Message

From: Wehrum, William L. [wwehrum@hunton.com]
Sent: 9/29/2017 3:51:31 PM
To: Rodrick, Christian [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=6515dbe46dae466da53c8a3aa3be8cc2-Rodrick, Ch]
CC: Ringel, Aaron [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1654bdc951284a6d899a418a89fb0abf-Ringel, Aar]
Subject: RE: RFS Noda

Thanks Christian.

From: Rodrick, Christian [mailto:rodrick.christian@epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, September 29, 2017 11:47 AM
To: Wehrum, William L.
Cc: Ringel, Aaron
Subject: RFS Noda

Bill,

As we discussed HERE is the NoDA we mentioned yesterday. If there is anything else we can do, feel free to let me know.

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Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Message

From: Wehrum, William L. [wwehrum@hunton.com]
Sent: 9/28/2017 5:00:30 PM
To: Ringel, Aaron [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1654bdc951284a6d899a418a89fb0abf-Ringel, Aar]
Subject: RE: Whitehouse Meeting Canceled

Thanks Aaron.

From: Ringel, Aaron [mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 12:07 PM
To: Wehrum, William L.
Subject: Whitehouse Meeting Canceled

Hey Bill, just heard they needed to cancel the meeting this afternoon. They aren't planning on rescheduling before hearing.

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Message

From: Wehrum, William L. [wwehrum@hunton.com]
Sent: 9/11/2017 1:55:35 PM
To: Ringel, Aaron [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1654bdc951284a6d899a418a89fb0abf-Ringel, Aar]
Subject: Confirmation Hearing

Aaron – Is the hearing confirmed for the 20th? I've gotten conflicting reports. Thanks.

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Message

From: Wehrum, William L. [wwehrum@hunton.com]
Sent: 9/28/2017 3:53:08 PM
To: Horner, Elizabeth (EPW) [Elizabeth_Horner@epw.senate.gov]
CC: Ringel, Aaron [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1654bdc951284a6d899a418a89fb0abf-Ringel, Aar]
Subject: Silica Question
Attachments: Silica Question-c.docx

Hi Elizabeth. Here is a revised version of the silica question. I left you a voice mail with a bit more explanation.

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Q: Mr. Wehrum, last week you argued a case before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. My understanding is that case does not involve EPA, but rather a challenge to certain regulations from the Occupational Health and Safety Administration, also known as OSHA. Could you please briefly describe the nature of your representation?

A: Yes, I argued a case involving an OSHA rule setting a workplace exposure limit for silica. We contend that OSHA did not provide an adequate basis for its decision. This is a typical administrative law case where the court must determine whether the rule is supported by substantial evidence. This case has absolutely nothing to do with my responsibilities at EPA, if confirmed to this position.

Q: And you confirmed that taking part in this oral argument did not present a conflict of interest for your nominated position of Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation at EPA?

A: I have been in close consultation with EPA ethics officials with regard to my ethical obligations. My participation in this case does not violate any of my obligations.
>
Q: Will you commit to continue to act consistently with any and all ethics determinations provided by that office?
>
A: Yes, absolutely.

Message

From: Wehrum, William L. [wwehrum@hunton.com]
Sent: 9/14/2017 2:08:20 PM
To: Ringel, Aaron [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1654bdc951284a6d899a418a89fb0abf-Ringel, Aar]
Subject: Re: Tomorrow 9/14 Schedule

Be there in a couple minutes. In line at security.

> On Sep 14, 2017, at 10:05 AM, Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov> wrote:
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> We are in SD-468.
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> Sent from my iPhone
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>> On Sep 14, 2017, at 9:49 AM, Wehrum, William L. <wwehrum@hunton.com> wrote:
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>> I'm on my way, but will be a few minutes late. Got hung up in a meeting.
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>> On Sep 13, 2017, at 6:45 PM, Palich, Christian <https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__palich.ch&d=DwIGaQ&c=jxhwBfk-KSV6FFIot0PGng&r=yE0vRcg1_6xRchQQPG-5bl6t8x7mw3CtiGtCUlzxLOU&m=c6_PQrypQVXajyGQCn00ZsXhRh6Y4eBCAH8lD9hw8I8&s=LT3Rtc29V9QG874r82z8o7rjku_1IaeEzuauXONhkbM&e= ristian@epa.gov<mailto:palich.christian@epa.gov>> wrote:
>>
>> Sounds good Bill. See you there.
>>
>> Christian R. Palich
>> Deputy Associate Administrator
>> Congressional & Intergovernmental Relations
>> Ex. 6
>>
>> Sent from my iPhone
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>> On Sep 13, 2017, at 6:44 PM, Wehrum, William L. <wwehrum@hunton.com<mailto:wwehrum@hunton.com>> wrote:
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>> Thanks Christian. I cannot make it to the 9:00 meeting. I will meet you at Dirksen for the 10.
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>> From: Palich, Christian [mailto:palich.christian@epa.gov]
>> Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2017 6:38 PM
>> To: 'David Ross'; MLeopold@carltonfields.com<mailto:MLeopold@carltonfields.com>; 'Dourson, Michael (doursoml)'; Wehrum, William L.
>> Cc: Lyons, Troy; Shimmin, Kaitlyn; Ringel, Aaron; Frye, Tony (Robert)
>> Subject: Tomorrow 9/14 Schedule
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>> Hi Everyone,
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>> I have attached the most up to date line by line for reference, and below is the schedule for tomorrow for your convenience. OCIR has planned all the logistics out for tomorrow's meetings and we will ensure everyone gets where they need to be on time.
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>> *Please note we will have a 9am pre meeting with you all and our OCIR team. Once you arrive at EPA HQ please call myself at Ex. 6 or Kaitlyn Shimmin Ex. 6 and we will come down to the front desk of the North Building to get you through security. We will then promptly leave EPA at 9:30am via EPA vehicle.*
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>> Thursday, September 14
>> 9:00 AM- 9:30 AM All Nominees: Meeting with OCIR
>> Location: WJC North 3428 (OCIR Conference Room)
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>> 10:00 AM- 10:45 AM All Nominees: Meeting with EPW Majority Staff
>> Location: 410 Dirksen (Staff: Christian Palich & Aaron Ringel)
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>> 11:00 AM- 11:30 AM DOURSON, ROSS, WEHRUM: Meeting with Senator Wicker (R-MS)
>> Location: 555 Dirksen (Staff: Christian Palich & Aaron Ringel)
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>> 11:45 AM-12:15 PM DOURSON: Meeting with Senator Whitehouse (D-RI)
>> Location: 530 Hart (Staff: Troy Lyons & Christian Palich)

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>> 2:15 PM- 2:45 PM ROSS & LEOPOLD: Meeting with Senator Markey (D-MA)
>> Location: 255 Dirksen (Christian Palich & Kaitlyn Shimmin)
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>> 2:30 PM- 3:00 PM DOURSON: Meeting with Senator Carper (D-DE)
>> Location: 513 Hart (Troy Lyons & Tony Frye)
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>> 3:30 PM- 4:00 PM ROSS: Meeting with Senator Carper (D-DE)
>> Location: 513 Hart (Troy Lyons & Christian Palich)
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>> 4:00 PM-4:30 PM WEHRUM: Meeting with Senator Carper (D-DE)
>> Location: 513 Hart (Troy Lyons & Aaron Ringel)
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>> 4:30 PM- 5:00 PM LEOPOLD: Meeting with Senator Carper (D-DE)
>> Location: 513 Hart (Troy Lyons & Christian Palich)
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>> If everyone has time tonight or later this week, our team thought it might be helpful to also review Susan Bodine's confirmation hearing to get a sense of what next week will be like. (link below)
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>> https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.epw.senate.gov_public_index.cfm_hearings-3FID-3D8A391353-2DEECC-2D4D5F-2DA426-2D848BF12054E5&d=DwIGaQ&c=jxhwBfk-KSV6FFIot0PGng&r=yE0vRcg1_6xRchQQPG-5bl6t8x7mw3CtiGtCUlzxLOU&m=c6_PQrypQVXajyGQCn00ZsXhRh6Y4eBCAH8lD9hw8I8&s=q21nMmveh1EiDakNpWj19WeUPqhGZZAxKuigVa9-rz0&e= <https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.epw.senate.gov_public_index.cfm_hearings-3FID-3D8A391353-2DEECC-2D4D5F-2DA426-2D848BF12054E5&d=DwMGaQ&c=jxhwBfk-KSV6FFIot0PGng&r=yE0vRcg1_6xRchQQPG-5bl6t8x7mw3CtiGtCUlzxLOU&m=xa-iPCcAQ-6CGqjRpOWwnfXDhGlBToOQFvO-NGUz8x8&s=KWx5NcNbmirsjiflv_C5w0BFcV7JR2nmvtsQbpx8DzQ&e=>
>>
>> Have a terrific evening!
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>> Christian R. Palich
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Message

From: Wehrum, William L. [wwehrum@hunton.com]
Sent: 9/7/2017 6:57:17 PM
To: Ringel, Aaron [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1654bdc951284a6d899a418a89fb0abf-Ringel, Aar]
Subject: RE: EPW queationaire

Will do.

-----Original Message-----
From: Ringel, Aaron [mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 07, 2017 2:51 PM
To: Wehrum, William L.
Subject: EPW queationaire

Bill, attached is your EPW questionnaire that has cleared the White House process. Please use this version when you have it notarized.

Thanks,
Aaron

Message

From: Wehrum, William L. [wwehrum@hunton.com]
Sent: 9/5/2017 8:11:35 PM
To: Ringel, Aaron [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1654bdc951284a6d899a418a89fb0abf-Ringel, Aar]
CC: Shimmin, Kaitlyn [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=becb3f33f9a14acd8112d898cc7853c6-Shimmin, Ka]; Rodrick, Christian [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=6515dbe46dae466da53c8a3aa3be8cc2-Rodrick, Ch]
Subject: RE: OAR program office briefing

Hi Aaron. That time works for me. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----
From: Ringel, Aaron [mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 05, 2017 3:14 PM
To: Wehrum, William L.
Cc: Shimmin, Kaitlyn; Rodrick, Christian
Subject: OAR program office briefing

Hey Bill, as we discussed last week, we have confirmed with OAR staff to have an in person briefing for you on Monday September 11th from 2-5pm in WJC-N 5400. If you can confirm it would be greatly appreciated. All the program heads will be in attendance or on video conference for this briefing. I'll send you a full list of attendees as well. Let me know if you have any questions!

Best,
Aaron

Sent from my iPhone

Message

From: Wehrum, William L. [wwehrum@hunton.com]
Sent: 9/13/2017 3:42:22 PM
To: Ringel, Aaron [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1654bdc951284a6d899a418a89fb0abf-Ringel, Aar]
Subject: RE: CV
Attachments: Wehrum Resume-c.pdf

Here it is.

-----Original Message-----
From: Ringel, Aaron [mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2017 11:29 AM
To: Wehrum, William L.
Subject: CV

EPW Minority is asking for a copy of your CV. Nothing unusual, everyone has provided them. If you could shoot a copy over to me we'll get it to them.

Thanks,
Aaron

Sent from my iPhone

William L. Wehrum, Jr.

Ex. 6

Partner and Head of the Administrative Law Group, Hunton & Williams LLP
Hunton & Williams LLP, Washington, DC
2007 to present.

Bill's practice focuses on air quality issues, including regulatory development and related litigation; compliance counseling and enforcement defense; legislative advice; and permitting. Bill is the head of Hunton's Administrative Law Group, which includes the Nation's premier environmental law practice.

Acting Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC
2005 to 2007

As EPA's senior official on air issues, Bill was responsible for all aspects of the Agency's air program – including stationary source regulations and permitting, motor vehicle and fuel standards, and a wide range of other Clean Air Act provisions.

Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator and Counsel to the Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, DC
2001 to 2005

Associate Attorney
Latham & Watkins and Swidler & Berlin, Washington, DC
1994 to 2001

BF_3 Production Team Leader and Supervisor – Health, Safety, and Environmental
Allied-Signal, Inc., Wilmington, DE
1988 to 1994

Environmental Engineer
Allied-Signal, Inc., Morristown, NJ
1986 to 1988

Education
JD, Widener University 1993
BS Chemical Engineering, Purdue University 1986

Professional Memberships/Certifications
Member of the DC Bar and numerous federal district and circuit courts.
Professional Engineer, State of Delaware (inactive).

Message

From: Wehrum, William L. [wwehrum@hunton.com]
Sent: 7/25/2017 2:18:13 AM
To: Ringel, Aaron [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1654bdc951284a6d899a418a89fb0abf-Ringel, Aar]
Subject: Re: Nomination

Thanks Aaron.

On Jul 24, 2017, at 5:25 PM, Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov<mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov>> wrote:

Just a heads up that PPO is saying it could be "literally any day" for your nomination. Will give you a heads up once we get a confirmation on timing.

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Message

From: Leggett, Matt (EPW) [Matt_Leggett@epw.senate.gov]
Sent: 9/8/2017 2:13:30 PM
To: Wehrum, William L. [wwehrum@hunton.com]
CC: Ringel, Aaron [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1654bdc951284a6d899a418a89fb0abf-Ringel, Aar]
Subject: RE: Nomination Questionnaire

Thank you. I have forwarded to the minority.

From: Wehrum, William L. [mailto:wwehrum@hunton.com]
Sent: Friday, September 8, 2017 9:36 AM
To: Leggett, Matt (EPW) <Matt_Leggett@epw.senate.gov>
Cc: Ringel, Aaron (ringel.aaron@epa.gov) <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>
Subject: Nomination Questionnaire

Matt – Attached is my nominee questionnaire. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or need more information. Thanks.

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Message

From: Wehrum, William L. [wwehrum@hunton.com]
Sent: 9/18/2017 4:01:27 PM
To: Ringel, Aaron [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1654bdc951284a6d899a418a89fb0abf-Ringel, Aar]
CC: Gunasekara, Mandy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=53d1a3caa8bb4ebab8a2d28ca59b6f45-Gunasekara,]
Subject: RE: Tuesday Prep

Thanks Aaron. I'll let you know if I need anything more.

From: Ringel, Aaron [mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2017 12:00 PM
To: Wehrum, William L.
Cc: Gunasekara, Mandy
Subject: RE: Tuesday Prep

Nothing in particular, it was more for you in case there was something you needed. I'm fine with canceling. Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

-Aaron

From: Wehrum, William L. [mailto:wwehrum@hunton.com]
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2017 11:54 AM
To: Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>
Cc: Gunasekara, Mandy <Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov>
Subject: Tuesday Prep

Aaron – Did you have anything in particular that you wanted to accomplish in tomorrow's final prep session? I feel like I am in good shape. I'm inclined to cancel it, unless there's a need from your side.

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Message

From: Wehrum, William L. [wwehrum@hunton.com]
Sent: 11/6/2017 6:02:10 PM
To: Ringel, Aaron [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1654bdc951284a6d899a418a89fb0abf-Ringel, Aar]
CC: Shimmin, Kaitlyn [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=becb3f33f9a14acd8112d898cc7853c6-Shimmin, Ka]
Subject: RE: Meeting w/Heitkamp - 11/7 @2:45PM

Aaron – As we discussed, this works.

From: Ringel, Aaron [mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, November 06, 2017 10:17 AM
To: Wehrum, William L.
Cc: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Subject: Meeting w/Heitkamp - 11/7 @2:45PM

Bill, just wanted to make sure you had the most up to date information on this meeting we have scheduled for you with Sen. Heitkamp tomorrow at 2:45PM. Her office if Hart 516, let us know if this doesn't work!

Best,
Aaron

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Message

From: Wehrum, William L. [wwehrum@hunton.com]
Sent: 9/15/2017 3:47:10 AM
To: Ringel, Aaron [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1654bdc951284a6d899a418a89fb0abf-Ringel, Aar]
Subject: Fwd: press inquiry

Let's discuss tomorrow.

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Kaplan, Sheila" <sheila.kaplan@nytimes.com<mailto:sheila.kaplan@nytimes.com>>
Date: September 14, 2017 at 10:23:46 PM EDT
To: <wwehrum@hunton.com<mailto:wwehrum@hunton.com>>
Subject: press inquiry

Dear Mr. Wehrum:
I'm a reporter for the Times, working on a story on the upcoming confirmation hearing, for Dr. Dourson, Mr. David Ross and yourself. I'm sure you are aware that there has been criticism from the environmental groups, about your record of working for regulated industries.
I'd like to get a comment from you to give your side of that issue. Do you feel your experience working for industry means you favor them over the agency or the public? Why not? Does having come from the regulated industry, at least as a lawyer for some of the industry, give you a better sense of the issues? If so, how? And how often will you have to recuse yourself? Our deadline is 1 pm Friday. (tomorrow.)
Many thanks,
Sheila
--
Sheila Kaplan
Reporter, Washington Bureau
The New York Times
Office: Ex. 6
Cell: Ex. 6

Message

From: Ringel, Aaron [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=1654BDC951284A6D899A418A89FB0ABF-RINGEL, AAR]
Sent: 11/9/2017 4:26:17 PM
To: wwehrum@hunton.com
Subject: Voting on your nomination now

On the floor if you care to watch.

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Message

From: Ringel, Aaron [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=1654BDC951284A6D899A418A89FB0ABF-RINGEL, AAR]
Sent: 9/26/2017 6:59:16 PM
To: Wehrum, William L. [wwehrum@hunton.com]
Subject: Re: Bill Wehrum

Great will get it set up.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 26, 2017, at 11:22 AM, Wehrum, William L. <wwehrum@hunton.com> wrote:

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From: Ringel, Aaron [mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2017 9:59 AM
To: Wehrum, William L.
Subject: Fwd: Bill Wehrum

I assume you still don't need this but wanted to offer. Let me know if you would like to have this set up and I'll take care of it.

Thanks,
Aaron

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Haman, Patricia" <Haman.Patricia@epa.gov>
Date: September 25, 2017 at 1:53:27 PM PDT
To: "Ringel, Aaron" <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>
Cc: "Thundiyil, Karen" <Thundiyil.Karen@epa.gov>, "Palich, Christian" <palich.christian@epa.gov>
Subject: Bill Wehrum

Hi Aaron, I never heard back from you whether Bill wanted a one-hour session on the 3rd or not. I told OAR not to schedule anything until we heard back. I will see them tomorrow morning so I am sure they will ask. Thank you, Pat

Patricia E. Haman
Office of Congressional Affairs
U.S. EPA
202-564-2806

Message

From: Ringel, Aaron [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=1654BDC951284A6D899A418A89FB0ABF-RINGEL, AAR]
Sent: 4/26/2018 4:10:10 PM
To: Wheeler, Andrew R. [Andrew.Wheeler@FaegreBD.com]
Subject: Re: Options on the Washington Water Quality Standards

Just as a heads up, Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

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Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 26, 2018, at 12:03 PM, Forsgren, Lee <Forsgren.Lee@epa.gov> wrote:

Sir,

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If you have any questions or comments please just let me know.

Respectfully,
Lee

D. Lee Forsgren
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Washington, DC 20460
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Message

From: Ringel, Aaron [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=1654BDC951284A6D899A418A89FB0ABF-RINGEL, AAR]
Sent: 1/8/2018 1:49:45 PM
To: Khary Cauthen [cauthenk@api.org]
Subject: RE: Well Done !

Ha! Thanks, I'm 2 for 2 on my daily trivia attempts so far!

-Aaron

From: Khary Cauthen [mailto:cauthenk@api.org]
Sent: Monday, January 8, 2018 7:27 AM
To: Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>
Subject: Well Done !

Hope that all is well with you!

WELCOME TO MONDAY! We're your co-hosts Anthony Adragna and Kelsey Tamborrino, and EPA's Aaron Ringel was first to identify Robert Todd Lincoln as being in the area for three presidential assassinations. For today: Which current congressman served almost ten years on their state's public service commission? Send your tips, energy gossip and comments to aadragna@politico.com and ktamborrino@politico.com, or follow us on Twitter @AnthonyAdragna, @KelseyTam, @Morning_Energy and @POLITICOPro.

Message

From: Ringel, Aaron [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=1654BDC951284A6D899A418A89FB0ABF-RINGEL, AAR]
Sent: 9/8/2017 12:55:35 PM
To: Wehrum, William L. [wwehrum@hunton.com]
Subject: Re: EPW Questionnaire

Let me confirm real quick.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 8, 2017, at 8:24 AM, Wehrum, William L. <wwehrum@hunton.com> wrote:

Should I send it now?

<image001.jpg>

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Sent: 8/29/2017 5:42:39 PM
To: Wehrum, William L. [wwehrum@hunton.com]
Subject: RE: Quick Call

Got your message and tried you back. Should be around most of the afternoon outside of a meeting I have at 3pm.

-Aaron

-----Original Message-----
From: Wehrum, William L. [mailto:wwehrum@hunton.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 10:57 AM
To: Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Quick Call

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Ringel.Aaron@epa.gov<mailto:Ringel.Aaron@epa.gov>

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Sent: 9/7/2017 11:21:56 PM
To: Bill Wehrum [wwehrum@hunton.com]
Subject: Fwd: ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS PRAISE BILL WEHRUM EPA NOMINATION

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From: "EPA Press Office" <press@epa.gov>
Date: September 7, 2017 at 6:49:46 PM EDT
To: "ringel.aaron@epa.gov" <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>
Subject: ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS PRAISE BILL WEHRUM EPA NOMINATION
Reply-To: press@epa.gov

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Wehrum Nominated to Head Air and Radiation Office

WASHINGTON (September 7, 2017) Today, President Donald J. Trump announced his intention to nominate Bill Wehrum to serve as EPA Assistant Administrator for the Office of Air and Radiation (OAR). Mr. Wehrum has a long history of public service, and previously served as EPA's acting assistant administrator for Air and Radiation from 2005 to 2007 and as EPA's principal deputy assistant administrator and counsel to the assistant administrator for Air and Radiation. He is currently partner and head of the Administrative Law Group at Hunton & Williams LLP where his practice focuses on air quality issues. Mr. Wehrum's career includes over 31 years working in the environmental field through engineering, legal practice, and administrative duties.

His nomination is receiving high accolades from environmental leaders across the country:

Sean Alteri, director, Kentucky Division for Air Quality and 2017 president of the Association of Air Pollution Control Agencies: "Considering his education and experience as a chemical engineer and an environmental attorney, Mr. Wehrum will be

well-positioned to provide clear, concise direction to address the many diverse, complex air quality issues. As a student of the Clean Air Act, Mr. Wehrum's knowledge and experience will greatly benefit EPA, state, and local air pollution control agencies. We look forward to working with Mr. Wehrum and EPA's senior leadership to improve air quality in Kentucky and throughout our nation. The Kentucky Division for Air Quality supports Mr. Wehrum's nomination to serve as the assistant administrator of EPA's Office of Air and Radiation."

John Cruden, president-elect of the American College of Environmental Lawyers and assistant attorney general, Environment and Natural Resources Division, U.S. Department of Justice (12/2014-1/2017): "I have worked with Bill Wehrum while he was a senior official at EPA during the Bush Administration, and have followed his impressive career in private practice. I believe he is committed to achieving clean air for all citizens and carefully following sound and current science."

Jeff Holmstead, assistant administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, EPA (2001 - 2005): "Bill is committed to the goals of the Clean Air Act and to the rule of law. He is also a person of the highest integrity. I am confident that, within the framework established by Congress, he will work to protect public health and the environment while at the same time pursuing regulatory reforms that will reduce unnecessary regulatory burdens. Truly, there is no better person to serve as the assistant administrator of EPA's Office of Air and Radiation."

Marcus Peacock, EPA deputy administrator (08/2005 - 01/2009): "Bill Wehrum's understanding of the Clean Air Act may be second to none. His desire to pull up his sleeves and actually make the Clean Air Act work as a practical matter is second to none."

Clint Woods, executive director, Association of Air Pollution Control Agencies: "Through his comprehensive knowledge of the law and experience in the federal government, Bill possesses the background to manage challenging Clean Air Act issues at U.S. EPA and help continue the tremendous air quality progress that has been achieved in our country over the last several decades. Under his leadership, the Office of Air and Radiation will be well-situated to pursue a back-to-basics agenda grounded in cooperative federalism."

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Sent: 9/7/2017 11:18:26 PM
To: Bill Wehrum [wwehrum@hunton.com]
Subject: Fwd: EPW queationaire
Attachments: WLW EPW Questionnaire-c.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Please shoot this over to Matt Leggett with Senate EPW, CC'ing myself. His email is below. Again, congrats!!

Matt_Leggett@epw.senate.gov

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Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Wehrum, William L." <wwehrum@hunton.com>
> **Date:** September 7, 2017 at 6:09:44 PM EDT
> **To:** "Ringel, Aaron" <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>
> **Subject: RE: EPW queationaire**
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> Aaron -- Here is a signed and notarized copy.
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Ringel, Aaron [mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov]
> Sent: Thursday, September 07, 2017 2:51 PM
> To: Wehrum, William L.
> Subject: EPW queationaire
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> Bill, attached is your EPW questionnaire that has cleared the White House process. Please use this version when you have it notarized.
>
> Thanks,
> Aaron

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INFORMATION

REQUESTED OF PRESIDENTIAL
NOMINEES

In order to assist the Committee in its consideration of nominations, each nominee is requested to complete the attached Statement for completion by Presidential Nominees. The Statement is intended to be publicly available. In the event that a nominee asks that a specific answer be kept confidential, he or she should notify the Chairman and Ranking Member.

The original and forty (40) copies of the requested information should be made available to the Honorable John Barrasso, Chairman, Committee on Environment and Public Works, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510 (Attn: Matt Leggett) as soon as possible.

Name of Nominee: William L. Wehrum, Jr.

Position to which nominated: Assistant Administrator for the Office of Air and Radiation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Date of Nomination:

Business Name: Hunton & Williams LLP

Business Address: 2200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW

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City, State & Zip: Washington, DC 20037

Business E-mail: wwehrum@hunton.com

Business Phone: 202-955-1637

Full Legal Name: William Ludwig Wehrum, Jr.

Date of birth: Ex. 6

State of residency: Delaware

Education:

Institution	Dates Attended	Degrees Received	Dates of Degrees
Widener University School of Law	1991-1993	JD	December 1993
Purdue University	1982-1986	BS Chem. Engr.	May 1986

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Employment Record

List all positions held since college, including the title and description of job, name of employer, location, and dates. If you were terminated involuntarily from any position(s), please note the circumstances. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Position Title	Employer	Address	Dates	Terminated (Y/N)
Partner	Hunton & Williams LLP	2200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Washington, DC 20037	Sept. 2007 to present	N/A
Acting Assistant Administrator, OAR	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Washington, DC 20460	2005 to 2007	N
Counsel to the Assistant Administrator, OAR	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW Washington, DC 20460	2001 to 2005	N
Associate	Latham & Watkins	555 11th Street, NW Washington, DC 20004	1998 to 2001	N
Associate	Swidler & Berlin Chtd.	3000 K Street, NW Washington, DC	1994 to 1998	N
BF3 Production Team Leader	Allied Signal Inc.	Philadelphia Pike Wilmington, DE	1993 to 1994	N
Supervisor, HS&E	Allied Signal Inc.	Philadelphia Pike Wilmington, DE	1988 to 1993	N
Environmental Engineer	Allied Signal Inc.	Morristown, NJ	1986 to 1988	N

Honors and Awards:

List significant scholarships, fellowships, honorary degrees, military medals, honorary society memberships, and any other special recognition for outstanding service or achievement. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Date	Honor/Award

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None	

Memberships:

List significant memberships and offices held in professional, fraternal, business, scholarly, civic, charitable and other organizations. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Organization	Office held (if any)	Dates
None		

Qualifications:

State fully your qualifications to serve in the position to which you have been nominated.

I am an expert in air quality law, regulations, and policy. I have practiced law at various firms for a total of about 17 years. My practice has been almost exclusively focused on Clean Air Act matters. I have been involved in countless regulatory development efforts. I also have litigated numerous administrative law cases, primarily in the DC Circuit. I have counseled numerous clients on compliance and enforcement matters related to Clean Air Act requirements. Perhaps most importantly, I previously served for two years as the Acting Assistant Administrator for OAR at the US Environmental Protection Agency. As a result, I have a deep understanding of the position for which I have been nominated.

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Future employment relationships:

1. Indicate whether you will sever all connections with your present employer, business firm, association or organization if you are confirmed by the Senate.
__X__ Yes.

_____ No. If not, please explain:

2. As far as can be foreseen, state whether you have any plans after completing government service to resume employment, affiliation or practice with your current or any previous employer, business firm, association or organization.

__X__ Yes. If so, please explain: I have no agreement with Hunton & Williams with regard to possible future employment with the firm. But, it is a fine firm and I would hope to be considered for readmission to the partnership in the future.

_____ No.

3. Has anybody made a commitment to you for a job after you leave government?

_____ Yes. If so, please explain:

__X__ No.

4. (a) If you have been appointed for a fixed term, do you expect to serve the full term?

__N/A__ Yes.

_____ No.

(b) If you have been appointed for an indefinite term, do you have any known limitations on your willingness or ability to serve for the foreseeable future?

_____ Yes. If so, please explain:

__X__ No

(c) If you have previously held any Schedule C or other appointive position in the Executive branch, irrespective of whether the position required Congressional confirmation, please state the circumstances of your departure and its timing.

I was a political appointee at the US Environmental Protection Agency from 2001 to 2007. I voluntarily resigned my position in 2007.

Financial Statement:

Note: The Office of Government Ethics will provide the Committee with a copy of your Executive Personnel Financial Disclosure Report (SF-278).

1. List sources, amounts and dates of all anticipated receipts from deferred income arrangements, stock options, uncompleted contracts and other future benefits which you expect to derive from previous business relationships, professional services and firm memberships or from former employers, clients, and customers. Amounts should be indicated by the categories established for reporting income on Form SF-278, Schedule A.

None.

2. Are any assets pledged?

____ Yes. If so, please explain:

__X__ No

3. Are you currently a party to any legal action?

____ Yes. If so, please explain:

__X__ No

4. Have you filed a Federal income tax return for each of the last 10 years?
If not, please explain the circumstances.

__X__ Yes

_____ No. If not, please explain:

5. Has the Internal Revenue Service ever audited your Federal tax return?

_____ Yes. If so, what resulted from the audit?

__X__ No

Potential conflicts of interest:

1. Describe any financial or deferred compensation agreements or other continuing of interest: dealings with business associates, clients or customers who will be affected by policies which you will influence in the position to which you have been nominated.

None.

2. List any investments, obligations, liabilities, or other relationships which might involve potential conflicts of interest, or the appearance of conflicts of interest, with the position to which you have been nominated.

I have represented numerous clients on litigation, regulatory, and policy matters before the US Environmental Protection Agency. I will work with the EPA Designated Agency Ethics Official to identify potential conflicts that would require my recusal if confirmed as AA for OAR.

3. Describe any business relationship, dealing or financial transaction (other than taxpaying) which you have had during the last 10 years with the Federal Government, whether for yourself or relatives, on behalf of a client, or acting as an agent, that might in any way constitute or result in a possible conflict of interest, or an appearance of conflict of interest, with the position to which you have been nominated.

None.

4. Explain how you will resolve any potential conflict of interest, or appearance of a conflict of interest, that may be disclosed by your responses to the above items.

I will work with the EPA Designated Agency Ethics Official to identify potential conflicts that would require my recusal if confirmed as AA for OAR.

5. Explain how you will comply with conflict of interest laws and regulations applicable to the position for which you have been nominated. Attach a statement from the appropriate agency official indicating what those laws and regulations are and how you will comply with them. For this purpose, you may utilize a statement by the relevant agency Ethics Officer.

I will work with the EPA Designated Agency Ethics Official to identify potential conflicts that would require my recusal if confirmed as AA for OAR. Attached is a statement from the EPA Designated Agency Ethics Official identifying applicable laws and regulations and explaining how I will comply with them.

Political affiliation and activities:

List all memberships and offices held in, or financial contributions (in excess of $1,000), and services rendered to any political party or election committee during the last 10 years.

Membership/Office/Political Party	**Dates**	**Amount (if applicable)**
None.		

Published writings:

List the titles, publishers and dates of any books, articles, or reports you have written.

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(Please list first any publications and/or speeches that involve environmental or related matters.)

Op Ed: The Animas River disaster in Colorado is looking worse and worse for the Environmental Protection Agency. Wall Street Journal. Sept. 10, 2015.

Additional Matters:

1. If there is any additional information which you believe may be pertinent to the Members of the Committee in reaching their decisions, you may include that here.

None.

2. Do you agree to appear before all Congressional Committees which seek your testimony?

__X__ Yes

_____ No. If not, please explain:

3. Having completed this form, are there any additional questions which you believe the Committee should ask of future nominees?

___ Yes. If so, please explain:

__X__ No

W L Wehrum 9.7.17

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William L. Wehrum) **ss**, being duly sworn, hereby states that he/she has read and signed the foregoing Statement for Completion by Presidential Nominees including the Financial Statement and that the information provided therein is, to the best of his/her knowledge and belief, current, accurate, and complete.

Subscribed and sworn before me this 7th day of September, 2017.

VICTORIA A. WOOD NOTARY PUBLIC EXP. 10-31-17 DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Victoria A Wood
Notary Public

VICTORIA A. WOOD
NOTARY PUBLIC DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
My Commission Expires October 31, 2017

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Sent: 8/29/2017 2:58:30 PM
To: Wehrum, William L. [wwehrum@hunton.com]
Subject: RE: Quick Call

No problem, that works. Thanks.

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Sent: 7/19/2017 1:58:54 PM
To: Wehrum, William L. [wwehrum@hunton.com]
Subject: RE: Draft Responses to EPW

Excellent, thanks Bill. Will circle back around as soon as I have more info. Looks like things are moving but don't have a time frame just yet.

-Aaron

From: Wehrum, William L. [mailto:wwehrum@hunton.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 9:49 AM
To: Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Draft Responses to EPW

Aaron – Here is another copy of the EPA questionnaire that I sent to you a couple of weeks ago. I reflected on our discussion about how to address potential conflicts of interest related to my work here at the firm. I'm pretty happy with the response as currently formulated. Please let me know if you have suggested edits.

Also, I got a call yesterday from Elizabeth Horner, who (as I think you know) is counsel to EPW. She said that she will be coordinating my confirmation effort. I told her that you are my point of contact at EPA and encouraged her to contact you.

From: Wehrum, William L.
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 7:20 PM
To: Ringel, Aaron (ringel.aaron@epa.gov)
Subject: Draft Responses to EPW

Aaron – Attached is a first cut at the EPW questionnaire. I think it is complete, except for the conflict of interest section. I will need guidance on how you usually respond to these questions.

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Lastly, I talked this afternoon with Jennifer at PPO. She predicts a mid-July announcement of the intent to nominate. That would really jam us with regard to a hearing before the August recess. Just thought I'd pass that along.

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Sent: 6/26/2017 2:15:11 PM
To: Wehrum, William L. [wwehrum@hunton.com]
Subject: RE: Examples for Surrogates

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Feel free to reach out to discuss further!

Best,
Aaron

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From: Wehrum, William L. [mailto:wwehrum@hunton.com]
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 9:56 AM
To: Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Examples for Surrogates

Hi Aaron. Do you have any idea where things stand with my nomination? Looks like the FBI should soon be done with my background check. Also, I think my financial disclosure has gone to OGE. From the outside looking in, it appears that things are moving along. If possible, I'd appreciate a few days' notice before the intent to nominate is announced. I need to talk to my clients before they read about it in the press.

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From: Ringel, Aaron [mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 6:12 PM
To: Wehrum, William L.
Subject: Examples for Surrogates

See below, only looking for about between 3-5, and here's my contact info as well.

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ATTACHMENT: Example of Press Release on Nominee

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WHAT THEY ARE SAYING

Bipartisan Environmental Leaders Praise Susan Bodine's EPA Nomination

WASHINGTON – (June 12, 2017) Prior to Susan Bodine's confirmation hearing in the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee tomorrow, environmental leaders, including former DOJ and EPA officials who served in both Republican and Democrat administrations, are offering praise for Bodine's nomination to serve as EPA's Assistant Administrator for Enforcement and Compliance Assurance. Bodine currently serves as Chief Counsel for the Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) committee. She previously served as EPA's Assistant Administrator of the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response in the George W. Bush Administration, and possesses nearly 29 years of environmental law experience.

What they're saying about Susan Bodine's nomination:

Senate EPW Chairman John Barrasso: "She has extensive experience working both on Capitol Hill and previously in leadership at the EPA. Susan is committed to finding commonsense ways to protect America's land, air, and water. In this new role, I know that she will work to help communities and small businesses comply with the law, while holding polluters accountable."

John Cruden, President-Elect of the American College of Environmental Lawyers and Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, U.S. Department of Justice (12/2014-1/2017): "I have worked with Susan over a number of years as she has had significant leadership positions in environmental law and practice. Susan is dedicated to the rule of law, a lawyer with great integrity, and she understands the critical importance of effective and timely enforcement."

Marcus Peacock, EPA Deputy Administrator (08/2005 - 01/2009): "I have known Susan for over 20 years. I can think of no better person to lead the enforcement office at EPA. She understands the mission of the agency and the office and how important it is to protecting human health and the environment. A perfect pick."

Scott Fulton, President of The Environmental Law Institute and EPA General Counsel (08/2009-01/2013): "During the Obama Administration, when I served as EPA's General Counsel, Susan and I worked collaboratively on matters of shared concern to the Administration and the Congress. … Through these various intersections, I have found Susan to be fair minded, clear thinking, and strategic in her approach, as well as effective in her leadership. She has a deep understanding of EPA and the EPA-State relationship, which will equip her well to lead OECA."

Avi Garbow, EPA General Counsel (08/2013-01/2017) and Deputy General Counsel, EPA (09/2014-08/2013): "Based on my experience, Ms. Bodine possesses a strong intellect, a keen understanding of environmental law and policy, and is respectful and responsive. She is a seasoned environmental lawyer and a skilled advocate. It is also my view that Ms. Bodine's prior service at EPA is an important – though not indispensable – factor to be considered in her nomination. Her familiarity with the Agency and its talented staff would be of service to OECA and Administrator Pruitt, should she be confirmed."

Roger Martella, EPA General Counsel (08/2006-04/2008): "Susan epitomizes all the best character and traits we can ask of public servants: tireless and unflappable commitment to the mission of environmental protection and promoting human health, protective of transparency and process in her decision making, objective and apolitical approach to leadership, and empowerment of career decision makers in government."

Granta Nakayama, EPA Assistant Administrator, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (07/2005-01/2009): [Bodine is a] "fine environmental attorney" who "reads the statutes and parses the words and does the hard work. She's . . . rigorous in that sense." "[She is also] "an experienced hand in Washington and knows how to get things done. She is very practical and looks for solutions that are going to be workable for everybody."

Mathy Stanislaus, EPA Assistant Administrator, Office of Land and Emergency Management (06/2009-01/2017): "[Susan] understands both the internal side of the agency and the proper balance of enforcement."

Marianne Horinko, EPA Acting Administrator (07/2013-11/2013) and EPA Assistant Administrator,

Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (10/2001-06/2004): "Susan Bodine is extremely qualified to run EPA's enforcement office. As a dedicated public servant with years of experience in environmental policy, she brings a vast understanding of both the agency and the community it regulates. Susan is well suited to carry out the mission of the Administration, and to protect clean air, land and water for the American people."

Elliot Laws, EPA Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (1993-1997): "While I don't envy her challenge, I think bringing Susan back to the agency is an excellent idea." "Having a familiar face back at EPA in a senior role is a plus for staff morale. Bringing in someone with her knowledge of the agency and the issues facing it can only be a positive."

Ben Grumbles, Secretary, Maryland Department of the Environment (03/2016-present), EPA Assistant Administrator, Office of Water (11/2004-01/2009): "She's tough and fair and committed to public service. [Bodine] embodies a compliance-first approach, but also will bring enforcement actions when needed."

G. Tracy Mehan, III, EPA Assistant Administrator, Office of Water (08/2001-12/2003) "Susan Bodine brings a commanding intellect and a vast reservoir of experience in environmental policy to the job of running EPA's enforcement office. The Agency and the American people will benefit tremendously from her legislative, executive and legal expertise across the spectrum of air, land and water. The Administration has made an outstanding selection."

Cliff Rothenstein, EPA Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (04/1997-06/2000): "I have known Ms. Bodine for almost 20 years where she served as committee counsel to the House Transportation and Infrastructure and the Senate Environment and Public Works committees, and as Assistant administrator for the EPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response. She is a dedicated public servant and is well-qualified to lead EPA's office of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance. Ms. Bodine has proved herself time and again to be fair, competent, professional and well respected by those who have had the pleasure to work with her. As an added benefit, Ms. Bodine knows EPA well and is known and respected by EPA employees."

Tom Cochran, CEO and Executive Director, U.S. Conference of Mayors" "Many Mayors, as well as my senior staff, have worked with Ms. Susan Bodine over the past 20 plus years. … Throughout these years, working with Ms. Bodine has been a real pleasure and she has been an asset in every job she has done. She is extremely thoughtful, knowledgeable and professional and has an understanding of the importance of protecting the environment and public health and to do so in an economically responsible way. Her common sense approach to environmental protection and infrastructure investment is widely respected among her peers and my Mayors. While we are sorry to lose her in her current role, she would be a welcome asset at the EPA."

Zippy Duvall, President, American Farm Bureau Federation: "Susan Bodine's breadth and depth of experience in environmental protection make her an outstanding nominee to lead OECA. … In her decades of experience in private practice, for Congress and EPA, Susan Bodine has proven her leadership skills and her deep understanding of our nation's environmental laws and how they affect ordinary citizens and small businesses. She has shown leadership in working toward solutions with groups on all sides of the many controversies that entangle environmental protection. We believe she will strictly enforce our nation's environmental laws, using the hammer when necessary. We also believe she will bring back an effective yet underutilized tool in EPA's toolbox - compliance assistance. Farmers and ranchers across the nation look forward to a new era of firm, but fair enforcement."

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Sent: 9/7/2017 6:50:50 PM
To: Bill Wehrum [wwehrum@hunton.com]
Subject: EPW queationaire
Attachments: 8-31-2017 - Bill Wehrum AAOAR EPW Cmte Questionnaire 115th Congress.doc; ATT00001.txt

Bill, attached is your EPW questionnaire that has cleared the White House process. Please use this version when you have it notarized.

Thanks,
Aaron

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Sent: 9/13/2017 3:44:54 PM
To: Wehrum, William L. [wwehrum@hunton.com]
Subject: Re: CV

Much appreciated.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Sep 13, 2017, at 11:43 AM, Wehrum, William L. <wwehrum@hunton.com> wrote:
>
> Here it is.
>
> -----Original Message-----
> From: Ringel, Aaron [mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov]
> Sent: Wednesday, September 13, 2017 11:29 AM
> To: Wehrum, William L.
> Subject: CV
>
> EPW Minority is asking for a copy of your CV. Nothing unusual, everyone has provided them. If you could shoot a copy over to me we'll get it to them.
>
> Thanks,
> Aaron
>
> Sent from my iPhone
> <Wehrum Resume-c.pdf>

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Sent: 6/29/2017 1:44:09 PM
To: Wehrum, William L. [wwehrum@hunton.com]
Subject: RE: Draft Responses to EPW

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Thanks,
Aaron

From: Wehrum, William L. [mailto:wwehrum@hunton.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 6:27 AM
To: Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>
Subject: Draft Responses to EPW

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Sent: 9/7/2017 5:55:25 PM
To: Bill Wehrum [wwehrum@hunton.com]
Subject: Announcement today/tomorrow

I'm sure you heard but they intend to announce your nomination this evening or tomorrow. Give me a call when you have a second, need to discuss some logistical issues like the EPW questionnaire and hill meetings. Also, need a draft opening statement from you we can start working through the process.

Congrats!
Aaron

Sent from my iPhone

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Sent: 7/10/2017 6:46:24 PM
To: Wehrum, William L. [wwehrum@hunton.com]
Subject: RE: More Support

Excellent, thanks! If you can send over the updated draft EPW questionnaire once you have added the response we discussed it would be much appreciated. Looking to make sure everything is in order this week so we can push to move things forward.

Thanks,

-Aaron

From: Wehrum, William L. [mailto:wwehrum@hunton.com]
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 7:04 AM
To: Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>
Subject: More Support

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Sent: 9/12/2017 8:58:37 PM
To: Wehrum, William L. [wwehrum@hunton.com]
Subject: RE: Opening statement

Looks great, thanks! Sent to OMB for their review and will circle back around with any edits they might have.

-Aaron

-----Original Message-----
From: Wehrum, William L. [mailto:wwehrum@hunton.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 4:07 PM
To: Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Opening statement

Here is my draft.

-----Original Message-----
From: Ringel, Aaron [mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 2:50 PM
To: Wehrum, William L.
Subject: Opening statement

Could you shoot me the draft we discussed this morning when you have a second please. Want to send all the nominees statements to OMB for review in a package today.

Thanks,
Aaron

Sent from my iPhone

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Sent: 9/8/2017 1:36:00 PM
To: Wehrum, William L. [wwehrum@hunton.com]
Subject: Re: EPW Questionnaire

Go ahead and send, thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 8, 2017, at 8:24 AM, Wehrum, William L. <wwehrum@hunton.com> wrote:

Should I send it now?

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Sent: 9/1/2017 5:55:17 PM
To: Wehrum, William L. [wwehrum@hunton.com]
CC: Rodrick, Christian [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=6515dbe46dae466da53c8a3aa3be8cc2-Rodrick, Ch]
Subject: Re: OAR Briefing Binder

Great, Christian Rodrick (CC'd) will drop will swing by this afternoon.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 1, 2017, at 1:49 PM, Wehrum, William L. <wwehrum@hunton.com> wrote:

Hi Aaron. I am in the office all afternoon. Please ask whoever brings it over to call me on my cell when they get here. Ex. 6 I will come down to the first floor lobby to get it. Thanks.

From: Ringel, Aaron [mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, September 01, 2017 1:44 PM
To: Wehrum, William L.
Cc: Rodrick, Christian
Subject: OAR Briefing Binder

Hey Bill, we have a briefing binder we put together on all of the OAR programs and issues for hearing prep. Happy to have someone run it over to your office if you are around today.

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Let me know if we can run the briefing binder over today, if not we can drop it off Tuesday as well. Happy to chat further if you like and hope you have a great weekend!

Best,
Aaron

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Sent: 8/22/2017 8:19:31 PM
To: Wehrum, William L. [wwehrum@hunton.com]
Subject: RE: Quick Call

No problem, thanks.

-Aaron

From: Wehrum, William L. [mailto:wwehrum@hunton.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 4:16 PM
To: Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Quick Call

Will do. I'll be on a call for a while. Will call after that.

From: Ringel, Aaron [mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 4:13 PM
To: Wehrum, William L.
Subject: Quick Call

If you could give me a ring when you have a second. My cell is Ex. 6

Thanks,
Aaron

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Sent: 9/11/2017 3:30:15 PM
To: Wehrum, William L. [wwehrum@hunton.com]
Subject: RE: Wehrum Sen Whitehouse Meeting

Thanks!

-Aaron

From: Wehrum, William L. [mailto:wwehrum@hunton.com]
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 11:14 AM
To: Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Wehrum Sen Whitehouse Meeting

The times on the 27th and 28th work. The 26th does not.

From: Ringel, Aaron [mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, September 11, 2017 11:10 AM
To: Wehrum, William L.
Subject: Fwd: Wehrum Sen Whitehouse Meeting

Bill, any of the below dates/times work for you?

Also, if you can me a copy of your draft opening statement would be much appreciated.

Thanks,
Aaron

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Shimmin, Kaitlyn" <shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov>
> **Date:** September 11, 2017 at 11:06:49 AM EDT
> **To:** "Ringel, Aaron" <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** "Lyons, Troy" <lyons.troy@epa.gov>, "Rodrick, Christian" <rodrick.christian@epa.gov>
> **Subject: Wehrum Sen Whitehouse Meeting**
>
> Aaron, can you reach out to Bill and see if any of these times work for him?
>
> Senator Whitehouse proposed meeting times.
> 9/26 3pm or 5:30pm
>
> 9/27 5pm or 5:30pm
>
> 9/28 4pm, 4:30pm, 5pm

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Sent: 7/21/2017 9:14:26 PM
To: Wehrum, William L. [wwehrum@hunton.com]
Subject: RE: Draft Responses to EPW

Thanks, I'll check and see if we need them and circle back around.

-Aaron

From: Wehrum, William L. [mailto:wwehrum@hunton.com]
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 10:09 AM
To: Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Draft Responses to EPW

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From: Ringel, Aaron [mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 9:16 AM
To: Wehrum, William L.
Subject: RE: Draft Responses to EPW

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Best,

-Aaron

EPA
Top jobs could be filled soon as industry grows frustrated
Robin Bravender, E&E News reporter

Published: Friday, July 21, 2017

(Left to right) Andrew Wheeler is the favorite for U.S. EPA deputy administrator under Scott Pruitt, and Bill Wehrum is the top candidate for air chief. FaegreBD Consulting (Wheeler); @EPAScottPruitt/Twitter; Hunton & Williams LLP (Wehrum)

President Trump is expected to nominate a coal industry lobbyist and a former official in the George W. Bush administration for key posts at U.S. EPA.

Andrew Wheeler, a lobbyist for coal giant Murray Energy Corp. and a former staffer for Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.), is widely seen as the likely nominee to become EPA's No. 2 under Administrator Scott Pruitt, according to multiple sources close to the administration.

George W. Bush-era EPA acting air chief Bill Wehrum, an attorney at Hunton & Williams LLP, is expected to be Trump's nominee to lead the agency's Office of Air and Radiation. Wehrum was the acting boss of that shop during the Bush administration after he was nominated for the position but blocked by Democrats in the Senate.

Both likely nominees have been considered for months to be top contenders for those jobs. Sources expect the White House to nominate them soon.

If confirmed, the EPA deputy administrator and the air chief will be pivotal in enacting the Trump administration's environmental agenda. Wheeler would likely be charged with managing the agency's personnel and could oversee efforts to slash the workforce. Wehrum would be central to rolling back Obama-era climate change regulations, including the Clean Power Plan.

Sources cautioned that those picks could change, given the unpredictability of the Trump White House. But they anticipate that Wheeler and Wehrum could be named in the coming weeks. The administration is under pressure to add political staff at EPA, where Pruitt remains the only Senate-confirmed official.

Wheeler and Wehrum declined to comment for this story. White House spokeswoman Kelly Love said there are "no announcements at this time."

Both Wheeler and Wehrum are well-known in Washington energy circles, and they could help Pruitt — a Washington, D.C., outsider — navigate the national political scene and the federal bureaucracy.

"If nominated, both of these individuals would bring huge amounts of expertise to the table in terms of being grounded in the law and the twin arts of legislating and regulating," said Stephen Brown, a lobbyist for oil refiner Tesoro Corp.

The administration is under pressure to fill key jobs at EPA.

"Industry is increasingly frustrated that these critical positions have not been filled," said one industry lobbyist. "Trump is jeopardizing his own agenda and putting industry in a position where we would hope to have some things accomplished over the next four years. But it's looking like the accomplishments are going to be minimalized."

After several months with little movement around top environmental jobs, the Trump administration has begun to roll out picks for several other key EPA positions.

The White House this week announced the nomination of an agency veteran with industry ties to lead EPA's Office of Chemical Safety And Pollution Prevention. And Trump's nominee for the agency's Office of Civil Enforcement won the approval of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.

Meanwhile, Pruitt has hired a cadre of political staffers to serve in offices throughout the agency.

"I think the general consensus is that Mr. Pruitt and his team are doing an admirable job of carrying out the president's agenda," said Brown of Tesoro. "Would that be easier with more key appointees in place? Yfes, and that will happen provided Democrats cooperate once nominations are made."

Greens 'very worried indeed'

Both Wheeler and Wehrum would face certain opposition from greens and Democrats, but Senate Republicans would likely be able to approve their nominations with little or no support from across the aisle.

"These are two very smart and experienced men. If their mission is — as I expect — deregulation, then industry groups should cheer, while health and environmental advocates should be very worried indeed," said Frank O'Donnell, president of environmental group Clean Air Watch.

Wheeler worked for Inhofe from 1995 to 2009, including a stint as staff director for the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee for the Oklahoma Republican. Several other former Inhofe staffers have already landed at EPA, including Pruitt's chief of staff, Ryan Jackson.

Wheeler also worked at EPA in the early 1990s as a special assistant in the agency's toxics office, according to his LinkedIn profile.

In 2009, Wheeler joined Faegre Baker Daniels Consulting in Washington. He's co-leader of the group's energy and natural resources practice and has lobbied for coal giant Murray Energy, led by vocal Trump supporter Robert Murray.

Murray declined to comment about Wheeler's potential nomination.

Wheeler was registered as a lobbyist for the coal company in the first quarter of this year, according to lobbying disclosure reports. He also registered as a lobbyist for Energy Fuels Resources Corp., a U.S. uranium mining company, in February, according to disclosures.

The Trump administration has pledged to bar appointees from working on issues that they lobbied on in the previous two years, but many top officials have been granted waivers.

White House energy official Mike Catanzaro, for example, received a waiver that allows him to work on broad energy and environmental policy issues, like the Clean Power Plan and other issues he focused on as a lobbyist. Catanzaro also worked on Inhofe's EPW staff, joining the committee after Wheeler left in 2009.
There was speculation in recent months that Jeff Holmstead, who was EPA's air administrator, had emerged as a leading contender to become the agency's deputy. Some conservatives mobilized to oppose his nomination, with one person saying Holmstead would "slow-walk and gut" much of the Trump agenda (*Greenwire*, June 19).
Environmentalists warned that Holmstead, an industry attorney at Bracewell LLP who has been central in the legal battle against the Clean Power Plan, would be extremely effective at unraveling environmental rules (*Climatewire*, June 20).

Holmstead did not respond to a request for comment.

Wehrum worked as the top legal counsel for then-air chief Holmstead during the Bush administration.

When Holmstead stepped down, Wehrum served as the acting administrator of the air office from 2005 to 2007 but was never confirmed. His efforts to steer EPA's air requirements toward a more market-friendly approach garnered praise from industry groups but drew the ire of Democrats like former Sen. Barbara Boxer of California.

Prior to EPA, Wehrum worked with Holmstead as an attorney representing several major industries out of the Washington offices of Latham & Watkins LLP.

He's been at Hunton & Williams since 2007, where he represents industry in air pollution cases.

Wehrum's name has been in the mix for months now, but sources say the administration could soon announce his selection (*Greenwire*, March 24).

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To: Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Draft Responses to EPW

Great, thanks.

From: Ringel, Aaron [mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 3:40 PM
To: Wehrum, William L.
Subject: RE: Draft Responses to EPW

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From: Wehrum, William L. [mailto:wwehrum@hunton.com]
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To: Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>
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From: Wehrum, William L.
Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2017 7:20 PM
To: Ringel, Aaron (ringel.aaron@epa.gov)
Subject: Draft Responses to EPW

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Sent: 7/29/2017 1:08:47 AM
To: Wehrum, William L. [wwehrum@hunton.com]
Subject: Re: Nomination

It's what I keep hearing, spoke to WH liaison again today and they couldn't give me a date for certain. Will double back next week and see if there is anything we can do to move this along.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 28, 2017, at 7:14 PM, Wehrum, William L. <wwehrum@hunton.com> wrote:

Any day?

From: Ringel, Aaron [mailto:ringel.aaron@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 5:25 PM
To: Wehrum, William L.
Subject: Nomination

Just a heads up that PPO is saying it could be "literally any day" for your nomination. Will give you a heads up once we get a confirmation on timing.

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Sent: 7/19/2017 7:26:26 PM
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Right now we have quotes from Sean Alteri, Clint Woods, John Cruden and Marcus Peakcock (all pasted below). Let me know if there is anyone you would like for us to reach out to for a statement/letter of support as well **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

-Aaron

"Considering his education and experience as a chemical engineer and an environmental attorney, Mr. Wehrum will be well-positioned to provide clear, concise direction to address the many diverse, complex air quality issues. As a student of the Clean Air Act, Mr. Wehrum's knowledge and experience will greatly benefit EPA, state, and local air pollution control agencies. We look forward to working with Mr. Wehrum and EPA's senior leadership to improve air quality in Kentucky and throughout our nation. The Kentucky Division for Air Quality supports Mr. Wehrum's nomination to serve as the Assistant Administrator of EPA's Office of Air and Radiation."

-Sean Alteri, Director, Kentucky Division for Air Quality and 2017 President, Association of Air Pollution Control Agencies

"Through his comprehensive knowledge of the law and experience in the federal government, Bill possesses the background to manage challenging Clean Air Act issues at U.S. EPA and help continue the tremendous air quality progress that has been achieved in our country over the last several decades. Under his leadership, the Office of Air and Radiation will be well-situated to pursue a Back-to-Basics Agenda grounded in cooperative federalism."

-Clint Woods, Executive Director, Association of Air Pollution Control Agencies

"I have worked with Bill Wehrum while he was a senior official at EPA during the Bush administration, and have followed his impressive career in private practice, "said John C Cruden, former Assistant Attorney

General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, department of Justice "I believe he is committed to achieving clean air for all citizens and carefully following sound and current science."

-John Cruden, President-Elect of the American College of Environmental Lawyers and Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, U.S. Department of Justice (12/2014-1/2017)

"Bill Wehrum's understanding of the Clean Air Act may be second to none. His desire to pull up his sleeves and actually make the Clean Air Act work as a practical matter is second to none."

-Marcus Peacock, EPA Deputy Administrator (08/2005 – 01/2009)

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