and hope to have drafts to folks ASAP.
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> **From:** Carey, Curtis <Carey.Curtis@epa.gov>
> **Sent:** Tuesday, September 03, 2019 10:49 AM
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> **Cc:** Regional Public Affairs Directors <Regional_Public_Affairs_Directors@epa.gov>; Murdie, Ashley <murdie.ashley@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: WOTUS event
>
> We're trying to schedule the prebrief with the RA. Do you know when we'll receive the messaging documents?
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> **From:** Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
> **Sent:** Tuesday, September 03, 2019 9:44 AM
> **To:** Nitsch, Chad <Nitsch.Chad@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Regional Public Affairs Directors <Regional_Public_Affairs_Directors@epa.gov>; Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>; Struhar, Kirby <struhar.kirby@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: WOTUS event
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> Per Chad's request. I'm adding the PADs for everyone's awareness. Please make sure to loop in OCIR as you move forward.

From: Nitsch, Chad <Nitsch.Chad@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 03, 2019 10:41 AM
To: Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: WOTUS event

I recommend informing the other PADs.

Chad Nitsch
Director, Office of Public Affairs
US Environmental Protection Agency – Region 3 (Mid-Atlantic: WV, VA, PA, MD, DE, DC)
215-814-5434

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Cc: Carter, Brittany S. <carter.brittanys@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>; Struhar, Kirby <struhar.kirby@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: WOTUS event

Yes, please do. Adding OCIR and Tate for awareness. I'm also going to be drafting a template media advisory today. Will share when that's ready. Thanks.

From: Nitsch, Chad <Nitsch.Chad@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, September 03, 2019 9:25 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; Risley, David <Risley.David@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>
Subject: WOTUS event

HQ friends,

With the WOTUS events tentatively scheduled to occur in two days, can we get a green light to reach out to externals? If so, what level of information can we provide in the media advisory?

Thanks,

Chad Nitsch
Director, Office of Public Affairs
US Environmental Protection Agency – Region 3 (Mid-Atlantic: WV, VA, PA, MD, DE, DC)
215-814-5434

<WOTUS Step 1 One Pager_FINAL_8.30.docx>

Message

From: McFaul, Jessica [mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov]
Sent: 8/22/2019 4:59:37 PM
Subject: REMINDER: FOR REVIEW: OPA Tracker (Week of August 26)
Attachments: 2019-2020 DRAFT-DELIBERATIVE OPA Monthly Content Tracker.docx

Importance: High

If you have not already submitted your edits/additions, please do so by 3pm.

Received but not reflected below or in the attachment: Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Jess

From: McFaul, Jessica
Sent: Tuesday, August 20, 2019 4:23 PM
Subject: FOR REVIEW: OPA Tracker (Week of August 26)
Importance: High

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OPA Tracker attached for review, week ahead below. ***Please submit your edits/additions by 3pm on Thursday***. Remember to reply to THIS email so I don't miss your additions in the swarm of email (I will be out of the office tomorrow, so I will be a little backlogged on Thursday morning). Thanks in advance! Jess

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Cell: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

To: Schiermeyer, Corry[schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov]
From: Grantham, Nancy[/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=12A3C2ED7158417FB0BB1B1B72A8CFB0-GRANTHAM, NANCY]
Sent: Tue 5/28/2019 7:10:48 PM (UTC)
Subject: FW: E15 Rollout Prep for RA -- Region 7
2019-05-31 Comms Plan Atlantic Iowa E15 Event CDC.docx

From: Carey, Curtis
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 12:54 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: E15 Rollout Prep for RA

Hi Nancy,

We're getting geared up to prep Jim for the May 30 or 31st E15 rollout. I met with him this morning on his four week look ahead. A couple of items coming out of that meeting:

1. To give us time to prep him, we'll need early embargoed (close hold) news release, talking points, and Q&A. I understand how close hold it needs to be. I have to use those tools to prep Jim for his public appearance and media interviews. He is very concerned about having enough time to get up to speed.
2. Did you have a chance to tag-up with Tate yet on the R7 proposal? My recommendation is for Tate or the program AA to engage him directly on any needed changes and then bring me in the loop so I can execute on the work.

Curtis D. Carey, Ph.D.
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Message

From: McFaul, Jessica [mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov]
Sent: 5/28/2019 2:26:10 PM
To: Drinkard, Andrea [Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov]; Schiermeyer, Corry [schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Slides on E15/RIN Market Reform final rule

From: Beach, Christopher
Sent: Friday, May 24, 2019 10:53 AM
To: McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Slides on E15/RIN Market Reform final rule

FYI, if you want some basic E15 talkers to send to the regions, these should be good. But it sounds like there will be more rollout materials later today if you want to wait for those.

From: Woods, Clint
Sent: Friday, May 24, 2019 10:23 AM
To: Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>
Cc: Idsal, Anne <idsal.anne@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Slides on E15/RIN Market Reform final rule

+ Anne

Think that works – And I think we will have E15 rollout materials later today.

From: Beach, Christopher
Sent: Friday, May 24, 2019 10:21 AM
To: Woods, Clint <woods.clint@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Slides on E15/RIN Market Reform final rule

This is stuff is awesome for drafting AW's remarks. But I'm worried it's too complex for the talkers we send out to the regions for general messaging assistance. Would something like this work to provide them today and we'll tell them more detailed talkers are coming next week?

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

From: Woods, Clint
Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2019 5:06 PM
To: Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Slides on E15/RIN Market Reform final rule

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Idsal, Anne" <idsal.anne@epa.gov>
> **Date:** May 23, 2019 at 7:10:29 AM EDT
> **To:** "Benevento, Douglas" <benevento.douglas@epa.gov>, "Cheatham-Strickland, Latonia" <Cheatham-Strickland.Latonia@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** "Woods, Clint" <woods.clint@epa.gov>, "Dominguez, Alexander" <dominguez.alexander@epa.gov>, "Wehrum, Bill" <Wehrum.Bill@epa.gov>, "Hengst, Benjamin" <Hengst.Benjamin@epa.gov>
> **Subject: Slides on E15/RIN Market Reform final rule**
>
> Good morning Doug,
>
> Would you mind printing hard copies to the RAs for distribution today? Alex Dominguez is a great resource on this topic should questions arise, which I imagine they will. I've CC'd him on this email in case you or others have timely questions during your meetings today.
>
> And please issue a reminder that this is for internal use only and a close hold until we go final, if you don't mind.
>
> Many thanks,
> Anne
>
> Begin forwarded message:
>
>> **From:** "Hengst, Benjamin" <Hengst.Benjamin@epa.gov>
>> **Date:** May 22, 2019 at 10:30:58 PM EDT
>> **To:** "Idsal, Anne" <idsal.anne@epa.gov>
>> **Cc:** "Wehrum, Bill" <Wehrum.Bill@epa.gov>, "Woods, Clint" <woods.clint@epa.gov>, "Dominguez, Alexander" <dominguez.alexander@epa.gov>, "Grundler, Christopher" <grundler.christopher@epa.gov>, "Lewis, Josh" <Lewis.Josh@epa.gov>
>> **Subject: Slides on E15/RIN Market Reform final rule**
>>
>> Anne—
>>
>> I've attached a revised slide deck for your review, and for distribution as you see fit. This deck now covers both E15 and RIN Market Reform.
>>
>> This is written for EPA internal audiences, though once the rule is final it would be easy to tweak this to make it ready for external use.
>>
>> Thanks,
>> Ben

To: Dennis, Allison[Dennis.Allison@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
From: Schiermeyer, Corry[/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=B0332276A9784253A5A78F39ECCF1F29-SCHIERMEYER]
Sent: Mon 4/15/2019 7:12:24 PM (UTC)
Subject: RE: DHC/Conduit Roll Out Materials

Are these all the finals?
If so, Nancy...these can go to the RAs and PADs.

Thank you!

From: Dennis, Allison
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2019 2:32 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: DHC/Conduit Roll Out Materials

See the rollout out for the TPs.

Sent from my iPhone
Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Wildeman, Anna" <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>
> **Date:** April 15, 2019 at 10:42:44 AM EDT
> **To:** "Dennis, Allison" <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>
> **Subject: Fwd: DHC/Conduit Roll Out Materials**

Anna Wildeman
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Wildeman.Anna@epa.gov

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Wildeman, Anna" <wildeman.anna@epa.gov>
> **Date:** April 14, 2019 at 5:23:26 PM EDT
> **To:** Leadership_Regional_Administrators <Leadership_Regional_Administrators@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** "Fotouhi, David" <Fotouhi.David@epa.gov>, "Ross, David P" <ross.davidp@epa.gov>, "Leopold, Matt (OGC)" <Leopold.Matt@epa.gov>, "Molina, Michael" <molina.michael@epa.gov>
> **Subject: Fwd: DHC/Conduit Roll Out Materials**

DELIBERATIVE; CLOSE HOLD MATERIALS
Hello RAs,
Tomorrow we will be issuing EPA's Interpretive Statement on the application of the Clean Water Act permitting requirements to discharges to groundwater.

Attached for your information is the comms roll out plan with Q&As and Talking Points. This document provides helpful background and context and is for internal use only.

Also attached is a press release and fact sheet that will be posted to EPA's website as part of the roll out plan.

We expect this Interpretive Statement will receive a fair amount of attention. Please make sure press inquiries for the first week or two on the Interpretive Statement are

directed to the HQ comms team so we are delivering consistent messages on this important topic. Please contact Dave Ross or Anna Wildeman if you have questions.

Thank you,
Anna

Anna Wildeman
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To: Kramer, Jessica L.[kramer.jessical@epa.gov]
From: Schiermeyer, Corry[/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=B0332276A9784253A5A78F39ECCF1F29-SCHIERMEYER]
Sent: Mon 8/12/2019 3:19:58 PM (UTC)
Subject: RE: Question
NAM 8-8-19.docx
401 Talking Points_.docx
Update Q-A CLOSE HOLD 401.docx

Sure…

Attached is his speech, talking points, and q/a.

From: Kramer, Jessica L. <kramer.jessical@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 12, 2019 11:17 AM
To: Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>
Subject: Question

Hi Corry – happy Monday!

I'm wondering if you could send me what AW used as his final 401 TPs last Friday?

Thanks!

Jess

Jessica L. Kramer
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To: Woods, Andrea[Woods.Andrea@epa.gov]
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Sent: Thur 9/12/2019 8:37:13 PM (UTC)
Subject: Re: ***MEDIA ADVISORY*** EPA Administrator Wheeler and Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works James to Make Major Water Policy Announcement in Washington, D.C.

Please send me the full link to the release

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 12, 2019, at 2:42 PM, Woods, Andrea <Woods.Andrea@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Elvina,

Our release can be found here. Also including text below:

EPA, U.S. Army Repeal 2015 Rule Defining "Waters of the United States" Ending Regulatory Patchwork

WASHINGTON (September 12, 2019) — At an event in Washington, D.C., U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Andrew Wheeler and Department of the Army Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works R.D. James announced that the agencies are repealing a 2015 rule that impermissibly expanded the definition of "waters of the United States" (WOTUS) under the Clean Water Act. The agencies are also recodifying the longstanding and familiar regulatory text that existed prior to the 2015 Rule—ending a regulatory patchwork that required implementing two competing Clean Water Act regulations, which has created regulatory uncertainty across the United States.

"Today, EPA and the Department of the Army finalized a rule to repeal the previous administration's overreach in the federal regulation of U.S. waters and recodify the longstanding and familiar regulatory text that previously existed," **said EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler**. "Today's Step 1 action fulfills a key promise of President Trump and sets the stage for Step 2 - a new WOTUS definition that will provide greater regulatory certainty for farmers, landowners, home builders, and developers nationwide."

"Today, Administrator Wheeler and I signed a final rule that repeals the 2015 Rule and restores the previous regulatory regime exactly how it existed prior to finalization of the 2015 Rule," **said R.D. James, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works**. "Before this final rule, a patchwork of regulations existed across the country as a result of various judicial decisions enjoining the 2015 Rule. This final rule reestablishes national consistency across the country by returning all jurisdictions to the longstanding regulatory framework that existed prior to the 2015 Rule, which is more familiar to the agencies, States, Tribes, local governments, regulated entities, and the public while the agencies engage in a second rulemaking to revise the definition of 'waters of the

United States.'"

Today's rule is the first step—Step 1—in a two-step rulemaking process to define the scope of "waters of the United States" that are regulated under the Clean Water Act. Step 1 provides regulatory certainty as to the definition of "waters of the United States" following years of litigation surrounding the 2015 Rule. The two federal district courts that have reviewed the merits of the 2015 Rule found that the rule suffered from certain errors and issued orders remanding the 2015 Rule back to the agencies. Multiple other federal district courts have preliminarily enjoined the 2015 Rule pending a decision on the merits of the rule. In this action, EPA and the Army jointly conclude that multiple substantive and procedural errors warrant a repeal of the 2015 Rule. For example, the 2015 Rule:

- Did not implement the legal limits on the scope of the agencies' authority under the Clean Water Act as intended by Congress and reflected in Supreme Court cases.
- Failed to adequately recognize, preserve, and protect the primary responsibilities and rights of states to manage their own land and water resources.
- Approached the limits of the agencies' constitutional and statutory authority absent a clear statement from Congress.
- Suffered from certain procedural errors and a lack of adequate record support as it relates to the 2015 Rule's distance-based limitations.

With this final repeal, the agencies will implement the pre-2015 regulations, which are currently in place in more than half of the states, informed by applicable agency guidance documents and consistent with Supreme Court decisions and longstanding agency practice. The final rule takes effect 60 days after publication in the Federal Register.

In December 2018, EPA and the Army proposed a new definition—Step 2—that would clearly define where federal jurisdiction begins and ends in accordance with the Clean Water Act and Supreme Court precedent. In the proposal, the agencies provide a clear definition of the difference between federally regulated waterways and those waters that rightfully remain solely under state authority.

Additional information is available at: http://www.epa.gov/wotus-rule.

Background

The final Step 1 rule follows President Trump's Executive Order 13778, "Restoring the Rule of Law, Federalism, and Economic Growth by Reviewing the 'Waters of the United States' Rule." Section 1 of the Executive Order states that "[i]t is in the national interest to ensure that the Nation's navigable waters are kept free from pollution, while at the same time promoting economic growth, minimizing regulatory uncertainty, and showing due regard for the roles of Congress and the States under the Constitution." The Executive Order also directs the EPA and the Department of the Army to review the 2015 Rule for consistency with the policy outlined in Section 1 of the order and to issue a proposed rule rescinding or revising the 2015 Rule as appropriate and consistent with law.

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From: Elvina Nawaguna <elvina.nawaguna@fiscalnote.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2019 1:20 PM
To: Woods, Andrea <Woods.Andrea@epa.gov>
Cc: Elvina Nawaguna <elvinanawaguna@cqrollcall.com>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: ***MEDIA ADVISORY*** EPA Administrator Wheeler and Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works James to Make Major Water Policy Announcement in Washington, D.C.

Hi folks,
Checking again on whether you're planning to release any info on embargo before the news conference. Grateful for any guidance on this.

Elvina Nawaguna
Energy and Environment Reporter
CQ Roll Call
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On Sep 12, 2019, at 9:07 AM, Elvina Nawaguna <elvina.nawaguna@fiscalnote.com> wrote:

> Hi Andrea,
> Are you planning to send out any materials, press releases etc before the event starts? Would be helpful for prewriting purposes, if possible.
> Let me know.
> Thanks!
>
> **Elvina Nawaguna**
> **Energy and Environment Reporter**
> **CQ Roll Call**
> **1625 Eye St. NW #200**
> **Washington, DC 20006**
> **Cell:** Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
>
> On Sep 11, 2019, at 2:43 PM, Woods, Andrea <Woods.Andrea@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> > Hi Elvina,
> >
> > Thanks for RSVP'ing to tomorrow's water announcement event. Press should check-in at the 1st floor lobby between **1:00 PM - 1:30 pm ET**. Please arrive **no later than 1:30 pm ET.**
> >
> > To attend, you must fill out this form: https://namissvr.nam.org/minisites/Meetings/Registration.aspx?MTG=ER20190912. You will need a government-issued photo ID to enter the building.
> >
> > The event address is 733 10th St. NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20001.

Don't hesitate to email/call if you have any issues or questions.

Best,
Andrea

From: Elvina Nawaguna <elvinanawaguna@cqrollcall.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 11, 2019 2:38 PM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: ***MEDIA ADVISORY*** EPA Administrator Wheeler and Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works James to Make Major Water Policy Announcement in Washington, D.C.

Hi there,
Would like to be there for this event.
Thanks!

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From: **EPA Press Office** <press@epa.gov>
Date: Wed, Sep 11, 2019 at 2:00 PM
Subject: ***MEDIA ADVISORY*** EPA Administrator Wheeler and Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works James to Make Major Water Policy Announcement in Washington, D.C.
To: enawaguna@cq.com <enawaguna@cq.com>

MEDIA ADVISORY

EPA Administrator Wheeler and Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works James to Make Major Water Policy Announcement in Washington, D.C.

WASHINGTON (Sept. 11, 2019)— U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Andrew Wheeler and Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works R.D. James will hold an event tomorrow in Washington, D.C. to make a major water policy announcement.

WHO: U.S. EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler
Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works R.D. James
National Association of Manufacturers CEO Jay Timmons

WHAT: Open press announcement

WHEN: Thursday, September 12, 2019
2:00 PM ET

WHERE: National Association of Manufacturers
733 10th St NW
Suite 700
Washington, D.C. 20001

This event will also be livestreamed. To view the event online, please visit:

https://www.facebook.com/NAMpage/.
Credentialed media must RSVP to press@epa.gov for further information on requirements for entry.

[redacted]

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Message

From: Schiermeyer, Corry [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=B0332276A9784253A5A78F39ECCF1F29-SCHIERMEYER]
Sent: 4/19/2019 9:16:18 PM
To: Doyle, Brett [doyle.brett@epa.gov]; Darwin, Veronica [darwin.veronica@epa.gov]
CC: Lyons, Troy [lyons.troy@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: NPL Announcements

Would Daisy have the Opportunity Zone info?

I will meet with my team next week on this…anyone from your teams want to join?

From: Doyle, Brett
Sent: Friday, April 19, 2019 4:32 PM
To: Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Darwin, Veronica <darwin.veronica@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Wright, Peter <wright.peter@epa.gov>; Cook, Steven <cook.steven@epa.gov>; Hoverman, Taylor <hoverman.taylor@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: NPL Announcements

One other piece of information: AW wants us to check and see if any of these sights are located in an opportunity zone and, if they are, mention that in the releases.

From: Schiermeyer, Corry
Sent: Friday, April 19, 2019 4:19 PM
To: Darwin, Veronica <darwin.veronica@epa.gov>; Doyle, Brett <doyle.brett@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Wright, Peter <wright.peter@epa.gov>; Cook, Steven <cook.steven@epa.gov>; Hoverman, Taylor <hoverman.taylor@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: NPL Announcements

Thank you! I am aware of the WVa event, but good to have more detail.

We will get to work on regional events for the other sites.

The regions will be busy…we have a few things for them!!!

Thank you

From: Darwin, Veronica
Sent: Friday, April 19, 2019 4:14 PM
To: Doyle, Brett <doyle.brett@epa.gov>; Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Wright, Peter <wright.peter@epa.gov>; Cook, Steven <cook.steven@epa.gov>; Hoverman, Taylor <hoverman.taylor@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: NPL Announcements

As with previous initiatives, Nancy will reach out to public affair directors in relevant regions to coordinate regional press release and press event for May 13. Thank you, Nancy!

Trip to West Virginia is close hold.

Veronica

From: Doyle, Brett
Sent: Friday, April 19, 2019 2:21 PM
To: Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>
Cc: Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Darwin, Veronica <darwin.veronica@epa.gov>; Wright, Peter <wright.peter@epa.gov>; Cook, Steven <cook.steven@epa.gov>; Hoverman, Taylor <hoverman.taylor@epa.gov>
Subject: NPL Announcements

Hi Corry,

To follow up on our conversation this morning, I wanted to send you background on the seven sites that we are adding to NPL, and one site that we are proposing to add to the NPL. My understanding is that EPA regularly adds/proposes additions to the NPL twice a year. We did our last update in September, 2018, and we anticipate doing the next announcement on 5/13/19 to coincide with an event AW is doing. I'm cc'ing Veronica, as she is in the best position to fill you in on how we have done these updates in the past. I'm also including OCIR and the OLEM team for situational awareness.

As I said, AW is doing an event in West Virginia with some elected officials to announce the addition of the Shaffer Equipment Arbuckle Creek site to the NPL. The event is tentatively scheduled for the 13th of May (Troy can let you know when/if that event is finalized). AW wants to do a press release that day announcing all of the new NPL sites/proposed new NPL sites. He also wants the regional offices to do similar press events for the other sites being added/proposed (with the exception of the Cliff Drive Groundwater Contamination site--as the local community has expressed mixed reactions to it being listed).

For reference, Here is the press release from the last update: https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-updates-national-priorities-list-advances-agencys-commitment-expedite-cleanup
Here is the portion of the NPL website that we will have to update: https://www.epa.gov/superfund/current-npl-updates-new-proposed-npl-sites-and-new-npl-sites

Site	Location	Region	NPL Action Item	Required EPA Action
Magna Metals	Cortlandt Manor, NY	2	Final Addition	Press Release, R2 Event
PROTECO	Penuelas, PR	2	Final Addition	Press Release, R2 Event
Shaffer Equipment/Arbuckle Creek Area	Minden, WV	3	Final Addition	Press Release, AW Event
McClouth Steel Corp	Trenton, MI	5	Final Addition	Press Release, R5 Event
Cliff Drive Groundwater Contamination	Logansport, IN	5	Final Addition	Press Release
Schroud Property	Chicago, IL	5	Proposed Addition	Press Release, R5 Event
Sporland Valve Plan #1	Washington, MO	7	Final Addition	Press Release, R7 Event
Copper Bluff Mine	Hoopa, CA	9	Final Addition	Press Release, R9 Event

-Brett

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Message

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Sent: 7/5/2019 3:17:00 PM
To: Ex. 6 Adm Wheeler Account
CC: Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]; Molina, Michael [molina.michael@epa.gov]; Beach, Christopher [beach.christopher@epa.gov]; McFaul, Jessica [mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Proposed Tweet on the announcement of the RVOs

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 5, 2019, at 11:11 AM, Ex. 6 Adm Wheeler Account wrote:

How's the press strategy for Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 5, 2019, at 10:59 AM, Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov> wrote:

Sir, we want to propose sending this tweet today to announce the RVOs. Do you have any edits?

DRAFT: "Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Michael Abboud
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Public Affairs
M: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

To: Brazauskas, Joseph[brazauskas.joseph@epa.gov]; McFaul, Jessica[mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov]; Abboud, Michael[abboud.michael@epa.gov]
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Sent: Mon 9/9/2019 3:34:28 PM (UTC)
Subject: RE: EPA Administrator Chattanooga Event

Thank you. Yes...they can use our quote:

"Thanks to the hard work of EPA career officials, the Superfund Task Force has strengthened the program in numerous ways, from accelerating cleanups to promoting redevelopment to improving community engagement," **said Administrator Andrew Wheeler**. "The recommendations generated by the Task Force and applied by the Superfund program have directly improved the health and economic opportunity of thousands of people living near Superfund sites. We are taking concrete steps to ensure that the work of the Task Force continues to enhance the Superfund program moving forward."

From: Brazauskas, Joseph <brazauskas.joseph@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 9, 2019 11:32 AM
To: Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: EPA Administrator Chattanooga Event

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From: Lovett, Kasey <Kasey.Lovett@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 9, 2019 11:30 AM
To: Kolb, John (JohnMark) <kolb.john@epa.gov>; Howell, Steven <Steven.Howell@mail.house.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>
Cc: Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>; Brazauskas, Joseph <brazauskas.joseph@epa.gov>; Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Administrator Chattanooga Event

Hi JohnMark-

See below for statement from Congressman Fleischmann. Let me know if I am ok to pull the Administrator's quote to use in our release as well.

"The Southside Superfund site is the perfect location to welcome Administrator Wheeler and highlight the positive impact of the Superfund Task Force," **said Congressman Fleischmann**. "The EPA's ongoing success in Chattanooga is a testament to their ability to deploy Superfund resources to remediate contaminated sites, protect the health and wellbeing of our communities, and revitalize previously underutilized hubs of economic potential. I am thankful that Southside was added to the National Priorities List and that EPA officials continue to prioritize the safety of area residents. As East Tennessee expands and attracts further economic investments, I thank Administrator Wheeler and the expertise of EPA officials for the work they have done to advance the prosperity of our region."

Let me know if you need anything else from me!

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Communications Director | Congressman Chuck Fleischmann (TN-03)
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From: Kolb, John (JohnMark) <kolb.john@epa.gov>
Sent: Saturday, September 7, 2019 10:13 AM
To: Lovett, Kasey <Kasey.Lovett@mail.house.gov>; Howell, Steven <Steven.Howell@mail.house.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>
Cc: Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>; Brazauskas, Joseph <brazauskas.joseph@epa.gov>; Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Administrator Chattanooga Event

Kasey – apologies on the delay here – attached is a draft press release. Will defer to Jess on timing but if you can get a quote to us by Monday morning before the event that would be great so we can go live as soon as it's over.

Steven – below is time and location. Brandi please let Steven know if this has changed.

- **Date:** Monday, September 9
- **Where:** Charles A. Bell Park (3501 Central Avenue, Chattanooga, TN; Southside Chattanooga Superfund Site)
- **Time:** 12:15 – 1:00 pm (EDT)

Thanks!

JohnMark Kolb
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C: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

From: Kolb, John (JohnMark)
Sent: Friday, September 6, 2019 5:58 PM
To: Lovett, Kasey <Kasey.Lovett@mail.house.gov>; Howell, Steven <Steven.Howell@mail.house.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>
Cc: Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>; Brazauskas, Joseph <brazauskas.joseph@epa.gov>; Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Administrator Chattanooga Event

Steven,

Great chatting – looping in Brandi who has details on the event. Jess – as soon as you have a draft release, please send it over so we can give them comms team time.

Thanks!

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C: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

From: Kolb, John (JohnMark)
Sent: Friday, September 6, 2019 4:36 PM
To: Lovett, Kasey <Kasey.Lovett@mail.house.gov>; Howell, Steven <Steven.Howell@mail.house.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>
Cc: Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>; Brazauskas, Joseph <brazauskas.joseph@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Administrator Chattanooga Event

Kasey and Steven – happy to chat. Am free now.

Also, we have a draft release coming your way shortly for more context.

From: Lovett, Kasey <Kasey.Lovett@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 6, 2019 2:30 PM
To: Howell, Steven <Steven.Howell@mail.house.gov>; Kolb, John (JohnMark) <kolb.john@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>
Cc: Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>; Brazauskas, Joseph <brazauskas.joseph@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Administrator Chattanooga Event

Hi JohnMark,

One more request from the Congressman that just came in – in light of his absence, would he be able to speak with the Administrator for a quick call on Monday or sometime this coming week? I believe he has something he would like to discuss. Please let me know, thank so much.

From: Howell, Steven <Steven.Howell@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 6, 2019 2:19 PM
To: Lovett, Kasey <Kasey.Lovett@mail.house.gov>; Kolb, John (JohnMark) <kolb.john@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>
Cc: Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>; Brazauskas, Joseph <brazauskas.joseph@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Administrator Chattanooga Event

Thank you, Kasey.

JohnMark, we are back in the office. Is there some chance we can catch up this afternoon?

From: Lovett, Kasey <Kasey.Lovett@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Friday, September 06, 2019 12:35 PM
To: Kolb, John (JohnMark) <kolb.john@epa.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>
Cc: Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>; Brazauskas, Joseph <brazauskas.joseph@epa.gov>; Howell, Steven <Steven.Howell@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Administrator Chattanooga Event

Hi JohnMark-

Using this email chain for ease but I have added Steve Howell (cc'd) who is the Congressman's District Director. Let me know if you need anything else for the press release, etc.

From: Kolb, John (JohnMark) <kolb.john@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2019 5:32 PM
To: Lovett, Kasey <Kasey.Lovett@mail.house.gov>; McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>
Cc: Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>; Brazauskas, Joseph <brazauskas.joseph@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Administrator Chattanooga Event

Kasey,

We are checking on this and will get back to you tomorrow morning. The event will be in the late morning with a hard stop at 1pm.

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From: Lovett, Kasey <Kasey.Lovett@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2019 4:18 PM
To: McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Kolb, John (JohnMark) <kolb.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>; Brazauskas, Joseph <brazauskas.joseph@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: EPA Administrator Chattanooga Event

Hi Jessica-

We are still trying (and hoping) that this is feasible with the Congressman's current travel logistics. I am not sure you are the correct POC for this question but it appears that it might only be possible for the Congressman to attend if he is able to fly back with the Administrator to DC? If this can be done, I would love to make it happen.

If the Congressman can attend, he would be more than happy to speak at the event. Please let me know – thanks!

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From: McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2019 3:57 PM
To: Lovett, Kasey <Kasey.Lovett@mail.house.gov>; Kolb, John (JohnMark) <kolb.john@epa.gov>
Cc: Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>; Brazauskas, Joseph <brazauskas.joseph@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Administrator Chattanooga Event

Hi Kasey,

Are you looking to have the congressman speak at the event? If yes, let me know so we can get the ROS adjusted for the media advisory.

Thanks so much!

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From: Lovett, Kasey <Kasey.Lovett@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2019 1:15 PM
To: Kolb, John (JohnMark) <kolb.john@epa.gov>
Cc: McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>; Brazauskas, Joseph <brazauskas.joseph@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Administrator Chattanooga Event

Thanks JohnMark – really appreciate the heads up and always great chatting with you.

Working on logistics for the Congressman as we speak.

Jess –

Please let me know what you need from me to help make the visit a success.

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From: Kolb, John (JohnMark) <kolb.john@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2019 1:12 PM
To: Lovett, Kasey <Kasey.Lovett@mail.house.gov>
Cc: McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>; Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>; Brazauskas, Joseph <brazauskas.joseph@epa.gov>
Subject: EPA Administrator Chattanooga Event

Hey Kasey!

Great catching up with you. Please keep this on very close hold but Administrator Wheeler is going to be in your district on Monday the 9th to announce a Regional Superfund Task Force effort. We are going to be telling a good news story and looks like doing a tour of the site below:

Administrator and RA Event: Southside Chattanooga Lead Site	Chattanooga, TN	9/9	*Highlights early action and addressing human health risks. Administrator can observe current construction work*. 120 miles (2 hours) from Nashville. There is an ongoing removal action in the Highland Park Neighborhood, one of eight residential neighborhoods, addressing residential properties that have lead soil contamination levels exceeding the removal management level of 1,200 parts per million. There is an ongoing remedial design for the residential parcels which is scheduled to be concluded in September 2019 when remedial action will begin on residential properties that have lead soil contamination levels exceeding 360 parts per million, the early action ROD remedial action cleanup level.

Apologies I don't have any more info on the site at the moment but we can coordinate moving forward.

Jess is on our Comms team and can coordinate press with you. Jess – Kasey is Rep. Fleischmann's Comms Director.

Jess do we have a time on the event and a draft release?

Sincerely,

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EPA Congressional Affairs
Cell: 202-713-0825

Message

From: Schiermeyer, Corry [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=B0332276A9784253A5A78F39ECCF1F29-SCHIERMEYER]
Sent: 7/2/2019 7:41:49 PM
To: Beach, Christopher [beach.christopher@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: draft factsheet
Attachments: Environmental TPs - NEC + OAI + NSC (002).docx

Close hold…if you need it

From: Symonds, Tori Q. EOP/WHO < Ex. 6 Personal Privacy EOP (PP) >
Sent: Tuesday, July 2, 2019 3:37 PM
To: Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>
Subject: draft factsheet

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Director of Government Communications
O: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy EOP (PP) | C: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy EOP (PP) | E: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy EOP (PP)

Message

From: Schiermeyer, Corry [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=B0332276A9784253A5A78F39ECCF1F29-SCHIERMEYER]
Sent: 8/23/2019 4:37:56 PM
To: McFaul, Jessica [mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov]; Grantham, Nancy [Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]; Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]; Woods, Andrea [Woods.Andrea@epa.gov]; Beach, Christopher [beach.christopher@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW: WEEK OF AUGUST 26 – EPA COMMUNICATIONS

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

All of the highlighted in the regional section need some form of outreach/media event/component…not just a release

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From: McFaul, Jessica <mcfaul.jessica@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, August 23, 2019 12:30 PM
To: Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>; Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Woods, Andrea <Woods.Andrea@epa.gov>; Beach, Christopher <beach.christopher@epa.gov>
Subject: FOR REVIEW: WEEK OF AUGUST 26 – EPA COMMUNICATIONS

Here's the draft weekly email for 2pm OPA huddle. Jess

DRAFT-DELIBERATIVE/SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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To: Grantham, Nancy[Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov]
From: Schiermeyer, Corry[/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=B0332276A9784253A5A78F39ECCF1F29-SCHIERMEYER]
Sent: Tue 5/28/2019 7:11:45 PM (UTC)
Subject: RE: E15 Rollout Prep for RA -- Region 7

Thank you!

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2019 3:11 PM
To: Schiermeyer, Corry <schiermeyer.corry@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: E15 Rollout Prep for RA -- Region 7

From: Carey, Curtis
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2019 12:54 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: E15 Rollout Prep for RA

Hi Nancy,

We're getting geared up to prep Jim for the May 30 or 31st E15 rollout. I met with him this morning on his four week look ahead. A couple of items coming out of that meeting:

1. To give us time to prep him, we'll need early embargoed (close hold) news release, talking points, and Q&A. I understand how close hold it needs to be. I have to use those tools to prep Jim for his public appearance and media interviews. He is very concerned about having enough time to get up to speed.
2. Did you have a chance to tag-up with Tate yet on the R7 proposal? My recommendation is for Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Message

From: Bowman, Liz [Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
Sent: 9/25/2017 10:00:37 PM
To: Bolen, Brittany [bolen.brittany@epa.gov]; Baptist, Erik [baptist.erik@epa.gov]; Jackson, Ryan [jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
CC: Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]; Graham, Amy [graham.amy@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Sue& Settle Timing

I sent follow-up notes to the WH trying to get them to budget on this – will let you know if/when we hear back. For now, let's keep planning Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 5:14 PM
To: Bolen, Brittany <bolen.brittany@epa.gov>; Baptist, Erik <baptist.erik@epa.gov>; Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Cc: Jahan Wilcox (wilcox.jahan@epa.gov) <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Sue& Settle Timing

The White House said Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Next week is Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)? They have a 6 p.m. scheduling meeting and will get back to me. I am fine with Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP). The other option is we Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Thoughts?

From: Bolen, Brittany
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 4:20 PM
To: Baptist, Erik <baptist.erik@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Cc: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Sue& Settle Timing

Unfortunately, this was Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Liz, I think it would be best for you to call over and ask for an exemption.

From: Baptist, Erik
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 4:15 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Cc: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Bolen, Brittany <bolen.brittany@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Sue& Settle Timing

Liz,

Update: I still haven't heard back from the WH Counsel's Office. It might make sense for you or John to reach out to any contacts you have in the WH comms office.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 25, 2017, at 3:02 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

> Can you ask them? Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)
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> **From:** Baptist, Erik
> **Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 3:01 PM
> **To:** Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Bolen, Brittany <bolen.brittany@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: Sue& Settle Timing
>
> That's news to me. But I can call WH Counsel's Office.
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> Sent from my iPhone
>
> On Sep 25, 2017, at 2:59 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:
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>> Konkus said that Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Is this true? Can we talk with someone over there to explain?
>>
>> Liz Bowman
>> U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
>> Office: 202-564-3293

Message

From: Valentine, Julia [Valentine.Julia@epa.gov]
Sent: 7/12/2017 8:49:03 PM
To: Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]; Graham, Amy [graham.amy@epa.gov]; Wilcox, Jahan [wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
CC: Hull, George [Hull.George@epa.gov]
Subject: FW: Open Inquiries for Review -- 7/12/17 -- LATE AFTERNOON

Hi Michael thanks for all of those responses earlier! Sorry about the already approved ones in there. Getting into a groove with our new awesome intern team (I have them track and compile this throughout the day and send to me three times). And I didn't double check Christie's before I sent that up to you (my bad).

This does NOT include the two that Enesta just sent at 4:45 and 4:47.

Here are the current opens. Note that two (see yellow highlights) are simply reporters looking to use a specific spokesperson's name for attribution of the approved responses the press officer already sent (Enesta in the first one, who said she is fine being quoted in Consumer Reports, but that's up to you, and the second is the Ark. Dem-Gaz for whom we should give yours, Amy's, Jahan's or someone else's name. Amy and Jahan are our usually quotables).

Thank you!

- ∞ Consumer Reports, DEADLINE: ASAP (Kimberly Janeway) Re: spokesperson attribution for paints/VOC story. *Enesta Jones.*
- ∞ BNA, DEADLINE: 7/12 (Amena Saiyid) Re: Clean Water Rule Repeal Comment Period. *Tricia Lynn.*
- ∞ Investigative Reporting Workshop, DEADLINE: 7/5 (Reis Thiebault) Re: ECHO Demographic Data. *Tricia Lynn.*
- ∞ Reuters, DEADLINE: Flexible (Sharon Bernstein) Re: Chemicals and toxins at marijuana grow sites. *Robert Daguillard*.
- ∞ Arkansas Democrat-Gazette (Emily Walkenhorst) Re: spokesperson attribution for answer we provided today (7/12) on Antidegradation implementation plans

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Consumer Reports, DEADLINE: ASAP (Kimberly Janeway) Re: attribution for paints/VOC story. *Enesta Jones.*

Background/ Suggested Response

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Email traffic w reporter:
From: Kimberly Janeway [mailto:kjaneway@consumer.org]
To: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>

Who is the EPA spokesperson we can name? We attribute all quotes to a person.
Is the local agency a state environmental agency?

On Wed, Jul 12, 2017 at 2:11 PM, Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Kimberly -- I will give this to you in piecemeal. Here's the response to your first follow-up question. I am still working on the others. Please attribute to an EPA spokesperson:

The manufacturer is responsible for providing the correct VOC content on the label and, typically, EPA or the local agency that has taken delegation of the standards will perform testing to confirm the VOC content.

Inquiry
Who is the EPA spokesperson we can name? We attribute all quotes to a person.

Is the local agency a state environmental agency?

BNA, DEADLINE: 7/12 (Amena Saiyid) Re: Clean Water Rule Repeal Comment Period. ***Tricia Lynn.***

Background:
Reporter is aware of a letter to the Agency from the League of Conservation Voters and others requesting for the Clean Water Rule repeal comment period to be extended beyond the currently-planned 30 days. She's wondering whether we received the letter and whether the agencies (EPA and Army Corps) are going to grant the extension. Reporter is Amena Saiyid (ASaiyid@bna.com) of *BNA*.

Suggested Response:
Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Inquiry
Good Morning Doug and Liz
Could you please acknowledge receipt of the letter referenced below that seeks for a comment extension. Also could you respond whether the agencies plan to grant this extension.
Am working on a tight deadline and would appreciate a quick response.
Thank you

Investigative Reporting Workshop, DEADLINE: 7/5 (Reis Thiebault) Re: ECHO Demographic Data. ***Tricia Lynn.***

Background:
Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) The results are attached, and include demographic information such as population, racial composition, income, etc. of areas near the reporter's list of refinery and other sites. Reporter is Reis Thebault (Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)) of Investigative Reporting Workshop.

Suggested Response:
Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Inquiry:
I'm hoping someone at the EPA could provide me with the dataset connected to the ECHO facility lookup site<https://echo.epa.gov/>. I'm looking for only facilities with the NAICS code 324110, and I'm looking only for their demographic profiles. On the ECHO site you can pull these profiles up one by one, but I would like the dataset with each one in it. I'm happy to provide every FRS ID number that I'm looking for, if that would be helpful.

My story: I don't have anything fine-tuned just yet, but I'm planning to look at fenceline communities on a national scale.

Reuters, DEADLINE: Flexible (Sharon Bernstein) Re: Chemicals and toxins at marijuana grow sites. ***Robert Daguillard.***

BACKGROUND:
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Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) Sharon Bernstein – Reuters – sharon.bernstein@thomsonreuters.com

RESPONSE:

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

INQUIRY:
Hi Robert,
Thanks for taking my call a few minutes ago. I am working on a story about toxic chemicals and cleanup issues at marijuana grow sites across the U.S. While much of this activity seems to be happening in California, I am interested in finding out about the extent of this problem across the U.S. Among the questions I would like to run by your experts are:

1. Is the EPA tracking or considering tracking marijuana grow sites where toxic chemicals are used? If so, how many are you aware of? In what states is this happening? My understanding is that there is little money for cleanup, yet the toxicity of the compounds being found is requiring full on hazardous materials cleanup. If there is concern but not a formal program or investigation, would you please direct me to the folks who have expressed concern so I can find out what their concerns are and where in the process any plans to look at the issue might be?
2. Is EPA working on any cases in which these sites – either on private or federally owned land – are being investigated for possible environmental violations? If so, how many and in what states?
3. Is there a historian or other expert at EPA who can look at figures I have gathered of volume of banned pesticides found at sites in California to tell me whether there is a comparison to a more well-known cleanup operation – perhaps a famous spill, leak or industrial site that readers might be able to identify with?
4. Chemicals found at sites include carbamates, organophosphates, pyrethroids, neonicotinoids, avermectins, 1stGen ARs, 2nd Gen ARs, neurotoxicant rodenticides, phosphides and molluscicides. Among the banned or tightly controlled substances that are most commonly found are carbofuran and zinc phosphide. Piles of thousands of spent butane canisters have also been found.
5. I have been told that toxic runoff from the sites has been measured in water, possibly in Trinity County, California. Do you have any information on soil or water sampling that has found carbofuran, zinc phosphide or other toxic materials leaching from these sites?

Arkansas Democrat-Gazette (Emily Walkenhorst) Re: spokesperson attribution for answer we provided today (7/12) on Antidegradation implementation plans

Reporter is asking if she can use a specific name for attribution. Jahan approved originally. Can I give her a name?

Thanks!

From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 9:47 AM
To: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: JAHAN / NANCY - FOR REVIEW - Response to Arkansas Democrat-Gazette / Follow-up on Antidegradation implementation plans - DEADLINE: 7/6/17

ok

From: Lynn, Tricia
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 9:46 AM
To: Press <Press@epa.gov>

Subject: JAHAN / NANCY - FOR REVIEW - Response to Arkansas Democrat-Gazette / Follow-up on Antidegradation implementation plans - DEADLINE: 7/6/17

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Suggested Response:

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

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Sent: Monday, July 03, 2017 12:49 PM
To: Jones, Enesta <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: EPA Response on Anti-degradation Plans

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From: "jones enesta" <Jones.Enesta@epa.gov>
To: ewalkenhorst@arkansasonline.com
Cc: "press" <Press@epa.gov>
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Prepared by Jessica Sparacino, OPA Intern

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Cc: Graham, Amy[graham.amy@epa.gov]; Abboud, Michael[abboud.michael@epa.gov]; Valentine, Julia[Valentine.Julia@epa.gov]
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Sent: Wed 7/12/2017 8:16:01 PM (UTC)
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Reporter is asking if she can use a specific name for attribution. Jahan approved originally. Can I give her a name?

Thanks!

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To: Lynn, Tricia <lynn.tricia@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
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You are the best and taught me about Lee Newspaper. I will invite Donnelle as well to come with us for the Register's interview. Thank you so much! And I wish the Senate was in recess.

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Thank you.

Jahan – None of my business so please please forgive, but it'd be great if the Administrator could somehow talk with Donnelle Eller at The Des Moines Register. Donnelle is ag, environment, energy, and she's awesome, and potentially less all about politics and maybe a lot about farmers and Iowa's economy. Again, 2 cents only, and no doubt much negotiation has gone into all of this.

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All Day Iowa Day RON in Fargo

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM WOTUS Roundtable -- Atrium, 5400 University Ave, West Des Moines, IA 50266
Topic: WOTUS
Staff: Tate
Attendees: Iowa Farm Bureau, Agribusiness Association of Iowa, Iowa Cattlemen Association, Iowa Corn Growers Association, Iowa Pork Producers, Iowa Institute of Cooperatives, Iowa Soybean Association, Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Gov. Reynolds, Sec. Northey, Sen. Ernst, Sen. Grassley
POC: Austin Jacobs Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) austin.jacobs@iowa.gov
Run of Show:

11:30 AM - 11:45 AM Print Interview with Lee Newspapers' Erin Murphy
Topic: EPA Agenda
Note: Lee is owned by papers in Davenport, Cedar Rapids, Waterloo, Mason City and Sioux City

11:45 AM - 11:55 AM Print Interview with Des Moines Register's Kathie Obradovich

12:15 PM - 12:30 PM Recorded Television Interview WHO-TV's Dave Price (Sunday Show) -- 1801 Grand Ave, Des Moines, IA 50309
Adm14Pruitt, Scott 14 7/24/2017 7:54 PM

12:45 PM - 1:00 PM Recorded Television Interview with Kathie Obradovich on KCCI's 8 News Close Up (Sunday Show) -- 888 9th St, Des Moines, IA 50309
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Lunch

3:00 PM - 3:00 PM Depart for Fargo, North Dakota

From: Heins, Jennifer (Grassley) [mailto:Jennifer_Heins@grassley.senate.gov]
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(Grassley) <Kurt_Kovarik@grassley.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: August 8 -- EPA visit to Iowa

Jahan, would you mind sharing the most up-to-date schedule you have for next week's Iowa visit?

From: Kozeny, Jill (Grassley)
Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 6:29 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Kovarik, Kurt (Grassley) <Kurt_Kovarik@grassley.senate.gov>; Heins, Jennifer (Grassley) <Jennifer_Heins@grassley.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: August 8 -- EPA visit to Iowa

Hi, Jahan. Thanks for your message. Sec. Pruitt is lucky to get you.

I've added Jennifer and Kurt to our email here. We'll close hold the information you've shared and look forward to keeping in touch about the event.

Hope to see you soon -- Jill

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 5, 2017, at 5:15 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

> Hey Jill – hope you had a great 4th of July!
>
> I'm currently at the EPA working for Administrator Pruitt. We are working on bringing Administrator Pruitt to my favorite state and wanted to give you a heads up that we are planning a trip to Des Moines on Tuesday, August 8th. Everything is still getting planned out but looking at doing a WOTUS event at the Farm Bureau in West Des Moines around 9:00 AM. Once everything is planned out, our team will reach out to you, but wanted to put this on your radar.
>
> Again hope you are doing well and having a great summer!
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To: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]; Graham, Amy[graham.amy@epa.gov]
From: Bowman, Liz[/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=C3D4D94D3E4B4B1F80904056703EBC80-BOWMAN, ELI]
Sent: Fri 6/23/2017 3:15:48 PM (UTC)
Subject: FW: Pruitt's speech to Harvard club on Paris

Can we discuss?

From: Davenport, Coral [mailto:coral.davenport@nytimes.com]
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 11:04 AM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Pruitt's speech to Harvard club on Paris

Got it. Cld he speak by phone today?

The only quote I'd want to use from the earlier intvu is this one, where I asked him about staff employee complaints of low morale and not being included in major decisions.

"I spent the first couple of weeks running for Mayor here. But ultimately, these are my decisions."

Meanwhile, cld he address these qs?

Career employees in several policy shops say they have not been consulted on policy decisions they work on, such as revising the CPP and WOTUS, reconsidering CAFE, and the decision to reverse the ban on chlorpyrifos. Instead, they say a lot of this decision-making appears left to politically appointed staff and outsourced to lobbyists or state AGs. Is this a fair concern? What's your response?

How much are you consulting with the Republican AGs? How much weight does their counsel play in shaping regulatory rollbacks, particularly legal language and strategy?

The EPA's own staff scientists recommended against reversing the chlorpyrifos ban, saying that the chemical causes developmental damage in children, and EPA's own notice to stay the methane rule also noted that delaying the rule could dispropotionately harm children. Critics say these decisions undermine the EPA's own mission to protect public health. What's your response?

The President has tasked Admin. Pruitt with crafting the legal pathway to extracting the US from the Paris Agreement -- a task that would typically go to the State Department's international law efforts. It's not really within the purview E.P.A.'s portfolio or Pruitt's background or expertise. How is this work getting done? Who is he consulting with?

Could you send a list, even if partial, of environmental groups that the administrator has met with as he does outreach on crafting his regulatory policy agenda?

Thanks so much,
Coral

On Thu, Jun 22, 2017 at 9:45 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:
Okay...as a friendly reminder all the stuff discussed with the Administrator when you came in was off the record. If you

want to use on the record quotes for him for this particular article, we will need to try to find a time for you to talk with him again. He was okay with you using stuff on California because that was the same day, but that was weeks ago, and so it would only make sense to do a interview for a new story so that he understands the context

Sent from my iPhone
On Jun 22, 2017, at 8:35 PM, Coral Davenport <coral.davenport@nytimes.com> wrote:

> Yes - wld ideally need to be tomoro before noon!
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> On Jun 22, 2017, at 8:33 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:
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>> Would you be willing to talk to career staff who would say they have had a positive reaction? I can send you some names of people to reach out to.
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>>>> I'm not completely sure how the ProPublica/NYT relationship works myself. I've never been a part of those projects and don't think I know anyone who has. But let me find out who would know and see if they can explain.
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>>>> On Thu, Jun 22, 2017 at 7:18 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:
>>>> Okay sounds good—please note that we also have a lot of HAPPY career staff; who are ready to get to work. For some background (not for attribution): I am actually working on a piece with our "senior advisor to the administrator for regional and state affairs" – a position that did not exist under the previous administration – that

outlines the positive reception he has received as he travels from region-to-region. As part of that piece, we will explain that it is our understanding that no politically-appointed staffer has visited all the regions in a year, and by mid-July he will have visited each Regional office. In his first 60 days, he made 10 visits to regional offices, 14 visits by next week.

As a follow-up to those visits, he receives many thank you notes from EPA employees for the positive message that he brings. In these meetings he discusses the Administrator's vision for the Agency. He has asked the staff if they have ever been asked to weaken their regulatory work or change their enforcement since the Administrator has been in office, and he said the answer is a "resounding no." For example, there is a Superfund manager in one of the regional offices who has been working at EPA for over 45 years and could easily retire now and walk away – but he remains to stay because he loves his job.

I understand there are reports of "low morale" – but it's also worth noting that there are a lot of dedicated staff who want to work with us; to provide clean air, land, and clean water to their local communities.

On an unrelated note, can you explain the relationship between ProPublica and NYT?

Thanks – Liz

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Hope he feels better!
I'm wrapping up my story looking at the big picture of his tenure so far -- number of regs rolled back, high-profile influential role with the president, back-to-basics agenda, unhappy career staff, influence of his old OK/AG network.
Putting together a few quotes that I'd like to use from our intvu that I'd like to run by you, plus a list of qs raised by the reporting -- will prob send these over early tomorrow.

On Tue, Jun 20, 2017 at 8:45 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:
He isn't going anymore. He is really sick and cancelled meetings today and doesn't think he will be better tomorrow.

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On Jun 20, 2017, at 2:39 PM, Davenport, Coral <coral.davenport@nytimes.com> wrote:

Got it, tks. Will there be a webcast, transcript or recording?

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Hi Coral – He is speaking to the Manhattan Institute, at the Harvard Club. He doesn't have prepared remarks, but will be talking about the U.S. progress reducing six criteria pollutants under the NAAQs program; how we are committed to real environmental results; and, how he is restoring a rule of law and cooperative federalism.

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Note: Lee is owned by papers in Davenport, Cedar Rapids, Waterloo, Mason City and Sioux City

11:45 AM - 11:55 AM Print Interview with Des Moines Register's Kathie Obradovich

12:15 PM - 12:30 PM Recorded Television Interview WHO-TV's Dave Price (Sunday Show) -- 1801 Grand Ave, Des Moines, IA 50309
Adm14Pruitt, Scott 14 7/24/2017 7:54 PM

12:45 PM - 1:00 PM Recorded Television Interview with Kathie Obradovich on KCCI's 8 News Close Up (Sunday Show) -- 888 9th St, Des Moines, IA 50309
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Lunch

3:00 PM - 3:00 PM Depart for Fargo, North Dakota

From: Heins, Jennifer (Grassley) [mailto:Jennifer_Heins@grassley.senate.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2017 4:06 PM
To: Kozeny, Jill (Grassley) <Jill_Kozeny@grassley.senate.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Kovarik, Kurt (Grassley) <Kurt_Kovarik@grassley.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: August 8 -- EPA visit to Iowa

Jahan, would you mind sharing the most up-to-date schedule you have for next week's Iowa visit?

From: Kozeny, Jill (Grassley)
Sent: Wednesday, July 05, 2017 6:29 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Kovarik, Kurt (Grassley) <Kurt_Kovarik@grassley.senate.gov>; Heins, Jennifer (Grassley) <Jennifer_Heins@grassley.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: August 8 -- EPA visit to Iowa

Hi, Jahan. Thanks for your message. Sec. Pruitt is lucky to get you.

I've added Jennifer and Kurt to our email here. We'll close hold the information you've shared and look forward to keeping in touch about the event.

Hope to see you soon -- Jill

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 5, 2017, at 5:15 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

> Hey Jill – hope you had a great 4th of July!
>
> I'm currently at the EPA working for Administrator Pruitt. We are working on bringing Administrator Pruitt to my favorite state and wanted to give you a heads up that we are planning a trip to Des Moines on Tuesday, August 8th. Everything is still getting planned out but looking at doing a WOTUS event at the Farm Bureau in West Des Moines around 9:00 AM. Once everything is planned out, our team will reach out to you, but wanted to put this on your radar.
>
> Again hope you are doing well and having a great summer!
>
> Jahan
>
> Jahan Wilcox
> EPA
> Strategic Communications Advisor
> Work Cell: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
> Work Email: wilcox.jahan@epa.gov

Message

From: Gordon, Stephen [gordon.stephen@epa.gov]
Sent: 10/3/2018 5:03:30 PM
To: Rodrick, Christian [rodrick.christian@epa.gov]
CC: Abboud, Michael [abboud.michael@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Congressional Letter on CA State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Control Plan Update

Cool ya 1:30 my office. Abboud is gona jump on as well.

From: Rodrick, Christian
Sent: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 1:01 PM
To: Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Congressional Letter on CA State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Control Plan Update

Happy to jump on this call with you if itll be helpful. Just let me know

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From: Gordon, Stephen
Sent: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 12:26 PM
To: Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>; Kundinger, Kelly <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Congressional Letter on CA State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Control Plan Update

Yup I'll handle after I talk to John Mark this afternoon.

Thanks C Rod!

Stephen L. Gordon Jr.
Deputy Director for Public Engagement
Office of the Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Gordon.Stephen@epa.gov

From: Rodrick, Christian
Sent: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 12:20 PM
To: Kundinger, Kelly <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>
Cc: Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Congressional Letter on CA State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Control Plan Update

Kelly, Tate, Gordo,

I'll defer to you on the green light to inviting people?

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From: Kolb, John Mark [mailto:JohnMark.Kolb@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 12:15 PM
To: Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>
Cc: Kundinger, Kelly <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov>; Barrett, Walker <Walker.Barrett@mail.house.gov>; Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>; Morgan, Ashley <morgan.ashley@epa.gov>; Butler, Peter <Peter.Butler2@mail.house.gov>; Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>; Anderson, Mike <Mike.Anderson@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Congressional Letter on CA State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Control Plan Update

Sure thing. Stephen, look forward to working with you. I will be in California on Tuesday so please coordinate with me and our District Director Mike Anderson. Mike can coordinate security with our local police.

Christian – do I have the green light to start inviting people? Obviously all attendees will keep times and locations on close hold.

Also, who should I connect our press team with?

Sincerely,

John Mark Kolb
Senior Legislative Assistant
Representative Jeff Denham (CA-10)
1730 Longworth HOB
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From: Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 11:39 AM
To: Kolb, John Mark <JohnMark.Kolb@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Kundinger, Kelly <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov>; Barrett, Walker <Walker.Barrett@mail.house.gov>; Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>; Morgan, Ashley <morgan.ashley@epa.gov>; Butler, Peter <Peter.Butler2@mail.house.gov>; Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Congressional Letter on CA State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Control Plan Update

John Mark and All,

Thanks very much for putting this together. Stephen Gordon Cc'd will be doing advance for this trip. Would you share with me who the appropriate person for him to connect and coordinate with will be?

Thanks,

Christian Rodrick
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From: Kolb, John Mark [mailto:JohnMark.Kolb@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 2, 2018 2:26 PM
To: Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>
Cc: Kundinger, Kelly <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov>; Barrett, Walker <Walker.Barrett@mail.house.gov>; Ringel, Aaron

<ringel.aaron@epa.gov>; Morgan, Ashley <morgan.ashley@epa.gov>; Butler, Peter <Peter.Butler2@mail.house.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Congressional Letter on CA State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Control Plan Update

Christian,

Thanks for your patience. Please see the Itinerary we discussed and the anticipated invite list attached.

Sincerely,

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From: Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, October 2, 2018 8:57 AM
To: Kolb, John Mark <JohnMark.Kolb@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Kundinger, Kelly <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov>; Barrett, Walker <Walker.Barrett@mail.house.gov>; Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>; Morgan, Ashley <morgan.ashley@epa.gov>; Butler, Peter <Peter.Butler2@mail.house.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Congressional Letter on CA State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Control Plan Update

John Mark, Walker,

Good speaking with you Friday. I wanted to circle back if you might have the list of invitees you mentioned on the call, along with the updated run of show after we spoke? Want to make sure we get our final details set for the Administrator here.

Thanks,

Christian Rodrick
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From: Kolb, John Mark [mailto:JohnMark.Kolb@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 27, 2018 6:57 PM
To: Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>
Cc: Kundinger, Kelly <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov>; Barrett, Walker <Walker.Barrett@mail.house.gov>; Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>; Morgan, Ashley <morgan.ashley@epa.gov>; Butler, Peter <Peter.Butler2@mail.house.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Congressional Letter on CA State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Control Plan Update

Works for me. Walker?

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 27, 2018, at 6:49 PM, Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov> wrote:

> John Mark, based on a quick check of calendars, would 1:30 PM work for you all tomorrow?

Thanks,

Christian

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 27, 2018, at 6:08 PM, Kolb, John Mark <JohnMark.Kolb@mail.house.gov> wrote:

> Christian,
>
> Sure thing. Am open to chat tomorrow afternoon or anytime next week. Let me know what works best.
>
> Sincerely,
>
> **John Mark Kolb**
> Senior Legislative Assistant
> Representative Jeff Denham (CA-10)
> 1730 Longworth HOB
> 202-225-4540
>
> ---
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> **From:** Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>
> **Sent:** Thursday, September 27, 2018 5:04 PM
> **To:** Kolb, John Mark <JohnMark.Kolb@mail.house.gov>; Kundinger, Kelly <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov>; Barrett, Walker <Walker.Barrett@mail.house.gov>
> **Cc:** Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>; Morgan, Ashley <morgan.ashley@epa.gov>; Butler, Peter <Peter.Butler2@mail.house.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: Congressional Letter on CA State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Control Plan Update
>
> John,
>
> Fantastic—it might be good for us to set up a quick call tomorrow or next week to walk through this. Does your team have any time for that?
>
> Thanks,
>
> *Christian Rodrick*
> *Special Assistant*
> *Congressional Affairs U.S. EPA*
> *O: (202) 564-4828*
>
> ---
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> **From:** Kolb, John Mark [mailto:JohnMark.Kolb@mail.house.gov]
> **Sent:** Thursday, September 27, 2018 2:24 PM
> **To:** Kundinger, Kelly <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov>; Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>; Barrett, Walker <Walker.Barrett@mail.house.gov>
> **Cc:** Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>; Morgan, Ashley <morgan.ashley@epa.gov>; Butler, Peter <Peter.Butler2@mail.house.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: Congressional Letter on CA State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Control Plan Update
>
> Kelly,

Sure thing. Rep. Denham has a hard stop at 3:45pm so we can do 12:30pm-3:45pm.

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From: Kundinger, Kelly <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 27, 2018 2:14 PM
To: Kolb, John Mark <JohnMark.Kolb@mail.house.gov>; Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>; Barrett, Walker <Walker.Barrett@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>; Morgan, Ashley <morgan.ashley@epa.gov>; Butler, Peter <Peter.Butler2@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Congressional Letter on CA State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Control Plan Update

John –

Thank you for providing the attached draft agenda. It looks great. My only question is – is there any chance we can move this to the afternoon, beginning around 12:30 or 1:00 and wrapping up around 3:30 / 4:00?

Thanks,

Kelly

From: Kolb, John Mark [mailto:JohnMark.Kolb@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 27, 2018 2:06 PM
To: Kundinger, Kelly <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov>; Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>; Barrett, Walker <Walker.Barrett@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>; Morgan, Ashley <morgan.ashley@epa.gov>; Butler, Peter <Peter.Butler2@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Congressional Letter on CA State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Control Plan Update

Kelly, Christian, and Team,

Please see a draft itinerary attached. Some of this may be moved around but we are hoping to do a site visit, two meetings (one with Irrigation Districts and other with Farm Bureaus), and Press avail between the 8:30-noon timeframe.

Also looping in Pete Butler in our district office for situational awareness.

Sincerely,

John Mark Kolb
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From: Kundinger, Kelly <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 27, 2018 12:44 PM
To: Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>; Kolb, John Mark <JohnMark.Kolb@mail.house.gov>; Barrett, Walker <Walker.Barrett@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>; Morgan, Ashley <morgan.ashley@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Congressional Letter on CA State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Control Plan Update

John –

The afternoon would actually be preferable. Do you have a sense of where in the district we would be hosting the event(s)?

Thanks,

Kelly

From: Rodrick, Christian
Sent: Thursday, September 27, 2018 12:25 PM
To: Kolb, John Mark <JohnMark.Kolb@mail.house.gov>; Barrett, Walker <Walker.Barrett@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>; Morgan, Ashley <morgan.ashley@epa.gov>; Kundinger, Kelly <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Congressional Letter on CA State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Control Plan Update

John,

Unless Kelly, Cc'd here, has any separate thoughts, I think Morning would be preferable.

Thanks,

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From: Kolb, John Mark [mailto:JohnMark.Kolb@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 27, 2018 12:05 PM
To: Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>; Barrett, Walker <Walker.Barrett@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>; Morgan, Ashley <morgan.ashley@epa.gov>; Kundinger, Kelly <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Congressional Letter on CA State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Control Plan Update

Hey Christian,

I will have an outline to you by COB today. For planning purposes on your end, we only need half a day. Should we plan on morning?

Sincerely,

John Mark Kolb
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Representative Jeff Denham (CA-10)
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From: Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, September 26, 2018 4:13 PM
To: Barrett, Walker <Walker.Barrett@mail.house.gov>; Kolb, John Mark <JohnMark.Kolb@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>; Morgan, Ashley <morgan.ashley@epa.gov>; Kundinger, Kelly <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Congressional Letter on CA State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Control Plan Update

Walker and John,

I was wondering if you might have any idea of a timeframe for this draft itinerary? I am sure you guys are swamped with everything on the floor this week, but the sooner you are able to get that to us we would really appreciate it for our own advance necessities.

Thanks,

Christian Rodrick
Special Assistant
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O: (202) 564-4828

From: Barrett, Walker [mailto:Walker.Barrett@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 25, 2018 10:52 AM
To: Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>; Kolb, John Mark <JohnMark.Kolb@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>; Morgan, Ashley <morgan.ashley@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Congressional Letter on CA State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Control Plan Update

Thank you, Christian. We can definitely work in WOTUS and yes, the 11th works for Rep Denham. Thank you for facilitating this. We will put an agenda together.

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From: Rodrick, Christian [mailto:rodrick.christian@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 25, 2018 10:01 AM
To: Kolb, John Mark <JohnMark.Kolb@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Barrett, Walker <Walker.Barrett@mail.house.gov>; Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>; Morgan, Ashley <morgan.ashley@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Congressional Letter on CA State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Control Plan Update

John Mark, Walker,

As you know from the call on Friday, Administrator Wheeler is hoping he will be able to visit the Congressman in California to discuss some of the Water issues facing your constituents and district.

It looks like Administrator Wheeler might be able to make October 11th work for this visit. We understand that the House is expected to be in session, but we are hearing that is very likely to change. Assuming votes get cancelled for the 11th, do you suspect that day would work for the Administrator's visit? Additionally, would your team be able to build out what you want the day/ half-day to look like? Lastly, while I understand it isn't the exact purpose of the trip, could you think of any WOTUS related portions of the visit?

Thank you,

Christian Rodrick
Special Assistant
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O: (202) 564-4828

From: Kolb, John Mark [mailto:JohnMark.Kolb@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Friday, September 21, 2018 3:58 PM
To: Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>
Cc: Barrett, Walker <Walker.Barrett@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Congressional Letter on CA State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Control Plan Update

Christian,

Thanks for facilitating the call. Really appreciate it. Looking forward to hearing from you on Tuesday after the scheduling meeting. Have a great weekend!

Sincerely,

John Mark Kolb
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From: Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 20, 2018 12:29 PM
To: Barrett, Walker <Walker.Barrett@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Kolb, John Mark <JohnMark.Kolb@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Congressional Letter on CA State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Control Plan Update

Walker, When you get a sec could you give me a quick call?

Thanks,

Christian Rodrick
Special Assistant
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O: (202) 564-4828

From: Barrett, Walker [mailto:Walker.Barrett@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 18, 2018 3:34 PM
To: Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>
Cc: Kolb, John Mark <JohnMark.Kolb@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Congressional Letter on CA State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Control Plan Update

Christian- in the interim, Rep Denham wants to proceed with processing the visit request given our short timeframe. EPA's role in the state water board's proposal is explicit in our letter. The goal of the visit would be to see the federal water facilitates that would be directly impacted by the plan and hear the concerns of our water districts directly. Our office can map out an agenda for a half or full day depending on Mr. Wheeler's availability. Please put me in contact with scheduling staff if necessary and if we need to send an invitation on letterhead we are happy to do so. Thank you!

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From: Rodrick, Christian [mailto:rodrick.christian@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, September 17, 2018 1:18 PM
To: Barrett, Walker <Walker.Barrett@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Kolb, John Mark <JohnMark.Kolb@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Congressional Letter on CA State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Control Plan Update

Thanks Walker, Let me circle back with some times once I can speak with the Adminstrator's scheduling team. Appreciate the flexibility.

Christian Rodrick
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From: Barrett, Walker [mailto:Walker.Barrett@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Monday, September 17, 2018 1:17 PM
To: Rodrick, Christian <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>
Cc: Kolb, John Mark <JohnMark.Kolb@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: Congressional Letter on CA State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Control Plan Update

If he is unavailable this week, next week would for Rep Denham. He will be in DC all week so pick a day and we'll make it work. Thanks, Christian.

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From: Rodrick, Christian [mailto:rodrick.christian@epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2018 4:50 PM
To: Barrett, Walker <Walker.Barrett@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Kolb, John Mark <JohnMark.Kolb@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Re: Congressional Letter on CA State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Control Plan Update

Walker, it sounds like Administrator Wheeler is out of office all next week.. would the following week be a possibility?

Thanks,

Christian

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 14, 2018, at 4:36 PM, Barrett, Walker <Walker.Barrett@mail.house.gov> wrote:

> Thanks, Christian!
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> **From:** Rodrick, Christian [mailto:rodrick.christian@epa.gov]
> **Sent:** Friday, September 14, 2018 4:35 PM
> **To:** Barrett, Walker <Walker.Barrett@mail.house.gov>
> **Cc:** Kolb, John Mark <JohnMark.Kolb@mail.house.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: Congressional Letter on CA State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Control Plan Update
>
> Walker, thanks for reaching out, let me circle around with his scheduling team and I will get back with you early next week.
>
> Best,
>
> Christian Rodrick
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
> On Sep 14, 2018, at 4:33 PM, Barrett, Walker <Walker.Barrett@mail.house.gov> wrote:
>
>> Christian- Rep Denham would like to set up a call with Acting Administrator Wheeler next week to further discuss the dangerous impacts of the Bay Delta plan, EPA's authorities, and work we are doing with other agencies on the issue. Rep Denham will also plans to invite Mr. Wheeler to CA-10 in October to tour

impacted water infrastructure firsthand. He can make any day work next week for the call.

Happy to discuss further on Monday.

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From: Petersen, Scott
Sent: Monday, September 10, 2018 5:18 PM
To: ocirmail@epa.gov
Cc: Tudor, Chris <Chris.Tudor@mail.house.gov>; Barrett, Walker <Walker.Barrett@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Congressional Letter on CA State Water Resources Control Board Water Quality Control Plan Update

Good afternoon,

Please find attached to this email a letter from Representatives Costa, Denham and McClintock to Acting Administrator Wheeler about concerns raised by our constituents over the impacts of the California State Water Resources Control Board's update to the Water

Quality Control Plan (WQCP) for the Sacramento San Joaquin Bay-Delta. The federal Clean Water Act requires that water quality and flow standards be set based on sound, objective, measurable and quantifiable criteria and analysis. Sadly, the concerns raised by our constituents indicate that the WQCP fails to meet this standard and negatively harms the local economies in the regions of California that we represent.

Thank you for your attention to this letter and we look forward to scheduling a meeting with your team and our constituents to discuss options moving forward.

Best, Scott

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Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-3341

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> The talking points are the same for both briefs.
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> We reached out to Region 4 for any South Carolina-specific information on PFAS that may have been left out of the long-form talking points (attached) or the talking points that Corry sent earlier. Will update you all if we receive additional info from region 4.