Message

From: Bennett.Tate@epa.gov [Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: 10/10/2017 4:28:31 PM
To: BViator@eei.org; brell@eei.org; jesses@proskauer.com; jim@jimhunterllc.com; Donnie_colson@ibew.org; anna_jerry@ibew.org; cconroy@boilermakers.org; abanig@umwa.org

Nice meeting everyone today. The discussion was very beneficial on my end.

Our release should be going out within the hour. I will let you all know once it has been released. -Tate

Message

From: Bennett.Tate@epa.gov [Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: 8/20/2017 5:18:27 PM
To: Schaaff, Lesley [lschaaff@hess.com]
Subject: Re: ND & Houston Pruitt Visits with Hess

Bummer! We will make something

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 17, 2017, at 3:53 PM, Schaaff, Lesley <lschaaff@hess.com> wrote:

> In Houston. :(here on the 8th and then rest of Sept I'm in town.
>
> Lesley Schaaff
> Senior Manager, Regulatory Affairs
> **HESS CORPORATION**
> *Office:* Ex. 6
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> lschaaff@hess.com
>
> On Aug 17, 2017, at 2:06 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:
>
>> Any chance the 7th works?
>>
>> **From:** Schaaff, Lesley [mailto:lschaaff@hess.com]
>> **Sent:** Thursday, August 10, 2017 12:04 PM
>> **To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
>> **Subject:** RE: ND & Houston Pruitt Visits with Hess
>>
>> Yes out next week, so Friday the 25th or the 1st work (although that is the Fri before Labor Day; I'm here, but not sure about you).
>>
>> On the visit, sounds good, just keep me posted.
>>
>> Lesley Schaaff
>> Senior Manager, Regulatory Affairs
>> Hess Corporation
>> (w)
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>>
>> **From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
>> **Sent:** Thursday, August 10, 2017 11:37 AM
>> **To:** Schaaff, Lesley
>> **Subject:** Re: ND & Houston Pruitt Visits with Hess
>>
>> Hey! You're out next week, right? Was thinking next Friday or the following Friday (?)
>>
>> As far as timing, he'll need to be in town most of Sept now so it would be October and that means Houston. We have to come back to Houston/Austin soon anyway for a WOTUS event, and we could work y'all in separately on the same trip. No specific dates

yet, I'll have those next week though!

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 10, 2017, at 10:02 AM, Schaaff, Lesley <lschaaff@hess.com> wrote:

> Hi Tate. Hope that you all are having a good trip. I saw the ND coverage; it all looked positive. You mentioned another visit to ND this fall and a potential visit to Houston for the Administrator. Do you have any information on dates? The weather in ND is pretty uncertain starting October, so any well tour after September is probably not a good use of Pruitt's time (as it could get cancelled last minute). I'm thinking maybe a visit with our executives if Pruitt goes to Houston and then maybe next summer a joint well tour with Zinke in ND. Just my initial thoughts. It could coincide with when EPA is working on the methane reconsideration rule and BLM is working on a redo of the venting and flaring rule. If you have clarity on travel dates, that would be helpful. Thanks.
>
> P.S. Let's schedule that get together once you are back if you are in town for any period of time.
>
> Lesley Schaaff
> *Senior Manager, Regulatory Affairs*
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Sent: 4/21/2017 6:57:23 AM
To: Wagner, Kenneth [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=048236ab99bc4d5ea16c139b1b67719c-Wagner, Ken]
CC: Chu, Ed [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=a7a6452e3e0941b4bb1fafa1ba1ae424-Chu, Edward]; dtudor@acci.org; dmcnabb@aeci.org; Ferguson, Lincoln [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=08cd7f82606244de96b61b96681c46de-Ferguson, L]
Subject: Re: Connecting you

Apologies, David and David. David Tudor,

On Apr 21, 2017, at 1:20 AM, Wagner, Kenneth <wagner.kenneth@epa.gov> wrote:

> I have also included David Tudor on the email chain. David...if you could detail the particular issue so that we may fully understand and set up a meaningful meeting within the next two weeks as we discussed. We are looking forward to bringing resolution to the issue!
>
> **Kenneth E. Wagner**
> *Senior Advisor to the Administrator*
> *For Regional and State Affairs*
> **Environmental Protection Agency**
> **202-564-1988 office**
> Ex. 6 **cell**
> **wagner.kenneth@epa.gov**
>
> On Apr 20, 2017, at 10:55 PM, Chu, Ed <Chu.Ed@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> > Thanks for connecting us Tate! Ken and I met briefly with David Tudor and committed to schedule a follow up meeting.
> >
> > David - I will follow up with you separately and will also include you in our future discussions.
> >
> > Edward H. Chu
> > Acting Regional Administrator, Region 7
> > U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
> > 913-551-7333
> >
> > Sent from my iPhone
> >
> > On Apr 20, 2017, at 8:12 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:
> >
> > > Ed- the Administrator wanted to make sure you and David (CC'd) were able to connect today.
> > >
> > > I'll follow up on our end from DC as well. So glad you made it out to the event!

Tate

Message

From: Mullins, Jerry [jmullins@nma.org]
Sent: 2/26/2018 6:56:09 PM
To: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
Subject: RE: Jerry!

Sure. I'm Ex. 6

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2018 1:53 PM
To: Mullins, Jerry <jmullins@nma.org>
Subject: Jerry!

Can I give you a shout today to follow-up on this from last year?

WEST VIRGINIA

Alliance's Tunnel Ridge Mine, Valley Grove, WV (15 min. drive from Wheeling Airport)

- Joe Craft CEO
- The Tunnel Ridge reserve area covers,400 acres of coal under land located in Ohio County, West Virginia, and Washington County, Pennsylvania.
- Longwall production
- 400 miners

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Subject: DC protest

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 5, 2017

Millennials to Rally Monday to "Shine A Light on Big Oil Corruption" during Fossil Fuel Lobbying Event at DC Trump Hotel

Angered by big money corruption and climate disruption, the youth-led Sunrise Movement will disrupt Independent Petroleum Association of America's "Congressional Call-Up" on March 5

WASHINGTON, DC— On March 5th, the Independent Petroleum Institute of America, a fossil fuel industry lobbying group, will open their "Congressional Call-Up"—an annual lobbying event that includes meetings with Republican lawmakers and the industry-friendly EPA—at the Trump International Hotel in Washington, DC.

In response, Sunrise—a youth-led grassroots movement mobilizing to stop climate change and end the fossil fuel industry's corrupting influence on American politics—is organizing a rally and protest on Monday evening to "shine a light" on the fossil-fueled corruption and greed represented by the Trump Hotel event.

"There could be no better symbol of the corrupting influence of Big Oil over our government than having a high-dollar fossil fuel lobbying event at the Trump Hotel. That's unacceptable—so we're standing up to the fossil fuel billionaires who are wrecking our generation's futures for the sake of their bottom line," said Stephanie Tulowetzke, a volunteer organizer with Sunrise in DC.

"If our government were beholden to people, not big polluters with deep pockets, we could finally unite to take on the climate crisis—the defining challenge of our generation," said Varshini Prakash, a Sunrise Movement leader.

WHAT: Young people, organized by Sunrise Movement, will rally at the Trump International Hotel during a major fossil fuel industry lobbying event to "Shine A Light on Big Oil Corruption" and demand solutions to the crisis of climate change.

WHEN: Monday, March 5th, 2018, 5:15 PM

WHERE: Trump International Hotel DC, 12th Street NW and Pennsylvania Avenue NW (Front Steps)

More information:

- *Facebook event for Monday's protest: https://www.facebook.com/events/211690839576449/*
- *More information about Sunrise: https://sunrisemovement.org*

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From: Kundinger, Kelly [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=E3C9A5D16E2244079E222F342BF9992F-KUNDINGER,]
Sent: 3/6/2018 3:47:33 PM
To: Brittany Green [BGreen@ipaa.org]
CC: Keely Daugherty [kdaugherty@ipaa.org]; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; McMurray, Forrest [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=344246fb2cb643bfab4f92fe016566e2-McMurray, F]
Subject: Re: Following Up

Looping in Forrest this time :)

On Mar 6, 2018, at 9:47 AM, Kundinger, Kelly <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov> wrote:

> Hi Brittany -
>
> That shouldn't be an issue at all. I am out of town, therefore, I am looping in my colleague, Forrest McMurray.
>
> Forrest - are you able to meet Brittany and Keely at 3:50 this afternoon?
>
> Thanks!
>
> On Mar 6, 2018, at 9:37 AM, Brittany Green <BGreen@ipaa.org> wrote:
>
>> Kelly,
>> Thank you for agreeing to meet with us to hand out of the tent cards for everyone for tomorrow. We will be heading to the Hill for our reception around 4, can we meet you at 3:50pm?
>>
>> Thank you
>> Brittany Green
>> Independent Petroleum Association of America
>> 1201 15th St., NW, Suite 300
>> Washington, DC 20005
>> bgreen@ipaa.org
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>> *Connecting the upstream industry across America*
>>
>> **From:** Kundinger, Kelly <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov>
>> **Sent:** Tuesday, February 27, 2018 5:50 PM
>> **To:** Brittany Green <BGreen@ipaa.org>; Keely Daugherty <kdaugherty@ipaa.org>
>> **Cc:** Samantha McDonald <SMcDonald@ipaa.org>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
>> **Subject:** Following Up
>>
>> Brittany, Keely & Sam –

Thank you for joining us for a walk-through this afternoon. I wanted to follow up to ensure that all of you have my contact information.

Brittany & Keely - If you would like to deliver the table cards prior to next Wednesday's event, please let me know.

I look forward to working with all of you!

Best,

Kelly Kundinger
Deputy Director of Scheduling and Advance
Kundinger.Kelly@epa.gov
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Subject: Re: EMBARGOED UNTIL 4:30 PM: EPA Takes Action to Address Oil and Gas Compliance Concerns, Saving At Least $14M in Regulatory Costs

Noted.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 1, 2018, at 4:31 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

> Might be later than 4:30
>
> On Mar 1, 2018, at 4:28 PM, Samantha McDonald <SMcDonald@ipaa.org> wrote:
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> > Thanks!
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Subject: RE: Quick call

Sure. What's the best number? I'm at Ex. 6

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 5, 2018 6:37 AM
To: Samantha McDonald <SMcDonald@ipaa.org>
Cc: Samantha McDonald <SMcDonald@ipaa.org>
Subject: Quick call

Hey Samantha! Do you have time for a quick call this morning?

IPAA HOLDS LOBBYING EVENT AT TRUMP HOTEL: The Independent Petroleum Association of America will hold its annual "congressional call-up" today through Wednesday to "meet and discuss pending issues with members of the House and Senate," according to an IPAA event listing. House Majority Whip Steve Scalise and Fox News political editor Chris Stirewalt will be guest speakers at the lobbying event, which will take place at Trump International Hotel. On Wednesday, the group will hold a policy meeting with EPA at the hotel, although further details were not readily available. See the agenda here.

Message

From: Mike Bjorklund [mike@feca.com]
Sent: 1/30/2018 4:36:03 PM
To: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
CC: Allison Carter [allison@feca.com]; Gordon, Stephen [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=7c8fb4d82bff4eec98f5c5d00a47f554-Gordon, Ste]
Subject: Re: Small Meeting Attendees - 2.2.18

Yes ma'am, it is my pleasure. Thank you.

Mike Bjorklund
Executive V. P. & General Manager
Florida Electric Cooperatives Assoc.
2916 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, FL 32301
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On Jan 30, 2018, at 11:17 AM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

> Thank you! Please use this updated bio. Is the plan still for you to introduce him at the large event, Mike?
>
> - <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->**Scott Pruitt was confirmed the 14th Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in February of last year.**
> - <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->**Since the beginning of his tenure, Pruitt has been committed to ensuring EPA gets back to the basics of managing our environment by engaging with state, local and tribal partners to create regulatory certainty and enhancing economic growth.**
> - <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->**Administrator Pruitt has spearheaded over two dozen significant regulatory reform actions including proposing to rescind the 2015 'Waters of the United States' rule in order to restore states' role in the regulatory process and ensure clarity for affected farms and landowners.**
> - <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->**Pruitt is a strong believer in the importance of environmental stewardship and has said farmers are amongst our country's first environmentalists and conservationists whose input should be valued.**
> - <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->**Making it a priority to get out of DC and into communities across the country, Administrator Pruitt has visited nearly 30 states over his first year to meet directly with stakeholders who often went ignored by the previous administration.**
> - <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->**Other significant accomplishments in year one have included reforming EPA's scientific advisory boards to ensure geographic diversity and**

integrity, ending the agency's 'Sue and Settle' practices and addressing dicamba spraying issues by expediently negotiating a labeling agreement last summer.

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->**Prior to serving the Trump Administration, Pruitt Attorney General of Oklahoma where he became a national leader through a career of advocating to keep power in the hands of hard-working Americans.**

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->**Pruitt also served eight years in the Oklahoma State Senate in addition to co-owning and managing Oklahoma City's Triple-A minor league baseball affiliate.**

- <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->**Pruitt played baseball at the University of Kentucky, earned his bachelor's degree from Georgetown College and received his law degree from the University of Tulsa. He and his wife Marlyn have been married for 27 years and proudly raised their two children in Tulsa.**

-----Original Message-----
From: Allison Carter [mailto:allison@feca.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2018 8:48 AM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Mike Bjorklund <mike@feca.com>
Subject: Small Meeting Attendees - 2.2.18

Tate: Here is the small meeting attendees. I will be reaching out to each of them today as a final reminder of the meeting on Friday. The meeting begins at 8A and I will advise that they might want to arrive a few minutes early. As I mentioned, I will have some doughnuts and coffee at the meeting. I will mention to them that the attire will be business casual.

Small Meeting Attendees:
May Family - Richard and JB May (sons of Fount) and Lawson Taylor (manager of the farm) Adam Basford - FFB John Hoblick - FFB Kevin Morgan- FFB Mike Bjorklund - FECA Allison Carter - FECA Tracey Bensley - Talquin Electric Coop Lisa Johnson - Seminole Gary Smith - Powersouth Drew Love - Citrus Michael Sparks - Citrus Eileen Stuart - Manufacturing Frank Walker - Chamber David Hart - Chamber Tom Feeney - AIF David Mica - Petroleum Administrator +staff

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Subject: RE: EPA Meeting 3.7.18

Samantha,

My cell is Ex. 6 Feel free to call me with any additional questions you have regarding this. I will be there in the morning to help get everyone checked in.

Thanks so much!

-Stephen

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Cc: Kundinger, Kelly <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov>; McMurray, Forrest <mcmurray.forrest@epa.gov>; Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: EPA Meeting 3.7.18

Great! We'll bring the first group at 7:15. We don't know what time the protest will start. Last night, they wore business clothes and came into the hotel.

Hotel staff has a couple of exit options, depending on where the protest sets up.

Thanks again for your help.

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On Mar 6, 2018, at 7:52 AM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

> Forrest and Stephen can help get you in early. Do you know what time the protest may start? Also, it might be best to exit your hotel near the rear entrance/ Starbucks and cross the street there
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> On Mar 6, 2018, at 7:27 AM, Samantha McDonald <SMcDonald@ipaa.org> wrote:

My boss asked me to inquire about the earliest we could arrive? Could we bring a group over at 7:15? The protestors delayed our dinner a bit last night, and I just want to ensure we aren't late for our 8am meeting.

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On Mar 6, 2018, at 5:46 AM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

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Resources
*JIM Kriebel, Kriebel
Mineral Resources
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Michigan Oil & Gas
Company
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EnerVest Operating,
LLC
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Alexander Obrecht,
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Subject: Re: Passing your name to my counter part at doe

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> Well shoot. Catch up soon.
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> On Feb 6, 2018, at 12:33 PM, Viator, Brad <BViator@eei.org> wrote:
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> > Ha, I met with her a few weeks back. She's great.
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Subject: RE: EPA Walkthrough?

Our folks are tied up on Thursday. What about next Tuesday, 2/27? Would you have any time that day?

From: Kundinger, Kelly [mailto:kundinger.kelly@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2018 10:06 AM
To: Samantha McDonald <SMcDonald@ipaa.org>
Cc: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: EPA Walkthrough?

Good morning Samantha -

Thank you for checking in. I am going to be out of the office tomorrow but can try to arrange a walk-through on Thursday. If Thursday works for you and your team, please let me know and I will check the availability of the room we will be hosting the event in.

Thanks,

Kelly

On Feb 20, 2018, at 9:16 AM, Samantha McDonald <SMcDonald@ipaa.org> wrote:

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We are looking forward to the event and really appreciate all of your help bringing this together.

Sam

Samantha McDonald
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Independent Petroleum Association of America
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Message

From: Schaaff, Lesley [lschaaff@hess.com]
Sent: 3/1/2018 11:50:07 PM
To: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
Subject: Re: ICYMI: EPA Takes Action to Address Oil and Gas Compliance Concerns, Saving At Least $14 Million in Regulatory Costs

Thx

Lesley Schaaff
Senior Manager, Regulatory Affairs
HESS CORPORATION
Office: Ex. 6
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lschaaff@hess.com

On Mar 1, 2018, at 6:26 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

EPA Takes Action to Address Oil and Gas Compliance Concerns, Saving At Least $14 Million in Regulatory Costs

03/01/2018
Contact Information:
(press@epa.gov)

WASHINGTON — In two actions, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is taking steps to address significant and immediate compliance concerns for the oil and natural gas industry, reduce burdens on our state regulatory partners, and save millions of dollars in regulatory compliance costs.

EPA has finalized amendments for certain requirements contained within the 2016 oil and gas New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) and proposed to withdraw the control techniques guidelines (CTG) – an action that EPA estimates would save $14 to $16 million in regulatory compliance costs for the oil and gas industry from 2021-2035.

"The technical amendments to the 2016 oil and gas NSPS are meant to alleviate targeted regulatory compliance issues faced by affected sources," **said EPA Office of Air and Radiation Assistant Administrator Bill Wehrum.** "While this action addresses an immediate need, it does not deter the ongoing work at the Agency to assess the 2016 rule as a whole, including whether it is prudent or necessary to directly regulate methane."

"We believe the proposed withdrawal of the CTGs are necessary to provide regulatory certainty to one of the largest sectors of the American economy, and avoid unnecessary compliance costs to both covered entities and the states," **said Wehrum.**

Amendments to the 2016 New Source Performance Standards for the Oil and Gas Industry

EPA has amended two narrow provisions of the 2016 NSPS for the oil and natural gas industry to address aspects of the rule that pose significant and immediate compliance concerns. The amendments address two of the "fugitive emissions" requirements in the 2016 rule: a requirement that leaking components be repaired during unplanned or emergency shutdowns; and the monitoring survey requirements for well sites located on the Alaskan North Slope.

EPA took this final action in response to comments received on the June 2017 proposed stays of certain requirements in the rule and subsequent Notices of Data Availability (NODAs) issued in November 2017. EPA is continuing to evaluate comments the agency received on the proposed stays and NODAs.

To read the amendments to the 2016 rule, visit EPA's website at https://www.epa.gov/controlling-air-pollution-oil-and-natural-gas-industry/actions-and-notices-about-oil-and-natural-gas#regactions

Proposal to withdraw the 2016 Control Techniques Guidelines for the Oil and Natural Gas Industry

In a separate action, EPA is proposing to withdraw the 2016 Control Techniques Guidelines for the Oil and Natural Gas Industry (Oil and Gas CTG) in its entirety. The Oil and Gas CTG provides recommendations for certain states and areas that are required to address smog-forming volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions from covered sources as part of their state implementation plans for meeting EPA's national standards for ground-level ozone.

The Oil and Gas CTG relied on data and conclusions that were used in the 2016 NSPS for the oil and gas industry. EPA is currently reconsidering certain aspects of the 2016 NSPS and intends to look broadly at the rule during the reconsideration process.

Because some recommendations in the Oil and Gas CTG are based on the 2016 NSPS, and others are based on the NSPS issued in 2012, EPA believes withdrawing the entire Oil and Gas CTG will be more efficient for states, which otherwise might be required to revise their implementation plans twice: once, to address recommendations that are tied to the 2012 NSPS, and potentially a second time after the reconsideration of the 2016 NSPS is complete.

EPA has analyzed costs that would be avoided if the Oil and Gas CTG were withdrawn. The Agency analyzed avoided costs assuming that, even if the Oil and Gas CTG were withdrawn, some states might need to obtain VOC emission reductions from existing oil and gas sources as part of their state implementation plans for meeting the ozone standard. Using this perspective, the agency estimates that the oil and gas industry would avoid costs of $1.2 million per year (3 percent discount rate) or $1.6 million per year (7 percent discount rate) under this perspective, totaling $14 or $16 million from 2021-2035 (using discount rates of 3 and 7 percent respectively).

The agency will take public comment on withdrawing the Oil and Gas CTG for 45 days after a notice is published in the Federal Register.

To read the notice of proposed withdrawal, visit EPA's website at https://www.epa.gov/controlling-air-pollution-oil-and-natural-gas-industry/actions-and-notices-about-oil-and-natural-gas#ctg

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Subject: Re: EPA Meeting 3.7.18

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To: Samantha McDonald [SMcDonald@ipaa.org]
Subject: Moving on
Attachments: ATT00001.txt

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

It is with mixed emotions that I want to let you know that this Friday is my last day at IPAA. On the 20th, I'll be starting as a lobbyist at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association covering (you guessed it!) endangered species issues as well as federal lands and hydropower.

I have been blessed with great members, tremendous colleagues, and many, many friends as a result of my time at IPAA. I found it beyond rewarding to help navigate the greatest legislative body in the world on behalf of a truly amazing industry. To call out a few members, I want to especially acknowledge my current and former Committee Chairs, Gretchen Kern of Pioneer Resources, and Ron Neal of Houston Energy. They both are truly amazing people that have inspired me both personally and professionally through their tales of personal sacrifice, wonkiness and collaboration. I also have several "work horses" of my ESA Task Force that I'm also happy to count among my friends, especially Nick Owens with Anadarko who has the unique ability to dumb-down biological and mitigation issues, even once while sheltering in a shipping container in Mozambique. I would also add that IPAA is a great place to work and employs so many incredibly smart, passionate and talented people. If I were to rank these people who have helped me the most during my IPAA tenure, Dan Naatz would be number one. He is truly a terrific mentor who never would ask me to do anything that he hasn't done himself and constantly pushes me to learn and grow.

No matter what challenges life has in store for me in the future, you can rest assured that I will continue to keep advocating for balance of conservation of America's wildlife with production of America's bountiful resources. If you need to get in touch with me, I can be reached at Ex. 6 or Ex. 6

Thank you again for your friendship.

Kindest regards,

Sam

At this point, decisions regarding the new IPAA structure will need to be finalized but tentative plans are for Dan Naatz and Mallori Miller to take over the ESA portfolio and for Lee Fuller to reassume the role of the Environment and Safety Committee.

Samantha McDonald
Director of Government Relations
Independent Petroleum Association of America
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Subject: 2/2/18- quote
Attachments: Document1.docx; ATT00001.htm

Kelsi/Tate-

Here is the quote that was requested. Please let me know if you need anything further.

Thank you,

Allison Carter
Florida Electric Cooperatives Association
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"Washington regulations directly impact the ability of Florida's consumer-owned electric cooperatives to continue powering economic growth across 57 counties. As not-for-profit utilities, electric cooperatives are uniquely concerned with the impacts of regulations like the Clean Power Plan – which could increase costs for our nearly two-million consumers. We appreciate Administrator Pruitt meeting with us and discussing ways that EPA can explore common-sense policies that bolster local economies while also promoting a healthy environment."

Mike Bjorklund
Exec. V.P. & Gen. Mgr.
Florida Electric Cooperatives Association

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Subject: RE: EPA Walkthrough?

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Subject: 2/2/18 - Larger list

Tate:

Here is the on-going list for the Big meeting. Today is Florida Farm Bureau Day at the Capitol. Adam is not reachable until late this evening. They have every FFA member from the state and all the Farm Bureau Boards in town, so Adam is a little swamped. He had hoped to get me some names last night but I haven't seen the list. I have more names coming in too. I just wanted to make sure that I gave you on current list, as requested.

Thanks!
Allison

Coop list:
Derek Thomas
Jordan Wade
Steve Wolfram
Lisa Johnson
Trudy Novak
Ryan Hart
Gary Smith
Paul McGehee
Jennifer Manning
Margaret Ellerbee
Mike McWaters
Jon Little
John Robinson
Vicky Talmadge
Tracey Bensely
Mike Campbell
Carla Pararo
Carrie Durden
Sam Fenn
Joe Alexander
David Miller
Doug Bruce
David Wright
Tony Guillen
Tim Waddle
Mike Temple
Blake Flowers
Ashley Sirmans
James Harold Thompson
Talquin +10
Allison Carter
Mike Bjorklund
Michelle Hershel
Jon Steverson

Julius Hacket
Kaitlyn Culpepper
Darryl (Tri-County)
Jeff Brewer
Roger Pursley
SECO +3 (don't have names yet.)

Adam Basford
FFB – 50+
Richard May
JB May
Lawson Taylor
John Hoblick - FFB
Kevin Morgan- FFB
Drew Love - Citrus
Michael Sparks - Citrus
Eileen Stuart - Manufacturing
Frank Walker - Chamber
David Hart - Chamber
Tom Feeney - AIF
David Mica – Petroleum

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Subject: Re: Pruitt Bio for Friday

Sounds good. Short list should be to you shortly also!

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Attachments: Document1.docx

Good Morning!

Please find attached a basic agenda/timeline for the event tomorrow.

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

Thanks,
Allison

EPA Pre-Meeting
May Nursery

Wednesday – 2:30P

- **Walk through with DC Advance**

Thursday – 4-6P

- **Chairs and Tables delivered to Nursery**
- **Sound System check and walk through for location**

Friday

5A –

- **Pick- up doughnuts, coffee for small meeting**
  - **Allison**

6:30A –

- **Sound system arrives for Setup**
  - **Allison**
- **DC advance Arrives for final walk through**

7A –

- **Set up of Small Meeting Room**
  - **Allison**
- **Gate check-point**
  - **Allison and Adam**

7:30A

- **Coffee / Breakfast for larger meeting Set-up**
  - **Allison, Lawson, Michelle**

7:45A

- **Small Meeting attendees arrive**
- **Greet Administrator**
  - **Bjorklund and Hoblick**

8:20A

- **Arrival of Big meeting attendees / checked at gate**
  - **Adam/Allison**

8:25A

- **Move cones to prepare for Administrator/Small Meeting Parking**

Small Meeting Agenda
May Nursery Board Room (Front Office)
8:00 – 8:25A

Attendees: May Family - Ex. 6; Lawson Taylor (manager of the farm); Adam Basford – FFB; John Hoblick - FFB; Kevin Morgan- FFB; Mike Bjorklund – FECA; Allison Carter – FECA; Jon Steverson – FECA; Tracey Bensley - Talquin Electric Coop; Lisa Johnson – Seminole; Gary Smith – Powersouth; Drew Love – Citrus; Michael Sparks – Citrus; Eileen Stuart – Manufacturing; Frank Walker – Chamber; David Hart – Chamber; Tom Feeney – AIF; David Mica – Petroleum; Administrator +staff

8A
Greet Administrator at Front Office

- Bjorklund, Hoblick, May

8:05A
Introduction of Administrator to the Group

- Hoblick- FFB

8:07 A
Administrator Discussion (Q/A)

8:25A
Group leaves small meeting and drives to larger meeting

- Administrator Vehicle goes first, others follow
- Parking for Administrator will be between the two loading docks. (cones will secure location)

Large Meeting
May Nursery – Loading Dock
8:30A – 9:30A

8:30A –

- Lawson Taylor welcome to May Nursery
- Lawson (or his person) Pledge and Prayer
- Hoblick welcome to the meeting and mention the groups there
    - FFB, Coops, Manufacturing Association, Citrus Industry, Petroleum Industry, Chamber, AIF
- Bjorklund introduce Administrator Pruitt

8:45A –

- Administrator Discussion
- Q/A from group

9:30A –

- Close

9:35A –

- Administrator in car and head to airport

Message

From: Allison Carter [allison@feca.com]
Sent: 1/30/2018 6:55:09 PM
To: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
CC: Mike Bjorklund [mike@feca.com]; Gordon, Stephen [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=7c8fb4d82bff4eec98f5c5d00a47f554-Gordon, Ste]
Subject: RE: Small Meeting Attendees - 2.2.18

Tate –

Mike will plan to introduce the Administrator.

Also, I failed to add one name to the small group.

Jon Steverson will be attending. He is a consultant with the Coops.

Thank you!!

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2018 11:18 AM
To: Allison Carter <allison@feca.com>
Cc: Mike Bjorklund <mike@feca.com>; Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Small Meeting Attendees - 2.2.18

Thank you! Please use this updated bio. Is the plan still for you to introduce him at the large event, Mike?

- **Scott Pruitt was confirmed the 14th Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in February of last year.**

- **Since the beginning of his tenure, Pruitt has been committed to ensuring EPA gets back to the basics of managing our environment by engaging with state, local and tribal partners to create regulatory certainty and enhancing economic growth.**

- **Administrator Pruitt has spearheaded over two dozen significant regulatory reform actions including proposing to rescind the 2015 'Waters of the United States' rule in order to restore states' role in the regulatory process and ensure clarity for affected farms and landowners.**

- **Pruitt is a strong believer in the importance of environmental stewardship and has said farmers are amongst our country's first environmentalists and conservationists whose input should be valued.**

- **Making it a priority to get out of DC and into communities across the country, Administrator Pruitt has visited nearly 30 states over his first year to meet directly with stakeholders who often went ignored by the previous administration.**

- **Other significant accomplishments in year one have included reforming EPA's scientific advisory boards to ensure geographic diversity and integrity, ending the agency's 'Sue and Settle' practices and addressing dicamba spraying issues by expediently negotiating a labeling agreement last summer.**

- **Prior to serving the Trump Administration, Pruitt Attorney General of Oklahoma where he became a national leader through a career of advocating to keep power in the hands**

of hard-working Americans.

- **Pruitt also served eight years in the Oklahoma State Senate in addition to co-owning and managing Oklahoma City's Triple-A minor league baseball affiliate.**

- **Pruitt played baseball at the University of Kentucky, earned his bachelor's degree from Georgetown College and received his law degree from the University of Tulsa. He and his wife Marlyn have been married for 27 years and proudly raised their two children in Tulsa.**

-----Original Message-----
From: Allison Carter [mailto:allison@feca.com]
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Subject: Small Meeting Attendees - 2.2.18

Tate: Here is the small meeting attendees. I will be reaching out to each of them today as a final reminder of the meeting on Friday. The meeting begins at 8A and I will advise that they might want to arrive a few minutes early. As I mentioned, I will have some doughnuts and coffee at the meeting. I will mention to them that the attire will be business casual.

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To: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
Subject: We're here

North building lobby

Sent from my iPhone

Message

From: Kundinger, Kelly [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=E3C9A5D16E2244079E222F342BF9992F-KUNDINGER,]
Sent: 2/20/2018 3:05:56 PM
To: Samantha McDonald [SMcDonald@ipaa.org]
CC: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
Subject: Re: EPA Walkthrough?

Good morning Samantha -

Thank you for checking in. I am going to be out of the office tomorrow but can try to arrange a walk-through on Thursday. If Thursday works for you and your team, please let me know and I will check the availability of the room we will be hosting the event in.

Thanks,

Kelly

On Feb 20, 2018, at 9:16 AM, Samantha McDonald <SMcDonald@ipaa.org> wrote:

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> **Sent:** Thursday, February 15, 2018 3:49 PM
> **To:** 'Bennett, Tate' <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Kundinger, Kelly <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov>
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Sent: 2/16/2018 10:45:59 PM
To: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
CC: Wagner, Kenneth [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=048236ab99bc4d5ea16c139b1b67719c-Wagner, Ken]
Subject: FW: Updated EPA Doc
Attachments: National_Biorefineries_Only_4.12.17.jpg; Recommendation for EPA Visit.docx

Dear Tate,

I hope this week went well for you.

Attached are two documents to help arrange for the plant visits by Scott. One is a map showing locations and the other is a list of the plants we prioritized after considering different aspects that would enhance the learning and exchange of ideas for Scott and REG.

Let me know how we can proceed to develop the plan and get the first visit on the schedule,

Kindest Regards,

Brad

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From: Katie Stanley
Sent: Friday, February 16, 2018 3:48 PM
To: Brad Albin <Brad.Albin@REGI.com>
Cc: Scott Hedderich <Scott.Hedderich@REGI.com>
Subject: Updated EPA Doc

Brad,
See attached, doc with changes we discussed + map.

Do you need anything else? Let me know.

Thanks,

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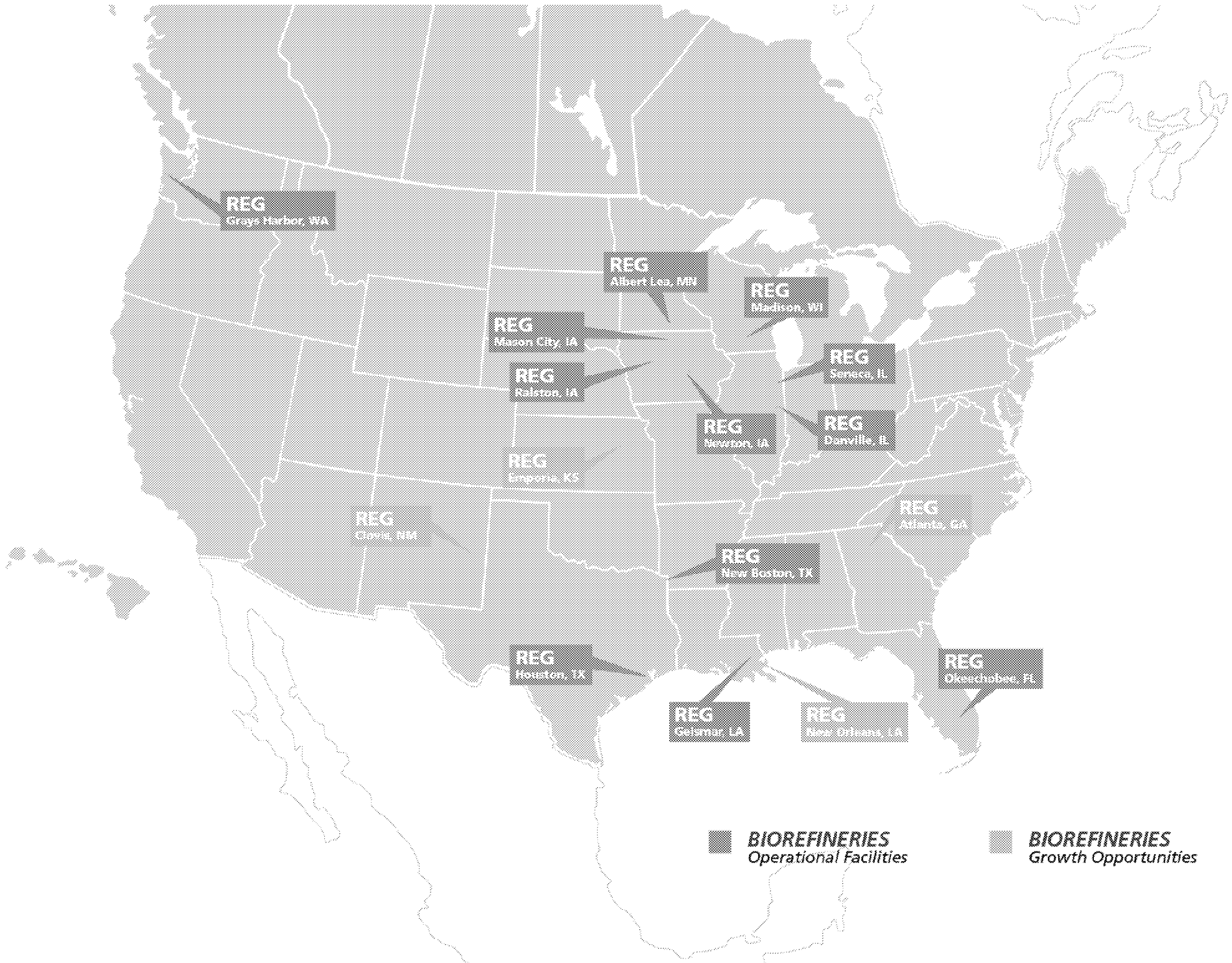
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Recommendation to visit REG biorefineries for EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt

1. REG Newton- Newton, Iowa
   Nameplate Production Capacity: 30 million gallons
   Production State Date: April 2007

   REG Newton is located in Newton, Iowa, 34 miles east of Des Moines. On an annual basis, REG Newton processes approximately 220 million pounds of feedstock and moves 7,300 trucks and 600 railcars through the plant which supports additional jobs in transportation, rendering and agriculture. In 2016, REG Newton reduced 230,431 metric tons of CO2, or the equivalent of eliminating 48,675 passenger vehicles from the highway.

   Closest Airport: Des Moines International Airport (35 min)

   Event Idea: Iowa Roundtable or Townhall Gathering. REG Newton is located near TPI Composites, the largest US-based independent manufacturer of composite wind blades.

2. REG Mason City- Mason City, Iowa
   Nameplate Production Capacity: 30 million gallons
   Production State Date: July 2007

   REG Mason City is located in Mason City, Iowa 120 miles north of Des Moines. On an annual basis, REG Mason City processes approximately 265 million pounds of feedstock and moves 7,700 trucks and 1,000 railcars through the plant which supports additional jobs in transportation, rendering and agriculture. In 2016, REG Mason City reduced 248,424 metric tons of CO2, or the equivalent of eliminating 52,475 passenger vehicles from the highway.

   Event Idea: Business Round Table (Iowa Traction, Vendors, Community Members, etc.)

   Closest Airport: Des Moines International Airport (1 hr 50 min)

   Another Airport: Rochester International Airport (1 hr 27 min)

3. REG Ralston- Ralston, Iowa
   Nameplate Production Capacity: 12 million gallons, starting up 30 million gallon rate this month
   Production State Date: August 2002

   REG Ralston is located in Ralston, Iowa, 55 miles west of Ames. On an annual basis, REG Ralston processes approximately 121 million pounds of feedstock and moves 2,700 trucks and 260 railcars through the plant which supports additional jobs in transportation, rendering and agriculture. In 2016, REG Ralston reduced 93,012 metric tons of CO2, or the equivalent of eliminating 19,647 passenger vehicles from the highway.

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Event Idea: Iowa Roundtable Discussion or town hall event in rural Iowa. Cities near Ralston are: Jefferson, Ames and Carroll.

Closest Airport: Des Moines International Airport (1 hr 26 min)

4. REG Albert Lea- Albert Lea, Minnesota
   Nameplate Production Capacity: 30 million gallons
   Production State Date: April 2005

   REG Albert Lea is located in rural Southern Minnesota along the Minnesota/Iowa border, 96 miles south of Minneapolis. On an annual basis, REG Albert Lea processes approximately 350 million pounds of feedstock and moves 11,400 trucks and 1,200 railcars through the plant which supports additional jobs in transportation, rendering and agriculture. In 2016, REG Albert Lea reduced 326,571 metric tons of CO2, or the equivalent of eliminating 68,983 passenger vehicles from the highway.

   Event Idea: Partner with Minnesota Soybean Processors for local town hall event.

   Closest Airport: Minneapolis Airport – (1 h 27 min)
   Another Airport: Rochester International Airport (1 hr 27 min)

5. REG Geismar- Geismar, Louisiana
   Nameplate Production Capacity: 75 million gallons
   Production State Date: September 2008
   Produces Renewable Hydrocarbon Diesel

   REG Geismar is located in Geismar, Louisiana, 66 miles northwest of New Orleans. On an annual basis, REG Geismar processes approximately 525 million pounds of feedstock and moves 9,800 trucks and 2,000 railcars through the plant which supports additional jobs in transportation, rendering and agriculture. In 2016, REG Geismar reduced 340,376 metric tons of CO2, or the equivalent of eliminating 71,899 passenger vehicles from the highway.

   Closet Airport: Baton Rouge Airport – (43 min)
   Another Airport: New Orleans Airport – (1 hr 4 min)

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6. REG Seneca- Seneca, Illinois
   Nameplate Production Capacity: 60 million gallons
   Production State Date: April 2008

   REG Seneca is located in Seneca, Illinois, 74 miles southwest of Chicago. On an annual basis, REG Seneca processes approximately 500 million pounds of feedstock and moves 16,500 trucks and 580 railcars through the plant which supports additional jobs in transportation, rendering and agriculture. In 2016, REG Seneca reduced 536,106 metric tons of CO2, or the equivalent of eliminating 113,244 passenger vehicles from the highway.

   Closest Airport: Bolingbrook's Clow International Airport – (50 minutes)

7. REG Danville- Danville, Illinois
   Nameplate Production Capacity: 45 million gallons
   Production State Date: September 2008

   REG Danville is located in Danville, Illinois, 93 miles northwest of Indianapolis On an annual basis, REG Danville processes approximately 330 million pounds of feedstock and moves 12,100 trucks and 300 railcars through the plant which supports additional jobs in transportation, rendering and agriculture. In 2016, REG Danville reduced 344,634 metric tons of CO2, or the equivalent of eliminating 72,798 passenger vehicles from the highway.

   Closest Airport: Indianapolis, IN International Airport – (1 hr 20 min)

8. REG Grays Harbor – Hoquiam, Washington
   Nameplate Production Capacity: 100 million gallons
   Production State Date: August 2007

   REG Grays Harbor is located in Hoquiam, Washington, 106 miles southwest of Seattle. On an annual basis, REG Grays Harbor processes approximately 541 million pounds of feedstock and moves 6,900 trucks and 2,300 railcars through the plant which supports additional jobs in transportation, rendering and agriculture. In 2016, REG Grays Harbor reduced 365,091 metric tons of CO2, or the equivalent of eliminating 77,119 passenger vehicles from the highway.

   Closest Airport: Seatac International – (2 hr 4 min)
   Another Airport: Portland International Airport – (2 hr 28 min)

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9. REG Houston- Seabrook, Texas
   Nameplate Production Capacity: 35 million gallons
   Production State Date: June 2008

   REG Houston is located in Seabrook, Texas, 35 southeast of Houston. On an annual basis, REG Houston processes approximately 216 million pounds of feedstock and moves 5,300 trucks and 1,060 railcars through the plant which supports additional jobs in transportation, rendering and agriculture. In 2016, REG Houston reduced 204,682 metric tons of CO2, or the equivalent of eliminating 43,236 passenger vehicles from the highway.

   Closest Airport: William P. Hobby Airport – (31 min)

10. REG Madison- DeForest, Wisconsin
    Nameplate Production Capacity: 20 million gallons
    Production State Date: April 2007

    REG Madison is located in DeForest, Wisconsin, 15 miles north of Madison. On an annual basis, REG Madison processes approximately 106 million pounds of feedstock and moves 3,800 trucks and 130 railcars through the plant which supports additional jobs in transportation, rendering and agriculture. In 2016, REG Madison reduced 110,141 metric tons of CO2, or the equivalent of eliminating 23,265 passenger vehicles from the highway.

    Closest Airport: General Mitchell International Airport in Milwaukee – (1 hr 25 min)

11. REG New Boston- New Boston, Texas
    Nameplate Production Capacity: 15 million gallons
    Production State Date: June 2008

    REG New Boston is located in New Boston, Texas, 24 miles west of Texarkana. On an annual basis, REG New Boston processes approximately 80 million pounds of feedstock and moves 3,500 trucks and 55 railcars through the plant which supports additional jobs in transportation, rendering and agriculture. In 2016, REG New Boston reduced 82,351 metric tons of CO2, or the equivalent of eliminating 17,395 passenger vehicles from the highway.

    Closest Airport: Texarkana Airport – (28 min)

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Message

From: Altshuler, Katie (MRO) [kaltshuler@marathonoil.com]
Sent: 3/5/2018 5:38:23 PM
Subject: New Contact Information for Katie Altshuler

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Attachments: 2018 GR Handout_EPA.PDF

Looking forward to meeting you both in person tomorrow. Attached are the issues our members care about. We've discussed everyone on this list with the Administrator previously, so there shouldn't be any surprises.

Sam

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Sent: Monday, February 26, 2018 8:24 AM
To: 'Bennett, Tate' <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Kundinger, Kelly <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Walkthrough?

2PM works great! Thanks. Can you let me know which entrance to report?

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Cc: Kundinger, Kelly <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov>
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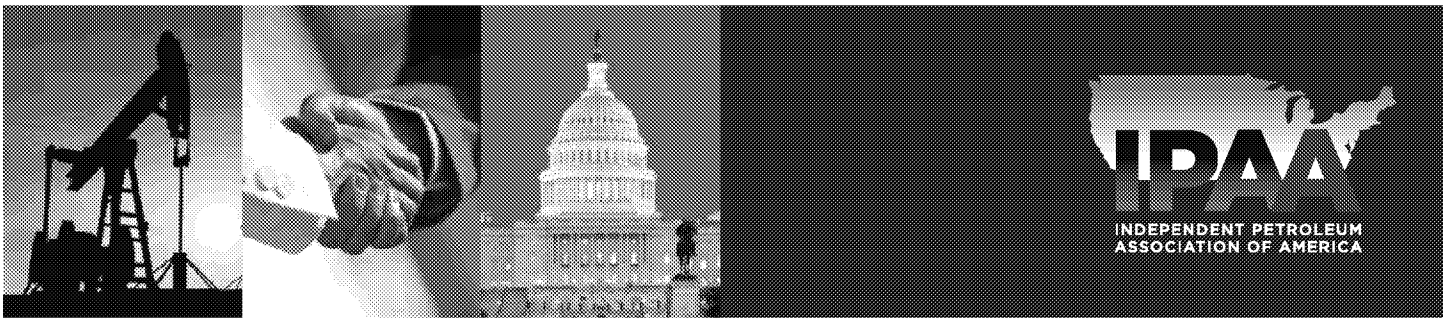

EPA-IPAA Meeting – March 7, 2018

OBJECTIVE: A predictable, cost effective regulatory system. Include a significant state delegation initiative. Have a federal enforcement process that treats industry with fairness, respect and dignity – eliminate the use of excessive threatening tactics, egregious fine proposals and using enforcement to compel regulation where EPA has no authority.

Specific Issues:

Air Regulations – Oil and Natural Gas Production

Develop a federal air regulation component that is Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) based, adequate to protect against an aggressive effort to federalize oil and natural gas production regulation. Define low production wells and assure that any federal regulation is specifically analyzed for them; exclude where feasible. Assure that federal technology determinations are based on analyses that are designed for assessing regulations and are scientifically sound; use federal resources for analyses.

NSPS: Subparts OOOO and OOOOa – Support reconsidering current regulations and revising as VOC requirements; revising fugitive emissions requirements relying on state programs; excluding low production wells; defining a low production well subcategory and reserving it for future use if any.

Existing Sources – Support withdrawal of the October 2016 existing source Control Techniques Guidelines (CTG) for Ozone NAAQS Nonattainment Areas. Reconsider if further research demonstrates a need for existing source controls; require RACT determination to be based on existing sources, not applying NSPS requirements. Exclude low producing wells or create separate requirements based on low producing well economics. (NSPS VOC Subpart OOOO/OOOOa eliminates path for nationwide existing source rule.)

Ozone NAAQS Reconsideration – Support reconsideration of the 70 ppb Ozone NAAQS. It pulls areas that include oil and natural gas production into nonattainment despite EPA determination that those areas would meet 70 ppb without local controls; consequence is new source offset requirements that thwart development without environmental benefit. Reconsideration needs to look at whether 70 ppb NAAQS provides real health benefits since EPA estimates that key population areas that fail to meet the 75 ppb NAAQS will fail to meet the 70 ppb revision.

Resource Conservation and Recovery Act

Subtitle D Consent Decree – EPA agreed to a Consent Decree to settle litigation regarding mandatory duties under RCRA Subtitle D related to making determinations regarding the appropriateness of state oil and natural gas production wastes regulations. EPA has until March 2019 to respond but it should act quickly for two reasons. First, EPA's mandate to act does not require an extensive burden and the longer it takes to act, the more state programs appear to be viewed as inadequate. Second, the mandatory duties require action every three years. Urge action to determine that no guidelines are needed and a reaffirmation of that decision in 2020.

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Clean Water Act

Unconventional Oil and Gas (UOG) Extraction Effluent Limitations Guidelines (ELG) – Working with EPA to develop a study to address technology to manage production waste water treatment at Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW). EPA finalized UOG Extraction ELG for discharges to POTW in June 2016. These ELG should be based on a technology standard – Best Available Technology Economically Achievable (BATEA). EPA concluded that all discharges to POTW should be prohibited based on the availability of underground injection wells and of recycling options. Neither of these are BATEA. EPA should not be making zero discharge determinations based on its perception of other options. It should determine BATEA requirements. The zero discharge decision can harm conventional producers because of the definitions in the ELG, limited water usage options, and setting a standard that will be hard to reject in Centralized Waste Treatment (CWT) ELG development in the future.

WOTUS – Support EPA action to narrow the scope of Waters of the United States (WOTUS). Many oil and natural gas production operations are in arid regions and a WOTUS interpretation that captures these areas in inappropriate adversely affecting development (Section 404 permits) and SPCC Plans.

Ground Water and the Clean Water Act – Concerned about the potential for bringing ground water into the scope of the Clean Water Act would be counter to the management of ground water under the Safe Drinking Water Act. It could result in a significant new regulatory burden that was never intended when either Act was passed.

State Delegation

Federalizing Oil and Natural Gas Production Regulations – From 2009 through 2016, federal agencies aggressively acted to expand the scope of regulation to provide pathways for federal action in spite of state regulations. Support EPA actions to expand and enhance delegation of regulatory authority to states. IPAA is looking for options to be helpful in identifying pathways, working with its state cooperating associations to encourage state actions and working with Congress if there are barriers that need to be addressed. Expanded delegation will require adequate federal funding of states expanding their regulatory efforts. Separately, IPAA support oversight of delegated states to assure that they are not abusing their authority such as the misuse of Clean Water Act Section 401 to deny pipeline permits crossing rivers.

Enforcement Tactics – IPAA supports the recently launched EPA initiative to work with states and other stakeholders on compliance assurance. Over the past several years, EPA's Enforcement tactics have been excessively aggressive. For example, in North Dakota where the state did not have delegation of the NSPS program for oil and natural gas production, EPA Enforcement initiated direct actions against producers with regard to its interpretation of Subpart OOOO requirements for storage vessels. This interpretation differed from those EPA technical staff had initially indicated. Using its enforcement power, EPA filed proposed penalties against a privately held producer that exceeded the value of its assets. The purpose was clear and predictable. EPA wanted to use its enforcement power to compel a limited asset company to enter into a consent agreement that would require actions that met Enforcement's interpretation of the regulation and to commit to additional actions that were beyond EPA Clean Air Act authority to require. Not only did EPA use a gap in state delegation to step over North Dakota in its zeal, but these types of enforcement tactics reflect poorly on EPA and the federal government and should be ended.

QUESTIONS? Contact **Sam McDonald at** smcdonald@ipaa.org or Ex. 6

Message

From: Shaw, Nena [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=2AE00B27EC1544EF8331567CE532BDD3-SHAW, NENA]
Sent: 3/12/2018 7:08:06 PM
To: Letendre, Daisy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=b691cccca6264ae09df7054c7f1019cb-Letendre, D]; Viator, Brad [BViator@eei.org]
CC: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Gordon, Stephen [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=7c8fb4d82bff4eec98f5c5d00a47f554-Gordon, Ste]
Subject: RE: Weds

Yes....sending in a minute.

From: Letendre, Daisy
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2018 3:07 PM
To: Viator, Brad <BViator@eei.org>
Cc: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Shaw, Nena <Shaw.Nena@epa.gov>; Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>
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Perfect, thanks Brad. Calendar invite hadn't hit my inbox yet. See you then.

Daisy C. Letendre
Letendre.Daisy@epa.gov

From: Viator, Brad [mailto:BViator@eei.org]
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2018 3:06 PM
To: Letendre, Daisy <letendre.daisy@epa.gov>
Cc: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Shaw, Nena <Shaw.Nena@epa.gov>; Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Weds

It's at 1130 at EEI.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 12, 2018, at 3:05 PM, Letendre, Daisy <letendre.daisy@epa.gov> wrote:

This email originated from an external sender. Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments. For more information, visit The Grid. Questions? Please contact ITSupport@eei.org or ext. 5100.

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Best,

Daisy C. Letendre
Letendre.Daisy@epa.gov

-----Original Message-----
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Sent: Monday, March 12, 2018 2:55 PM
To: BViator@eei.org
Cc: Letendre, Daisy <letendre.daisy@epa.gov>; Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>
Subject: Weds

What time is the meeting? Our office is happy to join!

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Message

From: Samantha McDonald [SMcDonald@ipaa.org]
Sent: 2/27/2018 5:21:46 PM
To: Kundinger, Kelly [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=e3c9a5d16e2244079e222f342bf9992f-Kundinger,]
CC: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
Subject: RE: EPA Walkthrough?

Yes, thank you.

From IPAA it'll be:

Samantha McDonald
Daniel Naatz
Tina Hamlin
Brittany Green
Keely Daugherty

From: Kundinger, Kelly [mailto:kundinger.kelly@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 8:36 AM
To: Samantha McDonald <SMcDonald@ipaa.org>
Cc: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Walkthrough?

Wonderful. We will meet you in the lobby of the North Building at 3:30.

Would you mind sending over the names of those that will be accompanying you?

Thank you,

Kelly

From: Samantha McDonald [mailto:SMcDonald@ipaa.org]
Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 8:32 AM
To: Kundinger, Kelly <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov>
Cc: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Walkthrough?

Yes! That works! Thank you.

From: Kundinger, Kelly [mailto:kundinger.kelly@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 8:31 AM
To: Samantha McDonald <SMcDonald@ipaa.org>
Cc: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Walkthrough?

Sam –

Are you available to meet at 3:30 this afternoon?

Thanks,

Kelly

From: Samantha McDonald [mailto:SMcDonald@ipaa.org]
Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 8:25 AM
To: Kundinger, Kelly <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov>
Cc: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Walkthrough?

Thank you so much. Again, I'm sorry for the mix-up!

From: Kundinger, Kelly [mailto:kundinger.kelly@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 7:01 AM
To: Samantha McDonald <SMcDonald@ipaa.org>
Cc: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: EPA Walkthrough?

Good morning Sam -

I have sent an email to see if the room is available for a walk-through this afternoon. I will circle back shortly.

Thanks,

Kelly

On Feb 26, 2018, at 10:03 PM, Samantha McDonald <SMcDonald@ipaa.org> wrote:

> I'm so sorry. I misunderstood Yates note, forgive me. My original request was for last Wednesday. Neither I nor my boss are available on this Wednesday afternoon. I have the a multi-trades meeting on Migratory Birds I'm hosting at 2:30 at my office for some Wyoming producers. Would tomorrow (Tuesday) afternoon work? If not, perhaps Wednesday or Thursday morning around 9:15/9:30?
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
> On Feb 26, 2018, at 6:15 PM, Kundinger, Kelly <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov> wrote:
>
>> Sam -
>>
>> I hope this message finds you well.
>>
>> I wanted to touch base as I was under the impression that we had agreed to a walk-through this Wednesday, 2/28 at 2:00pm. Would you mind confirming this?
>>
>> Thanks!
>>
>> Kelly
>>
>> On Feb 26, 2018, at 3:10 PM, Samantha McDonald <SMcDonald@ipaa.org> wrote:

Looking forward to meeting you both in person tomorrow. Attached are the issues our members care about. We've discussed everyone on this list with the Administrator previously, so there shouldn't be any surprises.

Sam

From: Samantha McDonald Bennett.Tate@epa.gov

Sent: Monday, February 26, 2018 8:24 AM
To: 'Bennett, Tate' <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Kundinger, Kelly <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Walkthrough?

2PM works great! Thanks. Can you let me know which entrance to report?

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Sunday, February 25, 2018 1:13 PM
To: Samantha McDonald <SMcDonald@ipaa.org>
Cc: Kundinger, Kelly <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: EPA Walkthrough?

Sorry for the delay! I'm around this week and can do Wednesday afternoon at 2 (I have two back to back meetings starting at 3). I know you initially asked to do 2:30, and I can totally squeeze in a 30 min walk through then as well, but just don't want to cut you short.

On Feb 25, 2018, at 11:43 AM, Samantha McDonald <SMcDonald@ipaa.org> wrote:

> Sorry to ping you both again, but I was wondering if you had time this week to give us a walk through so we know where we'll be meeting. I'd also love to meet you both in person.
>
> They'll be four of us:
>
> Dan Naatz
> Brittany Green
> Tina Hamlin
> Samantha McDonald
>
> ---
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> **From:** Samantha McDonald
> **Sent:** Tuesday, February 20, 2018 9:17 AM
> **To:** 'Bennett, Tate' <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; 'Kundinger, Kelly' <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: EPA Walkthrough?
>
> Good morning!
>
> Just checking in on this again. Would someone on our team be available to show four members of our team

how to check in and where the room will be located? Wednesday afternoon works best for us, but we can be flexible.

Those that will be attending from IPAA will be:

Tina Hamlin
Dan Naatz
Brittany Green
Samantha McDonald

From: Samantha McDonald
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2018 3:49 PM
To: 'Bennett, Tate' <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Kundinger, Kelly <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov>
Subject: EPA Walkthrough?

Tate and Kelly,

I hope this note finds you well. Things are coming together for our Congressional Call Up and I wanted to circle back on your invitation to come see the room. Would you be available to do a walk-through with a few members of our team so we could see the location of our EPA meetings and so we could familiarize ourselves with the check-in procedures prior to guiding our large group through? Sometime around 2:30PM next Wednesday, February 21st would work for us, though we are bit flexible.

We are looking forward to the event and really appreciate all of your help bringing this together.

Sam

Samantha McDonald
Director of Government Relations
Independent Petroleum Association of America
Ex. 6 **Visit IPAA** / **Visit ESA Watch**
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Message

From: Samantha McDonald [SMcDonald@ipaa.org]
Sent: 3/5/2018 2:57:33 PM
To: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Kundinger, Kelly [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=e3c9a5d16e2244079e222f342bf9992f-Kundinger,]
CC: Brittany Green [BGreen@ipaa.org]; Keely Daugherty [kdaugherty@ipaa.org]
Subject: Full IPAA List
Attachments: 2018 Call-Up Registrants.xls

Tate and Kelly:

Please see the attached list of people confirmed for our call up. We expect to do a final head count at today's orientation and dinner to give you a better idea on number, but this is our master list.

Thank you again for your assistance bringing this meeting together.

Sam

Samantha McDonald
Director of Government Relations
Independent Petroleum Association of America
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Last	First	Company	City	State
Anspaugh	Karen	Surrett & Anspaugh	Wexford	PA
Axel	Eric	ECA Strategies	Dallas	TX
Barbee	Sam	Illinois Oil & Gas Association	Mount Vernon	IL
Barron	Mark	BakerHostetler	Denver	CO
Battisti	Sarah	Southwestern Energy Company	Spring	TX
Blascovich	Sara	Pennsylvania Oil & Gas Association	Mechanicsburg	PA
Boehler	Christopher	Concho Resources, Inc.	Midland	TX
Cadman	Bill	Whiting Petroleum Corporation	Denver	CO
Casey	Stan	Concho Resources, Inc.	Austin	TX
Chase	Claire	Mack Energy Corp.	Artesia	NM
Cordova	Theodore	E&B Natural Resources	Hermosa Beach	CA
D'Angelo	Wayne	Kelley Drye and Warren LLP	Washington	DC
Daugherty	Keely	IPAA	Washington	DC
Dee III	J.Roy	Dee Drilling Company	Mount Carmel	IL
Deiro	Paul	California Resources Corporation	Sacramento	CA
Dillé	Eric	EOG Resources, Inc.	Houston	TX
Doviak	Bob	KROG Partners, LLC	Dallas	TX
Eshelman	Jeff	IPAA	Washington	DC
Flaherty	Stephen	Halliburton	Denver	CO
Fuller	Lee	IPAA	Washington	DC
Ginsberg	Susan	IPAA	Washington	DC
Goodman	Gordon	EOG Resources, Inc.	Midland	TX
Green	Brittany	IPAA	Washington	DC
Grubbs	Colin	Statoil	Washington	DC
Hamlin	Tina	IPAA	Washington	DC
Heins	Jonny	Concho Resources, Inc.	Midland	TX
Hill	David	David R. Hill, Inc.	Byesville	OH
Hinchman	Steven	Scala Energy LLC	Houston	TX
Johnson	Krista	Cimarex Energy Co.	Denver	CO
Kern	Gretchen	Pioneer Natural Resources Co.	Irving	TX
Kidwell	Scott	Concho Resources, Inc.	Midland	TX
Kirby	Neal	IPAA	Washington	DC
Kitchens	Christina	East West Bank	Dallas	TX
Kriebel	Shane	Kriebel Minerals, Inc.	Clarion	PA
Kriebel	James	Kriebel Minerals, Inc.	Clarion	PA
Krieger	Kurt	Steptoe & Johnson PLLC	Charleston	WV
Lawrence	Frederick	IPAA	Washington	DC
Layton	Stephen	E&B Natural Resources	Bakersfield	CA
Lingley	Kristen	Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc.	Denver	CO
Malcolm	Douglas	D.C. Malcolm, Inc.	Charleston	WV
Martin	Drew	Miller Energy Company	Kalamazoo	MI
Mazoch	Kerry	Genesis Energy, L.P.	Houston	TX
McDonald	Sam	IPAA	Washington	DC
McDonough	Erin	Michigan Oil And Gas Association	Lansing	MI
McKinney	Jim	EnerVest Operating, LLC	Abingdon	VA
McNamee	Ashley	Whiting Petroleum Corporation	Denver	CO

Miller	Mallori	IPAA	Washington	DC
Miller	Luke	Miller Energy Company	Kalamazoo	MI
Miller	Mark	Merlin Oil & Gas, Inc.	Lafayette	LA
Naatz	Dan	IPAA	Washington	DC
Nestor	Donald	Arnett Carbis Toothman PLLC	Buckhannon	WV
Obrecht	Alexander	BakerHostetler	Denver	CO
Parker	Randy	XTO Energy Inc.	Fort Worth	TX
Pritt	James	EnerVest Operating, LLC	Charleston	WV
Puglisi	Amy	IPAA	Washington	DC
Reynolds	Douglas	Reynolds Resources, Inc.	Owensboro	KY
Roberts	Clifton	Muskegon Development Company	Traverse City	MI
Rosenlieb	Trent	Berry Petroleum Company, LLC	Bakersfield	CA
Russell	Barry	IPAA	Washington	DC
Schaaff	Lesley	Hess Corporation	Washington	DC
Schulz	Shane	QEP Resources, Inc.	Denver	CO
Seipel	Penny	Ohio Oil and Gas Association	Columbus	OH
Shepherd	Ash	Talos Energy LLC	Houston	TX
Shepperd	Ben	Permian Basin Petroleum Association	Midland	TX
Simmons	Brook	Newfield Exploration Company	The Woodlands	TX
Slagel	Gary	Steptoe & Johnson PLLC	Charleston	WV
Tramuto	Jim	Tramuto Energy Advisors	Spring	TX
Turkaly	Joyce	Pennsylvania Independent Oil & Gas Association	Wexford	PA
Ullman	Ryan	IPAA	Washington	DC
Wallace	Ben	Penneco Oil Company, Inc.	Delmont	PA
Watkins	Todd	Noble Energy, Inc.	Houston	TX
Weaver	Daniel	Pennsylvania Independent Oil & Gas Association	Wexford	PA
Wilkes	James	Texland Petroleum LP	Fort Worth	TX
Wood	J. Nelson	Wood Energy Inc.	Mt. Vernon	IL
Woodard	Brian	Chesapeake Energy Corp.	Oklahoma City	OK
Zierman	Rock	California Independent Petroleum Association	Sacramento	CA

Message

From: Bowman, Liz [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=C3D4D94D3E4B4B1F80904056703EBC80-BOWMAN, ELI]
Sent: 1/23/2018 5:10:49 PM
To: Samantha McDonald [SMcDonald@ipaa.org]; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Kundinger, Kelly [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=e3c9a5d16e2244079e222f342bf9992f-Kundinger,]
CC: Hupp, Millan [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=92cac7b684b64f90953b753a01bee0d5-Hupp, Milla]; Wilcox, Jahan [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=88fd588e97d3405d869bcae98d391984-Wilcox, Jah]; Neal Kirby [nkirby@ipaa.org]; Jeff Eshelman [jeshelman@ipaa.org]
Subject: RE: Promotional Materials - IPAA

I agree with Samantha, that we should just leave it at this point, rather than draw more attention to it.

From: Samantha McDonald [mailto:SMcDonald@ipaa.org]
Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2018 11:42 AM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Kundinger, Kelly <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov>
Cc: Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Neal Kirby <nkirby@ipaa.org>; Jeff Eshelman <jeshelman@ipaa.org>
Subject: RE: Promotional Materials - IPAA

This appeared on Politico Influence on Friday. Considering the delay, it may be best to let it be. It's gotten some retweets on Twitter, but this was the only news publication we saw (other than Intercept). Looping in our press team as well to provide additional insight.

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2018 11:13 AM
To: Samantha McDonald <SMcDonald@ipaa.org>; Kundinger, Kelly <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov>
Cc: Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Promotional Materials - IPAA

Was this in morning energy? Is there a way you can correct it to say that the meeting is taking place at the EPA and that has ALWAYS been the plan. The program literally says AT the EPA. Copying our comms team.

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM

8:45 AM – 10:00 AM

Policy Meeting at EPA | Meet in Trump Hotel Lobby at 7:30 a.m.

From: Samantha McDonald [mailto:SMcDonald@ipaa.org]
Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2018 9:57 AM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Kundinger, Kelly <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Promotional Materials - IPAA

Tate and Kelly,

In the interest of full disclosure I wanted to ensure you saw this:

ANOTHER EVENT AT THE TRUMP HOTEL: "The **Independent Petroleum Association of America** will hold its 2018 'Congressional Call-Up' lobbying event at the Trump International Hotel in Washington, D.C. from March 5 to 7," **The Intercept**'s **Nick Surgey** and **Lee Fang** report. "The agenda, which is publicly available, includes a meeting with officials in Congress and the Environmental Protection Agency, as well as meetings for conference attendees that will take place at the hotel." **Full story.**

From: Samantha McDonald
Sent: Tuesday, January 9, 2018 10:27 AM
To: 'Bennett, Tate' <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Kundinger, Kelly <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Promotional Materials - IPAA

Sure. Attached you will find the schedule we will post on our website as well as our registration form which both reference an EPA meeting.

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, January 9, 2018 10:26 AM
To: Kundinger, Kelly <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov>; Samantha McDonald <SMcDonald@ipaa.org>
Subject: RE: Promotional Materials - IPAA

Hey! Can you all send the attachment?

From: Kundinger, Kelly
Sent: Tuesday, January 9, 2018 9:28 AM
To: Samantha McDonald <SMcDonald@ipaa.org>
Cc: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Promotional Materials - IPAA

Good morning Sam –

Thank you for sending this over. I am looping in Tate Bennett from our Office of Public Engagement (she was also on the call with us last week) for approval.

Thanks,

Kelly

From: Samantha McDonald [mailto:SMcDonald@ipaa.org]
Sent: Tuesday, January 9, 2018 8:52 AM
To: Kundinger, Kelly <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov>
Subject: Promotional Materials - IPAA

Kelly,

Thanks for your help on our meeting in March. Attached are what we plan to send to our members this morning. Can you take a look and let me know if your EPA Policy Meeting reference is ok by your team?

Thanks!

Sam

Samantha McDonald
Director of Government Relations
Independent Petroleum Association of America
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Message

From: Bill Couser [Ex. 6]
Sent: 12/22/2017 4:35:59 AM
To: Bill Northey [whn@iowaagriculture.gov]; Mike Naig [mnaig@mchsi.com]; Ncouser [Ex. 6]; Tcouser [Ex. 6]; Chuck.gipp@dnr.iowa.gov; [Ex. 6] David Petty [iowariverranch@heartofiowa.net]; TIERNEY, DAVE [AG/2001] [dave.tierney@monsanto.com]; Brad Albin [brad.albin@regi.com]; Hill, Howard DVM, Ph.D. [hhill@iowaselect.com]; Craig Hill [chill@ifbf.org]; Jim Christensen [jcbeef@royaltelco.net]; Eric Hakmiller [ehakmiller@lincolnwayenergy.com]; [Ex. 6] Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Eamonn Byrne [eamonn.byrne@lakeviewenergyllc.com]; Casey Couser [crcouser@gmail.com]; Paul&Mary [pmhill@netins.net]; Cacho, Julia [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=d1968f045a1f428993eefdaa5c9180e5-CACHO, JULIA]; randy.howard@regi.com; Kayla.lyon@iowa.gov; Kevin Kuhle [kkuhle@ifbf.org]; John Lawrence [jdlaw@iastate.edu]; Dick and Jo Couser [Ex. 6]; Phyllis Harris [Ex. 6] Kevin Cooper [kcooper@nevada.k12.ia.us]; JanLee Rowlett [janlee@iabeef.org]; Monte Shaw [mshaw@iowarfa.org]; Grant Menke [gmenke@iowarfa.org]; Grant Kimberley [GKimberley@iasoybeans.com]
Subject: Fwd: National Review: Scott Pruitt's Reformation

To All,
Today was just another day at the feed yard till about 1:15 PM. My phone started to ring as I was grinding round bales and it went like this. Hello Bill, this is Scott Pruitt. I have just gotten home to Oklahoma for Christmas and wanted to call to Thank You and the community of Nevada Iowa for the reception that you so graciously gave me. We talked for about five minutes about family and Christmas. I think we have made a difference in the future of Iowa Renewable's and agriculture. We can't stop! I think the door is open and we can do what I call is the IOWA way. You earned his respect at the round table and now we can build on who we really are. This is a news paper articular that followed him throughout the trip and thought you might like a read. You have all made a difference and all Nancy and I can do is say thank you for your part that you have played in this great country. We are making a difference!
Merry Christmas and Happiest of New Years!
Bill & Nancy
---------- Forwarded message ----------
From: **Bennett, Tate** <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Date: Thu, Dec 21, 2017 at 3:07 PM
Subject: National Review: Scott Pruitt's Reformation
To: "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>

Scott Pruitt's Reformation

By Kevin Williamson

https://www.nationalreview.com/magazine/2017-12-31-0000/scott-pruitts-epa-reformation-re-shaping-agency

The challenge at the EPA is deeper than policy

Des Moines — Scott Pruitt likes coffee. Seriously likes it. He's all riled up and hopped up and caffeinated and talking 100 mph in front of a group of rural electrical co-op officers in Iowa and if we're all telling the truth here seeming just a little bit overstimulated this midmorning in Des Moines when he stops to intone the praises

of the glorious steaming cup of coffee he's holding in his hand, obtained from a Scenic Route Bakery down the road. "The problem is that I keep talking, so I don't get to drink it, and I have to keep heating it up." And talk and talk he does, letting his coffee go tepid again, intoning his speech with a lawyer's emphasis on certain words that crop up repeatedly in his description of his mission as the Trump administration's EPA boss: ephemeral and intermittent, for all those drainage ditches and pasture puddles the Obama administration insisted were Waters of the United States — "WOTUS" for short; fanciful, for this and other interpretations of federal statute; and two words that he will repeatedly arrange in opposition to describe what he's up to and the fundamental conflict of visions that is the reason he is (perhaps second after Betsy DeVos) the member of the Trump team who gets most irritatingly up Democrats' noses: stewardship and prohibition.

Stewardship, Pruitt says, is making responsible use of our national blessings, including our natural resources: "Feed the world and fuel the world," he says, over and over. But the Left — and the EPA, which has long been dominated by it — is not interested in stewardship. It's interested in prohibition, in a lot of Thou shalt and a whole heck of a lot more Thou shalt not. "You have two different approaches, two different worldviews, two very different sets of assumptions," Pruitt says.

"One side says we exist to serve creation," he explains. "The other side says creation is there for us to use and manage to the benefit of mankind. Those are competing ideologies, and they drive decision-making. They drive regulation. If you are of the side that says we exist to serve creation, then you have no trouble putting up a fence and saying Do not use. Even though people may starve, may freeze, though developing countries may never develop their economies. That's something they're comfortable doing, and I think that's wrongheaded."

He shies away from characterizing this as a religious point of view but will allow that it has a deep ethical component. And he doesn't always shy away from the religious overtones, either: He says he is "prayerful" that a reasonable bipartisan consensus on the environment might emerge, and he jokes with a friend later in the day that the difficulties of his job put him in mind of the Book of Joshua: "Choose this day whom you will serve."

Seen from that point of view, what Pruitt is up to at the EPA isn't just reform — it's a Reformation. And he'll preach that gospel up and down I-35 at a number of Iowa events on a bright December day, from the electrical co-op convention to a smaller event at a nearby cattle ranch to a public appearance with Kim Reynolds, the charismatic new governor of Iowa, a Republican and the first woman to hold the job.

But you're probably wondering what the head of the EPA is doing on a tour of Iowa, which is one of those places you usually hit when you're running for president, and nobody seriously thinks Scott Pruitt is running for president.

They think he's running for governor of Oklahoma.

Since his swearing-in last February, Pruitt has made a pretty good tour of the country, touching down in more than 30 states and meeting with people he describes in the invariably saccharine language of modern politics as "stakeholders," which is to say, the people most directly affected by what it is the EPA does all day, about which there has been some dispute — a fair amount of it initiated by Scott Pruitt when he was the attorney general of Oklahoma, in which position he sued the agency on many occasions. There are a few federal agencies — EPA, Education, and Labor prominent among them — toward which the Left takes a proprietary interest, and from the time of Pruitt's nomination his critics insisted that the fact that he had so often sued the agency in an attempt to rein in its regulatory ambitions was in and of itself disqualifying. The unspoken argument there (usually unspoken — not always) is that anybody who is anything other than a progressive crusader cannot legitimately serve as the administrator of the EPA, because the EPA exists to undertake progressive crusades. The same argument is leveled at DeVos, a frequent critic of federal education policy and of the underperforming unionized monopolies that have made the Cleveland public schools what they are.

Pruitt takes a different view. He is, he says, doing the same thing as EPA administrator that he was doing in litigation against the EPA as attorney general in Oklahoma: trying to get it to do its job, to stay within its legal authority, and to abide by the rule of law. Contrary to the cartoon version of him generally offered up in the press, Pruitt in many ways desires to lead the EPA to take stronger positions on some environmental problems, especially air quality. "We still have a lot of work to do on clean air," he says. "The problem is that for the past decade we've been so focused on CO2 that we've let a lot of other things slide." Regulating the greenhouse gas as "air pollution" was a cherished and ultimately failed priority for the Obama administration, and, in Pruitt's view, this took attention away from more ordinary concerns, such as industrial emissions and smog. "People come to me and say, 'Why don't you do this?' or 'Why don't you do that?' And some of those I would. But Congress hasn't given us statutory authority. If you want to change the policy, you have to change the law."

For example, Pruitt's buddies in Iowa — he seems to know everybody by name and to have had long relationships with many of the people he's meeting — would love to see some changes in the ethanol rules, because the corn-fed economy of Iowa is mad for moonshine. The ethanol industry is characterized by an insane mix of subsidies, mandates, and regulations. Most American gasoline contains 10 percent ethanol, but some of it is 15 percent, which retailers can sell most of the year — but not in the summer. Senator Chuck Grassley of Iowa, along with three corn-state colleagues, has been holding hostage an unrelated energy measure (relaxing Obama-era methane-emission restrictions on drillers) until he gets his way on ethanol. Pruitt is positioned to cut that Gordian knot by simply issuing a year-round waiver on 15E, as the 15 percent–ethanol–blend gasoline is known. That would make his farm-state friends very happy, and it would also be a potential boon to his oil-and-gas allies back home in Oklahoma.

But he isn't sure he can do it. The administrator of the EPA is himself an endangered species: a Washingtonian who cares whether he actually technically has the power to do what he wants to do.

"I very much hope we can get there, but it's a matter of whether the statute permits it or not," he told a farm-lobby group earlier this year. The issue is still under consideration. And there's a lot more on the Trump administration's agenda that's of keen interest to Iowa ethanol producers. Right at the very moment the Trump administration is threatening to undo NAFTA, the government of Enrique Peña Nieto has moved to allow the sale of 10E gasoline in Mexico, where ethanol had been capped at 5.8 percent of gasoline blends. Mexico's state-run oil company produces a little bit of ethanol as the result of other petroleum-related activity, but

Mexico — which already is the top foreign consumer of U.S. corn — imports much of its ethanol. Guess from where?

It may very well be that Pruitt giveth but Wilbur Ross taketh away.

Pruitt's in an awkward position as I stalk him around Iowa. He gets a lot of bad press, and even if he laughs it off — "It's only the New York Times," he says with a smirk when asked about former New Jersey Republican governor Tom Kean's column calling for his dismissal — he's obviously mindful of the damage the media can do. At the same time, his boss is famously jealous of the spotlight, and good press can be a problem for a member of Donald Trump's administration — especially good press from National Review, a magazine that dedicated a special issue to arguing that Trump is unfit for the office he currently holds. Pruitt, a deeply intelligent man and a natural politician, surely must be mindful of this. But nobody thinks that serving as chief of the EPA is going to be the end of his career in public life — or that he wants it to be. And he does seem to enjoy the heck out of politicking, the glad-handing and the interviews and the standing ovations (of which there are more than one on this particular day in Iowa) and the posing for pictures: "I've always been short of stature," he says while lining up for press shots with a group of local worthies. "But that's helpful for a politician — I'm always in the front of the picture."

Pruitt, who is not yet 50 years old, has been a politician for a long time, having served in the Oklahoma state senate before being elected attorney general. Oklahoma has a part-time legislature, which left him a fair amount of time for his law practice and his great passion outside of politics: baseball. He owned Oklahoma City's Triple-A affiliate, which was part of the Texas Rangers organization, and he says it was an attractive business: The major-league affiliate picks up most of the payroll, the players and manager, but the local owner gets the sponsorship money and the concessions. When he's asked by a friendly interlocutor what he wishes the reliably critical news media would report about him, he answers: "That I batted .300 for Kentucky." I ask for a fact check on that. "I did a little better, sometimes." A natural politician with roots in the energy business who owned a baseball team? He shrugs off comparisons with George W. Bush. "Other than that . . ."

He didn't summer in Kennebunkport. He came up hard in Kentucky, with teenage parents and tight finances, and he spent a great deal of time with his grandfather, a Teamster. He played baseball at Kentucky on a scholarship, but that ran out after his sophomore year, at which point he transferred to Georgetown — not the prestigious university in Washington, but a small Baptist liberal-arts college in Kentucky. Around that time, it started to sink in for him that baseball was not going to be his future, and he settled on the idea of law school but took two bachelor's degrees first. There was an opportunity at the University of Oklahoma law school, and he's been singing "Boomer Sooner" ever since.

Oklahoma was good to him, and instead of a politician's blue suit and solid tie he sports a rich guy's wardrobe — fine dark sports coat, expensive-looking tie, big watch — along with a rich guy's confidence. But he remembers a very different milieu back in Kentucky, and he seems genuinely ticked when he talks about progressive do-gooders who never think about what their policies would do to the grocery and electric bills of people struggling to keep it together financially.

"The mindset is very arrogant and very elitist," he says. "And who benefits? The elite. The folks who can least afford those kinds of decisions pay the most. Go look at Ceausescu's Romania. They regulated the wattage of bulbs and told you when to turn out the lights. You know why? Because they wanted to reserve power for the elite."

Which is to say, he speaks fluent Trumpkin, and his allies in Iowa are, as is typical with populists, a mix of down-home and serious money. At a local farmhouse, he's served a very Iowa-looking lunch — meat and potatoes and gravy, rolls and butter, green beans, salad, shortbread, and some local Norwegian-American cream roll that everybody raves about, all of it presented by the blue-jacketed young ladies of the Future Farmers of America, overseen by a caterer wearing a jacket emblazoned with the eternal words of wisdom: Mind your own biscuits and life will be gravy. They say grace, and a Secret Service guy dressed down for the occasion (meaning brown shoes instead of black) hovers discreetly off stage right. There's more security at the door. A veteran of untold numbers of rubber-chicken political dinners, Pruitt puts his head down and eats like he means it when someone else takes the floor, but he more than holds up his side of the conversation. These people did not come for idle chitchat. His hosts and their guests are far from what people who don't know much about Iowa farmers would imagine Iowa farmers to be like: They are serious beef and commodity producers who are overseeing millions of dollars in capital and who have detailed questions and complex public-policy concerns. There is a positively Hayekian exchange about policy uncertainty regarding ethanol-volume obligations and interpretive conflicts between statutes and regulations. This is Pruitt's element, and he respects his hosts enough to forgo pretending that there are easy answers to their concerns or that they're going to get everything they want — even if he were personally inclined to give the Iowans their way on every jot and tittle, he's serious about hewing to a conservative interpretation of his legal power.

That's an ongoing concern. And for that reason, his regulatory-reform agenda is moving slowly. WOTUS and the Clean Power Plan are going to be reformed — there are executive orders to that end — but none of that has actually happened yet, as Pruitt's EPA slowly works through what its statutory authority is, what's consistent with the law, and what's reasonable. As Pruitt points out, it isn't as though the plan is to replace the current interpretation of WOTUS with nothing. "We aren't deregulating," he says. "We're regulating in accordance with the law." The United States is out of the Paris agreement, thanks in no small part to Pruitt's countervailing influence on the president, who nearly was convinced by his daughter and son-in-law to break his campaign promise to quit the global-warming accord. Pruitt has ended the "sue and settle" process under which the EPA effectively outsourced regulation to activist groups and paid them for the courtesy, and he has barred, as an obvious conflict of interest, parties receiving EPA grants from serving on EPA advisory panels. He is rhetorically sharp, but his administration so far has been far from slash-and-burn.

And that's worth understanding about Scott Pruitt. His critics may dismiss him as a creature of oil and gas, as an ogre who is willing to see the water and air despoiled in the service of his corporate allies, but he is in fact a true believer. He's serious about this rule-of-law stuff. He's the last thing the Left expects to see in a Trump appointee: principled.

Which is not to say he isn't squirrelly. He's plenty squirrelly. After he's done with his public events, we meet for more of that coffee he was talking about: His tipple is called the "Honey Bee," and it's a concoction of

espresso, honey, and cinnamon. "You're going to like this," he promises. He talks easily and with great command of the relevant policy details but is extraordinarily guarded about many things. Strangely, he refuses to answer the question when I ask him whether he actively sought his current job as administrator of the EPA or the Trump administration came to him. He doesn't seem like the sort of man who'd be ashamed of a little hustle, but the question momentarily interrupts his equanimity. "It . . . was . . . a conversation," he says. "A process."

Well, isn't everything? Presumably, Pruitt's taciturnity on the question is an artifact of his having been a Jeb guy rather than a Trump guy early on. But there's no question that Pruitt is fully on the Trump team now.

He is genuinely excited about the possibilities we have for improving the environment. He speaks at some length about Disney's arrangement with Harvest Power, an alternative-power company that takes the Magic Kingdom's food waste and uses it to generate electricity that it sells back to Disney. "What was even more impressive was to spend time with the Disney employees, because they understand that this is purposeful." That's another one of those words he keeps coming back to: purposeful. "A lot of times, we think of recycling as being charitable without realizing it can be purposeful, that it can truly contribute something. For example, over 20 percent of our landfills in this country are food waste. That's a lot. If we made progress with respect to how we deal with food waste in a more productive way, it would have a tremendous impact on the environment." He is unsparing in his assessment of the Obama administration, which he views as having been so strangled by its ideological commitments that it not only deformed the EPA but also failed to achieve any number of realistic, near-term environmental goals. He has been visiting Superfund sites and insisting that the involved parties come up with plans to get them "mediated," as they say, meaning cleaned up and detoxified enough that they're no longer on the long list of permanent federal environmental emergencies.

"If you look at the previous administration's environmental record, I would be hard pressed to point to any successes. If their goal was to use their authority to pick winners and losers in the marketplace and shut down sectors of the economy, they were prevented ultimately" — by a lot of lawsuits filed by Scott Pruitt and others — "but they made progress toward that end. But you look at air-quality standards, water quality, land remediation, the Superfund sites, they did not achieve very much." There is, he says, an opportunity for bipartisanship. "The criticism of Paris was as strong on the left as it was on the right. You're going to allow China to skate until 2030? Allow India to skate until 2030? It was all a bumper sticker, and that's all it was. The previous administration was all talk, very little action. We're trying to focus on results. We're going to get results on land remediation under Superfund. What's so radical about that? We're going to focus on air quality and measure that every single day. What's so radical about that?" Though he doesn't put it exactly this way, what Pruitt really objects to is repurposing environmental policy as industrial policy, as backdoor central planning. Alternative fuels and clean energy are all good and fine, but the Obama administration's Clean Power Plan wasn't about that: It was about bankrupting the coal industry. "Generation-shifting is not at all consistent with the authority given to the agency," Pruitt says.

And there is the question of what Robert Higgs calls "regime uncertainty."

"We have private-property rights here," Pruitt says, warming to his subject. "Those folks who have natural gas, coal, other resources — that's their asset. They own the mineral rights. The United States government does not.

Should we be able to use our authority to take that natural resource away? It's not just a philosophical discussion. It's also recognizing that private-property rights and the self-governing principles that we have lived under as a country are actually the greatest asset we have to improve environmental outcomes. You look at countries that are top-down, like China or former Communist countries: How do they do with the environment? Not very well." But it's a different world in the Asia of today. "India's going to use its natural resources. China as well. Our goal should be to partner with them and export our technology and innovation to help them. We can also export hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling to help them understand how to get to those resources." Exporting fracking: You can see why Al Gore is probably not going to send Scott Pruitt a big bouquet of flowers for Valentine's Day.

Not that Pruitt is going to notice. He lives in a different and much more concrete world: so many acres of corn, so many tons of food waste, so many cubic feet of natural gas. He returns to stewardship-versus-prohibition.

"There are two tracks to the dialogue. One track is more granular in the sense that we talk about process, statutory authority, rule-making, those sorts of issues. There should be much more understanding, in my view, of how those things should work. We can't just say, 'Well, the Clean Air Act in Section 111 doesn't give us the authority to do this, but we think it's the right thing, and so we're going to do it anyway.' There ought not to be any departure on things as fundamental as the rule of law. But when you talk about the other issue" — the question of whether we were made for creation or creation was made for us — "we need to have that discussion. What do we as a culture, as a nation, believe about this? And that's the question I've been asking everywhere I go."

Where he's going next is an interesting question, too.

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With help from Emily Holden, Eric Wolff and Alex Guillén

WELCOME TO CONGRESS, MR. PRUITT: EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt makes his long-awaited first appearance before a House Energy and Commerce subpanel this morning where he's expected to get grilled on a host of issues. The session will be broken into two segments — 10-11 a.m. and then 2 p.m. onwards — to allow Pruitt to attend a White House meeting on biofuels (more on that below). Look for E&C Environment Chairman John Shimkus to recognize the arrangement is "not ideal, but gives members maximum ability to personally question the administrator about the agency's mission" during his opening remarks.

What Republicans will say: Expect Chairman Greg Walden to press Pruitt on budget transparency and his plans to address staffing issues: "I expect that 'Back to Basics' is not an abdication of environmental protection, but rather a rededication to mastering

the most fundamental aspects of EPA's mission," he'll say, according to prepared remarks glimpsed by ME. Shimkus said his questions could touch on a range of topics, including TSCA, brownfields, safe drinking water and the agency's staffing.

And Democrats? "We're all noticing the orientation toward the environment is completely different with respect to budgeting, with respect to climate change, potentially with respect to methane, particulates," Rep. Scott Peters, a subcommittee member, told ME. "So, I just think we want to get a sense of where he's going and how he'll measure success." The committee's top Democrat, Frank Pallone, wouldn't reveal what he intends to grill Pruitt about when ME caught up to him in the hall.

Pro's Alex Guillén's expectations for Pruitt's first Capitol Hill appearance in six months: "Lawmakers have probably built up some serious questions in that time, so we could see questioning on practically any issue before EPA: the Clean Power Plan repeal effort; the Waters of the U.S. rewrite; Superfund work; proposed budget cuts; Pruitt's decision earlier this year not to ban chlorpyrifos; and his increased security and travel. Pruitt's prepared testimony offers a standard overview of his EPA philosophy."

Rally time: Environmental and public health advocates, including the Union of Concerned Scientists, Sierra Club, Business Forward and the Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments, will rally outside Rayburn at 9:20 a.m. to draw attention to Pruitt's lagging enforcement efforts, spending habits and overhauls of science advisory panels. Ahead of the session, the Environmental Defense Fund updated their "Pruitt Playbook" and the Union of Concerned Scientists offers some suggested questions to ask.

If you go: The hearing kicks off at 10 a.m. in Rayburn 2123.

WHY PRUITT'S LEAVING: Sen. Ted Cruz has secured a meeting today at 11:30 a.m. with President Donald Trump and several Cabinet members, including Pruitt, for what he told ME is likely to be a "free-ranging discussion" about biofuels and the recent fights over the Renewable Fuel Standard. His message? "We need to find a solution that is a win-win. That is a win for corn farmers across the Midwest but at the same time is a win for blue-collar union members who work in refineries and right now are being bankrupted by a regulatory system that isn't working," the Texas Republican said. Other Senate Republicans are expected to attend as well (perhaps the ones who signed this letter). Remember Cruz still has a hold on Bill Northey's USDA's farm and conservation mission nomination, so watch to see if that's lifted as the most immediate outcome of the session.

Oilies only: Sen. Chuck Grassley wasn't invited to the meeting, his spokesman said, but not to worry: Grassley has said that a White House RFS meeting would be "a waste of time." And if there's one

thing energy world knows now, it's that if you don't have Gang Grain, you got nothing.

WELCOME TO THURSDAY! I'm your host Anthony Adragna, and no one was able to name the Father Millet Cross national monument (which has since been transferred by Congress to a state park) as our nation's smallest at just 0.0074 acres when designated. For today: Which state currently has the most national monuments at 18? Send your tips, energy gossip and comments to aadragna@politico.com, or follow us on Twitter @AnthonyAdragna, @Morning_Energy and @POLITICOPro.

ARCTIC LEASE SALE FLOP: Despite touting the "largest ever" lease sale in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska, BLM received just bids on seven of the 900 tracts offered, Pro's Ben Lefebvre reports . Those bids, generating just $1.2 million in high bids, came jointly by ConocoPhillips and Anadarko for 80,000 acres, or less than 1 percent of the acreage offered. The highest bid amount was $14.99 per acre. The relatively low amount could undercut GOP arguments that opening up the nearby Arctic National Wildlife Refuge would generate $1 billion in revenue. Leasing of state land did quite a bit better, according to the Anchorage Daily News.

For perspective: At the price of $14.99/acre, "leasing the entirety of the Arctic Refuge Coastal Plain's 1.5 million acres would raise slightly more than $11 million in revenue for the federal government, a far cry from the billion dollar lie that Trump and Republicans are feeding the American public," the Alaska Wilderness League's Kristen Miller said in a statement. Remember the Republican budget calls for Senate ENR to kick in $1 billion in revenue (which CBO said would come through ANWR drilling), though the lease results seem to bolster skepticism from environmental advocates and Democrats about those estimates.

Situational awareness: Energy Chairman Lisa Murkowski was named a tax conferee late Wednesday, along with Sens. Orrin Hatch, Mike Enzi, John Cornyn, John Thune, Rob Portman, Tim Scott and Pat Toomey . "With Congressman [Don Young] representing the House of Representatives on our energy provisions, Alaskans will have a very strong voice at the table to ensure this bill crosses the finish line," she said in a statement.

No (strategic petroleum) reservations: Count Shimkus, a tax conferee, among the backers of the Senate's approach of selling off 7 million barrels from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve as part of the final tax package H.R. 1 (115). "There was a reason to have the SPR," he told ME. "There is a credible reason to debate whether, for now and in the immediate future, there is a need." He also said he's a "big ANWR supporter" and that he doesn't see the Arctic drilling provision getting pulled from the final version.

INHOFE, PRUITT'S TOXIC LEGACY: POLITICO Magazine's Malcolm Burnley takes a deep dive into the contaminated Oklahoma region of Tar Creek, an area so poisonous that only 10 holdouts live there, and he finds a buyout program for residents that left Sen. Jim Inhofe awash in scandal and litigation. Then-Attorney General Scott Pruitt ultimately concluded an audit into possible criminal wrongdoing didn't warrant charges and he shielded his review from public release, only to have some in the state believe his efforts were designed to spare Inhofe embarrassment. Many residents in the polluted zone of Tar Creek continue to express shock that no one was prosecuted over what happened in their federal buyout program

Pruitt and Inhofe flatly denied there was any political motivation in shielding the audit. "It was important to protect the individuals' reputation that were in that investigation," Pruitt said in an interview. "You would think that this wouldn't be a political issue, that people wouldn't put on the red and blue jerseys." One interesting fact though: Ryan Jackson, now Pruitt's chief of staff, was once Inhofe's point person on the Tar Creek issue. Photo gallery here.

Pruitt's new gig: Trump named the EPA administrator to chair the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council, a group formed after the Deepwater Horizon oil spill restore the ecosystems and economies of the Gulf Coast, your ME host reports. Pruitt named Kenneth Wagner, a senior adviser, to be his designee on the council.

MAY FERC NOW BE WHOLE: New FERC Chairman Kevin McIntyre will be sworn in today, bringing the five-member agency to full power, Pro's Eric Wolff reports. His swearing-in will put to rest rumors that either the Trump administration or McIntyre himself were delaying his start date to give current Chairman Neil Chatterjee enough service time to make staffing changes

MORE HEARINGS COMING ON CLEAN POWER PLAN: EPA announced Wednesday it would hold additional public hearings on its plan to repeal the Clean Power Plan in San Francisco; Gillette, Wyo.; and Kansas City, Mo., Pro's Emily Holden reports. Pruitt said the change was "due to the overwhelming response" and the agency will announce the dates and locations of the meetings in the coming weeks.

SPLIT OVER EXTENDERS? Ways and Means Chairman Kevin Brady told reporters Wednesday he doesn't like the idea of moving a package of extenders this year but hasn't made a final decision yet, Pro Tax's Brian Faler reports . "It's horrible policy and process," he said. But those comments come as Thune, the Senate's number three Republican, said lawmakers will revive biodiesel, geothermal and other energy-related breaks along with other "cats and dogs." Doing an extenders package as the chambers work to

iron out differences between their broader tax bills is likely to test tax writers' bandwidth.

Shutdown watch: Congressional leaders head to the White House for a meeting with Trump on government funding today, but GOP lawmakers expect to pass a two-week spending package despite internal division within their party, POLITICO's Rachael Bade and Sarah Ferris report. House Freedom Caucus leaders have been asking for a commitment GOP leadership does not believe it can give them: a promise to "hold the line" and refuse Senate Democrats' demands for increased spending on non-defense programs.

House Democrats, including Minority Whip Steny Hoyer, hold a press conference at 10 a.m. in Cannon 234 to call on Republicans to take up additional federal assistance for Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Watch here.

ICYMI: Both sides framed their arguments at a hearing of the U.S. Trade Representative over whether to impose tariffs on solar equipment imports in language aimed at swaying Trump, Pro's Eric Wolff reports.

PATAGONIA SUES OVER BEARS EARS: A coalition of groups, including Patagonia, became the latest to file a lawsuit challenging the Trump administration's downsizing of Bears Ears National Monument on Monday. Link to the lawsuit filed in Washington federal court here.

ENDANGERMENT FINDING PUSHBACK STALLS: Conservative state lawmakers and businesses that are members of the American Legislative Exchange Council on Wednesday shot down an effort to urge Pruitt to challenge a science-based endangerment finding that requires EPA action on greenhouse gas emissions. "In subcommittee, a substantive conversation occurred where arguments were made for and against the draft model policy," said Bill Meierling, executive vice president of external relations for the group. "After debate, it was clear that neither the public nor the private sector supported the draft as written."

Meierling added that "ALEC members prefer to advance policy only after a consensus opinion has been reached." Reports suggested later the resolution had been pulled in the aftermath of strong opposition, including from Exxon Mobil. Pruitt was expected to speak at the ALEC meeting on Friday but canceled due to a "scheduling conflict," Meierling said.

NO COMMENT: Murkowski forcefully urged Sen. Al Franken to step down amid sexual harassment allegations on Wednesday, but a spokeswoman declined to state whether Roy Moore would be welcome on her committee if he wins the Alabama special election next week. "We aren't commenting until after the special election

and decisions about committee seats are made by conference," she said. Outgoing Alabama Sen. Luther Strange currently has a slot on the energy panel.

THERE'S ALWAYS A TIE: Congressional Democrats said Tuesday they have evidence then-national security adviser Michael Flynn sent assurances to former business partners that a U.S.-Russia energy partnership in the Middle East, which reportedly would have included more than two dozen nuclear plants in the region, was "good to go," POLITICO's Kyle Cheney reports. The revelations from a whistleblower came in a letter released Tuesday.

MAIL CALL! LET'S BOOST EFFICIENCY CAPS! A collection of energy efficiency organizations, led by the Alliance to Save Energy, sent a letter to congressional appropriators on Wednesday urging them to boost "budget cap allocations for federal energy efficiency programs." Failure to do so could result in steep cuts to EPA and DOE programs across the board, the groups warn. Link here.

TAKE A GLANCE! LESSONS FROM THE RFS: The American Enterprise Institute is out with a report looking at policymaking lessons from the RFS. It argues the biofuels mandate would be better as a rate standard than a volume standard, EPA should issue multiyear rather than annual rules and that uncertainty should be explicitly incorporated into future rulemakings, among other things.

BAD SOLAR ACTORS: Campaign for Accountability released the results of a years-long investigation concluding two companies — Vivint and SolarCity — received more complaints about their sales tactics than others in the solar industry. "Unfortunately, the deceptive sales tactics of solar companies, like Vivint and SolarCity, are making rooftop solar a risky bet," Daniel Stevens, the group's executive director, said in a statement. Read it here.

DREAMS TURNED REALITY? The Center for Western Priorities is out with a report finding the Trump administration has already granted 13 of the energy industry's 24 top priorities. Read it here.

SUGGESTIONS GIVEN: American Council for Capital Formation released a paper this morning with ten ideas for improving the regulatory process. It's the product of a November 2016 roundtable with Sens. Mike Rounds, Angus King, James Lankford and others. Link here.

MOVER, SHAKER: Michael Boucher has joined Crowell & Moring LLP environment and natural resources practice as a partner in Washington. He joins from Dentons US LLP, where he led that firm's chemical, pesticide, and consumer product regulation team.

QUICK HITS

— California AG on Trump EPA: 'It's almost as if they believe they're above the law'. The Hill.

— Wall Street's Fracking Frenzy Runs Dry as Profits Fail to Materialize. Wall Street Journal.

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— Christie backs nuclear subsidies but won't sign 'wish list' bill from environmental groups. POLITICO New Jersey.

HAPPENING TODAY

9:00 a.m. — The Washington International Trade Association holds an event as part of its NAFTA series: "Energy and the NAFTA," Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave. NW

10:00 a.m. — EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt appears before the House Energy and Commerce Environment Subcommittee, Rayburn 2123

10:00 a.m. — "Transforming the Department of the Interior for the 21st Century," House Natural Resources Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee, Longworth 1324

11:00 a.m. — The World Bank conference call briefing on the One Planet Summit, RSVP: himtiaz@worldbankgroup.org

12:00 p.m. — "The Business Case for Tax Incentives Promoting Energy Efficiency," Alliance to Save Energy, Rayburn 2203

2:00 p.m. — The House Natural Resources Federal Lands Subcommittee holds a hearing on various bills, Longworth 1324

2:00 p.m. — "OPEC's World Oil Outlook 2017," Center for Strategic and International Studies, 1616 Rhode Island Avenue, NW

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Biofuel backers claim victory in EPA battle Back

By Eric Wolff | 10/20/2017 05:37 PM EDT

Biofuels backers were breathing a sigh of relief on Friday after EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt backed away from changes to the Renewable Fuels Standard, a reversal that left oil refiners frustrated.

Pruitt acceded to demands from Sen. Joni Ernst that he publicly promise not to pursue plans to change the biofuel program rules — changes that had been sought by oil refiners who have long complained about the costs of implementing the program that many see as a giveaway to the corn states.

Pruitt's letter to Ernst, Sen. Chuck Grassley and five other Midwestern Republican senators delivered what they'd asked for: A promise not to expand the group of companies required to comply with the program, to keep the biodiesel volume requirements at levels proposed in July, to not alter the policy that strips RFS credits from exported ethanol, and to explore allowing year-round sale of gasoline with 15 percent ethanol nationwide.

The quick reversal by Pruitt — at the direction of President Donald Trump — showed the influence of the biofuel lobby, corn growers and farm-state lawmakers to scuttle changes in the decade-old policy sought by the energy industry.

"This was a basket of bad ideas for biofuels," said Brooke Coleman, head of the industry lobby group Advanced Biofuels Business Council. "And there's no way that we could have any other response than to take this approach. [Pruitt] didn't kick tires on changing the RFS, he tried to take a baseball bat to the program, and the response was matching and in response to, from a magnitude perspective, to the initial foul."

The push by the senators, as well as Midwestern governors, "made a huge difference in this matter," said Michael McAdams, head of the Advanced Biofuels Association. "In addition, the collective unity of the entire biofuels industry, including those who distribute and market these fuels, made a significant impression on the importance and support for the RFS program."

But oil refiners who have said the high cost of biofuel credits, called Renewable Identification Numbers, was costing them

hundreds of millions of dollars, lamented the power of the biofuels lobby and the corn-belt lawmakers.

"The [Pruitt] letter is a result of political pressure applied by Midwestern politicians," said one refining source. "Some Midwesterners cannot accept any premise that the RFS could be improved. As a result, their overreaction included everything from holds on confirmations to even more personal threats launched at the White House and EPA."

The unified and vociferous campaign by the biofuels industry in attacking the proposal that would have lowered biodiesel volume mandates surprised some in the refining industry, as well as the political staff in the EPA, sources tell POLITICO.

The Trump administration's embrace of the oil industry had raised refiners' hopes that it could have the best opportunity in years for significant RFS changes, and refining giant Valero Energy, along with a group of Pennsylvania companies, believed they would get relief from what they considered an onerous program.

But Grassley took to the Senate floor to blast Pruitt's biofuel plans as a "betrayal" of Trump's promises to protect ethanol, and he arranged a call with Trump and Pruitt that led to the meeting in his office with Pruitt and Ernst as well as Deb Fischer (Neb.), John Thune (S.D.), Ben Sasse (Neb.), Pat Roberts (Kan.) and Mike Rounds (S.D.). Following that meeting, Ernst demanded the public statement from Pruitt, and said she would withhold her support for Bill Wehrum, who was nominated to run the agency's air office, forcing a delay in the Environment and Public Works Committee's vote until next week.

Ernst spokeswoman Brook Hougeson told POLITICO, "Now that Sen. Ernst has received the assurances that the EPA will support the spirit and the letter of the RFS, she will support Mr. Wehrum."

Valero was disappointed its efforts to change the program had been shot down by the fierce political opposition.

"These senators have intervened in a regulatory process, and the proposals and concepts in the letter address RFS implementation problems to which these senators have offered no constructive solutions," Valero said in a statement. "The only unifying principle of their bullying opposition seems to be a desire to maintain the status quo at all costs and to protect windfall profits associated with unregulated trading of renewable identification numbers, or RINs. Their position advances neither the goals nor the efficient implementation of the RFS, and places U.S. manufacturing jobs at risk."

But in a statement, the White House made clear that Trump remained fully behind the biofuels program.

"President Donald J. Trump promised rural America that he would protect the Renewable Fuel Standard, and has never wavered from that promise," spokeswoman Kelly Love said in a statement. "The president has had constructive conversations with several key officials about the RFS over the past week, and he understands their concerns. The Trump administration will protect the RFS and ensure that our Nation's hardworking farmers continue to fuel America."

One energy executive said the biofuel backers were victorious because they were unified in their support for the RFS, while Republicans, the oil industry, and even the refiners were not on the same page.

"The ethanol boys won this round, no doubt, but at a pretty high cost," said Stephen Brown, vice president for federal government affairs for Andeavor. "The refining industry is anything but united on the RFS beyond a sunset as individual companies have each made investments and honed mitigation strategies to comply with the statute. As those investment decisions become increasingly operationally embedded, the industry will continue to splinter on the suite of RFS issues."

But some producers are still wary of Pruitt's pledge in his Thursday letter, and they note that he promised to release a final rule in which none of the mandatory volumes will be less than he proposed in July. For some producers, those volumes were already too low.

"There's some work to do here," Coleman said. "We won't know until the rule is done. And we recognize it's an ongoing rulemaking, it's not like they're going or republish the rule, they've said what they can say. The final rule really matters."

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'Largest ever' Interior Alaska oil lease sale draws little interest
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The Interior Department received only seven bids from two companies today in what it had billed as the "largest ever" oil and gas lease sale in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska.

The bids on the 10.3 million unleased acres in the NPR-A generated just $1.2 million in high bids, according to a Bureau of Land Management summary. The relatively low amount could

undercut GOP arguments that opening up the nearby Arctic National Wildlife Refuge would generate $1 billion in revenue.

A BLM Alaska lease sale last year generated $18 million for 1.4 million acres offered.

Subsidiaries of ConocoPhillips and Anadarko were the only two companies that participated in the lease sale. The companies only bid for 80,000 acres, or less than 1 percent of the acreage offered. The highest bid amount was $14.99 per acre.

Low oil prices and the relatively cheap and plentiful land available for hydraulic fracturing in the lower 48 has hurt oil company interest in the out-of-the-way fields of Alaska and the Gulf of Mexico. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) have pushed to open more public land to drilling, however, saying that doing so is important to increase domestic energy production.

Zinke had previously said that today's "large and unprecedented sale in Alaska will help achieve our goal of American Energy Dominance."

An Interior spokesperson did not immediately respond to questions.

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Democrats worry Arctic National Wildlife Refuge being lost amid tax debate Back

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Democrats' fight to keep oil and gas rigs out of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is losing ground as the Republican tax plan advances — and it's almost as if no one has noticed.

The prospect of drilling in the untouched Alaskan tundra is as close to reality as it's been in more than a decade, with none of the political drama that in past decades turned the refuge's fate into a top-tier rallying cry for liberals. Legislation to allow drilling in ANWR is quietly hitching a ride on the tax code overhaul that Senate Republicans hope to complete by the end of the week, overshadowed by larger debates on whether the bill is a giveaway

to rich people and corporations at the expense of the poor and working class.

"It's really not gotten the attention that it should," Sen. Tammy Duckworth (D-Ill.), a member of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, told POLITICO about the ANWR provision. "It's not just the budget discussion. It's about everything else that's going on, the flurry of all sorts of other news."

Angus King (I-Maine) said Republicans were trying to shield ANWR from opposition by adding it to the larger bill rather than bringing it to the floor separately under rules, which would require it to win support from 60 senators to overcome a filibuster.

"Well, clearly the strategy is to try to get it through as part of this tax reform effort and thereby avoid a direct up-or-down vote," King said in an interview earlier this month.

The nonstop news cycle and preponderance of other concerns with the tax bill are making it difficult to focus on an issue that normally fires up Democratic voters.

"I do think that putting ANWR in the budget reconciliation package hasn't drawn as much extremist opposition because it is completely overshadowed by tax reform, which is the center of the package," said Chris Guith, senior vice president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Global Energy Institute. "But there are some who aren't exactly supportive of tax reform that support ANWR, and it's possible to see ANWR bring a vote or two to help pass tax reform."

Senate Energy Chair Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) easily advanced legislation through her committee directing the Interior Department to hold two lease sales for drilling in ANWR over the next decade. It would raise $1 billion over that period, according to the Congressional Budget Office, making it eligible for inclusion in a budget reconciliation package that Democrats cannot filibuster.

The reconciliation package also will include Republicans' tax plan and a repeal of the Obamacare individual mandate. While Murkowski helped scuttle the Obamacare repeal push earlier this year, she says she supports ending the mandate. Murkowski's office did not respond to a request for comment.

ANWR, a swath of tundra on the northern Alaska coast, is home to polar bears, porcupine caribou and a landscape that hasn't been touched in thousands of years. Congress designated the 19 million-acre area a wildlife refuge in 1980, but it set aside a 1.5-million-acre parcel known as "10-02" for possible drilling if future lawmakers approved such a plan. The U.S. Geological Survey estimated in 1998 that part of ANWR could hold up to 12 billion

barrels of oil, and President Donald Trump and Alaska Republicans have called it essential for their plans for American "energy dominance."

Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine), who is undecided on the tax bill for a several reasons, said she will support an amendment on the Senate floor to eliminate the ANWR language, but she said success there is not a prerequisite for her to vote for the underlying bill. "No it is not, but I would certainly try to get it out of the package," Collins told reporters Tuesday. Collins was the only Republican to cross the aisle on an unsuccessful amendment to keep pro-drilling language out of the underlying budget resolution, meaning it is unlikely that she would be able to strip the ANWR provision from a reconciliation bill.

But Democrats say that passing a deficit-increasing tax bill in order to open ANWR would actually harm energy-producing states. That's because the $1.5 trillion shortfall from the GOP tax cuts would trigger required "pay-as-you-go" cuts to mandatory spending programs, according to a CBO analysis sent to House Minority Whip Steny Hoyer (D-Md.).

One of the programs on the pay-go chopping block would be the energy royalty revenue sharing program carried out through the Mineral Leasing Act. Cutting those payments would lose Alaska an estimated $15 million in energy royalty payments next year alone, an amount important to a state already facing budget shortfalls.

"Communities throughout the West would be impacted by the loss of revenue, which is used to support a variety of needs including infrastructure, school funding, conservation, and recreation," Hoyer said in a statement to POLITICO. "This is yet another example of the consequences associated with forcing through legislation to add $1.5 trillion to the deficit in order to give tax cuts to the wealthy."

Pay-go cuts also would hit popular programs like Medicare and student loans, but Congress can waive the law with 60 votes in the Senate. Democrats are not yet on board with that approach.

The current push to open ANWR, coming amid a swarm of competing headlines and buried in larger legislation, has come nearer to succeeding than the GOP's two previous attempts. President Bill Clinton vetoed a budget package in 1995 that included language opening ANWR, while a Democratic filibuster thwarted a second attempt in 2005.

Environmental groups have targeted public engagement at only a handful of congressional districts. The League of Conservation Voters spent $550,000 on television ads in three Republican congressional districts. The LCV also paid for a bipartisan polling

firm to probe public opinion on opening ANWR, but even that focused only on registered voters in eight congressional districts.

"The reason they're trying to sneak it into the tax package is they know they don't have the votes otherwise," said Tiernan Sittenfeld, the league's senior vice president of government affairs. "They know they can't pass it under regular order, that's why they're doing a sneak attack."

Even ANWR supporters are staying out of the spotlight.

"I haven't seen any full-out, front-page ads, nothing like that," Alaska Oil and Gas Association President Kara Moriarty said. "We're a little battle-weary, to be honest. Alaskans support opening up ANWR. There's been a few statements reiterating that."

Nick Juliano contributed to this report.

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The Environmental Scandal in Scott Pruitt's Backyard Back

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PICHER, Okla. — Tar Creek, Oklahoma, is breathtaking in a terrible way: At one time the world's deepest source of lead and zinc, the three-town region is now a cratered landscape so poisonous that no one, aside from 10 holdouts, can live there. Mountains of ashlike "chat," a toxic residue from lead-zinc milling, rise majestically among the remains of homes torn from their foundations. Abandoned pets forage around the ruins. A child's teddy bear lies sprawled in a ghostly living room. A gorilla statue fronts an empty high school, atop a sign proclaiming "1A Football State Champs, 1984."

Tar Creek is also part of the environmental legacy of one of the state's—and nation's—leading politicians, Senator Jim Inhofe, and his longtime ally, Scott Pruitt, the former Oklahoma attorney general who is now head of President Donald Trump's Environmental Protection Agency. After the EPA struggled to clean up the area, in 2006, Inhofe endorsed a plan in which a trust overseen by local citizens would use federal dollars to purchase homes and businesses in the toxic region so residents could move elsewhere. Then, when the plan proved so problematic that it spawned more than a half-dozen civil lawsuits and an audit into possible criminal wrongdoing, Pruitt, as the state's attorney general, invoked an exception to state freedom-of-information laws to keep the audit from being an open public record.

Now, that decision is coming into new light as many Oklahomans clamor for the audit to be released, suggesting that its revelations will prove embarrassing to Inhofe, who played a key role in designing the buyout plan, and cast doubt on Pruitt's decision not to move forward with charges. Last week, a Washington, D.C., nonprofit called the Campaign for Accountability raised the stakes even further, filing suit in Oklahoma courts to force the release of the audit.

"If you take a look at Scott Pruitt's record, you see a general disregard for transparency," said Daniel Stevens, the group's executive director. "I don't think it's outside our bounds to say that Pruitt is trying to hide evidence of criminal wrongdoing."

Pruitt, in an interview, dismissed the idea that he was covering anything up, saying his former office's grand jury unit reviewed the audit and determined that no charges were warranted. He said he declined to make it public because he didn't want innocent people to be besmirched, even though the auditor rejected that reasoning and maintained it should be a public document. "It was important to protect the individuals' reputation that were in that investigation," Pruitt said.

Nonetheless, the mess at Tar Creek continues to follow Pruitt in other ways. As EPA administrator, he has assumed full responsibility for the still-faltering cleanup. And eyebrows were raised in Oklahoma this past January when, as Pruitt was awaiting confirmation for his EPA post, a White House spokesperson told Bloomberg News that the handling of Tar Creek was emblematic of Pruitt's philosophy: "national standards, neighborhood solutions."

Pruitt, in an interview, said he knew nothing about the Bloomberg article, saying only that he endorses the EPA's current work at Tar Creek and the principle of combining federal resources and state and local leadership, rather than the buyout that occurred before his time as EPA administrator, while he was Oklahoma's attorney general.

"I think as far as a model going forward outside of the buyout, what we're trying to do is have a renewed focus on what I think are some of the most beneficial things we can do for citizens across the country, and that's to address some of these legacy sites that have substantial environmental challenges that allow them to once again enjoy the communities in their backyard," he said.

But many residents of the Tar Creek area, who gave up their homes in a buyout they considered both coercive and corrupt, continue to blame Pruitt for the fact that no one was prosecuted. They described a program so rife with good-old-boy corruption that certain individuals received outsize payoffs while some homeowners got so little they couldn't relocate anywhere nearby;

meanwhile, they said, the people hired to demolish the homes received inflated contracts through a flawed process.

"We were lied to and deceived from Day One," said Gloria Workman, who said her son has learning disabilities from growing up in the polluted zone of Tar Creek, which had lead-poisoning levels in children that were three times higher than those registered in Flint, Michigan, during the peak of its recent water crisis. "Not only were we losing our homes, we were raped in the process."

"It was a nightmare," said Mary Thompson, who was still awaiting a resolution from the trust when an EF4 tornado ripped through Tar Creek in 2008, throwing bodies and trailers through the sky, killing six people and destroying more than 100 homes. Without homes, many people took lower-than-expected buyout offers—however insufficient they were perceived to be—because they had nothing left, she said.

"They preyed on us after the tornado," said Thompson, whose home was leveled.

Nonetheless, Inhofe, in a 2015 news release touting the completion of the buyout, cast it as a success because it did not lead to an expanded federal role.

"This is an example of a government program created for a specific purpose and then dissolves after the job is completed," Inhofe proclaimed.

Now, he continues to defend it but sounds less celebratory. "The first thing to know about the Superfund site at Tar Creek is that it's what's called a 'mega-site' and that it is an exceptional circumstance in every way. You can't compare it to any other Superfund site in the country," Inhofe said in a statement to POLITICO. "The voluntary relocation assistance to get people out of harm's way was right for the situation at Tar Creek, but may not be for every other Superfund—that is why state and local partnership is critical."

To many former residents, who still want the investigative report by the state auditor to see the light of day, even these modest and conditional endorsements feel like slaps in the face.

"People hate the government out here, and it's because of things like this," said Aletha Redden, a lifelong resident of the area who has a Donald Trump bumper sticker on her pickup truck. "I want Scott Pruitt to know: This is not the model."

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A flat expanse of dusty roads and scrubby vegetation situated in the heart of Tornado Alley, the Tar Creek area was once the

mainstay of the Quapaw Tribe, which was forcibly relocated there by the U.S. government in 1834. At the time, the territory had little economic value, but a half-century later, prospectors discovered enormously rich ore. By the turn of the 20th century, companies broke ground with drill rigs on Quapaw land.

Many of those firms made fortunes, luring white settlers into an uneasy state of coexistence with the Quapaw. Tar Creek proved to be the deepest reservoir of lead-zinc ore in the world, producing a whopping $1 billion in minerals between 1908 and 1950, according to the Oklahoma Historical Society. Picher, the largest of the mining towns, swelled to a population of 14,000.

Almost every aspect of life in Tar Creek traced back to the mines. The high school took on the mascot of a gorilla, a reference to workers in the mines who broke up boulders with hammers. Children played in sandboxes filled with chat, the chalky mining debris. Teenagers earned the nickname "chat rats" for climbing up the pillowy piles of toxic rubble throughout town and rolling tires down their slopes.

By the end of World War II, however, the boom was over. Most of the mining companies decamped for richer pastures. For the families left behind—including that of Yankees slugger Mickey Mantle, who grew up in the Tar Creek area in the 1940s—it was a slowly unfolding disaster. The extent of Tar Creek's collapse was reflected in the words of John F. Kennedy, who barnstormed into Joplin, Missouri—25 miles away from Tar Creek—in the closing days of the 1960 presidential campaign.

"My own judgment is I know no tougher occupation in the world that [sic] to be a miner, lead, zinc, coal. I am always glad to meet them because I think they live with peril," Kennedy declared. "They have as tough a life as there is. Every other one whose hand you shake has a finger off, a foot crushed, the chances of in 20 years their having a bad accident are more than any of the rest of us. And yet in this community and in West Virginia and Idaho and in other sections of the United States, there has been no group that has been harder hit, no group that has been more forgotten."

Indeed, after the last prospector looking for ore packed up and left in the mid-1970s, people looked to casinos and farming to make a living. But the residue from decades of mining was poisoning them. In 1979, acid mine water leached into the ground, threatening the area's aquifers, killing fish and turning creeks a rusty orange color. When the federal Superfund program—designed to clean up the nation's most polluted and contaminated land—kicked off in the early 1980s, Tar Creek was named to the inaugural National Priorities List. It's still on the list.

The EPA has spent more than $176 million over the past 25 years on cleanup work inside the 42-square-mile-area, on projects from

plugging mine shafts to removing contaminated surface soil in people's yards. Though the amount of money sounds large, it hasn't been nearly enough to remove the toxic dangers, and many residents insist the cleanup was mishandled from the get-go. In some cases, the removal of soil resulted in sloping yards, which, during bouts of rain, caused flooding and mold inside houses. In 2000, the FBI raided the offices of the EPA's prime contractor at Tar Creek, Morrison-Knudsen. The company later settled a lawsuit brought by the federal government alleging false representation of billing and progress reports for a sum of $1 million. In the settlement, the company made no admission of wrongdoing.

Meanwhile, the environmental hazards began to multiply: Shortly after the start of that Superfund spending spree, in 1993, researchers at the University of Oklahoma found that 34 percent of Quapaw children were living with lead concentrations above the federal limit. Further studies found alarming rates of lead and arsenic in both the tribal and non-tribal populations. In 1997, a university-lead study estimated that 21 percent of children near Tar Creek had elevated blood-lead levels (defined as 10 micrograms per liter at the time), which is three times higher than the highest measurements found in Flint, Michigan, in 2015. The learning disabilities and memory loss that had plagued the schools and curtailed lifespans for decades suddenly had a culprit.

As the dangers became ever-more visible and the cleanup lagged, residents rallied around the idea that the government should quickly buy them out of their homes, rather than wait for the hazardous materials to be removed. They thought they might have an ally in the state's senior senator, Inhofe, a Republican who was chair of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee. But Inhofe, who has a skepticism about environmental science that exceeds that of any of his colleagues, refused to consider the idea. "There will never be a buyout. I promise you that," Inhofe told the *Tulsa World* in late 2003.

Inhofe's refusal to take action of any sort was often criticized in local press, due in part to the relentless attacks of a young Democratic congressman named Brad Carson. "If you'd asked people in Oklahoma politics at the time, they'd say we were mortal enemies," said Carson, referring to himself and Inhofe. "I was elected [to Congress] in 2000, and my goal was to untie the Gordian knot. The area is desperately poor. If it was in suburban Tulsa or Oklahoma City, there would've been outrage."

In 2004, Governor Brad Henry signed a bill authorizing the use of state dollars for the relocation of roughly 100 families with children under the age of 6. Under pressure to take further action, the senior senator began to come around. At first, he secured $2 million in federal funding to pay for a study that discovered that 286 homes within Tar Creek were at risk of being swallowed up from cave-ins of underground mine shafts. This provided an

opportunity for Inhofe to reverse himself on the buyout, supporting it on the grounds of protecting residents from cave-ins.

"The stability with the underground mine workings was worse than anyone had previously been thought," recalls Ed Keheley, a retired nuclear engineer and native of Picher who co-authored the study's final report. In the spring of 2006, Inhofe announced a joint federal and state buyout program that would begin with $20 million in funding, with the express purpose of relocating any and all people who'd voluntarily leave Tar Creek.

Having once opposed the buyout to his political detriment, Inhofe now used his clout to keep on funding it, but with the idea that decision-making would be concentrated among local leaders, not the federal government. With Inhofe's support, the Oklahoma legislature created a nine-member panel called the Lead Impacted Communities Relocation Assistance Trust to assume control over the project. The members were all volunteers, helping their community, but some had a vested interest in the buyout: They included, for example, a local banker whose institution would later give loans to people to help them relocate; local property owners whose own homes—and those of relatives—would be subject to the buyout; town officials; and a leader of the Quapaw Tribe.

Inhofe cast himself in the role of the community's protector, putting out a 2008 campaign ad that declared: "Tar Creek: poisoned earth, the threat of schools and churches sinking into abandoned mines. Everyone thought it would be too much to tackle, except for one stubborn man named Inhofe."

But over a five-year period, the buyout would become the subject of a host of civil lawsuits and the subject of a state investigation.

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The local members of the trust—few, if any, of them schooled in environmental management—had two major tasks: figuring out how much each property owner should be paid for their home or business, and then choosing a company to demolish the properties. Both tasks would become the subject of complaints about cronyism, with residents saying the trust members rewarded their friends and politically connected individuals.

It didn't help that the trust often met behind closed doors, and that the vice chairman of the trust resigned within a year. The trust's sole employee, operations manager Sonya Harris, also quit, declaring in her resignation letter that she could no longer continue "with a clear conscience without recommending a change; I will not place myself in a position to be perceived as approving of the operations to this point."

The first case to raise eyebrows involved the mayor of Picher, Ernest "Sam" Freeman. In 2005, when the buyout was first being discussed as a probability, he acquired three large parcels of former mining land covered with chat from the Picher Development Authority, which he chaired. Freeman bought them at 3 cents per square foot, for a total price of $2,088.50, according to the findings of a state audit at the time. It was, the audit declared, a violation of state laws forbidding members of public boards from entering into contracts with those boards. Ottawa County District Attorney Eddie Wyant called on Freeman to return the properties to the development authority in lieu of charges.

"If Sam wanted to buy that land, he needed to get off the board and purchase it legally," Wyant told a local newspaper at the time. "I am not one to put anyone in jail over this, but he needs to clear it up." Wyant, when reached by phone, declined to comment further.

Freeman returned the land, but, in a move that enraged some neighbors, profited off it anyway. The trust had decided that, because so much former mining land had been taken over by state authorities and tribal members, those who owned mobile homes or other shelters on land they didn't own would be eligible for buyouts. Freeman made a claim based on the fact that he had been maintaining and renting out homes on the chat-infested property for years before he tried to buy it.

Trust documents show that Freeman received at least $274,000 from the buyout, more than half of which came from the same lots he had been ordered to return by law enforcement. (Freeman told POLITICO a payout of more than a quarter-million sounded accurate enough, though he declined to provide an exact figure.) Neighbors suspected cronyism. Freeman, who is no longer mayor, denied receiving any preferential treatment. "These people thought I bought the lots to make a killing in the buyout," he said. "I don't think I got more than anyone else would have."

The size of the mayor's profit diminished public confidence in the trust, just as it was engaged in the most delicate part of its task, figuring out how much to pay each individual property owner. Property owners were supposed to receive fair market prices as if pollution hadn't existed in Tar Creek, based on the sales of similar properties elsewhere in northeast Oklahoma. But those calculations appeared to lack uniformity.

The average payout for the 695 properties involved in the buyout was just over $65,000, but the disparity in prices between two properties could be dramatic. Residents complained about lowball offers on some decent properties and overly high payouts for others that were rundown or minuscule in size.

"I got $3,000 for my gun shop. It took me $16,000 to build it," said former Tar Creek resident John Frazier.

Wally Long said he and his wife got $35,000 for their Dairy Queen, while another Dairy Queen right up the road got substantially more.

"We were told [by the trust] that's all the money there is," Long said. "It bothered my wife a lot. She put 23 years of her life into this business."

Meanwhile, a trust member named Janell Trimble got $185,000 for her house, and her brother collected $115,000 for his fiberboard house.

"I may be a member of the [relocation trust's committee], but I honor my duties and I recuse myself when family members are involved," Trimble told the *Tulsa World* in 2008. "[B]ut as a buyout participant I also expect to be treated just like the next person."

Nonetheless, both Trimble and her brother received more than 35 percent above the average price per square foot. On the other end of the spectrum, an elderly woman named Betty Betts received an offer of $12,000 for her home; when she protested, the appraised value was raised to $20,000. Many people got so little for their homes that they had to turn around and take out loans in order to resettle elsewhere in Oklahoma. In the end, the trust finished up with millions in unspent funds.

Residents concentrated their anger on the company that the trust hired to conduct the appraisals, Cinnabar, which had previously made headlines for its management of a noise-insulation program at the Tulsa Airport, which involved multiple lawsuits . In response, the trust engaged an "appraisal reviewer" to go back over Cinnabar's work. But the reviewer, a company named Van Tuyl Associates, quickly came under criticism as well. "They [often] didn't get out of their car. They never entered these homes," said Keheley, who was a member of the trust at the time. (Van Tuyl Associates is now defunct; its former president could not be reached for comment.)

When the unrest over the buyout made the local newspapers, the trust's leadership pointed to a 95 percent acceptance rate for buyout offers. But some residents accused trustees of pressuring them with "take it or leave it" offers, according to a class-action lawsuit brought against the trustees, Cinnabar and Van Tuyl by more than 250 residents affected by the buyout. Plaintiffs also complained that they were denied the right to view the appraisal paperwork. There was even a fake camera—and posters notifying residents they were being videotaped—in the room where buyout offers were made, an apparent attempt to compel residents to take the offers, according to documents in the suit.

The suit, filed in Oklahoma district court, accused the defendants of cheating average property owners and rewarding friends and associates of the trustees. Depositions revealed an explanation for some of the inconsistencies in appraisals: For certain properties, Cinnabar expanded the boundaries of where it could find "comparables"—properties in adjacent counties whose sale prices were used to calculate the appraisals—with the approval of a state employee named J.D. Strong, who, according to the lawsuit, played a significant role in overseeing the trust.

One of the properties appraised in this fashion was that of Trimble, whose $185,000 payout, according to appraisal documents, had infuriated other residents.

When, in 2008, residents outlined their frustrations in a scathing six-page letter to Inhofe, Henry and other elected officials, Strong dictated the governor's reply, which was co-signed by Inhofe, lawyers for the plaintiffs asserted in his deposition. "I may have drafted this," Strong responded, when presented with a copy of the letter saved on Strong's computer.

In an interview, Strong defended the trust and its system of appraisals: "We knew going in that we weren't going to be the most popular. We went in with the idea that we were going to be fair. I can honestly say that, looking back, we were fair and unbiased and frugal."

During the six years the lawsuit was making its way through the state court system, both Cinnabar and Van Tuyl Associates declared bankruptcy. Eventually, the plaintiffs and the trust settled the case in 2015 for $1.3 million, which, after deducting attorney fees, meant that each resident ended up receiving an additional $2,600.

But that didn't satisfy many property owners.

"The people of Tar Creek were treated like second-class citizens, based on where they were born and lived," concluded Wally Kennedy, a columnist at the *Joplin Globe* who reported on northeast Oklahoma, including Tar Creek, for more than 30 years. "For someone to portray the buyout of the people of Tar Creek as a successful program is lying through their teeth."

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Once the trust obtained the properties on the toxic land, the next problem was how to destroy the empty structures that were on them.

Inhofe made sure there was enough money for the job. Even as he joined fellow Republicans in condemning President Barack Obama's 2009 stimulus bill as an unwarranted giveaway, the senior

senator helped secure an additional $15.7 million in the bill to help the trust finish its work.

The trust hired a local businessman named Jack Dalrymple to oversee bids for the demolition contract. He was best known for organizing an annual deer hunt for paralyzed veterans, an endeavor that earned him a lifetime achievement award from a local Chamber of Commerce. His payment was to be 10 percent of the value of the winning bid. He formulated a scoring system to evaluate bids and, in March 2010, the trust awarded the contract to Stone's Backhoe, the most expensive of all four bids. At $2.1 million, it was nearly four times the cost of the lowest bidder.

Just 14 days after Stone's was declared the winner, it asked that the contract be reassigned to two subcontractors, CWF Enterprises, a carpet-cleaning business, and Vision Construction and Management. Former residents contend that there were longstanding ties between Dalrymple and the subcontractors. Whether or not they were friends before, they soon became hunting buddies. In October 2012, local coverage of Dalrymple's annual event for paralyzed veterans pictured the heads of the two firms setting up the flag for the hunt.

One of the losing contractors filed suit against the trust and individual trustees in Oklahoma district court, accusing them of violating the state's open-meeting act and competitive bidding act. The district county judge sided with the plaintiff, reopening the bidding process.

But rather than blame Dalrymple, the trust gave him a new contract. It included a flat rate for his services, $305,472—about $100,000 more than he would have received had the contract remained with Stone's.

In January 2011, a $1.7 million demolition contract was awarded to none other than CWF Enterprises, the carpet-cleaning business, which was also the least expensive of the three bids received. A month later, however, the estimated cost of the contract ballooned to $3,050,786—almost exactly 10 times what Dalrymple received in his new contract.

While many residents cried foul, Andy Lester, the trust's attorney, attributed the increase to the fact that the EPA-controlled repository for dumping debris had just closed down. Trekking the remains of the houses and businesses to a dumping ground further away caused the massive change order, and a near doubling of the contract.

Lester also defends the choice of Dalrymple to handle the bids, contending that he was an engineer with some prior experience with public contracts and that the trust members couldn't handle the process on their own.

"It is important to remember that the trust board consisted of nine members—including, for example, a physician, a school teacher, and a mushroom farmer. They were volunteers, not professionals at this kind of work," Lester said. "Jack Dalrymple is a professional engineer with significant experience. And candidly, there are very few professional engineers in northeast Oklahoma."

Nonetheless, lawyers out of the Tulsa region filed a lawsuit in 2012 under the False Claims Act that accused the trust members, Dalrymple and the heads of the companies hired to do demolition work of being part of a "good old boy network" and defrauding federal taxpayers.

Attorneys for the plaintiffs, Zach and Brad Barron, say the lawsuit fizzled when the Department of Justice took the stance that "the government didn't sustain damages" from the charges laid out in the complaint. In a false claims lawsuit, where the plaintiffs are effectively trying to recoup money that's owed to the government, a lack of willingness from the government is effectively a death knell, the Barrons said. The lawsuit was eventually dismissed.

In an interview, Dalrymple insisted the allegations of cronyism were entirely unfounded.

"There were a lot of emotions and feelings during that period," he said. "When you ask someone to leave their home, it's a tough thing. But ... there was nothing there."

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Still, the drumbeat of complaints continued, eventually reaching the ear of Jerry Morris, the state director for Oklahoma's then-junior senator, Republican Tom Coburn.

It was no secret that Coburn, a physician who cast himself as a political outsider, didn't look upon Inhofe with any sort of fond feelings of mentorship.

"I think they were often seen as having very different approaches to politics," said David Blatt of the Oklahoma Policy Institute. "Inhofe is seen as a classic, pork-barrel politician who'd bring federal dollars to Oklahoma, the more the merrier." Whereas Coburn, Blatt says, "hated that kind of politics and did as little of it as he possibly could. In fact, he spoke disdainfully and caustically about it the whole time he was in the Senate."

Coburn was not shy about stepping on his fellow Republican's toes. Morris forwarded a memo with a lengthy list of allegations related to the awarding of contracts in the Tar Creek buyout, especially regarding the demolition work, to then-Attorney General Pruitt. In April 2011, Pruitt asked the state auditor and inspector, Gary Jones, to look into the memoranda sent from Coburn's office.

"I have determined that these concerns are serious in nature such that an investigation of the matter is warranted," Pruitt wrote to Jones. A 17-point list of allegations for Jones to investigate followed, including whether there was collusion between Dalrymple and the contractors hired to do the demolition work.

After spending almost two years on the investigation, Jones turned over the results of the audit to the attorney general's office in January 2014, apparently believing it had uncovered important information.

For a year and a half, the attorney general sat on the findings. Then, in May 2015, Pruitt announced that he wouldn't press charges. In addition, he vowed to keep the audit secret by refusing to release it.

Jones fired back at the attorney general's office days later, penning a letter to Pruitt that described his rationale for withholding the audit as "baffling."

"To our knowledge, the individuals named in the report are members of a public trust or contractor whose services were retained as part of this substantive project," Jones wrote. Further, he contended, "our office has received no inquiries from you or your staff regarding the content of the audit report."

Pruitt justified the secrecy by comparing the investigation results to the findings of a grand jury. "Specifically, our office is concerned about publication of unsubstantiated criminal allegations against private citizens," Pruitt wrote in a 2015 statement.

In an interview with POLITICO, Pruitt appeared to go one step further, suggesting the audit had in fact been vetted by a grand jury.

"You're addressing issues that it's been some months since I've looked into," Pruitt said. "I know the decision I made at that time was based upon the investigative audit. The investigative audit didn't yield anything to the grand jury, and, as such, it was important to protect the individuals' reputation that were in that investigation."

But when asked to clarify, a Pruitt staff member indicated that he was using the term "grand jury" as shorthand for the Multi-County Grand Jury Unit, a division of the AG's office, headed at the time by a Pruitt appointee, which decides whether to take cases to a grand jury for indictment.

It's not the same as a grand jury finding. Nonetheless, the attorney general's office, now overseen by Mike Hunter, Pruitt's former top deputy, has denied all open records requests for the audit, declaring

it to be "under the supervision of the Multi-County Grand Jury Unit." A spokeswoman for the Oklahoma attorney general's office said that if there was in fact a grand jury, the office couldn't confirm or deny that.

These rationales befuddle open records experts.

"I don't think there's anything in the law that would prohibit it [the investigation] from being released," said Joey Senat of Oklahoma State University, the president of FOIA Oklahoma. "The law doesn't require that the audit be kept secret. What would its release be harming? They've closed the investigation and decided not to prosecute."

Jones, who is now running for governor, reiterated his call for the attorney general's office to release the audit, saying in a statement that "regarding any investigation of this kind, we always err on the side of transparency and the people of Oklahoma have a right to know."

Concluded Senat: "When you have the state auditor [Gary Jones] saying these are not unsubstantiated claims and this is a serious problem, good government would call for letting the public know what happened and showing the public the audit. Transparency helps alleviate a lot of concerns about favoritism, corruption, and incompetency—if those are indeed unfounded."

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Tar Creek today looks like an abandoned landfill. Illegal dumping has added a fresh layer of grime to the already ruined patch of earth. Giant craters from collapsed mine shafts, some as large as 200 feet in diameter, are filled with Bud Light cans, shotgun shells and the tangled remains of kids' playground equipment. "We call this urban renewal, Picher style," quipped former resident Gloria Workman.

Abandoned houses that were not part of the buyout are now coated with graffiti. The charred remains of the former mining museum in Picher, which burned down at the hands of arsonists, stands as a teetering monument to Tar Creek's former way of life. And the sense of danger and destruction extends beyond the former buyout area: On rainy days, local fields used for football practice bleed a toxic shade of orange.

The EPA is continuing its now 33-year-old cleanup effort, and it's thrust the Quapaws back into stewardship of the land. Although the tribe leased away or sold off significant chunks of Tar Creek to mining companies throughout the 20th century, the Quapaws have at least temporarily regained control of all of it. Since 2012, the tribe—a sovereign nation with roughly 5,500 members—has been the primary EPA contractor for environmental remediation at Tar

Creek. It's the first time any tribe has been a prime contractor on a Superfund site, assigning all the contracts and overseeing all the work.

"It's a great story," said Craig Kreman, assistant environmental director of the Quapaw tribe. "We're employing tribal members a lot of the time and members of the community. So that income [from the EPA contract] stays here in this community and is being spent in this community. We're not hiring a contractor out of Georgia."

Every day, a steady stream of trucks haul away more than 2,000 tons of soil saturated with cadmium, lead and other metals at the site. Each patch of earth requires years of passive soil treatments before it tests clean enough to plant row crops like winter wheat. Half-acre by half-acre, the hope is that Tar Creek can be put into productive agricultural use decades from now.

In August, after touring the abandoned area and surrounding towns, Pruitt's senior adviser Albert "Kell" Kelly, praised the EPA's efforts surrounding Tar Creek in sweeping terms: "People from all across the country count on the Superfund program to address pollution and revitalize their communities. Tar Creek cleanup is an excellent example of how the program should work. State and local partners, tribal partners, and EPA—all working together year after year to address historical pollution at this mega-site. It's cooperative federalism working at its best."

But many local observers, including Ed Keheley, aren't nearly as positive.

"Usually, the EPA comes in, they do their dirty work, sprinkle some wheat seed, take a picture to show Congress, and next year it looks like this," he said, pointing to a barren pasture. "Clearly, the EPA hasn't had the best interests of the people at heart. So I get personally offended when people like Scott Pruitt suggest otherwise."

For his part, Pruitt announced a fresh grant of $5 million to the Quapaw-led project last May, and he is quick to distance this experiment in local control from the one that preceded it.

"We [the EPA] can't impact the buyout. We didn't authorize the buyout. I didn't manage the buyout and its unique situation," Pruitt said. "I think what's most tangible is what we can do together with the tribe to advance and continue remediation."

When asked to respond to the undying complaints of residents in rural Ottawa County, where Tar Creek is located—a county in which Trump received 71 percent of the vote in November 2016—Pruitt changed the subject. "I had no experience with Tar Creek, to be honest with you," he said.

That's true, except it was his office's decision, when he was attorney general, not to prosecute the people accused of mishandling the trust money, Keheley and other local residents point out.

But what galls them more than the failure to prosecute is the failure to release the results of a government investigation—an audit that they believe will raise questions about Pruitt's unwillingness to press charges and cast a negative light on a project near and dear to Inhofe's heart.

Pruitt's connections to Inhofe are extensive. One of Pruitt's first hires as EPA chief was Ryan Jackson, a longtime Inhofe staffer and the senator's point person on Tar Creek, who is now Pruitt's chief of staff. He also brought on four other former aides to Inhofe, the Senate's leading proponent of the idea that man-made pollution contributing to climate change is a conspiracy and a hoax. Three of them are Pruitt's senior advisers on air, climate and legal issues.

"It gives me a level of comfort to know that we have a bureaucracy that's actually going to be serving instead of ruling," Inhofe told the *Washington Post*, applauding Pruitt for hiring his staff.

Numerous veteran Oklahoma political watchers, some of whom spoke to POLITICO on condition of anonymity, suggest that there may be an ulterior motive in Pruitt's embrace of Inhofe: It's widely believed that Pruitt, who is 49, wants to run for Inhofe's seat when the senator retires. Many observers think Inhofe is unlikely to seek reelection in 2020, when he'll be 85. And some have noted that Pruitt's decision not to advance the case against the buyout trust spared Inhofe the embarrassment of seeing the program he personally tailored and promoted go down in scandal.

"Pruitt is a rising Republican political star previously in Oklahoma and now nationally," said one journalist who closely follows the Oklahoma political scene. "There have been rumblings that Pruitt might have his eye on higher office. ... Pruitt would do everything to keep Inhofe close, assuming he wants to run for that seat."

Wally Kennedy, the *Joplin Globe* columnist who has covered the Tar Creek trust more closely than any other journalist, said, "My sense of the way that unfolded was that Pruitt decided he was not going to do any kind of prosecution, and then Inhofe writes a letter saying what an outstanding job the trust did. My reaction was 'Huh?'"

"The fact that the audit was not publicly disclosed tells me that somebody is hiding something," he added. "This is Oklahoma taxpayers' money being committed to ratting out what appears to be some apparent corruption. But everybody looks the other way. That's why I'm talking to you. Because if you can shed a light on

this, maybe somebody will say 'We need to take a second look at this.'"

Pruitt, however, insists his decisions were strictly based on the law, and an Inhofe staffer flatly dismissed the possibility of Inhofe influencing Pruitt's decision.

"Senator Inhofe would have had no involvement in the case or in any of then-Attorney General Pruitt's decisions," the staffer said.

Pruitt was similarly bemused by the idea that there would have been any sort of political calculation behind his decision to shield the audit. The only politics in this case, he suggested, was on the part of those who want to embarrass him and Inhofe.

"You would think that this wouldn't be a political issue, that people wouldn't put on the red and blue jerseys," Pruitt said in frustration.

Others argue that transparency in this case is not a political issue as much as a legal right.

"The open records act seems pretty clear this audit should be released," said Stevens, executive director of Campaign for Accountability. "You have to ask why he's not releasing it? Pruitt should have to be held accountable for this."

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Pruitt named chair of Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council Back

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President Donald Trump announced today that EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt would chair the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council.

The group, formed in 2012 after the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, helps restore the ecosystems and economies of the Gulf Coast. Pruitt was unanimously selected by Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas, the five states on the council.

"I am honored to be selected by the states and look forward to working with the governors to continue the excellent work of this Council to further the critical mission of restoring the Gulf of Mexico ecosystem," he said in a statement.

Pruitt named Kenneth Wagner, a senior adviser, to be his designee on the council. He takes over the chairmanship from the Secretary of Agriculture.

WHAT'S NEXT: Pruitt begins his chairmanship of the group.

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Powelson says McIntyre to be sworn in Thursday Back

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New FERC Chairman Kevin McIntyre will be sworn in on Thursday, FERC Commissioner Rob Powelson told an audience of electric power officials in Philadelphia today.

"At a general session this afternoon in Philadelphia, one of the key speakers was FERC Commissioner Rob Powelson, and during his speech this afternoon he confirmed that Kevin McIntyre will be sworn in tomorrow," PJM Interconnection spokeswoman Susan Buehler said.

President Donald Trump nominated McIntyre, a partner at the law firm of Jones Day, to be commissioner and designated him to be chair months ago. The Senate confirmed him in early November, and he received his signed commission just before Thanksgiving.

His swearing in will put to rest rumors that either the Trump administration or McIntyre himself were delaying his start date to give current Chairman Neil Chatterjee enough service time to make staffing changes. Chatterjee will miss that deadline by a day.

It also puts McIntyre in charge of the process initiated by Energy Secretary Rick Perry that is aimed at supporting coal-fired and nuclear power plants in an effort to protect the power grid's resilience. Action on that proposal is expected by Monday.

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EPA to hold more hearings on Clean Power Plan withdrawal
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EPA will hold three additional public hearings on a proposal to withdraw the Clean Power Plan, in San Francisco; Gillette, Wyo.; and Kansas City, Mo., the agency announced today.

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt in a press release said the change was "due to the overwhelming response" to two days of hearings in West Virginia last week. Many environmental advocates criticized EPA for initially scheduling hearings only in coal country.

The agency will announce the dates and locations of the meetings in the coming weeks, and speakers must register.

The Obama administration, by comparison, held public hearings on the proposed climate standards in 2015 in Pittsburgh, Denver, Atlanta and Washington, D.C.

WHAT'S NEXT: Comments on the draft withdrawal are due Jan. 16.

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Republicans divided over taking up tax extenders this year
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Republican leaders are divided over whether to take up a second tax-cut bill this year.

Senate Republicans want to move legislation reviving a rump group of tax "extenders," separate from their more sweeping plan to rewrite the code.

But the House's top tax writer isn't so sure.

"I don't like the extenders," said House Ways and Means Chairman Kevin Brady (R-Texas). "It's horrible policy and process."

"No decision yet," he added, saying lawmakers need to talk it over.

His comments came after Sen. John Thune, the chamber's No. 3 Republican, said today lawmakers will revive biodiesel, geothermal and other energy-related breaks along with other "cats and dogs," including a tax credit to maintain short-line railroads.

Thirty-four temporary tax provisions expired at the end of last year, including 16 energy ones, and lawmakers are now facing

demands to revive them. Some want to attach the provisions to funding legislation needed to keep the government open H.J. Res. 123 (115).

Many Republicans had sworn off the "extender" ritual after a 2015 tax agreement made many of the breaks permanent while giving others what lawmakers said was one final extension — which, for some, ended last year.

Putting together an extender bill, even as lawmakers negotiate a final compromise on their tax-overhaul plans, is likely to test tax writers' bandwidth.

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Solar pitches target Trump at USTR hearing Back

By Eric Wolff | 12/06/2017 03:46 PM EDT

Supporters of tough trade tariffs on solar energy equipment and their opponents squared off again at a hearing of the U.S. Trade Representative today. with both sides coloring their arguments in language aimed at swaying the White House.

The two companies seeking tariffs on foreign shipments of solar panels and cells, Suniva and SolarWorld Americas, pressed the case that barriers were vital for protecting U.S. manufacturing of the clean energy technology because of its importance for national security — issues at the heart of President Donald Trump's "America First" agenda.

"A strong remedy is required to persevere the U.S. industry, provide breathing space for this American-invented manufacturing technology," said Matt Card, vice president of operations for bankrupt Suniva. "Anything less would ... result in the loss of this industry. That would have a dramatic negative impact on national security."

Witnesses at the hearing opposed to instituting tariffs raised the same issues, but contended that trade barriers would threaten other businesses, and that the benefits of tariffs would help only a narrow segment of the solar industry.

"Factories in South Carolina and across the nation would suffer from solar tariffs," South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster told the panel. "While there is only one operating factory in the U.S. petitioning for these tariffs, there are over 50 American-owned factories employing thousands of people that would be the ones

harmed, including a steel mill in South Carolina that provides American-made steel for many of the U.S. factories that produce metal equipment for the utility scale solar farms."

The panel, which included representatives from the departments of Energy, Treasury, State, Labor and Commerce, and from the Council of Economic Advisers, appeared unmoved by the national security arguments, and instead peppered parties with detailed questions about the potential tariffs' impacts on U.S. solar power demand. Panel members also questioned whether a few years of trade protections would be enough time for Suniva and SolarWorld to hike their production enough to catch up to overseas competition.

They pressed witnesses from both side on how tariffs would effect the domestic solar market, whether a modest tariff would be effective, and their opinions on the recommendations the U.S. International Trade Commission sent the White House last month. ITC members recommended a range of options, from sliding scale of tariffs to a cap on total shipments.

The Trade Representative will send the White House a recommendation, and Trump has until Jan. 26 to make a decision.

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More Info for Email Admins

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Subject:	EPA Seeks Input from State Partners on Lead and Copper Rule

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Subject: EPA Seeks Input from State Partners on Lead and Copper Rule

EPA Seeks Input from State Partners on Lead and Copper Rule

12/14/2017

Contact Information:

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WASHINGTON — Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sent letters to state partners on forthcoming proposed regulatory revisions to the existing Lead and Copper Rule (LCR). These changes are intended to not only improve the protection of public health, but the effective implementation of the rule as well.

"Despite lead contaminated sites being an environmental threat to our country, EPA has not updated the Lead and Copper Rule in decades," said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. "In keeping with our commitment to cooperative federalism, EPA is seeking input from state stakeholders on proposed revisions to properly address lead and ensure communities have access to safe drinking water."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there is no level of exposure to lead that is safe – especially for children. Established in 1991, the LCR intends to reduce exposure to lead and copper through drinking water whether from corrosion control measures for lead service lines or transparency and public education.

The LCR is applicable to all community public water systems. It requires water systems to sample water from households with plumbing materials that contain lead or copper and take action to reduce exposure to these harmful metals in drinking water.

The letter from Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water invites partner organizations to a 60-day period that will kick off with a joint meeting followed by discussions with each of the groups on the proposed rule, including a range of state and professional groups.

Additional groups and the public will have opportunities to comment throughout the Lead and Copper rulemaking process. These letters are intended to focus on initial discussions, as part of the larger federalism consultation process.

For a full list of receiving entities, see the linked letter: https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/lcr-federalism-consulation

Contact Us to ask a question, provide feedback, or report a problem.

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Message

From: Bill Couser [Ex. 6]
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Subject: Administrator Pruitt Lunch

Hey All,
This is the list of Great Iowan's that will be visiting with our new Administrator of EPA. Still cleaning and dusting off the two places, but close to ready. Please try to be at the Ag Cave by 11:15 because they plan on leaving Des Moines as soon as he is done speaking at his meeting. They told me yesterday that the governor will be speaking after him, so we will go with the flow. She could be be joining us a few minuets later. We have to stay on task! We hope to be seated when he arrives to get started immediately. Look for your name card at the table to where you will sit. If all of us want to speak or ask a question this will give us two to three minutes apiece. Please have your comment or question ready. I will be running the time clock and stay on time. I want to make sure you all have a chance to speak. When we have finished we will drive our vehicles one half mile south of the feed yard and enter from the back door of the shop. I will have parking and seats reserved for all of you up front if you want to set as a group. If you have any questions please call me.
We have a unique opportunity to show Administrator Pruitt the IOWA way. Lets make sure when he arrives back in DC all he can say is WOW!

Governor Kim Reynolds

Bill Northey Sec of Ag

Mike Naig Dept. Sec of Ag

John Lawrence- Iowa State Univ.

Bill Couser

Nancy Couser

Tim Couser

Casey Couser

Jim Gulliford-EPA Administrator Region 7

Chuck Gipp Director of IDNR

Jeff Taylor- Chairman Lincolnway Energy-farmer

David Tierney- Seed Industry

Bradley Albin -Vice president REG

Randolph Howard- President/CEO REG

Howard Hill -Farmer, Pork producer, Past National Pork President

Craig Hill- Farmer, Pres Farm Bureau Iowa

Eamonn Byrne -CEO Lakeview Plymouth Energy

Jim Christensen- Cattle Feeder, Farmer Northwest Iowa, Involved in Okoboji Lakes

David Petty farmer,- cow calf producer and farmer

Charlie Good- Owner operator of GOOD and QUICK convenience store (Blender Pumps)

Eric Hakmiller Pres. Lincolnway Energy

Paul Hill-Farmer, Turkey Producer

We will meet at the feed yard (19568 620th Ave. Nevada Iowa 50201) December 1, 2017 at 11:15 to be seated and ready when the administrator arrives. Public gathering will be at our shop down the road one half mile (20243 620th Ave.Nevada, Iowa 50201) after our lunch with the administrator. Remember this lunch is to be kept in confidence. The news media is trying to get information on our meetings. We are trying to respect EPA officials wishes.

Please send me a quick text or (I got it) response so to insure all of you have received this email.

Sincerely,
Bill, Nancy, Casey and Tim Couser

Message

From: Burke, Ashley [ABurke@nma.org]
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Subject: RE: ICYMI EPA Determines Risks from Hardrock Mining Industry Minimal and No Need for Additional Federal Requirements

Tawny Bridgeford asked that I follow up with you to provide our press statement. Our release can be found at the following link and the full text is pasted below. Please let me know if you have any questions.

https://nma.org/2017/12/01/epa-declines-impose-unnecessary-duplicative-financial-assurance-requirements-mining-industry/

EPA Declines to Impose Unnecessary, Duplicative Financial Assurance Requirements on Mining Industry

December 1, 2017

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Mining Association (NMA) today welcomed the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) decision that new, duplicative financial responsibility requirements for the hardrock mining industry are unnecessary. Today's decision stems from environmental group litigation seeking to use the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA or Superfund Law) to impose additional, crippling financial and regulatory burdens on the mining industry.

"When litigation is used as a tool to attempt to force the government into unnecessary action against an industry, the result is bad policy," said Hal Quinn, NMA President and CEO. "Today's action shows that reason can prevail. Modern, advanced mining practices – coupled with existing state and federal environmental and financial assurance requirements – comprehensively cover the same risks contemplated under the CERCLA program."

"At a time when America is completely import-dependent for many key minerals, we should be supporting domestic mining and encouraging investment in the U.S. to lessen our dependence on foreign supply chains," added Quinn.

Background

Congress enacted CERCLA in 1980 to address threats to human health and the environment posed by the nation's past waste disposal practices. CERCLA is both a backward- and forward-looking statute, intended to address remediation of existing sites and prevent the creation of new ones. In the decades that followed its enactment, state and federal environmental and financial assurance programs were developed and implemented to address the very same risks contemplated by CERCLA's financial responsibility provisions.

In 2009, several environmental groups sued the EPA, attempting to use CERCLA to subject classes of facilities within the hardrock mining industry to additional financial responsibility requirements. As a result, EPA conducted a rulemaking to determine if new requirements were needed.

In 2016, EPA released a proposal premised on a faulty picture of the mining industry – it relied on legacy practices used at operations decades and even generations ago that are not representative of today's mining and mineral processing industry. In sum: the proposal addressed conditions that no

longer exist or are already remedied under other comprehensive regulatory programs. Today, the EPA acknowledged these fundamental flaws in the proposal and rightly determined that a new financial responsibility program was not needed.

Consistent with Legal Requirements

EPA's decision not to impose additional requirements on the mining and minerals industry is consistent with the ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, which stated that, while EPA had to act by Dec. 1, 2017 (the deadline established in the litigation), the final action could be no rule at all:

"[T]he proposed joint order 'does not require EPA to promulgate a new, stricter rule. At most, it 'merely requires that EPA conduct a rulemaking and then decide whether to promulgate a new rule – the content of which is not in any way dictated by the [proposed order on consent] – using a specific timeline." *In re Idaho Conservation League*, 811 F.3d 502, 524 (D.C. Cir. 2016).

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From: Bridgeford, Tawny
Sent: Monday, December 4, 2017 10:04 AM
To: Burke, Ashley <ABurke@nma.org>; Caswell, Jamie <JCaswell@nma.org>
Cc: Nolan, Rich <RNolan@nma.org>; Sweeney, Katie <KSweeney@nma.org>
Subject: FW: ICYMI EPA Determines Risks from Hardrock Mining Industry Minimal and No Need for Additional Federal Requirements

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From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
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To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
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Subject: ICYMI EPA Determines Risks from Hardrock Mining Industry Minimal and No Need for Additional Federal Requirements

ICYMI, this announcement was made by EPA on Friday. Let us know if you have any questions and please flag with us any statements/press your organizations may have subsequently put out. -Tate with Administrator Pruitt's Office

EPA Determines Risks from Hardrock Mining Industry Minimal and No Need for Additional Federal Requirements

12/01/2017
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WASHINGTON – Today the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced that the Agency will not issue final regulations for financial responsibility requirements for certain hardrock mining facilities.

"After careful analysis of public comments, the statutory authority, and the record for this rulemaking, EPA is confident that modern industry practices, along with existing state and federal requirements address risks from operating hardrock mining facilities," **said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt.** "Additional financial assurance requirements are unnecessary and would impose an undue burden on this important sector of the American economy and rural America, where most of these mining jobs are based."

EPA published proposed regulations under section 108(b) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA, or Superfund) on January 11, 2017, and the public comment period closed on July 11, 2017. EPA has decided not to issue final regulations because the risks associated with these facilities' operations are addressed by existing federal and state programs and industry practices. EPA was under a court-ordered deadline to take final action on this rulemaking by December 1, 2017. The decision not to issue final rules under CERCLA section 108(b) will be published in the Federal Register.

EPA has analyzed the need for financial responsibility requirements under CERCLA section 108(b) based on the degree and duration of risk associated with the production, transportation, treatment, storage, and disposal of hazardous substances from current hardrock mining operations, as well the risk of taxpayer funded cleanups at facilities operating under modern management practices and modern environmental regulations. That risk is identified by examining: the management of hazardous substances at such facilities; federal and state regulatory controls on that management and federal and state financial responsibility requirements; and, the payment experience of the Fund in responding to releases.

EPA concluded the degree and duration of risk associated with the modern production, transportation, treatment, storage or disposal of hazardous substances by the hardrock mining industry does not present a level of risk of taxpayer funded response actions that warrant imposition of financial responsibility requirements under CERCLA for this sector. This determination reflects EPA's interpretation of the statute, EPA's evaluation of the record for the proposed rule, and the approximately 11,000 public comments received by EPA on this rulemaking.

State mining and environmental regulators, as well as other federal agencies and the regulated community and financial sectors, commented that the proposed requirements would potentially interfere with state and local mining regulations, were unnecessary, and would be difficult to implement. This decision does not in any way affect EPA's authority to take appropriate response actions under CERCLA.

"I urged then President-elect Trump to stop the EPA's overreach into state regulation harming Montana businesses," said **U.S. Senate Western Caucus Chairman Steve Daines (R-MT).** "Instead of threatening the very industries that are a backbone of our Western economies, we need to support American families and American businesses to secure our mineral and energy independence. I am pleased the EPA has taken action."

"I am grateful for Administrator Pruitt's leadership in eliminating this costly, duplicative, and job-killing rule," **said Arizona Governor Doug Ducey.** "Arizona already has financial responsibility protections in place for hardrock mines and does not need a duplicative federal program that will unnecessarily burden a key Arizona industry."

"I am thankful that the EPA and Administrator Pruitt have decided to reject the proposed CERCLA rule," **said Idaho Governor Butch Otter.** "This is another victory for returning power to the states."

"The pending CERCLA 108(b) rulemaking has been at the top of my agenda," **said Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval.** "The success of Nevada's robust mine bonding program protects public safety and our environment

and ensures our critical mining industry can operate with certainty. I applaud the EPA for their thoughtful approach and thorough review of the proposed rule, for seeking comments from a diverse set of stakeholders and ultimately, for making the right decision. Today's action by the Administrator recognizes the reality that the states have been capably regulating mine bonding without interference from Washington and should be allowed to continue to do so."

"States have developed comprehensive financial responsibility programs for hardrock mining in the 30 years since the passage of CERCLA 108(b)(1)," **said Jim Ogsbury, executive director of the bipartisan Western Governors' Association.** "These programs require operators to comply with state regulations, implement reclamation and post-closure plans, and post financial assurance to minimize risks to public health and the environment. Western Governors appreciate EPA's decision regarding its proposed financial assurance requirements under CERCLA 108(b), which would have duplicated or supplanted existing and proven state financial assurance regulations."

"EPA's actions to rescind the CERCLA 108(b) financial assurance rule is another positive step by EPA in eliminating redundant regulations and recognizing the importance of cooperative federalism," **said Todd Parfitt, director of Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality.**

A pre-publication version of this action may be viewed at: https://www.epa.gov/superfund/proposed-rule-financial-responsibility-requirements-under-cercla-section-108b-classes

Contact Us to ask a question, provide feedback, or report a problem.

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Subject: RE: Promotional Materials - IPAA
Attachments: 182018CallUpAgenda.pdf; 182018CallUpRegForm.pdf

Sure. Attached you will find the schedule we will post on our website as well as our registration form which both reference an EPA meeting.

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, January 9, 2018 10:26 AM
To: Kundinger, Kelly <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov>; Samantha McDonald <SMcDonald@ipaa.org>
Subject: RE: Promotional Materials - IPAA

Hey! Can you all send the attachment?

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Sent: Tuesday, January 9, 2018 9:28 AM
To: Samantha McDonald <SMcDonald@ipaa.org>
Cc: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Promotional Materials - IPAA

Good morning Sam –

Thank you for sending this over. I am looping in Tate Bennett from our Office of Public Engagement (she was also on the call with us last week) for approval.

Thanks,

Kelly

From: Samantha McDonald [mailto:SMcDonald@ipaa.org]
Sent: Tuesday, January 9, 2018 8:52 AM
To: Kundinger, Kelly <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov>
Subject: Promotional Materials - IPAA

Kelly,

Thanks for your help on our meeting in March. Attached are what we plan to send to our members this morning. Can you take a look and let me know if your EPA Policy Meeting reference is ok by your team?

Thanks!

Sam

Samantha McDonald
Director of Government Relations
Independent Petroleum Association of America

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Schedule of Events

MONDAY, MARCH 5

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM **CALL-UP ORIENTATION** | Trump International Hotel, Lincoln Library

5:30 PM – 8:30 PM **RECEPTION/DINNER** | Trump International Hotel, Franklin Study

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Chris Stirewalt
Politics Editor, Fox News
Working in Fox News Channel's Washington bureau since 2010, Stirewalt helps coordinate political coverage across Fox platforms—contributing articles, video segments, a popular newsletter, a weekly podcast with co-host Dana Perino, and regular appearances on Fox's most popular programs.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

7:00 AM – 9:00 AM **POLICY BREAKFAST** | Trump International Hotel, Lincoln Library

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
House Majority Whip Steve Scalise (R-La.)
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM **MEETINGS ON CAPITOL HILL**

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM **CONGRESSIONAL RECEPTION**
Photo ID required for entrance.

DINNER ON YOUR OWN

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM **EPA POLICY MEETING** | Meet in Trump Hotel Lobby at 7:30 a.m.

8:45 AM – 10:00 AM **DEBRIEFING MEETING** | Trump International Hotel, Lincoln Library

DEPARTURES

INDEPENDENT PETROLEUM ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
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PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Due to limited space, only two registrants per member company allowed.

NAME _____ NICKNAME FOR BADGE _____

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ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____ EMAIL _____

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EMAIL _____

ASSISTANT'S NAME _____ EMAIL _____

EVENT PARTICIPATION

These functions are only available to those who plan to participate in IPAA organized meetings.
Please indicate which meals you plan to attend. Breakfasts and Dinner are limited to Call-Up participants only.

Monday, March 5	Tuesday, March 6	Wednesday, March 7
___ Call-Up Orientation	___ Policy Breakfast	___ EPA Policy Meeting
___ Reception/Dinner	___ Congressional Reception	___ Debrief Meeting

The Call-Up requires a considerable amount of walking. List any special needs._____

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PARTICIPANT CORPORATE INFORMATION

The following information will help IPAA schedule you with the most appropriate members of Congress.

How many people does your company employ?_____

Which state(s) does your company have production?_____

What federal issues are important to your company and why?_____

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Subject: Re: CERCLA-EPCRA Update

No worries. Happy to be on the list and hear from you.

Lesley Schaaff
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Cell: Ex. 6
lschaaff@hess.com

On Nov 22, 2017, at 9:09 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

> Yes! Happy thanksgiving to you guys! ❤
>
> Sorry- I know this issue isn't your jam. Didn't mean to spam you.
>
> On Nov 22, 2017, at 8:24 PM, Schaaff, Lesley <lschaaff@hess.com> wrote:
>
> > Have a great Thanksgiving eating for 2!
> >
> > Lesley Schaaff
> > Senior Manager, Regulatory Affairs
> > **HESS CORPORATION**
> > *Office:* Ex. 6
> > *Cell:* Ex. 6
> > lschaaff@hess.com
> >
> > On Nov 22, 2017, at 7:56 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:
> >
> > > All-
> > >
> > > As you may have seen, earlier today, the DC Circuit Court of Appeals granted EPA's motion to **further stay the mandate** of its decision vacating EPA's 2008 rule exempting farms from CERCLA and EPCRA emissions reporting requirements **until January 22, 2018**. More information can be found on EPA's website here.
> > >
> > > Happy Thanksgiving Eve.
> > > Tate
> > >
> > > Elizabeth Tate Bennett
> > > Associate Administrator for Public Engagement & Environmental Education
> > > Office of the Administrator
> > > U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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Your message
To: Bennett, Tate
CC: Gordon, Stephen
Subject: [External] U.S. Senate Confirms Matt Leopold to Serve as EPA General Counsel
Sent: 12/15/2017 4:53:36 PM

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Message

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Subject: [External] U.S. Senate Confirms Matt Leopold to Serve as EPA General Counsel

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U.S. Senate Confirms Matt Leopold to Serve as EPA General Counsel

WASHINGTON — U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt praised the U.S. Senate's action to confirm Matt Leopold to serve as general counsel for the for EPA.

"Matt Leopold has tremendous experience in environmental litigation and is committed to the rule of law," **said Administrator Scott Pruitt**. "I want to thank Leader McConnell and Chairman Barrasso for their assistance in ensuring Mr. Leopold's confirmation, and I look forward to working with Matt to maintain the integrity and lawfulness of the Agency."

On October 25, 2017, the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, led by U.S. Senator John Barrasso (R-WY), advanced Matt Leopold's nomination out of committee.

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Message

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Subject: Re: Meeting with RJ at 2 now

I saw that. Looks like y'all won't be starved for work!

Brad Viator
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> Btw ANPRM coming out now
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Subject: Automatic reply: CERCLA-EPCRA Update

Thank you for your message. I am out of the office today, returning Monday, November 27.

I will be checking email periodically, but if this this is an urgent matter, please reach me at 703-863-0806.

Thank you -
Taylor

Message

From: Nolan, Rich [RNolan@nma.org]
Sent: 11/28/2017 3:14:12 PM
To: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
Subject: Fwd: Waiting to testify...

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Message

From: Bill Couser[Ex. 6]
Sent: 12/2/2017 12:23:09 PM
To: Bill Northey [whn@iowaagriculture.gov]; Mike Naig [mnaig@mchsi.com]; Ncouser [Ex. 6]; Tcouser [Ex. 6]; Chuck.gipp@dnr.iowa.gov; Jtaylor4lec[Ex. 6]; David Petty [iowariverranch@heartofiowa.net]; TIERNEY, DAVE [AG/2001] [dave.tierney@monsanto.com]; Brad Albin [brad.albin@regi.com]; Hill, Howard DVM, Ph.D. [hhill@iowaselect.com]; Craig Hill [chill@ifbf.org]; Jim Christensen [Ex. 6] Eric Hakmiller [ehakmiller@lincolnwayenergy.com];[Ex. 6] Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Eamonn Byrne [eamonn.byrne@lakeviewenergyllc.com]; Casey Couser [Ex. 6]; Paul&Mary [Ex. 6] Cacho, Julia [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=d1968f045a1f428993eefdaa5c9180e5-CACHO, JULIA]; randy.howard@regi.com; Kayla.lyon@iowa.gov; Kevin Kuhle [kkuhle@ifbf.org]; John Lawrence [jdlaw@iastate.edu]
Subject: Thank you

To All,
Our family would like to Thank all of you for taking time out of your busy day to be the Administrator yesterday. All we can say is WOW! The message going back to DC is from the boots on the ground people that live and represent all of us.
You made a difference.
Have a Merry Christmas with family and friends
Sincerely,
The Couser's

Message

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Sent: 11/27/2017 12:10:39 PM
To: Bill Northey [whn@iowaagriculture.gov]; Mike Naig [mnaig@mchsi.com]; Ncouser [Ex. 6] Tcouser [Ex. 6] Chuck.gipp@dnr.iowa.gov; Jtaylor4lec [Ex. 6] David Petty [iowariverranch@heartofiowa.net]; TIERNEY, DAVE [AG/2001] [dave.tierney@monsanto.com]; Brad Albin [brad.albin@regi.com]; Hill, Howard DVM, Ph.D. [hhill@iowaselect.com]; Craig Hill [chill@ifbf.org]; Jim Christensen [Ex. 6]; Eric Hakmiller [ehakmiller@lincolnwayenergy.com]; [Ex. 6] Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Eamonn Byrne [eamonn.byrne@lakeviewenergyllc.com]; Casey Couser [Ex. 6] [Ex. 6]; Cacho, Julia [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=d1968f045a1f428993eefdaa5c9180e5-CACHO, JULIA]; randy.howard@regi.com; Kayla.lyon@iowa.gov; Kevin Kuhle [kkuhle@ifbf.org]
Subject: invile

Hey All,
Just a reminder this event is not open to the public. It's RSVP by organizations who were invited. So check with the organization that you might be representing to make sure people that might want to join can participate. .

Thank you
Bill

Message

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Subject: Re: Quick call this AM

Awesome. Chat then. Thx.

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Edison Electric Institute
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I can also chat after 5.

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Delivery Report

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To: bwkirkham@marathonoil.com
Subject: Undeliverable: [External] U.S. Senate Confirms David Ross to Lead EPA Water Office
Attachments: [External] U.S. Senate Confirms David Ross to Lead EPA Water Office

Your message
To: Bennett, Tate
CC: Gordon, Stephen
Subject: [External] U.S. Senate Confirms David Ross to Lead EPA Water Office
Sent: 12/15/2017 3:57:43 PM

Delivery has failed to these recipients or groups:

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The email address you entered couldn't be found. Please check the recipient's email address and try to resend the message. If the problem continues, please contact your email admin.

Diagnostic information for administrators:

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bwkirkham@marathonoil.com
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U.S. Senate Confirms David Ross to Lead EPA Water Office

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt praised the U.S. Senate's action to confirm David Ross to serve as the assistant administrator for EPA's Office of Water.

"David Ross has a record of holding polluters accountable and navigating through complex environmental law on behalf of the state of Wisconsin," **said Administrator Scott Pruitt**. "His expertise will be vital to the Agency as we look to keep our water clean and provide regulatory certainty for the stakeholder community. I want to thank Leader McConnell and Chairman Barrasso for moving Mr. Ross through the confirmation process, and I look forward to the numerous contributions David will bring to the Agency's water office."

On October 25, 2017, the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, led by U.S. Senator John Barrasso (R-WY), advanced David Ross's nomination out of committee.

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Hey all,
Just received these.
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Bill
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Good morning Gents,
Here's the link to the Iowa gallery...

https://www.flickr.com/gp/usepagov/93uj9X

Bill, sorry I had to rush off before thanking you and Nancy for your warm hospitality. It was a real pleasure meeting you.

David, there are a few pics of you with the Administrator sprinkled through the farm set.

Kind regards,

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Eric Vance

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Subject: Re: Hey!

Hey Tate,

It was great seeing you earlier. Thank you for hosting us and putting on a great event.

As requested, I have copied Tony Kavanagh of AEP so you have his contact information. Tony is a great resource for all things energy.

Hope you guys have a great Thanksgiving.

RH

Message

From: Zumwalt, Bryan [Bryan_Zumwalt@americanchemistry.com]
Sent: 10/24/2017 10:22:51 AM
To: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
Subject: Automatic reply: Call with Millan Hupp and Tate Bennett, EPA and Bryan Zumwalt, ACC

Hello, and thank you for your email. I will be out of the office until Monday, October 30th. I will have almost no access to email or phone during this period. If you need immediate assistance, please contact my assistant, Holly Halsey, at Ex. 6 or holly_halsey@americanchemistry.com.

My apologies for the inconvenience,

Bryan

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Message

From: Beis, Taylor [TBeis@eei.org]
Sent: 10/9/2017 12:58:48 PM
To: Viator, Brad [BViator@eei.org]
CC: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
Subject: Re: Introductions

Yes, 10:00 am arrival.

We'll have some staff that will leave the room at 10:00 am and then we'll move into our "meet and greet" with the labor folks.

I will send you a list of who is confirmed shortly.

Tate, could you please let us know any staff attending with you? We'll provide names to security so check-in is expedited.

Also, do you have a biography or any other information you'd like to provide for a quick introduction tomorrow?

When you do arrive, please check in at Security in the building lobby and proceed to 4th floor of our offices.

Look forward to seeing you tomorrow. And please us know if you need anything from us!

Taylor

Taylor A. Beis
c Ex. 6

On Oct 9, 2017, at 8:43 AM, Viator, Brad <BViator@eei.org> wrote:

> I still have you arriving at 10. We have some other business we will cover in the meeting from 930-10, and then we will get you introduced and talking to everyone.
>
> Taylor, is that right?
>
> **From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
> **Sent:** Monday, October 09, 2017 8:40 AM
> **To:** Viator, Brad <BViator@eei.org>
> **Subject:** Fwd: Introductions
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>
> So 9:30 tomorrow, right?
>
> Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: jimhunter <jim@jimhunterllc.com>
Date: October 4, 2017 at 10:13:42 AM EDT
To: "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: "Beis, Taylor" <TBeis@eei.org>, Brian Kerkhoven <bkerkhoven@buildingtrades.org>, "Viator, Brad" <BViator@eei.org>, "Gordon, Stephen" <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>, Gene Trisko <Ex. 6 "Donnie_Colston@IBEW.org" <Donnie_Colston@IBEW.org>, Cecile Conroy <cconroy@boilermakers.org>, Brad Markell <bmarkell@aflcio.org>, Phil Smith <psmith@umwa.org>, abanig <abanig@umwa.org>
Subject: Re: Introductions

Tate,

We have decided to replace our regular meeting at EEI with a meet and greet with you and we will provide an overview of our letter. I look forward to seeing you Oct. 10th at 9:30 am if that will work for you.

Jim Hunter

Sent from my iPhone

Message

From: Viator, Brad [BViator@eei.org]
Sent: 11/2/2017 1:33:53 PM
To: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
Subject: RE: CPP Repeal Public Hearing Announcement

Thanks for sharing.

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, November 02, 2017 9:32 AM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: CPP Repeal Public Hearing Announcement

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Date: November 2, 2017 at 9:25:27 AM EDT
To: "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: CPP Repeal Public Hearing Announcement

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From: "Gunasekara, Mandy" <Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov>
Date: November 2, 2017 at 9:21:21 AM EDT
To: "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>, "Gordon, Stephen" <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>, "Lyons, Troy" <lyons.troy@epa.gov>, "Palich, Christian" <palich.christian@epa.gov>, "Ringel, Aaron" <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>, "Cory, Preston (Katherine)" <Cory.Preston@epa.gov>
Cc: "Bowman, Liz" <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>, "Jackson, Ryan" <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: CPP Repeal Public Hearing Announcement

Hi All- the plan is to go live with the public hearing announcement at 10 this morning. I'll send around the notice in a sec.

The details:

Charleston, West Virginia on the Capital complex
NOV 28-29
Details for how to participate will be included in the Fr publication (which is imminent).

Sent from my iPhone

Message

From: Hupp, Millan [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=92CAC7B684B64F90953B753A01BEE0D5-HUPP, MILLA]
Sent: 10/19/2017 9:18:12 PM
To: Halsey, Holly [Holly_Halsey@americanchemistry.com]
CC: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
Subject: Re: Administrator Pruitt speech at ACC Board

Holly -- could we please do 4:45PM ET on the 30th?

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 19, 2017, at 3:25 PM, Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov> wrote:

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>
> Thank you Holly.
>
> Sent from my iPad
>
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> > Hello Milan. Please let me know if any of the following dates/times below will work. Note, I'm assuming 30 minutes for the call. Please let me know if you need more time.
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> > Best,
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Sounds great. Thank you Bryan.

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From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 4:08 PM
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To: Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
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Yes please. Thank you so much.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 20, 2017, at 10:14 AM, Halsey, Holly <Holly_Halsey@americanchemistry.com> wrote:

> 4:45 would be great, Millan. Thank you. Should I add you and Tate to the appointment? Please let me know and I'll send out an invite with our conference call information.
>
> Best,
>
> Holly
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Subject: Re: Follow-Up

Absolutely. I think we have a few follow-up items so will be in touch soon.

Thanks for taking the time

Brad Viator
Edison Electric Institute
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> ---
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> Brad,
>
> Tate and I wanted to thank you for arranging the roundtable last Friday at your office. It was extremely helpful to meet with all of those folks.
>
> Look forward to working with you in the future.
>
> Have a good afternoon!
>
> Regards,
> Stephen
>
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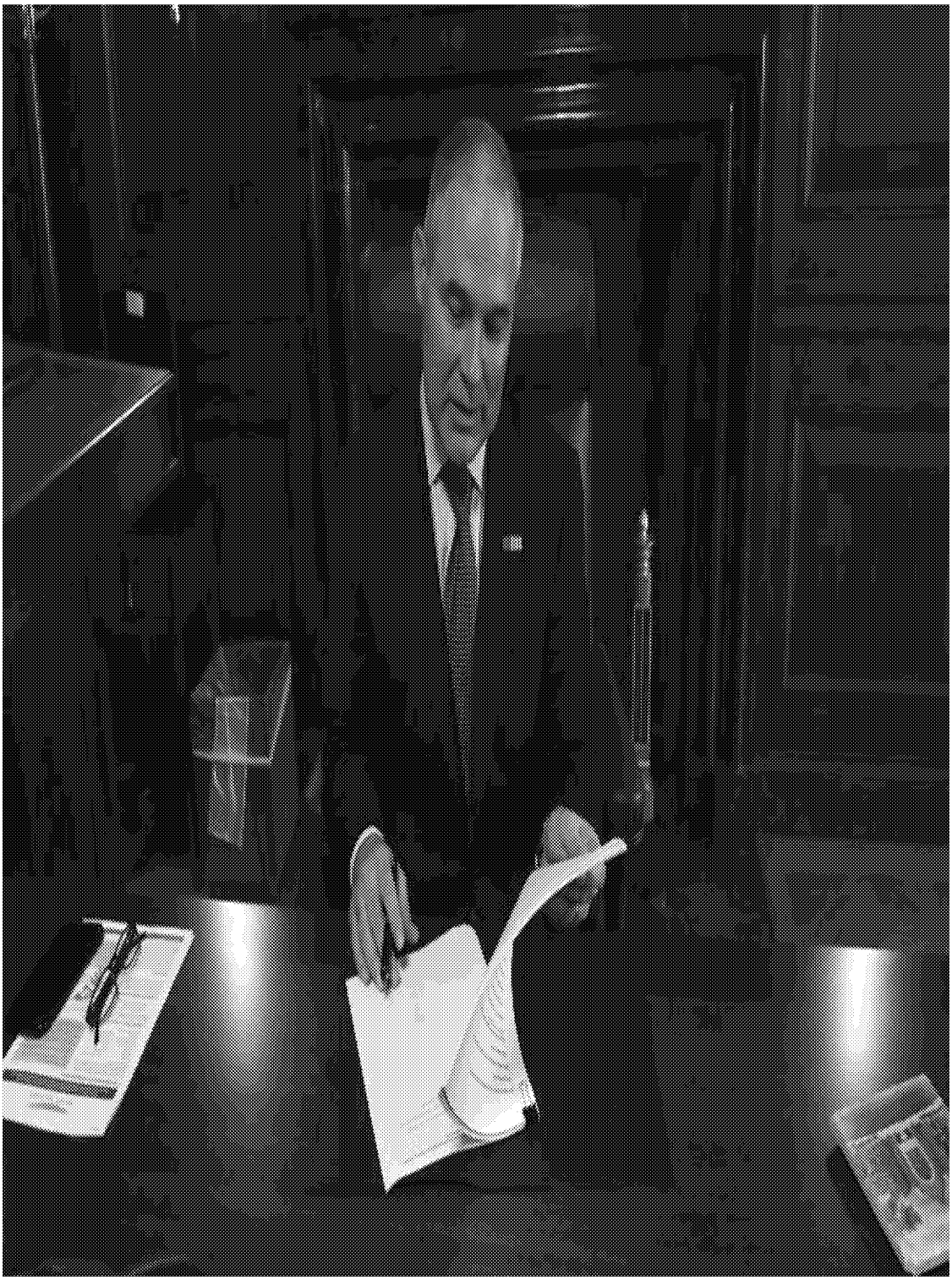
EPA Takes Another Step To Advance President Trump's America First Strategy, Proposes Repeal Of "Clean Power Plan"

WASHINGTON (October 10, 2017) - Today, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), proposing to repeal the so-called "Clean Power Plan (CPP)." After reviewing the CPP, EPA has proposed to determine that the Obama-era regulation exceeds the Agency's statutory authority. Repealing the CPP will also facilitate the development of U.S. energy resources and reduce unnecessary regulatory burdens associated with the development of those resources, in keeping with the principles established in President Trump's Executive Order on Energy Independence.

"The Obama administration pushed the bounds of their authority so far with the CPP that the Supreme Court issued a historic stay of the rule, preventing its devastating effects to be imposed on the American people while the rule is being challenged in court," **said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt.** "We are committed to righting the wrongs of the Obama administration by cleaning the regulatory slate. Any replacement rule

will be done carefully, properly, and with humility, by listening to all those affected by the rule."



CPP Appears to be Inconsistent with the Clean Air Act

The CPP, issued by the Obama administration, was premised on a novel and expansive

view of Agency authority that the Trump administration now proposes to determine is inconsistent with the Clean Air Act. In fact, the CPP was put on hold in February 2016, when the U.S. Supreme Court issued an unprecedented, historic stay of the rule.

"EPA will respect the limits of statutory authority. The CPP ignored states' concerns and eroded longstanding and important partnerships that are a necessary part of achieving positive environmental outcomes. We can now assess whether further regulatory action is warranted; and, if so, what is the most appropriate path forward, consistent with the Clean Air Act and principles of cooperative federalism," **said Administrator Pruitt**.

The CPP was issued pursuant to a novel and expansive view of authority under Section 111 of the Clean Air Act (CAA). The CPP required regulated entities to take actions "outside the fence line." Traditionally, EPA Section 111 rules were based on measures that could be applied to, for, and at a particular facility, also referred to as "inside the fence line" measures. Prior to the CPP being issued, every single Section 111 rule on the books, including a handful of existing source rules and around 100 new-source rules, obeyed this limit. As the CPP departed from this traditional limit on EPA's authority under an "inside the fence line" interpretation, EPA is proposing to repeal it.

EPA has now sent the NPRM to the Federal Register for publication. Upon publication, the public will have 60 days to submit comments.

The repeal package includes:

1. The "preamble," which lays out the proposed legal interpretation, policy implications, and a summary of the cost-benefits analysis of the proposed repeal; and
2. The "Regulatory Impact Analysis (RIA)," an in-depth cost-benefit technical analysis.

CPP Repeal Saves up to $33 Billion in Avoided Costs in 2030

The proposed repeal both examines the Obama administration's cost-benefit analysis, as well as provides insights to support an updated analysis of the environmental, health, and economic effects of the proposed repeal. The Trump administration estimates the proposed repeal could provide up to $33 billion in avoided compliance costs in 2030.

The previous administration's estimates and analysis of these costs and benefits was, in multiple areas, highly uncertain and/or controversial. Specific areas of controversy and/or uncertainty in the Obama administration's analysis of CPP include:

- **Domestic versus global climate benefits**: The previous administration compared U.S. costs to an estimate of supposed global benefits, and failed to follow well-established economic procedures in estimating those benefits.

- **"Co-benefits" from non-greenhouse-gas pollutants**: The Obama administration relied heavily on reductions in other pollutants emitted by power plants, essentially hiding the true net cost of the CPP by claiming benefits from reducing pollutants that had nothing to do with the rule's stated purpose.

- **Energy cost and savings accounting**: The Obama administration counted "energy efficiency" results of their rule as an avoided cost, resulting in a cost estimate being considerably lower than it would have been if they used the appropriate practice of considering these effects as benefits, rather than subtracting them from costs. Had the Obama administration used the Office of Management and Budget's longstanding requirements and accounted cost and savings accordingly, it would have presented a more accurate accounting of the total cost of the CPP.

In this proposed repeal and its accompanying technical documents, this administration is, in a robust, open, and transparent way, presenting a wide range of analysis scenarios to the public.

As part of the notice-and-comment process for this proposed repeal, EPA will continue this analysis and inform the public, as necessary, to get feedback on new modeling and other information. The final action on this proposed repeal will address the results of this ongoing work.

Forthcoming is an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) that will be reflective of a thoughtful and responsible approach to regulatory action grounded within the authority provided by the statute.

"With this action, the Trump administration is respecting states' role and reinstating transparency into how we protect our environment," **said Administrator Pruitt**.

Background:
On March 28, President Trump signed an Executive Order on Energy Independence, establishing a national policy in favor of energy independence, economic growth, and the rule of law. The purpose of the Executive Order (EO) is to facilitate the development of U.S. energy resources and to reduce unnecessary regulatory burdens associated with the development of those resources. That same day, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt signed four Federal Register notices in response to the EO, including a formal announcement of review of the Clean Power Plan. After substantial review, the Agency has proposed to determine that the Clean Power Plan (CPP) must be repealed.

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Your message
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If you're not able to fix the problem, it's likely that only the recipient's email admin can fix it. Contact the recipient by some other means (by phone, for example) and ask them to tell their email admin about the problem. Give them the "Reported Error" from the "Error Details" section below.

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More Info for Email Admins

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Check the error for information about where the problem is happening - For example, look for a domain name like contoso.com. A domain name in the error might suggest who is responsible for the error. It could be the recipient's email server, or it could be a third-party service that your organization or the recipient's organization is using to process or filter email messages.

If you can't fix the problem, contact the responsible party's email admin - Give them the error code and error message from this non-delivery report (NDR) to help them troubleshoot the issue. For security or policy violation issues, it might be sufficient for them to just add your sending IP addresses or domain to their allowed senders list.

It's likely that only the recipient's email admin can fix the problem. Unfortunately, it's unlikely Office 365 Support will be able to help with these kinds of externally reported errors.

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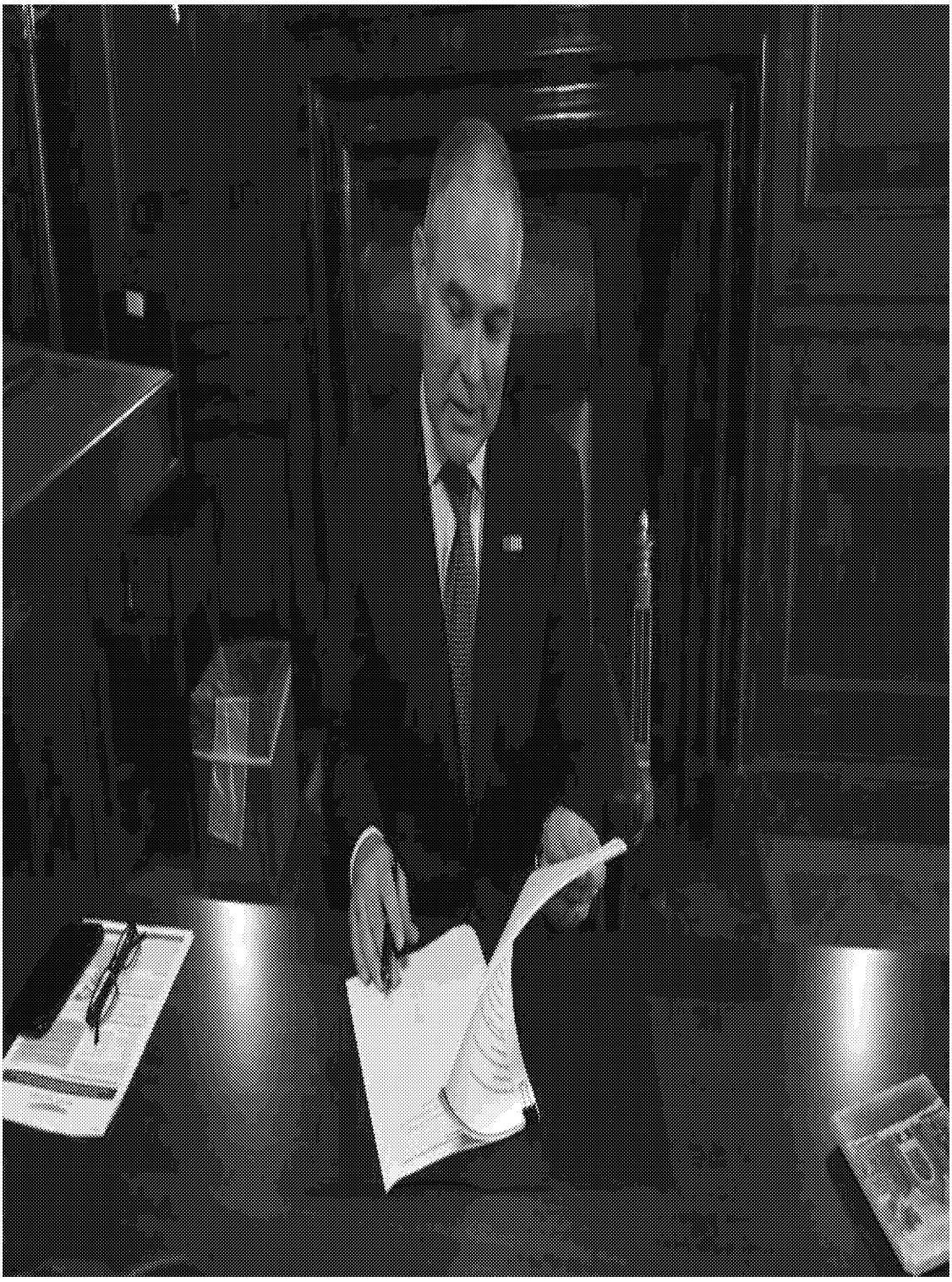
EPA Takes Another Step To Advance President Trump's America First Strategy, Proposes Repeal Of "Clean Power Plan"

WASHINGTON (October 10, 2017) - Today, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), proposing to repeal the so-called "Clean Power Plan (CPP)." After reviewing the CPP, EPA has proposed to determine that the Obama-era regulation exceeds the Agency's statutory authority. Repealing the CPP will also facilitate the development of U.S. energy resources and reduce unnecessary regulatory burdens associated with the development of those resources, in keeping with the principles established in President Trump's Executive Order on Energy Independence.

"The Obama administration pushed the bounds of their authority so far with the CPP that the Supreme Court issued a historic stay of the rule, preventing its devastating effects to be imposed on the American people while the rule is being challenged in court," **said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt.** "We are committed to righting the wrongs of the Obama administration by cleaning the regulatory slate. Any replacement rule

will be done carefully, properly, and with humility, by listening to all those affected by the rule."



CPP Appears to be Inconsistent with the Clean Air Act

The CPP, issued by the Obama administration, was premised on a novel and expansive

view of Agency authority that the Trump administration now proposes to determine is inconsistent with the Clean Air Act. In fact, the CPP was put on hold in February 2016, when the U.S. Supreme Court issued an unprecedented, historic stay of the rule.

"EPA will respect the limits of statutory authority. The CPP ignored states' concerns and eroded longstanding and important partnerships that are a necessary part of achieving positive environmental outcomes. We can now assess whether further regulatory action is warranted; and, if so, what is the most appropriate path forward, consistent with the Clean Air Act and principles of cooperative federalism," **said Administrator Pruitt**.

The CPP was issued pursuant to a novel and expansive view of authority under Section 111 of the Clean Air Act (CAA). The CPP required regulated entities to take actions "outside the fence line." Traditionally, EPA Section 111 rules were based on measures that could be applied to, for, and at a particular facility, also referred to as "inside the fence line" measures. Prior to the CPP being issued, every single Section 111 rule on the books, including a handful of existing source rules and around 100 new-source rules, obeyed this limit. As the CPP departed from this traditional limit on EPA's authority under an "inside the fence line" interpretation, EPA is proposing to repeal it.

EPA has now sent the NPRM to the Federal Register for publication. Upon publication, the public will have 60 days to submit comments.

The repeal package includes:

1. The "preamble," which lays out the proposed legal interpretation, policy implications, and a summary of the cost-benefits analysis of the proposed repeal; and
2. The "Regulatory Impact Analysis (RIA)," an in-depth cost-benefit technical analysis.

CPP Repeal Saves up to $33 Billion in Avoided Costs in 2030

The proposed repeal both examines the Obama administration's cost-benefit analysis, as well as provides insights to support an updated analysis of the environmental, health, and economic effects of the proposed repeal. The Trump administration estimates the proposed repeal could provide up to $33 billion in avoided compliance costs in 2030.

The previous administration's estimates and analysis of these costs and benefits was, in multiple areas, highly uncertain and/or controversial. Specific areas of controversy and/or uncertainty in the Obama administration's analysis of CPP include:

- **Domestic versus global climate benefits**: The previous administration compared U.S. costs to an estimate of supposed global benefits, and failed to follow well-established economic procedures in estimating those benefits.

- **"Co-benefits" from non-greenhouse-gas pollutants**: The Obama administration relied heavily on reductions in other pollutants emitted by power plants, essentially hiding the true net cost of the CPP by claiming benefits from reducing pollutants that had nothing to do with the rule's stated purpose.

- **Energy cost and savings accounting**: The Obama administration counted "energy efficiency" results of their rule as an avoided cost, resulting in a cost estimate being considerably lower than it would have been if they used the appropriate practice of considering these effects as benefits, rather than subtracting them from costs. Had the Obama administration used the Office of Management and Budget's longstanding requirements and accounted cost and savings accordingly, it would have presented a more accurate accounting of the total cost of the CPP.

In this proposed repeal and its accompanying technical documents, this administration is, in a robust, open, and transparent way, presenting a wide range of analysis scenarios to the public.

As part of the notice-and-comment process for this proposed repeal, EPA will continue this analysis and inform the public, as necessary, to get feedback on new modeling and other information. The final action on this proposed repeal will address the results of this ongoing work.

Forthcoming is an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) that will be reflective of a thoughtful and responsible approach to regulatory action grounded within the authority provided by the statute.

"With this action, the Trump administration is respecting states' role and reinstating transparency into how we protect our environment," **said Administrator Pruitt**.

Background:
On March 28, President Trump signed an Executive Order on Energy Independence, establishing a national policy in favor of energy independence, economic growth, and the rule of law. The purpose of the Executive Order (EO) is to facilitate the development of U.S. energy resources and to reduce unnecessary regulatory burdens associated with the development of those resources. That same day, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt signed four Federal Register notices in response to the EO, including a formal announcement of review of the Clean Power Plan. After substantial review, the Agency has proposed to determine that the Clean Power Plan (CPP) must be repealed.

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Subject: Re: Introductions

Yes. 10 AM. Thanks. See you all tomorrow.

Taylor A. Beis
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On Oct 9, 2017, at 5:42 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

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Hey Taylor! Looking forward to this. It will be myself and Stephen Gordon. We should get there at 10?

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On Oct 9, 2017, at 2:10 PM, Beis, Taylor <TBeis@eei.org> wrote:

Tate, here is the list of Labor Reps we are expecting tomorrow:

Lee	Anderson	Utility Workers Union of America
Adam	Banig	United Mineworkers of America
Donnie	Colston	International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
Cecile	Conroy	International Brotherhood of Boilermakers
Jim	Hunter	Jim Hunter, LLC
Anna	Jerry	International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
Brian	Kerkoven	North America's Building Trades Unions
Dave	Mallino	Laborers' International Union of North America
Bill	Neiles	International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
John	Tolman	Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen
Eugene	Trisko	*Consultant*
Dick	Wilson	International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
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Heads up too- looking at cpp repeal only signing tomorrow.

On Oct 9, 2017, at 8:44 AM, Viator, Brad <BViator@eei.org> wrote:

> I still have you arriving at 10. We have some other business we will cover in the meeting from 930-10, and then we will get you introduced and talking to everyone.
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> Taylor, is that right?
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> **From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
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> So 9:30 tomorrow, right?
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> > **From:** jimhunter <jim@jimhunterllc.com>
> > **Date:** October 4, 2017 at 10:13:42 AM EDT
> > **To:** "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
> > **Cc:** "Beis, Taylor" <TBeis@eei.org>, Brian Kerkhoven <bkerkhoven@buildingtrades.org>, "Viator, Brad" <BViator@eei.org>, "Gordon, Stephen" <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>, Gene Trisko Ex. 6 "Donnie_Colston@IBEW.org" <Donnie_Colston@IBEW.org>, Cecile Conroy <cconroy@boilermakers.org>, Brad Markell <bmarkell@aflcio.org>, Phil Smith <psmith@umwa.org>, abanig <abanig@umwa.org>
> > **Subject: Re: Introductions**

Tate,

We have decided to replace our regular meeting at EEI with a meet and greet with you and we will provide an overview of our letter. I look forward to seeing you Oct. 10th at 9:30 am if that will work for you.

Jim Hunter

Sent from my iPhone

Message

From: Viator, Brad [BViator@eei.org]
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Subject: Re: Introductions

Will do.

Brad Viator
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> Good here! Any chance you can send an outlook invite
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> On Oct 3, 2017, at 2:58 PM, Viator, Brad <BViator@eei.org> wrote:
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>> You should come over at 10am. You will be a part of the labor reps meeting from 10-1030, and then we have another room reserved in case you need to talk with them about other specifics at 1030. Does that work?
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>> **From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
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>> Should I just come to the 9:30? Come after meeting? What do I do? Thoughts?

From: jimhunter [mailto:jim@jimhunterllc.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2017 1:41 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Beis, Taylor <TBeis@eei.org>; Brian Kerkhoven <bkerkhoven@buildingtrades.org>; Viator, Brad <BViator@eei.org>; Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Introductions

Tate
The 10th would work for us if you can do it. We meet with EEI from 9:30 am to 10:30, so any time after 11:00 or 11:30 would be best for us but we will do any time you can do it.
Jim

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 3, 2017, at 8:21 AM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

> Hi Jim and Brian!
>
> I look forward to meeting you soon and thanks Taylor for the info. I will be sure and make the 10th a priority if that works for everyone else's schedules (?). Let me know!
>
> Tate
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> Elizabeth Tate Bennett
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> **Subject:** Introductions
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> Jim and Brian,
>
> I wanted to introduce you to Tate Bennett, with EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. She is leading the office's external engagement efforts. In doing so, she'd like to follow-up with staff of the members of UJEP that signed the recent letter sent to Administrator Pruitt.
>
> I have copied her to this email to facilitate the introductions and a staff-level meeting in the next week or so.

Tate, please meet Jim Hunter, who is President of UJEP and former Utility Department Director at the IBEW. As well as Brian Kerkhoven, energy policy director for North America's Building Trades Unions.

Please let me know if I can be of assistance. We tentatively have our monthly labor reps meeting next Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 9:30 AM if that might work to get everyone together.

Best,
Taylor

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CC: Viator, Brad [BViator@eei.org]
Subject: UJEP letter
Attachments: attachment 1.pdf

Tate, attached is the letter to EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt from the Unions for Jobs and Environmental Progress (UJEP) organization.

Jim Hunter, who is the president of UJEP can be helpful with gathering these unions. Additionally, Mike Monroe and Brian Kerkhoven with the Building Trades can facilitate meeting with their affiliates.

What's your timing for staff meeting and then next steps?

Taylor

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September 21, 2017

Re: Clean Power Replacement Rule and NSR Reform

Dear Administrator Pruitt:

We are writing on behalf of our members representing workers from the electric utility, mining, rail, and construction sectors. We have participated for many years in EPA rulemaking proceedings, including the MATS rule and the Clean Power Plan. Our members have engaged the international climate debate through the UN FCCC process, and through domestic climate legislation and litigation.

We understand that EPA is considering options for replacing the Clean Power Plan (CPP) with an alternative regulatory approach. We wish to take this opportunity to outline elements of a replacement rule based on power plant efficiency improvements.

The proposed framework strictly adheres to the statutory requirements for regulating existing sources under section 111(d) of the Clean Air Act (CAA). These requirements give states the primary role in regulating CO_2 emissions from existing EGUs through the establishment of CO_2 performance standards.

Section 111(d) of the CAA limits EPA's role to establishing a "procedure" for states to submit a plan for the establishment of CO_2 performance standards for existing EGUs. Section 111(d) provides states with primary responsibility for developing performance standards for EGUs in accordance with the "procedure" established by EPA.

Each state should have wide latitude to develop a plan that fits its individual circumstances and priorities. While EPA is responsible for determining the Best System of Emission Reduction (BSER) for source categories, EPA cannot dictate what a state must include or how a state must regulate sources within its jurisdiction. States should have authority to establish source-specific standards based on a variety of factors, including the remaining useful life of the unit, unreasonable cost of control, and physical impossibility of installing emissions control equipment.

EPA should establish a federal-state regulatory process establishing general procedures for states to follow in regulating CO_2 emissions from affected EGUs. These procedures would require each state to set CO_2 performance standards for each affected EGU based on site-specific factors. The form of the performance standards could be set, for example, as a range of CO_2 emissions rate limits for units subcategorized by boiler and coal type, as an "operational standard" that describes the efficiency and maintenance measures (either physical or operational) that should be performed to limit CO_2 emissions from the affected unit, or some combination of these approaches.

To assist states in setting such unit-specific performance standards, EPA should develop guidance on how states should account for variability in plant efficiency reflecting factors such as boiler design, coal type, unit age and size, load level, cooling system, and existing pollution controls. The CO_2 performance standard states establish for each unit would be deemed to meet the requirements of section 111(d).

We also believe that the CPP rulemaking provides EPA with an opportunity to revise current New Source Review (NSR) regulations through a parallel rulemaking. NSR reform would enhance the prospects for investments that would create jobs while modernizing the aging coal fleet. DOE's recent Baseload Power Study[1] highlighted the adverse impacts of current NSR regulations:

> The uncertainty stemming from NSR creates an unnecessary burden that discourages rather than encourages installation of CO2 emission control equipment and investments in efficiency because of the additional expenditures and delays associated with the permitting process. Ironically, the uncertainty surrounding NSR requirements has led to a significant lack of investment in plant and efficiency upgrades, which would otherwise lead to more efficient power generation, benefits to grid management, and reduced environmental impacts. EPA has acknowledged these burdens and has made attempts to reform the rules to improve and streamline NSR.[2]

The recently announced formation of an NSR Task Force within the agency is a positive step toward constructive NSR reforms.

We hope that these suggestions will be helpful to you and your staff as the agency moves forward in its consideration of a CPP replacement rule.

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[1] U.S. Department of Energy, Staff Report to the Secretary on Electricity Markets and Reliability (August 2017).
[2] *Id.*, at 44 (footnotes omitted.)

Sincerely,

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Structural, Ornamental, and Reinforcing
Iron Workers

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International Brotherhood of
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Blacksmiths, Forgers and Helpers

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United Mine Workers of America

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Subject: Follow-Up

Brad,

Tate and I wanted to thank you for arranging the roundtable last Friday at your office. It was extremely helpful to meet with all of those folks.

Look forward to working with you in the future.

Have a good afternoon!

Regards,
Stephen

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Thx date.

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On Nov 5, 2017, at 7:39 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

Good evening. Given your interest in this issue, I wanted to provide you with a quick update.

In order to provide regulatory certainty, EPA and the Department of the Army have sent a proposed rule to the Office of Management and Budget for interagency review that would amend the effective date associated with the 2015 Clean Water Rule to give the agencies time to consider the two-step process proposing to rescind and revise the 2015 rule.

Background
The 2015 rule, which redefined the scope of where the Clean Water Act applies, had an effective date of August 28, 2015. Implementation of the 2015 rule is currently on hold as a result of the Sixth Circuit's nationwide stay of the rule. The 2015 rule is also stayed in 13 states due to a District of North Dakota court ruling. EPA and the Army are taking this action to provide certainty and consistency to the regulated community. Once the interagency review is complete, EPA will issue the proposal for public review and comment. More information: https://www.epa.gov/wotus-rule

Let us know if you have any questions.

Tate

Tate Bennett
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Subject: RE: nice meeting you

I'll check. Standby.

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
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Bad news. I'm now traveling with the Administrator up north on Thursday. Could we move to Friday? Sorry to be a pain. Can be flexible on Friday.

From: Viator, Brad [mailto:BViator@eei.org]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 2:46 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
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Got it. And my place. 701 Pennsylvania Ave NW, 4th floor, Washington, DC 20004

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I can't have NRECA there due to my recusal but that works. Your place or ours?

On Sep 22, 2017, at 2:31 PM, Viator, Brad <BViator@eei.org> wrote:

I've got a collection of folks together for Thursday at 4. AFPM, Chamber, ACC, NRECA and me. I have invites out to a few others that I'm still waiting to hear back from.

I can host if you'd like.

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> Perfect.
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> **Cc:** Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: nice meeting you
>
> Tate, let me check with some of the other parties for the 9/27 and 9/28 dates and get back to you tomorrow if that's cool.
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> **From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
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>
> Hey there! Would afternoon on 9/27 or anytime 9/28 work for you all? If not, late next month would be good.
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> **Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 1:54 PM
> **To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** nice meeting you

Tate,

It was nice meeting you yesterday. Send me a few dates that could work for you to meet with the downtown state affairs people and I'll get something pulled together.

Thanks, and let me know if there's anything else I can help with in the interim.

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I am out of the office on vacation until October 23 and will not have access to email. I will respond as soon as I am able when I am back in the office.
If you need immediate assistance concerning Environmental issues, please contact Eric Holdsworth (eholdsworth@eei.org).
If you need immediate assistance concerning External Affairs issues, please contact Brad Viator (bviator@eei.org).

Message

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Subject: Re: EPA TO RECONSIDER CERTAIN COAL ASH RULE PROVISIONS

Thanks!!

On Sep 14, 2017, at 5:33 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

FYI re USWAG's petition.

CONTACT: press@epa.gov

EPA TO RECONSIDER CERTAIN COAL ASH RULE PROVISIONS

WASHINGTON (September 14, 2017) The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has granted two petitions to reconsider substantive provisions of the final rule regulating coal combustion residuals (CCR) as nonhazardous waste under subtitle D of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA).

"In light of EPA's new statutory authority, it is important that we give the existing rule a hard look and consider improvements that may help states tailor their permit programs to the needs of their states, in a way that provides greater regulatory certainty, while also ensuring that human health and the environment remain protected," said **EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt.**

In granting the petitions, EPA determined that it was appropriate, and in the public's interest to reconsider specific provisions of the final CCR rule based in part on the authority provided through the Water Infrastructure for Improvements to the Nation (WIIN) Act. EPA is not committing to changing any part of the rule, or agreeing with the merits of the petition - the Agency is simply granting petitions to reconsider specific provisions. Should EPA decide to revise specific provisions of the final CCR rule, it will go through notice and comment period.

The petition from the Utility Solid Waste Activities Group (USWAG) was submitted May 12, 2017, and seeks reconsideration of 11 specific provisions of the final CCR rule, including provisions prohibiting the use of alternative points of compliance for ground water contamination, regulating inactive surface impoundments, and defining what activities constitute beneficial use of CCR. The petition from AES Puerto Rico LLP was submitted May 31, 2017, and seeks reconsideration of certain on-site storage practices.

The current rule went into effect on October 19, 2015 and regulates how CCR generated from electric utilities and independent power producers is managed and disposed of in surface impoundments and landfills. The rule also defines what constitutes beneficial use of CCR; and, therefore, is excluded from the rule's requirements.

In December 2016, the WIIN Act was enacted into law. Section 2301 of the WIIN Act provides authority for states to operate permit programs under subtitle D of RCRA, as long as the EPA determines that the state's requirements are as protective as the standards in the 2015 final rule or successor regulations. Should EPA decide to revise specific provisions of the final CCR rule, it will go through a notice and comment process.

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Sent: 9/21/2017 11:56:10 AM
To: darcy@teapartypatriots.org
CC: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
Subject: Administrator Pruitt meeting with Tea Party Patriots

Darcy,

Good morning to you. I will be handling the Administrator's visit tomorrow. May I give you a quick call this morning to discuss a few details?

Thank you so much,
Millan

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Message

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Subject: Re: UJEP letter

Yes 10th, apologies. On travel and days mixed up. We meet at 9:30 am.

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Taylor

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Subject: Re:

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> On Oct 9, 2017, at 9:16 AM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:
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> He's signing the NPRM (Repeal only- no replacement) likely tomorrow.

Message

From: Brian Kerkhoven [bkerkhoven@buildingtrades.org]
Sent: 10/3/2017 5:47:56 PM
To: jimhunter [jim@jimhunterllc.com]
CC: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Beis, Taylor [TBeis@eei.org]; Viator, Brad [BViator@eei.org]; Gordon, Stephen [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=7c8fb4d82bff4eec98f5c5d00a47f554-Gordon, Ste]
Subject: Re: Introductions
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The 10th is the day for me. I am clear after 12!

Thanks.

On Oct 3, 2017, at 1:41 PM, jimhunter <jim@jimhunterllc.com<mailto:jim@jimhunterllc.com>> wrote:

Tate
The 10th would work for us if you can do it. We meet with EEI from 9:30 am to 10:30, so any time after 11:00 or 11:30 would be best for us but we will do any time you can do it.
Jim

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 3, 2017, at 8:21 AM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov<mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>> wrote:

Hi Jim and Brian!

I look forward to meeting you soon and thanks Taylor for the info. I will be sure and make the 10th a priority if that works for everyone else's schedules (?). Let me know!

Tate

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From: Beis, Taylor [mailto:TBeis@eei.org]
Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2017 9:42 AM
To: jimhunter <jim@jimhunterllc.com<mailto:jim@jimhunterllc.com>>; Brian Kerkhoven <bkerkhoven@buildingtrades.org<mailto:bkerkhoven@buildingtrades.org>>
Cc: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov<mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>>; Viator, Brad <BViator@eei.org<mailto:BViator@eei.org>>
Subject: Introductions

Jim and Brian,

I wanted to introduce you to Tate Bennett, with EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. She is leading the office's external engagement efforts. In doing so, she'd like to follow-up with staff of the members of UJEP that signed the recent letter sent to Administrator Pruitt.

I have copied her to this email to facilitate the introductions and a staff-level meeting in the next week or so.

Tate, please meet Jim Hunter, who is President of UJEP and former Utility Department Director at the IBEW. As well as Brian Kerkhoven, energy policy director for North America's Building Trades Unions.

Please let me know if I can be of assistance. We tentatively have our monthly labor reps meeting next Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 9:30 AM if that might work to get everyone together.

Best,
Taylor

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Subject: RE: Cpp repeal

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From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
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To: Bennett, Tate
Subject: Cpp repeal

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Likely signed tomorrow. Just a heads up

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Subject: Re: Introductions

Tate,
We have decided to replace our regular meeting at EEI with a meet and greet with you and we will provide an overview of our letter. I look forward to seeing you Oct. 10th at 9:30 am if that will work for you.
Jim Hunter

Sent from my iPhone

Message

From: Dominguez, Alexander [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=5CED433B4EF54171864ED98A36CB7A5F-DOMINGUEZ,]
Sent: 10/10/2017 6:02:09 PM
To: Beis, Taylor [TBeis@eei.org]; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
CC: Viator, Brad [BViator@eei.org]
Subject: RE: Attendees from this morning

Let's go for 3:00. Let me know if there is a best number to reach out at or you can call my work cell **Ex. 6**
Appreciate it.

Alex Dominguez
Policy Analyst to the Senior Advisors to
the Administrator for Air and Water
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From: Beis, Taylor [mailto:TBeis@eei.org]
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 1:52 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Viator, Brad <BViator@eei.org>; Dominguez, Alexander <dominguez.alexander@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Attendees from this morning

Is now good or would 3:00 PM work?

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 1:43 PM
To: Beis, Taylor
Cc: Viator, Brad; Dominguez, Alexander
Subject: RE: Attendees from this morning

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Hey Taylor! Forget that scheduling form. RJ is ready to move. Do you have time to speak with Alex in our office of air today regarding setting up a meeting? He is cc'd - Tate

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From: Beis, Taylor [mailto:TBeis@eei.org]
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 11:33 AM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Viator, Brad <BViator@eei.org>
Subject: Attendees from this morning

Tate,

Here are the attendees from this morning with email address so you have them all. FYI – Donnie Colson, from KY, is Utility Department Director with the IBEW. His staff includes Anna, Bill, and Dick.
Taylor

First Name	Last Name	Company/Organization	Email
Lee	Anderson	Utility Workers Union of America (UWUA)	landerson@uwua.net
Adam	Banig	United Mine Workers of America (UMWA)	abanig@umwa.org
Donnie	Colston	International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW)	Donnie_Colston@IBEW.org
Cecile	Conroy	International Brotherhood of Boilermakers	cconroy@boilermakers.org
Jim	Hunter	Jim Hunter, LLC	Jim@jimhunterllc.com
Anna	Jerry	International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers	anna_jerry@ibew.org
Brian	Kerkoven	North America's Building Trades Unions (NABTU)	bkerkhoven@bctd.org
Brad	Markell	AFL-CIO	bmarkell@aflcio.org
Bill	Neiles	International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers	William_Neiles@IBEW.org
Eugene	Trisko	*Consultant*	Ex. 6
Dick	Wilson	International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers	dick_wilson@ibew.org

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Subject: Automatic reply: UJEP letter

Thank you for your message. I am currently out of the office.

If this is an urgent matter, please reach me at Ex. 6

Thank you -
Taylor

Message

From: Ford, Hayley [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=4748A9029CF74453A20EE8AC9527830C-FORD, HAYLE]
Sent: 9/19/2017 3:51:20 PM
To: darcy@teapartypatriots.org; Ex. 6
CC: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Teller, Paul S. EOP/WHO Ex. 6
Subject: RE: Tea Party Patriots White House Briefing Request

Hello Jenny and Darcy,

Thank you for extending the below invitation to the Administrator. He would be happy to meet with the group this Friday. It would probably be easiest if we hosted the top advocates at EPA Headquarters, but I did see you mentioned the White House. We might be able to make that work, but we would defer to you on whether you've already set something up there, reserved a space, etc. Please let us know what you had in mind.

Thank you and I look forward to receiving additional details!

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From: Jenny Beth Martin [mailto: Ex. 6
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2017 4:31 PM
To: Bowman.Liz@epa.gov
Cc: Darcy@teapartypatriots.org; Teller, Paul S. EOP/WHO Ex. 6
Subject: Tea Party Patriots White House Briefing Request

Dear Ms. Bowman,

Tea Party Patriots – the nation's largest grassroots tea party organization – will host an activist rally on **September 23, 2017, at 12pm in Upper Senate Park, just outside the Capitol**.

As part of our activists' trip to Washington, D.C., we would like to organize a *White House briefing for them, which Paul Teller arranged for* ***Friday, September 22nd at 2:30.*** Our activists are eager to help advance President Trump's agenda, and a briefing at the White House to discuss priority issues such as tax reform and repealing ObamaCare would provide our activists with the insights they need to complete their important work across the country.

We would greatly appreciate your help in securing a meeting for our top activists with Administrator Scott Pruitt on Friday, September 22 and/or as a speaker at the rally in Upper Senate Park on Saturday, September 23.

Our supporters have been excited about President Trump's message, and we are organizing this trip to DC, including the rally, to help our activists refine their engagement skills, and to learn more about the policy issues the President is advancing.

Please contact my Executive Assistant, Darcy Crisp, at Ex. 6 or darcy@teapartypatriots.org so we can work to set up a White House briefing for the nation's top tea party activists.

Thank you for your consideration of this important request. I am grateful for your continued assistance, as Tea Party Patriots works to advance the President's agenda.

In liberty,

Jenny Beth Martin

cc: Paul Teller

cc: Darcy Crisp

Jenny Beth Martin
Tea Party Patriots, Co-Founder
Tea Party Patriots Citizens Fund
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Message

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Subject: FW: Administrator Scott Pruitt Statement on President Trump's Tax Reform Proposal

All,

Please see below for the Administrator's statement on the President's tax reform proposal.

Regards,
Preston Cory

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To: Cory, Preston (Katherine) <Cory.Preston@epa.gov>
Subject: Administrator Scott Pruitt Statement on President Trump's Tax Reform Proposal

Contact Information: press@epa.gov

Administrator Scott Pruitt Statement on President Trump's Tax Reform Proposal

WASHINGTON (August 30, 2017) -- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt today released the following statement on President Trump's tax reform proposal:

"President Trump is leading the fight for tax reform that will benefit all Americans. At EPA, we have worked to promote regulatory certainty that will help create jobs and produce a cleaner environment. This goes hand in hand with the President's plan to

create a tax system that will provide clarity and restore fairness for a more prosperous America."

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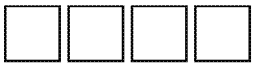

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Subject: Additional Fuel Waivers Issued, and other comments

Below is the latest from EPA. In sum, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt yesterday was on the ground in Texas assessing existing and potential environmental damage caused by Harvey, has approved additional emergency fuel waivers, has deployed staff on the ground near a chemical facility and finally has issued a joint statement with Texas DEQ. Let me know if you have any questions.

-Tate

Elizabeth Tate Bennett
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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EPA Approves Emergency Fuel Waivers for 38 States and Washington, D.C.

WASHINGTON (August 31, 2017) — As a result of the continuing impacts on Gulf Coast-area refineries and disruption to the fuel distribution system caused by Hurricane Harvey, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator

Scott Pruitt today exercised EPA's emergency fuel waiver authority to help ensure an adequate supply of fuel throughout the country.

EPA has waived requirements for reformulated gasoline and low volatility conventional gasoline through September 15 in the following states and the District of Columbia: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Wisconsin, Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, and Texas. Today's waiver supersedes and expands the areas covered by the waiver issued on August 30. The sale of gasoline containing up to 15 percent ethanol (E15) must continue to comply with federal rules, which are designed to minimize the potential for E15 being used in vehicles that are not designed to use this fuel.

The waiver authority was exercised under the Clean Air Act and was granted by EPA Administrator Pruitt, in coordination with the U.S. Secretary of Energy Rick Perry.

As required by law, EPA and the Department of Energy (DOE) evaluated the situation and determined that granting a short-term waiver was consistent with the public interest. EPA and DOE are continuing to actively monitor the fuel supply situation as a result of Hurricane Harvey, and will act expeditiously if extreme and unusual supply circumstances exist in other areas.

To mitigate any impacts on air quality, the Clean Air Act provides strict criteria for when fuels waivers may be granted, and requires that waivers be limited as much as possible in terms of their geographic scope and duration.

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EPA Statement on Reported Explosion at Chemical Plant in Crosby, Texas

WASHINGTON (August 31, 2017) — U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt released the following statement on the report of an explosion at an Arkema facility in Crosby, Texas that occurred in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey:

"EPA's focus is on the safety of those around the facility and we urge those in the area to follow the safety instructions of local authorities. EPA is providing assistance and resources to the first responders in Harris County and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

"EPA has emergency response personnel on the scene and the Agency is currently reviewing data received from an aircraft that surveyed the scene early this morning. This information indicates that there are no concentrations of concern for toxic materials reported at this time.

"We will consider using any authority we have to further address the situation to protect human health and the environment."

Additional Background:

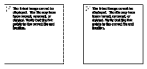
At approximately 2:45 a.m. CT this morning the National Response Center received a report from Arkema concerning a reported explosion at their facility in Crosby, Texas.

As described in the National Contingency Plan (a federal fegulation under the CERCLA statute), EPA is required to prepare for and respond to any release or threat of release of oil, hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants into the environment that may present an imminent and substantial threat to public health or welfare and the environment.

As a result, EPA has deployed an ASPECT aircraft to secure chemical information from the smoke cloud and EPA's federal on-scene coordinator will arrive shortly to ensure all federal resources are available to first responders. EPA is also sending additional air monitoring personnel and equipment to augment the current efforts of the state and local first responders, and monitoring teams from Houston will arrive on-scene in the next few hours.

EPA provides the Co-Chair of the Region 6 standing Regional Response Team, a group federal agencies that support a response, and provides pre-designated On-Scene Coordinators for the inland zone. The Coast Guard is the other Co-Chair. EPA is responsible for providing expertise regarding ecological and environmental effects of pollution releases and environmental pollution control techniques

There is a 1.5-mile radius exclusion area around the explosion site and EPA personnel are getting as close to the scene as possible. Currently, a zone has been set by the local fire marshal to protect the area from potential additional explosions.



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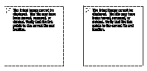
EPA/TCEQ Statement on Water Quality of Flood-Imacted Areas from Hurricane Harvey

WASHINGTON (August 31, 2017) — The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) release the following statement today, in regards to the water quality of flood-impacted areas from Hurricane Harvey.

"EPA and TCEQ are aware that releases of wastewater from sanitary sewers occur during major flood events. The Agencies actively work to monitor those facilities that have reported spills, as well as conducting outreach and providing technical guidance to all other wastewater facilities in flood-impacted areas.

"Floodwaters may contain many hazards, including bacteria and other disease agents. Precautions should be taken by anyone involved in cleanup activities or any others who may be exposed to flood waters. These precautions include heeding all warnings from local and state authorities regarding boil water notices, swimming advisories, or other safety advisories. In addition to the drowning hazards of wading, swimming, or driving in swift floodwaters, these waters can carry large objects that are not always readily visible that can cause injuries to those in the water. Other potential hazards include downed power lines and possible injuries inflicted by animals displaced by the floodwaters.

"Federal and state mobile command is currently about 200 people, who are working elbow-to-elbow, starting in Corpus Christi and moving east with primary responsibility of the health and safety of those affected by Hurricane Harvey. As we continue to respond to this natural disaster and its devastating effects on the people of Texas, the biggest threat to public health at this time is ensuring they have access to safe drinking water and ensuring waste water systems are being monitored, tested for safety and managed appropriately."



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Subject: Re: nice meeting you

I've got a collection of folks together for Thursday at 4. AFPM, Chamber, ACC, NRECA and me. I have invites out to a few others that I'm still waiting to hear back from.

I can host if you'd like.

Brad Viator
Edison Electric Institute
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On Sep 21, 2017, at 2:26 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

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Perfect.

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To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: nice meeting you

Tate, let me check with some of the other parties for the 9/27 and 9/28 dates and get back to you tomorrow if that's cool.

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
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To: Viator, Brad <BViator@eei.org>
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Hey there! Would afternoon on 9/27 or anytime 9/28 work for you all? If not, late next month would be good.

From: Viator, Brad [mailto:BViator@eei.org]
Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 1:54 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: nice meeting you

Tate,

It was nice meeting you yesterday. Send me a few dates that could work for you to meet with the downtown state affairs people and I'll get something pulled together.

Thanks, and let me know if there's anything else I can help with in the interim.

Brad Viator
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Subject: RE:

No, but I can jump on the phone for the next 20 minutes. Call me at Ex. 6

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Subject: Re: Press on Sue and Settle

Checking. Thanks!

Brad Viator
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If you do any tweets or anything, mind letting me know. ANYTHING would be appreciated ☺

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Subject: Following up

Hi Will,

I enjoyed meeting you at ECOS last week. I wanted to make sure you had my contact info as well as Tate Bennett's, who is the Associate Administrator of our Office of Business Engagement. Please feel free to contact us if we may ever be helpful to you.

Regards,
Preston Cory

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Tate,

We feel that these matters dovetail nicely with the EPA's recently-announced initiative in this arena and would love to provide more insight on a call in the near future. At a high level, Associated in is interested in a global resolution of our existing NOVs (initial inquiries date back to 2002) on our Thomas Hill facility that would also give us more certainty on future repairs and maintenance on our entire fleet---actions which will promote economic growth and save jobs.

I will be the point of contact.

Best Regards,

Brian Prestwood
Vice President, General Counsel and CCO
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Subject: RE: Thank You

Thanks for the note Quin,

I enjoyed meeting you all and our discussion. I would like to take you up on your offer to meet with your IVM and avian experts. Also, I will keep you all in the loop on our environmental education grants.

Best regards,

Tom Brennan
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Subject: Thank You

Tate: On behalf of the EEI team, I want to express my appreciation to you, Tom and other OPE and OPA staff for taking time out of your busy schedules to meet with us this afternoon. We found the conversation to be useful and believe there are numerous opportunities for constructive engagement going forward, including external communications underlying major EPA policy initiatives and outreach to a range of key constituencies. Per the sidebar with Tom—there also are opportunities to work together on some not-so-obvious, but nonetheless important projects (e.g., avian habitat and vegetation management) that have great appeal to the average citizen.

I want to reiterate that EEI and the investor-owned utilities collectively have both broad bandwidth and deep benches relative to policy and communications issues in EPA's extensive sphere of influence. We welcome the opportunity to continue working with your team and other agency colleagues on issues of mutual importance, so don't hesitate to reach out any time.

Again, it was a pleasure meeting you and thanks again for your courtesy. Best, Quin

Quinlan J. Shea, III (Quin)

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Message

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Subject: RE: Tea Party Patriots White House Briefing Request

I'll let the TPP folks respond as to those details, but meantime, here is link to enter the WH complex that day for EEOB room 430: https://events.whitehouse.gov/form?rid=GBFHW66MWR
Thanks again!

Paul Teller
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The White House
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Subject: RE: Tea Party Patriots White House Briefing Request

We will do the White House then. Can you send me more information in terms of topic, if there will be other speakers, number of attendees, requested format, etc.? You mentioned tax reform and healthcare below, so I'm not sure if you have multiple speakers, etc.

Thank you and we look forward to it!

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From: Darcy Crisp [mailto:darcy@teapartypatriots.org]
Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2017 12:42 PM
To: Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>
Cc: [Ex. 6] Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Teller, Paul S. EOP/WHO <[Ex. 6]
Subject: Re: Tea Party Patriots White House Briefing Request

Haylay,

This is such good news. Thank you!

Paul Teller helped us secure Room 430 of the Eisenhower Executive Office Building from 2:30-3:30 on Friday.

Our activists will be excited about meeting with the Administrator.

Thank you!

On Tue, Sep 19, 2017 at 11:51 AM, Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov> wrote:

Hello Jenny and Darcy,

Thank you for extending the below invitation to the Administrator. He would be happy to meet with the group this Friday. It would probably be easiest if we hosted the top advocates at EPA Headquarters, but I did see you mentioned the White House. We might be able to make that work, but we would defer to you on whether you've already set something up there, reserved a space, etc. Please let us know what you had in mind.

Thank you and I look forward to receiving additional details!

Hayley Ford

Deputy White House Liaison

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From: Jenny Beth Martin [mailto: Ex. 6
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2017 4:31 PM
To: Bowman.Liz@epa.gov
Cc: Darcy@teapartypatriots.org; Teller, Paul S. EOP/WHO
< Ex. 6
Subject: Tea Party Patriots White House Briefing Request

Dear Ms. Bowman,

Tea Party Patriots – the nation's largest grassroots tea party organization – will host an activist rally on **September 23, 2017, at 12pm in Upper Senate Park, just outside the Capitol**.

As part of our activists' trip to Washington, D.C., we would like to organize a *White House briefing for them, which Paul Teller arranged for* ***Friday, September 22nd at 2:30.*** Our activists are eager to help advance President Trump's agenda, and a briefing at the White House to discuss priority issues such as tax reform and repealing ObamaCare would provide our activists with the insights they need to complete their important work across the country.

We would greatly appreciate your help in securing a meeting for our top activists with Administrator Scott Pruitt on Friday, September 22 and/or as a speaker at the rally in Upper Senate Park on Saturday, September 23.

Our supporters have been excited about President Trump's message, and we are organizing this trip to DC, including the rally, to help our activists refine their engagement skills, and to learn more about the policy issues the President is advancing.

Please contact my Executive Assistant, Darcy Crisp, at Ex. 6 or darcy@teapartypatriots.org so we can work to set up a White House briefing for the nation's top tea party activists.

Thank you for your consideration of this important request. I am grateful for your continued assistance, as Tea Party Patriots works to advance the President's agenda.

In liberty,

Jenny Beth Martin

cc: Paul Teller

cc: Darcy Crisp

Jenny Beth Martin

Tea Party Patriots, Co-Founder

Tea Party Patriots Citizens Fund
JennyBethM on Twitter and Facebook

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Darcy Parker Crisp
Events and Strategic Project Manager
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Message

From: Nolan, Rich [RNolan@nma.org]
Sent: 9/21/2017 3:35:04 PM
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Attachments: Congressional Reception Invite.pdf

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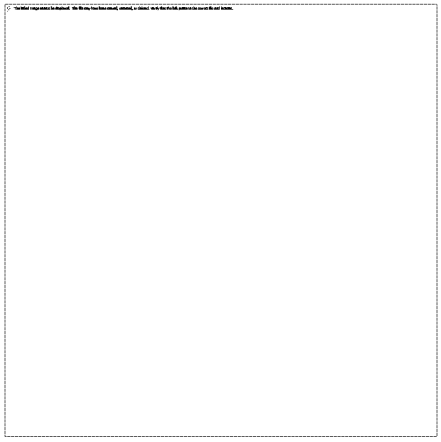

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Tuesday, October 3, 2017
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Rooftop Terrace
Washington, D.C. 20001

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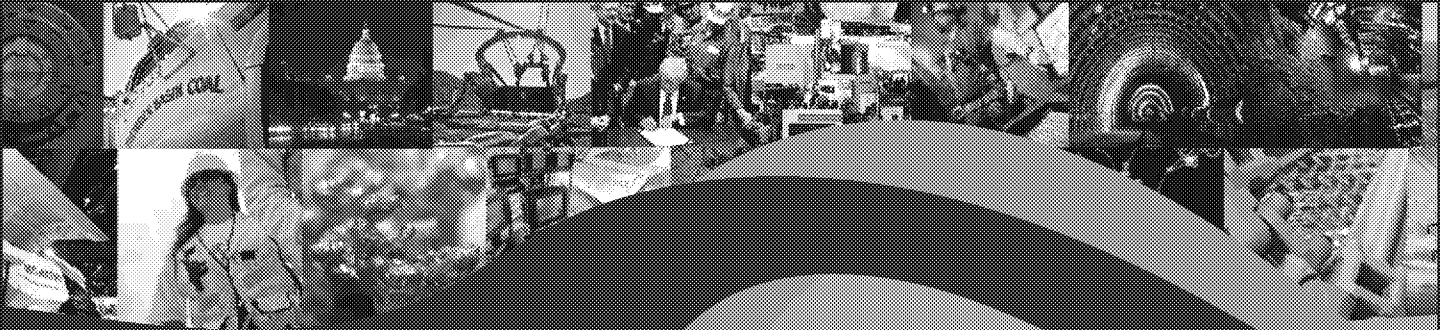

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Include name, title, organization, phone and email

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Subject: EPA PREPARES FOR HURRICANE IRMA

CONTACT: press@epa.gov

EPA PREPARES FOR HURRICANE IRMA

Regions 2 and 4 Taking Precautions, Activating Emergency Response Teams

WASHINGTON - EPA's organized, emergency response program is preparing for Hurricane Irma, while continuing response efforts around the devastating flooding effects of Hurricane Harvey. Irma, expected to hit Southern Florida, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, is expected to be a fast-moving storm, with dangerous winds that could cause widespread power outages and damage to property across multiple states and territories of the U.S. While Harvey has been unique in its extreme flooding, Irma's high winds could result in downed powerlines, complicating the ability to pump water through drinking and waste water systems, especially in Puerto Rico.

"After seeing the expert preparedness and ongoing response efforts of our team in Region 6, I am confident that Region 4 and Region 2 can replicate their efforts, as we work together to provide the needed support to local, state and federal agencies around Hurricane Irma," **said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt**.

EPA headquarters emergency operations center, EPA Region 2 and EPA Region 4 are monitoring the storm closely and making preparations to activate in order to support the U.S. Coast Guard, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and state environmental agencies, to quickly provide support to people affected by the storm.

EPA's Regional office in Atlanta is taking precautions, including: reviewing inventory of, and understanding all sites of interest, in particular Superfund sites in Southern Florida. Initial assessment has approximately 22 current or former National Priorities List (NPL) sites within Florida's southernmost 100 miles. Region 4 is taking necessary actions to shore up these sites appropriately, work with parties responsible for their ongoing cleanups, and ensure that staff in the area are safe.

The Region is also reviewing information about drinking and waste water systems in the potentially affected areas, so that personnel in the field can be best prepared to quickly respond, post storm. EPA staff have been deployed to FEMA's Regional Response Coordination Center, as well as the State of Florida Emergency Operations Center. Region 4 also has additional staff standing by, ready to support state and federal partners if called upon.

With regard to the Mississippi phosphates Superfund site, located in Pascagoula, Mississippi, EPA is taking necessary actions to ensure the treatment plant remains operational during the storm. EPA assumed oversight of the site in February.

"We have been reaching out to all our regional and state agency contacts and I have extreme confidence in our emergency response managers," said **EPA Regional Administrator of Region 4 Trey Glenn**. "As always we stand with our states and FEMA, ready to identify at-risk locations prior to the hurricane, and will be ready to assess damage quickly after landfall." Region 4 serves: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and six Tribes.

EPA has identified and conducted initial assessments at approximately 23 Superfund and oil sites in Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands. In advance of Irma, Region 2 has reached out to all the responsible entities, whether they be our contractors for fund-lead projects or PRPs, for NPL sites, active removal actions and oil response actions, with regard to preparing for the storm. Region 2 serves: New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and eight tribal nations.

"Our biggest health and environmental concerns in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands are potential oil spills and the potential impacts of power disruptions on water supply systems," said **Acting Regional Administrator Catherine McCabe**. "Region 2 is working with managers of Superfund sites and other facilities that may contain oil or hazardous materials to ensure appropriate precautions have been taken to prevent spills. We are doing our best to prepare and support our citizens in Puerto Rico."

Region 2 is coordinating with other federal agencies, like FEMA and the U.S. Coast Guard, and local governments in the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. EPA has staff set up at the regional response center in Edison, N.J. and the FEMA response center in Colts Neck, N.J. The Region is ready to deploy additional assets to the islands.

As an Agency, EPA supports hurricane preparedness and response in a number of ways, including:

- **Addressing Fuel Shortages**: The Clean Air Act allows EPA Administrator Pruitt, in consultation with Energy Secretary Perry, to waive certain fuel requirements to address shortages that occur as a result of the storm. If Administrator Pruitt determines that extreme and unusual fuel supply circumstances exist in a state or region as a result of a hurricane, a temporary waiver can help ensure an adequate supply of gasoline is available in the affected area, particularly for emergency

vehicles. EPA has an experienced team standing by to expedite handling of any fuel waiver requests by the states or commonwealth.

- **Monitoring Public Water Systems**: Water systems can be severely impacted during hurricanes due to storm surge, flooding, or loss of power from extreme winds. EPA has a tracking system to identify systems in the storm's pathway. Following the storm, and if the state requests federal assistance, EPA conducts damage assessments of both drinking water and wastewater systems to identify impacts to critical assets and assist in the recovery.

- **Securing Superfund Sites**: EPA assesses conditions at the NPL Superfund sites in the storm's pathway and tasks each Superfund National Priorities List (NPL) remedial site manager to assess conditions and make on-site preparations for high winds and potentially heavy rainfall. Following the storm and receding floodwaters, EPA conducts rapid assessments to identify damage at sites and initiate cleanup plans if necessary. Any on-site activities at sites located in the storm's path are ceased until the all clear is given and on-site equipment is secured. In addition, freeboard for lagoons or ponds is increased to accommodate forecasted rainfall if possible. After a hurricane makes landfall and any flooding recedes, the EPA remedial managers will conduct assessments of each Superfund NPL site to ensure no damage has occurred.

- **Assessing Conditions at Major Industrial Facilities**: EPA assesses conditions at the major industrial facilities in the storm's pathway to identify potential impacts and countermeasures. Following the storm and receding floodwaters, spills and releases are reported to the National Response Center. NRC notifies the U.S. Coast Guard or EPA based on preapproved jurisdiction boundaries. EPA conducts follow up inspections and damage assessments in response to reports within EPA jurisdiction.

EPA will continue to work with Regions 2, 4 and 6 to address these hurricanes and will continue to provide information to the public as quickly as possible.

As EPA prepares to support FEMA and its local and state partners, it continues to focus its message on the importance of public safety.

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Subject: RE: CONFIDENTIAL

Sure: I'm at Ex. 6

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, September 22, 2017 8:58 AM
To: Prestwood, Brian <bprestwood@aeci.org>
Subject: RE: CONFIDENTIAL

Hey Brian! Do you have time for me to give you a quick shout? Or viceversa? 202-564-1460.

From: Prestwood, Brian [mailto:bprestwood@aeci.org]
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 1:55 PM
To: Chu, Ed <Chu.Ed@epa.gov>; Jump, Tiffany <tjump@aeci.org>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Wagner, Kenneth <wagner.kenneth@epa.gov>
Cc: Tudor, David <dtudor@aeci.org>; Wilmot, Ken <kwilmot@aeci.org>
Subject: RE: CONFIDENTIAL

Ed,

Thanks for your time and sounds good.

--Brian

From: Chu, Ed [mailto:Chu.Ed@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 11:06 AM
To: Prestwood, Brian <bprestwood@aeci.org>; Jump, Tiffany <tjump@aeci.org>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Wagner, Kenneth <wagner.kenneth@epa.gov>
Cc: Tudor, David <dtudor@aeci.org>; Wilmot, Ken <kwilmot@aeci.org>
Subject: RE: CONFIDENTIAL

Brian,

Thanks for your note – unfortunately, I am traveling on May 1st and won't be back in the office until May 10th. I will coordinate with Ken to find other possible dates and get back to you.

Edward H. Chu | Regional Administrator (Acting)
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From: Prestwood, Brian [mailto:bprestwood@aeci.org]
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2017 12:31 PM
To: Jump, Tiffany <tjump@aeci.org>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Wagner, Kenneth <wagner.kenneth@epa.gov>; Chu, Ed <Chu.Ed@epa.gov>
Cc: Tudor, David <dtudor@aeci.org>; Wilmot, Ken <kwilmot@aeci.org>
Subject: CONFIDENTIAL

Tate, Ed and Kenneth,

In addition to nailing down the time/place, we also just wanted to float a preliminary agenda for the meeting:

1. Introductions
2. AECI Background with NSR
3. AECI high-level NSR Settlement proposal
4. Next Steps

If there are other items to add, please let us know.

Thanks!
Brian

From: Jump, Tiffany
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2017 9:05 AM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Wagner, Kenneth <wagner.kenneth@epa.gov>; Chu, Ed <Chu.Ed@epa.gov>
Cc: Tudor, David <dtudor@aeci.org>; Myers, Lynette <LMyers@aeci.org>; Prestwood, Brian <bprestwood@aeci.org>; Moler, Leta <lmoler@aeci.org>; Wilmot, Ken <kwilmot@aeci.org>
Subject: RE: Connecting you

Good morning, gentlemen!

Brian told me that KC was the target meeting location. If so, David and Ken will already be in KC on Monday, May 1, for a different meeting. If possible, David would prefer to schedule this meeting that afternoon around 2 or 3 p.m.

Would that work for your team?

Thank you,

Tiffany Jump
executive assistant
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From: Prestwood, Brian
Sent: Friday, April 21, 2017 8:50 AM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Wagner, Kenneth <wagner.kenneth@epa.gov>
Cc: Chu, Ed <Chu.Ed@epa.gov>; Tudor, David <dtudor@aeci.org>; Wilkinson, Joe <jwilkinson@AECI.org>; Jump, Tiffany <tjump@aeci.org>; Myers, Lynette <LMyers@aeci.org>
Subject: RE: Connecting you

Thanks Kenneth, Ed and Tate! Looking forward to this. We'll have a short summary for you to review early next week. I've copied my Sr. Legal Asst. and David's Exec. Asst. to get the scheduling ball rolling. If you guys have someone that does scheduling, it would be good to loop them in, I'd expect.

Tiffany and Lynette,

Please see highlighted below.

Thanks all!
Brian

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, April 21, 2017 4:37 AM
To: Wagner, Kenneth <wagner.kenneth@epa.gov>
Cc: Chu, Ed <Chu.Ed@epa.gov>; dtudor@acci.org; Prestwood, Brian <bprestwood@aeci.org>; Wilkinson, Joe <jwilkinson@AECI.org>
Subject: Re: Connecting you

Sorry, David Tudor! Sleep deprived over here.

Perhaps David and Brett can bring Ken up to speed on NSR and your need for consistent guidance?

In the meantime, I'll check in with HQ Policy Office. Feel free to send any materials demonstrating employment/economic impacts you might have our way.

On Apr 21, 2017, at 1:20 AM, Wagner, Kenneth <wagner.kenneth@epa.gov> wrote:

> I have also included David Tudor on the email chain. David...if you could detail the particular issue so that we may fully understand and set up a meaningful meeting within the next two weeks as we discussed. We are looking forward to bringing resolution to the issue!
>
> **Kenneth E. Wagner**
> *Senior Advisor to the Administrator*
> *For Regional and State Affairs*
> **Environmental Protection Agency**
> **202-564-1988 office**
> Ex. 6 **cell**
> **wagner.kenneth@epa.gov**

On Apr 20, 2017, at 10:55 PM, Chu, Ed <Chu.Ed@epa.gov> wrote:

> Thanks for connecting us Tate! Ken and I met briefly with David Tudor and committed to schedule a follow up meeting.
>
> David - I will follow up with you separately and will also include you in our future discussions.
>
> Edward H. Chu
> Acting Regional Administrator, Region 7
> U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

913-551-7333

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 20, 2017, at 8:12 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

> Ed- the Administrator wanted to make sure you and David (CC'd) were able to connect today.
>
> I'll follow up on our end from DC as well. So glad you made it out to the event!
>
> Tate

Message

From: Darcy Crisp [darcy@teapartypatriots.org]
Sent: 9/22/2017 1:39:55 PM
To: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
Subject: Re: Administrator Pruitt meeting with Tea Party Patriots

Jenny Beth can introduce him.

Thanks!

On Fri, Sep 22, 2017 at 9:34 AM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:
Who will be introducing Pruitt today?

On Sep 21, 2017, at 8:26 AM, Darcy Crisp <darcy@teapartypatriots.org> wrote:

Yes, my cell is Ex. 6

Thanks!

On Thu, Sep 21, 2017 at 8:08 AM, Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov> wrote:
Thank you, Tate!

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 21, 2017, at 7:57 AM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

Copying Paul who may be helpful as well.

On Sep 21, 2017, at 7:56 AM, Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov> wrote:

Darcy,

Good morning to you. I will be handling the Administrator's visit tomorrow. May I give you a quick call this morning to discuss a few details?

Thank you so much,

Millan

Millan Hupp

Director of Scheduling and Advance

Office of the Administrator

Cell: Ex. 6 Email: hupp.millan@epa.gov

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From: Mike Bjorklund [mike@feca.com]
Sent: 9/6/2017 6:43:37 PM
To: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
Subject: RE: Regional Admin

Lol, I thought it was another texting acronym that I'd missed.

Mike Bjorklund
Executive V.P. & General Manager
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Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2017 2:43 PM
To: Mike Bjorklund <mike@feca.com>
Subject: Re: Regional Admin

Out! Sorry.

On Sep 6, 2017, at 2:38 PM, Mike Bjorklund <mike@feca.com> wrote:

> Oytv?
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> Mike Bjorklund
> Executive V.P. & General Manager
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> **From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
> **Sent:** Wednesday, September 6, 2017 2:36 PM
> **To:** Mike Bjorklund <mike@feca.com>
> **Subject:** Re: Regional Admin

Let me find oytv

On Sep 6, 2017, at 2:31 PM, Mike Bjorklund <mike@feca.com> wrote:

Is now an option? Otherwise, 2:30-3:30, 5:30-7:30. If those time don't work, I can rearrange some things.

Mike Bjorklund
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Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2017 2:26 PM
To: Mike Bjorklund <mike@feca.com>
Subject: RE: Regional Admin

It's Trey Glenn, our appointed Regional Administrator for Region 4. He's awesome and just wants to check in/ see what we can do. You also need to get to know him anyway. What time should he call?

From: Mike Bjorklund [mailto:mike@feca.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 6, 2017 1:59 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Regional Admin

Hey Tate! My number is Ex. 6 Who exactly will be calling and about what time? I have conference calls at 4:30 (EST) and 8:15 (EST).

Is there anything I need to be prepared to tell him? Are you aware of any questions he may have?

Thanks,

Mike

Mike Bjorklund
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To: Mike Bjorklund <mike@feca.com>
Subject: Regional Admin

I'm having him call you re the storm. Can I get your cell phone number?

Elizabeth Tate Bennett
Associate Administrator for Public Engagement
Office of the Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Message

From: Nolan, Rich [RNolan@nma.org]
Sent: 8/18/2017 4:26:19 PM
To: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
Subject: RE: PA Anthracite Coal Council

Yes

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2017 5:55 PM
To: Nolan, Rich <RNolan@nma.org>
Subject: Fwd: PA Anthracite Coal Council

Can you connect me with these people? Good seeing you earlier!

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "O'Connell, James M. EOP/WHO" <Ex. 6
> **Date:** August 17, 2017 at 5:42:35 PM EDT
> **To:** "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
> **Subject: RE: PA Anthracite Coal Council**
>
> I do not believe so. I have not heard from them on this. This idea came from our office.
>
> -----Original Message-----
> From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
> Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2017 5:41 PM
> To: O'Connell, James M. EOP/WHO <Ex. 6
> Subject: RE: PA Anthracite Coal Council
>
> Jim- are the Toomey people the same ones who want us to visit? I don't think that's right but wanted to check. Do you have a good POC?
>
> -----Original Message-----
> From: Trainer, Nick A. EOP/WHO [mailto:Ex. 6
> Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 1:40 PM
> To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
> Cc: O'Connell, James M. EOP/WHO <Ex. 6
> Subject: PA Anthracite Coal Council
>
> Tate,
>
> Thanks for calling, cc'd is Jim O'Connell, who can direct you to the right folks at the Anthracite Coal Council. Once y'all have an idea of when you are looking at, let me know so we can loop in Director Mulvaney's team.
>
> Nicholas A. Trainer
> Office of Political Affairs
> Ex. 6

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Subject: RE: Tea Party Patriots White House Briefing Request

We will do the White House then. Can you send me more information in terms of topic, if there will be other speakers, number of attendees, requested format, etc.? You mentioned tax reform and healthcare below, so I'm not sure if you have multiple speakers, etc.

Thank you and we look forward to it!

Hayley Ford
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Cc: Ex. 6; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Teller, Paul S. EOP/WHO <[Ex. 6]
Subject: Re: Tea Party Patriots White House Briefing Request

Haylay,

This is such good news. Thank you!

Paul Teller helped us secure Room 430 of the Eisenhower Executive Office Building from 2:30-3:30 on Friday.

Our activists will be excited about meeting with the Administrator.

Thank you!

On Tue, Sep 19, 2017 at 11:51 AM, Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov> wrote:

> Hello Jenny and Darcy,
>
> Thank you for extending the below invitation to the Administrator. He would be happy to meet with the group this Friday. It would probably be easiest if we hosted the top advocates at EPA Headquarters, but I did see you mentioned

the White House. We might be able to make that work, but we would defer to you on whether you've already set something up there, reserved a space, etc. Please let us know what you had in mind.

Thank you and I look forward to receiving additional details!

Hayley Ford

Deputy White House Liaison

Office of the Administrator

Environmental Protection Agency

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Phone: 202-564-2022

Cell Ex. 6

From: Jenny Beth Martin [mailto: Ex. 6
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2017 4:31 PM
To: Bowman.Liz@epa.gov
Cc: Darcy@teapartypatriots.org; Teller, Paul S. EOP/WHO
Ex. 6
Subject: Tea Party Patriots White House Briefing Request

Dear Ms. Bowman,

Tea Party Patriots – the nation's largest grassroots tea party organization – will host an activist rally on **September 23, 2017, at 12pm in Upper Senate Park, just outside the Capitol**.

As part of our activists' trip to Washington, D.C., we would like to organize a *White House briefing for them, which Paul Teller arranged for* ***Friday, September 22nd at 2:30.*** Our activists are eager to help advance President Trump's agenda, and a briefing at the White House to discuss priority issues such as tax reform and repealing ObamaCare would provide our activists with the insights they need to complete their important work across the country.

We would greatly appreciate your help in securing a meeting for our top activists with Administrator Scott Pruitt on Friday, September 22 and/or as a speaker at the rally in Upper Senate Park on Saturday, September 23.

Our supporters have been excited about President Trump's message, and we are organizing this trip to DC, including the rally, to help our activists refine their engagement skills, and to learn more about the policy issues the President is advancing.

Please contact my Executive Assistant, Darcy Crisp, at Ex. 6 or darcy@teapartypatriots.org so we can work to set up a White House briefing for the nation's top tea party activists.

Thank you for your consideration of this important request. I am grateful for your continued assistance, as Tea Party Patriots works to advance the President's agenda.

In liberty,

Jenny Beth Martin

cc: Paul Teller

cc: Darcy Crisp

Jenny Beth Martin

Tea Party Patriots, Co-Founder

Tea Party Patriots Citizens Fund
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Darcy Parker Crisp
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From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 10:53 AM
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WSJ: Old king coal may rightly be merry again

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
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Do you have a link to this online, also?

From: Nolan, Rich [mailto:RNolan@nma.org]
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ICYMI and feel free to pass this along to your members and colleagues in Texas and Georgia. Thank you. -Tate

Elizabeth Tate Bennett
Associate Administrator for Public Engagement
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From: EPA Press Office [mailto:noreply-subscriptions@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 5:18 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: EPA Approves Emergency Fuel Waivers for Texas and Georgia

CONTACT: press@epa.gov

EPA Approves Emergency Fuel Waivers for Texas and Georgia

WASHINGTON (August 29, 2017) – Following Hurricane Harvey's landfall, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt has approved emergency fuel waiver requests from the Texas Comptroller and the Georgia Environmental Protection Division.

EPA has waived the highway diesel fuel red dye requirements to allow the use of non-road diesel fuel for on-highway vehicles involved in emergency response and disaster recovery in Texas as a result of Hurricane Harvey, though September 15.

EPA has also waived the requirement for low volatility gasoline for 13 counties in the Atlanta Metro Area, as a result of the disruption in the supply to that area caused by Hurricane Harvey. The waiver will allow the higher volatility fuel to be sold in the Atlanta area through September 15.

The waiver authority was exercised under the Clean Air Act and was granted by EPA Administrator Pruitt, in coordination with the U.S. Secretary of Energy Rick Perry. The requests were made by Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on behalf of Governor Greg Abbott and Georgia Environmental Protection Division Director Richard E. Dunn on behalf of Governor Nathan Deal.

As required by law, EPA and the Department of Energy (DOE) evaluated the situation and determined that granting a short-term waiver was consistent with the public interest. EPA and DOE are continuing to actively monitor the fuel supply situation as a result of Hurricane Harvey, and will act expeditiously if extreme and unusual supply circumstances exist in other areas.

To mitigate any impacts on air quality, the Clean Air Act provides strict criteria for when fuels waivers may be granted, and requires that waivers be limited as much as possible in terms of their geographic scope and duration.

More information: www.epa.gov/enforcement/fuel-waivers

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Old King Coal May Rightly Be Merry Again

The Trump administration's prompt attention to reset the regulatory framework for coal will allow the industry to perform to its true potential.

Miners ride a mantrip shuttle out of a mine entrance at the newly opened Ramaco Resources Inc. Stonecoal Alma mine near Wylo, West Virginia, U.S., on Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2017 PHOTO: BLOOMBERG NEWS

Aug. 27, 2017 2:42 p.m. ET

It is refreshing to see an assessment ("Coal Makes a Comeback," Review & Outlook, Aug. 17) recognizing that policy matters greatly, especially when it distorts energy markets. The Obama administration rules on mercury emissions from power plants, for example, had little to do with mercury, and everything to do with shortening the economic life of reliable-baseload coal power plants. Most of the costs—almost $10 billion annually—related to emissions the Environmental Protection Agency admitted posed no harm to public health.

The Trump administration's prompt attention to reset the regulatory framework for coal has indeed instilled confidence that will allow the industry to perform to its true potential. Those who

continue to deny the impact of regulatory policy ignore data from the Energy Information Administration showing that dismantling the Clean Power Plan will preserve 240 million tons of annual coal production. This also means saving tens of thousands of high-wage jobs at coal mines and throughout the coal value supply chain.

Coal serves a major role in ensuring our nation's energy security through a lower cost, more diverse and reliable electricity supply. The prospects of achieving American energy security are dim without fully leveraging the nation's largest single energy resource—coal. They are nonexistent when politically motivated policies are used to obstruct energy supplies.

Hal Quinn
President and CEO
National Mining Association
Washington

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Subject: Re: State Energy Policy Summit - August 28/29--Invitation to Participate

Bummer! Hopefully, we can get you to something down the road with a bit more lead time😀. Thanks again for your help. Talk to you soon.

Thanks,

Michael Zehr
HBW Resources
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Thanks.

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Subject: FW: EPA's response to Harvey

Good afternoon—

I thought I would pass along the below message from Administrator Pruitt to EPA staff regarding the state of Texas. We will continue to work with our state partners in all affected areas.

Best.

Tate

Elizabeth Tate Bennett
Associate Administrator for Public Engagement
Office of the Administrator
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From: Message from the Administrator
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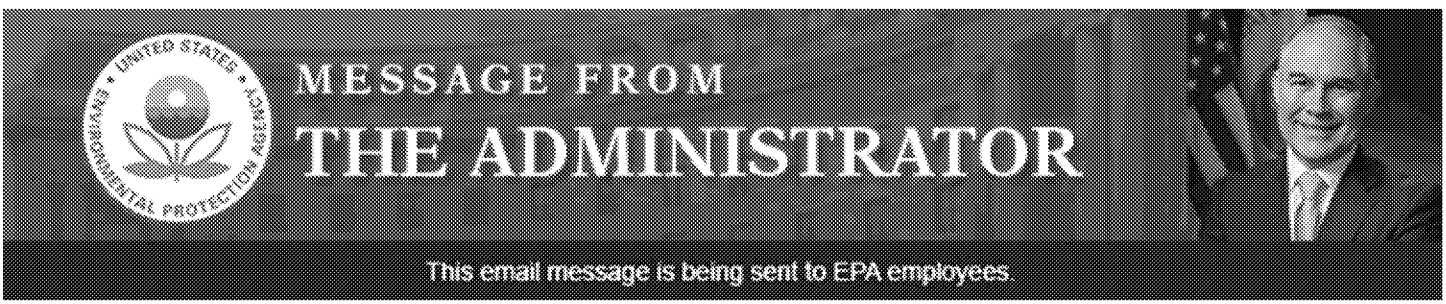

As you know, Harvey continues to devastate the state of Texas. The storm is still very dangerous, and the people in affected areas are experiencing tornados and catastrophic flooding. Effects will continue for the foreseeable future.

It is a top priority of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and our federal partners to work together to support authorities in the state of Texas and to protect the life and safety of those in impacted areas.

As many of you know, EPA has an organized emergency response program for responding to man-made and natural disasters and is positioned to support FEMA, state, local, and tribal partners. Headquarters' Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has been activated, and we are already deploying assets to support emergency response and aftermath flooding. The National Incident Management Assistance Team, consisting of highly skilled response personnel from across the Agency, has been activated and will arrive in Dallas by tomorrow.

I have been in regular contact with Region 6 and want to commend the staff there, along with the many others across the Agency, who are part of this hurricane response effort for their leadership and preparation. As of now, we have several EPA employees who have been evacuated from their homes, some with water damage to their homes and vehicles. As you can imagine, this is very hard on our community, and I continue to keep those affected by the storm in my thoughts and prayers.

The Agency is supporting the response effort in several ways:

- We're developing surface water sampling plans to address public health concerns regarding possible contaminates found in storm water. We will begin field sampling of flood waters as soon as conditions allow.
- Our drinking water and waste water staff are ready to deploy to offer technical assistance necessary to restore services as quickly as possible. These teams will visit drinking water and waste water facilities to determine functionality and provide technical assistance as needed. At the request of the State of Texas, EPA is deploying personnel to assist the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's (TCEQ) Drinking Water and Waste Water Phone Bank located in Austin, Texas.
- Our Superfund Remedial Project Managers worked with site operators to secure the sites last week ahead of the storm. This week we will continue to work with site operators to get status updates, conduct rapid damage assessments, and determine if additional emergency cleanup activities are necessary.
- We will be working with TCEQ to determine where the Agency can best assist the state in contacting industrial sources along the Texas coast, most of which underwent organized shutdown of their operations in advance of the storm. We will initiate contact with sources located within the storm area to determine status and plans to resume operations, and we will closely monitor startup activities.
- We're also working with the states to provide fuel and refinery waivers to address any fuel supply issues.

Helping Region 6 to manage response efforts and focusing on the safety of those affected are our highest priorities. As rainfall continues, EPA is working with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) to forecast any needs the state may have as a result of heavy rains and possible flooding.

This is one of those times when we must all be forward leaning. EPA has and will continue to work with our state partners to take care of people and continue to show our leadership to protect human health and the environment.

The response to the impacts of the storm will require a sustained and focused effort on the Agency's part. As we continue to integrate activities with the states and other federal response agencies, I want to thank all of you who are and will continue to monitor and respond to this emergency.

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Yes ma'am

Roy W. Bailey
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To: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
Subject: RE:

Hmmm...what type of sites

-----Original Message-----
From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 10:59 AM
To: Nolan, Rich <RNolan@nma.org>
Subject: RE:

Good deal. Need help on a few site visits on CERCLA BTW. Out west

-----Original Message-----
From: Nolan, Rich [mailto:RNolan@nma.org]
Sent: Tuesday, August 1, 2017 10:39 AM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: RE:

Yes the 8th at 2 pm. Thank you!

-----Original Message-----
From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 9:59 PM
To: Nolan, Rich <RNolan@nma.org>
Subject:

You get everything locked in w RJ?

Sent from my iPhone

Message

From: Roy Bailey [rbailey@gdcillc.com]
Sent: 7/19/2017 11:46:56 PM
To: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
Subject: Re: Revised memo

Thanks so much Tate

Have a nice evening !

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On Jul 19, 2017, at 6:39 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

> Haven't forgotten you. Will touch base this Friday.
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> Sent from my iPhone
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> On Jul 16, 2017, at 8:42 PM, Roy Bailey <rbailey@gdcillc.com> wrote:
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> > Thanks so much Tate
> >
> > Roy W. Bailey
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> > Giuliani Deason Capital Interests, LLC
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> >
> > On Jul 16, 2017, at 6:02 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:
> >
> > > Thanks Roy- again, we will definitely follow up on the staff level.
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> > > Sent from my iPhone
> > >
> > > On Jul 16, 2017, at 6:29 PM, Roy Bailey <rbailey@gdcillc.com> wrote:
> > >
> > > > Administrator,
> > > >
> > > > I have attached a revised memo which we think may be even more compelling and helpful. (sorry that it wasn't included in the previous email.) We are available for a

call anytime today or tomorrow that is convenient for your team.

Again, we hope the EPA will consider revoking the field trial permit EUP for the referenced technology until the EPA can complete a full impact study on humans and the environment.

Thanks for your interest and consideration.

Respectfully and best regards

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> **Date:** July 16, 2017 at 3:07:45 PM PDT
> **To:** 'Roy Bailey' <rbailey@gdcillc.com>
> **Subject: EPA Memo Updated**

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Message

From: Ford, Hayley [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=4748A9029CF74453A20EE8AC9527830C-FORD, HAYLE]
Sent: 6/27/2018 2:39:43 PM
To: Cecily Marmoll [cecily@teapartypatriots.org]
CC: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Kundinger, Kelly [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=e3c9a5d16e2244079e222f342bf9992f-Kundinger,]; Jenny Beth Martin [Ex. 6]; kevin@teapartypatriots.org
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Invite for Scott Pruitt and Russell Vought - July 25, 2018

Great, thank you. Kelly Kundinger will be in touch with you soon to discuss this request. She is traveling this week so it will likely be next week.

Thanks!

Hayley Ford
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Environmental Protection Agency
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From: Cecily Marmoll [mailto:cecily@teapartypatriots.org]
Sent: Monday, June 25, 2018 5:56 PM
To: Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>
Cc: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Kundinger, Kelly <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov>; Jenny Beth Martin [Ex. 6]; kevin@teapartypatriots.org
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Invite for Scott Pruitt and Russell Vought - July 25, 2018

Thank you, Hayley.

Please see attached. Let me know if you have any further questions I can answer.

We greatly appreciate it,
Cecily

> On Jun 25, 2018, at 10:30 AM, Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov> wrote:
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> Hello Cecily and all,
>
> Thank you for extending the invitation to Administrator Pruitt to speak at your conference next month in DC. I know he'd be honored that your group would like to have him back! I've attached our speaking request form here. Would you be able to complete and return for us to review? Additionally, I wanted to mention that we have pending travel July 24-25 but we are at the very early stages of planning and it is still very tentative. Therefore, I know you requested July 25, but if you could indicate all possible dates/times where he could speak to the group, that would be helpful to our planning.
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> Thank you and we look forward to hearing back from you!
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> From: Cecily Marmoll <cecily@teapartypatriots.org>
> Sent: Friday, June 22, 2018 5:04 PM
> To: Teller, Paul S. EOP/WHO Ex. 6
> Cc: Jenny Beth Martin <Ex. 6>; Kevin L. Mooneyhan <kevin@teapartypatriots.org>
> Subject: [EXTERNAL] Invite for Scott Pruitt and Russell Vought - July 25, 2018
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> Paul,
>
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> Have a wonderful weekend,
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> Cecily Marmoll
> Grassroots Engagement Director
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I am in the lobby.

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Subject: RE:

Hi tried you line. Call me at Ex. 6 when free

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Sent from my iPhone

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Attachments: EPA Administrator Pruitt Speaker Request Form.docx; Scott Pruitt Speaker Invite.pdf

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Grassroots Engagement Director
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ADMINISTRATOR SCOTT PRUITT EVENT REQUEST FORM
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Deadline for Acceptance: _____

Requesting Individual / Affiliation: _____

Event Title: _____

Event Date: _____

Is the Above Date Flexible: _____

Event Time & Duration: _____

Type of Event: *Reception, Conference, Meeting*

Purpose of the Event: *Brief Description*

Role of the Administrator: *E.g., speaking engagement, keynote, panel, roundtable, attendance*

Requested Presentation Topic, if Speaking Involved: _____

Requested Presentation Format: *Keynote, Panel, Q&A, Introduction, etc.*

Speech/Presentation Duration: *Length of Remarks*

Would You Consider a Surrogate: _____

Have you requested or are you planning to request anyone else from EPA to speak or attend this event? *Name & Title of EPA personnel*

Event Location: _____

Event Audience: *Size of audience and brief description. E.g., 100 in attendance made up of attorneys, business owners, students, industry, employees, etc.*

Event Host(s)/Organizer(s): *List all hosts organizing the event*

Host(s)' Relationship to EPA: _____

Run of Show/ Agenda: *Provide full agenda of the event, including events immediately following the Administrator speaking.*

ADMINISTRATOR SCOTT PRUITT EVENT REQUEST FORM
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Is there a Hold Room Available for the Administrator? _____

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Notable Federal, State or Local Appointed or Elected officials attending: *Name & Title*

Individual Introducing Administrator: *Name & Title*

Person to contact for media purposes: *Name & Title; Email; Office Number, Cell Number*

How will you promote this event? _____

Is this event held Weekly, Monthly, Annually? _____

Day of Event Point of Contact: *Name & Title; Email; Office Number, Cell Number*

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Suggested Entrance/ Exit to Event Venue: _____

Is the host of the event a registered 501(c)(3), (4), or has a 527 Political Action Committee (PAC): _____

Will there be a "gift" presented to the Administrator? If so, what is the US currency value of the gift? _____

Will a meal be provided, if so what is the US currency value? _____

Please return this completed form to Hayley Ford at ford.hayley@epa.gov

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TEA PARTY PATRIOTS ACTION

Scott Pruitt
USEPA Headquarters
William Jefferson Clinton Building
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.
Mail Code: 1101A
Washington, DC 20460

June 22, 2018

Dear Mr. Pruitt,

I am writing on behalf of Tea Party Patriots Action and Jenny Beth Martin. This summer we are hosting a conference: *Make Congress Work Again: Borders, Budgets, and our Sacred Rights*, for 250 passionate and patriotic tea party activists and donors from around the country to learn about how they can help advance the conservative agenda. The event runs from Tuesday, July 24th to Thursday, July 26th. We would be honored if you would consider speaking for about 30 minutes on Wednesday, July 25th at a time most convenient to your schedule. Our agenda will run from 8:30am-4:30pm with a lunch break.

Last September, our best and most engaged activists heard you speak and we want them to have that experience again where they feel energized, ready to take action, and make a difference going into the latter half of the year. It would be a privilege for us all to hear you speak.

Thank you for considering our invitation. If you are able to speak on Wednesday, July 25th, we will work with your staff to arrange a time during our morning or afternoon session that works with your schedule. I look forward to hearing from your office.

Sincerely,

Cecily Marmoll
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Message

From: Nolan, Rich [RNolan@nma.org]
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Subject: RE:

Will do

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Subject:

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Message

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Subject: Fwd: Memo
Attachments: EPA Improperly Granted the Wolbachia EUP.DOCX; ATT00001.htm

Thanks so much for the call. I have attached the memo which should outline the concerns.

Intrexon (OXITEC) execs are pleased to jump on a call anytime to discuss.

Thanks so much

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> **Subject: Memo**

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EPA Must Revoke the Improperly Granted *Wolbachia Aedes aegypti* Experimental Use Permit

EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs improperly granted an Experimental Use Permit (EUP) to MosquitoMate allowing releases of millions of Wolbachia-infected *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes in California and Florida [1]. Oxitec and other commenters submitted substantive comments on the record identifying significant concerns and critical risks associated with the proposed EUP. Notwithstanding these comments, EPA granted the requested EUP to MosquitoMate.

EPA can immediately remedy this improper regulatory approval and all other current *Wolbachia* EUPs. Pursuant to FIFRA Section 5(e) (7 U.S.C. § 136c(e)), the EPA Administrator may revoke an EUP immediately if he finds that its terms or conditions are being violated or that its terms or conditions are inadequate to avoid unreasonable adverse effects on the environment. (See also 40 C.F.R. § 172.10(a)) EPA's regulations provide that a permittee may "contest" the notice of revocation by requesting "an opportunity to confer with the Administrator." The Administrator will issue a final decision within 20 days after such conference. (40 C.F.R. § 172.10(c)) Neither FIFRA nor EPA's regulations provide for a formal hearing to object to revocation of an EUP.

EPA's granting of an experimental use permit to MosquitoMate for an *Aedes aegypti* artificially infected with *Wolbachia pipientis* was premature and did not properly assess the potential adverse impacts to the environment that may result from releases of *Aedes aegypti* artificially infected with a bacterium that is not native to the *Aedes aegypti* microbiome. EPA did not conduct a necessary rigorous assessment of the potential adverse impacts to human health and the environment that could result from uncontained release of *Aedes aegypti* containing this non-native strain of bacteria.

Of particular concern is the fact that horizontal gene transfer could result in *Wolbachia* effectively introducing over one thousand new genes into these modified *Aedes aegypti*. The potential genetic modification to *Aedes aegypti* that may result from use of the wAlbB *Wolbachia* bacterium is wholly undefined. Several studies have shown that horizontal gene transfer between *Wolbachia* and their insect hosts may result in gene transfers ranging from nearly the entire *Wolbachia* genome (>1 megabase) to short insertions (<500 base pairs) into various hosts [2-5]. Effectively the *Wolbachia* IIT approach could introduce over one thousand new genes into *Aedes aegypti* with unknown consequences, and if they provide a positive selection to the mosquito in the environment this could result in novel strains pervading and spreading through the population.

Critical questions about the *Wolbachia Aedes aegypti* that EPA did not answer prior to granting the EUP include the following:

- Can the *Wolbachia* mosquito escape the confined conditions in which it is reared?
- What is the likelihood that the *Wolbachia* mosquitoes will survive, reproduce, and disperse once released into the environment? Modelling has shown that conditions of lower competition can favor the spread of *Wolbachia*-infected females [6-8]. In other words, as a mosquito population is reduced, or if a population is already low, the chances of *Wolbachia* invading the wild population are increased.

- What are the potential impacts of the *Wolbachia* mosquitoes in the environment, including on humans? The whole genome of *Wolbachia* can transfer to a host genome, meaning a host mosquito could be transformed with over one thousand new genes with unpredictable results [2-5]. Horizontal gene transfer (HGT) can transfer genes between *Wolbachia* and its host in *Aedes aegypti* [12] and several other mosquito species [13, 25]. Therefore, *Wolbachia* can genetically transform its host with functional genes with currently unknown consequences. EPA did not require any investigation or risk assessment of these potential consequences.

  Moreover, widespread recombination occurs throughout the *Wolbachia* genome [14], increasing the likelihood of genes changing as the *Wolbachia* evolves. Moreover, temperature impacts *Wolbachia*-malaria interaction in mosquitoes suggesting impact of transfection might vary across diverse environments [17]. Also, it has been shown that *Wolbachia* enhances West Nile virus infection in the mosquito *Culex tarsalis*. This introduces the possibility that the *Wolbachia* infection could spread to *Culex* populations in areas where West Nile virus is a concern [18]. Similarly, *Wolbachia* can enhance malaria parasite infection in two genera of mosquitoes [19-21].

- What are the likely consequences for the surrounding environment, should the *Wolbachia* mosquitoes survive and establish in the environment? There is evidence that male age and overcrowding during development (*i.e.*, under mass rearing conditions required to produce enough males for IIT to be effective) can reduce the cytoplasmic incompatibility effect in certain insects, rendering the males fertile [26] and able to spread the *Wolbachia* infection through surviving females. EPA should have required a study to assess whether this effect is likely to be seen in *Aedes aegypti*. EPA should have required additional analysis to assess interactions of *Aedes aegypti*, potential pathogens, and *Wolbachia*, to ensure that *Wolbachia* does not ultimately select for more dangerous pathogens in *Aedes aegypti* [22].

EPA should have, but did not, evaluate these and other critical risk assessment questions before it granted the *Wolbachia* EUP extension, which allows the release of 14 million of these inadequately evaluated *Wolbachia*-infected *Aedes aegypti* into the environment. As is demonstrated in the published literature referenced below, and as Oxitec and other commenters demonstrated on the record, releases of such massive numbers of these artificially infected *Aedes aegypti* could result in serious unreasonable adverse effects to the environment.

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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Invite for Scott Pruitt and Russell Vought - July 25, 2018
Attachments: EPA Administrator Pruitt Speaker Request Form.docx

Thank you, Hayley.

Please see attached. Let me know if you have any further questions I can answer.

We greatly appreciate it,
Cecily

> On Jun 25, 2018, at 10:30 AM, Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> Hello Cecily and all,
>
> Thank you for extending the invitation to Administrator Pruitt to speak at your conference next month in DC. I know he'd be honored that your group would like to have him back! I've attached our speaking request form here. Would you be able to complete and return for us to review? Additionally, I wanted to mention that we have pending travel July 24-25 but we are at the very early stages of planning and it is still very tentative. Therefore, I know you requested July 25, but if you could indicate all possible dates/times where he could speak to the group, that would be helpful to our planning.
>
> Thank you and we look forward to hearing back from you!
>
> Hayley Ford
> Deputy White House Liaison and Personal Aide to the Administrator
> Environmental Protection Agency
> ford.hayley@epa.gov
> Phone: 202-564-2022
> Cell: [Ex. 6]
>
> From: Cecily Marmoll <cecily@teapartypatriots.org>
> Sent: Friday, June 22, 2018 5:04 PM
> To: Teller, Paul S. EOP/WHO [Ex. 6]
> Cc: Jenny Beth Martin <[Ex. 6]>; Kevin L. Mooneyhan <kevin@teapartypatriots.org>
> Subject: [EXTERNAL] Invite for Scott Pruitt and Russell Vought - July 25, 2018
>
> Paul,
>
> Tea Party Patriots Action would like to extend an invitation to Scott Pruitt and Russell Vought to speak at our conference on Wednesday, July 25th at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill. I have attached both invitations. Please let me know if you'd like me to pass these along to anyone else, I greatly appreciate it.
>
> Have a wonderful weekend,
>
> Cecily Marmoll

> Grassroots Engagement Director
> (c) Ex. 6
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> <Russell Vought Speaker Invite.pdf>
> <EPA Administrator Pruitt Speaker Request Form.docx><Scott Pruitt Speaker Invite.pdf>

ADMINISTRATOR SCOTT PRUITT EVENT REQUEST FORM
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Deadline for Acceptance:	*July 16, 2018*
Requesting Individual / Affiliation:	*Cecily Marmoll, Tea Party Patriots Action*
Event Title:	*Make Congress Work Again: Borders, Budgets, and our Sacred Rights*
Event Date:	*July 24 - 25, 2018*
Is the Above Date Flexible:	*No*
Event Time & Duration:	*2pm on 7/24 – 4pm on 7/25*
Type of Event:	*Conference*
Purpose of the Event:	*Give Tea Party supporters a briefing on what's going on in Washington and how to help implement the president's agenda*
Role of the Administrator:	*Speaking engagement*
Requested Presentation Topic, if Speaking Involved:	*Administrator Pruitt addressed our supporters in July of last year, telling them what EPA is doing to reduce regulations. An update on that topic would be great.*
Requested Presentation Format:	*Briefing with Q&A (if the administrator is willing)*
Speech/Presentation Duration:	*30 min with or without Q&A*
Would You Consider a Surrogate:	*Yes*
Have you requested or are you planning to request anyone else from EPA to speak or attend this event?	*No*
Event Location:	*Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill, 400 New Jersey Ave NW, 20001*
Event Audience:	*150-250 tea party activists, donors, and supporters*
Event Host(s)/Organizer(s):	*Tea Party Patriots Action; Jenny Beth Martin*
Host(s)' Relationship to EPA:	
Run of Show/ Agenda:	*Schedule is still being determined.*
Is there a Hold Room Available for the Administrator?	

ADMINISTRATOR SCOTT PRUITT EVENT REQUEST FORM
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Open Press/Closed Press?	*Closed*
Dress Code:	*Business Casual*
Teleprompter Available:	*No*
Microphone / Room Setup:	*Podium mic; Theater style seating.*
Honorable Guests Attending:	*TBD*
Notable Federal, State or Local Appointed or Elected officials attending:	*TBD*
Individual Introducing Administrator:	*TBD, Likely Jenny Beth Martin*
Person to contact for media purposes:	*Event is closed to the press*
How will you promote this event?	**The Event is being promoted to our national audience**
Is this event held Weekly, Monthly, Annually?	*One time event*
Day of Event Point of Contact:	*Cecily Marmoll, cecily@teapartypatriots.org, Cell:* Ex. 6
Security Contact:	*Kevin Mooneyhan, kevin@teapartypatriots.org,* Ex. 6
Suggested Entrance/ Exit to Event Venue:	*Main entrance; other arrangements can be made with the hotel as the event approaches*
Is the host of the event a registered 501(c)(3), (4), or has a 527 Political Action Committee (PAC):	*501(c)4*
Will there be a "gift" presented to the Administrator? If so, what is the US currency value of the gift?	*No*
Will a meal be provided, if so what is the US currency value?	*No*

Please return this completed form to Hayley Ford at ford.hayley@epa.gov

Message

From: Tudor, David [dtudor@aeci.org]
Sent: 6/26/2017 12:53:18 PM
To: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
Subject: Re: Pruitt to Speak at Board Meeting

I don't land until 615pm at Reagan. No prob.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 26, 2017, at 7:49 AM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

> Ah! Btw I have our chief of staff meeting during our scheduled breakfast now. Coffee the afternoon prior still an option?
>
> On Jun 26, 2017, at 8:42 AM, Tudor, David <dtudor@aeci.org> wrote:
>
> > FYI – I am on this Board, so he will get another dose of me. ☺
> > DT
> >
> > **From:** Paul Bailey [mailto:pbailey@americaspower.org]
> > **Sent:** Monday, June 26, 2017 5:56 AM
> > **To:** Paul Bailey <pbailey@americaspower.org>
> > **Subject:** Pruitt to Speak at Board Meeting
> >
> > We received confirmation that EPA Administrator Pruitt will speak to the ACCCE Board at 10:00 am Thursday morning. Since the Board meeting is scheduled to begin at 10:00 am, I suggest that everyone plan to arrive by **no later than 9:45 am.**
> >
> > **Paul Bailey**
> > President & CEO
> > American Coalition for Clean Coal Electricity
> > T: Ex. 6 M: Ex. 6
> > pbailey@americaspower.org

Message

From: Barry Hart [bhart@amec.org]
Sent: 5/16/2017 7:41:12 PM
To: Managers [managers@amec.org]; grassroots [grassroots@amec.org]; staff [staff@amec.org]; Joe Wilkinson [jwilkinson@aeci.org]; Ken Wilmot (GR) [kwilmot@aeci.org]; Roger Clark [rclark@aeci.org]; bbossi@AECI.org; David McNabb [dmcnabb@aeci.org]; Brian Prestwood [bprestwood@aeci.org]; Kirk Johnson [kirk.johnson@nreca.coop]; Jeffrey Connor [jeffrey.connor@nreca.coop]; Jim Matheson [jim@nreca.coop]; Stephen A. Bell [Stephen.Bell@nreca.coop]
Subject: Letter from Administrator Pruitt
Attachments: IMG_5562.JPG; ATT00001.txt

Good afternoon:

I just received a great letter from EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. Thanks to everyone at AECI and AMEC for making his visit Memorable!

Barry

UNITED STATES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

THE ADMINISTRATOR

April 28, 2017

Barry Hart
Executive VP, CEO
Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives
PO Box 1645
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Barry,

Thank you for the warm welcome and such a great day for us in Missouri! It was evident that every effort was made to ensure that the day was fruitful. And, a special thanks for the opportunity to have met with the executive team.

The day was educational and impactful – I'm blessed by your efforts. I look forward to hopefully visiting again in the future.

All the best,

E. Scott Pruitt

Great to get time together!

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Message

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Subject: Re: Connecting you

Ex. 6

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jun 19, 2017, at 3:22 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> Got it. Sorry- interior came over for a last min ESA meeting. Crazy day. What is your cell?
>
>> On Jun 19, 2017, at 3:21 PM, Tudor, David <dtudor@aeci.org> wrote:
>>
>> I probably need to go. Flight and traffic challenges. I'm back in a few weeks and will let you know when.
>>
>> Sent from my iPhone
>>
>>> On Jun 19, 2017, at 3:16 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:
>>>
>>> Yes but stuck in a 3 PM meeting until 3:45. Are you free to hang until then?
>>>
>>>> On Jun 19, 2017, at 3:15 PM, Tudor, David <dtudor@aeci.org> wrote:
>>>>
>>>> We are done. Still on for a conversation?
>>>>
>>>> Sent from my iPhone
>>>>
>>>>> On Jun 9, 2017, at 1:56 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:
>>>>>
>>>>> Correct. I'll meet you by the front office if I'm not already staffing. Glad you are part of this! He put this meeting together.
>>>>>
>>>>>> On Jun 9, 2017, at 1:46 PM, Tudor, David <dtudor@aeci.org> wrote:
>>>>>>
>>>>>> You mean after the meeting on Monday right?
>>>>>>
>>>>>> -----Original Message-----
>>>>>> From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
>>>>>> Sent: Friday, June 09, 2017 12:44 PM
>>>>>> To: Tudor, David <dtudor@aeci.org>
>>>>>> Subject: Re: Connecting you
>>>>>>
>>>>>> I can get coffee at 3.
>>>>>>
>>>>>>> On Jun 9, 2017, at 1:39 PM, Tudor, David <dtudor@aeci.org> wrote:
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> Tate - the NRECA asked me to attend a meeting with Administrator
>>>>>>> Pruitt on Monday, 6/19 from 1-3pm along with some other IOU and G&T
>>>>>>> CEOs. I am flying in on Sunday afternoon and thought I'd check your
>>>>>>> schedule to catch up based on your note to me below. I may stay in
>>>>>>> town Monday after the meeting too. Let me know your availability.
>>>>>>> Thanks - David
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> -----Original Message-----
>>>>>>> From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
>>>>>>> Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 2:59 PM
>>>>>>> To: Tudor, David <dtudor@aeci.org>
>>>>>>> Subject: RE: Connecting you
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> Hey David! We had the BEST time last week. Sad we can't do it all over
>>>>>>> again this week. Apologies on the e-mail mix up as well. I was sleep
>>>>>>> deprived. Were you in town for leg conference? Please don't be a
>>>>>>> stranger whenever you are in town. We are getting to work on NSR, and
>>>>>>> will circle back soon with questions. -Tate
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> -----Original Message-----
>>>>>>> From: Tudor, David [mailto:dtudor@aeci.org]

>>>>>>> Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 3:04 PM
>>>>>>> To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
>>>>>>> Subject: RE: Connecting you
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> Tate - it was a pleasure to meet you and I appreciate the effort you all went through to coordinate the event at Thomas Hill with our Associated team and with Barry Hart's statewide organization. The event was a huge success and we received numerous positive comments from the attendees and our power plant employees. Please express my appreciation to Administrator Pruitt for allocating that last 30 minutes to us - it was very important to us.
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> I'm in DC several times a year and will buy the drinks if you are available. In the meantime, let me know if you need any help on your EPA initiatives.
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> Best regards - David
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> David J. Tudor
>>>>>>> CEO and GM
>>>>>>> Associated Electric Cooperative
>>>>>>> Mobile - Ex. 6
>>>>>>> _____
>>>>>>> From: Bennett, Tate [Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
>>>>>>> Sent: Monday, April 24, 2017 12:44 PM
>>>>>>> To: Prestwood, Brian
>>>>>>> Cc: Tudor, David
>>>>>>> Subject: RE: Connecting you
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> Thanks, Brian! Might have a few questions for you later today.
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> From: Prestwood, Brian [mailto:bprestwood@aeci.org]
>>>>>>> Sent: Monday, April 24, 2017 1:10 PM
>>>>>>> To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
>>>>>>> Cc: Tudor, David <dtudor@aeci.org>
>>>>>>> Subject: RE: Connecting you
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> Tate,
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> Tony Campbell at E. KY Power Co-op asked that we pass the attached presentation along to you ahead of your meeting tomorrow.
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> Thanks,
>>>>>>> Brian
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
>>>>>>> Sent: Friday, April 21, 2017 4:37 AM
>>>>>>> To: Wagner, Kenneth
>>>>>>> <wagner.kenneth@epa.gov<mailto:wagner.kenneth@epa.gov>>
>>>>>>> Cc: Chu, Ed <Chu.Ed@epa.gov<mailto:Chu.Ed@epa.gov>>;
>>>>>>> dtudor@acci.org<mailto:dtudor@acci.org>; Prestwood, Brian
>>>>>>> <bprestwood@aeci.org<mailto:bprestwood@aeci.org>>; Wilkinson, Joe
>>>>>>> <jwilkinson@AECI.org<mailto:jwilkinson@AECI.org>>
>>>>>>> Subject: Re: Connecting you
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> Sorry, David Tudor! Sleep deprived over here.
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> Perhaps David and Brett can bring Ken up to speed on NSR and your need for consistent guidance?
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> In the meantime, I'll check in with HQ Policy Office. Feel free to send any materials demonstrating employment/economic impacts you might have our way.
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>>>>>>> On Apr 21, 2017, at 1:20 AM, Wagner, Kenneth
<wagner.kenneth@epa.gov<mailto:wagner.kenneth@epa.gov>> wrote:
>>>>>>> I have also included David Tudor on the email chain. David...if you could detail the particular issue so that we may fully understand and set up a meaningful meeting within the next two weeks as we discussed. We are looking forward to bringing resolution to the issue!
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> Kenneth E. Wagner
>>>>>>> Senior Advisor to the Administrator
>>>>>>> For Regional and State Affairs
>>>>>>> Environmental Protection Agency
>>>>>>> Ex. 6 office
>>>>>>> cell
>>>>>>> wagner.kenneth@epa.gov<mailto:wagner.kenneth@epa.gov>
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> On Apr 20, 2017, at 10:55 PM, Chu, Ed <Chu.Ed@epa.gov<mailto:Chu.Ed@epa.gov>> wrote:

>>>>>>> Thanks for connecting us Tate! Ken and I met briefly with David Tudor and committed to schedule a follow up meeting.
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> David - I will follow up with you separately and will also include you in our future discussions.
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> Edward H. Chu
>>>>>>> Acting Regional Administrator, Region 7 U.S. Environmental Protection
>>>>>>> Agency
>>>>>>> 913-551-7333
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> Sent from my iPhone
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> On Apr 20, 2017, at 8:12 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov<mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>> wrote:
>>>>>>> Ed- the Administrator wanted to make sure you and David (CC'd) were able to connect today.
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> I'll follow up on our end from DC as well. So glad you made it out to the event!
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> Tate

Message

From: Nolan, Rich [RNolan@nma.org]
Sent: 6/23/2017 8:56:16 PM
To: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
Subject: Coal jobs

Charleston Gazette-Mail

Coal jobs rise, media blames Trump

By: Luke Popovich – June 21, 2017

Here's one irony emerging from the tumultuous early months of the Trump administration.

The president's support for the coal industry, and his rollback of costly federal regulations, is gradually helping put coal communities back on their feet.

But the president isn't getting any credit for it. In fact, instead of recognizing coal's revival, the media more often describes it as "impossible."

It's as if the coal industry has become a surrogate for a presidency that is deeply unpopular with many who think that whatever the president likes must be bad and whatever he aids must fail. It's the same "government-can't-bring-them-back" narrative familiar to anyone who recalls the General Motors bailout.

But facts are stubborn things.

Coal has added about 2,000 direct jobs in the last year, with 1,700 just since December 2016. Mines are expanding and new ones are opening in Alabama, Colorado, Pennsylvania, Virginia and here in West Virginia.

Year-to-date production is up about 50 million tons, rail loadings are climbing despite a relatively mild winter, and power sector coal consumption climbed almost 23 percent in March, year to date. Both prices and exports are now expected to tick upward this year.

The Trump administration deserves some credit for this revival.

The Environmental Protection Agency has voided or put on hold costly regulations that would have achieved little or no environmental benefit.

The Department of the Interior has lifted a moratorium arbitrarily placed on federal coal production. And the Energy Department has launched a study to see how regulatory interference — including the retirement of coal plants — has damaged the reliability of the nation's power grid.

None of this impresses the naysayers, however. They're simply pushing back the goal posts — and denying the administration any credit — by arguing that coal will never return to its dominant position.

But most miners already know the difference between campaign rhetoric and reality. And few in the industry actually expect "King Coal" to regain the market share it held before the shale gas revolution flooded the energy market with cheap natural gas.

All that coal miners could reasonably expect from the new administration was to get the government off their back and out of the business of picking winners and losers.

Instead of Washington regulators making the decisions on which energy sources the nation could use, let consumers decide what fuel they'll use for electricity, manufacturing and transportation.

That's essentially what this administration is doing — removing the regulatory burden from coal and letting it compete against other energy sources in the open market. That's why lifting the regulations has helped coal mining and the jobs it supports.

Yet even this modest recovery is ignored because it's President Donald Trump helping coal.

Examples abound. The Washington Post recently belittled the revival of the industry by contrasting the slow growth of coal jobs with the rising number of fast-food workers. That's an unhelpful comparison though, since coal jobs pay an annual average of $84,000, plus good benefits. Fast-food jobs offer little more than minimum wage.

The article also noted that coal employment has declined since the mid-1980s, a point intended to diminish the impact of Obama-era regulations and lessen credit Trump deserves for removing them.

But coal employment actually climbed by 32 percent from 2000 until 2011, reaching 143,000 before a massive Obama administration rule — and not natural gas production — began forcing almost 20 percent of America's coal plants out of business.

Some reporters even minimize recent coal job creation by only citing federal data that excludes the contract workers who also work in the mines

Adding these contract workers to the recent jobs tally from the Bureau of Labor Statistics shows that coal has actually grown by about 2,000 high-wage jobs in the past year — an encouraging uptick for an industry that was hit hard by costly regulations for much of the past decade.

Coal's critics shouldn't bury the industry just because Trump promised to revive it.

The question now is whether coal will continue to bear the brunt of media ire against the president, or whether it will be recognized as a sustainable source of good jobs and reliable electricity.

Message

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Subject: NMA press statement for WOTUS
Attachments: WOTUS NMA.docx

As promised …

Luke Popovich
Vice President External Communications
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Press Release

For Immediate Release

Contact:

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June 27, 2017

NMA Welcomes Proposal to Axe Illegal WOTUS Rule

WASHINGTON, D.C. – *National Mining Association (NMA) President and CEO Hal Quinn issued this statement following today's announcement of the Environmental Protection Agency and Army Corps of Engineers' proposal to repeal the 2015 Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule and recodify the definition of jurisdictional waters that preceded it, as called for by the Feb. 28, 2017 Presidential Executive Order:*

"This sets in motion a welcome correction to a deeply problematic regulation that ignored the careful balance that Congress struck between federal and state water regulation and Constitutional limits on federal authority."

"Under the guise of clarifying federal Clean Water Act jurisdiction, the WOTUS rule impermissibly expanded federal jurisdiction to virtually any standing body of water -- from roadside drainage ditches to local green energy projects."

"We look forward to working with the administration as it replaces the WOTUS rule with environmentally responsible policies that provide regulatory clarity for businesses and proper recognition of state authority to manage water quality as Congress intended."

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The National Mining Association (NMA) is the voice of the American mining industry in Washington, D.C. Membership includes more than 325 corporations involved in all aspects of coal and solid minerals production including coal, metal and industrial mineral producers, mineral processors, equipment manufacturers, state mining associations, bulk transporters, engineering firms, consultants, financial institutions and other companies that supply goods and services to the mining industry.

Message

From: Joe Arnold [JArnold@kaec.org]
Sent: 5/3/2017 2:59:46 AM
To: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
Subject: RE: Letter to govs on CCR guidance

Hey Tate!

Congrats on your new position. I can only imagine how swamped you must be. THANK YOU for the terrific accommodation of the Kentucky electric co-op contingent in DC last week.

Could you connect me with the communications person at the EPA who could send me some of the photos taken at the Kentucky meeting with Scott Pruitt?

Thanks again. Hope we can catch up, soon.

Joe

Joe Arnold
Vice-President of Strategic Communications
Kentucky Association of Electric Cooperatives
Kentucky Living magazine
KentuckyLiving.com
jarnold@kaec.org
Ex. 6 mobile

-----Original Message-----
From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 1, 2017 8:43 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: Letter to govs on CCR guidance

Just wanted to flag these letters recently went out on upcoming CCR guidance.

Message

From: Barry Hart [bhart@amec.org]
Sent: 4/20/2017 5:36:21 PM
To: Managers [managers@amec.org]; staff [staff@amec.org]; Brian Prestwood [bprestwood@aeci.org]; grassroots [grassroots@amec.org]; Joe Wilkinson [jwilkinson@aeci.org]; Ken Wilmot (GR) [kwilmot@aeci.org]; bbossi@AECI.org; Roger Clark [rclark@aeci.org]; David McNabb [dmcnabb@aeci.org]; Jeffrey Connor [jeffrey.connor@nreca.coop]; Kirk Johnson [kirk.johnson@nreca.coop]; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
Subject: Fwd: EPA's Pruitt, Co-op Leaders Meet at Missouri Cooperative Power Plant

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Bell, Stephen A." <Stephen.Bell@nreca.coop>
Date: April 20, 2017 at 10:12:03 AM CDT
To: "Bell, Stephen A." <Stephen.Bell@nreca.coop>
Subject: EPA's Pruitt, Co-op Leaders Meet at Missouri Cooperative Power Plant

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NRECA
America's Electric Cooperatives

For Immediate Release
Thursday, April 20, 2017

Contact: Stephen Bell | Ex. 6
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EPA's Pruitt, Co-op Leaders Meet at Missouri Cooperative Power Plant

Clifton Hill, Mo. — National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) CEO Jim Matheson today released the following statement after meeting with EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt at the Thomas Hill Energy Center.

"Affordable and reliable power is fundamental to a successful economy, and I look forward to building on today's productive conversations," Matheson said. "I appreciate Administrator Pruitt visiting with the electric cooperative community. Today's visit is another important step as we work to advance common goals and improve the lives of every rural American. "

"The Thomas Hill facility is a clear example of combining reliable electricity production with environmental protection. Associated Electric invested hundreds of millions of dollars in emission control equipment that has made Thomas Hill one of the cleanest coal plants in the nation and Associated Electric was named "Wind Utility of the Year" for its efforts to bring Missouri's first wind farm on line."

Pruitt was joined by Senator Roy Blunt, Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler, leaders from Missouri's electric cooperatives, and others for a tour of the facility and meetings with stakeholders.

The Thomas Hill Energy Center is owned by Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc. It provides power to more than 420,000 households throughout Missouri.

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association is the national service organization that represents the nation's more than 900 private, not-for-profit, consumer-owned electric cooperatives, which provide service to 42 million people in 47 states.

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CC: Viguet, Mark [mviguet@aeci.org]
Subject: Fwd: MO Advocates Call for Clean Energy Ahead of Pruitt Visit

http://www.publicnewsservice.org/2017-04-18/environment/mo-advocates-call-for-clean-energy-ahead-of-pruitt-visit/a57307-1

Message

From: Wilkinson, Joe [jwilkinson@AECI.org]
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CC: Barry Hart [bhart@amec.org]
Subject: Fwd: Guest list PDF
Attachments: Guest list 2017.04.18.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Updated RSVP list. We'll send out a final list by noon today.

Looking forward to meeting at the plant at 3.

Joe

RSVP list for EPA Administrator Visit, April 20

Guest List

Name	Position	Organization
	Cooperatives	
David Tudor	CEO and General Manager / AECI Board Member	Associated Electric Cooperative
Joe Wilkinson	VP, Member Services and Corporate Communications	Associated Electric Cooperative
Mark Viguet	Manager, Corporate Communications	Associated Electric Cooperative
Linda Putman	Managing Editor & Communications Coordinator	Associated Electric Cooperative
Brent Bossi		Associated Electric Cooperative
Dave Ramsey	Manager, Member Energy Services	Associated Electric Cooperative
Robin Harrison	Senior Corporate Communicator	Associated Electric Cooperative
Ken Wilmot	Vice President, Power Production	Associated Electric Cooperative
Scott Cochran	Manager, Engineering	Associated Electric Cooperative
Brian Prestwood	Vice President, General Counsel/Chief Compliance Officer	Associated Electric Cooperative
Charlie Chapman	Supervisor, Reliability Centered Maintenance	Associated Electric Cooperative
Scott Crise	Supervisor, Engineering Projects	Associated Electric Cooperative
John Patchell	Security Specialist	Associated Electric Cooperative
Buddy Hasten	Managing Director, Plant Operations & Reliability	Associated Electric Cooperative
Jessica Arthur	Senior Office Associate	Associated Electric Cooperative
Brent Ross	Manager, Environmental, Health & Safety	Associated Electric Cooperative
Ron Webb	Supervisor, Physical Security	Associated Electric Cooperative
Juli Schroeder	Senior Office Associate	Associated Electric Cooperative
Robert Winters	Senior Predictive Maintenance Engineer	Associated Electric Cooperative
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Zach Smith	Field Editor, Rural Missouri	AMEC
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Pat Bax	Special Services Coordinator	AMEC
Brent Stewart	Legislative & Regulatory Counsel	AMEC
Zach Pollock	Legislative Coordinator	AMEC
Richard Moore	Vice President	AMEC
Linda Bolten	Executive Assistant	AMEC
Mary Scruggs	Director of Government Relations	AMEC
David Klindt		AMEC
Larry Lauman	Director	Atchison Holt Electric Cooperative
Jeff Hull	Interim CEO	Barton County Electric Cooperative

Max Walters	Director	Barton County Electric Cooperative
John Singleton	General Manager/CEO	Black River Electric Cooperative
Paul Montgomery	Manager of Engineering & Operations	Black River Electric Cooperative
Jay Turner	Board Member	Boone Electric Cooperative
Wayne Wilcox	Board Member	Boone Electric Cooperative
Scott Thieret	Employee	Boone Electric Cooperative
Meredith Hoenes	Employee	Boone Electric Cooperative
Josh Booth	Employee	Boone Electric Cooperative
Clint Smith	Manager of Administration	Callaway Electric Cooperative
Tom Howard	CEO / AECI Board Member	Callaway Electric Cooperative
Darren Eckhoff	General Manager	Central Missouri Electric Cooperative
Brenda Sleeper	Office Manager	Central Missouri Electric Cooperative
Ronald Bledsoe	Director	Central Missouri Electric Cooperative
Francis Burks	Director	Central MIssouri Electric Cooperative
Pat Wood	Director	Central Missouri Electric Cooperative
Raymond Boland	Director	Central Missouri Electric Cooperative
William Larry Cloud	Director	Central Missouri Electric Cooperative
Robert Leftwich	Director	Central Missouri Electric Cooperative
James Sneed	Director	Central Missouri Electric Cooperative
Billy Thiel	Director	Central Missouri Electric Cooperative
Bryan Von Holten	Director	Central Missouri Electric Cooperative
Gary Coulter	Line Superintendent	Central Missouri Electric Cooperative
Bruce Oliver		Central Electric Power Cooperative
Sarah Oliver		Central Electric Power Cooperative
Chris Turner	CEO/General Manager	Central Electric Power Cooperative
Christopher Scott Duncan	Director of Telecommunications Services	Central Electric Power Cooperative
Mike Bax	Employee	Central Electric Power Cooperative
Adam Weber	Employee	Central Electric Power Cooperative
Ken Johnson	General Manager/CEO	Co-Mo Electric Cooperative
Craig Allee	Director	Co-Mo Electric Cooperative
Gene Eulinger	Director	Co-Mo Electric Cooperative
Gary Harris	Director	Co-Mo Electric Cooperative
Rick Purdon	Director	Co-Mo Electric Cooperative
John Schuster	Director	Co-Mo Electric Cooperative
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Larry Clark	Director	Lewis County Electric Cooperative
Larry Smoot	Director	Lewis County Electric Cooperative
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Larry Robuck	Director	Macon Electric Cooperative
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Rick Kemp	Director	Macon Electric Cooperative
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Bryan Nickels - Congressman Graves Office		
Congressman Blaine Luetkemeyer		

Message

From: Tudor, David [dtudor@aeci.org]
Sent: 6/9/2017 6:07:44 PM
To: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
Subject: RE: Connecting you

Perfect

-----Original Message-----
From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, June 09, 2017 12:57 PM
To: Tudor, David <dtudor@aeci.org>
Subject: Re: Connecting you

Correct. I'll meet you by the front office if I'm not already staffing. Glad you are part of this! He put this meeting together.

> On Jun 9, 2017, at 1:46 PM, Tudor, David <dtudor@aeci.org> wrote:
>
> You mean after the meeting on Monday right?
>
> -----Original Message-----
> From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
> Sent: Friday, June 09, 2017 12:44 PM
> To: Tudor, David <dtudor@aeci.org>
> Subject: Re: Connecting you
>
> I can get coffee at 3.
>
>> On Jun 9, 2017, at 1:39 PM, Tudor, David <dtudor@aeci.org> wrote:
>>
>> Tate - the NRECA asked me to attend a meeting with Administrator
>> Pruitt on Monday, 6/19 from 1-3pm along with some other IOU and G&T
>> CEOs. I am flying in on Sunday afternoon and thought I'd check your
>> schedule to catch up based on your note to me below. I may stay in
>> town Monday after the meeting too. Let me know your availability.
>> Thanks - David
>>
>> -----Original Message-----
>> From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
>> Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 2:59 PM
>> To: Tudor, David <dtudor@aeci.org>
>> Subject: RE: Connecting you
>>
>> Hey David! We had the BEST time last week. Sad we can't do it all
>> over again this week. Apologies on the e-mail mix up as well. I was
>> sleep deprived. Were you in town for leg conference? Please don't be
>> a stranger whenever you are in town. We are getting to work on NSR,
>> and will circle back soon with questions. -Tate
>>
>> -----Original Message-----
>> From: Tudor, David [mailto:dtudor@aeci.org]
>> Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 3:04 PM
>> To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
>> Subject: RE: Connecting you
>>
>> Tate - it was a pleasure to meet you and I appreciate the effort you all went through to coordinate the event at Thomas Hill with our Associated team and with Barry Hart's statewide organization. The event was a huge success and we received numerous positive comments from the attendees and our power plant employees. Please express my appreciation to Administrator Pruitt for allocating that last 30 minutes to us - it was very important to us.
>>
>> I'm in DC several times a year and will buy the drinks if you are available. In the meantime, let me know if you need any help on your EPA initiatives.
>>
>> Best regards - David
>>
>> David J. Tudor
>> CEO and GM
>> Associated Electric Cooperative
>> Mobile - Ex. 6

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>> From: Bennett, Tate [Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
>> Sent: Monday, April 24, 2017 12:44 PM
>> To: Prestwood, Brian
>> Cc: Tudor, David
>> Subject: RE: Connecting you
>>
>> Thanks, Brian! Might have a few questions for you later today.
>>
>> From: Prestwood, Brian [mailto:bprestwood@aeci.org]
>> Sent: Monday, April 24, 2017 1:10 PM
>> To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
>> Cc: Tudor, David <dtudor@aeci.org>
>> Subject: RE: Connecting you
>>
>> Tate,
>>
>> Tony Campbell at E. KY Power Co-op asked that we pass the attached presentation along to you ahead of your meeting tomorrow.
>>
>> Thanks,
>> Brian
>>
>> From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
>> Sent: Friday, April 21, 2017 4:37 AM
>> To: Wagner, Kenneth
>> <wagner.kenneth@epa.gov<mailto:wagner.kenneth@epa.gov>>
>> Cc: Chu, Ed <Chu.Ed@epa.gov<mailto:Chu.Ed@epa.gov>>;
>> dtudor@acci.org<mailto:dtudor@acci.org>; Prestwood, Brian
>> <bprestwood@aeci.org<mailto:bprestwood@aeci.org>>; Wilkinson, Joe
>> <jwilkinson@AECI.org<mailto:jwilkinson@AECI.org>>
>> Subject: Re: Connecting you
>>
>> Sorry, David Tudor! Sleep deprived over here.
>>
>> Perhaps David and Brett can bring Ken up to speed on NSR and your need for consistent guidance?
>>
>> In the meantime, I'll check in with HQ Policy Office. Feel free to send any materials demonstrating employment/economic impacts you might have our way.
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>> On Apr 21, 2017, at 1:20 AM, Wagner, Kenneth <wagner.kenneth@epa.gov<mailto:wagner.kenneth@epa.gov>> wrote:
>> I have also included David Tudor on the email chain. David...if you could detail the particular issue so that we may fully understand and set up a meaningful meeting within the next two weeks as we discussed. We are looking forward to bringing resolution to the issue!
>>
>> Kenneth E. Wagner
>> Senior Advisor to the Administrator
>> For Regional and State Affairs
>> Environmental Protection Agency
>> 202-564-1988 office
>> Ex. 6 cell
>> wagner.kenneth@epa.gov<mailto:wagner.kenneth@epa.gov>
>>
>> On Apr 20, 2017, at 10:55 PM, Chu, Ed <Chu.Ed@epa.gov<mailto:Chu.Ed@epa.gov>> wrote:
>> Thanks for connecting us Tate! Ken and I met briefly with David Tudor and committed to schedule a follow up meeting.
>>
>> David - I will follow up with you separately and will also include you in our future discussions.
>>
>> Edward H. Chu
>> Acting Regional Administrator, Region 7 U.S. Environmental Protection
>> Agency
>> 913-551-7333
>>
>> Sent from my iPhone
>>
>> On Apr 20, 2017, at 8:12 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov<mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>> wrote:
>> Ed- the Administrator wanted to make sure you and David (CC'd) were able to connect today.
>>
>> I'll follow up on our end from DC as well. So glad you made it out to the event!
>>
>> Tate

Delivery Report

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Sent: 4/23/2017 9:45:47 AM
To: dtudor@acci.org
Subject: Undeliverable: Re: Connecting you
Attachments: Re: Connecting you

Your message
To: Wagner, Kenneth
CC: Chu, Ed; dtudor@acci.org; Brian Prestwood; jwilkinson@aeci.org
Subject: Re: Connecting you
Sent: 4/21/2017 9:36:54 AM

Delivery has failed to these recipients or groups:

dtudor@acci.org (dtudor@acci.org)
Your message wasn't delivered. Despite repeated attempts to deliver your message, the recipient's email system refused to accept a connection from your email system.

Contact the recipient by some other means (by phone, for example) and ask them to tell their email admin that it appears that their email system is refusing connections from your email server. Give them the error details shown below. It's likely that the recipient's email admin is the only one who can fix this problem.

For Email Admins
No connection could be made because the target computer actively refused it. This usually results from trying to connect to a service that is inactive on the remote host - that is, one with no server application running. For more information and tips to fix this issue see this article: http://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkId=389361

Diagnostic information for administrators:

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Receiving server: BY2PR09MB1061.namprd09.prod.outlook.com

dtudor@acci.org
4/23/2017 9:45:47 AM - Server at BY2PR09MB1061.namprd09.prod.outlook.com returned '550 5.4.316 Message expired, connection refused(Socket error code 10061)'
4/23/2017 9:35:28 AM - Server at acci.org (69.172.201.153) returned '450 4.4.316 Connection refused(Socket error code 10061)'

Original message headers:


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Message

From: Bennett, Tate [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=1FA92542F7CA4D01973B18B2F11B9141-BENNETT, EL]
Sent: 4/21/2017 9:36:54 AM
To: Wagner, Kenneth [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=048236ab99bc4d5ea16c139b1b67719c-Wagner, Ken]
CC: Chu, Ed [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=a7a6452e3e0941b4bb1fafa1ba1ae424-Chu, Edward]; dtudor@acci.org; Brian Prestwood [bprestwood@aeci.org]; jwilkinson@aeci.org
Subject: Re: Connecting you

Sorry, David Tudor! Sleep deprived over here.

Perhaps David and Brett can bring Ken up to speed on NSR and your need for consistent guidance?

In the meantime, I'll check in with HQ Policy Office. Feel free to send any materials demonstrating employment/economic impacts you might have our way.

On Apr 21, 2017, at 1:20 AM, Wagner, Kenneth <wagner.kenneth@epa.gov> wrote:

> I have also included David Tudor on the email chain. David...if you could detail the particular issue so that we may fully understand and set up a meaningful meeting within the next two weeks as we discussed. We are looking forward to bringing resolution to the issue!
>
> **Kenneth E. Wagner**
> *Senior Advisor to the Administrator*
> *For Regional and State Affairs*
> **Environmental Protection Agency**
> **202-564-1988 office**
> Ex. 6 **cell**
> **wagner.kenneth@epa.gov**

On Apr 20, 2017, at 10:55 PM, Chu, Ed <Chu.Ed@epa.gov> wrote:

> Thanks for connecting us Tate! Ken and I met briefly with David Tudor and committed to schedule a follow up meeting.
>
> David - I will follow up with you separately and will also include you in our future discussions.
>
> Edward H. Chu
> Acting Regional Administrator, Region 7
> U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
> 913-551-7333

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 20, 2017, at 8:12 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

> Ed- the Administrator wanted to make sure you and David (CC'd) were able to connect today.
>
> I'll follow up on our end from DC as well. So glad you made it out to the event!
>
> Tate

Message

From: Malloy McDaniel [McDaniel@wfs-dc.com]
Sent: 5/31/2017 9:27:48 PM
To: Kelly, Albert [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=08576e43795149e5a3f9669726dd044c-Kelly, Albe]; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
Subject: RE: Connecting you

Kell

This works for us. And I am happy to work with your assistant if that is easier for you.

I'll make a note to reach back out to you the week of June 12th and to see what later in June looks like. And in the meantime if you all need anything from us don't hesitate to reach out.

Thanks.

Malloy

Malloy McDaniel
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From: Kelly, Albert [mailto:kelly.albert@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 4:48 PM
To: Malloy McDaniel <McDaniel@wfs-dc.com>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Connecting you

Thank you Malloy. We are working to have all the information we need to have such a meaningful discussion. Lets target the second half of June to try and set a date and determine with whom we meet. Let me know if that is ok.

Albert Kelly
Senior Advisor to the Administrator
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460
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From: Malloy McDaniel [mailto:McDaniel@wfs-dc.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 3:39 PM
To: Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Connecting you

Thanks Tate.

Kell

Great to meet you over email and I know things are quite busy for you as last week was your first in DC on the job. Yes we do work for Republic Services in DC and I am sure you are hearing a lot about West Lake.

I wanted to reach out to you to see if my colleague at the firm (Ashley Davis) and I could come in and visit with you in the coming weeks. And if appropriate we could bring in some of internal folks from Republic. Purpose of the meeting of course would be West Lake.

If so let us know what might work for your schedule. Thanks and look forward to visiting in person.

Malloy

Malloy McDaniel
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From: Kelly, Albert [mailto:kelly.albert@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 2:39 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Malloy McDaniel <McDaniel@wfs-dc.com>
Subject: RE: Connecting you

Hello Malloy. I look forward to visiting with you

Albert Kelly
Senior Advisor to the Administrator
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460
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From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 1:21 PM
To: Malloy McDaniel <McDaniel@wfs-dc.com>; Kelly, Albert <kelly.albert@epa.gov>
Subject: Connecting you

Malloy-

Wanted to connect you to Albery Kelly "Kell" who is leading Administrator Pruitt's Superfund Taskforce and has been an awesome addition to Team Pruitt here in D.C. I explained to him how you are a fellow McConnell alum with me and how you represent Republic here in D.C. I also shared how you would like to discuss West Lake.

Kell, I know you will enjoy working with Malloy.

Hopefully you two may connect soon!

Tate

Elizabeth Tate Bennett
Senior Deputy Associate Administrator

Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs
Office of the Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Message

From: Barry Hart [bhart@amec.org]
Sent: 4/22/2017 3:34:14 PM
To: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Joe Wilkinson [jwilkinson@aeci.org]; David Tudor (COOP) [dtudor@aeci.org]; Brian Prestwood [bprestwood@aeci.org]; Tracy Henke [Tracy_Henke@blunt.senate.gov]; JOE TVRDY [joe.tvrdy@mail.house.gov]; Joe Lillis [joe.lillis@mail.house.gov]; Jack Ruddy [Jack.Ruddy@mail.house.gov]; Christian Morgan [christian.morgan@mail.house.gov]; Mark Roman [mark.roman@mail.house.gov]; staff [staff@amec.org]; Jim Matheson [jim@nreca.coop]; Kirk Johnson [kirk.johnson@nreca.coop]
Subject: Fwd: Earth Day Action: Tell Scott Pruitt to stop ignoring science

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Claire McCaskill <info@clairemccaskill.com>
Date: April 22, 2017 at 11:05:08 AM EDT
To: <bhart@amec.org>
Subject: Earth Day Action: Tell Scott Pruitt to stop ignoring science
Reply-To: <info@clairemccaskill.com>

Claire McCaskill

Friend –

Today is Earth Day, and I'm thinking about all the Missourians who have reached out to share with me their concerns about climate change and its impacts on the health of our families and communities in Missouri. They see the droughts that make life tough for farmers, the heat waves that get hotter every summer, the increased flooding – and they're worried about what these changes mean for their futures.

But EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt refuses to look at the science – or the changes happening in our own backyards. And he's not lifting a finger to help the families whose health is threatened by climate change.

We can't let him ignore reality while Missouri families are at risk. **Will you add your name and tell Scott Pruitt to stop ignoring science and start protecting our environment?**

Click here to tell Scott Pruitt: Listen to science and protect the environment!

Thanks for speaking out.

Claire

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Message

From: Gunasekara, Mandy [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=53D1A3CAA8BB4EBAB8A2D28CA59B6F45-GUNASEKARA,]
Sent: 5/9/2017 2:37:50 PM
To: Konkus, John [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=555471b2baa6419e8e141696f4577062-Konkus, Joh]
CC: Hale, Michelle [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=cb99f5247ab8412fa017133839301fee-Hale, Miche]; Vance, Eric [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=d7fc312a1267466188680444d66fe0e6-EVance]; Joe Arnold [JArnold@kaec.org]; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
Subject: Re: KY Electric COOP

Yes- senior policy advisor is fine. Thanks.

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On May 9, 2017, at 10:16 AM, Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:

It's Mandy actually

From: Hale, Michelle
Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2017 10:14 AM
To: Vance, Eric <Vance.Eric@epa.gov>; Joe Arnold <JArnold@kaec.org>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: KY Electric COOP

I don't have the attached photo but I reviewed the photos we sent if it is a blonde it's Tate Bennett, Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations. If it is a brunette it's Mandy Gunasekara, Senior Policy Advisor to the Administrator. Hope that helps!

From: Vance, Eric
Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2017 10:00 AM
To: Joe Arnold <JArnold@kaec.org>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: KY Electric COOP

Good morning Joe,
I've added Michelle to identify the lady. Photo credit should read: USEPA Photo by Eric Vance or Photo courtesy USEPA.

Regards,
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Eric Vance
Chief Photographer, USEPA
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WJC-North, Room 6330K

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From: Joe Arnold [mailto:JArnold@kaec.org]
Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 9:53 AM
To: Vance, Eric <Vance.Eric@epa.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: KY Electric COOP

Hi Eric, John and Tate:

Thank you for providing the photos of Kentucky electric co-ops' visit with the EPA Administrator.

For cutline purposes, could you provide the name and title/position of the woman seated next to Scott Pruitt? Also, who is the photographer for photo credit?

Thanks again,

Joe

Joe Arnold
Vice-President of Strategic Communications
Kentucky Association of Electric Cooperatives
Kentucky Living magazine
KentuckyLiving.com
jarnold@kaec.org
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From: Vance, Eric [mailto:Vance.Eric@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 3, 2017 8:46 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Joe Arnold <JArnold@kaec.org>
Subject: KY Electric COOP

Hi Tate, John and Joe,
Here's a re-send of the files from your visit.

Kind regards,
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Eric Vance
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From: Vance, Eric
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 1:54 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Orquina, Jessica <Orquina.Jessica@epa.gov>; Hart, Daniel <Hart.Daniel@epa.gov>
Cc: Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; Ron Slotkin <Slotkin.Ron@epa.gov>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Social media today

Photos from Kentucky Association of Electric Cooperatives meeting.

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From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 10:07 AM
To: Orquina, Jessica <Orquina.Jessica@epa.gov>; Hart, Daniel <Hart.Daniel@epa.gov>
Cc: Vance, Eric <Vance.Eric@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Social media today

Sorry please see this document attached.

From: Orquina, Jessica
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 9:23 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Hart, Daniel <Hart.Daniel@epa.gov>
Cc: Vance, Eric <Vance.Eric@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Social media today

Hi John,

I don't see any meetings highlighted on the document you sent. Which ones would you like us to focus on?

Thanks! Jess

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Office: 202-564-0446
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From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 9:17 AM
To: Hart, Daniel <Hart.Daniel@epa.gov>; Orquina, Jessica <Orquina.Jessica@epa.gov>
Cc: Vance, Eric <Vance.Eric@epa.gov>
Subject: Social media today

Hi gang: can you please tee up some draft social media posts for the highlighted meetings attached? Eric is set to take photos for each.

Thank you!

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Our power is our people.

Message

From: Barry Hart [bhart@amec.org]
Sent: 4/20/2017 12:11:30 PM
To: Jim Matheson [jim@nreca.coop]; Kirk Johnson [kirk.johnson@nreca.coop]; Stephen A. Bell [Stephen.Bell@nreca.coop]; Joe Wilkinson [jwilkinson@aeci.org]; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Jim McCarty [jmccarty@amec.org]; RESMA [resma@lists.cooperative.com]; Jeffrey Connor [jeffrey.connor@nreca.coop]; Martin Lowery [mjl2@nreca.org]; David Tudor (COOP) [dtudor@aeci.org]; Mark Viguet (GR) [mviguet@aeci.org]
Subject: Energy arguments fire up in anticipation of EPA administrator's Missouri visit

Good morning electric co-op leaders:

The stage is set! Wish us and Jim Matheson good luck!

Barry

https://www.missourinet.com/2017/04/19/energy-arguments-fire-up-in-anticipation-of-epa-administrators-missouri-visit/

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Message

From: Barry Hart [bhart@amec.org]
Sent: 4/22/2017 11:33:55 AM
To: Managers [managers@amec.org]; grassroots [grassroots@amec.org]; staff [staff@amec.org]; Joe Wilkinson [jwilkinson@aeci.org]; Ken Wilmot (GR) [kwilmot@aeci.org]; David McNabb [dmcnabb@aeci.org]; bbossi@AECI.org; Roger Clark [rclark@aeci.org]; Brian Prestwood [bprestwood@aeci.org]; Brent Ross (GR) [bross@aeci.org]; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Graham, Amy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=26722dfde5b34925b0ad9a8dd4aff308-Graham, Amy]; Hupp, Millan [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=92cac7b684b64f90953b753a01bee0d5-Hupp, Milla]; Jim Matheson [jim@nreca.coop]; Kirk Johnson [kirk.johnson@nreca.coop]; Stephen A. Bell [Stephen.Bell@nreca.coop]; Jeffrey Connor [jeffrey.connor@nreca.coop]
Subject: Pruitt: EPA is no longer about 'regulating' coal out of business - Business Insider

http://www.businessinsider.com/scott-pruitt-epa-coal-2017-4

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Message

From: Barry Hart [bhart@amec.org]
Sent: 4/18/2017 3:39:14 AM
To: David Tudor (COOP) [dtudor@aeci.org]
CC: Joe Wilkinson [jwilkinson@aeci.org]; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Graham, Amy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=26722dfde5b34925b0ad9a8dd4aff308-Graham, Amy]; Stephen A. Bell [Stephen.Bell@nreca.coop]; Jim McCarty [jmccarty@amec.org]
Subject: Re: EPA event on Twitter
Attachments: IMG_0685.PNG

Here's the scoop! Missourinet heard about it from the Sierra Club who is having a press conference Wednesday. We need to be ready to release our pre event coverage late Tuesday or early Wednesday to steal the show.

Missourinet wants to be part of our team and Neidert's will bring them to event Thursday to handle the radio coverage. Conference call in the morning now urgent.

Barry

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On Apr 17, 2017, at 10:29 PM, Tudor, David <dtudor@aeci.org> wrote:

> Maybe the Jonny Morris/Tiger Woods will take the headlines tomorrow!!!
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> Sent from my iPhone
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> On Apr 17, 2017, at 10:02 PM, Barry Hart <bhart@amec.org> wrote:
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>> Andy Neidert and his Dad Nip are tight with everyone at Missourinet. I'm confident they'll get her shut down. See you tomorrow!
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>> Sent from my iPhone
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>> On Apr 17, 2017, at 9:51 PM, Barry Hart <bhart@amec.org> wrote:
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>>> I like your idea about the EPA news release and the topics it would include
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>>> On Apr 17, 2017, at 9:49 PM, Tudor, David <dtudor@aeci.org> wrote:
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>>>> On Apr 17, 2017, at 9:44 PM, Barry Hart <bhart@amec.org> wrote:

We can update everyone in the morning as soon as we talk to the Missourinet. Also the other news outlet that called Mark at AECI the Columbia daily tribune prints Rural Missouri magazine so we do have a little hook on the Tribune.

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On Apr 17, 2017, at 9:24 PM, Tudor, David <dtudor@aeci.org> wrote:

> Agree. A press release from EPA is preferred but I am also willing to issue one from associated stating we are honored to be hosting the administrator to tour our facility to show the reclaimed land and emissions controls added to our coal plants.
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> DT
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> Sent from my iPhone
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> On Apr 17, 2017, at 9:17 PM, Wilkinson, Joe <jwilkinson@AECI.org> wrote:
>
>> Barry has a good relationship with MissouriNet. So we can make sure that the right messag

e goes out to the reporte r.

But this is now the second media outlet that we know of that is aware of the event. My opinio n is that EPA needs to push their announ cement up and get it out before the story of the event gets away from them. Both EPA and NREC A have people who are really good at

communicating these events. Barry has suggested a conference call tomorrow, which should give us the chance to discuss options.

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On Apr 17, 2017, at 9:12 PM, Tudor, David <dtudor@aeci.org> wrote:

> Your opinion

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On Apr 17, 2017, at 8:32 PM, Wilkinson, J

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Subject: EPA event on Twitter

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Barry Hart follows

Alisa Nelson
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Subject: EPA Administrator visits mid-Missouri power plant - KMIZ

FYI
http://www.abc17news.com/news/epa-administrator-visits-mid-missouri-power-plant/457434620

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Message

From: Nolan, Rich [RNolan@nma.org]
Sent: 4/13/2017 7:21:26 PM
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Subject: Fwd: NMA Hails Pruitt's Support for Coal

Have a nice Easter

Begin forwarded message:

From: <pressrelease@nma.org>
Date: April 13, 2017 at 10:30:19 AM EDT
To: <rnolan@nma.org>
Subject: NMA Hails Pruitt's Support for Coal
Reply-To: <pressrelease@nma.org>

Press Release

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Contact:

Luke Popovich
Ex. 6
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April 13, 2017

NMA Hails Pruitt's Support for Coal

WASHINGTON, D.C. – *National Mining Association (NMA) president and CEO Hal Quinn issued the following statement regarding EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt's visit today at the Harvey Mine and training complex in Pennsylvania:*

"It's encouraging to hear a senior government official recognize the contribution that America's coal resources, the world's largest, make to our nation's economy and energy security. His comments are a welcome contrast to policies of the recent past that treated America's largest energy resource as a political liability best left in the ground instead of as an invaluable asset to secure and project the nation's energy dominance.

"The Harvey Mine is part of one of the largest underground coal mine complexes in the country and the home to an underground mining training academy. Featuring an array

of the latest mining technologies, it showcases modern mining and the skills of our nation's coal miners.

"His appearance should give confidence to coal communities across the country that the days when our government stands in opposition to them are over and that the appreciation they deserve for securing the nation's energy supply for our manufacturing industries and families is finally at hand."

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The National Mining Association (NMA) is the voice of the American mining industry in Washington, D.C. Membership includes more than 325 corporations involved in all aspects of coal and solid minerals production including coal, metal and industrial mineral producers, mineral processors, equipment manufacturers, state mining associations, bulk transporters, engineering firms, consultants, financial institutions and other companies that supply goods and services to the mining industry.

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Sent: 4/10/2017 4:56:50 PM
To: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Barry Hart [bhart@amec.org]
CC: Graham, Amy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=26722dfde5b34925b0ad9a8dd4aff308-Graham, Amy]; Wilkinson, Joe [jwilkinson@AECI.org]
Subject: RE: EPA Administrator coming to Thomas Hill

Thank you so much, Tate.

Very nice to meet you both via email. Barry – could you kindly send me an agenda for the day in MO? We have the Administrator arriving into Columbia on the evening of Wednesday, April 19.

We are unsure yet if he will have an early morning breakfast in Jeff City but regardless, we have him scheduled to be at Thomas Hill at 10AM. The address I have is 5693 Highway F, Clifton Hill, MO 65244 which appears to be an hour from Columbia.

He has a 2:30PM flight back out of Columbia that afternoon so I believe that we will have to have him back on the road by 12:15. Given the fact that he has such an early flight out, we can definitely arrange to be at the facility earlier than 10AM if you feel that won't be enough time.

I'm available at Ex. 6 if you want to chat by phone.

Thank you,
Millan

From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2017 12:39 PM
To: Barry Hart <bhart@amec.org>
Cc: Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>; Wilkinson, Joe <jwilkinson@AECI.org>
Subject: RE: EPA Administrator coming to Thomas Hill

Barry—

Tried you back earlier. Millan, cc'd, who does advance for the Administrator might have a question for you r.e. rough scheduling outline. Millan, Barry is our event guru for the MO event and will have most of the answers, as will Joe who is also cc'd whose on the ground at Thomas Hill.

Tate

Message

From: Barry Hart [bhart@amec.org]
Sent: 4/13/2017 3:00:15 PM
To: Coats, Derek (Blunt) [Derek_Coats@blunt.senate.gov]
CC: Joe Wilkinson [jwilkinson@aeci.org]; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
Subject: Re: Invitation to Thomas Hill Event

Sounds good!

Barry

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On Apr 13, 2017, at 9:57 AM, Coats, Derek (Blunt) <Derek_Coats@blunt.senate.gov> wrote:

> He said yes to that, but let's discuss early next week as we finalize agenda.
>
> Many thanks!
>
> Derek
>
> On Apr 13, 2017, at 9:54 AM, Barry Hart <bhart@amec.org> wrote:
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> > Sounds good. Roy ok with MCing the event after I introduce him?
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> > Barry
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> > On Apr 13, 2017, at 9:40 AM, Coats, Derek (Blunt) <Derek_Coats@blunt.senate.gov> wrote:
> >
> > > My preference would be to limit speaking roles to the Administrator, members of Congress and of course you. The statewide should be recognized. Of course, I defer to Tate as she has final say.
> > >
> > > **From:** Barry Hart [mailto:bhart@amec.org]
> > > **Sent:** Thursday, April 13, 2017 9:38 AM
> > > **To:** Coats, Derek (Blunt) <Derek_Coats@blunt.senate.gov>
> > > **Cc:** Joe Wilkinson <jwilkinson@aeci.org>; Tate Bennett <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
> > > **Subject:** Re: Invitation to Thomas Hill Event
> > >
> > > Great that they are coming!. Heard anything on US House members. Will they nedto speak?
> > >
> > > Barry
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On Apr 13, 2017, at 9:34 AM, Coats, Derek (Blunt) <Derek_Coats@blunt.senate.gov> wrote:

> Thank you. Just as an FYI, Missouri Attorney General Josh Hawley and Missouri Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft have communicated with our office that they plan to attend the event next week. Not certain they need a speaking role, but if there is a stage we might want to include them on that. As of now, the Gov is not attending and is currently planning on meeting with Administrator Pruitt early morning on the 20th in Jefferson City.
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> **From:** Wilkinson, Joe [mailto:jwilkinson@AECI.org]
> **Sent:** Thursday, April 13, 2017 9:16 AM
> **To:** Coats, Derek (Blunt) <Derek_Coats@blunt.senate.gov>
> **Cc:** Barry Hart <bhart@amec.org>
> **Subject:** Invitation to Thomas Hill Event
>
> Derek,
> The invitation is attached. Please note that the second page is a map to the event and information for the tour.
>
> Please let me know if I can provide any additional information.
>
> Joe Wilkinson

Message

From: Barry Hart [bhart@amec.org]
Sent: 4/27/2017 3:37:08 PM
To: grassroots [grassroots@amec.org]; Roger Clark [rclark@aeci.org]; Managers [managers@amec.org]; Ken Wilmot (GR) [kwilmot@aeci.org]; Joe Wilkinson [jwilkinson@aeci.org]; David McNabb [dmcnabb@aeci.org]; Brian Prestwood [bprestwood@aeci.org]; bbossi@AECI.org; staff [staff@amec.org]; JOE TVRDY [joe.tvrdy@mail.house.gov]; Tracy Henke [Tracy_Henke@blunt.senate.gov]; Stacy_McBride@blunt.senate.gov; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Seth Appleton [seth.appleton@mail.house.gov]
Subject: EPA's Pruitt, lawmakers meet with co-op leaders at Missouri cooperative power plant - Daily Energy Insider

https://dailyenergyinsider.com/news/4615-epas-pruitt-lawmakers-meet-co-op-leaders-missouri-cooperative-power-plant/

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From: Barry Hart [bhart@amec.org]
Sent: 4/20/2017 3:02:38 AM
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Subject: Green energy advocates hold press conference ahead of EPA visit

FYI

http://www.komu.com/news/green-energy-advocates-hold-press-conference-ahead-of-epa-visit

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From: Barry Hart [bhart@amec.org]
Sent: 4/10/2017 3:44:07 PM
To: Konkus, John [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=555471b2baa6419e8e141696f4577062-Konkus, Joh]; Joe Wilkinson [jwilkinson@aeci.org]; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Graham, Amy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=26722dfde5b34925b0ad9a8dd4aff308-Graham, Amy]
CC: derek_coats@blunt.senate.gov
Subject: RE: Joe/Barry meet John

John and Amy,

Great conference call this morning! I just got off the phone with Derek Coats with U.S. Senator Roy Blunt's office and he is coordinating for the Senator. If everyone could email Derek their phone no. that would be great. Joe, I told Derek you are the person in charge of coordination for the Electric Cooperatives and Thomas Hill issues.

Barry

-----Original Message-----
From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2017 8:28 AM
To: Joe Wilkinson <jwilkinson@aeci.org>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Barry Hart <bhart@amec.org>
Subject: RE: Joe/Barry meet John

Thanks! I'll jump on.

-----Original Message-----
From: Wilkinson, Joe [mailto:jwilkinson@AECI.org]
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2017 9:25 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Barry Hart <bhart@amec.org>
Subject: RE: Joe/Barry meet John

John,
There is one - in about 5 minutes (9:30 Eastern).

Conference call information is:

Dial-in: Ex. 6
Conf. code: Ex. 6

Thanks,
Joe

-----Original Message-----
From: Konkus, John [mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2017 8:19 AM
To: Wilkinson, Joe <jwilkinson@AECI.org>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Barry Hart <bhart@amec.org>
Subject: RE: Joe/Barry meet John

Joe and Berry Is there are call this morning re this visit? If so, can you loop me in?

Also is there a good time for us to hop of the phone to connect?

Thank you!

John Konkus
Cell: Ex. 6

-----Original Message-----
From: Wilkinson, Joe [mailto:jwilkinson@AECI.org]
Sent: Friday, April 7, 2017 11:40 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Barry Hart <bhart@amec.org>
Subject: Re: Joe/Barry meet John

Tate/John,

I look forward to working with both of you. I'm planning on being at Thomas Hill the afternoon of the 19th and would love to walk you through the plans.

Let me know if you need info on a hotel.

Joe

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> On Apr 7, 2017, at 7:46 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> John Konkus (Cc'd) is Mr. Pruitt's point person for press and coalitions while at Thomas Hill. He's amazing.
>
> John, Joe is THE person to know at Thomas Hill.
>
> We both will in town on the 19th to advance the event.
>
> Sent from my iPhone

Message

From: Wilkinson, Joe [jwilkinson@AECI.org]
Sent: 4/12/2017 12:47:11 PM
To: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
CC: Prestwood, Brian [bprestwood@aeci.org]
Subject: RE: Info on sit-down meeting

Tate,

Brian Prestwood is available any time before 11 Eastern. His number is Ex. 6

And if there's anything you want to discuss with me, feel free to call at any time. Ex. 6

Thanks,
Joe

Joe Wilkinson
Vice President, Member Services and Corporate Communications
Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc.
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jwilkinson@aeci.org

-----Original Message-----
From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2017 6:15 AM
To: Wilkinson, Joe <jwilkinson@AECI.org>
Subject: Re: Info on sit-down meeting

Sent too soon- give you a call this AM when convenient. Name the time and number.

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> On Apr 12, 2017, at 6:03 AM, Wilkinson, Joe <jwilkinson@AECI.org> wrote:
>
> Tate,
> Barry said that you asked if we could provide some background on what we'd like to discuss with the Administrator during the sit-down meeting after the media event. I'd like to have our General Counsel, Brian Prestwood, provide that information. I wasn't sure if you were the right person to share it with or if it is someone else. But Brian could be available today to discuss with the appropriate person, if you'd like to set up a call.
>
> Joe

Message

From: Smith, Zachery [ZacherySmith@cnxlp.com]
Sent: 4/12/2017 12:24:26 AM
To: Hupp, Millan [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=92cac7b684b64f90953b753a01bee0d5-Hupp, Milla]; Graham, Amy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=26722dfde5b34925b0ad9a8dd4aff308-Graham, Amy]; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
CC: 'jmullins@nma.org' [jmullins@nma.org]
Subject: RE: Roundtable Lunch Attendees
Attachments: profile-2017.pdf

You're welcome.

Had a few ideas about format and flow for roundtable as well.
This group is largely from the our top vendor/supply chain network, a few customers, and Rosebud is a peer producer. I know many of them are well versed on the policy issues (Rachel Gleason, Darrel Lewis, Jim Barker, Jim McCaffrey) and some are political animals (Cliff Forrest, Sen. Bartolotta).

Oh and Senator Bartolotta's bio attached. Her district is all of Greene/Washington County. She serves on Energy and Environmental Resources committee in Harrisburg.

Open to suggestions, we can revise and finalize tomorrow on site.

- Welcome- Jimmy Brock
- Brief Introductions- Around the table/what their companies do
- Administrator Pruitt remarks and his/Trump vision for EPA
- Discussion: Jimmy or Pruitt can lead
  - National issues
  - Regional industry/economy
  - Regulations- federal/state
- Closing

From: Hupp, Millan [mailto:hupp.millan@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 7:51 PM
To: Smith, Zachery; Graham, Amy; Bennett, Tate
Cc: 'jmullins@nma.org'
Subject: RE: Roundtable Lunch Attendees

Thank you, Zach.

From: Smith, Zachery [mailto:ZacherySmith@cnxlp.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 7:32 PM
To: Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>; Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: 'jmullins@nma.org' <jmullins@nma.org>
Subject: Roundtable Lunch Attendees

Attendees highlighted are tentative.

1. Jimmy Brock- CEO, CNX Coal Resources
2. Rachel Gleason- Executive Director of PA Coal Alliance
3. Jim McCaffrey- Sr. VP of Energy Marketing, CNX Coal Resources
4. David Lawson- SVP Coal Norfolk Southern
5. Alfred Heffernan- Caterpillar Equipment
6. Bill Powell- Caterpillar Mining
7. Paul Kubincanek – 18 Karat
8. Josh Helbig– GMS Mine Repair
9. Jim Hall- JENNMAR
10. PA State Senator Camera Bartolotta
11. Cliff Forrest – Owner/President- Rosebud Mining
12. Jim Barker- Chief Operating Officer- Rosebud Mining
13. Alfred Burns- Owner- Burns Drilling/Trucking
14. Belinda Burns- Burns Drilling/Trucking
15. Jerry Mullins- NMA
16. Rich Nolan- NMA
17. Brooks Barker- Kennametal
18. Murray Johnson- VP of Operations- RG Johnson
19. Darrel Lewis- Chairman of PA Coal Alliance
20. Kevin Crutchfield – Contura- Chairman of NMA
21. Mike/Kevin Lee- Owners- Lee Supply
22. Jay Cleveland Jr. – President/CEO- Cleveland Brothers
23. Troy Dolan- President- Fenner Dunlop
24. Doug Farnham- Owner- Farnham & Pfile
25. Lincoln Contract
26. JOY Mining- TBD

Zach Smith
CNX Coal Resources | Manager of External Affairs
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Senator Camera Bartolotta

46TH DISTRICT

Senator Camera Bartolotta brings an entrepreneurial spirit and a wealth of real-world experience to her job representing residents of Beaver, Greene and Washington counties. A longtime resident of Monongahela, she was elected to her first term representing the 46th Senatorial District in 2014.

Prior to being elected to the Senate, she opened the first quick-lube business in the Mon Valley, Duke of Oil, which has been providing quality, affordable service since 1988. She also produced "La Dolce Vita," a cooking show that aired on WPXI-TV and PCNC.

In the Senate, Camera's committee assignments reflect the main concerns of the communities she represents, including the need for quality, family-sustaining jobs and smaller government. She currently serves as Chair of the Senate Intergovernmental Operations Committee, which examines proposals to consolidate services and agencies and make state government operate more effectively and efficiently.

She serves as Vice Chair of the Senate Environmental Resources and Energy Committee, and as a member of the Senate Community, Economic and Recreational Development Committee; Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee; Senate Transportation Committee; and Senate Urban Affairs and Housing Committee.

Camera also co-chairs the Senate Gas and Oil Caucus, a bipartisan legislative body that focuses on issues impacting the gas and oil industry with the goal of promoting policies resulting in a positive future for constituents, the business community and state economy.

In her first two years in office, Camera authored several new laws, including legislation to protect Pennsylvania's fresh water supplies by ensuring the safe use of treated mine water in oil and gas operations; authorize the operation of Transportation Network Companies like Uber and Lyft in all 67 counties; and strengthen penalties for motorists who injure workers and emergency responders in construction zones. She also introduced a proposed amendment to the Pennsylvania Constitution to limit the future growth in state government spending.

Camera is an active member of the community she has called home for nearly three decades. She is involved with local chapters of the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association, the United Way Board of Directors, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and Gilda's Club of Western PA. Camera is also a member of the Saint Damien of Molokai Catholic Church.

Family is a great source of pride in Camera's life and motivates her civic engagement. Her daughter, Devin, is an award-winning news reporter, producer and anchor in Baltimore. Her son, Dante, is pursuing a career in the military. Her stepdaughter, Danielle, and son-in-law, Matthew, are successful business owners in Florida. Her stepson, Damon, is a steamfitter and lives in Belle Vernon with his wife, Laurie.

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Message

From: Malloy McDaniel [McDaniel@wfs-dc.com]
Sent: 5/12/2017 6:49:57 PM
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Subject: RE: looks like

On my cell if you need to reach me this afternoon.

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Phone: Ex. 6

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 11:29 AM
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From: Malloy McDaniel [mailto:McDaniel@wfs-dc.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 11:27 AM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: looks like

Best # to call you on. I have a question for you.

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From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 11:18 AM
To: Malloy McDaniel <McDaniel@wfs-dc.com>
Subject: looks like

I will be seeing you next week.

Elizabeth Tate Bennett
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Message

From: Bowman, Liz [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=C3D4D94D3E4B4B1F80904056703EBC80-BOWMAN, ELI]
Sent: 5/2/2017 5:05:14 PM
To: Nolan, Rich [RNolan@nma.org]; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
Subject: RE: Need NMA help

Thank you!

From: Nolan, Rich [mailto:RNolan@nma.org]
Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2017 12:14 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Need NMA help

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Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2017 9:44 AM
To: Nolan, Rich <RNolan@nma.org>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: Need NMA help

Me again! Can you send along a list of coal-specific national publications?

Message

From: Lyons, Troy [TLyons@hess.com]
Sent: 3/31/2017 11:49:33 PM
To: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
Subject: Automatic reply: Ocir positions

Thank you for your note--I am no longer with Hess. For issues related to federal legislation/regulations please contact lschaaff@hess.com.

I may be reached at Ex. 6

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From: Nolan, Rich [RNolan@nma.org]
Sent: 3/23/2017 8:42:35 PM
To: Bennett, Elizabeth [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
CC: Mullins, Jerry [jmullins@nma.org]; JP Freire [jpfreireepa@gmail.com]
Subject: Re: Has Ryan talked to you about Tuesday?

Yes Ex. 6

On Mar 23, 2017, at 4:40 PM, Bennett, Elizabeth <bennett.elizabeth@epa.gov> wrote:

> Tate again. Can JP and I give either of you a call around 5 PM? If so, what is the best number?

Message

From: Barry Hart [bhart@amec.org]
Sent: 4/6/2017 9:01:05 PM
To: Joe Wilkinson [jwilkinson@aeci.org]; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
Subject: FW: EPA Administrator Pruitt to Visit Missouri

From: ashley@mofarmerscare.com [mailto:ashley@mofarmerscare.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 6, 2017 3:54 PM
To: Alan Wessler <awessler@mfa-inc.com>; dcassidy@mofb.com; gwheeler@mosoy.org; don@mopork.com; gmarshall@mocorn.org; mike@mocattle.com; James Greer <jgreer@mfaoil.com>; jeff.houts@myfcsfinancial.com
Cc: Barry Hart <bhart@amec.org>
Subject: EPA Administrator Pruitt to Visit Missouri

Exciting news! EPA Administrator Pruitt will be in Missouri on April 20th and we are invited. Thanks Barry for including us in this key event, and congrats on getting the Administrator here so early in the administration. Please see Barry's note below for more details. Gov. Greitens has not confirmed attendance yet. The public event will be begin between 10 and 11 on the 20th. It is planned as a celebration of the change of direction for which rural Missouri voted.

MFC can bring 50-75 people, as EPA would like to have a big event, so feel free to invite your leaders. **I will need names and emails for each attendee by COB Monday, April 10th.** After I receive your RSVP's I will extend an invitation for the remaining spots to the full MFC membership.

Thank you!

Ashley McCarty
Executive Director
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ashley@mofarmerscare.com

-------- Original Message --------
Subject: Re: Letter to the Editor Response - Lewis County Paper
From: Barry Hart <bhart@amec.org>
Date: Wed, April 05, 2017 7:31 am
To: "ashley@mofarmerscare.com" <ashley@mofarmerscare.com>

Ashley,

FYI on a couple issues. We have cut a check for $2500 towards Leopoldo Conservation award.

I have been working with the EPA Administrator Pruitt's office on an event in Missouri with Senator Blunt to celebrate the change in direction our country is taking on WOTUS and the Clean Power Plan.

The event is now confirmed to be the morning of April 20th at our Thomas Hill power plant near Moberly. I've already notified Blake Hurst of Farm Bureau of the event.

Could you notify other Ag leaders that this event will occur with more details to follow.if we have a total of 50 Ag leaders present to show support that would be great. If anyone has questions they can call me at Ex. 6

If each organization could let you know who is representing them so I can let the Administrator's office know that would be great. A formal invitation will follow that I will send to you. If you could forward that will be great.

Sorry for late notice but we just got the word he's coming with Roy for sure.

Barry

Sent from my iPhone

Message

From: Bell, Stephen A. [Stephen.Bell@nreca.coop]
Sent: 4/18/2017 8:57:38 PM
To: Barry Hart [bhart@amec.org]; Graham, Amy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=26722dfde5b34925b0ad9a8dd4aff308-Graham, Amy]; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Joe Wilkinson [jwilkinson@aeci.org]
Subject: RE: ARC media social media response and monitoring plan for EPA visit

I say go now. Beltway media (Politico) is reporting the event as confirmed by EPA. No reason to wait longer.

"In addition, the agency said Pruitt would travel to the Thomas Hill Energy Center, a coal-fired power plant, in Clifton Hill, Mo. on Thursday to deliver remarks to Missouri Electric Cooperative members about his EPA agenda. He'll address two recent executive orders from President Donald Trump directing the agency to review the Obama-era Clean Power Plan and Waters of the U.S. regulation."

From: Barry Hart [mailto:bhart@amec.org]
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 4:55 PM
To: Bell, Stephen A.; Amy Graham; Bennett.Tate@epa.gov; Joe Wilkinson
Subject: Fwd: ARC media social media response and monitoring plan for EPA visit

What do you think?

Barry

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** Gus Wagner <gus@reachthearc.com>
> **Date:** April 18, 2017 at 3:51:02 PM CDT
> **To:** Jim McCarty <jmccarty@amec.org>
> **Cc:** Barry Hart <bhart@amec.org>, Andy Neidert <andy@reachthearc.com>
> **Subject: Re: ARC media social media response and monitoring plan for EPA visit**
>
> Are we good to share, now not later, the Moberly Monitor article as the supporting link for our announcement on the EPA visit...or do we want to wait for more supportive press?
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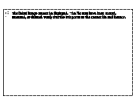
> 
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>
> On Tue, Apr 18, 2017 at 1:59 PM, Jim McCarty <jmccarty@amec.org> wrote:
> Good job Gus. We will post photos and video from the event as soon as possible to https://ruralmissouri.smugmug.com/EPA-Administrator-at-Thomas-Hill/
>
> _____
> Jim McCarty, editor

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From: Gus Wagner <gus@reachthearc.com<mailto:gus@reachthearc.com>>
Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 1:22 PM
To: Jim McCarty <jmccarty@amec.org<mailto:jmccarty@amec.org>>, Barry Hart <bhart@amec.org<mailto:bhart@amec.org>>, Andy Neidert <andy@reachthearc.com<mailto:andy@reachthearc.com>>
Subject: ARC media social media response and monitoring plan for EPA visit

We'll be on-site and in our control suite monitoring the live activity online during the Administrator's visit on 4.20.17. Our plan will be to promote the feel-good activity and news from the event while countering any digital activity deemed worthy of a response with facts.

Current plan is as follows. (This is internal vB)

4/19 Messaging

POST 1

(T) We're honored that @EPAScottPruitt is taking the time to visit our Thomas Hill Energy center for himself, and hear from Member-Owners and employees directly.
<Insert Pruitt Images>

(T) Associated Electric Cooperative has been honored for its work to reclaim the 30,000-acre coal mine site — turning it into pristine wildlife habitat and farmland.
<Insert Wildlife Image>

POST 2

(F) We're glad that Administrator Pruitt recognizes the adverse economic impacts of harmful regulation, and look forward to working with his administration on proposals that protect our environment, maintain the reliability of our electric grid and promote a healthy economy. With the proper policy approach, we can meet all of these goals.

(F) Associated pursues an all of the above approaches to keeping the lights on.
- 750 MW of wind
- 478 MW of hydro
- 2,753 MW of natural gas

o 2,353 MW of Coal
<Insert image depicting energy mix>

POST 3

(T) Associated Electric's Thomas Hill energy center provides affordable and reliable power to more than 420,000 Missouri households

<Insert Image>

(T) Collectively, Missouri co-ops employ 3,541 people and empower 600,000 households and businesses consumers

4/20 Messaging

POST 1

(F) Electric cooperatives appreciate Administrator Pruitt recognizing the importance of affordable and reliable power to Missouri families and businesses. We're honored that he's taken the time to see the facility for himself and hear from us directly.

<Insert Image of Administrator Pruit at Thomas Hill Facility>

POST 2

(F) We're glad that Administrator Pruitt recognizes the adverse economic impacts of harmful regulation, look forward to working with his administration on proposals that protect our environment, maintain the reliability of our electric grid and promote a healthy economy. With the proper policy approach, we can meet all of these goals.
<Insert Image of Pruitt with Missouri Cooperative leaders>
Live-tweeting of comments and photo-ops as available.
Follow up content on Facebook the evening of 4/20/17 highlighting images and balanced press clippings from the visit.

Comment Response Plan

· ARC will monitor commentary across available social platforms for Cooperative, EPA, @EPAScottPruitt, #EPABack2Basics, and keyword monitoring and judge worthiness for a response.

· Comments that are positive will be liked and possibly shared by the AMEC page.

· Comments that are derogatory and/or abusive will be hidden from public view. Commenter receives no notification this hiding has happened.
Questioning comments that remain positive will be addressed with the following themes:
COMMENT: Environmental in Nature
RESPONSE: 1. Highlight Energy Mix
2. Highlight Thomas Hill restoration

COMMENT: Economical in Nature
RESPONSE: 1. Highlight cooperative employment
2. Highlight taxes paid
3. Highlight Missouri cooperative utility rate

COMMENT: Political in Nature
RESPONSE: 1. A diverse group of Missouri's elected leaders, agriculture leaders, and Member-Owners joined us in welcoming Director Pruitt to Thomas Hill.
2. 300,000 EPA postcards with no response, but Administrator Pruitt has/will visit Missouri's Electric Cooperatives within his first 3 months on the job.
3. Rural Missouri Voters Overwhelmingly Supported Trump
http://news.stlpublicradio.org/post/missouris-rural-voters-flocked-trump-fueling-statewide-gop-victories#stream/0

NRECA SAMPLE SOCIAL POSTS:

· NEWS: Associated electric cooperative will host @EPAScottPruitt for a tour of the Thomas Hill energy center Thursday.

· Honored that he's taking the time to learn how co-ops power and empower more than 600,000 Missouri farms, businesses, homes, and schools. <INSERT COMMUNITY GRAPHIC>

· Associated Electric Co-op relies on a diverse fuel mix to keep the lights on? http://ow.ly/o5lr30aXhoc <INSERT ENERGY GRAPHIC>

· Did you know: The Thomas Hill Energy Center keeps the lights on for more than 420,000 households. <INSERT COMMUNITY GRAPHIC>

· With smart policy and balanced fuel mix, we can protect the environment, maintain reliability and promote a healthy economy. <INSERT ENERGY GRAPHIC>

· Associated Electric Cooperative was named "Wind Utility of the Year" for its efforts to bring Missouri's first wind farm on line. <INNOVATION GRAPHIC>

· Working for our members – not for profit – co-ops strive to be good stewards of the environment & their resources. http://ow.ly/ACyc30aXe6z

· Electric cooperatives are critical to a vibrant Missouri economy. <COMMUNITY GRAPHIC>

· Electric co-ops have two key missions – keeping the lights on and empowering the rural

communities we serve. http://ow.ly/Wnql30aXfKj

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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; Ex. 7(C); 7(F) Ex. 7(C); 7(F)
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, Ex. 7(C); 7(F) EPA Protective Service Detail), Ex. 7(C); 7(F) EPA Protective Service Detail), John Konkus (EPA Public Affairs/Communications), and Tate Bennett (EPA Congressional Affairs).

I am copying Agent Ex. 7(C); 7(F) and Agent Ex. 7(C); 7(F) 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
>
> · 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

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> · 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
> Vice President, Member Services and Corporate Communications
> Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc.
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> jwilkinson@aeci.org<mailto:jwilkinson@aeci.org>
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> <Invitation THEC tour with EPA.PDF>
> <Fact sheets for tour at THEC.pdf>
> <image003.png>

Message

From: Barry Hart [bhart@amec.org]
Sent: 4/18/2017 8:55:02 PM
To: Stephen A. Bell [Stephen.Bell@nreca.coop]; Graham, Amy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=26722dfde5b34925b0ad9a8dd4aff308-Graham, Amy]; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Joe Wilkinson [jwilkinson@aeci.org]
Subject: Fwd: ARC media social media response and monitoring plan for EPA visit

What do you think?

Barry

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** Gus Wagner <gus@reachthearc.com>
> **Date:** April 18, 2017 at 3:51:02 PM CDT
> **To:** Jim McCarty <jmccarty@amec.org>
> **Cc:** Barry Hart <bhart@amec.org>, Andy Neidert <andy@reachthearc.com>
> **Subject: Re: ARC media social media response and monitoring plan for EPA visit**
>
> Are we good to share, now not later, the Moberly Monitor article as the supporting link for our announcement on the EPA visit...or do we want to wait for more supportive press?

Gus Wagner
ARCmedia
573.634.5385 | 314.603.0923 | Gus@ReachTheARC.com | http://ReachTheARC.com

> On Tue, Apr 18, 2017 at 1:59 PM, Jim McCarty <jmccarty@amec.org> wrote:
> Good job Gus. We will post photos and video from the event as soon as possible to https://ruralmissouri.smugmug.com/EPA-Administrator-at-Thomas-Hill/
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> _____
> Jim McCarty, editor
> Rural Missouri magazine
> P.O. Box 1645
> Jefferson City, MO 65102
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From: Gus Wagner <gus@reachthearc.com<mailto:gus@reachthearc.com>>
Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 1:22 PM
To: Jim McCarty <jmccarty@amec.org<mailto:jmccarty@amec.org>>, Barry Hart <bhart@amec.org<mailto:bhart@amec.org>>, Andy Neidert <andy@reachthearc.com<mailto:andy@reachthearc.com>>
Subject: ARC media social media response and monitoring plan for EPA visit

We'll be on-site and in our control suite monitoring the live activity online during the Administrator's visit on 4.20.17. Our plan will be to promote the feel-good activity and news from the event while countering any digital activity deemed worthy of a response with facts.

Current plan is as follows. (This is internal vB)

4/19 Messaging

POST 1

(T) We're honored that @EPAScottPruitt is taking the time to visit our Thomas Hill Energy center for himself, and hear from Member-Owners and employees directly.
<Insert Pruitt Images>

(T) Associated Electric Cooperative has been honored for its work to reclaim the 30,000-acre coal mine site — turning it into pristine wildlife habitat and farmland.
<Insert Wildlife Image>

POST 2

(F) We're glad that Administrator Pruitt recognizes the adverse economic impacts of harmful regulation, and look forward to working with his administration on proposals that protect our environment, maintain the reliability of our electric grid and promote a healthy economy. With the proper policy approach, we can meet all of these goals.

(F) Associated pursues an all of the above approaches to keeping the lights on.
- 750 MW of wind
- 478 MW of hydro
- 2,753 MW of natural gas
- 2,353 MW of Coal

<Insert image depicting energy mix>

POST 3

(T) Associated Electric's Thomas Hill energy center provides affordable and reliable power to more than 420,000 Missouri households

<Insert Image>

(T) Collectively, Missouri co-ops employ 3,541 people and empower 600,000 households and businesses consumers

4/20 Messaging

POST 1

(F) Electric cooperatives appreciate Administrator Pruitt recognizing the importance of affordable and reliable power to Missouri families and businesses. We're honored that he's taken the time to see the facility for himself and hear from us directly.

<Insert Image of Administrator Pruit at Thomas Hill Facility>

POST 2

(F) We're glad that Administrator Pruitt recognizes the adverse economic impacts of harmful regulation, look forward to working with his administration on proposals that protect our environment, maintain the reliability of our electric grid and promote a healthy economy. With the proper policy approach, we can meet all of these goals.
<Insert Image of Pruitt with Missouri Cooperative leaders>
Live-tweeting of comments and photo-ops as available.
Follow up content on Facebook the evening of 4/20/17 highlighting images and balanced press clippings from the visit.

Comment Response Plan

· ARC will monitor commentary across available social platforms for Cooperative, EPA, @EPAScottPruitt, #EPABack2Basics, and keyword monitoring and judge worthiness for a response.

· Comments that are positive will be liked and possibly shared by the AMEC page.

· Comments that are derogatory and/or abusive will be hidden from public view. Commenter receives no notification this hiding has happened.
Questioning comments that remain positive will be addressed with the following themes:
COMMENT: Environmental in Nature
RESPONSE: 1. Highlight Energy Mix
2. Highlight Thomas Hill restoration

COMMENT: Economical in Nature
RESPONSE: 1. Highlight cooperative employment
2. Highlight taxes paid
3. Highlight Missouri cooperative utility rate

COMMENT: Political in Nature

RESPONSE: 1. A diverse group of Missouri's elected leaders, agriculture leaders, and Member-Owners joined us in welcoming Director Pruitt to Thomas Hill.

2. 300,000 EPA postcards with no response, but Administrator Pruitt has/will visit Missouri's Electric Cooperatives within his first 3 months on the job.

3. Rural Missouri Voters Overwhelmingly Supported Trump
http://news.stlpublicradio.org/post/missouris-rural-voters-flocked-trump-fueling-statewide-gop-victories#stream/0

NRECA SAMPLE SOCIAL POSTS:

· NEWS: Associated electric cooperative will host @EPAScottPruitt for a tour of the Thomas Hill energy center Thursday.

· Honored that he's taking the time to learn how co-ops power and empower more than 600,000 Missouri farms, businesses, homes, and schools. <INSERT COMMUNITY GRAPHIC>

· Associated Electric Co-op relies on a diverse fuel mix to keep the lights on? http://ow.ly/o5lr30aXhoc <INSERT ENERGY GRAPHIC>

· Did you know: The Thomas Hill Energy Center keeps the lights on for more than 420,000 households. <INSERT COMMUNITY GRAPHIC>

· With smart policy and balanced fuel mix, we can protect the environment, maintain reliability and promote a healthy economy. <INSERT ENERGY GRAPHIC>

· Associated Electric Cooperative was named "Wind Utility of the Year" for its efforts to bring Missouri's first wind farm on line. <INNOVATION GRAPHIC>

· Working for our members – not for profit – co-ops strive to be good stewards of the environment & their resources. http://ow.ly/ACyc30aXe6z

· Electric cooperatives are critical to a vibrant Missouri economy. <COMMUNITY GRAPHIC>

· Electric co-ops have two key missions – keeping the lights on and empowering the rural communities we serve. http://ow.ly/Wnql30aXfKj

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Message

From: Brydon Ross [BRoss@hbwresources.com]
Sent: 5/15/2017 8:54:52 PM
To: tim@ouragfuture.com; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
Subject: RE: Introductions

Tim, thanks for connecting us!

Tate, congrats on your new gig! People here in the Commonwealth are very proud of you and the job you and the Administrator are doing.

Would certainly like to visit with you anytime you have availability for a call (I promise to be brief) or perhaps meet up the next time I'm in DC.

Best,
Brydon
Ex. 6 direct
cell

From: tim@ouragfuture.com [mailto:tim@ouragfuture.com]
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 4:48 PM
To: 'Bennett, Tate' <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Brydon Ross <BRoss@hbwresources.com>
Subject: Introductions

Tate...Ross. Ross...Tate. Introduction time. Believe both you know each other in past life.

Tate Bennett: Senior Deputy Associate Administrator Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs
Office of the Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Brydon Ross: Regional Director for Southeast and Northeast, Consumer Energy Alliance
Vice President State Affairs, HBW Resources

Thanks!

Tim

Timothy J. Barnes
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Message

From: Scott Will [swill@republicanags.com]
Sent: 5/11/2017 9:04:13 PM
To: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
Subject: Re: Quick call

Sorry. Can you talk now? I'm on my cell.

Scott Will
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From: "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Date: Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 2:18 PM
To: Scott Will <swill@republicanags.com>
Subject: Quick call

Hey Scott!

Do you have time for a quick phone call this afternoon?

If so, what is the best number? I'll be tied up from 2:30 to 4 eastern, but otherwise free.

Elizabeth Tate Bennett
Senior Deputy Associate Administrator
Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs
Office of the Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Message

From: Nolan, Rich [RNolan@nma.org]
Sent: 4/19/2017 4:41:56 PM
To: Hupp, Millan [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=92cac7b684b64f90953b753a01bee0d5-Hupp, Milla]; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
CC: Ferguson, Lincoln [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=08cd7f82606244de96b61b96681c46de-Ferguson, L]; Freire, JP [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=11603dce40a1499e8e9c17eaed000ad1-Freire, Joh]; Gunasekara, Mandy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=53d1a3caa8bb4ebab8a2d28ca59b6f45-Gunasekara,]
Subject: RE: Pruitt in Naples

Thanks, I am more focused on policy issues that may arise.

From: Hupp, Millan [mailto:hupp.millan@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2017 12:40 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Nolan, Rich <RNolan@nma.org>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Freire, JP <Freire.JP@epa.gov>; Gunasekara, Mandy <Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Pruitt in Naples

Nothing as of yet. Moya Phelleps has been incredibly helpful.

Millan Hupp
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On Apr 19, 2017, at 11:33 AM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

> Roping in our folks who will be there or may want to weigh in. Thanks for reaching out.
>
> On Apr 19, 2017, at 11:07 AM, Nolan, Rich <RNolan@nma.org> wrote:
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> > Do you need anything for Pruitt for Monday?
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> <image001.png>
>
> Rich Nolan
> Senior Vice President, Government and Political Affairs
> National Mining Association
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> Washington, D.C. 20001
> Phone: Ex. 6
> Direct:
> nolan@nma.org

Message

From: Nolan, Rich [RNolan@nma.org]
Sent: 4/19/2017 4:06:55 PM
To: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
Subject: Pruitt in Naples

Do you need anything for Pruitt for Monday?

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Message

From: Barry Hart [bhart@amec.org]
Sent: 3/31/2017 10:27:33 PM
To: Managers [managers@amec.org]; staff [staff@amec.org]; Joe Wilkinson [jwilkinson@aeci.org]; grassroots [grassroots@amec.org]; Brian Prestwood [bprestwood@aeci.org]; Ken Wilmot (GR) [kwilmot@aeci.org]; David McNabb [dmcnabb@aeci.org]; Roger Clark [rclark@aeci.org]; bbossi@AECI.org; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
Subject: Rep. Smith Joins President to Lower Electric Bills, Save Jobs | Congressman Jason Smith

http://jasonsmith.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/rep-smith-joins-president-to-lower-electric-bills-save-jobs

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Message

From: Wilkinson, Joe [jwilkinson@AECI.org]
Sent: 4/17/2017 8:17:35 PM
To: Konkus, John [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=555471b2baa6419e8e141696f4577062-Konkus, Joh]
CC: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Hupp, Millan [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=92cac7b684b64f90953b753a01bee0d5-Hupp, Milla]; Barry Hart [bhart@amec.org]
Subject: FW: TH VIP Event: On-Stage Employee List

John,
Below is the list of employees that have been selected from Thomas Hill to be on stage during the event. I expected that from a security standpoint, you would want to know.

Thanks,
Joe

	Name	U or NU	Position	Department
1	Ex. 6	non-union	Document Control Specialist	Engineering Dept.
2		non-union	Assistant Materials Management Supervisor	Warehouse Dept.
1		IBEW	Yard Equipment Operator	Coal Yard
2		IBEW Chief Steward	Journeyman Welder/Mechanic	Mechanical Maintenance Dept.
3		IBEW Dept. Steward	Chemical Lab Technician	Results/Lab Dept.
4		IBEW	Journeyman Mech Maint Tech	Mechanical Maintenance Dept.
5		IBEW	Journeyman Electrician Specialist	Electrical Maintenance Dept.
6		IBEW	Chemical Lab Technician	Results/Lab Dept.
7		IBEW	Yard Equipment Operator	Coal Yard
8		IBEW Dept. Steward	Control Room Operator	Operations Dept.

Joe Wilkinson
Vice President, Member Services and Corporate Communications
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Message

From: Wilkinson, Joe [jwilkinson@AECI.org]
Sent: 4/19/2017 3:20:49 PM
To: Konkus, John [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=555471b2baa6419e8e141696f4577062-Konkus, Joh]; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
CC: Barry Hart [bhart@amec.org]
Subject: Fwd: Final Attendee List - Thomas Hill EPA vist
Attachments: Guest list - FINAL.xlsx; ATT00001.htm

Final RSVP list below

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Megan Beyer <mbeyer@amec.org>
Date: April 19, 2017 at 10:17:09 AM CDT
To: "Hupp, Millan" <hupp.millan@epa.gov>
Cc: Barry Hart <bhart@amec.org>, "Wilkinson, Joe" <jwilkinson@AECI.org>, "Wright, Lisa" <lwright@aeci.org>, Linda Bolten - Amec <lbolten@amec.org>
Subject: Final Attendee List - Thomas Hill EPA vist

Please find attached the final attendee list for the Thomas Hill event tomorrow. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Megan Beyer
Administrative Services Coordinator
Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives
2722 E. McCarty Street, P.O. Box 1645
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Ex. 6

RSVP list for EPA Administrator Visit

Guest List

Name	Position
Cooperatives	
David Tudor	CEO and General Manager / AECI Board Member
Joe Wilkinson	VP, Member Services and Corporate Communications
Mark Viguet	Manager, Corporate Communications
Linda Putman	Managing Editor & Communications Coordinator
Brent Bossi	
Dave Ramsey	Manager, Member Energy Services
Robin Harrison	Senior Corporate Communicator
Ken Wilmot	Vice President, Power Production
Scott Cochran	Manager, Engineering
Brian Prestwood	Vice President, General Counsel/Chief Compliance Officer
Charlie Chapman	Supervisor, Reliability Centered Maintenance
Scott Crise	Supervisor, Engineering Projects
John Patchell	Security Specialist
Buddy Hasten	Managing Director, Plant Operations & Reliability
Jessica Arthur	Senior Office Associate
Brent Ross	Manager, Environmental, Health & Safety
Ron Webb	Supervisor, Physical Security
Juli Schroeder	Senior Office Associate
Robert Winters	Senior Predictive Maintenance Engineer
Barry Hart	Executive Vice President & CEO
Jim McCarty	Vice President of Communications & Printing, Rural Missouri
Paul Newton	Manager of Rural Missouri
Zach Smith	Field Editor, Rural Missouri
Rob Land	Vice President of Risk Management and Training
Pat Bax	Special Services Coordinator
Brent Stewart	Legislative & Regulatory Counsel
Zach Pollock	Legislative Coordinator
Richard Moore	Vice President
Linda Bolten	Executive Assistant
Mary Scruggs	Director of Government Relations
David Klindt	
Larry Lauman	Director
Jeff Hull	Interim CEO
Max Walters	Director
John Singleton	General Manager/CEO
Paul Montgomery	Manager of Engineering & Operations
Jay Turner	Board Member
Wayne Wilcox	Board Member
Scott Thieret	Employee
Meredith Hoenes	Employee

Josh Booth	Employee
Clint Smith	Manager of Administration
Tom Howard	CEO / AECI Board Member
Darren Eckhoff	General Manager
Brenda Sleeper	Office Manager
Ronald Bledsoe	Director
Francis Burks	Director
Pat Wood	Director
Raymond Boland	Director
William Larry Cloud	Director
Robert Leftwich	Director
James Sneed	Director
Billy Thiel	Director
Bryan Von Holten	Director
Gary Coulter	Line Superintendent
Bruce Oliver	
Sarah Oliver	
Chris Turner	CEO/General Manager
Christopher Scott Duncan	Director of Telecommunications Services
Mike Bax	Employee
Adam Weber	Employee
Ken Johnson	General Manager/CEO
Craig Allee	Director
Gene Eulinger	Director
Gary Harris	Director
Rick Purdon	Director
John Schuster	Director
Mike Fuller	General Manager
Rod Cotton	General Manager
Chasity Anderson	Communications Manager
Ron Cornett	Director
LeRoy Kern	Director
Ray Shields	Director
Arzy Bisbee	Director
Warren Hoyt	Director
W.D. Richards	Director
Scott Wilson	General Manager
Eric Woodard	Director
Richard Fowler	Manager
Bill John	Director
Aaron Bradshaw	CEO
Tony Floyd	Eco. Dev./Key Accts.
Patrick Griggs	General Manager/CEO
Ned Daggs	Director
Larry Clark	Director
Larry Smoot	Director
Danny Dannenhauer	Director

Todd Schroeder	CEO/General Manager
Larry Robuck	Director
Jay Collins	Director
Greg Bruno	Director
Dan Fitzhugh	Director
Rick Kemp	Director
Daryl Sorrell	CEO/Manager
Glenn Mitchell McCumber	Manager
Kevin Wilson	
Mark Rakes	Marketing Manager
Loren Haines	General Manager/CEO
Melvin Scott	Director
Brad Bohle	Line Superintendent
Emery Buster Geisendorfer Jr.	Associated Electric Cooperative Board President
Doug Aeilts	CEO and General Manager / AECI Board Member
Kami Mohn	Manager of Economic Development and Member Services
Kevin White	COO
Jackie Serbin	CFO
Gary Wood	Operations Manager
Jamie Page	Transmission Services Manager
Pam Whiston	IT Manager
David McDowell	CEO/General Manager
Kent Brown	CFO
John Stickley	Director of Engineering & Operations
John Killgore	Associated Electric Cooperative Board Vice President
Byron Roach	Director of PR & Special Projects
Tim Davis	Manager
Thomas Jake Fisher	Director
Dave Deihl	General Manager
Ed Williams	IT Manager
Jennifer Grossl	Manager Marketing & Communications
Steve Adkins	Director
Lynn Hodges	CEO/Manager
Rhonda Robison	Office Manager
Bob Winsel	Systems Adminstrator
Chris Weatherford	Internet Technician
John Hemeyer	Director
Sharon Leake	Director
David Palmer	Director
Mike Huff	Director
Tom Wooten	Director
Jerry Elsberry	Director
Gale Cragen	Director
Tim Minehardt	Employee
Don Levi	Employee
Ralph Bland	Employee
Sean Vanslyke	General Manager

John Richards	CEO & General Manager
Tim Lewis	Employee
Nick Seiner	Communications Coordinator
Nancy Erickson	Director
Bob Arntz	Director
Dennis Hurley	Director
Tom Werdenhause	General Manager
Alan McNeely	Director
Gene Rademacher	Director
Thayne Barton	Manager of Administrative Services
Roger Kloeppel	Operations Manager
Mark Boyer	Manager of Marketing & Tech. Services
Melissa Evans	Chief Administrative Officer
Pat Walter	Member Services Manager - Savannah
Mike Gray	General Manager
Robert Simmons	Director
OTHER	
Andy Neidert	
Gus Wagner	
Tony Campbell	President & CEO
Tate Bennett	
Ed Chu	
Lincoln Ferguson	
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Amy Graham	
Millan Hupp	
John Konkus	
Troy Lyons	
Jini Ryan (legal name: Ranjini Sathianarayanan	
Eric Vance	
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Deborah Shimp	Pricing and Scheduling Manager
Timothy Danze	Hedging Manager
Adam Buckallew	Marketing Specialist
Steve Fairchild	Communications
Ernie Verslues	CEO
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David Dick	Board Member
Bobby Simpson	Board Member
Keith Stevens	Board Member
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Samantha Davis	Director of Policy
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Therese Sander	Randolph Co. Legislative Co-Chair
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Congressman Blaine Luetkemeyer	
Matt Thompson	Special Assistant

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CC: 'derek_coats@blunt.senate.gov' [Derek_Coats@blunt.senate.gov]
Subject: Re: Invitation to Thomas Hill Event

All,
Here's what I have for the agenda at this point, based on the last discussion with John Konkus.

Please let me know if you'd like any adjustments.

Arrival Time: 10:00

10:00 Steve Iwanowicz welcome, Barry Hart Introduction, Senator Blunt, Congressmen?

10:15 EPA Administrator Pruitt presentation

10:45 Greeting guests, media interviews

11:00 Exit tent for plant building

11:05 VIP tour of plant

11:35 VIP Sit-down

Departure time: 12:15

Thanks,
Joe

Sent from Surface

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Sent: 4/27/2017 2:48:05 AM
To: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
Subject: RE: Connecting you

I was not in DC for the legislation conference - actually had to go to Houston for a Board meeting for a different company, Western Gas. I will let you know when i am headed to DC and will buy the drinks. Thanks - DT

From: Bennett, Tate [Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 2:59 PM
To: Tudor, David
Subject: RE: Connecting you

Hey David! We had the BEST time last week. Sad we can't do it all over again this week. Apologies on the e-mail mix up as well. I was sleep deprived. Were you in town for leg conference? Please don't be a stranger whenever you are in town. We are getting to work on NSR, and will circle back soon with questions. -Tate

-----Original Message-----
From: Tudor, David [mailto:dtudor@aeci.org]
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 3:04 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Connecting you

Tate - it was a pleasure to meet you and I appreciate the effort you all went through to coordinate the event at Thomas Hill with our Associated team and with Barry Hart's statewide organization. The event was a huge success and we received numerous positive comments from the attendees and our power plant employees. Please express my appreciation to Administrator Pruitt for allocating that last 30 minutes to us - it was very important to us.

I'm in DC several times a year and will buy the drinks if you are available. In the meantime, let me know if you need any help on your EPA initiatives.

Best regards - David

David J. Tudor
CEO and GM
Associated Electric Cooperative
Mobile - Ex. 6

From: Bennett, Tate [Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2017 12:44 PM
To: Prestwood, Brian
Cc: Tudor, David
Subject: RE: Connecting you

Thanks, Brian! Might have a few questions for you later today.

From: Prestwood, Brian [mailto:bprestwood@aeci.org]
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2017 1:10 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Tudor, David <dtudor@aeci.org>
Subject: RE: Connecting you

Tate,

Tony Campbell at E. KY Power Co-op asked that we pass the attached presentation along to you ahead of your meeting tomorrow.

Thanks,
Brian

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, April 21, 2017 4:37 AM
To: Wagner, Kenneth <wagner.kenneth@epa.gov<mailto:wagner.kenneth@epa.gov>>
Cc: Chu, Ed <Chu.Ed@epa.gov<mailto:Chu.Ed@epa.gov>>; dtudor@acci.org<mailto:dtudor@acci.org>; Prestwood, Brian <bprestwood@aeci.org<mailto:bprestwood@aeci.org>>; Wilkinson, Joe <jwilkinson@AECI.org<mailto:jwilkinson@AECI.org>>
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Sorry, David Tudor! Sleep deprived over here.

Perhaps David and Brett can bring Ken up to speed on NSR and your need for consistent guidance?

In the meantime, I'll check in with HQ Policy Office. Feel free to send any materials demonstrating employment/economic impacts you might have our way.

On Apr 21, 2017, at 1:20 AM, Wagner, Kenneth <wagner.kenneth@epa.gov<mailto:wagner.kenneth@epa.gov>> wrote:
I have also included David Tudor on the email chain. David...if you could detail the particular issue so that we may fully understand and set up a meaningful meeting within the next two weeks as we discussed. We are looking forward to bringing resolution to the issue!

Kenneth E. Wagner
Senior Advisor to the Administrator
For Regional and State Affairs
Environmental Protection Agency
Ex. 6 office
cell
wagner.kenneth@epa.gov<mailto:wagner.kenneth@epa.gov>

On Apr 20, 2017, at 10:55 PM, Chu, Ed <Chu.Ed@epa.gov<mailto:Chu.Ed@epa.gov>> wrote:
Thanks for connecting us Tate! Ken and I met briefly with David Tudor and committed to schedule a follow up meeting.

David - I will follow up with you separately and will also include you in our future discussions.

Edward H. Chu
Acting Regional Administrator, Region 7
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
913-551-7333

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 20, 2017, at 8:12 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov<mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>> wrote:
Ed- the Administrator wanted to make sure you and David (CC'd) were able to connect today.

I'll follow up on our end from DC as well. So glad you made it out to the event!

Tate

Message

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Sent: 4/14/2017 5:34:12 PM
To: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
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To: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
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Subject: RE: Thanks again / NSR

Thanks Tate, Mandy let me know if you have a few minutes this week. Thanks, Rich **Ex. 6**

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2017 7:13 PM
To: Nolan, Rich <RNolan@nma.org>
Cc: Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Gunasekara, Mandy <Gunasekara.Mandy@epa.gov>
Subject: Thanks again / NSR

Rich,

Thanks again for your help with yesterday's event in PA. The Administrator was very pleased to say the least! Here is a link to the press release:https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-launches-back-basics-agenda-pennsylvania-coal-mine

We will certainly flag the NSR issue that was raised with Mandy on our team, whom I believe you know very well.

Let us know how we can be helpful to you going forward.

Tate

Message

From: Barry Hart [bhart@amec.org]
Sent: 4/19/2017 2:46:40 PM
To: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Graham, Amy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=26722dfde5b34925b0ad9a8dd4aff308-Graham, Amy]; Joe Wilkinson [jwilkinson@aeci.org]
Subject: Fwd: E&E on Pruitt Visit

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** Jim McCarty <jmccarty@amec.org>
> **Date:** April 19, 2017 at 8:16:40 AM CDT
> **To:** "Bell, Stephen A." <Stephen.Bell@nreca.coop>
> **Cc:** Joe Wilkinson <jwilkinson@aeci.org>, "Mark Viguet (GR)" <mviguet@aeci.org>, Barry Hart <bhart@amec.org>
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> Typical Sierra Club statement, looking right past our wind investment to highlight a latecomer with less renewables than we have!
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> Jim McCarty
> Editor, Rural Missouri
> Ex. 6
> jmccarty@ruralmissouri.coop
> http://www.ruralmissouri.coop

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> Making sure you all saw the below E&E article on Pruitt's visit to MO. Came out very nicely. Could play well on social.
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> **Pruitt to bring 'Back-to-Basics' message to Midwest coal plant**
>
> Jeffrey Tomich, E&E News reporter
>
> A week after visiting a Pennsylvania coal mine and a day after his visit to East Chicago, Ind., U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt is taking his "Back-to-Basics" tour to a coal-fired power plant in the heart of Missouri.
>
> Pruitt, who will be joined by Sen. Roy Blunt (R-Mo.), is scheduled to speak at the Associated Electric Cooperative Inc. Thomas Hill Energy Center tomorrow morning.
>
> The former Oklahoma attorney general is expected to deliver much of the same message that he has delivered twice in the past week, highlighting an executive order

signed by President Trump last month that eases regulations on fossil fuels (Energywire, March 29).

Pruitt's message is likely one that will resonate in the rural central Missouri county where the 1,153-megawatt plant is located. Randolph County residents voted for President Trump over Democrat Hillary Clinton by a margin greater than 3-to-1.

Tomorrow's visit is being organized by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, the national organization representing more than 900 rural power cooperatives across 47 states, and AECI, the generation and transmission cooperative that serves about 875,000 homes in Missouri, Iowa and Oklahoma.

Springfield, Mo.-based AECI said it is pleased to host Pruitt and hear about his "vision and priorities for energy and the environment."

"As a leading power generation and transmission company, it is important for us to understand Administrator Pruitt's perspective and to share our experience with him," AECI spokesman Mark Viguet said in an emailed statement. "Working together, we can make sure responsible and affordable energy remains the cornerstone of our rural electric cooperative system."

The Thomas Hill plant, one of two coal-burning plants in AECI's generating portfolio, employs about 230 people. The plant, which sits beside a man-made reservoir that provides a source of water, has three units, the first of which began operation in 1966.

Like Missouri itself, AECI has leaned heavily on fossil fuels, specifically coal, to generate electricity.

But in recent years, the cooperative has diversified its portfolio by contracting for hundreds of megawatts of wind energy from projects in Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma. The cooperative was the first electric generator in the state to buy power from Missouri wind farms and is the largest buyer of Missouri wind power.

Andy Knott, senior campaign representative for the Sierra Club's Beyond Coal campaign in Missouri, said it's ironic that the EPA head is choosing to highlight an aging coal plant when utilities across the state are creating jobs and cutting emissions by boosting investment in wind and solar projects.

As an example, he cited the city of Springfield's contract to purchase 200 MW of wind energy from an Oklahoma wind farm — a deal that will provide the state's third-largest city with energy at a 15 percent discount to the municipal utility's most modern coal-burning plant.

"In general, we're appalled at Pruitt's agenda," Knott said. "He thinks the only way to create jobs is to reduce regulations on coal when the economics are clearly changing for clean energy."

From: Bell, Stephen A. [Stephen.Bell@nreca.coop]
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 10:49 AM
To: Jeff Tomich; Mark Viguet (GR); Joe Wilkinson
Subject: RE: Pruitt in MO

Associated and the Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives are organizing the visit. Looping in Associated's comms team here who can likely get you a statement.

-----Original Message-----
From: Jeff Tomich [mailto:jtomich@eenews.net]
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 11:47 AM
To: Bell, Stephen A.
Subject: RE: Pruitt in MO

Hey Stephen, we're doing a short piece fro tomorrow just noting that Pruitt will be visiting Missouri and the Thomas Hill plant. Anyone from NRECA available to discuss briefly or any kind of statement you could send along.

Are NRECA and AECI organizing the visit?

Thanks,
Jeff

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From: Bell, Stephen A. [Stephen.Bell@nreca.coop]
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2017 10:46 AM
To: Jeff Tomich
Subject: RE: Pruitt in MO

Hi Jeff - glad you plan to cover. Details are still taking shape and I'll pass them along as I have them. For your planning purposes though, it'll be Thursday morning at the Thomas Hill Energy Center near Clifton Hill.

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From: Jeff Tomich [mailto:jtomich@eenews.net]
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2017 9:40 AM
To: Bell, Stephen A.
Subject: Pruitt in MO

Good morning Stephen, it's Jeff Tomich with E&E. Emily Holden forwarded your note about Scott Pruitt's visit to Missouri this week. I'm based in St. Louis and plan to cover. Are there details or a press advisory available?

Thanks,
Jeff

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Message

From: Mullins, Jerry [jmullins@nma.org]
Sent: 4/18/2017 5:21:40 PM
To: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
Subject: RE: Addresses

Sorry I missed this Tate. Best address for both of us is;

NMA
101 Constitution Ave NW
Suite 500 East
Washington DC, 20001

The MO event looks awesome, thank you for letting us be part of the team.

Best,
Jerry Mullins

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2017 1:18 PM
To: Mullins, Jerry <jmullins@nma.org>
Subject: Addresses

Do you mind sending me a good mailing address for both you and Rich?

Elizabeth Tate Bennett
Senior Advisor to the Administrator
Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs
Office of the Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Message

From: Konkus, John [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=555471B2BAA6419E8E141696F4577062-KONKUS, JOH]
Sent: 4/8/2017 1:50:51 PM
To: Wilkinson, Joe [jwilkinson@AECI.org]
CC: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Barry Hart [bhart@amec.org]
Subject: Re: Joe/Barry meet John

Look forward to working with you all!

John Konkus
Environmental Protection Agency
Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Affairs
Mobile: Ex. 6

On Apr 7, 2017, at 11:40 PM, Wilkinson, Joe <jwilkinson@AECI.org> wrote:

> Tate/John,
>
> I look forward to working with both of you. I'm planning on being at Thomas Hill the afternoon of the 19th and would love to walk you through the plans.
>
> Let me know if you need info on a hotel.
>
> Joe
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
>> On Apr 7, 2017, at 7:46 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:
>>
>> John Konkus (Cc'd) is Mr. Pruitt's point person for press and coalitions while at Thomas Hill. He's amazing.
>>
>> John, Joe is THE person to know at Thomas Hill.
>>
>> We both will in town on the 19th to advance the event.
>>
>> Sent from my iPhone

Message

From: Smith, Zachery [ZacherySmith@cnxlp.com]
Sent: 4/13/2017 2:56:04 AM
To: Graham, Amy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=26722dfde5b34925b0ad9a8dd4aff308-Graham, Amy]; 'Mullins, Jerry' [jmullins@nma.org]; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
Subject: Roundtable Agenda and List
Attachments: Roundtable Discussion.docx

My thoughts for roundtable, to keep things moving--- attached.

We can discuss in AM.

Zach Smith
CNX Coal Resources | Manager of External Affairs
CNX Center | 1000 CONSOL Energy Drive | Canonsburg, PA 15317
Ex. 6 –w | (Ex. 6 –m

Roundtable Discussion

Plan now is to walk press through at the beginning for pictures (1-2mins). No questions and we'll advise them that. Pruitt may say a few words? We walk them out and get them off property. Jimmy will be seated by Pruitt. Will have assigned seating with place cards. Then Jimmy can kick off.

- Welcome- Jimmy Brock
  Thanks again for joining us and Administrator Pruitt for being here with us to learn a little bit about our industry and what it means to our region/companies/employees, etc… Administrator Pruitt, I know you are a busy man on a schedule so we'll forgo individual introductions.
  Around the table we have a number of our vendors/supply chain, as well our partners in rail (NS?), and a peer producer (Rosebud?), members from our state legislature and our trade associations.

- So with that, Administrator Pruitt, would you like to say a few words and then maybe we can talk a little bit about the issues.

- Administrator Pruitt remarks and his/Trump vision for EPA

- Discussion: Jimmy/Pruitt open it up to the field
  - National issues
  - Regional industry/economy
  - Regulations- federal/state

- Closing- We can figure out how to coordinate Pruitt's exit, if early exit needed, others can finish lunch.

Here's the list of attendees for roundtable. CNXC team will fill in as needed.

1. Scott Pruitt- EPA Administrator
2. EPA Staffer
3. EPA Staffer
4. EPA Staffer
5. Rachel Gleason- Executive Director of PA Coal Alliance
6. Jim McCaffrey- Sr. VP of Energy Marketing, CNX Coal Resources
7. David Lawson- Norfolk Southern
8. Alfred Heffernan- Caterpillar Equipment
9. Bill Powell- Caterpillar Mining
10. Paul Kubincanek – 18 Karat
11. Josh Helbig– GMS Mine Repair
12. Jim Hull- JENNMAR
13. PA State Senator Camera Bartolotta
14. Cliff Forrest –Rosebud Mining
15. Jim Barker- Rosebud Mining
16. Alfred Burns- Burns Drilling/Trucking
17. Belinda Burns- Burns Drilling/Trucking
18. Jerry Mullins- NMA
19. Rich Nolan- NMA

20. Brooks Barker- Kennametal
21. Murray Johnson- RG Johnson
22. Darrel Lewis- Chairman of PA Coal Alliance
23. Courtland Helbig- GMS Mine Repair
24. Mike Lee- Lee Supply
25. Rege Satina- Lee Supply
26. Rep. Pam Snyder
27. Barry Miller- CNXC

Chuck Shaynak
Mike Smith
Dan Yanchak
Dave Aloia
Eric Schubel
Kurt Salvatori
Zach Smith

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Subject: confirmed with CONSOL security concern, state police and local municipality police aware, security team will be at walk thru...

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From: Mullins, Jerry [jmullins@nma.org]
Sent: 3/31/2017 5:16:30 PM
To: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
CC: Nolan, Rich [RNolan@nma.org]
Subject: RE: April 12th...

Sounds good Tate. We have the ability to augment events with other member companies and local elected leaders in the area so please keep us in the loop. Thank you.

Best,
JM

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, March 31, 2017 1:07 PM
To: Mullins, Jerry <jmullins@nma.org>
Subject: FW: April 12th...

Thanks, Jerry! I'll reach out to both!

From: Mullins, Jerry [mailto:jmullins@nma.org]
Sent: Friday, March 31, 2017 12:14 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Johnson, Tommy <TommyJohnson@consolenergy.com>; Michael Carey (mcarey@coalsource.com) <mcarey@coalsource.com>; Nolan, Rich <RNolan@nma.org>
Subject: April 12th...

Tate,

I have cc'd Tommy Johnson from CONSOL Energy and Mike Carey from Murray Energy on this email. We had discussed Administrator Pruitt visiting the CONSOL Bailey Mining Complex in Green, County, PA and the Murray Energy Century Mine in Beallsville, OH on Wednesday, April 12th.

Both of these gentlemen can provide extensive details on the mine sites and area as well as offer turn out from the mining employees located at the mines and in the area. We look forward to working together to develop an informative visit and tour for the Administrator and his team. Thank you.

Best,
Jerry Mullins

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Subject: RE: Do we need to bring any of this or signage?

Backdrop as described seems good. I was hoping to get some of the big earth movers but not sounding good. The CONSOL guys are on it but will need to keep suggesting. Might end up with smaller work vehicles but something will be there.

I was able to hook Amy up with Luke in our shop and Will Dando at PCA for media outreach.

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 12:44 PM
To: Mullins, Jerry <jmullins@nma.org>
Subject: RE: Do we need to bring any of this or signage?

Rats. Ok. Stage piping ok? We want to pull up a sea of trucks next to that loading dock….

From: Mullins, Jerry [mailto:jmullins@nma.org]
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 12:43 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Do we need to bring any of this or signage?

Little light right now but working on it. We don't have that here in DC but trying to get a Fed Ex from Charleston or Columbus. PCA doesn't have any either.

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 12:40 PM
To: Mullins, Jerry <jmullins@nma.org>; Smith, Zachery <ZacherySmith@cnxlp.com>
Subject: RE: Do we need to bring any of this or signage?

How are we on Friends of Coal Swag?

From: Mullins, Jerry [mailto:jmullins@nma.org]
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 11:11 AM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Smith, Zachery <ZacherySmith@cnxlp.com>
Subject: RE: Do we need to bring any of this or signage?

We are in good shape for that. Amy Graham, Zach and I are talking at 11:30am and I will know more.

I heard the schedule has bounced by 45 minutes.

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 11:09 AM
To: Smith, Zachery <ZacherySmith@cnxlp.com>; Mullins, Jerry <jmullins@nma.org>
Subject: Do we need to bring any of this or signage?

- Microphone and chords (back-ups and batteries)

- Sound system/mult box
- Power supply (Chord?)
- Podium
- Pipe and drape
- US Flag and stanchion, PA flag and stanchion

Elizabeth Tate Bennett
Senior Advisor to the Administrator
Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs
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Message

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Sent: 4/19/2017 1:41:07 PM
To: Wilkinson, Joe [jwilkinson@AECI.org]; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
CC: Barry Hart [bhart@amec.org]
Subject: RE: Guest list PDF

Our camera crew:

1. Eric Vance
2. Jini Ryan (legal name: Ranjini Sathianarayanan)

From: Wilkinson, Joe [mailto:jwilkinson@AECI.org]
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2017 6:43 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Barry Hart <bhart@amec.org>
Subject: Fwd: Guest list PDF

Tate/John,
Do you have a list of everyone from EPA who will be there Thursday? I'd like to have them on the list to make sure we don't have any problems at the security checkpoint.

Thanks,
Joe

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** <jwilkinson@AECI.org>
> **Date:** April 19, 2017 at 4:48:46 AM CDT
> **To:** John Konkus <konkus.john@epa.gov>, <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Barry Hart <bhart@amec.org>
> **Subject: Fwd: Guest list PDF**
>
> Updated RSVP list. We'll send out a final list by noon today.
>
> Looking forward to meeting at the plant at 3.
>
> Joe
>
> <Guest list 2017.04.18.pdf>

Message

From: Nolan, Rich [RNolan@nma.org]
Sent: 4/6/2017 12:10:41 PM
To: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
Subject: Re: What time works for you this AM?

9?

> On Apr 6, 2017, at 7:42 AM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:
>
>
>
> Sent from my iPhone

Message

From: Barry Hart [bhart@amec.org]
Sent: 4/7/2017 8:32:35 PM
To: Managers [managers@amec.org]; grassroots [grassroots@amec.org]; staff [staff@amec.org]; Joe Wilkinson [jwilkinson@aeci.org]; Brian Prestwood [bprestwood@aeci.org]; Ken Wilmot (GR) [kwilmot@aeci.org]; David McNabb [dmcnabb@aeci.org]; Roger Clark [rclark@aeci.org]; bbossi@AECI.org
CC: Jim Matheson [jim@nreca.coop]; Kirk Johnson [kirk.johnson@nreca.coop]; Jeffrey Connor [jeffrey.connor@nreca.coop]
Subject: Re: EPA Administrator coming to Thomas Hill

The event starts at 10:00 so plan to arrive at 9:30. Keep the event internally to co-op family so protestors won't know it's happening. We will send an electronic invitation to everyone that will need to be shown at guard gate.

This is invitation only to keep protestors away from plant site. Dress is business casual so wear your co-op shirts with slacks.

As soon as you know by Tuesday let tell me who's coming from your co-op. After the speeches and visiting under the tent the event is concluded. A small group will take Sen. Blunt and EPA Administrator into plant to cover our issues with them.

Barry

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 31, 2017, at 3:44 PM, Barry Hart <bhart@amec.org> wrote:

> Good afternoon:
>
> We've been working on getting EPA Administrator Pruitt to Missouri and today we got great news that he is coming with Senator Roy Blunt to Thomas Hill Energy Center on April 20!!!
>
> We will be working with Joe Wilkinson of AECI on coordinating a big event. We will be inviting a large group of Missouri leaders to the event to show support for the Administrator and Roy Blunt. This is Missouri's opportunity to thank them both for keeping electricity affordable!
>
> Mark your calendars as I know you will want to send folks from your co-op to show support for the new direction our federal government is taking!
>
> Barry
>
> Sent from my iPhone

Message

From: Barry Hart [bhart@amec.org]
Sent: 4/18/2017 2:42:35 PM
To: Joe Wilkinson [jwilkinson@aeci.org]; Andy Neidert [andy@reachthearc.com]; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Derek Coats [derek_coats@blunt.senate.gov]; Konkus, John [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=555471b2baa6419e8e141696f4577062-Konkus, Joh]; Graham, Amy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=26722dfde5b34925b0ad9a8dd4aff308-Graham, Amy]; Hupp, Millan [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=92cac7b684b64f90953b753a01bee0d5-Hupp, Milla]; Jim McCarty [jmccarty@amec.org]; Mark Viguet (GR) [mviguet@aeci.org]; Stephen A. Bell [Stephen.Bell@nreca.coop]
Subject: Fwd: Thomas Hill Information
Attachments: Thomas Hill talking points -rev.docx; ATT00001.htm

Joe and all,

Is this talking points I should use for radio interview. If you have more send it.

Going to do interview at 11:00 cst

BH

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** Joe Wilkinson <jwilkinson@AECI.org>
> **Date:** April 13, 2017 at 9:18:57 AM CDT
> **To:** "'Bennett, Tate'" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>, John Konkus <konkus.john@epa.gov>, "'Graham, Amy'" <graham.amy@epa.gov>, "Hupp, Millan" <hupp.millan@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Barry Hart <bhart@amec.org>, "Mark Viguet (GR)" <mviguet@aeci.org>, Jim McCarty <jmccarty@amec.org>, "Linda Putman (GR)" <lputman@aeci.org>
> **Subject: Thomas Hill Information**
>
> All,
> Attached is some additional information on Thomas Hill and its impact on the local community. This can be used as part of any communications.
>
> Please let me know if you have any questions on the information, or if we can provide anything else.
>
> Thanks,
> Joe Wilkinson

April 13, 2017, draft

Thomas Hill Energy Center fact sheet

Community & jobs:

- Associated's 2016 property tax payments to Randolph County for its Thomas Hill facilities totaled $6.4 million.
    - Of that amount, $4.7 million went to local schools.
- Associated employs 223 full-time employees at its Thomas Hill Energy Center who are actively involved in their local communities.
    - 164 of those employees are represented by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. Weighted average hourly rate for union employees only is $36.56. That's about $80,000 annually. In contrast, the 2015 income per capita for Randolph County was $36,062, per Woods and Poole data.
- Take home pay for all employees at Thomas Hill (union and nonunion) is about $1.1 million a month.
- Associated owns the Thomas Hill Lake, built to provide cooling water to the plant, and works with the Missouri Department of Conservation to manage its use for recreation and wildlife habitat.
    - Associated owns 30,700 acres at Thomas Hill, including the lake that is about 5,000 acres.
    - Associated leases 11,455 acres to the Missouri Department of Conservation, which includes the lake and about 6,000 acres of surrounding land for fish and wildlife resources and regulation of recreational uses.
- Associated twice has received the U.S. Department of Interior's highest honor for its mine reclamation, which is nearly complete.
    - Of the 16,442 acres once under bond for mine reclamation, Associated only has 807 acres left that is permitted to beneficially use ash to reclaim.
    - Provides bottom ash to counties and cities for beneficially reuse during inclement weather, saving them money and making the roads safer.

Environmental stewardship and compliance

Air quality

- Associated was one of the first utilities in the country to convert its coal units to burn 100 percent low-sulfur coal to meet requirements of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments.
    - Associated spent $552 million to close its Missouri mine and convert to low-sulfur coal at its Thomas Hill and New Madrid power plants – reducing SO2 emissions 90 percent.
- At both coal plants, AECI added over-fire air technology on all units from 2004-2006 to further reduce NOx emissions for a cost of $15.5 million.
- In addition, low-NOx burners were installed in 2006 on Thomas Hill Unit 3 to reduce NOx emissions and lower operating costs on SCR environmental controls. This project cost $7.6 million.

- To further reduce NOx emissions, Associated spent $423 million to build selective catalytic reduction (SCR) equipment on all three units at Thomas Hill and refurbish Unit 3 electrostatic precipitator to improve capture of fine particulates from emissions. This was done by Jan. 1, 2009, to meet Clean Air Interstate Rule, which was later replaced with Cross-State Air Pollution Rule.
- To reduce mercury emissions, Associated pioneered use of refined coal in 2010 at Thomas Hill Energy Center to reduce mercury emissions years before the Mercury Air Toxics Standards compliance date in 2016. Example of innovation that did not increase costs for members. Associated took advantage of George W. Bush-era stimulus package.
- In 2016, Associated installed sorbent traps to monitor mercury emissions per MATS standards. Mercury emissions cost in 2016 totaled $348,052.
- Installed activated carbon injection systems on all three units at Thomas Hill to meet MATS at a cost of $6.5 million.
- Refurbished Thomas Hill Unit 2 electrostatic precipitator at a cost of about $9.3 million for MATS compliance.
- Today, Associated's mercury emissions are below the MATS requirements.

Coal Combustion Residuals rule

- In preparation for the CCR rule, Associated converted to a dry fly ash handling system at Thomas Hill Energy Center at a cost of $2.4 million.
- Since then, it's invested an additional $714,000 on projects, including:
  - Installed additional groundwater wells for monitoring as required by CCR and is working with an engineering firm to establish a baseline from monitoring results as required by CCR rule.
  - Hired a geotechnical firm to inspect, document and certify ash pond dam and then write management, flood and post-closure plans.
  - Closing an ash pond, using in-house staff as available.
  - Moved 301,928 tons of bottom ash in 8,284 truckloads to close an area that had been used by a contractor to recycle bottom ash, which could no longer be stored on the ground under the CCR rule. Associated then constructed a pad for temporary storage of bottom ash, which can then be loaded out for disposal or recycling.

Stewardship extends to wildlife and more

- Hatched peregrine falcon chicks from its power plant in past, and last year two peregrine chicks fledged from a nest box on the Unit 3 emissions stack. Eagles are also a common site and have nested the last few years on Associated's property.
- Partnered with BNSF Railway on pilot project for liquefied-natural-gas powered locomotives bringing coal to the power plant.
- Associated Electric Cooperative and Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives are part of a statewide collaboration to help restore monarch butterfly populations.
- Associated has donated use of land at Thomas Hill for wildlife habitat research and a soil-conservation project by county soil and water conservation district and state agencies and universities.

- Partnered to develop an agreement with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to reach an agreement that allows member systems to construct and maintain transmission facilities while protecting endangered species.

Upcoming issues, in addition to carbon emissions regulations, focus on land and water:

- Final *Clean Water Act Effluent Limitation Guidelines* now include Thomas Hill units 1 and 2, which were previously excluded under the draft rule. Compliance timelines tied to discharge permit renewals between 2018-2023.
- Associated will have to convert to a dry bottom-ash handling system to meet Coal Combustion Residuals rule and Effluent Limitation Guidelines. Staff has not devised a solution for Thomas Hill yet, but the bottom ash system at the cooperative's New Madrid plant will cost about $30 million.
- Need continued support from the Office of Surface Mining and EPA for beneficially reusing coal ash to reclaim mine property (CCR and ELG Rule). Eliminating this use would increase ash disposal costs, possibly requiring construction of a utility landfill, and also increase mine reclamation costs.
- Need risk-based approach to closing surface impoundments and ash ponds and remediating ground water impacts (CCR Rule).
- Missouri has risk-based standard, which about 40 states do, which is cost-effective way to improve water quality.
- Changes to water treatment to meet new ELG limits is another potential impact at Thomas Hill, which now has its own water treatment facility to produce potable water.
- Section 316(b) of the Clean Water Act also may require some modification of water intakes for the plant on the lake; however, this will be a larger and very significant cost at Associated's New Madrid Power Plant.

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Subject: Pruitt tells Missouri crowd war on coal is over; U.S. can protect environment with fewer regulations

http://www.missourinet.com/2017/04/20/pruitt-tells-missouri-crowd-that-u-s-can-protect-environment-with-fewer-regulations/

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Message

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Subject: B-ROLL here is actually at the mine...

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-aVH9R_VJMU

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CC: Richardson, RobinH [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=2fa5c9eb65dc497c81a8dc9ccdb1ffa7-Richardson, RobinH]; Dickerson, Aaron [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=d0440d9f06994021827e0d0119126799-Dickerson,]; TLyons@hess.com
Subject: RE: Secretary Pruitt - Speaking Opportunity with New England Council

Hey! This group just reached out to me again. Were you all not able to get something set up?

Thanks!

Sydney Hupp
Executive Scheduler
Office of the Adminsitrator
Ex. 6 c)

From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Monday, April 3, 2017 7:16 PM
To: Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>
Cc: Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>; Dickerson, Aaron <dickerson.aaron@epa.gov>; TLyons@hess.com
Subject: Re: Secretary Pruitt - Speaking Opportunity with New England Council

Works! Adding Troy too.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 3, 2017, at 7:15 PM, Hupp, Sydney .sydney@epa.gov> wrote:

> I was to delegate this over to you all. That still okay?
>
> Thanks!
>
> Sydney Hupp
> Office of the Administrator- Scheduling
> Ex. 6
>
> **From:** Hale, Michelle
> **Sent:** Thursday, March 23, 2017 12:09 PM
> **To:** levans@GPS-50.com
> **Cc:** Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Dickerson, Aaron <dickerson.aaron@epa.gov>; lmartin@GPS-50.com
> **Subject:** FW: Secretary Pruitt - Speaking Opportunity with New England Council

Laine, thank you for extending the invitation. I am copying our scheduling team to see what we can work out.

Michelle

From: Laine Evans [mailto:levans@GPS-50.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 23, 2017 11:48 AM
To: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Cc: Larissa Martin <lmartin@GPS-50.com>
Subject: Secretary Pruitt - Speaking Opportunity with New England Council

Good Morning Michelle,

On behalf of the New England Council, please find the attached invitation for Secretary Pruitt to speak its members at a Federal Policy Briefing, as part of their Annual Spring Event in Washington, D.C., on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 3, 2017.

The briefing will be held at the Willard Intercontinental Hotel from 2:00 – 4:00 PM. There are 4-5 speakers over the course of the afternoon, each speak for approximately 10-15 minutes. There may also be a few questions as well. They are able to accommodate what works best for the Secretary's schedule.

Additional information on the event, as well as background on the New England Council, is included in the attachment. I have also attached a separate list of speakers from the Obama and Bush Administrations as well.

Thank you for your consideration and please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Best,
Laine

Laine Evans
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Email: levans@GPS-50.com

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Message

From: Barry Hart [bhart@amec.org]
Sent: 4/7/2017 8:13:59 PM
To: Graham, Amy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=26722dfde5b34925b0ad9a8dd4aff308-Graham, Amy]; Joe Wilkinson [jwilkinson@aeci.org]; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
Subject: Re: Can you call now?

Monday at 8:30 est

Conf call info to come

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 7, 2017, at 3:12 PM, Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> Hey Barry - So sorry, but I was pulled into another call. Can I give you a ring around 5:00, or should we shoot for Monday morning?
>
> -----Original Message-----
> From: Barry Hart [mailto:bhart@amec.org]
> Sent: Friday, April 7, 2017 4:09 PM
> To: Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
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Message

From: Quinn, Hal [HQuinn@nma.org]
Sent: 3/31/2017 3:03:00 PM
To: Nolan, Rich [RNolan@nma.org]; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
CC: Mullins, Jerry [jmullins@nma.org]
Subject: RE: Date approved!

Can you both fill me in on the plan and purpose here. Will we be involved and can other CEOs be there?

From: Nolan, Rich
Sent: Friday, March 31, 2017 11:02 AM
To: Bennett, Tate
Cc: Mullins, Jerry
Subject: Re: Date approved!

Great! I am looping Jerry back in. Yes

On Mar 31, 2017, at 9:50 AM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

> The Administrator just green lighted doing events at Consol then Murray Energy in Ohio on April 12th.
> Can we get the ball rolling?
>
> Elizabeth Tate Bennett
> Sr. Advisor to the Administrator
> Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs
> U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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From: Barry Hart [bhart@amec.org]
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To: Bell, Stephen A. [Stephen.Bell@nreca.coop]
CC: Konkus, John [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=555471b2baa6419e8e141696f4577062-Konkus, Joh]; Joe Wilkinson [jwilkinson@aeci.org]; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Jim McCarty [jmccarty@amec.org]; Mark Viguet (GR) [mviguet@aeci.org]; Graham, Amy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=26722dfde5b34925b0ad9a8dd4aff308-Graham, Amy]; Peterson, Scott [Scott.Peterson@nreca.coop]
Subject: Re: MO Advocates Call for Clean Energy Ahead of Pruitt Visit

Looks good to me

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 18, 2017, at 7:17 AM, Bell, Stephen A. <Stephen.Bell@nreca.coop> wrote:

> Use my dial in. Let's chat at 9a ET.
>
> **Dial-in number (U.S. and Canada):**
> Ex. 6
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> On: 18 April 2017 08:14, "Konkus, John" <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:
> I'm available any time.
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> **From:** Barry Hart [mailto:bhart@amec.org]
> **Sent:** Tuesday, April 18, 2017 8:11 AM
> **To:** Bell, Stephen A. <Stephen.Bell@nreca.coop>
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Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Affairs
Mobile: Ex. 6

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CC: Tudor, David [dtudor@aeci.org]
Subject: RE: Connecting you

You bet, thanks.

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2017 12:44 PM
To: Prestwood, Brian <bprestwood@aeci.org>
Cc: Tudor, David <dtudor@aeci.org>
Subject: RE: Connecting you

Thanks, Brian! Might have a few questions for you later today.

From: Prestwood, Brian [mailto:bprestwood@aeci.org]
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2017 1:10 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
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913-551-7333

Sent from my iPhone

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Tate

Message

From: Coats, Derek (Blunt) [Derek_Coats@blunt.senate.gov]
Sent: 4/14/2017 1:38:36 PM
To: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; 'Barry Hart' [bhart@amec.org]
CC: Joe Wilkinson [jwilkinson@aeci.org]
Subject: RE: Invitation to Thomas Hill Event

Yes, I will be free any time after 9am CST.

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2017 8:31 AM
To: Coats, Derek (Blunt) <Derek_Coats@blunt.senate.gov>; 'Barry Hart' <bhart@amec.org>
Cc: Joe Wilkinson <jwilkinson@aeci.org>
Subject: RE: Invitation to Thomas Hill Event

Concur with Derek but I think they can stand up front and/ or have special seating and certainly need to be recognized. Barry, Ashcroft had also asked my boss for a meeting....is there a way to work that in or should we just all the elected officials on the tour together and hope they can chat along the way? Derek, are you free to chat this AM?

From: Coats, Derek (Blunt) [mailto:Derek_Coats@blunt.senate.gov]
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2017 10:40 AM
To: 'Barry Hart' <bhart@amec.org>
Cc: Joe Wilkinson <jwilkinson@aeci.org>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Invitation to Thomas Hill Event

My preference would be to limit speaking roles to the Administrator, members of Congress and of course you. The statewide should be recognized. Of course, I defer to Tate as she has final say.

From: Barry Hart [mailto:bhart@amec.org]
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2017 9:38 AM
To: Coats, Derek (Blunt) <Derek_Coats@blunt.senate.gov>
Cc: Joe Wilkinson <jwilkinson@aeci.org>; Tate Bennett <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Invitation to Thomas Hill Event

Great that they are coming!. Heard anything on US House members. Will they nedto speak?

Barry

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 13, 2017, at 9:34 AM, Coats, Derek (Blunt) <Derek_Coats@blunt.senate.gov> wrote:

> Thank you. Just as an FYI, Missouri Attorney General Josh Hawley and Missouri Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft have communicated with our office that they plan to attend the event next week. Not certain they need a speaking role, but if there is a stage we might want to include them on that. As of now, the Gov is not attending and is currently planning on meeting with Administrator Pruitt early morning on the 20th in Jefferson City.

From: Wilkinson, Joe [mailto:jwilkinson@AECI.org]
Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2017 9:16 AM
To: Coats, Derek (Blunt) <Derek_Coats@blunt.senate.gov>
Cc: Barry Hart <bhart@amec.org>
Subject: Invitation to Thomas Hill Event

Derek,
The invitation is attached. Please note that the second page is a map to the event and information for the tour.

Please let me know if I can provide any additional information.

Joe Wilkinson

Message

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Subject: typical elevator...
Attachments: removed.txt

Gerald C. Mullins
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Message

From: Barry Hart [bhart@amec.org]
Sent: 4/12/2017 9:42:17 PM
To: Managers [managers@amec.org]; staff [staff@amec.org]; Dan Cassidy [dcassidy@mofb.com]; bhurst@mofb.com; Ashley McCarty [ashley@mofarmerscare.com]; Joe Wilkinson [jwilkinson@aeci.org]; Stephen A. Bell [Stephen.Bell@nreca.coop]; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
Subject: Thomas Hill Event on April 20
Attachments: Invitation THEC tour with EPA.PDF; ATT00001.htm

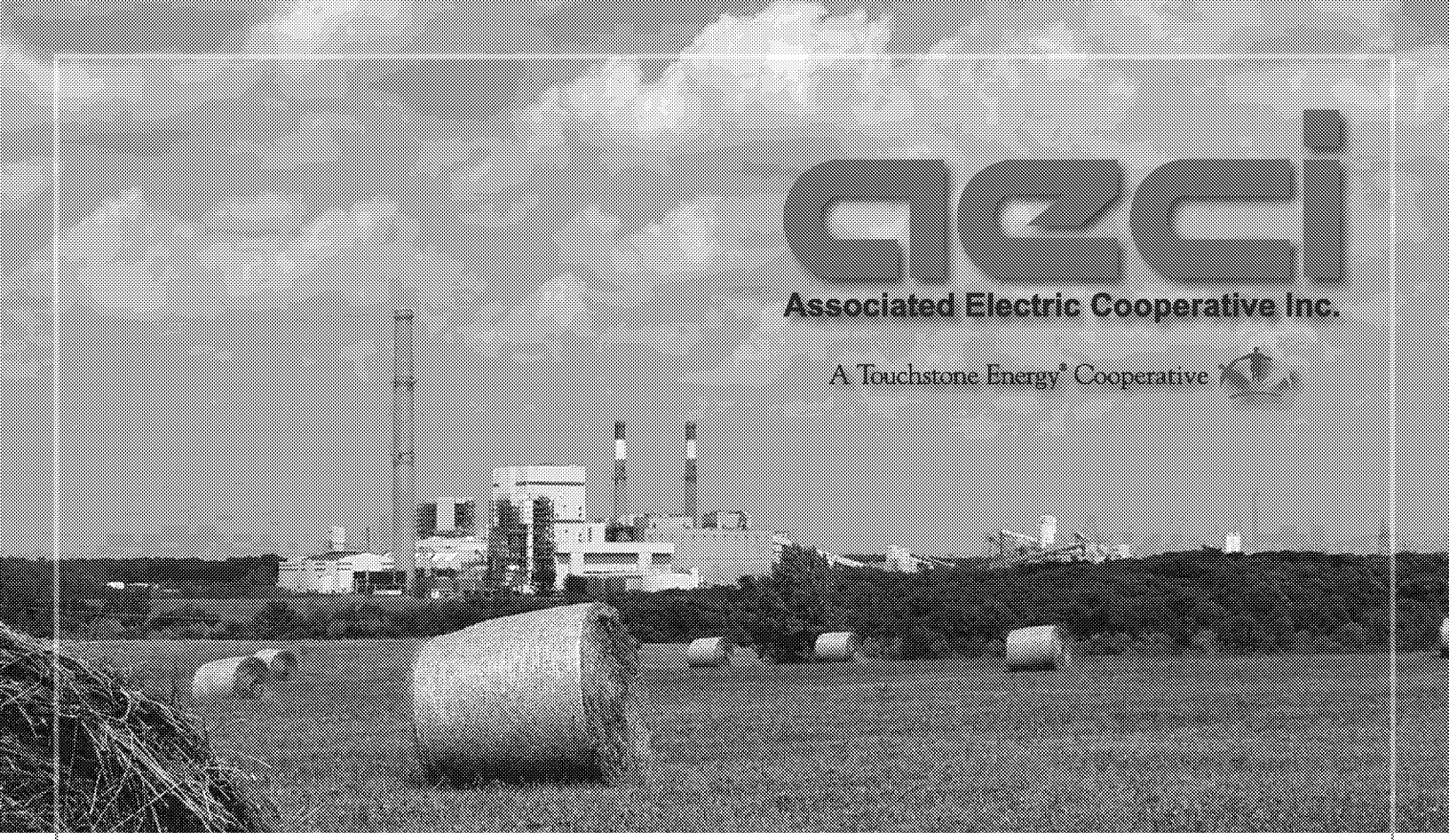
Good afternoon:

Here is the invitation for the event next Thursday that promises to be historic. Thanks to everyone for your interest in attending and representing your organization and our state.

Those attending should try to arrive by 9:30 and allow about 1 hour from Columbia. Everyone will appreciate it if you keep this event private to your organization prior to the event since only invited persons are welcome to attend.

PLEASE PRINT THIS INVITATION AND GIVE TO EVERYONE COMING TO THE EVENT AS THERE IS SECURITY AND NO ONE WITHOUT THE PRINTED OR ELECTRONIC INVITATION WILL BE ALLOWED PAST THE SECURITY GATE!

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me or jwilkinson@aeci.org.



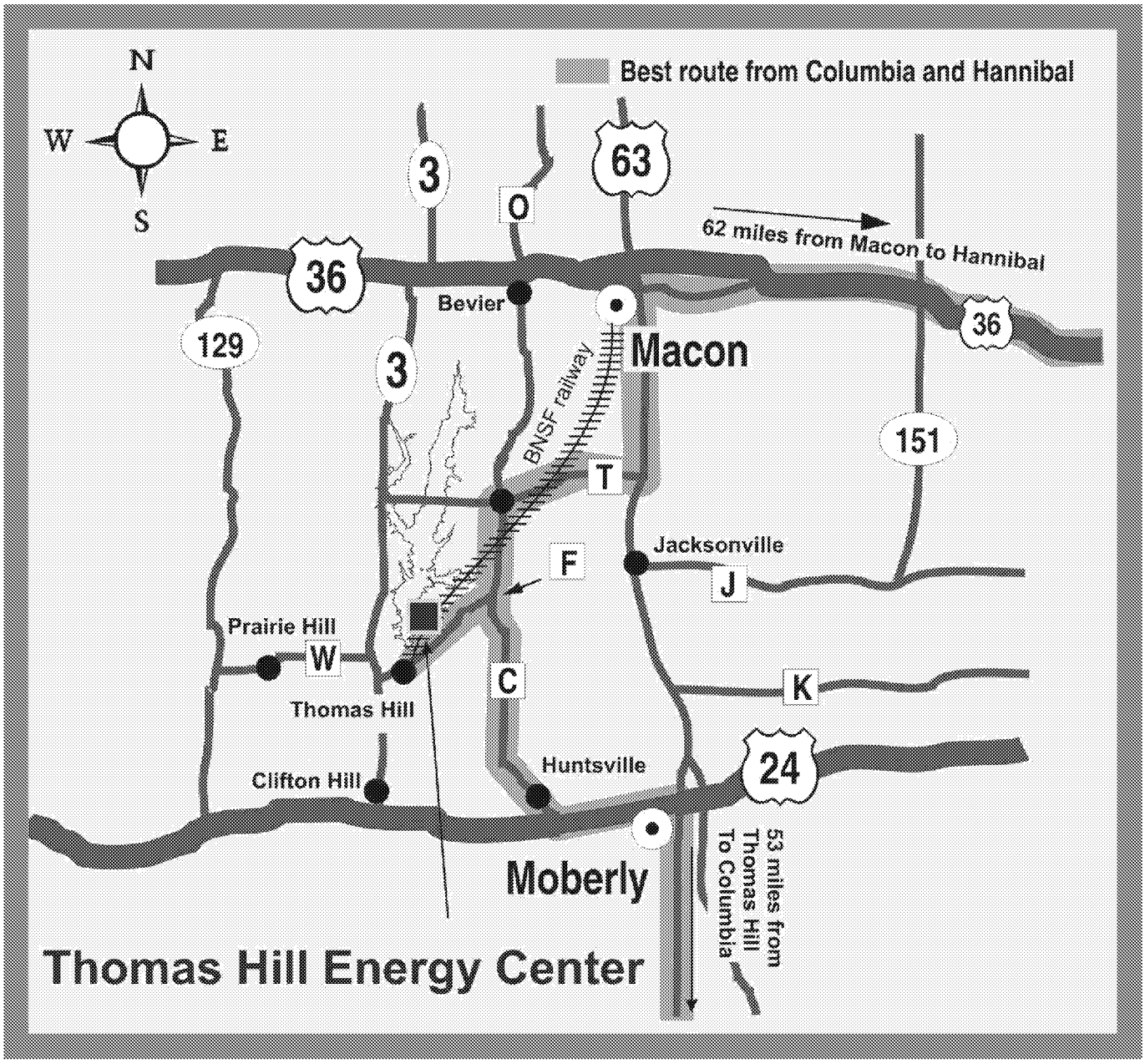
Missouri's Electric Cooperatives & Associated Electric Cooperative Inc.

Welcome

Scott Pruitt, administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
to the
Thomas Hill Energy Center
5693 Highway F, Clifton Hill, Missouri

April 20, 2017
10 a.m.
Invitation required for admittance

RSVP
Association of Missouri Electric Cooperatives
573.635.6857 or Associated Electric 417.371.5344



For your safety and comfort

Thomas Hill Energy Center is an industrial environment with special precautions and protective equipment to ensure the safety of employees and visitors.

At the conclusion of the event (time permitting), tours may be offered.

Please note:

- Tours require walking and climbing open-grate stairs.
- Visitors must wear closed-toed shoes. Sandals and high heels are not allowed. Shorts and dresses are not appropriate.
- Plant personnel will provide safety equipment, including hard hats, safety glasses and hearing protection.
- Photographs are not allowed inside the plant, including use of phones and video recorders.

Message

From: Konkus, John [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=555471B2BAA6419E8E141696F4577062-KONKUS, JOH]
Sent: 4/19/2017 11:30:50 AM
To: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
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Subject: Re: Guest list PDF

Yes I will send the camera crew info shortly.

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On Apr 19, 2017, at 7:01 AM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

> See below. John - do you want to add camera folks?
>
> Tate Bennett
> Ken Wagner
> Ed Chu
> Millan Hupp
> John Konkus
> Lincoln Ferguson
> Troy Lyons
> JP Freire (John Paul)
> Amy Graham

On Apr 19, 2017, at 6:42 AM, Wilkinson, Joe <jwilkinson@AECI.org> wrote:

> Tate/John,
> Do you have a list of everyone from EPA who will be there Thursday? I'd like to have them on the list to make sure we don't have any problems at the security checkpoint.
>
> Thanks,
> Joe
>
> Sent from my iPhone
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> Begin forwarded message:
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> **From:** <jwilkinson@AECI.org>
> **Date:** April 19, 2017 at 4:48:46 AM CDT
> **To:** John Konkus <konkus.john@epa.gov>, <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Barry Hart <bhart@amec.org>
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Updated RSVP list. We'll send out a final list by noon today.

Looking forward to meeting at the plant at 3.

Joe

<Guest list 2017.04.18.pdf>

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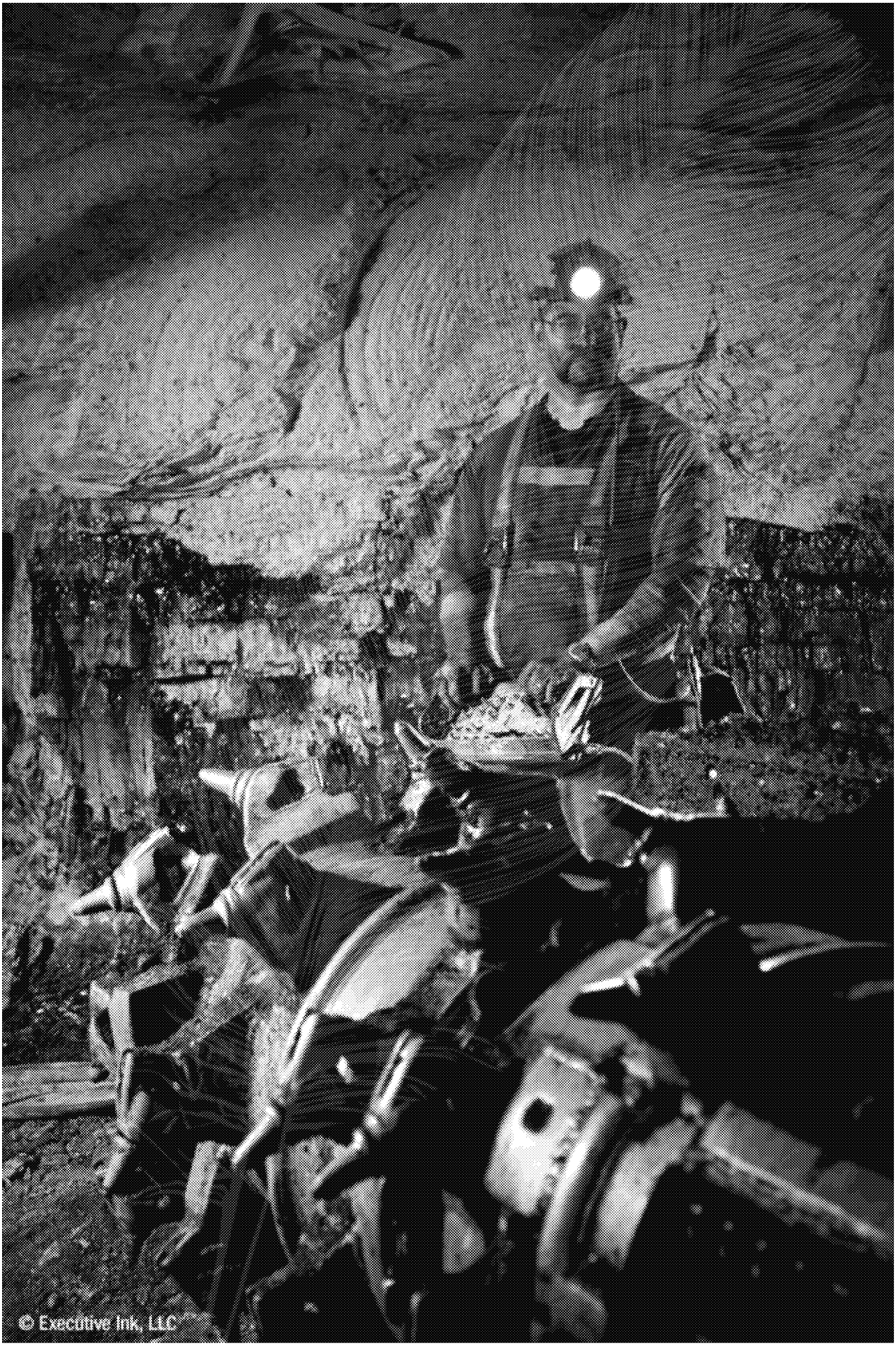
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East Kentucky Power Cooperative
Meeting with EPA Administrator Pruitt

April 25, 2017
Anthony "Tony" Campbell
President & CEO

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EKPC and our Owner-Members thank you for your dedication and the immediate action taken as EPA Administrator.

EKPC welcomes your continued review of regulations that pose challenges and additional burden on Kentucky families, as well as to EKPC's commitment to provide safe, reliable and affordable energy.

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Company Overview

- Not-for-profit, member-owned generation & transmission cooperative based in Winchester, Kentucky
- Provides wholesale power to 16 Owner-Members
- Owner-Members serve about 28% of state's households and 25% of population
- Over $885 million in operating revenue and 3.7% billion in assets
- 712 employees
- Over 3,500 MW of winter generating capacity
- Over 12.5 million GWh delivered to Owner-Members in 2016

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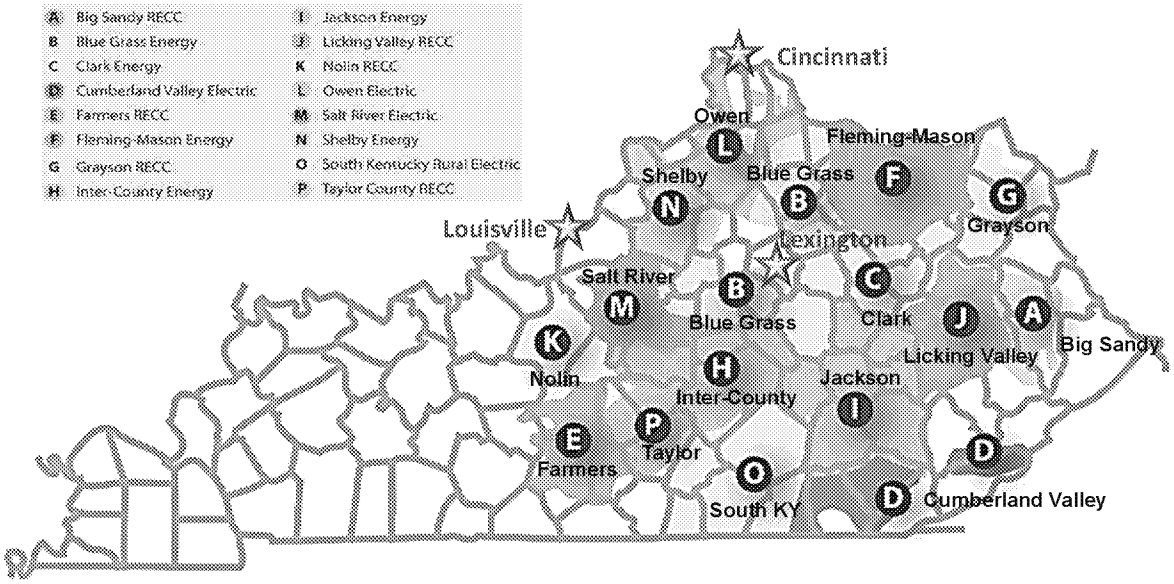
EKPC's Member Distribution Cooperatives Serve Customers in 87 Kentucky Counties



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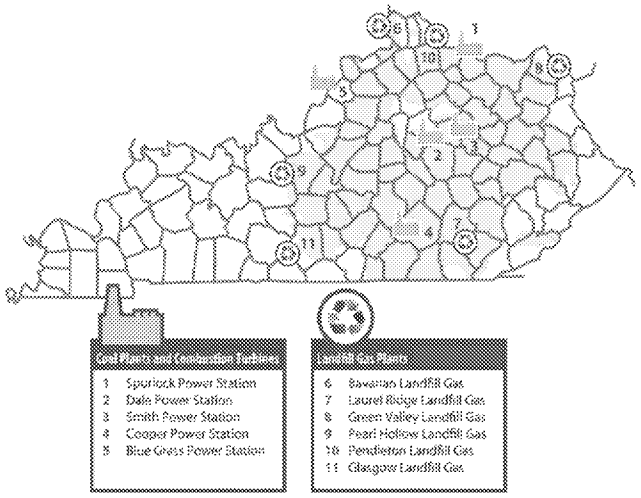
Power Plants Support State's Economy

- Coal-fired plants in two counties (1,687 MW of baseload power, excluding Dale Power Station)
- Natural gas units in Oldham & Clark Counties (1,556 MW of peaking power)
- Landfill gas plants in six counties
- Hydro power through SEPA



- Community Solar farm under construction (8.3 MW)
- 2,838 miles of transmission lines, over 370 distribution substations, and 71 transmission stations

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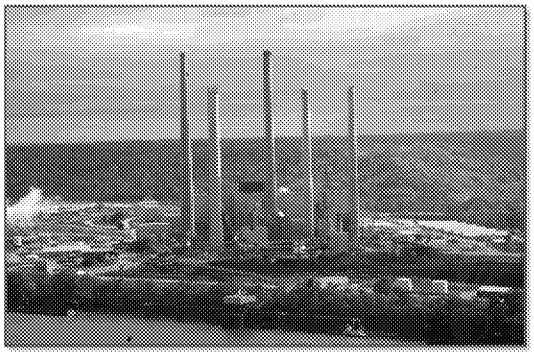
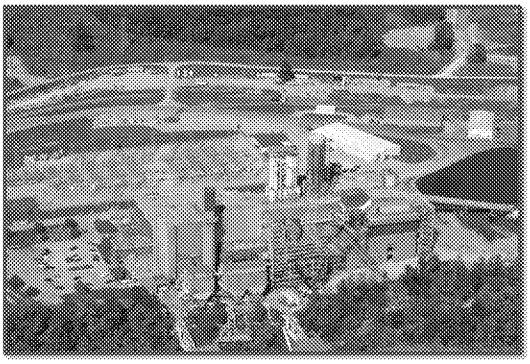
Coal Generation Fleet



H.L. Spurlock Station
Maysville, KY
(Mason County)

- 1,346 net MW
- 4 Units
- Units 1 & 2 (800 MWs) have full CCR & ELG exposure



John Sherman Cooper Station
Burnside, KY
(Pulaski County)

- 341 net MW
- 2 Units

** Not shown: Dale Station (retired due to MATS)*

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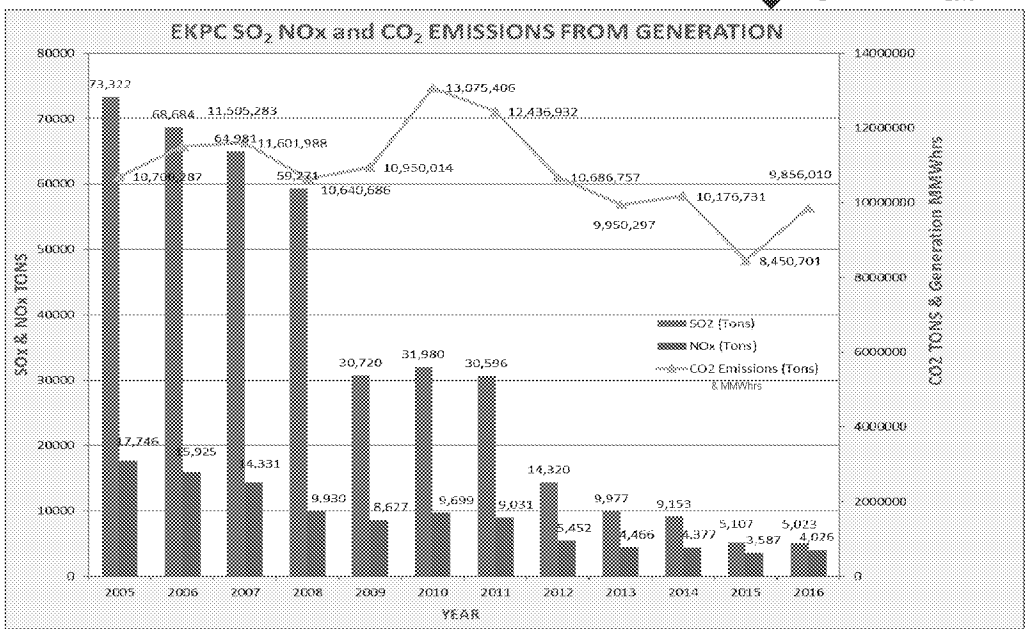
EKPC Fleet Emission Reductions To Date

SO_2 68,299 tons 2005 93%
NO_x 13,720 tons 2005 77%
CO_2 3.2 M tons 2010 25%



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EKPC's Coal Generation Fleet at Risk

- Regulatory burdens imposed by MATS, Clean Power Plan, CCR and ELG
- MATS is behind us, $$ are spent and Dale Plant closed as a result
- CPP potentially limits achieving financial lives of Spurlock and Cooper Stations and invokes NSR
- EKPC is well along in planning mitigation strategies for CCR and ELG – both rules must be viewed as one
- Reducing regulatory burden is vital to survival of remaining U.S. coal power plants
- End regulatory creep to allow plants to continue to operate to the end of their financial lives

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Clean Power Plan and New Source Review

- Principles for CPP Revision
  - EPA should allow states to propose emission reductions based on regional factors
  - Focus only on emission reductions that can be achieved by the generator unit or unit operations "inside-the-fence"
  - Take into account costs, energy impacts & remaining useful life
- New Source Review should promote efficiency improvements
  - Provide utilities with flexibility to comply through upgrades to plants or through changes in fuel mix without penalty or litigation
  - Generators must be able to pursue projects that increase plant efficiency without being subject to NSR or BACT

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CCR and ELG Problems

- These two rules are expensive
  - As currently written will cost EKPC $262 million to comply at Spurlock Station Units 1 & 2 (wet ash systems and wet scrubbers)
- Two rules are intertwined
  - Fly and bottom ash are transported by water to ponds
  - CCR requires the closure of ash ponds
  - Ash ponds are storage and treatment for fly and bottom ash and wet scrubber blowdown
  - CCR & ELG water and ash, scrubber blowdown must be separated without use of ash ponds – this separation process remains even if ELG is eliminated
- Difficult as promulgated to separate CCR and ELG
  - Changes to ELG and CCR should be coordinated to meet policy goals in a cost effective manner and to facilitate compliance.

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CCR Solution

- Relief for ash pond closures
  - Modify groundwater monitoring well statistical requirements
  - Return to Maximum Contamination Levels (MCLs) as basis for well analytics from "statistical significant exceedances"
  - Return to filtered groundwater samples

- Recently enacted statutory authority for CCR to be managed through EPA-approved state permitting programs was a positive development and will restore appropriate federal-state cooperation for this program
  - EPA should issue guidance to states for the development of their permitting programs
  - Guidance should also allow more time for compliance to enable optimal solutions to be deployed

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ELG Solution

- Delegate water quality based effluent limitation determinations to the states
- Delegate technology based solution determinations to the states
  - Technological solutions should be reasonably and economically based
- Clearly define states as the delegated authority for enforcement
- Remove current ELG language that precludes the ability to co-mingle streams
- Clearly define new effluent limitations at the outfall/receiving stream
  - Remove language that prescribes limitations internal to plant processes, i.e. wet scrubbers, and prior to final treatment & release
- Allow more time to comply to optimize solution for all stakeholders

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Summary

- EKPC continues to evaluate the air, water & waste regulatory requirements to identify best available technologies, contain capital costs & ensure compliance deadlines are met
- Complex and costly regulatory requirements necessitate realistic compliance timelines
- Facilities require case-by-case legal, environmental, engineering & operations studies to measure full impacts
- EKPC is examining all our options but under the increased regulatory burden early plant closures are possible

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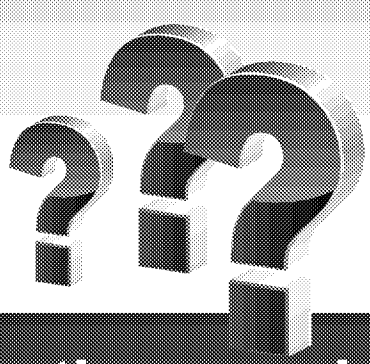

Questions and Discussion

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A Touchstone Energy Cooperative

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Subject: RE: MO Advocates Call for Clean Energy Ahead of Pruitt Visit

I'm available any time.

From: Barry Hart [mailto:bhart@amec.org]
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 8:11 AM
To: Bell, Stephen A. <Stephen.Bell@nreca.coop>
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What time works best(the sooner the better) since the renewable energy folks are now going negative. Can someone send out Conf call link?

Barry

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 18, 2017, at 7:07 AM, Bell, Stephen A. <Stephen.Bell@nreca.coop> wrote:

> Defer to Mo, but happy to work with them on a draft to that effect. I still think there's a need for a quick call this morning with you, John.
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> Stephen
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> On: 18 April 2017 07:58, "Konkus, John" <konkus.john@epa.gov> wrote:
> Can we get a letter to the editor into this newspaper before Thursday outlining how the cooperatives use varied energy sources including hydroelectric and wind? Also add in there some information about how specifically Administrator Pruitt and Sen. Blunt have helped consumers in Missouri.
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> Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Affairs
> Mobile: Ex. 6
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> On Apr 18, 2017, at 7:31 AM, Wilkinson, Joe <jwilkinson@AECI.org> wrote:

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Subject: Do you have Mandy's email?

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CC: Nolan, Rich [RNolan@nma.org]; Johnson, Tommy [TommyJohnson@consolenergy.com]
Subject: RE: Running through lists...

Elevator down is about 1min.... It's approx. 8ft ceilings underneath. Fairly well lit. Out at the longwall it's about 6-7ft underneath the hydraulic roof shields. Here's a link with footage from the fox news piece we had two weeks ago. This is the Harvey mine and gives a good perspective of what we'll see on Thursday. Attached a pic from a previous tour of the mantrip , as well.

http://video.foxnews.com/v/5386062299001/?#sp=show-clips

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2017 9:16 PM
To: Mullins, Jerry
Cc: Smith, Zachery; Nolan, Rich; Johnson, Tommy
Subject: Re: Running through lists...

Sorry to bother, but is there any chance we have any of the specs in the mine? How tall is the ceiling during the train ride down? Any photos?

Sent from my iPhone

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>> All,
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>>
>> Please let me know if you have any questions on the information, or if we can provide anything else.
>>
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>> <Thomas Hill talking points -rev.docx>

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April 13, 2017

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Mining Association (NMA) today applauded the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) issuance of an administrative stay, delaying implementation of the final 2015 Effluent Limitations Guidelines (ELG) rule for steam electric plants pending the agency's review.

An analysis by Energy Ventures Analysis shows that the units on EPA's list of plants affected by the rule account for 57 percent of all the U.S. coal burned for electricity generation in 2016, placing at risk more than 25,000 direct mining jobs supplying coal to these power plants if they were to close. Energy Ventures Analysis conducted the assessment at NMA's request, utilizing an EPA list that was produced in response to a Freedom of Information Act request.

"EPA's review of the various technical and economic issues raised by multiple stakeholders is entirely justified and consistent with the administration's efforts to balance regulations with their costs," said NMA president and CEO Hal Quinn. "This review can be conducted without harming water quality, as discharges from power plants already must comply with all applicable water quality standards. We applaud the Trump administration for taking this action and hopefully lift the enormous regulatory burdens on affordable coal-fired electric power generation."

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From: Mullins, Jerry [jmullins@nma.org]
Sent: 4/10/2017 7:55:49 PM
To: Smith, Zachery [ZacherySmith@cnxlp.com]; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
CC: Nolan, Rich [RNolan@nma.org]; Johnson, Tommy [TommyJohnson@consolenergy.com]
Subject: Running through lists...

All, I apologize in advance for being a pain but below is a rough needs list and loose tic toc for hammering out details for the visit by EPA Administrator Pruitt to CONSOL's mining operations in SW PA. I know some of this is ticky-tac but the sooner we are knocking things off the better we will all feel going into Thursday.

Zackary my cell is **Ex. 6** and you can call or email anytime. I will be up there early on Wednesday but I can get just about anything we need between now and then.

Are you guys up for a call tomorrow at 11am? I can conference you both in if easier? Thanks for considering and sorry to be a pain.

Best,
JM

Administrator Pruitt Trip to Bailey Mining Complex, Harvey Mine, PA

4-11-17, Tuesday 11am: Confirm site specific needs for both outdoor press availability and indoor contingency press availability if weather is an issue. Confirm plan for press access in and out of facility and rules (EPA Advance must approve the protocol and plan).

- Microphone and chords (back-ups and batteries)
- Sound system/mult box
- Power supply (Chord?)
- Podium
- Pipe and drape
- US Flag and stanchion, PA flag and stanchion
- Coal/Mining support placards
- Run of show (who introduces)
- Head count on miners attending
- Draft stage and set up plan (earthmovers etc?)
- Confirm VIP invites (local elected, industry, community)
- Press Advisories to local and nationally targeted media
- Physical route from press avail to lunch confirmed

4-12-17, Wednesday 10am: Confirm materials will be in place with enough time to set up. Reconfirm Administrator's schedule. Have staging plan signed off on be responsible parties.

- Develop discussion guide for lunch roundtable (introductions/program etc)
- Confirm seating chart for roundtable lunch
- Site survey with EPA Advance team at 1:00pm
- Plan for water stations and bathrooms for miners
- Confirm plan for miners assembling, into and out of area

4-13-17, Thursday, 9:00am: Confirm set up in place for press avail and lunch. Confirm Administrators schedule (below). Have media table and sign in set up. Make EPA aware of press list.

- 11:10 AM EST Administrator Pruitt arrives
- 11:10 – 11:45 AM EST Discussion with coal miners in locker room and media availability, open press.
- 11:45 – 1:00 PM EST Private roundtable lunch with leadership, closed press.
- 1:00 - 1:45 PM EST Safety training and gear up, closed press.
- 1:45 – 3:45 PM EST Underground mine tour, closed press.
- 3:45 PM EST – Depart

Gerald C. Mullins
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Message

From: Barry Hart [bhart@amec.org]
Sent: 4/7/2017 5:39:39 PM
To: Graham, Amy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=26722dfde5b34925b0ad9a8dd4aff308-Graham, Amy]
CC: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Joe Wilkinson [jwilkinson@aeci.org]; Jim McCarty [jmccarty@amec.org]
Subject: Re: Letter to the Editor Response - Lewis County Paper

How about 4:30 est? **Ex. 6**

Barry

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 7, 2017, at 11:55 AM, Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov> wrote:

> Thanks, Tate. Nice to meet you, Barry. Can you hop on a call this afternoon?
>
> ---
>
> **From:** Bennett, Tate
> **Sent:** Friday, April 7, 2017 12:54 PM
> **To:** Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Barry Hart <bhart@amec.org>
> **Subject:** FW: Letter to the Editor Response - Lewis County Paper
>
> Barry- please coordinate with one of our communications guru, cc'd. Amy, Barry is going to take EXCELLENT care of us. You can work with him on a MO press plan.

Message

From: Barry Hart [bhart@amec.org]
Sent: 4/7/2017 5:30:42 PM
To: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
CC: Graham, Amy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=26722dfde5b34925b0ad9a8dd4aff308-Graham, Amy]; Joe Wilkinson [jwilkinson@aeci.org]
Subject: Thomas Hill Mo plant meeting

Amy

Joe and I will definitely work with you on this great event!

Barry

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 7, 2017, at 11:52 AM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

> Barry- please coordinate with one of our communications guru, cc'd. Amy, Barry is going to take EXCELLENT care of us. You can work with him on a MO press plan.

Message

From: Wilkinson, Joe [jwilkinson@AECI.org]
Sent: 4/20/2017 8:58:52 PM
To: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
Subject: Re: Thank you!

Sorry, I was tied up. You're probably traveling now. But give me a call any time.

Joe

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 20, 2017, at 1:35 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> Joe can I give you a call?
>
>> On Apr 20, 2017, at 1:21 PM, Wilkinson, Joe <jwilkinson@AECI.org> wrote:
>>
>> Tate / Millan,
>>
>> Thank you both for everything you did to make this such a memorable day. Our members really appreciated the Administrator's comments. Our employees enjoyed getting to show the pride they have in Thomas Hill. And we really appreciated you making sure we had time for the sitdown at the end. That issue is very important to us and we were truly excited by the Administrator's response.
>>
>> Thank you both for all of your help. If I can do anything for you in the future, please let me know.
>>
>> Please pass my thanks along to the rest of your team.
>>
>> Joe
>>
>> Sent from my iPhone
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>>> On Apr 20, 2017, at 12:53 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:
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>>> He just said this was the best one yet!
>>>
>>>> On Apr 20, 2017, at 12:28 PM, Barry Hart <bhart@amec.org> wrote:
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>>>> Will do!! You were awesome to work with and he did seem like he felt "at home"
>>>>
>>>> I am so glad to meet him. What a great man he is!!!
>>>>
>>>> Barry
>>>>
>>>> Sent from my iPhone
>>>>
>>>>> On Apr 20, 2017, at 12:22 PM, Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov> wrote:
>>>>>
>>>>> We are so incredibly grateful to everyone. It's was a great day. You all truly put us at ease and made our job so much easier. The Administrator was very pleased with the day, enjoyed the visit, and was very glad to have had the opportunity to meet so many wonderful people. It seems a few action items came from the last meeting as well which is good.
>>>>>
>>>>> The state troopers were also an absolute pleasure to work with and went over the top to be accommodating. We would love to send them a thank you note if you have a good contact?
>>>>>
>>>>> Please don't hesitate to reach out at any time. Thank you again for everything.
>>>>>
>>>>> Please also share our gratitude with the rest of the team.
>>>>>
>>>>> Millan Hupp
>>>>> Ex. 6
>>>>> hupp.millan@epa.gov
>>>>>
>>>>> Sent from my iPhone

Message

From: Barry Hart [bhart@amec.org]
Sent: 4/10/2017 4:57:14 PM
To: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
CC: Hupp, Millan [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=92cac7b684b64f90953b753a01bee0d5-Hupp, Milla]; Graham, Amy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=26722dfde5b34925b0ad9a8dd4aff308-Graham, Amy]; Joe Wilkinson [jwilkinson@aeci.org]
Subject: RE: EPA Administrator coming to Thomas Hill

Millan, Here's our phone numbers!

Barry Hart Ex. 6
Joe Wilkinson Ex. 6

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 10, 2017 11:39 AM
To: Barry Hart <bhart@amec.org>
Cc: Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>; Joe Wilkinson <jwilkinson@aeci.org>
Subject: RE: EPA Administrator coming to Thomas Hill

Barry—

Tried you back earlier. Millan, cc'd, who does advance for the Administrator might have a question for you r.e. rough scheduling outline. Millan, Barry is our event guru for the MO event and will have most of the answers, as will Joe who is also cc'd whose on the ground at Thomas Hill.

Tate

Message

From: Barry Hart [bhart@amec.org]
Sent: 4/7/2017 4:22:11 PM
To: Hurst Greenery [Ex. 6]
CC: Cassidy, Dan [dcassidy@mofb.com]; Joe Wilkinson [jwilkinson@aeci.org]; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
Subject: Re: Letter to the Editor Response - Lewis County Paper

Great!! It's from 10:00-12:00 at Thomas Hill Plant near Moberly. We're trying to keep it internal to prevent the demonstrators away!

Thanks!

Barry

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 7, 2017, at 11:17 AM, Hurst Greenery <[Ex. 6]> wrote:

> Barry, that's great news. We'll get some names to you, but I would anticipate that we'll have no trouble coming up with 20 names. I'm looking forward to the event. Blake
>
> On Wed, Apr 5, 2017 at 8:13 AM, Barry Hart <bhart@amec.org> wrote:
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> >
> > Blake,
> >
> > As I said before I have been working with the EPA Administrator Pruitt's office on an event in Missouri with Senator Blunt to celebrate the change in direction our country is taking on WOTUS and the Clean Power Plan.
> >
> > The event is now confirmed to be the morning of April 20th at our Thomas Hill power plant near Moberly. Exact time will come later with more detail.
> >
> > Could you notify your Farm Bureau leaders that this event will occur with more details to follow. If we have a total of 10-20 Farm Bureau leaders present to show support that would be great. If you want to invite more that is ok too. If anyone has questions they can call me at [Ex. 6] [Ex. 6]
> >
> > If you could let me know who is coming so I can let the Administrator's office know that would be great. A formal invitation will follow that I will send to you.
> >
> > Thanks for jumping all over this one. It will be good for our state!
> >
> > Barry
> >
> >

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Hurst Greenery
www.hurstgreenery.com
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Message

From: Vance, Eric [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=D7FC312A1267466188680444D66FE0E6-EVANCE]
Sent: 5/3/2017 12:45:41 PM
To: Konkus, John [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=555471b2baa6419e8e141696f4577062-Konkus, Joh]; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; jarnold@kaec.org
Subject: KY Electric COOP
Attachments: 2017-04-24_KentuckyElectric_005.jpg; 2017-04-24_KentuckyElectric_006.jpg; 2017-04-24_KentuckyElectric_007.jpg; 2017-04-24_KentuckyElectric_001.jpg; 2017-04-24_KentuckyElectric_002.jpg; 2017-04-24_KentuckyElectric_003.jpg; 2017-04-24_KentuckyElectric_004.jpg; 2017-04-24_KentuckyElectric_008.jpg; 2017-04-24_KentuckyElectric_009.jpg

Hi Tate, John and Joe,
Here's a re-send of the files from your visit.

Kind regards,
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Eric Vance
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Link to Office of Multimedia photo galleries, accessible from within EPA's network.
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From: Vance, Eric
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 1:54 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Orquina, Jessica <Orquina.Jessica@epa.gov>; Hart, Daniel <Hart.Daniel@epa.gov>
Cc: Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; Ron Slotkin <Slotkin.Ron@epa.gov>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Social media today

Photos from Kentucky Association of Electric Cooperatives meeting.

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From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 10:07 AM
To: Orquina, Jessica <Orquina.Jessica@epa.gov>; Hart, Daniel <Hart.Daniel@epa.gov>
Cc: Vance, Eric <Vance.Eric@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Social media today

Sorry please see this document attached.

From: Orquina, Jessica
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 9:23 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Hart, Daniel <Hart.Daniel@epa.gov>
Cc: Vance, Eric <Vance.Eric@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Social media today

Hi John,

I don't see any meetings highlighted on the document you sent. Which ones would you like us to focus on?

Thanks! Jess

Jessica Ann Orquina
Associate Director
Office of Web Communications
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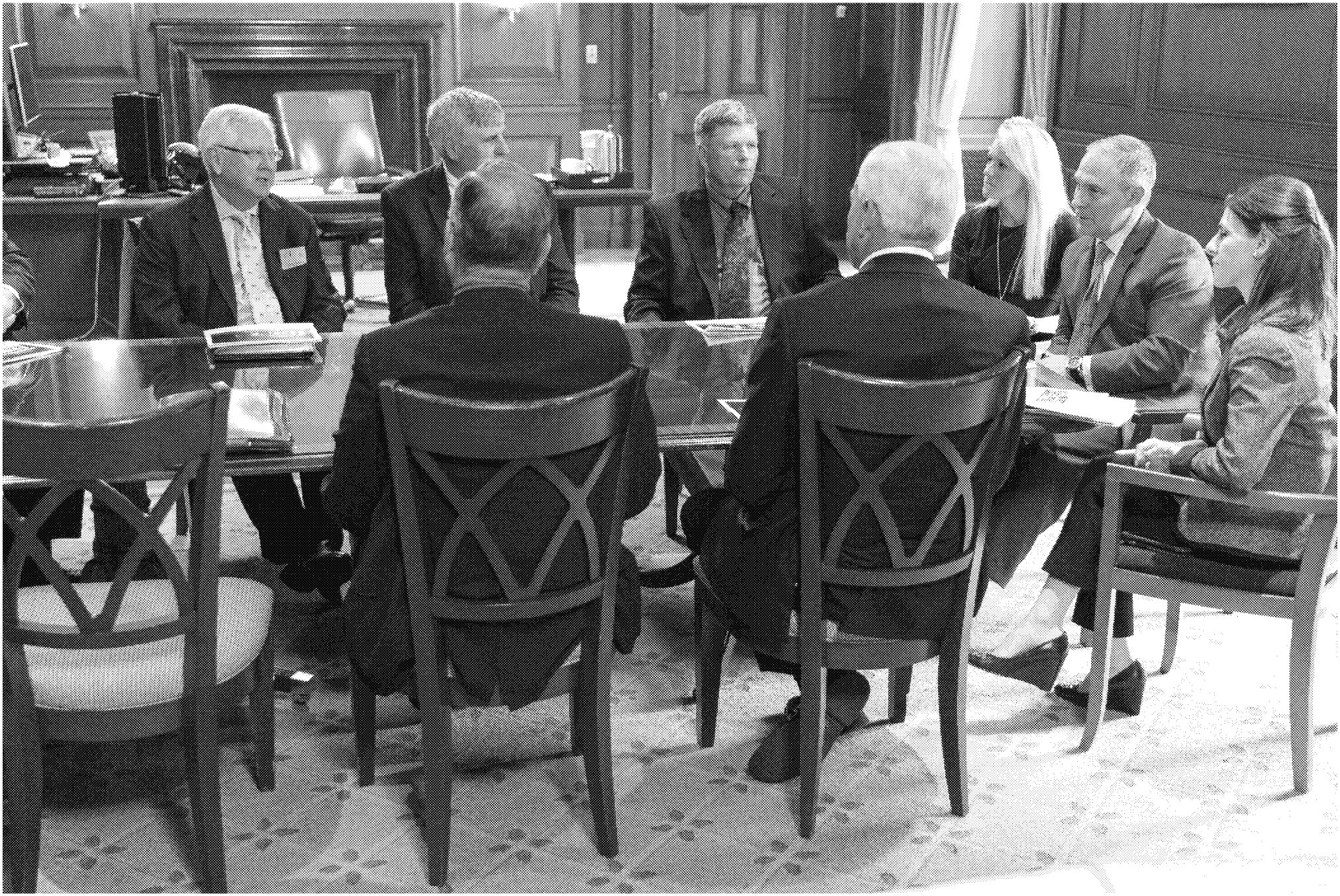
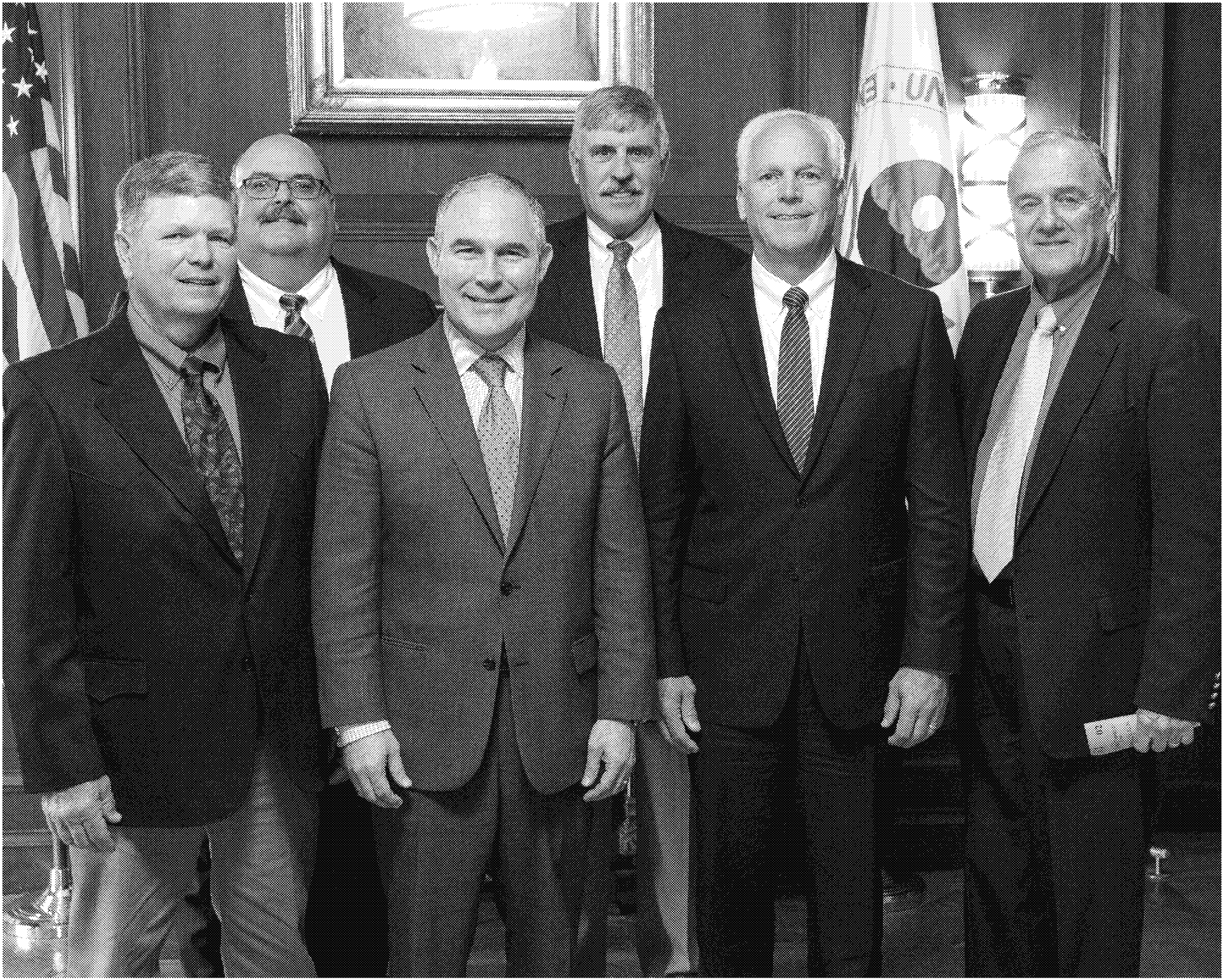
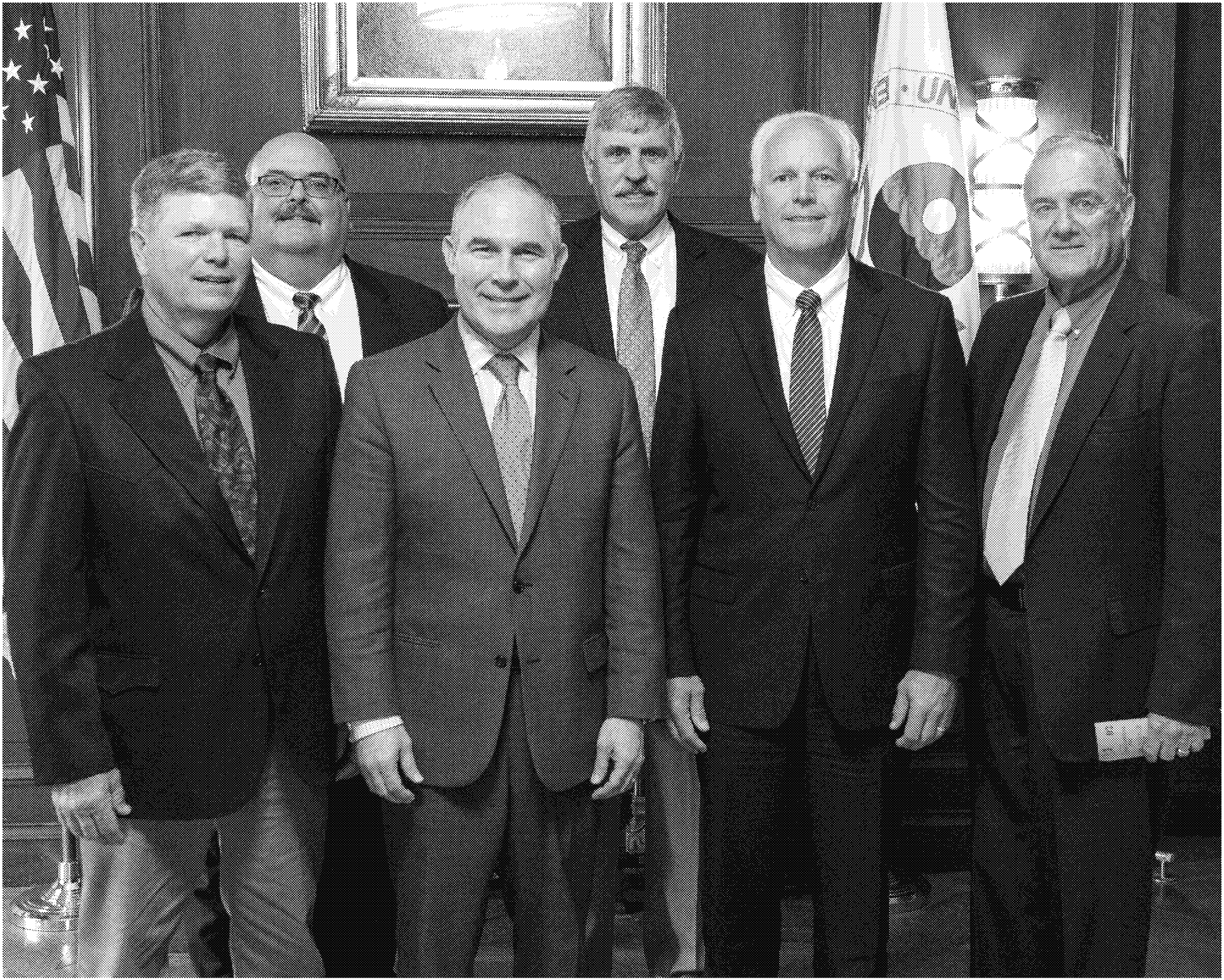
From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 9:17 AM
To: Hart, Daniel <Hart.Daniel@epa.gov>; Orquina, Jessica <Orquina.Jessica@epa.gov>
Cc: Vance, Eric <Vance.Eric@epa.gov>
Subject: Social media today

Hi gang: can you please tee up some draft social media posts for the highlighted meetings attached? Eric is set to take photos for each.

Thank you!







Message

From: Konkus, John [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=555471B2BAA6419E8E141696F4577062-KONKUS, JOH]
Sent: 5/3/2017 10:40:18 AM
To: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
CC: Joe Arnold [JArnold@kaec.org]
Subject: Re: Letter to govs on CCR guidance

Sure thing.

John Konkus
Environmental Protection Agency
Deputy Associate Administrator for Public Affairs
Mobile: Ex. 6

On May 2, 2017, at 11:10 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

> Yes! John, do you mind linking Joe with the KY coops up with Eric for the professional photos from April 28? This one came from my phone (too much glare). Hope all is well, Joe! Tate ps happy derby week!
>
> <image1.JPG>
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> <image2.JPG>
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> On May 2, 2017, at 11:00 PM, Joe Arnold
>
> <image3.JPG>
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> <JArnold@kaec.org> wrote:
>
> Hey Tate!
>
> Congrats on your new position. I can only imagine how swamped you must be. THANK YOU for the terrific accommodation of the Kentucky electric co-op contingent in DC last week.
>
> Could you connect me with the communications person at the EPA who could send me some of the photos taken at the Kentucky meeting with Scott Pruitt?
>
> Thanks again. Hope we can catch up, soon.
>
> Joe

Joe Arnold
Vice-President of Strategic Communications
Kentucky Association of Electric Cooperatives
Kentucky Living magazine
KentuckyLiving.com
jarnold@kaec.org
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-----Original Message-----
From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 1, 2017 8:43 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: Letter to govs on CCR guidance

Just wanted to flag these letters recently went out on upcoming CCR guidance.

Message

From: Joe Arnold [JArnold@kaec.org]
Sent: 5/3/2017 3:18:57 AM
To: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
Subject: RE: Letter to govs on CCR guidance

Thanks, Tate.

Happy Derby to you!

Odd for me not to be covering it.

Joe

-----Original Message-----
From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2017 11:10 PM
To: Joe Arnold <JArnold@kaec.org>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Letter to govs on CCR guidance

Yes! John, do you mind linking Joe with the KY coops up with Eric for the professional photos from April 28? This one came from my phone (too much glare). Hope all is well, Joe! Tate ps happy derby week!

Message

From: Nolan, Rich [RNolan@nma.org]
Sent: 5/11/2018 5:41:22 PM
To: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
Subject: FW: 3 pm Monday

Importance: High

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From: Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 10, 2018 4:40 PM
To: Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>
Cc: Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>
Subject: Please join us at EPA on 5/14/18 at 3:15PM

Friendly reminder to please RSVP as soon as possible for this event if you have not done so already. I will send out a final email reminder on Friday to everyone who has RSVP'd yes.

PLEASE DO NOT FORWARD EXTERNALLY

You are invited to join Administrator Pruitt for an announcement on Monday.
May 14, 2018
3:15 PM; Please arrive no later than 2:45 PM
Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Washington, D.C. 20460
SOUTH Building Entrance
RSVP to Gordon.Stephen@epa.gov
For more details on the event please e-mail me directly and provide a good phone number.

This invitation is not transferable externally, but you may bring two guests from within your organization so long as they RSVP.

Stephen L. Gordon Jr.
Deputy Director for Public Engagement
Office of the Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Gordon.Stephen@epa.gov

Message

From: Samantha McDonald [SMcDonald@ipaa.org]
Sent: 4/9/2018 1:23:30 PM
To: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
Subject: RE: Quick call

Hi Tate! I left you a vm--but you can reach me at Ex. 6

Thx!

-----Original Message-----
From: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 9, 2018 7:01 AM
To: Samantha McDonald <SMcDonald@ipaa.org>
Subject: Quick call

Hey there! Give me a shout today when you can? Ex. 6 No rush!

Message

From: Kundinger, Kelly [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=E3C9A5D16E2244079E222F342BF9992F-KUNDINGER,]
Sent: 3/13/2018 8:47:39 PM
To: Cochran, Kenneth [KCochran@archcoal.com]; Williams, Keith [KWilliams@archcoal.com]; Rogier, Rachel [RRogier@archcoal.com]
CC: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
Subject: RE: EPA Visit to Black Thunder

Keith & Ken -

Thank you for your quick reply. Can we please move forward with a call at 3:00pm tomorrow? If so, would you mind sending us the best number to reach you?

Thanks,

Kelly

-----Original Message-----
From: Cochran, Kenneth [mailto:KCochran@archcoal.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 4:29 PM
To: Williams, Keith <KWilliams@archcoal.com>; Rogier, Rachel <RRogier@archcoal.com>
Cc: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Kundinger, Kelly <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: EPA Visit to Black Thunder

We should be able to participate in a call between 2pm and 4pm EDT Wednesday or between 10:30am and 2pm EDT Friday. Please let us know if either of these times work. Thanks

_____
From: Williams, Keith
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 3:20:10 PM
To: Rogier, Rachel; Cochran, Kenneth
Cc: 'Bennett, Tate'; 'Kundinger, Kelly'
Subject: RE: EPA Visit to Black Thunder

We are both tied up tomorrow. I am pretty open after that.

Thanks KW

From: Rogier, Rachel
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 2:18 PM
To: Williams, Keith <KWilliams@archcoal.com>; Cochran, Kenneth <KCochran@archcoal.com>
Cc: 'Bennett, Tate' <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; 'Kundinger, Kelly' <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Visit to Black Thunder

Keith & Ken - Kelly and Tate over at EPA are handling the details for the Administrator's Mine Tour.

Should we find a time in the next day or two for a call?

From: Kundinger, Kelly [mailto:kundinger.kelly@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 4:14 PM
To: Rogier, Rachel <RRogier@archcoal.com<mailto:RRogier@archcoal.com>>
Cc: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov<mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>>
Subject: EPA Visit to Black Thunder

Rachel –

Thank you for taking the time to talk with us this afternoon regarding our upcoming visit to the Black Thunder Mine. If you wouldn't mind connecting us with Keith and Ken, we will work with them on the logistics for the visit.

We look forward to working with you and your team.

Best,

Kelly Kundinger
Deputy Director of Scheduling and Advance Kundinger.Kelly@epa.gov<mailto:Kundinger.Kelly@epa.gov>
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Message

From: Rogier, Rachel [RRogier@archcoal.com]
Sent: 3/21/2018 3:43:01 PM
To: Kundinger, Kelly [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=e3c9a5d16e2244079e222f342bf9992f-Kundinger,]
CC: Daniell, Kelsi [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=cd867173479344b3bda202b3004ff830-Daniell, Ke]; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Bonacorsi, Logan [LBonacorsi@archcoal.com]
Subject: Re: 2018 EPA Tour Black Thunder.doc

Thanks. Just to be clear, that's 7 people going on the tour, or coming in total?

If 7 on the tour, we'd appreciate if you can ask Gov. Mead's office if they can keep the number of people going on the tour with the governor to a maximum of the Governor plus one staffer, so we don't have to transition over to a bus and lose accessibility to certain parts of the mine. It's much better if we can stick to SUVs so the group can visit more parts of the mine.

Thanks!

On Mar 21, 2018, at 11:31 AM, Kundinger, Kelly <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov> wrote:

> Hi Rachel -
>
> We will have our photographer present. His name is Eric Vance.
>
> Additionally, we expect that the Administrator will have about 7 staff members accompanying him. I will provide their names and boot sizes as soon as possible.
>
> Please let me know if you need any additional information from us in the meantime.
>
> Thanks!
>
> On Mar 21, 2018, at 11:28 AM, Rogier, Rachel <RRogier@archcoal.com> wrote:
>
> > Hey Guys,
> >
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Message

From: NMA, GAC [GAC@nma.org]
Sent: 8/6/2018 4:49:11 PM
To: Beroff, Brendan [bberoff@nma.org]
Subject: Administrator Wheeler Joining the Mining Industry at the Board of Directors Meeting
Attachments: Invitation to AA Wheeler -- 2018 NMA Fall Board Meeting 710.pdf

To whom it may concern:

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing on behalf of the National Mining Association. Attached you will find a letter from our President and CEO Hal Quinn. Our Fall Board Meeting is being held September 13 - 14 in Washington DC and it is our hope that Administrator Wheeler will be able to join us. NMA's board is made up of CEO's and executives of the United States largest coal and mineral mining companies and their suppliers.

NMA's members would be very interested to hear more on the Administration's initiatives to advance policies that roll-back excessive Obama-era regulations, make the US more secure in its resource needs and create middle class jobs. This Admin. has made the coal and mining industry a key priority and we look forward to Administrator Wheeler hopefully joining us this September.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

- Brendan Beroff

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HAL QUINN
President & CEO

July 10, 2018

The Honorable Andrew R. Wheeler
Acting Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Acting Administrator Wheeler:

The National Mining Association (NMA) cordially invites you to address the fall 2018 meeting of our board of directors, scheduled for Sept.13-14 at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel in Washington, D.C. NMA's board of directors is comprised of CEOs from the major U.S producers of coal, metal and minerals, as well as the manufacturers of mining equipment and technology.

Your administration recognizes that domestic mining is a key part of a vibrant U.S. economy—providing the raw materials and affordable energy required for a growing manufacturing sector, rebuilding our infrastructure and creating middle class jobs.

We thank you in advance for your consideration and hope your schedule will permit you to give remarks on Thursday, Sept. 13, during the morning General Session or an alternative would be to address the NMA directors during a breakfast Friday morning, Sept.14.

Please advise if there is anything that NMA can do to assist you and your staff to make the appropriate arrangements by contacting Rich Nolan, Senior Vice President of Government Affairs, at **Ex. 6** or molan@nma.org.

Sincerely,

Hal Quinn

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Subject: EPA Visit to Black Thunder

Rachel –

Thank you for taking the time to talk with us this afternoon regarding our upcoming visit to the Black Thunder Mine. If you wouldn't mind connecting us with Keith and Ken, we will work with them on the logistics for the visit.

We look forward to working with you and your team.

Best,

Kelly Kundinger
Deputy Director of Scheduling and Advance
Kundinger.Kelly@epa.gov

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EPA Administrator Tour
Black Thunder Mine
March 29, 2018

Arrive in Casper	Previous evening
Drive to Black Thunder	Allow 1 hour and 45 minutes
Arrive at Black Thunder and introductions	8:30 am
Presentation and Safety Training	8:40 am
Mine Tour:	
Dispatch	9:20 am
Autonomous dozer	9:30 am
CAT Truck	9:40 am
DL09	9:50 am
Coal Face	10:30 am
6West/Reclamation	10:40 am
Plant Control	11:00 am
Arrive back at BT office	11:10 am
Depart for Gillette airport	11:15 am
Flight leaves Gillette	1:18 pm

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In consultation with Kristine and Kelly, we are moving forward with the breakfast at 8am tomorrow, regardless of the federal schedule.

I will be sending out an e-mail to the folks who have RSVP'd later this afternoon and I will inform them about this discussion.

See you at 2:30pm this afternoon.

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Thanks again,

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Great, we are set for 2:30pm at EEI (701 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW).

Kristine – Thanks for the security POC info.

Kelly – Do you have any input on the potential weather issues for tomorrow and how that will impact Admin Pruitt?

We will see you all at 2:30 this afternoon.

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2:30 works for us. Please let us know if that time works for the rest of the team.

Additionally, is there a security POC at EEI that our security detail can reach out to?

Thanks!

Kelly

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> Good morning Kristine and Brad (as well as Kelly and Tate)
>
> Kelly Kundinger from Admin Pruitt's office reached out this morning about doing a walk through at EEI this afternoon. Kelly and Tate Bennett are cc:ed above to consolidate the e-mail threads.
>
> Would it be possible to set this up?
>
> Peter and I are free at 2:30pm if that is convenient with everyone.
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> Also, as you have probably seen, there is a storm forecast to hit the DC region tomorrow morning.
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> CAGW follows the federal schedule as announced by OPM. If the federal government is announced open or delayed, we are committed to moving forward as planned. If it is announced closed, I wanted to get your input on how that would impact EEI and Admin Pruitt.
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> Please let me know re: the walk through this afternoon.
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> Thanks everyone!
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> Director, Development

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Okay great. Monday the 9th or Tues, the 10th or Friday, the 13th?

Lesley Schaaff
Senior Manager, Regulatory Affairs
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From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2018 11:14 AM
To: Schaaff, Lesley
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Week of April 9th would be great!

From: Schaaff, Lesley [mailto:lschaaff@hess.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2018 10:18 AM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
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Hi there. Any chance of lunch next Wednesday, the 21st? Otherwise – and I know it is cutting it close all I can find is the week of April 9th. Let me know.

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Senior Manager, Regulatory Affairs
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Office: Ex. 6
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Cc: Viator, Brad <BViator@eei.org>; Peter Klensch <pklensch@cagw.org>; Shoaf, Katie <KShoaf@eei.org>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Allen Johnson <allen@cagw.org>; McKinney, Jennifer <JMcKinney@eei.org>
Subject: RE: CAGW Policy Breakfast - Walk Through at EEI This Afternoon

Hi Kelly,

The security POC at EEI is Jennifer McKinney. She is CC'd here and her phone is Ex. 6 or Ex. 6 Mobile).

-Kristine

Kristine Esposo Telford
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Martin -

2:30 works for us. Please let us know if that time works for the rest of the team.

Additionally, is there a security POC at EEI that our security detail can reach out to?

Thanks!

Kelly

On Mar 19, 2018, at 10:30 AM, Martin Rundle <mrundle@cagw.org> wrote:

Good morning Kristine and Brad (as well as Kelly and Tate)

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Thanks everyone!

Martin Rundle
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Message

From: Dennis DeWitt Ex. 6
Sent: 4/19/2018 8:44:16 PM
To: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Dravis, Samantha [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=ece53f0610054e669d9dffe0b3a842df-Dravis, Sam]; Hladick, Christopher [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=b82d04419c42423a97bd7624a3a09908-Hladick, Ch]
CC: Mike Heatwole [mikeheatwole@pebblepartnership.com]
Subject: Objection to Use of 404(c) Veto at Pebble Mine
Attachments: Letter to EPA Re Pebble.pdf

Please receive a copy of our letter requesting Administrator Pruitt withdraw the Proposed Determination Pursuant to Section 404c of the Clean Water Act for Pebble Deposit Area, Southwest Alaska.

Thank you

Denny DeWitt
Executive Director
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The Honorable Scott Pruitt
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator Pruitt,

While we appreciate the many actions you've taken to date, we call upon you to direct the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to withdraw the 'Proposed Determination Pursuant to Section 404c of the Clean Water Act for Pebble Deposit Area, Southwest Alaska' (AKA the Obama proposed pre-permit veto) to remedy the Agency's prior overreach and bad public policy.

The Obama 404c proposed pre-permit veto action utilized a blunt instrument of federal overreach in an attempt to block projects before they could go through the well-established federal permitting process. While the Corps of Engineers is now moving forward on its NEPA review of the Pebble permit, we believe that the EPA should never attempt to use this provision and it needs to be eliminated, which the Trump infrastructure plan proposes. The normal permitting process should be applied to all, including allowing Pebble to continue without the proposed veto continuing to hang over its head. Further, the Obama EPA pre-permit proposed veto on the Pebble Deposit area was based on incomplete, shoddy analysis and agency staff collusion with liberal environmental activists and other project opponents.

The impact of this issue is far greater than just one mine. A pre-permit 404c veto eliminates due process and the well-established, transparent regulatory process for Clean Water Act permits. By proposing to rescind the Obama 404c Proposed Determination on mining in Alaska and then suspending that action, you have affirmatively let the proposed pre-permit veto stand. This gives the environmental left a new tool to eliminate projects they don't like under liberal administrations, and we all know that future EPA administrators will then point to you as a justification for them to use it again.

Further, we welcome the Trump Administration's call to cut federal red tape in the infrastructure plan, including cutting back EPA's 404c veto authority to

address the burden of duplicative regulatory approval for dredge and fill permits.

Again, we appreciate your leadership on reducing the burdensome EPA regulations implemented by the Obama EPA and the stranglehold those regulations place on the United States of America. However, we are disappointed with your action on this issue and urge you to complete the withdrawal of the 404c 'Proposed Determination' as soon as possible. Withdrawing it simply confirms your often-stated commitment to the rule of law and regular order in such proceedings.

Sincerely

Neil MacKinnon
Board President

cc: Michael Catanzaro
Tate Bennett
Samantha Dravis
Chris Hladick
Darrell Henry
Tom Collins

Message

From: Gordon, Stephen [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=7C8FB4D82BFF4EEC98F5C5D00A47F554-GORDON, STE]
Sent: 3/20/2018 3:02:29 PM
To: Menefee, Jake E. (MPC) [jakeemenefee@marathonpetroleum.com]
CC: Ford, Hayley [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=4748a9029cf74453a20ee8ac9527830c-Ford, Hayle]; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Tomorrow's 11:30AM Refinery RTR Signing at EPA

No worries Jake! Thanks for letting us know.

-Stephen

From: Menefee, Jake E. (MPC) [mailto:jakeemenefee@marathonpetroleum.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2018 10:59 AM
To: Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>
Cc: Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Tomorrow's 11:30AM Refinery RTR Signing at EPA

Stephen, I apologize, my flight was delayed and I won't make it back in time for the signing.

Jake

Jake E. Menefee
Marathon Petroleum Corporation
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From: Gordon, Stephen [mailto:gordon.stephen@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2018 5:34 PM
To: Ford, Hayley
Cc: Bennett, Tate; Block, Molly
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Tomorrow's 11:30AM Refinery RTR Signing at EPA

All,

Administrator Pruitt is looking forward to seeing you tomorrow morning at 11:30AM. While the signing will be closed to press, I have cc'd Molly Block from our press shop on this email - if your office would like to coordinate press releases (which is always great) feel free to reach out to her.

See directions to the building below and please plan to arrive early.

You can reach me on my cell Ex. 6 if you have questions or concerns.

Looking forward to seeing you tomorrow.

Regards,
Stephen

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From: Rogier, Rachel [RRogier@archcoal.com]
Sent: 3/14/2018 7:19:43 PM
To: Williams, Keith [KWilliams@archcoal.com]; Kundinger, Kelly [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=e3c9a5d16e2244079e222f342bf9992f-Kundinger,]; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Cochran, Kenneth [KCochran@archcoal.com]
Subject: RE: EPA Visit to Black Thunder

Here's a call in number instead so I can join the call: dial-in Number: Ex. 6
Access Code: Ex. 6

From: Williams, Keith
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 5:33 PM
To: Kundinger, Kelly <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Rogier, Rachel <RRogier@archcoal.com>; Cochran, Kenneth <KCochran@archcoal.com>
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Sounds great – we will be ready for your call.

Thanks KW

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Wonderful. We look forward to talking with you tomorrow afternoon.

From: Williams, Keith [mailto:KWilliams@archcoal.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 4:58 PM
To: Kundinger, Kelly <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Rogier, Rachel <RRogier@archcoal.com>; Cochran, Kenneth <KCochran@archcoal.com>
Subject: RE: EPA Visit to Black Thunder

Yes it does – same number as I sent earlier – Ex. 6

Thanks KW

From: Kundinger, Kelly [mailto:kundinger.kelly@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 2:57 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Williams, Keith <KWilliams@archcoal.com>; Rogier, Rachel <RRogier@archcoal.com>; Cochran, Kenneth <KCochran@archcoal.com>
Subject: RE: EPA Visit to Black Thunder

To follow up –

I just spoke with Tate and she is unavailable at 3:00 tomorrow. Does 3:30 EDT work for you?

Thanks!

From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2018 4:55 PM
To: Williams, Keith <KWilliams@archcoal.com>; Rogier, Rachel <RRogier@archcoal.com>; Cochran, Kenneth <KCochran@archcoal.com>
Cc: Kundinger, Kelly <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA Visit to Black Thunder

Thursday morning?

From: Williams, Keith [mailto:KWilliams@archcoal.com]
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Best,

Kelly Kundinger
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CC: Peter Klensch [pklensch@cagw.org]; Shoaf, Katie [KShoaf@eei.org]; Kundinger, Kelly [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=e3c9a5d16e2244079e222f342bf9992f-Kundinger,]; Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Allen Johnson [allen@cagw.org]
Subject: RE: CAGW Policy Breakfast - Walk Through at EEI This Afternoon

Martin,

Yes, we can do a walk through this afternoon at 2:30.

We also follow the federal schedule as announced by OPM. Let me check with our colleagues to confirm we can proceed as planned under a delay.

Also, do you have any signage you want to use tomorrow? If so, feel free to bring it to our walk through today.

Thanks,
Kristine

Kristine Esposo Telford
Edison Electric Institute
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Subject: Re: Quick call

Yep. Ex. 6

Sent from my iPhone

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May I give you a quick shout?

Elizabeth Tate Bennett
Associate Administrator for Public Engagement & Environmental Education
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CC: Yamada, Richard (Yujiro) [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=4c34a1e0345e4d26b361b5031430639d-Yamada, Yuj]; Ferguson, Lincoln [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=08cd7f82606244de96b61b96681c46de-Ferguson, L]; Gordon, Stephen [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=7c8fb4d82bff4eec98f5c5d00a47f554-Gordon, Ste]
Subject: RE: Question this AM

Thanks Tate. Richard, I'd love to chat about this at your convenience.

Thanks!

Brad Viator
Executive Director, External Affairs
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Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2018 9:00 AM
To: Viator, Brad <BViator@eei.org>
Cc: Yamada, Richard (Yujiro) <yamada.richard@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>
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Cool. Copying Richard in ORD. Richard- the Admin was interested in this concept at EEI this AM.

On Mar 20, 2018, at 8:55 AM, Viator, Brad <BViator@eei.org> wrote:

If public universities do the studies, they have to share the data. It's a foia issue if nothing else. Moving contracts to public schools eliminates the problem and compels the privates to share data and provide transparency.

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> What did you ask re university studies? Will make a note!

Message

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To: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; Kundinger, Kelly [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=e3c9a5d16e2244079e222f342bf9992f-Kundinger,]
Subject: 2018 EPA Tour Black Thunder.doc
Attachments: 2018 EPA Tour Black Thunder.doc; ATT00001.htm

Hey Guys,

Here's the draft agenda we made up for the tour. Let me know if you have any questions or issues with the agenda. Please feel free to reach me on my cell at Ex. 6 anytime.

Best,

Rachel

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EPA Administrator Tour
Black Thunder Mine
March 29, 2018

Arrive in Casper	Previous evening
Drive to Black Thunder	Allow 1 hour and 45 minutes
Arrive at Black Thunder and introductions	8:30 am
Presentation and Safety Training	8:40 am
Mine Tour:	
Dispatch	9:20 am
Autonomous dozer	9:30 am
CAT Truck	9:40 am
DL09	9:50 am
Coal Face	10:30 am
6West/Reclamation	10:40 am
Plant Control	11:00 am
Arrive back at BT office	11:10 am
Depart for Gillette airport	11:15 am
Flight leaves Gillette	1:18 pm

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We should be able to participate in a call between 2pm and 4pm EDT Wednesday or between 10:30am and 2pm EDT Friday. Please let us know if either of these times work. Thanks

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Thanks!

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Rachel –

I spoke with our press secretary, Kelsi (copied) last week. She is currently out of town but was going to talk with EPW about this matter. I'll let her weigh in.

Thanks!

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Sent: Monday, March 19, 2018 4:38 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Kundinger, Kelly <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov>; Daniell, Kelsi <daniell.kelsi@epa.gov>; Bonacorsi, Logan <LBonacorsi@archcoal.com>
Subject: Re: 2018 EPA Tour Black Thunder.doc

I'm adding our comms director, Logan to this thread so she's in the loop as well.

On Mar 19, 2018, at 11:15 AM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

Copying Kelsi

From: Rogier, Rachel [mailto:RRogier@archcoal.com]
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2018 1:00 PM
To: Kundinger, Kelly <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov>
Cc: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: 2018 EPA Tour Black Thunder.doc

Hi Kelly,

I just wanted to check back in about the press event Barrasso's team suggested and if your team has talked to EPW staff about either forgoing the event due to time constraints or holding it elsewhere.

Thanks,

Rachel

On Mar 16, 2018, at 10:30 AM, Kundinger, Kelly <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov> wrote:

Thank you, Rachel. I will circle back with you regarding the press conference once I have the chance to talk with our press Secretary.

2:20 PM, Rogier, Rachel <RRogier@archcoal.com> wrote:

Hey Guys,

Here's the draft agenda we made up for the tour. Let me know if you have any questions or issues with the agenda. Please feel free to reach me on my cell at Ex. 6 anytime.

Best,

Rachel

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To: Samantha McDonald [SMcDonald@ipaa.org]
Subject: Re: EMBARGOED UNTIL 4:30 PM: EPA Takes Action to Address Oil and Gas Compliance Concerns, Saving At Least $14M in Regulatory Costs

Might be later than 4:30

On Mar 1, 2018, at 4:28 PM, Samantha McDonald <SMcDonald@ipaa.org> wrote:

Thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 1, 2018, at 4:20 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

EPA Takes Action to Address Oil and Gas Compliance Concerns, Saving At Least $14 Million in Regulatory Costs

WASHINGTON (March 1, 2018) — In two actions, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is taking steps to address significant and immediate compliance concerns for the oil and natural gas industry, reduce burdens on our state regulatory partners, and save millions of dollars in regulatory compliance costs.

EPA has finalized amendments for certain requirements contained within the 2016 oil and gas New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) and proposed to withdraw the control techniques guidelines (CTG) - an action that EPA estimates would save $14 to $16 million in regulatory compliance costs for the oil and gas industry from 2021-2035.

"The technical amendments to the 2016 oil and gas NSPS are meant to alleviate targeted regulatory compliance issues faced by affected sources," **said EPA Office of Air and Radiation Assistant Administrator Bill Wehrum.** "While this action addresses an immediate need, it does not deter the ongoing work at the Agency to assess the 2016 rule as a whole, including whether it is prudent or necessary to directly regulate methane."

"We believe the proposed withdrawal of the CTGs are necessary to provide regulatory certainty to one of the largest sectors of the American economy, and avoid unnecessary compliance costs to both covered entities and the states," **said Wehrum.**

Amendments to the 2016 New Source Performance Standards for the Oil and Gas Industry

EPA has amended two narrow provisions of the 2016 NSPS for the oil and natural gas industry to address aspects of the rule that pose significant and immediate compliance concerns. The amendments address two of the "fugitive emissions" requirements in the 2016 rule: a requirement that leaking components be repaired during unplanned or emergency shutdowns; and the monitoring survey requirements for well sites located on the Alaskan North Slope.

EPA took this final action in response to comments received on the June 2017 proposed stays of certain requirements in the rule and subsequent Notices of Data Availability (NODAs) issued in November 2017. EPA is continuing to evaluate comments the agency received on the proposed stays and NODAs.

To read the amendments to the 2016 rule, visit EPA's website at https://www.epa.gov/controlling-air-pollution-oil-and-natural-gas-industry/actions-and-notices-about-oil-and-natural-gas#regactions

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Proposal to withdraw the 2016 Control Techniques Guidelines for the Oil and Natural Gas Industry

In a separate action, EPA is proposing to withdraw the 2016 Control Techniques Guidelines for the Oil and Natural Gas Industry (Oil and Gas CTG) in its entirety. The Oil and Gas CTG provides recommendations for certain states and areas that are required to address smog-forming volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions from covered sources as part of their state implementation plans for meeting EPA's national standards for ground-level ozone.

The Oil and Gas CTG relied on data and conclusions that were used in the 2016 NSPS for the oil and gas industry. EPA is currently reconsidering certain aspects of the 2016 NSPS and intends to look broadly at the rule during the reconsideration process.

Because some recommendations in the Oil and Gas CTG are based on the 2016 NSPS, and others are based on the NSPS issued in 2012, EPA believes withdrawing the entire Oil and Gas CTG will be more efficient for states, which otherwise might be required to revise their implementation plans twice: once, to address recommendations that are tied to the 2012 NSPS, and potentially a second time after the reconsideration of the 2016 NSPS is complete.

EPA has analyzed costs that would be avoided if the Oil and Gas CTG were withdrawn. The Agency analyzed avoided costs assuming that, even if the Oil and Gas CTG were

withdrawn, some states might need to obtain VOC emission reductions from existing oil and gas sources as part of their state implementation plans for meeting the ozone standard. Using this perspective, the agency estimates that the oil and gas industry would avoid costs of $1.2 million per year (3 percent discount rate) or $1.6 million per year (7 percent discount rate) under this perspective, totaling $14 or $16 million from 2021-2035 (using discount rates of 3 and 7 percent respectively).

The agency will take public comment on withdrawing the Oil and Gas CTG for 45 days after a notice is published in the Federal Register.

To read the notice of proposed withdrawal, visit EPA's website at https://www.epa.gov/controlling-air-pollution-oil-and-natural-gas-industry/actions-and-notices-about-oil-and-natural-gas#ctg

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Subject: Feb. 5th Updated Timeline and Participant Lists
Attachments: List of Attendees.docx; Detailed Timeline.Rochester.docx

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Detailed Timeline
Rochester Mine Tour
February 5, 2018

7:00am	Depart Reno to Coeur Rochester Mine near Lovelock, NV (About 120 miles; 2 hrs.)
9:00am	Arrival at Coeur Rochester Mine
9:05am	Introductions and safety briefing
9:25am	Depart for mine tour including active pit, active heap leach pads, remediated heap leach pads; opportunity for good photo ops in tractor scoops
10:10am	Arrive back at operations shop/garage for CERCLA 108(b) event with mine employees
10:15am	Brief comments by Jay Gear; introduce the Governor
10:20am	Governor Sandoval comments; introduce the Administrator
10:30am	Administrator Pruitt comments
10:40am	Q&A, photos, talk to mine employees
11:00am	Depart for Yerington, NV (Approximately 130 miles; 2.5 hrs.)

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List of Attendees
Rochester Mine Visit
February 5, 2018

EPA
Ken Wagner
Kell Kelly
Tate Bennett
Lincoln Ferguson
Preston Cory
Kelsi Daniell
Forrest McMurray

State of Nevada
Pam Robinson, Policy Director
Mari St. Martin, Communications Director
Brad Crowell, Director of DCNR
Greg Lovato, Administrator, NDEP
Joe Sawyer, Chief, Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation
Samantha Thomas, DCNR PIO
Sholeh Moll, Photographer

Coeur Rochester
Jay Gear, Vice President, Environment
Rob Stepper, Mine Manager
Dana Sue Kimbal, Environmental Manager

Nevada Mining Association
Dana Bennett, PhD, President

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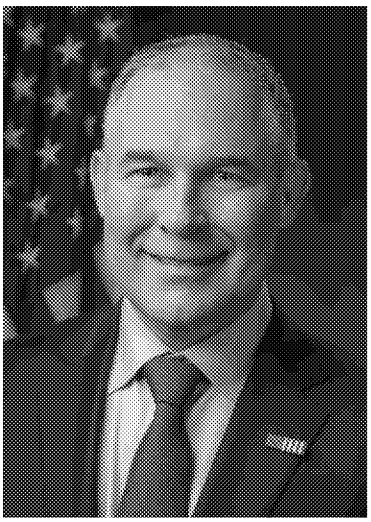
Subject: Pruitt Bio for Friday
Attachments: Offical Farmer Group Bio.docx



E. Scott Pruitt

Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency

Scott Pruitt was confirmed as the 14th Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on February 17, 2017.

Administrator Pruitt believes that promoting and protecting a strong and healthy environment is among the most vital priorities of the government, and EPA is central to that mission.

Pruitt is committed to ensuring EPA gets back to the basics of managing our environment by adhering to the rule of law and engaging with state, local and tribal partners to create sensible regulations that enhance – rather than inhibit – economic growth.

Within months of taking office, Administrator Pruitt spearheaded over two dozen significant regulatory reform actions, including proposing to rescinded the 2015 "Waters of the United States" rule. These actions will restore states' roles in the regulatory process and ensure regulatory certainty for affected farmers and land owners. EPA also negotiated a labeling agreement with manufactures to minimize drift from the use of dicamba formulations to off-target crops.

Throughout his time in office, Administrator Pruitt has promoted the idea that farmers are our nation's original and best environmentalists and conservationists whose concerns and input must be valued.

In just his first year in office, Administrator Pruitt visited nearly 30 states and met with state agriculture commissioners, Farm Bureau leaders and other stakeholders who often went ignored by the previous administration. Additionally, Administrator Pruitt reformed EPA's scientific advisory boards to ensure geographic diversity and integrity so that the Agency is receiving input from experts from across the entire country.

Prior to serving on President Trump's cabinet, Pruitt served as Oklahoma's Attorney General. Through his efforts to protect Oklahomans from the overreach of the previous administration, Pruitt became a national leader and champion of hard-working Americans. He has a proven track record of working with others – including industry, farmers, ranchers, landowners and small business owners - who want to do right by the environment.

Pruitt also served eight years in the Oklahoma State Senate in addition to co-owning and managing Oklahoma City's Triple-A minor league baseball affiliate.

Pruitt played baseball for the University of Kentucky, earned his bachelor's degree from Georgetown College and graduated from the University of Tulsa College of Law. He and Marlyn, his wife of 27 years, proudly raised their two children in Tulsa.

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Sent: 3/5/2018 10:35:26 PM
To: Samantha McDonald [SMcDonald@ipaa.org]
Subject: FW: FYI IPAA write up in E&E

From: Letendre, Daisy
Sent: Monday, March 5, 2018 4:19 PM
To: Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: FYI IPAA write up in E&E

Oil boosters to huddle at Trump hotel, meet with EPA

Hannah Northey and Ariel Wittenberg, E&E News reporters

Published: Monday, March 5, 2018

Oil lobbyists this week will head a block down the street to U.S. EPA to push a policy wish list after they hold a conference at the Trump International Hotel in Washington. Hannah Northey/E&E News

Oil lobbyists are preparing to push U.S. EPA on a host of air, water and pipeline policies this week after huddling at the Trump International Hotel in Washington for a conference.

The Independent Petroleum Association of America (IPAA), a group representing the nation's independent oil and natural gas producers, is scheduled to meet with EPA officials at the agency's headquarters on Wednesday.

The meeting will focus on a list of top policy objectives, including pushing more oversight authority to states.

The agency stop will occur as part of the IPAA's 2018 Congressional Call-Up at the Trump International Hotel, an event featuring speeches from Fox News politics editor Chris Stirewalt and House Majority Whip Steve Scalise (R-La.). *Politico* first reported the meeting.

On the agenda: ensuring states don't "abuse" their authority when approving or denying clean water permits for proposed pipelines.

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"IPAA support oversight of delegated states to assure that they are not abusing their authority such as the misuse of Clean Water Act Section 401 to deny pipeline permits crossing rivers," said the agenda.

Also on the agenda is pushing back against potential regulation of pollution that makes its way to surface water via groundwater.

While the Clean Water Act technically only regulates surface water, not groundwater, questions have arisen in the past decade over whether the landmark environmental law could cover pollutants that enter surface water after traveling through the ground.

EPA announced last month that it was considering regulating those pollutants following an increasing number of lawsuits filed by environmental groups.

Those groups say point sources whose pollution travels through groundwater and makes its way to surface water should be required to obtain a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit under the Clean Water Act.

Multiple sectors of the economy that use wastewater wells, cesspools and coal ash ponds are expected to push back against potential regulations.

IPAA is apparently among the first groups to meet with EPA on the issue, listing "ground water and the Clean Water Act" as an issue it will be bringing up at the meeting.

IPAA says it's worried that "the potential for bringing ground water into the scope of the Clean Water Act would be counter to the management of ground water under the Safe Drinking Water Act."

"It could result in a significant new regulatory burden that was never intended when either Act was passed," the agenda said.

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To: Mullins, Jerry [jmullins@nma.org]
Subject: RE: Nevada...

Ex. 6 is my cell.

From: Mullins, Jerry [mailto:jmullins@nma.org]
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 10:30 AM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: Nevada...

Tate,

I hope this email finds you well. I wanted to reach out offer any assistance NMA can for the Administrator's trip to Nevada to tour mining operations out west. This is a great honor for the industry and we want to make sure all of your and the Administrator's expectations are exceeded. Is there a good time to chat? Thanks for considering.

Best,
Jerry Mullins
National Mining Association

Gerald C. Mullins
Vice President, Government Affairs and External Relations
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Subject: RE: 2/2/18- quote

Thanks team!

From: Allison Carter [mailto:allison@feca.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 31, 2018 4:31 PM
To: Daniell, Kelsi <daniell.kelsi@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Mike Bjorklund <mike@feca.com>
Subject: 2/2/18- quote

Kelsi/Tate-

Here is the quote that was requested. Please let me know if you need anything further.

Thank you,

Allison Carter
Florida Electric Cooperatives Association
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Subject: quick call

Hey Brad! Give me a shout when you get a chance? **Ex. 6**

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Sent: 2/6/2018 6:09:18 PM
To: Viator, Brad [BViator@eei.org]
Subject: Re: Passing your name to my counter part at doe

Well shoot. Catch up soon.

On Feb 6, 2018, at 12:33 PM, Viator, Brad <BViator@eei.org> wrote:

> Ha, I met with her a few weeks back. She's great.
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> Sent from my iPhone
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> On Feb 6, 2018, at 11:05 AM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:
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> > This email originated from an external sender. Use caution before clicking links or opening attachments. For more information, visit The Grid. Questions? Please contact ITSupport@eei.org or ext. 5100.
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> > Elise is her name

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Subject: Re: EPA Meeting 3.7.18

Thank you!

> On Mar 5, 2018, at 9:27 PM, Samantha McDonald <SMcDonald@ipaa.org> wrote:
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> Tate and Kelly:
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> We are expecting the following members on Wednesday:
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> Karen Anspaugh, Surrett & Anspaugh
> Sam Barbee, Illinois Oil and Gas Association
> Mark Barron, BakerHostetler
> Sara Blascovich, Pennsylvania Independent Oil and Gas Association
> *Bill Cadman, Whiting Petroleum Company
> *Claire Chase, Mack Energy
> Theodore Cordova , E&B Natural Resources
> Keely Daugherty, IPAA
> *J.Roy Dee III, Dee Drilling
> *Paul Diero, California Resources Corporation
> *Eric Dille, EOG Resources
> *Bob Doviak, KROG Partners, LLC
> Jeff Eshelman, IPAA
> Stephen Flaherty, Cimarex
> *Lee Fuller, IPAA
> Susan Ginsberg, IPAA
> Gordon Goodman, EOG Resources
> Brittany Green, IPAA
> *Colin Grubbs, Statoil
> Tina Hamlin, IPAA
> *Steven Hinchman, Scala Energy LLC
> *Krista Johnson, Cimarex
> *Gretchen Kern, Pioneer Resources
> Neal Kirby, IPAA
> Shane Kriebel, Kriebel Mineral Resources
> *JIM Kriebel, Kriebel Mineral Resources
> *Kurt Krieger, Steptoe & Johnson
> Frederick Lawrence, IPAA
> *Stephen Layton, E&B Resources
> *Kristen Lingley, Encana Oil & Gas Inc
> *Douglas Malcolm, D.C. Malcom, Inc
> Drew Martin, Miller Energy
> Samantha McDonald, IPAA
> Erin McDough, Michigan Oil & Gas Company
> *Jim McKinney, EnerVest Operating, LLC
> Ashlee McNamee, Whiting Petroleum
> Mallori Miller, IPAA
> *Luke Miller, Miller Energy Company
> Mark Miller, Merlin Oil & Gas
> Daniel Naatz, IPAA
> Donald Nestor, Arnett Carbis Toothman
> Alexander Obrecht, Baker Hostetler
> *Randy Parker, XTO
> James Pruitt, EnerVest Operating
> Amy Puglisi, IPAA
> *Douglas Reynolds, Reynolds Resources, Inc
> Clifton Roberts, Muskegon Development Company
> *Trent Rosenlieb, Berry Petroleum Company, LLC
> *Barry Russell, IPAA
> *Lesley Schaaff, Hess Corporation
> *QEP Resources, Shane Schultz
> Penny Seipel, Ohio Oil and Gas Association
> *Ash Shepard, Talos Energy
> *Brook Simmons, Newfield Exploration Company

> Gary Slagel, Steptoe & Johnson
> *Jim Tramuto, Tramuto Energy Advisors
> Joyce Turkaly, Pennsylvania Independent Oil & Gas Association
> Ryan Ullman, IPAA
> *Ben Wallace, Penneco, Oil Company, Inc
> Daniel Weaver, Pennsylvania Independent Oil & Gas Association
> *James Wilkes, Texland Petroleum, LP
> *J. Nelson Wood, Wood Energy
> *Brian Woodard, Chesapeake Energy Corp.
> Rock Zimmerman, California Independent Petroleum Association
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> An * indicates we'd like them to sit at the round table. Others can sit around the perimeter.
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> Sent from my iPad

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Elise is her name

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Subject: FYI

Feel free to give me a shout. My work phone is Ex. 6 -Tate

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt Suspends Withdrawal of Proposed Determination in Bristol Bay Watershed, Will Solicit Additional Comments

WASHINGTON (January 26, 2018) – Today, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt is following through on his promise to restore the rule of law and process to the previous Administration's action to restrict mining in Bristol Bay, Alaska.

As a result of Administrator Pruitt's actions last summer, proponents of mining in the region were allowed to apply for a permit with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Today, after hearing directly from stakeholders and the people of Alaska, EPA is suspending its process to withdraw those proposed restrictions, leaving them in place while the Agency receives more information on the potential mine's impact on the region's world-class fisheries and natural resources.

"We have restored process, reviewed comments, and heard from a variety of stakeholders on whether to withdraw the proposed restrictions in the Bristol Bay watershed," Administrator Scott Pruitt said. "Based on that review, it is my judgment at this time that any mining projects in the region likely pose a risk to the abundant natural resources that exist there. Until we know the full extent of that risk, those natural resources and world-class fisheries deserve the utmost protection. Today's action allows EPA to get the information needed to determine what specific impacts the

proposed mining project will have on those critical resources."

This decision neither deters nor derails the application process of Pebble Limited Partnership's proposed project. The project proponents continue to enjoy the protection of due process and the right to proceed. However, their permit application must clear a high bar, because EPA believes the risk to Bristol Bay may be unacceptable.

EPA intends to solicit additional public comment on the impact of the mining application on the existing proposed determination to better inform that analysis.

Background

In 2014, the Obama Administration issued what was widely considered a preemptive veto of the Pebble Limited Partnership mining project. This effectively brought the mine's application process and, more importantly, due process to a halt. Litigation resulted and continued into this Administration.

In May of 2017, Administrator Pruitt took the first step to rescind this due process denial and allow the Pebble mine proponents to proceed and progress through the process. EPA received over one million comments from interested stakeholders. Administrator Pruitt's action allowed the litigation to be resolved and the proponent's application was allowed to finally move forward. That application is proceeding through the Army Corps's permitting process.

Today's action is important for several reasons. First, EPA has serious concerns about the impacts of mining activity in the Bristol Bay Watershed. From public comments to community meetings, stakeholders stressed the importance of balancing a singular mine venture with the risk to one of the world's largest commercial fisheries. Second, for EPA not to express an environmental position at this stage would be disingenuous.

This action demonstrates the Agency's commitment to both the rule of law and process, and upholding the EPA's core mission of environmental stewardship.

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To: Mullins, Jerry [jmullins@nma.org]
Subject: RE: Jerry!

I should have some potential dates later this week. It mostly depends on the Judge's calendar.

Wyoming would be the 29th

From: Mullins, Jerry [mailto:jmullins@nma.org]
Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 3:13 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Jerry!

Heath and Dan were in the office a couple hours ago and I mentioned it to them, they were very excited. Do you have some potential dates?

And just so I didn't misunderstand, the Wyoming mine trip would be the 28th or 29th of March?

Thanks,
JM

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 3:10 PM
To: Mullins, Jerry <jmullins@nma.org>
Subject: RE: Jerry!

Should I work with Heath to try to plan a day for when Joe is there?

From: Mullins, Jerry [mailto:jmullins@nma.org]
Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 3:04 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Jerry!

The mine is 57 miles from the airport, mostly on highways.

Google Maps has it at 68 minutes. WAZE has it at 60 minutes. If we are driving about 54 minutes;

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"Western Governors and their states manage and protect some of the nation's most precious and important natural resources," **said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt**. "We had a productive discussion on how EPA can continue to work cooperatively with state partners to protect clean air, land and water."

Participants in yesterday morning's breakfast (Left to Right): Governor Doug Burgum (N.D.), EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt, Governor Brian Sandoval (Nev.), Governor Kate Brown (Ore.), Labor Secretary Alexander Acosta, Governor Dennis Daugaard (S.D.), Governor Bill Walker (Alaska), Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke, Governor Jeff Colyer (Kan.), Governor Gary Herbert (Utah), Governor Matt Mead (Wyo.), Governor Steve Bullock (Mont.), Governor Butch Otter (Idaho), and Governor David Ige (Hawaii). Not pictured: Governor Jay Inslee (Wash.) and Governor John Hickenlooper (Colo.).

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Subject: RE: Updated EPA Doc

Thanks! Let me take a look over the weekend.

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Dear Tate,

I hope this week went well for you.

Attached are two documents to help arrange for the plant visits by Scott. One is a map showing locations and the other is a list of the plants we prioritized after considering different aspects that would enhance the learning and exchange of ideas for Scott and REG.

Let me know how we can proceed to develop the plan and get the first visit on the schedule,

Kindest Regards,

Brad

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To: Brad Albin <Brad.Albin@REGI.com>
Cc: Scott Hedderich <Scott.Hedderich@REGI.com>
Subject: Updated EPA Doc

Brad,
See attached, doc with changes we discussed + map.

Do you need anything else? Let me know.

Thanks,

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Just tried you! Ex. 6

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To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
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Alliance would love it!

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2018 1:53 PM
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Subject: Jerry!

Can I give you a shout today to follow-up on this from last year?

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Alliance's Tunnel Ridge Mine, Valley Grove, WV (15 min. drive from Wheeling Airport)

- Joe Craft CEO
- The Tunnel Ridge reserve area covers,400 acres of coal under land located in Ohio County, West Virginia, and Washington County, Pennsylvania.
- Longwall production
- 400 miners

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Subject: RE: REG Letter

Hey Brad! Feel free to give me a shout Ex. 6 soemtime this week.

From: Wagner, Kenneth
Sent: Wednesday, February 7, 2018 4:55 PM
To: Brad Albin <Brad.Albin@REGI.com>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Cheatham-Strickland, Latonia <Cheatham-Strickland.Latonia@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: REG Letter

Tate/Brad:

Connecting you two to coordinate the Biodiesel plant visit by Administrator Pruitt.

Let me know if you can help.

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On Jan 25, 2018, at 5:18 PM, Brad Albin <Brad.Albin@REGI.com> wrote:

> Kenneth,
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> Attached is the letter we discussed that you'll hand deliver. We are sending in mail to Scott and Bill Wehrum.
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> At some point our Lindsay Fitzgerald (Sr Mgr, Gov Affairs and used to work at the EPA) would like to send email as well to Ryan Jackson and Mandy Gunasekara. We thought we would wait until Monday or Tuesday. Does that sound right to you or would you rather do it differently?
>
> Thanks and let me know if you need anything,

Brad

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To: Allison Carter [allison@feca.com]
CC: Basford, Adam [Adam.Basford@ffbf.org]; Mike Bjorklund [mike@feca.com]
Subject: Re: Agenda/Timeline - 2/2/18 Meeting

Thanks for a wonderful event, Allison and Adam! The Admin truly enjoyed his morning. Wouldn't have been possible without your hard work. Thanks again.

On Feb 1, 2018, at 9:59 AM, Allison Carter <allison@feca.com> wrote:

> Good Morning!
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> Please find attached a basic agenda/timeline for the event tomorrow.
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> Please let me know if you have any concerns or comments.
>
> Thanks,
> Allison
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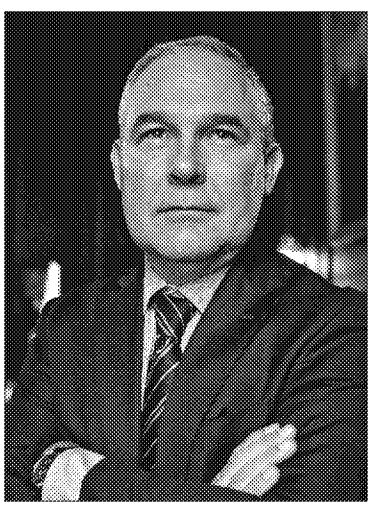
The Man They Love to Hate

EPA administrator Scott Pruitt's recipe for success: fearless defiance of his political and media foes

By Fred Barnes

Every Sunday evening, the press office at the Environmental Protection Agency receives emails from the *New York Times* and *Politico* asking for EPA administrator Scott Pruitt's public schedule for the coming week. The press office ignores the emails.

The *Times* hasn't given up. It has sued the EPA for allegedly violating public records laws by not releasing the weekly schedule. But the agency has not buckled. "We're not going to roll out the red carpet for the *New York Times*," an EPA official says.



It's a small matter but points to a much bigger one. It involves Pruitt, who has run the agency since February and is a favorite of President Donald Trump. He's different from previous EPA bosses, notably in his attitude toward the political class in Washington, including the media. Pruitt is not afraid of them.

His fearlessness shows up in doing things most of Washington frowns on—or that are politically dangerous. Refusing to pamper the *Times* and the national press is the least of his offenses.

In the weeks before he took office, staffers from the agency openly protested his appointment. So when Pruitt arrived at EPA headquarters across the street in downtown Washington from the new Trump International Hotel, it was thought prudent for him to make peace with the bureaucrats, to woo or even appease them. He hasn't. He's merely treated them professionally.

Next, were he eager to get along, a smart step might have been to meet with the environmental interest groups whose lobby has become a powerful force, especially on Capitol Hill. Pruitt hasn't taken the time to do so.

Instead, he's traveled out of town to confer with trade groups for manufacturing, mining, and fossil fuels. "We don't have enough resources . . . to hire enough personnel in this agency to stand on every corner in this country and say 'Thou shall' and make sure people do this or that," he told the *Washington Post*. "We need commitment from the private sector."

During his tenure as attorney general of Oklahoma, in the six years leading up to his appointment to the Trump cabinet, Pruitt filed 14 lawsuits against the EPA, a record that outraged environmentalists and liberals. In Washington, he has redoubled many of these efforts. He once sued to halt the EPA's Clean Power Plan (CPP). Now he's implementing an executive order to rescind it. The same is true of an EPA rule known as Waters of the United States (WOTUS). In Utah in August, when a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers official pointed to a tiny body of water and said it was regulated under WOTUS, Pruitt replied, "Well, it's not going to be anymore."

Pruitt isn't anti-regulation. It's regulatory overreach he regards as a menace to freedom and economic growth. Rather than concentrating on new regulatory targets, he's attacking the massive backlog of problems neglected by his predecessors, such as finally cleaning up the toxic waste at 1,300 Superfund sites and dealing with 700-plus state air quality plans left behind by earlier administrations.

Pruitt's biggest clash with the accepted wisdom of Washington has come over the Paris Accord, the international treaty to deal with climate change. In his campaign, Trump had promised to withdraw from the pact, only to be

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pressured to renege by top cabinet officials and his daughter and son-in-law once he got into the White House.

The president was rescued by Pruitt. In meetings at the White House, he provided Trump with a series of reasons to oppose the accord. It turned out that Pruitt knew more about the subject than the others. Trump stuck to his guns and pulled out.

Trump was so impressed he invited Pruitt to speak at the Rose Garden event in June to announce the withdrawal. This was highly unusual since Trump rarely shares the limelight, much less credit.

Pruitt lauded the president for his "unflinching commitment to put America first" and followed with what has become the theme of his EPA tenure. The United States does "better than anyone in the world in striking the balance between growing our economy, growing jobs while also being a good steward of our environment," he said. Between 2000 and 2014, America reduced "its carbon emissions by 18-plus percent. And this was accomplished not through government mandate, but accomplished through innovation and technology of the American private sector."

Pruitt, 49, would not have been at the White House that day in June without the intervention of Harold Hamm, the billionaire oil and gas entrepreneur. Hamm was an ardent Trump supporter in the presidential race in 2016. Pruitt wasn't. He was aligned with Jeb Bush.

But the Bush connection wasn't an impediment when, soon after the election, Hamm asked Trump for one favor. Hamm, who is also an Oklahoman, wanted Pruitt to be EPA administrator, an associate said. Hamm was an admirer of Pruitt's efforts as state attorney general to thwart EPA abuses.

Trump, who had met Pruitt years earlier at an Oklahoma-Texas college football game, quickly agreed to Hamm's request. In short order, Pruitt joined meetings at Trump Tower where the transition team was working on plans for the new administration. He was nominated for the EPA post in early December. After an intensive bid by Senate Democrats to block Pruitt, he was confirmed, 52-46. One Republican, Susan Collins of Maine, voted no. Two Democrats, Heidi Heitkamp of North Dakota and Joe Manchin of West Virginia, voted for Pruitt.

His political advancement, uneven at best, had another patron, Republican senator Jim Inhofe, who was a neighbor of the Pruitt family in Tulsa. While a state senator, Pruitt was not a major figure in Oklahoma politics. He was a well-regarded lawyer, but he'd lost races for lieutenant governor and the U.S. House of Representatives. His future was unclear.

His decision in 2010 to run for attorney general would change that. He wasn't a household name statewide, though seven years as general manager and part-owner of the Oklahoma City Redhawks minor league baseball team—he went to college on a baseball scholarship—had given him some notoriety. Then Inhofe, who pilots his own plane, flew Pruitt to gatherings around the state, giving his campaign a boost. He was elected in a landslide.

"In 2010, I saw the importance of being attorney general," Pruitt told me. "It was the most important office at the state level of any in the country because of our ability to actually enforce the rule of law. You know how to hold the federal government accountable for decisions they were making outside of that authority. I think I was able to see that a little bit ahead of the curve."

Pruitt emerged as a leader of a pack of state AGs who were "ruthlessly committed," as he put it, to blocking the expansion of the federal government at the expense of the states. They championed states' rights, limits on federal power, and federalism. Pruitt established a federalism unit in his AG office.

He succeeded in killing an EPA rule that blamed air pollution from Oklahoma and Texas for harming Granite City, Illinois. Pruitt took the lead in suing the federal government over the Dodd-Frank financial reform bill, insisting it could damage state pension funds. He made a last-ditch effort to stop Obamacare's health-insurance exchanges from offering subsidies.

In 2014, he was tempted to run for the U.S. Senate. But he was advised—by Leonard Leo of the Federalist Society, among others—that his AG work was too important to give up. It was a close call, but he agreed to stay put. "My time as attorney general wasn't complete, and the cases and things we were focused upon—I ran for certain things, and our work wasn't done," he says. He was unopposed for a second term as attorney general.

Fred Davis, his political adviser and media consultant, says Pruitt came to regret that decision. "He likes to do things that are important," Davis says. "He missed his golden opportunity." Maybe, but another one came along three years later.

In his 23 years in the Senate, Jim Inhofe says the confirmation hearing for his friend Scott Pruitt in the Committee on the Environment and Public Works was the most hostile he's ever witnessed. He is Pruitt's friend and mentor and is viewed by environmentalists as an enemy, just like Pruitt. If he's exaggerating, it's only a little.

The first Democrat to speak was Tom Carper of Delaware. "Too much of what I have seen of [Pruitt's] record on the environment and his views about the role of EPA are troubling and in some cases deeply troubling," he said.

Carper quoted former EPA administrator Christine Todd Whitman, a Republican, saying she "can't recall

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Pruitt is presented with his own customized helmet by coal miners in Sycamore, Pennsylvania, April 13.

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ever having seen an appointment of someone who is so disdainful of the agency and the science behind what the agency does." He added: "Coming to this hearing today, I fear she has gotten it right."

It was downhill from there. Anti-Pruitt outbursts from the audience were "extraordinary," Carper said. "We don't often have [the] kind of disruptions . . . we are witnessing here today." There was a mind-numbing examination of phosphorus levels in the Illinois River. Bernie Sanders (I-Vermont) twice cited a debunked "poll" in which 97 percent of scientists supposedly said global warming is man-made. A retired employee from Oklahoma's environmental office turned out to be the head of the state's Sierra Club branch. Committee Democrats asked for an outside hearing, which they didn't get, and an extra round of questioning, which they did.

Pruitt had plenty of time to speak. Listing his principles, he started with one he often mentions. "We must reject as a nation the false paradigm that if you are pro-energy, you are anti-environment, and if you are pro-environment, you are anti-energy. I utterly reject that narrative. . . . It is not an either-or proposition."

The *New York Times* is Pruitt's most vigorous media critic. In August, it featured a front-page story under the headline "Scott Pruitt Is Carrying Out His E.P.A. Agenda in Secret." The story, among other things, noted he's "the first head of the agency to ever request round-the-clock security."

Smart move by Pruitt. Given the way he's been demonized, he needs the security. In September, the *Washington Post* reported that his guards—"triple the manpower" of his predecessors—are pulling agents away from "pursuing environmental crimes." The story didn't mention the EPA has 15,000 employees.

If the secrecy is supposed to mean Pruitt is in hiding, it's failed. In recent weeks, he's spoken to a packed crowd at the Federalist Society's annual meeting. He's not ubiquitous, but he's also addressed the Hoover Institution, the Cato Institute, the American Principles Project, and the American Council for Capital Formation (ACCF). Last week, he testified before the House Energy and Commerce Committee and briefed reporters at the White House.

I'm told Pruitt has a strategic plan for dealing with the media. But it sometimes seems to be improvised. Yet it works, keeping negative stories to a minimum. Some appearances, like the Federalist event, are on-the-record. Others aren't. Pruitt took questions, mostly from energy industry officials, at the ACCF. But several were from a *New York Times* reporter, Lisa Friedman, who has repeatedly asked for Pruitt's weekly schedule. The issue was climate change. Their Q-and-A was off-the-record.

The truth is, everyone from Washington to Morocco, where Pruitt dealt with a trade-related issue last week, knows what he's up to. Some like it, some don't. It's clear he has both long-term goals and a short-term agenda.

He's reformed the 22 panels of science advisers at the agency, kicking those who get EPA grants off to avoid conflicts of interest. And he has barred the practice of "sue and settle" whereby EPA consents to a settlement in litigation, often with environmentalists. It's a backdoor way to create regulations that Congress would be unlikely to enact.

In his speeches, Pruitt talks about EPA's core responsibilities. They've been downplayed as climate change has become the overriding issue for the scientists and bureaucrats who work for him.

One of his pet peeves is the Superfund site West Lake Landfill near St. Louis. It contains waste from the Manhattan Project, which led to the atom bomb. It's been left alone for 27 years with no decision on how it should be disposed of. Pruitt has set a deadline for a decision.

After Hurricane Harvey, Pruitt learned of another dangerous site on the San Jacinto River near Houston. "All they've done for like 10 or 11 years is put rocks on top of a covering to prevent the release of toxic dioxin . . . into the water supply there," he told me. In September, he personally checked out the site and promised an answer before the OU-Texas football game on October 14. The EPA announced a $115 million fix on October 11.

Last month, the EPA put out a candid news release that said Pruitt "isn't just dismantling the Clean Power Plan and other high-profile environmental programs of the Obama era. He's on a mission to re-engineer the agency's culture by returning power to states and away from the Washington bureaucrats and coastal elites he said have led it astray." Those bureaucrats work for Pruitt. He was not fearful of antagonizing them.

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In October, he went to Hazard, Kentucky, and told coal miners "the war on coal is over." Senate majority leader Mitch McConnell, in introducing Pruitt, said it was "great" to have an EPA administrator "who's not afraid to come to Kentucky."

Pruitt's fondest dream is to stir two national debates, one on climate change, the other on the question of what is true environmentalism. He believes the science is not "settled" on climate change. And "at its core, environmentalism is about stewardship . . . not putting up fences" around natural resources.

But there's a problem. Inside the Trump administration, there's skepticism about the value of debates on matters outside the comfort zone of many Republicans. And the skeptics have a point.

The Paris Accord is an exception. Pruitt spent more than a month advising Trump on that issue. It wasn't easy. John Kelly hadn't arrived as chief of staff, and the discussions in the Oval Office were disorganized. The deck looked stacked against withdrawal. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson was against it. So was deputy national security adviser Dina Powell. Economic adviser Gary Cohn was wary. And Ivanka Trump and Jared Kushner were flatly opposed to withdrawal.

The discussions were "competitive," Pruitt says. Other countries and multinational companies "were very, very intentional about staying in the accord. The Paris Accord was, in my view, never about CO_2 reduction. It was clearly putting this country at an economic disadvantage."

"Why do you go to Paris to apologize . . . when you're already reducing CO_2 levels? Why do you go to China and India and say, 'Oh, by the way, you don't have to do anything until 2030'? And India? 'You get $2.5 trillion.' And why did Russia [get] to increase its emissions?"

This was music to Trump's ears—exactly what he needed to hear. And when he announced he was pulling out of the accord, his speech was brimming with figures and technical points that sounded as if they had come from a Pruitt position paper.

Pruitt is now a rock star to conservatives. The American Principles Project (APP) gave him its Human Dignity award last month. Why? "Because he's shown a lot of courage in his willingness to do the right thing and absorb attacks without deviating from his agenda and what he thinks is right," says APP's Jeff Bell.

In Washington, most don't dare, but fearlessness can be the secret to success. Just ask Trump. ◆

Regulatory Relief: The Untold Story of 2017

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After coming into office on the heels of a relentless regulatory onslaught from the Obama administration, President Trump and leaders in Congress worked diligently throughout 2017 to rein in the regulatory state. These actions didn't always make big headlines, but their results certainly have. Soaring business confidence, a robust stock rally, and consecutive quarters with growth rates of 3% tell the story of an economy finally feeling relief from overregulation.

President Trump started quickly upon entering office, promptly halting all pending regulations and signing executive orders to ensure that new rules were issued only if old ones were eliminated. Congress also took bold action early to seize a narrow window of opportunity to invalidate regulations using the Congressional Review Act (CRA).

Under the CRA, Congress reversed 14 midnight regulations issued in the waning days of the Obama administration. One example was the Federal Contracts Blacklisting Rule, a devastating regulation that could have barred businesses from federal contracts for mere allegations of labor violations. Congress more recently used the CRA process to rescind the anti-arbitration rule, which would have effectively banned arbitration clauses in consumer contracts and forced all disputes to be dealt with in court. It would have amounted to an enormous gift to the trial bar.

The Environmental Protection Agency was another bright spot for rule reversals. It took action to repeal harmful regulations like the sweeping Waters of the U.S. rule, which broadly expanded the definition of federally regulated bodies of water, and the Clean Power Plan (CPP), which sought to regulate large swaths of the economy.

Harmful labor regulations were also rescinded, including the Department of Labor's (DOL's) joint employer rule, which created confusion and threatened the ability of businesses to work with each other, particularly in the franchising setting. DOL also delayed key portions of the Fiduciary Rule, which would have further increased costs and limited choices for retirement savers.

A final example was a court's blocking of the overtime rule owing to a legal challenge brought by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. The rule would have doubled the salary level for exemption from overtime pay, raising costs for businesses and causing workers to have their hours cut.

The Chamber set the table for this historic regulatory relief through many years of lobbying Congress, engaging with agencies, and fighting in the courts. Heading into 2018, we stand ready to build on these results and advance a smart regulatory approach that will allow businesses to invest, expand, and hire with confidence.

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Thanks for flagging!

From: Samantha McDonald [mailto:SMcDonald@ipaa.org]
Sent: Tuesday, January 23, 2018 9:57 AM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Kundinger, Kelly <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Promotional Materials - IPAA

Tate and Kelly,

In the interest of full disclosure I wanted to ensure you saw this:

ANOTHER EVENT AT THE TRUMP HOTEL: "The **Independent Petroleum Association of America** will hold its 2018 'Congressional Call-Up' lobbying event at the Trump International Hotel in Washington, D.C. from March 5 to 7," **The Intercept**'s **Nick Surgey** and **Lee Fang** report. "The agenda, which is publicly available, includes a meeting with officials in Congress and the Environmental Protection Agency, as well as meetings for conference attendees that will take place at the hotel." **Full story.**

From: Samantha McDonald
Sent: Tuesday, January 9, 2018 10:27 AM
To: 'Bennett, Tate' <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Kundinger, Kelly <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Promotional Materials - IPAA

Sure. Attached you will find the schedule we will post on our website as well as our registration form which both reference an EPA meeting.

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, January 9, 2018 10:26 AM
To: Kundinger, Kelly <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov>; Samantha McDonald <SMcDonald@ipaa.org>
Subject: RE: Promotional Materials - IPAA

Hey! Can you all send the attachment?

From: Kundinger, Kelly
Sent: Tuesday, January 9, 2018 9:28 AM
To: Samantha McDonald <SMcDonald@ipaa.org>
Cc: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Promotional Materials - IPAA

Good morning Sam –

Thank you for sending this over. I am looping in Tate Bennett from our Office of Public Engagement (she was also on the call with us last week) for approval.

Thanks,

Kelly

From: Samantha McDonald [mailto:SMcDonald@ipaa.org]
Sent: Tuesday, January 9, 2018 8:52 AM
To: Kundinger, Kelly <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov>
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Kelly,

Thanks for your help on our meeting in March. Attached are what we plan to send to our members this morning. Can you take a look and let me know if your EPA Policy Meeting reference is ok by your team?

Thanks!

Sam

Samantha McDonald
Director of Government Relations
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On Dec 7, 2017, at 8:12 AM, Nolan, Rich <RNolan@nma.org> wrote:

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On Dec 7, 2017, at 7:43 AM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

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With help from Emily Holden, Eric Wolff and Alex Guillén

WELCOME TO CONGRESS, MR. PRUITT: EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt makes his long-awaited first appearance before a House Energy and Commerce subpanel this morning where he's expected to get grilled on a host of issues. The session will be broken into two segments — 10-11 a.m. and then 2 p.m. onwards — to allow Pruitt to attend a White House meeting on biofuels (more on that below). Look for E&C Environment Chairman John Shimkus to recognize the arrangement is "not

ideal, but gives members maximum ability to personally question the administrator about the agency's mission" during his opening remarks.

What Republicans will say: Expect Chairman Greg Walden to press Pruitt on budget transparency and his plans to address staffing issues: "I expect that 'Back to Basics' is not an abdication of environmental protection, but rather a rededication to mastering the most fundamental aspects of EPA's mission," he'll say, according to prepared remarks glimpsed by ME. Shimkus said his questions could touch on a range of topics, including TSCA, brownfields, safe drinking water and the agency's staffing.

And Democrats? "We're all noticing the orientation toward the environment is completely different with respect to budgeting, with respect to climate change, potentially with respect to methane, particulates," Rep. Scott Peters, a subcommittee member, told ME. "So, I just think we want to get a sense of where he's going and how he'll measure success." The committee's top Democrat, Frank Pallone, wouldn't reveal what he intends to grill Pruitt about when ME caught up to him in the hall.

Pro's Alex Guillén's expectations for Pruitt's first Capitol Hill appearance in six months: "Lawmakers have probably built up some serious questions in that time, so we could see questioning on practically any issue before EPA: the Clean Power Plan repeal effort; the Waters of the U.S. rewrite; Superfund work; proposed budget cuts; Pruitt's decision earlier this year not to ban chlorpyrifos; and his increased security and travel. Pruitt's prepared testimony offers a standard overview of his EPA philosophy."

Rally time: Environmental and public health advocates, including the Union of Concerned Scientists, Sierra Club, Business Forward and the Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments, will rally outside Rayburn at 9:20 a.m. to draw attention to Pruitt's lagging enforcement efforts, spending habits and overhauls of science advisory panels. Ahead of the session, the Environmental Defense Fund updated their "Pruitt Playbook" and the Union of Concerned Scientists offers some suggested questions to ask.

If you go: The hearing kicks off at 10 a.m. in Rayburn 2123.

WHY PRUITT'S LEAVING: Sen. Ted Cruz has secured a meeting today at 11:30 a.m. with President Donald Trump and several Cabinet members, including Pruitt, for what he told ME is likely to be a "free-ranging discussion" about biofuels and the recent fights over the Renewable Fuel Standard. His message? "We need to find a solution that is a win-win. That is a win for corn farmers across the Midwest but at the same time is a win for blue-collar union members who work in refineries and right now are being bankrupted by a regulatory system that isn't working," the Texas Republican said. Other Senate Republicans are expected to attend as well (perhaps the ones who signed this letter). Remember Cruz still has a hold on Bill Northey's USDA's farm and conservation mission nomination, so watch to see if that's lifted as the most immediate outcome of the session.

Oilies only: Sen. Chuck Grassley wasn't invited to the meeting, his spokesman said, but not to worry: Grassley has said that a White House RFS meeting would be "a waste of time." And if there's one thing energy world knows now, it's that if you don't have Gang Grain, you got nothing.

WELCOME TO THURSDAY! I'm your host Anthony Adragna, and no one was able to name the Father Millet Cross national monument (which has since been transferred by Congress to a state park) as our nation's smallest at just 0.0074 acres when designated. For today: Which state currently has the most national monuments at 18? Send your tips, energy gossip and comments to aadragna@politico.com, or follow us on Twitter @AnthonyAdragna, @Morning_Energy and @POLITICOPro.

ARCTIC LEASE SALE FLOP: Despite touting the "largest ever" lease sale in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska, BLM received just bids on seven of the 900 tracts offered, Pro's Ben Lefebvre reports . Those bids, generating just $1.2 million in high bids, came jointly by ConocoPhillips and Anadarko for 80,000 acres, or less than 1 percent of the acreage offered. The highest bid amount was $14.99 per acre. The relatively low amount could undercut GOP arguments that opening up the nearby Arctic National Wildlife

Refuge would generate $1 billion in revenue. Leasing of state land did quite a bit better, according to the Anchorage Daily News.

For perspective: At the price of $14.99/acre, "leasing the entirety of the Arctic Refuge Coastal Plain's 1.5 million acres would raise slightly more than $11 million in revenue for the federal government, a far cry from the billion dollar lie that Trump and Republicans are feeding the American public," the Alaska Wilderness League's Kristen Miller said in a statement. Remember the Republican budget calls for Senate ENR to kick in $1 billion in revenue (which CBO said would come through ANWR drilling), though the lease results seem to bolster skepticism from environmental advocates and Democrats about those estimates.

Situational awareness: Energy Chairman Lisa Murkowski was named a tax conferee late Wednesday, along with Sens. Orrin Hatch, Mike Enzi, John Cornyn, John Thune, Rob Portman, Tim Scott and Pat Toomey . "With Congressman [Don Young] representing the House of Representatives on our energy provisions, Alaskans will have a very strong voice at the table to ensure this bill crosses the finish line," she said in a statement.

No (strategic petroleum) reservations: Count Shimkus, a tax conferee, among the backers of the Senate's approach of selling off 7 million barrels from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve as part of the final tax package H.R. 1 (115). "There was a reason to have the SPR," he told ME. "There is a credible reason to debate whether, for now and in the immediate future, there is a need." He also said he's a "big ANWR supporter" and that he doesn't see the Arctic drilling provision getting pulled from the final version.

INHOFE, PRUITT'S TOXIC LEGACY: POLITICO Magazine's Malcolm Burnley takes a deep dive into the contaminated Oklahoma region of Tar Creek, an area so poisonous that only 10 holdouts live there, and he finds a buyout program for residents that left Sen. Jim Inhofe awash in scandal and litigation. Then-Attorney General Scott Pruitt ultimately concluded an audit into possible criminal wrongdoing didn't warrant charges and he shielded his review from public release, only to have some in the state believe his efforts were designed to spare Inhofe embarrassment. Many

residents in the polluted zone of Tar Creek continue to express shock that no one was prosecuted over what happened in their federal buyout program

Pruitt and Inhofe flatly denied there was any political motivation in shielding the audit. "It was important to protect the individuals' reputation that were in that investigation," Pruitt said in an interview. "You would think that this wouldn't be a political issue, that people wouldn't put on the red and blue jerseys." One interesting fact though: Ryan Jackson, now Pruitt's chief of staff, was once Inhofe's point person on the Tar Creek issue. Photo gallery here.

Pruitt's new gig: Trump named the EPA administrator to chair the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council, a group formed after the Deepwater Horizon oil spill restore the ecosystems and economies of the Gulf Coast, your ME host reports. Pruitt named Kenneth Wagner, a senior adviser, to be his designee on the council.

MAY FERC NOW BE WHOLE: New FERC Chairman Kevin McIntyre will be sworn in today, bringing the five-member agency to full power, Pro's Eric Wolff reports. His swearing-in will put to rest rumors that either the Trump administration or McIntyre himself were delaying his start date to give current Chairman Neil Chatterjee enough service time to make staffing changes

MORE HEARINGS COMING ON CLEAN POWER PLAN: EPA announced Wednesday it would hold additional public hearings on its plan to repeal the Clean Power Plan in San Francisco; Gillette, Wyo.; and Kansas City, Mo., Pro's Emily Holden reports. Pruitt said the change was "due to the overwhelming response" and the agency will announce the dates and locations of the meetings in the coming weeks.

SPLIT OVER EXTENDERS? Ways and Means Chairman Kevin Brady told reporters Wednesday he doesn't like the idea of moving a package of extenders this year but hasn't made a final decision yet, Pro Tax's Brian Faler reports . "It's horrible policy and process," he said. But those comments come as Thune, the Senate's number three Republican, said lawmakers will revive biodiesel, geothermal and other energy-related breaks along with other "cats and dogs." Doing an extenders

package as the chambers work to iron out differences between their broader tax bills is likely to test tax writers' bandwidth.

Shutdown watch: Congressional leaders head to the White House for a meeting with Trump on government funding today, but GOP lawmakers expect to pass a two-week spending package despite internal division within their party, POLITICO's Rachael Bade and Sarah Ferris report. House Freedom Caucus leaders have been asking for a commitment GOP leadership does not believe it can give them: a promise to "hold the line" and refuse Senate Democrats' demands for increased spending on non-defense programs.

House Democrats, including Minority Whip Steny Hoyer, hold a press conference at 10 a.m. in Cannon 234 to call on Republicans to take up additional federal assistance for Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Watch here.

ICYMI: Both sides framed their arguments at a hearing of the U.S. Trade Representative over whether to impose tariffs on solar equipment imports in language aimed at swaying Trump, Pro's Eric Wolff reports.

PATAGONIA SUES OVER BEARS EARS: A coalition of groups, including Patagonia, became the latest to file a lawsuit challenging the Trump administration's downsizing of Bears Ears National Monument on Monday. Link to the lawsuit filed in Washington federal court here.

ENDANGERMENT FINDING PUSHBACK STALLS: Conservative state lawmakers and businesses that are members of the American Legislative Exchange Council on Wednesday shot down an effort to urge Pruitt to challenge a science-based endangerment finding that requires EPA action on greenhouse gas emissions. "In subcommittee, a substantive conversation occurred where arguments were made for and against the draft model policy," said Bill Meierling, executive vice president of external relations for the group. "After debate, it was clear that neither the public nor the private sector supported the draft as written."

Meierling added that "ALEC members prefer to advance policy only after a consensus opinion has

been reached." Reports suggested later the resolution had been pulled in the aftermath of strong opposition, including from Exxon Mobil. Pruitt was expected to speak at the ALEC meeting on Friday but canceled due to a "scheduling conflict," Meierling said.

NO COMMENT: Murkowski forcefully urged Sen. Al Franken to step down amid sexual harassment allegations on Wednesday, but a spokeswoman declined to state whether Roy Moore would be welcome on her committee if he wins the Alabama special election next week. "We aren't commenting until after the special election and decisions about committee seats are made by conference," she said. Outgoing Alabama Sen. Luther Strange currently has a slot on the energy panel.

THERE'S ALWAYS A TIE: Congressional Democrats said Tuesday they have evidence then-national security adviser Michael Flynn sent assurances to former business partners that a U.S.-Russia energy partnership in the Middle East, which reportedly would have included more than two dozen nuclear plants in the region, was "good to go," POLITICO's Kyle Cheney reports. The revelations from a whistleblower came in a letter released Tuesday.

MAIL CALL! LET'S BOOST EFFICIENCY CAPS! A collection of energy efficiency organizations, led by the Alliance to Save Energy, sent a letter to congressional appropriators on Wednesday urging them to boost "budget cap allocations for federal energy efficiency programs." Failure to do so could result in steep cuts to EPA and DOE programs across the board, the groups warn. Link here.

TAKE A GLANCE! LESSONS FROM THE RFS: The American Enterprise Institute is out with a report looking at policymaking lessons from the RFS. It argues the biofuels mandate would be better as a rate standard than a volume standard, EPA should issue multiyear rather than annual rules and that uncertainty should be explicitly incorporated into future rulemakings, among other things.

BAD SOLAR ACTORS: Campaign for Accountability released the results of a years-long investigation concluding two companies — Vivint

and SolarCity — received more complaints about their sales tactics than others in the solar industry. "Unfortunately, the deceptive sales tactics of solar companies, like Vivint and SolarCity, are making rooftop solar a risky bet," Daniel Stevens, the group's executive director, said in a statement. Read it here.

DREAMS TURNED REALITY? The Center for Western Priorities is out with a report finding the Trump administration has already granted 13 of the energy industry's 24 top priorities. Read it here.

SUGGESTIONS GIVEN: American Council for Capital Formation released a paper this morning with ten ideas for improving the regulatory process. It's the product of a November 2016 roundtable with Sens. Mike Rounds, Angus King, James Lankford and others. Link here.

MOVER, SHAKER: Michael Boucher has joined Crowell & Moring LLP environment and natural resources practice as a partner in Washington. He joins from Dentons US LLP, where he led that firm's chemical, pesticide, and consumer product regulation team.

QUICK HITS

— California AG on Trump EPA: 'It's almost as if they believe they're above the law'. The Hill.

— Wall Street's Fracking Frenzy Runs Dry as Profits Fail to Materialize. Wall Street Journal.

— The IHS Markit electric resiliency study - much less than meets the eye. Utility Dive.

— Patagonia sues over Trump's monuments order. AP.

— Volkswagen Official Gets 7-Year Term in Diesel-Emissions Cheating. New York Times.

— Pipeline explodes in southeastern New Mexico oil patch. AP.

— Christie backs nuclear subsidies but won't sign 'wish list' bill from environmental groups. POLITICO New Jersey.

HAPPENING TODAY

9:00 a.m. — The Washington International Trade Association holds an event as part of its NAFTA series: "Energy and the NAFTA," Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave. NW

10:00 a.m. — EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt appears before the House Energy and Commerce Environment Subcommittee, Rayburn 2123

10:00 a.m. — "Transforming the Department of the Interior for the 21st Century," House Natural Resources Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee, Longworth 1324

11:00 a.m. — The World Bank conference call briefing on the One Planet Summit, RSVP: himtiaz@worldbankgroup.org

12:00 p.m. — "The Business Case for Tax Incentives Promoting Energy Efficiency," Alliance to Save Energy, Rayburn 2203

2:00 p.m. — The House Natural Resources Federal Lands Subcommittee holds a hearing on various bills, Longworth 1324

2:00 p.m. — "OPEC's World Oil Outlook 2017," Center for Strategic and International Studies, 1616 Rhode Island Avenue, NW

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Biofuel backers claim victory in EPA battle Back

By Eric Wolff | 10/20/2017 05:37 PM EDT

Biofuels backers were breathing a sigh of relief on Friday after EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt backed away from changes to the Renewable Fuels Standard, a reversal that left oil refiners frustrated.

Pruitt acceded to demands from Sen. Joni Ernst that he publicly promise not to pursue plans to change

the biofuel program rules — changes that had been sought by oil refiners who have long complained about the costs of implementing the program that many see as a giveaway to the corn states.

Pruitt's letter to Ernst, Sen. Chuck Grassley and five other Midwestern Republican senators delivered what they'd asked for: A promise not to expand the group of companies required to comply with the program, to keep the biodiesel volume requirements at levels proposed in July, to not alter the policy that strips RFS credits from exported ethanol, and to explore allowing year-round sale of gasoline with 15 percent ethanol nationwide.

The quick reversal by Pruitt — at the direction of President Donald Trump — showed the influence of the biofuel lobby, corn growers and farm-state lawmakers to scuttle changes in the decade-old policy sought by the energy industry.

"This was a basket of bad ideas for biofuels," said Brooke Coleman, head of the industry lobby group Advanced Biofuels Business Council. "And there's no way that we could have any other response than to take this approach. [Pruitt] didn't kick tires on changing the RFS, he tried to take a baseball bat to the program, and the response was matching and in response to, from a magnitude perspective, to the initial foul."

The push by the senators, as well as Midwestern governors, "made a huge difference in this matter," said Michael McAdams, head of the Advanced Biofuels Association. "In addition, the collective unity of the entire biofuels industry, including those who distribute and market these fuels, made a significant impression on the importance and support for the RFS program."

But oil refiners who have said the high cost of biofuel credits, called Renewable Identification Numbers, was costing them hundreds of millions of dollars, lamented the power of the biofuels lobby and the corn-belt lawmakers.

"The [Pruitt] letter is a result of political pressure applied by Midwestern politicians," said one refining source. "Some Midwesterners cannot accept any premise that the RFS could be improved. As a result, their overreaction included everything

from holds on confirmations to even more personal threats launched at the White House and EPA."

The unified and vociferous campaign by the biofuels industry in attacking the proposal that would have lowered biodiesel volume mandates surprised some in the refining industry, as well as the political staff in the EPA, sources tell POLITICO.

The Trump administration's embrace of the oil industry had raised refiners' hopes that it could have the best opportunity in years for significant RFS changes, and refining giant Valero Energy, along with a group of Pennsylvania companies, believed they would get relief from what they considered an onerous program.

But Grassley took to the Senate floor to blast Pruitt's biofuel plans as a "betrayal" of Trump's promises to protect ethanol, and he arranged a call with Trump and Pruitt that led to the meeting in his office with Pruitt and Ernst as well as Deb Fischer (Neb.), John Thune (S.D.), Ben Sasse (Neb.), Pat Roberts (Kan.) and Mike Rounds (S.D.). Following that meeting, Ernst demanded the public statement from Pruitt, and said she would withhold her support for Bill Wehrum, who was nominated to run the agency's air office, forcing a delay in the Environment and Public Works Committee's vote until next week.

Ernst spokeswoman Brook Hougeson told POLITICO, "Now that Sen. Ernst has received the assurances that the EPA will support the spirit and the letter of the RFS, she will support Mr. Wehrum."

Valero was disappointed its efforts to change the program had been shot down by the fierce political opposition.

"These senators have intervened in a regulatory process, and the proposals and concepts in the letter address RFS implementation problems to which these senators have offered no constructive solutions," Valero said in a statement. "The only unifying principle of their bullying opposition seems to be a desire to maintain the status quo at all costs and to protect windfall profits associated with unregulated trading of renewable identification numbers, or RINs. Their position advances neither

the goals nor the efficient implementation of the RFS, and places U.S. manufacturing jobs at risk."

But in a statement, the White House made clear that Trump remained fully behind the biofuels program.

"President Donald J. Trump promised rural America that he would protect the Renewable Fuel Standard, and has never wavered from that promise," spokeswoman Kelly Love said in a statement. "The president has had constructive conversations with several key officials about the RFS over the past week, and he understands their concerns. The Trump administration will protect the RFS and ensure that our Nation's hardworking farmers continue to fuel America."

One energy executive said the biofuel backers were victorious because they were unified in their support for the RFS, while Republicans, the oil industry, and even the refiners were not on the same page.

"The ethanol boys won this round, no doubt, but at a pretty high cost," said Stephen Brown, vice president for federal government affairs for Andeavor. "The refining industry is anything but united on the RFS beyond a sunset as individual companies have each made investments and honed mitigation strategies to comply with the statute. As those investment decisions become increasingly operationally embedded, the industry will continue to splinter on the suite of RFS issues."

But some producers are still wary of Pruitt's pledge in his Thursday letter, and they note that he promised to release a final rule in which none of the mandatory volumes will be less than he proposed in July. For some producers, those volumes were already too low.

"There's some work to do here," Coleman said. "We won't know until the rule is done. And we recognize it's an ongoing rulemaking, it's not like they're going or republish the rule, they've said what they can say. The final rule really matters."

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'Largest ever' Interior Alaska oil lease sale draws little interest Back

By Ben Lefebvre | 12/06/2017 08:26 PM EDT

The Interior Department received only seven bids from two companies today in what it had billed as the "largest ever" oil and gas lease sale in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska.

The bids on the 10.3 million unleased acres in the NPR-A generated just $1.2 million in high bids, according to a Bureau of Land Management summary. The relatively low amount could undercut GOP arguments that opening up the nearby Arctic National Wildlife Refuge would generate $1 billion in revenue.

A BLM Alaska lease sale last year generated $18 million for 1.4 million acres offered.

Subsidiaries of ConocoPhillips and Anadarko were the only two companies that participated in the lease sale. The companies only bid for 80,000 acres, or less than 1 percent of the acreage offered. The highest bid amount was $14.99 per acre.

Low oil prices and the relatively cheap and plentiful land available for hydraulic fracturing in the lower 48 has hurt oil company interest in the out-of-the-way fields of Alaska and the Gulf of Mexico. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) have pushed to open more public land to drilling, however, saying that doing so is important to increase domestic energy production.

Zinke had previously said that today's "large and unprecedented sale in Alaska will help achieve our goal of American Energy Dominance."

An Interior spokesperson did not immediately respond to questions.

WHAT'S NEXT: Republicans hope to keep ANWR drilling provisions in their budget proposal.

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Democrats worry Arctic National Wildlife Refuge being lost amid tax debate Back

By Ben Lefebvre | 11/29/2017 05:17 AM EDT

Democrats' fight to keep oil and gas rigs out of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is losing ground as the Republican tax plan advances — and it's almost as if no one has noticed.

The prospect of drilling in the untouched Alaskan tundra is as close to reality as it's been in more than a decade, with none of the political drama that in past decades turned the refuge's fate into a top-tier rallying cry for liberals. Legislation to allow drilling in ANWR is quietly hitching a ride on the tax code overhaul that Senate Republicans hope to complete by the end of the week, overshadowed by larger debates on whether the bill is a giveaway to rich people and corporations at the expense of the poor and working class.

"It's really not gotten the attention that it should," Sen. Tammy Duckworth (D-Ill.), a member of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, told POLITICO about the ANWR provision. "It's not just the budget discussion. It's about everything else that's going on, the flurry of all sorts of other news."

Angus King (I-Maine) said Republicans were trying to shield ANWR from opposition by adding it to the larger bill rather than bringing it to the floor separately under rules, which would require it to win support from 60 senators to overcome a filibuster.

"Well, clearly the strategy is to try to get it through as part of this tax reform effort and thereby avoid a direct up-or-down vote," King said in an interview earlier this month.

The nonstop news cycle and preponderance of other concerns with the tax bill are making it difficult to focus on an issue that normally fires up Democratic voters.

"I do think that putting ANWR in the budget reconciliation package hasn't drawn as much extremist opposition because it is completely overshadowed by tax reform, which is the center of the package," said Chris Guith, senior vice president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Global Energy

Institute. "But there are some who aren't exactly supportive of tax reform that support ANWR, and it's possible to see ANWR bring a vote or two to help pass tax reform."

Senate Energy Chair Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) easily advanced legislation through her committee directing the Interior Department to hold two lease sales for drilling in ANWR over the next decade. It would raise $1 billion over that period, according to the Congressional Budget Office, making it eligible for inclusion in a budget reconciliation package that Democrats cannot filibuster.

The reconciliation package also will include Republicans' tax plan and a repeal of the Obamacare individual mandate. While Murkowski helped scuttle the Obamacare repeal push earlier this year, she says she supports ending the mandate. Murkowski's office did not respond to a request for comment.

ANWR, a swath of tundra on the northern Alaska coast, is home to polar bears, porcupine caribou and a landscape that hasn't been touched in thousands of years. Congress designated the 19 million-acre area a wildlife refuge in 1980, but it set aside a 1.5-million-acre parcel known as "10-02" for possible drilling if future lawmakers approved such a plan. The U.S. Geological Survey estimated in 1998 that part of ANWR could hold up to 12 billion barrels of oil, and President Donald Trump and Alaska Republicans have called it essential for their plans for American "energy dominance."

Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine), who is undecided on the tax bill for a several reasons, said she will support an amendment on the Senate floor to eliminate the ANWR language, but she said success there is not a prerequisite for her to vote for the underlying bill. "No it is not, but I would certainly try to get it out of the package," Collins told reporters Tuesday. Collins was the only Republican to cross the aisle on an unsuccessful amendment to keep pro-drilling language out of the underlying budget resolution, meaning it is unlikely that she would be able to strip the ANWR provision from a reconciliation bill.

But Democrats say that passing a deficit-increasing tax bill in order to open ANWR would actually harm energy-producing states. That's because the

$1.5 trillion shortfall from the GOP tax cuts would trigger required "pay-as-you-go" cuts to mandatory spending programs, according to a CBO analysis sent to House Minority Whip Steny Hoyer (D-Md.).

One of the programs on the pay-go chopping block would be the energy royalty revenue sharing program carried out through the Mineral Leasing Act. Cutting those payments would lose Alaska an estimated $15 million in energy royalty payments next year alone, an amount important to a state already facing budget shortfalls.

"Communities throughout the West would be impacted by the loss of revenue, which is used to support a variety of needs including infrastructure, school funding, conservation, and recreation," Hoyer said in a statement to POLITICO. "This is yet another example of the consequences associated with forcing through legislation to add $1.5 trillion to the deficit in order to give tax cuts to the wealthy."

Pay-go cuts also would hit popular programs like Medicare and student loans, but Congress can waive the law with 60 votes in the Senate. Democrats are not yet on board with that approach.

The current push to open ANWR, coming amid a swarm of competing headlines and buried in larger legislation, has come nearer to succeeding than the GOP's two previous attempts. President Bill Clinton vetoed a budget package in 1995 that included language opening ANWR, while a Democratic filibuster thwarted a second attempt in 2005.

Environmental groups have targeted public engagement at only a handful of congressional districts. The League of Conservation Voters spent $550,000 on television ads in three Republican congressional districts. The LCV also paid for a bipartisan polling firm to probe public opinion on opening ANWR, but even that focused only on registered voters in eight congressional districts.

"The reason they're trying to sneak it into the tax package is they know they don't have the votes otherwise," said Tiernan Sittenfeld, the league's senior vice president of government affairs. "They know they can't pass it under regular order, that's why they're doing a sneak attack."

Even ANWR supporters are staying out of the spotlight.

"I haven't seen any full-out, front-page ads, nothing like that," Alaska Oil and Gas Association President Kara Moriarty said. "We're a little battle-weary, to be honest. Alaskans support opening up ANWR. There's been a few statements reiterating that."

Nick Juliano contributed to this report.

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The Environmental Scandal in Scott Pruitt's Backyard Back

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PICHER, Okla. — Tar Creek, Oklahoma, is breathtaking in a terrible way: At one time the world's deepest source of lead and zinc, the three-town region is now a cratered landscape so poisonous that no one, aside from 10 holdouts, can live there. Mountains of ashlike "chat," a toxic residue from lead-zinc milling, rise majestically among the remains of homes torn from their foundations. Abandoned pets forage around the ruins. A child's teddy bear lies sprawled in a ghostly living room. A gorilla statue fronts an empty high school, atop a sign proclaiming "1A Football State Champs, 1984."

Tar Creek is also part of the environmental legacy of one of the state's—and nation's—leading politicians, Senator Jim Inhofe, and his longtime ally, Scott Pruitt, the former Oklahoma attorney general who is now head of President Donald Trump's Environmental Protection Agency. After the EPA struggled to clean up the area, in 2006, Inhofe endorsed a plan in which a trust overseen by local citizens would use federal dollars to purchase homes and businesses in the toxic region so residents could move elsewhere. Then, when the plan proved so problematic that it spawned more than a half-dozen civil lawsuits and an audit into possible criminal wrongdoing, Pruitt, as the state's attorney general, invoked an exception to state

freedom-of-information laws to keep the audit from being an open public record.

Now, that decision is coming into new light as many Oklahomans clamor for the audit to be released, suggesting that its revelations will prove embarrassing to Inhofe, who played a key role in designing the buyout plan, and cast doubt on Pruitt's decision not to move forward with charges. Last week, a Washington, D.C., nonprofit called the Campaign for Accountability raised the stakes even further, filing suit in Oklahoma courts to force the release of the audit.

"If you take a look at Scott Pruitt's record, you see a general disregard for transparency," said Daniel Stevens, the group's executive director. "I don't think it's outside our bounds to say that Pruitt is trying to hide evidence of criminal wrongdoing."

Pruitt, in an interview, dismissed the idea that he was covering anything up, saying his former office's grand jury unit reviewed the audit and determined that no charges were warranted. He said he declined to make it public because he didn't want innocent people to be besmirched, even though the auditor rejected that reasoning and maintained it should be a public document. "It was important to protect the individuals' reputation that were in that investigation," Pruitt said.

Nonetheless, the mess at Tar Creek continues to follow Pruitt in other ways. As EPA administrator, he has assumed full responsibility for the still-faltering cleanup. And eyebrows were raised in Oklahoma this past January when, as Pruitt was awaiting confirmation for his EPA post, a White House spokesperson told Bloomberg News that the handling of Tar Creek was emblematic of Pruitt's philosophy: "national standards, neighborhood solutions."

Pruitt, in an interview, said he knew nothing about the Bloomberg article, saying only that he endorses the EPA's current work at Tar Creek and the principle of combining federal resources and state and local leadership, rather than the buyout that occurred before his time as EPA administrator, while he was Oklahoma's attorney general.

"I think as far as a model going forward outside of the buyout, what we're trying to do is have a

renewed focus on what I think are some of the most beneficial things we can do for citizens across the country, and that's to address some of these legacy sites that have substantial environmental challenges that allow them to once again enjoy the communities in their backyard," he said.

But many residents of the Tar Creek area, who gave up their homes in a buyout they considered both coercive and corrupt, continue to blame Pruitt for the fact that no one was prosecuted. They described a program so rife with good-old-boy corruption that certain individuals received outsize payoffs while some homeowners got so little they couldn't relocate anywhere nearby; meanwhile, they said, the people hired to demolish the homes received inflated contracts through a flawed process.

"We were lied to and deceived from Day One," said Gloria Workman, who said her son has learning disabilities from growing up in the polluted zone of Tar Creek, which had lead-poisoning levels in children that were three times higher than those registered in Flint, Michigan, during the peak of its recent water crisis. "Not only were we losing our homes, we were raped in the process."

"It was a nightmare," said Mary Thompson, who was still awaiting a resolution from the trust when an EF4 tornado ripped through Tar Creek in 2008, throwing bodies and trailers through the sky, killing six people and destroying more than 100 homes. Without homes, many people took lower-than-expected buyout offers—however insufficient they were perceived to be—because they had nothing left, she said.

"They preyed on us after the tornado," said Thompson, whose home was leveled.

Nonetheless, Inhofe, in a 2015 news release touting the completion of the buyout, cast it as a success because it did not lead to an expanded federal role.

"This is an example of a government program created for a specific purpose and then dissolves after the job is completed," Inhofe proclaimed.

Now, he continues to defend it but sounds less celebratory. "The first thing to know about the Superfund site at Tar Creek is that it's what's called a 'mega-site' and that it is an exceptional

circumstance in every way. You can't compare it to any other Superfund site in the country," Inhofe said in a statement to POLITICO. "The voluntary relocation assistance to get people out of harm's way was right for the situation at Tar Creek, but may not be for every other Superfund—that is why state and local partnership is critical."

To many former residents, who still want the investigative report by the state auditor to see the light of day, even these modest and conditional endorsements feel like slaps in the face.

"People hate the government out here, and it's because of things like this," said Aletha Redden, a lifelong resident of the area who has a Donald Trump bumper sticker on her pickup truck. "I want Scott Pruitt to know: This is not the model."

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A flat expanse of dusty roads and scrubby vegetation situated in the heart of Tornado Alley, the Tar Creek area was once the mainstay of the Quapaw Tribe, which was forcibly relocated there by the U.S. government in 1834. At the time, the territory had little economic value, but a half-century later, prospectors discovered enormously rich ore. By the turn of the 20th century, companies broke ground with drill rigs on Quapaw land.

Many of those firms made fortunes, luring white settlers into an uneasy state of coexistence with the Quapaw. Tar Creek proved to be the deepest reservoir of lead-zinc ore in the world, producing a whopping $1 billion in minerals between 1908 and 1950, according to the Oklahoma Historical Society. Picher, the largest of the mining towns, swelled to a population of 14,000.

Almost every aspect of life in Tar Creek traced back to the mines. The high school took on the mascot of a gorilla, a reference to workers in the mines who broke up boulders with hammers. Children played in sandboxes filled with chat, the chalky mining debris. Teenagers earned the nickname "chat rats" for climbing up the pillowy piles of toxic rubble throughout town and rolling tires down their slopes.

By the end of World War II, however, the boom was over. Most of the mining companies decamped for richer pastures. For the families left behind—

including that of Yankees slugger Mickey Mantle, who grew up in the Tar Creek area in the 1940s—it was a slowly unfolding disaster. The extent of Tar Creek's collapse was reflected in the words of John F. Kennedy, who barnstormed into Joplin, Missouri—25 miles away from Tar Creek—in the closing days of the 1960 presidential campaign.

"My own judgment is I know no tougher occupation in the world that [sic] to be a miner, lead, zinc, coal. I am always glad to meet them because I think they live with peril," Kennedy declared. "They have as tough a life as there is. Every other one whose hand you shake has a finger off, a foot crushed, the chances of in 20 years their having a bad accident are more than any of the rest of us. And yet in this community and in West Virginia and Idaho and in other sections of the United States, there has been no group that has been harder hit, no group that has been more forgotten."

Indeed, after the last prospector looking for ore packed up and left in the mid-1970s, people looked to casinos and farming to make a living. But the residue from decades of mining was poisoning them. In 1979, acid mine water leached into the ground, threatening the area's aquifers, killing fish and turning creeks a rusty orange color. When the federal Superfund program—designed to clean up the nation's most polluted and contaminated land—kicked off in the early 1980s, Tar Creek was named to the inaugural National Priorities List. It's still on the list.

The EPA has spent more than $176 million over the past 25 years on cleanup work inside the 42-square-mile-area, on projects from plugging mine shafts to removing contaminated surface soil in people's yards. Though the amount of money sounds large, it hasn't been nearly enough to remove the toxic dangers, and many residents insist the cleanup was mishandled from the get-go. In some cases, the removal of soil resulted in sloping yards, which, during bouts of rain, caused flooding and mold inside houses. In 2000, the FBI raided the offices of the EPA's prime contractor at Tar Creek, Morrison-Knudsen. The company later settled a lawsuit brought by the federal government alleging false representation of billing and progress reports for a sum of $1 million. In the settlement, the company made no admission of wrongdoing.

Meanwhile, the environmental hazards began to multiply: Shortly after the start of that Superfund spending spree, in 1993, researchers at the University of Oklahoma found that 34 percent of Quapaw children were living with lead concentrations above the federal limit. Further studies found alarming rates of lead and arsenic in both the tribal and non-tribal populations. In 1997, a university-lead study estimated that 21 percent of children near Tar Creek had elevated blood-lead levels (defined as 10 micrograms per liter at the time), which is three times higher than the highest measurements found in Flint, Michigan, in 2015. The learning disabilities and memory loss that had plagued the schools and curtailed lifespans for decades suddenly had a culprit.

As the dangers became ever-more visible and the cleanup lagged, residents rallied around the idea that the government should quickly buy them out of their homes, rather than wait for the hazardous materials to be removed. They thought they might have an ally in the state's senior senator, Inhofe, a Republican who was chair of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee. But Inhofe, who has a skepticism about environmental science that exceeds that of any of his colleagues, refused to consider the idea. "There will never be a buyout. I promise you that," Inhofe told the *Tulsa World* in late 2003.

Inhofe's refusal to take action of any sort was often criticized in local press, due in part to the relentless attacks of a young Democratic congressman named Brad Carson. "If you'd asked people in Oklahoma politics at the time, they'd say we were mortal enemies," said Carson, referring to himself and Inhofe. "I was elected [to Congress] in 2000, and my goal was to untie the Gordian knot. The area is desperately poor. If it was in suburban Tulsa or Oklahoma City, there would've been outrage."

In 2004, Governor Brad Henry signed a bill authorizing the use of state dollars for the relocation of roughly 100 families with children under the age of 6. Under pressure to take further action, the senior senator began to come around. At first, he secured $2 million in federal funding to pay for a study that discovered that 286 homes within Tar Creek were at risk of being swallowed up from cave-ins of underground mine shafts. This provided an opportunity for Inhofe to reverse himself on the

buyout, supporting it on the grounds of protecting residents from cave-ins.

"The stability with the underground mine workings was worse than anyone had previously been thought," recalls Ed Keheley, a retired nuclear engineer and native of Picher who co-authored the study's final report. In the spring of 2006, Inhofe announced a joint federal and state buyout program that would begin with $20 million in funding, with the express purpose of relocating any and all people who'd voluntarily leave Tar Creek.

Having once opposed the buyout to his political detriment, Inhofe now used his clout to keep on funding it, but with the idea that decision-making would be concentrated among local leaders, not the federal government. With Inhofe's support, the Oklahoma legislature created a nine-member panel called the Lead Impacted Communities Relocation Assistance Trust to assume control over the project. The members were all volunteers, helping their community, but some had a vested interest in the buyout: They included, for example, a local banker whose institution would later give loans to people to help them relocate; local property owners whose own homes—and those of relatives—would be subject to the buyout; town officials; and a leader of the Quapaw Tribe.

Inhofe cast himself in the role of the community's protector, putting out a 2008 campaign ad that declared: "Tar Creek: poisoned earth, the threat of schools and churches sinking into abandoned mines. Everyone thought it would be too much to tackle, except for one stubborn man named Inhofe."

But over a five-year period, the buyout would become the subject of a host of civil lawsuits and the subject of a state investigation.

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The local members of the trust—few, if any, of them schooled in environmental management—had two major tasks: figuring out how much each property owner should be paid for their home or business, and then choosing a company to demolish the properties. Both tasks would become the subject of complaints about cronyism, with residents saying the trust members rewarded their friends and politically connected individuals.

It didn't help that the trust often met behind closed doors, and that the vice chairman of the trust resigned within a year. The trust's sole employee, operations manager Sonya Harris, also quit, declaring in her resignation letter that she could no longer continue "with a clear conscience without recommending a change; I will not place myself in a position to be perceived as approving of the operations to this point."

The first case to raise eyebrows involved the mayor of Picher, Ernest "Sam" Freeman. In 2005, when the buyout was first being discussed as a probability, he acquired three large parcels of former mining land covered with chat from the Picher Development Authority, which he chaired. Freeman bought them at 3 cents per square foot, for a total price of $2,088.50, according to the findings of a state audit at the time. It was, the audit declared, a violation of state laws forbidding members of public boards from entering into contracts with those boards. Ottawa County District Attorney Eddie Wyant called on Freeman to return the properties to the development authority in lieu of charges.

"If Sam wanted to buy that land, he needed to get off the board and purchase it legally," Wyant told a local newspaper at the time. "I am not one to put anyone in jail over this, but he needs to clear it up." Wyant, when reached by phone, declined to comment further.

Freeman returned the land, but, in a move that enraged some neighbors, profited off it anyway. The trust had decided that, because so much former mining land had been taken over by state authorities and tribal members, those who owned mobile homes or other shelters on land they didn't own would be eligible for buyouts. Freeman made a claim based on the fact that he had been maintaining and renting out homes on the chat-infested property for years before he tried to buy it.

Trust documents show that Freeman received at least $274,000 from the buyout, more than half of which came from the same lots he had been ordered to return by law enforcement. (Freeman told POLITICO a payout of more than a quarter-million sounded accurate enough, though he declined to provide an exact figure.) Neighbors suspected cronyism. Freeman, who is no longer mayor, denied

receiving any preferential treatment. "These people thought I bought the lots to make a killing in the buyout," he said. "I don't think I got more than anyone else would have."

The size of the mayor's profit diminished public confidence in the trust, just as it was engaged in the most delicate part of its task, figuring out how much to pay each individual property owner. Property owners were supposed to receive fair market prices as if pollution hadn't existed in Tar Creek, based on the sales of similar properties elsewhere in northeast Oklahoma. But those calculations appeared to lack uniformity.

The average payout for the 695 properties involved in the buyout was just over $65,000, but the disparity in prices between two properties could be dramatic. Residents complained about lowball offers on some decent properties and overly high payouts for others that were rundown or minuscule in size.

"I got $3,000 for my gun shop. It took me $16,000 to build it," said former Tar Creek resident John Frazier.

Wally Long said he and his wife got $35,000 for their Dairy Queen, while another Dairy Queen right up the road got substantially more.

"We were told [by the trust] that's all the money there is," Long said. "It bothered my wife a lot. She put 23 years of her life into this business."

Meanwhile, a trust member named Janell Trimble got $185,000 for her house, and her brother collected $115,000 for his fiberboard house.

"I may be a member of the [relocation trust's committee], but I honor my duties and I recuse myself when family members are involved," Trimble told the *Tulsa World* in 2008. "[B]ut as a buyout participant I also expect to be treated just like the next person."

Nonetheless, both Trimble and her brother received more than 35 percent above the average price per square foot. On the other end of the spectrum, an elderly woman named Betty Betts received an offer of $12,000 for her home; when she protested, the appraised value was raised to $20,000. Many people

got so little for their homes that they had to turn around and take out loans in order to resettle elsewhere in Oklahoma. In the end, the trust finished up with millions in unspent funds.

Residents concentrated their anger on the company that the trust hired to conduct the appraisals, Cinnabar, which had previously made headlines for its management of a noise-insulation program at the Tulsa Airport, which involved multiple lawsuits . In response, the trust engaged an "appraisal reviewer" to go back over Cinnabar's work. But the reviewer, a company named Van Tuyl Associates, quickly came under criticism as well. "They [often] didn't get out of their car. They never entered these homes," said Keheley, who was a member of the trust at the time. (Van Tuyl Associates is now defunct; its former president could not be reached for comment.)

When the unrest over the buyout made the local newspapers, the trust's leadership pointed to a 95 percent acceptance rate for buyout offers. But some residents accused trustees of pressuring them with "take it or leave it" offers, according to a class-action lawsuit brought against the trustees, Cinnabar and Van Tuyl by more than 250 residents affected by the buyout. Plaintiffs also complained that they were denied the right to view the appraisal paperwork. There was even a fake camera—and posters notifying residents they were being videotaped—in the room where buyout offers were made, an apparent attempt to compel residents to take the offers, according to documents in the suit.

The suit, filed in Oklahoma district court, accused the defendants of cheating average property owners and rewarding friends and associates of the trustees. Depositions revealed an explanation for some of the inconsistencies in appraisals: For certain properties, Cinnabar expanded the boundaries of where it could find "comparables"—properties in adjacent counties whose sale prices were used to calculate the appraisals—with the approval of a state employee named J.D. Strong, who, according to the lawsuit, played a significant role in overseeing the trust.

One of the properties appraised in this fashion was that of Trimble, whose $185,000 payout, according to appraisal documents, had infuriated other residents.

When, in 2008, residents outlined their frustrations in a scathing six-page letter to Inhofe, Henry and other elected officials, Strong dictated the governor's reply, which was co-signed by Inhofe, lawyers for the plaintiffs asserted in his deposition. "I may have drafted this," Strong responded, when presented with a copy of the letter saved on Strong's computer.

In an interview, Strong defended the trust and its system of appraisals: "We knew going in that we weren't going to be the most popular. We went in with the idea that we were going to be fair. I can honestly say that, looking back, we were fair and unbiased and frugal."

During the six years the lawsuit was making its way through the state court system, both Cinnabar and Van Tuyl Associates declared bankruptcy. Eventually, the plaintiffs and the trust settled the case in 2015 for $1.3 million, which, after deducting attorney fees, meant that each resident ended up receiving an additional $2,600.

But that didn't satisfy many property owners.

"The people of Tar Creek were treated like second-class citizens, based on where they were born and lived," concluded Wally Kennedy, a columnist at the *Joplin Globe* who reported on northeast Oklahoma, including Tar Creek, for more than 30 years. "For someone to portray the buyout of the people of Tar Creek as a successful program is lying through their teeth."

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Once the trust obtained the properties on the toxic land, the next problem was how to destroy the empty structures that were on them.

Inhofe made sure there was enough money for the job. Even as he joined fellow Republicans in condemning President Barack Obama's 2009 stimulus bill as an unwarranted giveaway, the senior senator helped secure an additional $15.7 million in the bill to help the trust finish its work.

The trust hired a local businessman named Jack Dalrymple to oversee bids for the demolition contract. He was best known for organizing an annual deer hunt for paralyzed veterans, an

endeavor that earned him a lifetime achievement award from a local Chamber of Commerce. His payment was to be 10 percent of the value of the winning bid. He formulated a scoring system to evaluate bids and, in March 2010, the trust awarded the contract to Stone's Backhoe, the most expensive of all four bids. At $2.1 million, it was nearly four times the cost of the lowest bidder.

Just 14 days after Stone's was declared the winner, it asked that the contract be reassigned to two subcontractors, CWF Enterprises, a carpet-cleaning business, and Vision Construction and Management. Former residents contend that there were longstanding ties between Dalrymple and the subcontractors. Whether or not they were friends before, they soon became hunting buddies. In October 2012, local coverage of Dalrymple's annual event for paralyzed veterans pictured the heads of the two firms setting up the flag for the hunt.

One of the losing contractors filed suit against the trust and individual trustees in Oklahoma district court, accusing them of violating the state's open-meeting act and competitive bidding act. The district county judge sided with the plaintiff, reopening the bidding process.

But rather than blame Dalrymple, the trust gave him a new contract. It included a flat rate for his services, $305,472—about $100,000 more than he would have received had the contract remained with Stone's.

In January 2011, a $1.7 million demolition contract was awarded to none other than CWF Enterprises, the carpet-cleaning business, which was also the least expensive of the three bids received. A month later, however, the estimated cost of the contract ballooned to $3,050,786—almost exactly 10 times what Dalrymple received in his new contract.

While many residents cried foul, Andy Lester, the trust's attorney, attributed the increase to the fact that the EPA-controlled repository for dumping debris had just closed down. Trekking the remains of the houses and businesses to a dumping ground further away caused the massive change order, and a near doubling of the contract.

Lester also defends the choice of Dalrymple to handle the bids, contending that he was an engineer

with some prior experience with public contracts and that the trust members couldn't handle the process on their own.

"It is important to remember that the trust board consisted of nine members—including, for example, a physician, a school teacher, and a mushroom farmer. They were volunteers, not professionals at this kind of work," Lester said. "Jack Dalrymple is a professional engineer with significant experience. And candidly, there are very few professional engineers in northeast Oklahoma."

Nonetheless, lawyers out of the Tulsa region filed a lawsuit in 2012 under the False Claims Act that accused the trust members, Dalrymple and the heads of the companies hired to do demolition work of being part of a "good old boy network" and defrauding federal taxpayers.

Attorneys for the plaintiffs, Zach and Brad Barron, say the lawsuit fizzled when the Department of Justice took the stance that "the government didn't sustain damages" from the charges laid out in the complaint. In a false claims lawsuit, where the plaintiffs are effectively trying to recoup money that's owed to the government, a lack of willingness from the government is effectively a death knell, the Barrons said. The lawsuit was eventually dismissed.

In an interview, Dalrymple insisted the allegations of cronyism were entirely unfounded.

"There were a lot of emotions and feelings during that period," he said. "When you ask someone to leave their home, it's a tough thing. But ... there was nothing there."

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Still, the drumbeat of complaints continued, eventually reaching the ear of Jerry Morris, the state director for Oklahoma's then-junior senator, Republican Tom Coburn.

It was no secret that Coburn, a physician who cast himself as a political outsider, didn't look upon Inhofe with any sort of fond feelings of mentorship.

"I think they were often seen as having very different approaches to politics," said David Blatt of the Oklahoma Policy Institute. "Inhofe is seen as a

classic, pork-barrel politician who'd bring federal dollars to Oklahoma, the more the merrier." Whereas Coburn, Blatt says, "hated that kind of politics and did as little of it as he possibly could. In fact, he spoke disdainfully and caustically about it the whole time he was in the Senate."

Coburn was not shy about stepping on his fellow Republican's toes. Morris forwarded a memo with a lengthy list of allegations related to the awarding of contracts in the Tar Creek buyout, especially regarding the demolition work, to then-Attorney General Pruitt. In April 2011, Pruitt asked the state auditor and inspector, Gary Jones, to look into the memoranda sent from Coburn's office.

"I have determined that these concerns are serious in nature such that an investigation of the matter is warranted," Pruitt wrote to Jones. A 17-point list of allegations for Jones to investigate followed, including whether there was collusion between Dalrymple and the contractors hired to do the demolition work.

After spending almost two years on the investigation, Jones turned over the results of the audit to the attorney general's office in January 2014, apparently believing it had uncovered important information.

For a year and a half, the attorney general sat on the findings. Then, in May 2015, Pruitt announced that he wouldn't press charges. In addition, he vowed to keep the audit secret by refusing to release it.

Jones fired back at the attorney general's office days later, penning a letter to Pruitt that described his rationale for withholding the audit as "baffling."

"To our knowledge, the individuals named in the report are members of a public trust or contractor whose services were retained as part of this substantive project," Jones wrote. Further, he contended, "our office has received no inquiries from you or your staff regarding the content of the audit report."

Pruitt justified the secrecy by comparing the investigation results to the findings of a grand jury. "Specifically, our office is concerned about publication of unsubstantiated criminal allegations

against private citizens," Pruitt wrote in a 2015 statement.

In an interview with POLITICO, Pruitt appeared to go one step further, suggesting the audit had in fact been vetted by a grand jury.

"You're addressing issues that it's been some months since I've looked into," Pruitt said. "I know the decision I made at that time was based upon the investigative audit. The investigative audit didn't yield anything to the grand jury, and, as such, it was important to protect the individuals' reputation that were in that investigation."

But when asked to clarify, a Pruitt staff member indicated that he was using the term "grand jury" as shorthand for the Multi-County Grand Jury Unit, a division of the AG's office, headed at the time by a Pruitt appointee, which decides whether to take cases to a grand jury for indictment.

It's not the same as a grand jury finding. Nonetheless, the attorney general's office, now overseen by Mike Hunter, Pruitt's former top deputy, has denied all open records requests for the audit, declaring it to be "under the supervision of the Multi-County Grand Jury Unit." A spokeswoman for the Oklahoma attorney general's office said that if there was in fact a grand jury, the office couldn't confirm or deny that.

These rationales befuddle open records experts.

"I don't think there's anything in the law that would prohibit it [the investigation] from being released," said Joey Senat of Oklahoma State University, the president of FOIA Oklahoma. "The law doesn't require that the audit be kept secret. What would its release be harming? They've closed the investigation and decided not to prosecute."

Jones, who is now running for governor, reiterated his call for the attorney general's office to release the audit, saying in a statement that "regarding any investigation of this kind, we always err on the side of transparency and the people of Oklahoma have a right to know."

Concluded Senat: "When you have the state auditor [Gary Jones] saying these are not unsubstantiated claims and this is a serious problem, good

government would call for letting the public know what happened and showing the public the audit. Transparency helps alleviate a lot of concerns about favoritism, corruption, and incompetency—if those are indeed unfounded."

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Tar Creek today looks like an abandoned landfill. Illegal dumping has added a fresh layer of grime to the already ruined patch of earth. Giant craters from collapsed mine shafts, some as large as 200 feet in diameter, are filled with Bud Light cans, shotgun shells and the tangled remains of kids' playground equipment. "We call this urban renewal, Picher style," quipped former resident Gloria Workman.

Abandoned houses that were not part of the buyout are now coated with graffiti. The charred remains of the former mining museum in Picher, which burned down at the hands of arsonists, stands as a teetering monument to Tar Creek's former way of life. And the sense of danger and destruction extends beyond the former buyout area: On rainy days, local fields used for football practice bleed a toxic shade of orange.

The EPA is continuing its now 33-year-old cleanup effort, and it's thrust the Quapaws back into stewardship of the land. Although the tribe leased away or sold off significant chunks of Tar Creek to mining companies throughout the 20th century, the Quapaws have at least temporarily regained control of all of it. Since 2012, the tribe—a sovereign nation with roughly 5,500 members—has been the primary EPA contractor for environmental remediation at Tar Creek. It's the first time any tribe has been a prime contractor on a Superfund site, assigning all the contracts and overseeing all the work.

"It's a great story," said Craig Kreman, assistant environmental director of the Quapaw tribe. "We're employing tribal members a lot of the time and members of the community. So that income [from the EPA contract] stays here in this community and is being spent in this community. We're not hiring a contractor out of Georgia."

Every day, a steady stream of trucks haul away more than 2,000 tons of soil saturated with cadmium, lead and other metals at the site. Each

patch of earth requires years of passive soil treatments before it tests clean enough to plant row crops like winter wheat. Half-acre by half-acre, the hope is that Tar Creek can be put into productive agricultural use decades from now.

In August, after touring the abandoned area and surrounding towns, Pruitt's senior adviser Albert "Kell" Kelly, praised the EPA's efforts surrounding Tar Creek in sweeping terms: "People from all across the country count on the Superfund program to address pollution and revitalize their communities. Tar Creek cleanup is an excellent example of how the program should work. State and local partners, tribal partners, and EPA—all working together year after year to address historical pollution at this mega-site. It's cooperative federalism working at its best."

But many local observers, including Ed Keheley, aren't nearly as positive.

"Usually, the EPA comes in, they do their dirty work, sprinkle some wheat seed, take a picture to show Congress, and next year it looks like this," he said, pointing to a barren pasture. "Clearly, the EPA hasn't had the best interests of the people at heart. So I get personally offended when people like Scott Pruitt suggest otherwise."

For his part, Pruitt announced a fresh grant of $5 million to the Quapaw-led project last May, and he is quick to distance this experiment in local control from the one that preceded it.

"We [the EPA] can't impact the buyout. We didn't authorize the buyout. I didn't manage the buyout and its unique situation," Pruitt said. "I think what's most tangible is what we can do together with the tribe to advance and continue remediation."

When asked to respond to the undying complaints of residents in rural Ottawa County, where Tar Creek is located—a county in which Trump received 71 percent of the vote in November 2016—Pruitt changed the subject. "I had no experience with Tar Creek, to be honest with you," he said.

That's true, except it was his office's decision, when he was attorney general, not to prosecute the people

accused of mishandling the trust money, Keheley and other local residents point out.

But what galls them more than the failure to prosecute is the failure to release the results of a government investigation—an audit that they believe will raise questions about Pruitt's unwillingness to press charges and cast a negative light on a project near and dear to Inhofe's heart.

Pruitt's connections to Inhofe are extensive. One of Pruitt's first hires as EPA chief was Ryan Jackson, a longtime Inhofe staffer and the senator's point person on Tar Creek, who is now Pruitt's chief of staff. He also brought on four other former aides to Inhofe, the Senate's leading proponent of the idea that man-made pollution contributing to climate change is a conspiracy and a hoax. Three of them are Pruitt's senior advisers on air, climate and legal issues.

"It gives me a level of comfort to know that we have a bureaucracy that's actually going to be serving instead of ruling," Inhofe told the *Washington Post*, applauding Pruitt for hiring his staff.

Numerous veteran Oklahoma political watchers, some of whom spoke to POLITICO on condition of anonymity, suggest that there may be an ulterior motive in Pruitt's embrace of Inhofe: It's widely believed that Pruitt, who is 49, wants to run for Inhofe's seat when the senator retires. Many observers think Inhofe is unlikely to seek reelection in 2020, when he'll be 85. And some have noted that Pruitt's decision not to advance the case against the buyout trust spared Inhofe the embarrassment of seeing the program he personally tailored and promoted go down in scandal.

"Pruitt is a rising Republican political star previously in Oklahoma and now nationally," said one journalist who closely follows the Oklahoma political scene. "There have been rumblings that Pruitt might have his eye on higher office. ... Pruitt would do everything to keep Inhofe close, assuming he wants to run for that seat."

Wally Kennedy, the *Joplin Globe* columnist who has covered the Tar Creek trust more closely than any other journalist, said, "My sense of the way that unfolded was that Pruitt decided he was not going

to do any kind of prosecution, and then Inhofe writes a letter saying what an outstanding job the trust did. My reaction was 'Huh?'"

"The fact that the audit was not publicly disclosed tells me that somebody is hiding something," he added. "This is Oklahoma taxpayers' money being committed to ratting out what appears to be some apparent corruption. But everybody looks the other way. That's why I'm talking to you. Because if you can shed a light on this, maybe somebody will say 'We need to take a second look at this.'"

Pruitt, however, insists his decisions were strictly based on the law, and an Inhofe staffer flatly dismissed the possibility of Inhofe influencing Pruitt's decision.

"Senator Inhofe would have had no involvement in the case or in any of then-Attorney General Pruitt's decisions," the staffer said.

Pruitt was similarly bemused by the idea that there would have been any sort of political calculation behind his decision to shield the audit. The only politics in this case, he suggested, was on the part of those who want to embarrass him and Inhofe.

"You would think that this wouldn't be a political issue, that people wouldn't put on the red and blue jerseys," Pruitt said in frustration.

Others argue that transparency in this case is not a political issue as much as a legal right.

"The open records act seems pretty clear this audit should be released," said Stevens, executive director of Campaign for Accountability. "You have to ask why he's not releasing it? Pruitt should have to be held accountable for this."

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Pruitt named chair of Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council Back

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President Donald Trump announced today that EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt would chair the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council.

The group, formed in 2012 after the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, helps restore the ecosystems and economies of the Gulf Coast. Pruitt was unanimously selected by Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas, the five states on the council.

"I am honored to be selected by the states and look forward to working with the governors to continue the excellent work of this Council to further the critical mission of restoring the Gulf of Mexico ecosystem," he said in a statement.

Pruitt named Kenneth Wagner, a senior adviser, to be his designee on the council. He takes over the chairmanship from the Secretary of Agriculture.

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Powelson says McIntyre to be sworn in Thursday Back

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New FERC Chairman Kevin McIntyre will be sworn in on Thursday, FERC Commissioner Rob Powelson told an audience of electric power officials in Philadelphia today.

"At a general session this afternoon in Philadelphia, one of the key speakers was FERC Commissioner Rob Powelson, and during his speech this afternoon he confirmed that Kevin McIntyre will be sworn in tomorrow," PJM Interconnection spokeswoman Susan Buehler said.

President Donald Trump nominated McIntyre, a partner at the law firm of Jones Day, to be commissioner and designated him to be chair months ago. The Senate confirmed him in early

November, and he received his signed commission just before Thanksgiving.

His swearing in will put to rest rumors that either the Trump administration or McIntyre himself were delaying his start date to give current Chairman Neil Chatterjee enough service time to make staffing changes. Chatterjee will miss that deadline by a day.

It also puts McIntyre in charge of the process initiated by Energy Secretary Rick Perry that is aimed at supporting coal-fired and nuclear power plants in an effort to protect the power grid's resilience. Action on that proposal is expected by Monday.

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EPA to hold more hearings on Clean Power Plan withdrawal Back

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EPA will hold three additional public hearings on a proposal to withdraw the Clean Power Plan, in San Francisco; Gillette, Wyo.; and Kansas City, Mo., the agency announced today.

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt in a press release said the change was "due to the overwhelming response" to two days of hearings in West Virginia last week. Many environmental advocates criticized EPA for initially scheduling hearings only in coal country.

The agency will announce the dates and locations of the meetings in the coming weeks, and speakers must register.

The Obama administration, by comparison, held public hearings on the proposed climate standards in 2015 in Pittsburgh, Denver, Atlanta and Washington, D.C.

WHAT'S NEXT: Comments on the draft withdrawal are due Jan. 16.

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Republicans divided over taking up tax extenders this year Back

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Republican leaders are divided over whether to take up a second tax-cut bill this year.

Senate Republicans want to move legislation reviving a rump group of tax "extenders," separate from their more sweeping plan to rewrite the code.

But the House's top tax writer isn't so sure.

"I don't like the extenders," said House Ways and Means Chairman Kevin Brady (R-Texas). "It's horrible policy and process."

"No decision yet," he added, saying lawmakers need to talk it over.

His comments came after Sen. John Thune, the chamber's No. 3 Republican, said today lawmakers will revive biodiesel, geothermal and other energy-related breaks along with other "cats and dogs," including a tax credit to maintain short-line railroads.

Thirty-four temporary tax provisions expired at the end of last year, including 16 energy ones, and lawmakers are now facing demands to revive them. Some want to attach the provisions to funding legislation needed to keep the government open H.J. Res. 123 (115).

Many Republicans had sworn off the "extender" ritual after a 2015 tax agreement made many of the breaks permanent while giving others what lawmakers said was one final extension — which, for some, ended last year.

Putting together an extender bill, even as lawmakers negotiate a final compromise on their tax-overhaul plans, is likely to test tax writers' bandwidth.

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Solar pitches target Trump at USTR hearing
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Supporters of tough trade tariffs on solar energy equipment and their opponents squared off again at a hearing of the U.S. Trade Representative today. with both sides coloring their arguments in language aimed at swaying the White House.

The two companies seeking tariffs on foreign shipments of solar panels and cells, Suniva and SolarWorld Americas, pressed the case that barriers were vital for protecting U.S. manufacturing of the clean energy technology because of its importance for national security — issues at the heart of President Donald Trump's "America First" agenda.

"A strong remedy is required to persevere the U.S. industry, provide breathing space for this American-invented manufacturing technology," said Matt Card, vice president of operations for bankrupt Suniva. "Anything less would ... result in the loss of this industry. That would have a dramatic negative impact on national security."

Witnesses at the hearing opposed to instituting tariffs raised the same issues, but contended that trade barriers would threaten other businesses, and that the benefits of tariffs would help only a narrow segment of the solar industry.

"Factories in South Carolina and across the nation would suffer from solar tariffs," South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster told the panel. "While there is only one operating factory in the U.S. petitioning for these tariffs, there are over 50 American-owned factories employing thousands of people that would be the ones harmed, including a steel mill in South Carolina that provides American-made steel for many of the U.S. factories that produce metal equipment for the utility scale solar farms."

The panel, which included representatives from the departments of Energy, Treasury, State, Labor and

Commerce, and from the Council of Economic Advisers, appeared unmoved by the national security arguments, and instead peppered parties with detailed questions about the potential tariffs' impacts on U.S. solar power demand. Panel members also questioned whether a few years of trade protections would be enough time for Suniva and SolarWorld to hike their production enough to catch up to overseas competition.

They pressed witnesses from both side on how tariffs would effect the domestic solar market, whether a modest tariff would be effective, and their opinions on the recommendations the U.S. International Trade Commission sent the White House last month. ITC members recommended a range of options, from sliding scale of tariffs to a cap on total shipments.

The Trade Representative will send the White House a recommendation, and Trump has until Jan. 26 to make a decision.

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By Anthony Adragna | 12/07/2017 05:43 AM EDT

With help from Emily Holden, Eric Wolff and Alex Guillén

WELCOME TO CONGRESS, MR. PRUITT: EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt makes his long-awaited first appearance before a House Energy and Commerce subpanel this morning where he's expected to get grilled on a host of issues. The session will be broken into two segments — 10-11 a.m. and then 2 p.m. onwards — to allow Pruitt to attend a White House meeting on biofuels (more on that below). Look for E&C Environment Chairman John Shimkus to recognize the arrangement is "not ideal, but gives members maximum ability to personally question the administrator about the agency's mission" during his opening remarks.

What Republicans will say: Expect Chairman Greg Walden to press Pruitt on budget transparency and his plans to address staffing issues: "I expect that 'Back to Basics' is not an abdication of environmental protection, but rather a rededication to mastering the most fundamental aspects of EPA's mission," he'll say, according to prepared remarks glimpsed by ME. Shimkus said his questions could touch on a range of topics, including TSCA, brownfields, safe drinking water and the agency's staffing.

And Democrats? "We're all noticing the orientation toward the environment is completely different with respect to budgeting, with respect to climate change, potentially with respect to methane, particulates," Rep. Scott Peters, a subcommittee member, told ME. "So, I just think we want to get a sense of where

he's going and how he'll measure success." The committee's top Democrat, Frank Pallone, wouldn't reveal what he intends to grill Pruitt about when ME caught up to him in the hall.

Pro's Alex Guillén's expectations for Pruitt's first Capitol Hill appearance in six months: "Lawmakers have probably built up some serious questions in that time, so we could see questioning on practically any issue before EPA: the Clean Power Plan repeal effort; the Waters of the U.S. rewrite; Superfund work; proposed budget cuts; Pruitt's decision earlier this year not to ban chlorpyrifos; and his increased security and travel. Pruitt's prepared testimony offers a standard overview of his EPA philosophy."

Rally time: Environmental and public health advocates, including the Union of Concerned Scientists, Sierra Club, Business Forward and the Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments, will rally outside Rayburn at 9:20 a.m. to draw attention to Pruitt's lagging enforcement efforts, spending habits and overhauls of science advisory panels. Ahead of the session, the Environmental Defense Fund updated their "Pruitt Playbook" and the Union of Concerned Scientists offers some suggested questions to ask.

If you go: The hearing kicks off at 10 a.m. in Rayburn 2123.

WHY PRUITT'S LEAVING: Sen. Ted Cruz has secured a meeting today at 11:30 a.m. with President Donald Trump and several Cabinet members, including Pruitt, for what he told ME is likely to be a "free-ranging discussion" about biofuels and the recent fights over the Renewable Fuel Standard. His message? "We need to find a solution that is a win-win. That is a win for corn farmers across the Midwest but at the same time is a win for blue-collar union members who work in refineries and right now are being bankrupted by a regulatory system that isn't working," the Texas Republican said. Other Senate Republicans are expected to attend as well (perhaps the ones who signed this letter). Remember Cruz still has a hold on Bill Northey's USDA's farm and conservation mission nomination, so watch to see if that's lifted as the most immediate outcome of the session.

Oilies only: Sen. Chuck Grassley wasn't invited to the meeting, his spokesman said, but not to worry: Grassley has said that a White House RFS meeting would be "a waste of time." And if there's one thing energy world knows now, it's that if you don't have Gang Grain, you got nothing.

WELCOME TO THURSDAY! I'm your host Anthony Adragna, and no one was able to name the Father Millet Cross national monument (which has since been transferred by Congress to a state park) as our nation's smallest at just 0.0074 acres when designated. For today: Which state currently has the most national monuments at 18? Send your tips, energy gossip and comments to aadragna@politico.com, or follow us on Twitter @AnthonyAdragna, @Morning_Energy and @POLITICOPro.

ARCTIC LEASE SALE FLOP: Despite touting the "largest ever" lease sale in the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska, BLM received just bids on seven of the 900 tracts offered, Pro's Ben Lefebvre reports . Those bids, generating just $1.2 million in high bids, came jointly by ConocoPhillips and Anadarko for 80,000

acres, or less than 1 percent of the acreage offered. The highest bid amount was $14.99 per acre. The relatively low amount could undercut GOP arguments that opening up the nearby Arctic National Wildlife Refuge would generate $1 billion in revenue. Leasing of state land did quite a bit better, according to the Anchorage Daily News.

For perspective: At the price of $14.99/acre, "leasing the entirety of the Arctic Refuge Coastal Plain's 1.5 million acres would raise slightly more than $11 million in revenue for the federal government, a far cry from the billion dollar lie that Trump and Republicans are feeding the American public," the Alaska Wilderness League's Kristen Miller said in a statement. Remember the Republican budget calls for Senate ENR to kick in $1 billion in revenue (which CBO said would come through ANWR drilling), though the lease results seem to bolster skepticism from environmental advocates and Democrats about those estimates.

Situational awareness: Energy Chairman Lisa Murkowski was named a tax conferee late Wednesday, along with Sens. Orrin Hatch, Mike Enzi, John Cornyn, John Thune, Rob Portman, Tim Scott and Pat Toomey . "With Congressman [Don Young] representing the House of Representatives on our energy provisions, Alaskans will have a very strong voice at the table to ensure this bill crosses the finish line," she said in a statement.

No (strategic petroleum) reservations: Count Shimkus, a tax conferee, among the backers of the Senate's approach of selling off 7 million barrels from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve as part of the final tax package H.R. 1 (115). "There was a reason to have the SPR," he told ME. "There is a credible reason to debate whether, for now and in the immediate future, there is a need." He also said he's a "big ANWR supporter" and that he doesn't see the Arctic drilling provision getting pulled from the final version.

INHOFE, PRUITT'S TOXIC LEGACY: POLITICO Magazine's Malcolm Burnley takes a deep dive into the contaminated Oklahoma region of Tar Creek, an area so poisonous that only 10 holdouts live there, and he finds a buyout program for residents that left Sen. Jim Inhofe awash in scandal and litigation. Then-Attorney General Scott Pruitt ultimately concluded an audit into possible criminal wrongdoing didn't warrant charges and he shielded his review from public release, only to have some in the state believe his efforts were designed to spare Inhofe embarrassment. Many residents in the polluted zone of Tar Creek continue to express shock that no one was prosecuted over what happened in their federal buyout program

Pruitt and Inhofe flatly denied there was any political motivation in shielding the audit. "It was important to protect the individuals' reputation that were in that investigation," Pruitt said in an interview. "You would think that this wouldn't be a political issue, that people wouldn't put on the red and blue jerseys." One interesting fact though: Ryan Jackson, now Pruitt's chief of staff, was once Inhofe's point person on the Tar Creek issue. Photo gallery here.

Pruitt's new gig: Trump named the EPA administrator to chair the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council, a group formed after the Deepwater Horizon oil spill restore the ecosystems and economies of the Gulf Coast, your ME host

reports. Pruitt named Kenneth Wagner, a senior adviser, to be his designee on the council.

MAY FERC NOW BE WHOLE: New FERC Chairman Kevin McIntyre will be sworn in today, bringing the five-member agency to full power, Pro's Eric Wolff reports. His swearing-in will put to rest rumors that either the Trump administration or McIntyre himself were delaying his start date to give current Chairman Neil Chatterjee enough service time to make staffing changes

MORE HEARINGS COMING ON CLEAN POWER PLAN: EPA announced Wednesday it would hold additional public hearings on its plan to repeal the Clean Power Plan in San Francisco; Gillette, Wyo.; and Kansas City, Mo., Pro's Emily Holden reports. Pruitt said the change was "due to the overwhelming response" and the agency will announce the dates and locations of the meetings in the coming weeks.

SPLIT OVER EXTENDERS? Ways and Means Chairman Kevin Brady told reporters Wednesday he doesn't like the idea of moving a package of extenders this year but hasn't made a final decision yet, Pro Tax's Brian Faler reports . "It's horrible policy and process," he said. But those comments come as Thune, the Senate's number three Republican, said lawmakers will revive biodiesel, geothermal and other energy-related breaks along with other "cats and dogs." Doing an extenders package as the chambers work to iron out differences between their broader tax bills is likely to test tax writers' bandwidth.

Shutdown watch: Congressional leaders head to the White House for a meeting with Trump on government funding today, but GOP lawmakers expect to pass a two-week spending package despite internal division within their party, POLITICO's Rachael Bade and Sarah Ferris report. House Freedom Caucus leaders have been asking for a commitment GOP leadership does not believe it can give them: a promise to "hold the line" and refuse Senate Democrats' demands for increased spending on non-defense programs.

House Democrats, including Minority Whip Steny Hoyer, hold a press conference at 10 a.m. in Cannon 234 to call on Republicans to take up additional federal assistance for Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Watch here.

ICYMI: Both sides framed their arguments at a hearing of the U.S. Trade Representative over whether to impose tariffs on solar equipment imports in language aimed at swaying Trump, Pro's Eric Wolff reports.

PATAGONIA SUES OVER BEARS EARS: A coalition of groups, including Patagonia, became the latest to file a lawsuit challenging the Trump administration's downsizing of Bears Ears National Monument on Monday. Link to the lawsuit filed in Washington federal court here.

ENDANGERMENT FINDING PUSHBACK STALLS: Conservative state lawmakers and businesses that are members of the American Legislative Exchange Council on Wednesday shot down an effort to urge Pruitt to challenge a science-based endangerment finding that requires EPA action on greenhouse gas emissions. "In subcommittee, a substantive conversation occurred where arguments were made for and against the draft model policy," said Bill Meierling,

executive vice president of external relations for the group. "After debate, it was clear that neither the public nor the private sector supported the draft as written."

Meierling added that "ALEC members prefer to advance policy only after a consensus opinion has been reached." Reports suggested later the resolution had been pulled in the aftermath of strong opposition, including from Exxon Mobil. Pruitt was expected to speak at the ALEC meeting on Friday but canceled due to a "scheduling conflict," Meierling said.

NO COMMENT: Murkowski forcefully urged Sen. Al Franken to step down amid sexual harassment allegations on Wednesday, but a spokeswoman declined to state whether Roy Moore would be welcome on her committee if he wins the Alabama special election next week. "We aren't commenting until after the special election and decisions about committee seats are made by conference," she said. Outgoing Alabama Sen. Luther Strange currently has a slot on the energy panel.

THERE'S ALWAYS A TIE: Congressional Democrats said Tuesday they have evidence then-national security adviser Michael Flynn sent assurances to former business partners that a U.S.-Russia energy partnership in the Middle East, which reportedly would have included more than two dozen nuclear plants in the region, was "good to go," POLITICO's Kyle Cheney reports. The revelations from a whistleblower came in a letter released Tuesday.

MAIL CALL! LET'S BOOST EFFICIENCY CAPS! A collection of energy efficiency organizations, led by the Alliance to Save Energy, sent a letter to congressional appropriators on Wednesday urging them to boost "budget cap allocations for federal energy efficiency programs." Failure to do so could result in steep cuts to EPA and DOE programs across the board, the groups warn. Link here.

TAKE A GLANCE! LESSONS FROM THE RFS: The American Enterprise Institute is out with a report looking at policymaking lessons from the RFS. It argues the biofuels mandate would be better as a rate standard than a volume standard, EPA should issue multiyear rather than annual rules and that uncertainty should be explicitly incorporated into future rulemakings, among other things.

BAD SOLAR ACTORS: Campaign for Accountability released the results of a years-long investigation concluding two companies — Vivint and SolarCity — received more complaints about their sales tactics than others in the solar industry. "Unfortunately, the deceptive sales tactics of solar companies, like Vivint and SolarCity, are making rooftop solar a risky bet," Daniel Stevens, the group's executive director, said in a statement. Read it here.

DREAMS TURNED REALITY? The Center for Western Priorities is out with a report finding the Trump administration has already granted 13 of the energy industry's 24 top priorities. Read it here.

SUGGESTIONS GIVEN: American Council for Capital Formation released a paper this morning with ten ideas for improving the regulatory process. It's the product of a November 2016 roundtable with Sens. Mike Rounds, Angus King, James Lankford and others. Link here.

MOVER, SHAKER: Michael Boucher has joined Crowell & Moring LLP environment and natural resources practice as a partner in Washington. He joins from Dentons US LLP, where he led that firm's chemical, pesticide, and consumer product regulation team.

QUICK HITS

— California AG on Trump EPA: 'It's almost as if they believe they're above the law'. The Hill.

— Wall Street's Fracking Frenzy Runs Dry as Profits Fail to Materialize. Wall Street Journal.

— The IHS Markit electric resiliency study - much less than meets the eye. Utility Dive.

— Patagonia sues over Trump's monuments order. AP.

— Volkswagen Official Gets 7-Year Term in Diesel-Emissions Cheating. New York Times.

— Pipeline explodes in southeastern New Mexico oil patch. AP.

— Christie backs nuclear subsidies but won't sign 'wish list' bill from environmental groups. POLITICO New Jersey.

HAPPENING TODAY

9:00 a.m. — The Washington International Trade Association holds an event as part of its NAFTA series: "Energy and the NAFTA," Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave. NW

10:00 a.m. — EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt appears before the House Energy and Commerce Environment Subcommittee, Rayburn 2123

10:00 a.m. — "Transforming the Department of the Interior for the 21st Century," House Natural Resources Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee, Longworth 1324

11:00 a.m. — The World Bank conference call briefing on the One Planet Summit, RSVP: himtiaz@worldbankgroup.org

12:00 p.m. — "The Business Case for Tax Incentives Promoting Energy Efficiency," Alliance to Save Energy, Rayburn 2203

2:00 p.m. — The House Natural Resources Federal Lands Subcommittee holds a hearing on various bills, Longworth 1324

2:00 p.m. — "OPEC's World Oil Outlook 2017," Center for Strategic and International Studies, 1616 Rhode Island Avenue, NW

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Biofuel backers claim victory in EPA battle Back

By Eric Wolff | 10/20/2017 05:37 PM EDT

Biofuels backers were breathing a sigh of relief on Friday after EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt backed away from changes to the Renewable Fuels Standard, a reversal that left oil refiners frustrated.

Pruitt acceded to demands from Sen. Joni Ernst that he publicly promise not to pursue plans to change the biofuel program rules — changes that had been sought by oil refiners who have long complained about the costs of implementing the program that many see as a giveaway to the corn states.

Pruitt's letter to Ernst, Sen. Chuck Grassley and five other Midwestern Republican senators delivered what they'd asked for: A promise not to expand the group of companies required to comply with the program, to keep the biodiesel volume requirements at levels proposed in July, to not alter the policy that strips RFS credits from exported ethanol, and to explore allowing year-round sale of gasoline with 15 percent ethanol nationwide.

The quick reversal by Pruitt — at the direction of President Donald Trump — showed the influence of the biofuel lobby, corn growers and farm-state lawmakers to scuttle changes in the decade-old policy sought by the energy industry.

"This was a basket of bad ideas for biofuels," said Brooke Coleman, head of the industry lobby group Advanced Biofuels Business Council. "And there's no way that we could have any other response than to take this approach. [Pruitt] didn't kick tires on changing the RFS, he tried to take a baseball bat to the program, and the response was matching and in response to, from a magnitude perspective, to the initial foul."

The push by the senators, as well as Midwestern governors, "made a huge difference in this matter," said Michael McAdams, head of the Advanced Biofuels Association. "In addition, the collective unity of the entire biofuels industry, including those who distribute and market these fuels, made a significant impression on the importance and support for the RFS program."

But oil refiners who have said the high cost of biofuel credits, called Renewable Identification Numbers, was costing them hundreds of millions of dollars, lamented the power of the biofuels lobby and the corn-belt lawmakers.

"The [Pruitt] letter is a result of political pressure applied by Midwestern politicians," said one refining source. "Some Midwesterners cannot accept any premise that the RFS could be improved. As a result, their overreaction included

everything from holds on confirmations to even more personal threats launched at the White House and EPA."

The unified and vociferous campaign by the biofuels industry in attacking the proposal that would have lowered biodiesel volume mandates surprised some in the refining industry, as well as the political staff in the EPA, sources tell POLITICO.

The Trump administration's embrace of the oil industry had raised refiners' hopes that it could have the best opportunity in years for significant RFS changes, and refining giant Valero Energy, along with a group of Pennsylvania companies, believed they would get relief from what they considered an onerous program.

But Grassley took to the Senate floor to blast Pruitt's biofuel plans as a "betrayal" of Trump's promises to protect ethanol, and he arranged a call with Trump and Pruitt that led to the meeting in his office with Pruitt and Ernst as well as Deb Fischer (Neb.), John Thune (S.D.), Ben Sasse (Neb.), Pat Roberts (Kan.) and Mike Rounds (S.D.). Following that meeting, Ernst demanded the public statement from Pruitt, and said she would withhold her support for Bill Wehrum, who was nominated to run the agency's air office, forcing a delay in the Environment and Public Works Committee's vote until next week.

Ernst spokeswoman Brook Hougeson told POLITICO, "Now that Sen. Ernst has received the assurances that the EPA will support the spirit and the letter of the RFS, she will support Mr. Wehrum."

Valero was disappointed its efforts to change the program had been shot down by the fierce political opposition.

"These senators have intervened in a regulatory process, and the proposals and concepts in the letter address RFS implementation problems to which these senators have offered no constructive solutions," Valero said in a statement. "The only unifying principle of their bullying opposition seems to be a desire to maintain the status quo at all costs and to protect windfall profits associated with unregulated trading of renewable identification numbers, or RINs. Their position advances neither the goals nor the efficient implementation of the RFS, and places U.S. manufacturing jobs at risk."

But in a statement, the White House made clear that Trump remained fully behind the biofuels program.

"President Donald J. Trump promised rural America that he would protect the Renewable Fuel Standard, and has never wavered from that promise," spokeswoman Kelly Love said in a statement. "The president has had constructive conversations with several key officials about the RFS over the past week, and he understands their concerns. The Trump administration will protect the RFS and ensure that our Nation's hardworking farmers continue to fuel America."

One energy executive said the biofuel backers were victorious because they were unified in their support for the RFS, while Republicans, the oil industry, and even the refiners were not on the same page.

"The ethanol boys won this round, no doubt, but at a pretty high cost," said Stephen Brown, vice president for federal government affairs for Andeavor. "The refining industry is anything but united on the RFS beyond a sunset as individual companies have each made investments and honed mitigation strategies to comply with the statute. As those investment decisions become increasingly operationally embedded, the industry will continue to splinter on the suite of RFS issues."

But some producers are still wary of Pruitt's pledge in his Thursday letter, and they note that he promised to release a final rule in which none of the mandatory volumes will be less than he proposed in July. For some producers, those volumes were already too low.

"There's some work to do here," Coleman said. "We won't know until the rule is done. And we recognize it's an ongoing rulemaking, it's not like they're going or republish the rule, they've said what they can say. The final rule really matters."

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'Largest ever' Interior Alaska oil lease sale draws little interest Back

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The Interior Department received only seven bids from two companies today in what it had billed as the "largest ever" oil and gas lease sale in the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska.

The bids on the 10.3 million unleased acres in the NPR-A generated just $1.2 million in high bids, according to a Bureau of Land Management summary. The relatively low amount could undercut GOP arguments that opening up the nearby Arctic National Wildlife Refuge would generate $1 billion in revenue.

A BLM Alaska lease sale last year generated $18 million for 1.4 million acres offered.

Subsidiaries of ConocoPhillips and Anadarko were the only two companies that participated in the lease sale. The companies only bid for 80,000 acres, or less than 1 percent of the acreage offered. The highest bid amount was $14.99 per acre.

Low oil prices and the relatively cheap and plentiful land available for hydraulic fracturing in the lower 48 has hurt oil company interest in the out-of-the-way fields of Alaska and the Gulf of Mexico. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke and Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) have pushed to open more public land to drilling, however, saying that doing so is important to increase domestic energy production.

Zinke had previously said that today's "large and unprecedented sale in Alaska will help achieve our goal of American Energy Dominance."

An Interior spokesperson did not immediately respond to questions.

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Democrats worry Arctic National Wildlife Refuge being lost amid tax debate
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By Ben Lefebvre | 11/29/2017 05:17 AM EDT

Democrats' fight to keep oil and gas rigs out of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is losing ground as the Republican tax plan advances — and it's almost as if no one has noticed.

The prospect of drilling in the untouched Alaskan tundra is as close to reality as it's been in more than a decade, with none of the political drama that in past decades turned the refuge's fate into a top-tier rallying cry for liberals. Legislation to allow drilling in ANWR is quietly hitching a ride on the tax code overhaul that Senate Republicans hope to complete by the end of the week, overshadowed by larger debates on whether the bill is a giveaway to rich people and corporations at the expense of the poor and working class.

"It's really not gotten the attention that it should," Sen. Tammy Duckworth (D-Ill.), a member of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee, told POLITICO about the ANWR provision. "It's not just the budget discussion. It's about everything else that's going on, the flurry of all sorts of other news."

Angus King (I-Maine) said Republicans were trying to shield ANWR from opposition by adding it to the larger bill rather than bringing it to the floor separately under rules, which would require it to win support from 60 senators to overcome a filibuster.

"Well, clearly the strategy is to try to get it through as part of this tax reform effort and thereby avoid a direct up-or-down vote," King said in an interview earlier this month.

The nonstop news cycle and preponderance of other concerns with the tax bill are making it difficult to focus on an issue that normally fires up Democratic voters.

"I do think that putting ANWR in the budget reconciliation package hasn't drawn as much extremist opposition because it is completely overshadowed by tax reform, which is the center of the package," said Chris Guith, senior vice

president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Global Energy Institute. "But there are some who aren't exactly supportive of tax reform that support ANWR, and it's possible to see ANWR bring a vote or two to help pass tax reform."

Senate Energy Chair Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) easily advanced legislation through her committee directing the Interior Department to hold two lease sales for drilling in ANWR over the next decade. It would raise $1 billion over that period, according to the Congressional Budget Office, making it eligible for inclusion in a budget reconciliation package that Democrats cannot filibuster.

The reconciliation package also will include Republicans' tax plan and a repeal of the Obamacare individual mandate. While Murkowski helped scuttle the Obamacare repeal push earlier this year, she says she supports ending the mandate. Murkowski's office did not respond to a request for comment.

ANWR, a swath of tundra on the northern Alaska coast, is home to polar bears, porcupine caribou and a landscape that hasn't been touched in thousands of years. Congress designated the 19 million-acre area a wildlife refuge in 1980, but it set aside a 1.5-million-acre parcel known as "10-02" for possible drilling if future lawmakers approved such a plan. The U.S. Geological Survey estimated in 1998 that part of ANWR could hold up to 12 billion barrels of oil, and President Donald Trump and Alaska Republicans have called it essential for their plans for American "energy dominance."

Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine), who is undecided on the tax bill for a several reasons, said she will support an amendment on the Senate floor to eliminate the ANWR language, but she said success there is not a prerequisite for her to vote for the underlying bill. "No it is not, but I would certainly try to get it out of the package," Collins told reporters Tuesday. Collins was the only Republican to cross the aisle on an unsuccessful amendment to keep pro-drilling language out of the underlying budget resolution, meaning it is unlikely that she would be able to strip the ANWR provision from a reconciliation bill.

But Democrats say that passing a deficit-increasing tax bill in order to open ANWR would actually harm energy-producing states. That's because the $1.5 trillion shortfall from the GOP tax cuts would trigger required "pay-as-you-go" cuts to mandatory spending programs, according to a CBO analysis sent to House Minority Whip Steny Hoyer (D-Md.).

One of the programs on the pay-go chopping block would be the energy royalty revenue sharing program carried out through the Mineral Leasing Act. Cutting those payments would lose Alaska an estimated $15 million in energy royalty payments next year alone, an amount important to a state already facing budget shortfalls.

"Communities throughout the West would be impacted by the loss of revenue, which is used to support a variety of needs including infrastructure, school funding, conservation, and recreation," Hoyer said in a statement to POLITICO. "This is yet another example of the consequences associated with forcing through legislation to add $1.5 trillion to the deficit in order to give tax cuts to the wealthy."

Pay-go cuts also would hit popular programs like Medicare and student loans, but Congress can waive the law with 60 votes in the Senate. Democrats are not yet on board with that approach.

The current push to open ANWR, coming amid a swarm of competing headlines and buried in larger legislation, has come nearer to succeeding than the GOP's two previous attempts. President Bill Clinton vetoed a budget package in 1995 that included language opening ANWR, while a Democratic filibuster thwarted a second attempt in 2005.

Environmental groups have targeted public engagement at only a handful of congressional districts. The League of Conservation Voters spent $550,000 on television ads in three Republican congressional districts. The LCV also paid for a bipartisan polling firm to probe public opinion on opening ANWR, but even that focused only on registered voters in eight congressional districts.

"The reason they're trying to sneak it into the tax package is they know they don't have the votes otherwise," said Tiernan Sittenfeld, the league's senior vice president of government affairs. "They know they can't pass it under regular order, that's why they're doing a sneak attack."

Even ANWR supporters are staying out of the spotlight.

"I haven't seen any full-out, front-page ads, nothing like that," Alaska Oil and Gas Association President Kara Moriarty said. "We're a little battle-weary, to be honest. Alaskans support opening up ANWR. There's been a few statements reiterating that."

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The Environmental Scandal in Scott Pruitt's Backyard Back

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PICHER, Okla. — Tar Creek, Oklahoma, is breathtaking in a terrible way: At one time the world's deepest source of lead and zinc, the three-town region is now a cratered landscape so poisonous that no one, aside from 10 holdouts, can live there. Mountains of ashlike "chat," a toxic residue from lead-zinc milling, rise majestically among the remains of homes torn from their foundations. Abandoned pets forage around the ruins. A child's teddy bear lies sprawled in a ghostly living room. A gorilla statue fronts an empty high school, atop a sign proclaiming "1A Football State Champs, 1984."

Tar Creek is also part of the environmental legacy of one of the state's—and nation's—leading politicians, Senator Jim Inhofe, and his longtime ally, Scott

Pruitt, the former Oklahoma attorney general who is now head of President Donald Trump's Environmental Protection Agency. After the EPA struggled to clean up the area, in 2006, Inhofe endorsed a plan in which a trust overseen by local citizens would use federal dollars to purchase homes and businesses in the toxic region so residents could move elsewhere. Then, when the plan proved so problematic that it spawned more than a half-dozen civil lawsuits and an audit into possible criminal wrongdoing, Pruitt, as the state's attorney general, invoked an exception to state freedom-of-information laws to keep the audit from being an open public record.

Now, that decision is coming into new light as many Oklahomans clamor for the audit to be released, suggesting that its revelations will prove embarrassing to Inhofe, who played a key role in designing the buyout plan, and cast doubt on Pruitt's decision not to move forward with charges. Last week, a Washington, D.C., nonprofit called the Campaign for Accountability raised the stakes even further, filing suit in Oklahoma courts to force the release of the audit.

"If you take a look at Scott Pruitt's record, you see a general disregard for transparency," said Daniel Stevens, the group's executive director. "I don't think it's outside our bounds to say that Pruitt is trying to hide evidence of criminal wrongdoing."

Pruitt, in an interview, dismissed the idea that he was covering anything up, saying his former office's grand jury unit reviewed the audit and determined that no charges were warranted. He said he declined to make it public because he didn't want innocent people to be besmirched, even though the auditor rejected that reasoning and maintained it should be a public document. "It was important to protect the individuals' reputation that were in that investigation," Pruitt said.

Nonetheless, the mess at Tar Creek continues to follow Pruitt in other ways. As EPA administrator, he has assumed full responsibility for the still-faltering cleanup. And eyebrows were raised in Oklahoma this past January when, as Pruitt was awaiting confirmation for his EPA post, a White House spokesperson told Bloomberg News that the handling of Tar Creek was emblematic of Pruitt's philosophy: "national standards, neighborhood solutions."

Pruitt, in an interview, said he knew nothing about the Bloomberg article, saying only that he endorses the EPA's current work at Tar Creek and the principle of combining federal resources and state and local leadership, rather than the buyout that occurred before his time as EPA administrator, while he was Oklahoma's attorney general.

"I think as far as a model going forward outside of the buyout, what we're trying to do is have a renewed focus on what I think are some of the most beneficial things we can do for citizens across the country, and that's to address some of these legacy sites that have substantial environmental challenges that allow them to once again enjoy the communities in their backyard," he said.

But many residents of the Tar Creek area, who gave up their homes in a buyout they considered both coercive and corrupt, continue to blame Pruitt for the fact that no one was prosecuted. They described a program so rife with good-old-boy corruption that certain individuals received outsize payoffs while some

homeowners got so little they couldn't relocate anywhere nearby; meanwhile, they said, the people hired to demolish the homes received inflated contracts through a flawed process.

"We were lied to and deceived from Day One," said Gloria Workman, who said her son has learning disabilities from growing up in the polluted zone of Tar Creek, which had lead-poisoning levels in children that were three times higher than those registered in Flint, Michigan, during the peak of its recent water crisis. "Not only were we losing our homes, we were raped in the process."

"It was a nightmare," said Mary Thompson, who was still awaiting a resolution from the trust when an EF4 tornado ripped through Tar Creek in 2008, throwing bodies and trailers through the sky, killing six people and destroying more than 100 homes. Without homes, many people took lower-than-expected buyout offers—however insufficient they were perceived to be—because they had nothing left, she said.

"They preyed on us after the tornado," said Thompson, whose home was leveled.

Nonetheless, Inhofe, in a 2015 news release touting the completion of the buyout, cast it as a success because it did not lead to an expanded federal role.

"This is an example of a government program created for a specific purpose and then dissolves after the job is completed," Inhofe proclaimed.

Now, he continues to defend it but sounds less celebratory. "The first thing to know about the Superfund site at Tar Creek is that it's what's called a 'mega-site' and that it is an exceptional circumstance in every way. You can't compare it to any other Superfund site in the country," Inhofe said in a statement to POLITICO. "The voluntary relocation assistance to get people out of harm's way was right for the situation at Tar Creek, but may not be for every other Superfund—that is why state and local partnership is critical."

To many former residents, who still want the investigative report by the state auditor to see the light of day, even these modest and conditional endorsements feel like slaps in the face.

"People hate the government out here, and it's because of things like this," said Aletha Redden, a lifelong resident of the area who has a Donald Trump bumper sticker on her pickup truck. "I want Scott Pruitt to know: This is not the model."

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A flat expanse of dusty roads and scrubby vegetation situated in the heart of Tornado Alley, the Tar Creek area was once the mainstay of the Quapaw Tribe, which was forcibly relocated there by the U.S. government in 1834. At the time, the territory had little economic value, but a half-century later, prospectors discovered enormously rich ore. By the turn of the 20th century, companies broke ground with drill rigs on Quapaw land.

Many of those firms made fortunes, luring white settlers into an uneasy state of coexistence with the Quapaw. Tar Creek proved to be the deepest reservoir of

lead-zinc ore in the world, producing a whopping $1 billion in minerals between 1908 and 1950, according to the Oklahoma Historical Society. Picher, the largest of the mining towns, swelled to a population of 14,000.

Almost every aspect of life in Tar Creek traced back to the mines. The high school took on the mascot of a gorilla, a reference to workers in the mines who broke up boulders with hammers. Children played in sandboxes filled with chat, the chalky mining debris. Teenagers earned the nickname "chat rats" for climbing up the pillowy piles of toxic rubble throughout town and rolling tires down their slopes.

By the end of World War II, however, the boom was over. Most of the mining companies decamped for richer pastures. For the families left behind—including that of Yankees slugger Mickey Mantle, who grew up in the Tar Creek area in the 1940s—it was a slowly unfolding disaster. The extent of Tar Creek's collapse was reflected in the words of John F. Kennedy, who barnstormed into Joplin, Missouri—25 miles away from Tar Creek—in the closing days of the 1960 presidential campaign.

"My own judgment is I know no tougher occupation in the world that [sic] to be a miner, lead, zinc, coal. I am always glad to meet them because I think they live with peril," Kennedy declared. "They have as tough a life as there is. Every other one whose hand you shake has a finger off, a foot crushed, the chances of in 20 years their having a bad accident are more than any of the rest of us. And yet in this community and in West Virginia and Idaho and in other sections of the United States, there has been no group that has been harder hit, no group that has been more forgotten."

Indeed, after the last prospector looking for ore packed up and left in the mid-1970s, people looked to casinos and farming to make a living. But the residue from decades of mining was poisoning them. In 1979, acid mine water leached into the ground, threatening the area's aquifers, killing fish and turning creeks a rusty orange color. When the federal Superfund program—designed to clean up the nation's most polluted and contaminated land—kicked off in the early 1980s, Tar Creek was named to the inaugural National Priorities List. It's still on the list.

The EPA has spent more than $176 million over the past 25 years on cleanup work inside the 42-square-mile-area, on projects from plugging mine shafts to removing contaminated surface soil in people's yards. Though the amount of money sounds large, it hasn't been nearly enough to remove the toxic dangers, and many residents insist the cleanup was mishandled from the get-go. In some cases, the removal of soil resulted in sloping yards, which, during bouts of rain, caused flooding and mold inside houses. In 2000, the FBI raided the offices of the EPA's prime contractor at Tar Creek, Morrison-Knudsen. The company later settled a lawsuit brought by the federal government alleging false representation of billing and progress reports for a sum of $1 million. In the settlement, the company made no admission of wrongdoing.

Meanwhile, the environmental hazards began to multiply: Shortly after the start of that Superfund spending spree, in 1993, researchers at the University of Oklahoma found that 34 percent of Quapaw children were living with lead concentrations above the federal limit. Further studies found alarming rates of

lead and arsenic in both the tribal and non-tribal populations. In 1997, a university-lead study estimated that 21 percent of children near Tar Creek had elevated blood-lead levels (defined as 10 micrograms per liter at the time), which is three times higher than the highest measurements found in Flint, Michigan, in 2015. The learning disabilities and memory loss that had plagued the schools and curtailed lifespans for decades suddenly had a culprit.

As the dangers became ever-more visible and the cleanup lagged, residents rallied around the idea that the government should quickly buy them out of their homes, rather than wait for the hazardous materials to be removed. They thought they might have an ally in the state's senior senator, Inhofe, a Republican who was chair of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee. But Inhofe, who has a skepticism about environmental science that exceeds that of any of his colleagues, refused to consider the idea. "There will never be a buyout. I promise you that," Inhofe told the *Tulsa World* in late 2003.

Inhofe's refusal to take action of any sort was often criticized in local press, due in part to the relentless attacks of a young Democratic congressman named Brad Carson. "If you'd asked people in Oklahoma politics at the time, they'd say we were mortal enemies," said Carson, referring to himself and Inhofe. "I was elected [to Congress] in 2000, and my goal was to untie the Gordian knot. The area is desperately poor. If it was in suburban Tulsa or Oklahoma City, there would've been outrage."

In 2004, Governor Brad Henry signed a bill authorizing the use of state dollars for the relocation of roughly 100 families with children under the age of 6. Under pressure to take further action, the senior senator began to come around. At first, he secured $2 million in federal funding to pay for a study that discovered that 286 homes within Tar Creek were at risk of being swallowed up from cave-ins of underground mine shafts. This provided an opportunity for Inhofe to reverse himself on the buyout, supporting it on the grounds of protecting residents from cave-ins.

"The stability with the underground mine workings was worse than anyone had previously been thought," recalls Ed Keheley, a retired nuclear engineer and native of Picher who co-authored the study's final report. In the spring of 2006, Inhofe announced a joint federal and state buyout program that would begin with $20 million in funding, with the express purpose of relocating any and all people who'd voluntarily leave Tar Creek.

Having once opposed the buyout to his political detriment, Inhofe now used his clout to keep on funding it, but with the idea that decision-making would be concentrated among local leaders, not the federal government. With Inhofe's support, the Oklahoma legislature created a nine-member panel called the Lead Impacted Communities Relocation Assistance Trust to assume control over the project. The members were all volunteers, helping their community, but some had a vested interest in the buyout: They included, for example, a local banker whose institution would later give loans to people to help them relocate; local property owners whose own homes—and those of relatives—would be subject to the buyout; town officials; and a leader of the Quapaw Tribe.

Inhofe cast himself in the role of the community's protector, putting out a 2008 campaign ad that declared: "Tar Creek: poisoned earth, the threat of schools and churches sinking into abandoned mines. Everyone thought it would be too much to tackle, except for one stubborn man named Inhofe."

But over a five-year period, the buyout would become the subject of a host of civil lawsuits and the subject of a state investigation.

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The local members of the trust—few, if any, of them schooled in environmental management—had two major tasks: figuring out how much each property owner should be paid for their home or business, and then choosing a company to demolish the properties. Both tasks would become the subject of complaints about cronyism, with residents saying the trust members rewarded their friends and politically connected individuals.

It didn't help that the trust often met behind closed doors, and that the vice chairman of the trust resigned within a year. The trust's sole employee, operations manager Sonya Harris, also quit, declaring in her resignation letter that she could no longer continue "with a clear conscience without recommending a change; I will not place myself in a position to be perceived as approving of the operations to this point."

The first case to raise eyebrows involved the mayor of Picher, Ernest "Sam" Freeman. In 2005, when the buyout was first being discussed as a probability, he acquired three large parcels of former mining land covered with chat from the Picher Development Authority, which he chaired. Freeman bought them at 3 cents per square foot, for a total price of $2,088.50, according to the findings of a state audit at the time. It was, the audit declared, a violation of state laws forbidding members of public boards from entering into contracts with those boards. Ottawa County District Attorney Eddie Wyant called on Freeman to return the properties to the development authority in lieu of charges.

"If Sam wanted to buy that land, he needed to get off the board and purchase it legally," Wyant told a local newspaper at the time. "I am not one to put anyone in jail over this, but he needs to clear it up." Wyant, when reached by phone, declined to comment further.

Freeman returned the land, but, in a move that enraged some neighbors, profited off it anyway. The trust had decided that, because so much former mining land had been taken over by state authorities and tribal members, those who owned mobile homes or other shelters on land they didn't own would be eligible for buyouts. Freeman made a claim based on the fact that he had been maintaining and renting out homes on the chat-infested property for years before he tried to buy it.

Trust documents show that Freeman received at least $274,000 from the buyout, more than half of which came from the same lots he had been ordered to return by law enforcement. (Freeman told POLITICO a payout of more than a quarter-million sounded accurate enough, though he declined to provide an exact figure.) Neighbors suspected cronyism. Freeman, who is no longer mayor, denied

receiving any preferential treatment. "These people thought I bought the lots to make a killing in the buyout," he said. "I don't think I got more than anyone else would have."

The size of the mayor's profit diminished public confidence in the trust, just as it was engaged in the most delicate part of its task, figuring out how much to pay each individual property owner. Property owners were supposed to receive fair market prices as if pollution hadn't existed in Tar Creek, based on the sales of similar properties elsewhere in northeast Oklahoma. But those calculations appeared to lack uniformity.

The average payout for the 695 properties involved in the buyout was just over $65,000, but the disparity in prices between two properties could be dramatic. Residents complained about lowball offers on some decent properties and overly high payouts for others that were rundown or minuscule in size.

"I got $3,000 for my gun shop. It took me $16,000 to build it," said former Tar Creek resident John Frazier.

Wally Long said he and his wife got $35,000 for their Dairy Queen, while another Dairy Queen right up the road got substantially more.

"We were told [by the trust] that's all the money there is," Long said. "It bothered my wife a lot. She put 23 years of her life into this business."

Meanwhile, a trust member named Janell Trimble got $185,000 for her house, and her brother collected $115,000 for his fiberboard house.

"I may be a member of the [relocation trust's committee], but I honor my duties and I recuse myself when family members are involved," Trimble told the *Tulsa World* in 2008. "[B]ut as a buyout participant I also expect to be treated just like the next person."

Nonetheless, both Trimble and her brother received more than 35 percent above the average price per square foot. On the other end of the spectrum, an elderly woman named Betty Betts received an offer of $12,000 for her home; when she protested, the appraised value was raised to $20,000. Many people got so little for their homes that they had to turn around and take out loans in order to resettle elsewhere in Oklahoma. In the end, the trust finished up with millions in unspent funds.

Residents concentrated their anger on the company that the trust hired to conduct the appraisals, Cinnabar, which had previously made headlines for its management of a noise-insulation program at the Tulsa Airport, which involved multiple lawsuits . In response, the trust engaged an "appraisal reviewer" to go back over Cinnabar's work. But the reviewer, a company named Van Tuyl Associates, quickly came under criticism as well. "They [often] didn't get out of their car. They never entered these homes," said Keheley, who was a member of the trust at the time. (Van Tuyl Associates is now defunct; its former president could not be reached for comment.)

When the unrest over the buyout made the local newspapers, the trust's leadership pointed to a 95 percent acceptance rate for buyout offers. But some residents accused trustees of pressuring them with "take it or leave it" offers, according to a class-action lawsuit brought against the trustees, Cinnabar and Van Tuyl by more than 250 residents affected by the buyout. Plaintiffs also complained that they were denied the right to view the appraisal paperwork. There was even a fake camera—and posters notifying residents they were being videotaped—in the room where buyout offers were made, an apparent attempt to compel residents to take the offers, according to documents in the suit.

The suit, filed in Oklahoma district court, accused the defendants of cheating average property owners and rewarding friends and associates of the trustees. Depositions revealed an explanation for some of the inconsistencies in appraisals: For certain properties, Cinnabar expanded the boundaries of where it could find "comparables"—properties in adjacent counties whose sale prices were used to calculate the appraisals—with the approval of a state employee named J.D. Strong, who, according to the lawsuit, played a significant role in overseeing the trust.

One of the properties appraised in this fashion was that of Trimble, whose $185,000 payout, according to appraisal documents, had infuriated other residents.

When, in 2008, residents outlined their frustrations in a scathing six-page letter to Inhofe, Henry and other elected officials, Strong dictated the governor's reply, which was co-signed by Inhofe, lawyers for the plaintiffs asserted in his deposition. "I may have drafted this," Strong responded, when presented with a copy of the letter saved on Strong's computer.

In an interview, Strong defended the trust and its system of appraisals: "We knew going in that we weren't going to be the most popular. We went in with the idea that we were going to be fair. I can honestly say that, looking back, we were fair and unbiased and frugal."

During the six years the lawsuit was making its way through the state court system, both Cinnabar and Van Tuyl Associates declared bankruptcy. Eventually, the plaintiffs and the trust settled the case in 2015 for $1.3 million, which, after deducting attorney fees, meant that each resident ended up receiving an additional $2,600.

But that didn't satisfy many property owners.

"The people of Tar Creek were treated like second-class citizens, based on where they were born and lived," concluded Wally Kennedy, a columnist at the *Joplin Globe* who reported on northeast Oklahoma, including Tar Creek, for more than 30 years. "For someone to portray the buyout of the people of Tar Creek as a successful program is lying through their teeth."

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Once the trust obtained the properties on the toxic land, the next problem was how to destroy the empty structures that were on them.

Inhofe made sure there was enough money for the job. Even as he joined fellow Republicans in condemning President Barack Obama's 2009 stimulus bill as an unwarranted giveaway, the senior senator helped secure an additional $15.7 million in the bill to help the trust finish its work.

The trust hired a local businessman named Jack Dalrymple to oversee bids for the demolition contract. He was best known for organizing an annual deer hunt for paralyzed veterans, an endeavor that earned him a lifetime achievement award from a local Chamber of Commerce. His payment was to be 10 percent of the value of the winning bid. He formulated a scoring system to evaluate bids and, in March 2010, the trust awarded the contract to Stone's Backhoe, the most expensive of all four bids. At $2.1 million, it was nearly four times the cost of the lowest bidder.

Just 14 days after Stone's was declared the winner, it asked that the contract be reassigned to two subcontractors, CWF Enterprises, a carpet-cleaning business, and Vision Construction and Management. Former residents contend that there were longstanding ties between Dalrymple and the subcontractors. Whether or not they were friends before, they soon became hunting buddies. In October 2012, local coverage of Dalrymple's annual event for paralyzed veterans pictured the heads of the two firms setting up the flag for the hunt.

One of the losing contractors filed suit against the trust and individual trustees in Oklahoma district court, accusing them of violating the state's open-meeting act and competitive bidding act. The district county judge sided with the plaintiff, reopening the bidding process.

But rather than blame Dalrymple, the trust gave him a new contract. It included a flat rate for his services, $305,472—about $100,000 more than he would have received had the contract remained with Stone's.

In January 2011, a $1.7 million demolition contract was awarded to none other than CWF Enterprises, the carpet-cleaning business, which was also the least expensive of the three bids received. A month later, however, the estimated cost of the contract ballooned to $3,050,786—almost exactly 10 times what Dalrymple received in his new contract.

While many residents cried foul, Andy Lester, the trust's attorney, attributed the increase to the fact that the EPA-controlled repository for dumping debris had just closed down. Trekking the remains of the houses and businesses to a dumping ground further away caused the massive change order, and a near doubling of the contract.

Lester also defends the choice of Dalrymple to handle the bids, contending that he was an engineer with some prior experience with public contracts and that the trust members couldn't handle the process on their own.

"It is important to remember that the trust board consisted of nine members—including, for example, a physician, a school teacher, and a mushroom farmer. They were volunteers, not professionals at this kind of work," Lester said. "Jack Dalrymple is a professional engineer with significant experience. And candidly, there are very few professional engineers in northeast Oklahoma."

Nonetheless, lawyers out of the Tulsa region filed a lawsuit in 2012 under the False Claims Act that accused the trust members, Dalrymple and the heads of the companies hired to do demolition work of being part of a "good old boy network" and defrauding federal taxpayers.

Attorneys for the plaintiffs, Zach and Brad Barron, say the lawsuit fizzled when the Department of Justice took the stance that "the government didn't sustain damages" from the charges laid out in the complaint. In a false claims lawsuit, where the plaintiffs are effectively trying to recoup money that's owed to the government, a lack of willingness from the government is effectively a death knell, the Barrons said. The lawsuit was eventually dismissed.

In an interview, Dalrymple insisted the allegations of cronyism were entirely unfounded.

"There were a lot of emotions and feelings during that period," he said. "When you ask someone to leave their home, it's a tough thing. But ... there was nothing there."

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Still, the drumbeat of complaints continued, eventually reaching the ear of Jerry Morris, the state director for Oklahoma's then-junior senator, Republican Tom Coburn.

It was no secret that Coburn, a physician who cast himself as a political outsider, didn't look upon Inhofe with any sort of fond feelings of mentorship.

"I think they were often seen as having very different approaches to politics," said David Blatt of the Oklahoma Policy Institute. "Inhofe is seen as a classic, pork-barrel politician who'd bring federal dollars to Oklahoma, the more the merrier." Whereas Coburn, Blatt says, "hated that kind of politics and did as little of it as he possibly could. In fact, he spoke disdainfully and caustically about it the whole time he was in the Senate."

Coburn was not shy about stepping on his fellow Republican's toes. Morris forwarded a memo with a lengthy list of allegations related to the awarding of contracts in the Tar Creek buyout, especially regarding the demolition work, to then-Attorney General Pruitt. In April 2011, Pruitt asked the state auditor and inspector, Gary Jones, to look into the memoranda sent from Coburn's office.

"I have determined that these concerns are serious in nature such that an investigation of the matter is warranted," Pruitt wrote to Jones. A 17-point list of allegations for Jones to investigate followed, including whether there was collusion between Dalrymple and the contractors hired to do the demolition work.

After spending almost two years on the investigation, Jones turned over the results of the audit to the attorney general's office in January 2014, apparently believing it had uncovered important information.

For a year and a half, the attorney general sat on the findings. Then, in May 2015, Pruitt announced that he wouldn't press charges. In addition, he vowed to keep the audit secret by refusing to release it.

Jones fired back at the attorney general's office days later, penning a letter to Pruitt that described his rationale for withholding the audit as "baffling."

"To our knowledge, the individuals named in the report are members of a public trust or contractor whose services were retained as part of this substantive project," Jones wrote. Further, he contended, "our office has received no inquiries from you or your staff regarding the content of the audit report."

Pruitt justified the secrecy by comparing the investigation results to the findings of a grand jury. "Specifically, our office is concerned about publication of unsubstantiated criminal allegations against private citizens," Pruitt wrote in a 2015 statement.

In an interview with POLITICO, Pruitt appeared to go one step further, suggesting the audit had in fact been vetted by a grand jury.

"You're addressing issues that it's been some months since I've looked into," Pruitt said. "I know the decision I made at that time was based upon the investigative audit. The investigative audit didn't yield anything to the grand jury, and, as such, it was important to protect the individuals' reputation that were in that investigation."

But when asked to clarify, a Pruitt staff member indicated that he was using the term "grand jury" as shorthand for the Multi-County Grand Jury Unit, a division of the AG's office, headed at the time by a Pruitt appointee, which decides whether to take cases to a grand jury for indictment.

It's not the same as a grand jury finding. Nonetheless, the attorney general's office, now overseen by Mike Hunter, Pruitt's former top deputy, has denied all open records requests for the audit, declaring it to be "under the supervision of the Multi-County Grand Jury Unit." A spokeswoman for the Oklahoma attorney general's office said that if there was in fact a grand jury, the office couldn't confirm or deny that.

These rationales befuddle open records experts.

"I don't think there's anything in the law that would prohibit it [the investigation] from being released," said Joey Senat of Oklahoma State University, the president of FOIA Oklahoma. "The law doesn't require that the audit be kept secret. What would its release be harming? They've closed the investigation and decided not to prosecute."

Jones, who is now running for governor, reiterated his call for the attorney general's office to release the audit, saying in a statement that "regarding any investigation of this kind, we always err on the side of transparency and the people of Oklahoma have a right to know."

Concluded Senat: "When you have the state auditor [Gary Jones] saying these are not unsubstantiated claims and this is a serious problem, good government would call for letting the public know what happened and showing the public the audit. Transparency helps alleviate a lot of concerns about favoritism, corruption, and incompetency—if those are indeed unfounded."

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Tar Creek today looks like an abandoned landfill. Illegal dumping has added a fresh layer of grime to the already ruined patch of earth. Giant craters from collapsed mine shafts, some as large as 200 feet in diameter, are filled with Bud Light cans, shotgun shells and the tangled remains of kids' playground equipment. "We call this urban renewal, Picher style," quipped former resident Gloria Workman.

Abandoned houses that were not part of the buyout are now coated with graffiti. The charred remains of the former mining museum in Picher, which burned down at the hands of arsonists, stands as a teetering monument to Tar Creek's former way of life. And the sense of danger and destruction extends beyond the former buyout area: On rainy days, local fields used for football practice bleed a toxic shade of orange.

The EPA is continuing its now 33-year-old cleanup effort, and it's thrust the Quapaws back into stewardship of the land. Although the tribe leased away or sold off significant chunks of Tar Creek to mining companies throughout the 20th century, the Quapaws have at least temporarily regained control of all of it. Since 2012, the tribe—a sovereign nation with roughly 5,500 members—has been the primary EPA contractor for environmental remediation at Tar Creek. It's the first time any tribe has been a prime contractor on a Superfund site, assigning all the contracts and overseeing all the work.

"It's a great story," said Craig Kreman, assistant environmental director of the Quapaw tribe. "We're employing tribal members a lot of the time and members of the community. So that income [from the EPA contract] stays here in this community and is being spent in this community. We're not hiring a contractor out of Georgia."

Every day, a steady stream of trucks haul away more than 2,000 tons of soil saturated with cadmium, lead and other metals at the site. Each patch of earth requires years of passive soil treatments before it tests clean enough to plant row crops like winter wheat. Half-acre by half-acre, the hope is that Tar Creek can be put into productive agricultural use decades from now.

In August, after touring the abandoned area and surrounding towns, Pruitt's senior adviser Albert "Kell" Kelly, praised the EPA's efforts surrounding Tar Creek in sweeping terms: "People from all across the country count on the Superfund program to address pollution and revitalize their communities. Tar Creek cleanup is an excellent example of how the program should work. State and local partners, tribal partners, and EPA—all working together year after year to address historical pollution at this mega-site. It's cooperative federalism working at its best."

But many local observers, including Ed Keheley, aren't nearly as positive.

"Usually, the EPA comes in, they do their dirty work, sprinkle some wheat seed, take a picture to show Congress, and next year it looks like this," he said, pointing to a barren pasture. "Clearly, the EPA hasn't had the best interests of the people at heart. So I get personally offended when people like Scott Pruitt suggest otherwise."

For his part, Pruitt announced a fresh grant of $5 million to the Quapaw-led project last May, and he is quick to distance this experiment in local control from the one that preceded it.

"We [the EPA] can't impact the buyout. We didn't authorize the buyout. I didn't manage the buyout and its unique situation," Pruitt said. "I think what's most tangible is what we can do together with the tribe to advance and continue remediation."

When asked to respond to the undying complaints of residents in rural Ottawa County, where Tar Creek is located—a county in which Trump received 71 percent of the vote in November 2016—Pruitt changed the subject. "I had no experience with Tar Creek, to be honest with you," he said.

That's true, except it was his office's decision, when he was attorney general, not to prosecute the people accused of mishandling the trust money, Keheley and other local residents point out.

But what galls them more than the failure to prosecute is the failure to release the results of a government investigation—an audit that they believe will raise questions about Pruitt's unwillingness to press charges and cast a negative light on a project near and dear to Inhofe's heart.

Pruitt's connections to Inhofe are extensive. One of Pruitt's first hires as EPA chief was Ryan Jackson, a longtime Inhofe staffer and the senator's point person on Tar Creek, who is now Pruitt's chief of staff. He also brought on four other former aides to Inhofe, the Senate's leading proponent of the idea that man-made pollution contributing to climate change is a conspiracy and a hoax. Three of them are Pruitt's senior advisers on air, climate and legal issues.

"It gives me a level of comfort to know that we have a bureaucracy that's actually going to be serving instead of ruling," Inhofe told the *Washington Post*, applauding Pruitt for hiring his staff.

Numerous veteran Oklahoma political watchers, some of whom spoke to POLITICO on condition of anonymity, suggest that there may be an ulterior motive in Pruitt's embrace of Inhofe: It's widely believed that Pruitt, who is 49, wants to run for Inhofe's seat when the senator retires. Many observers think Inhofe is unlikely to seek reelection in 2020, when he'll be 85. And some have noted that Pruitt's decision not to advance the case against the buyout trust spared Inhofe the embarrassment of seeing the program he personally tailored and promoted go down in scandal.

"Pruitt is a rising Republican political star previously in Oklahoma and now nationally," said one journalist who closely follows the Oklahoma political scene. "There have been rumblings that Pruitt might have his eye on higher office. ... Pruitt would do everything to keep Inhofe close, assuming he wants to run for that seat."

Wally Kennedy, the *Joplin Globe* columnist who has covered the Tar Creek trust more closely than any other journalist, said, "My sense of the way that unfolded was that Pruitt decided he was not going to do any kind of prosecution, and then Inhofe writes a letter saying what an outstanding job the trust did. My reaction was 'Huh?'"

"The fact that the audit was not publicly disclosed tells me that somebody is hiding something," he added. "This is Oklahoma taxpayers' money being committed to ratting out what appears to be some apparent corruption. But everybody looks the other way. That's why I'm talking to you. Because if you can shed a light on this, maybe somebody will say 'We need to take a second look at this.'"

Pruitt, however, insists his decisions were strictly based on the law, and an Inhofe staffer flatly dismissed the possibility of Inhofe influencing Pruitt's decision.

"Senator Inhofe would have had no involvement in the case or in any of then-Attorney General Pruitt's decisions," the staffer said.

Pruitt was similarly bemused by the idea that there would have been any sort of political calculation behind his decision to shield the audit. The only politics in this case, he suggested, was on the part of those who want to embarrass him and Inhofe.

"You would think that this wouldn't be a political issue, that people wouldn't put on the red and blue jerseys," Pruitt said in frustration.

Others argue that transparency in this case is not a political issue as much as a legal right.

"The open records act seems pretty clear this audit should be released," said Stevens, executive director of Campaign for Accountability. "You have to ask why he's not releasing it? Pruitt should have to be held accountable for this."

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Pruitt named chair of Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council Back

By Anthony Adragna | 12/06/2017 07:28 PM EDT

President Donald Trump announced today that EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt would chair the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council.

The group, formed in 2012 after the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, helps restore the ecosystems and economies of the Gulf Coast. Pruitt was unanimously selected by Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas, the five states on the council.

"I am honored to be selected by the states and look forward to working with the governors to continue the excellent work of this Council to further the critical mission of restoring the Gulf of Mexico ecosystem," he said in a statement.

Pruitt named Kenneth Wagner, a senior adviser, to be his designee on the council. He takes over the chairmanship from the Secretary of Agriculture.

WHAT'S NEXT: Pruitt begins his chairmanship of the group.

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Powelson says McIntyre to be sworn in Thursday Back

By Eric Wolff | 12/06/2017 03:33 PM EDT

New FERC Chairman Kevin McIntyre will be sworn in on Thursday, FERC Commissioner Rob Powelson told an audience of electric power officials in Philadelphia today.

"At a general session this afternoon in Philadelphia, one of the key speakers was FERC Commissioner Rob Powelson, and during his speech this afternoon he confirmed that Kevin McIntyre will be sworn in tomorrow," PJM Interconnection spokeswoman Susan Buehler said.

President Donald Trump nominated McIntyre, a partner at the law firm of Jones Day, to be commissioner and designated him to be chair months ago. The Senate confirmed him in early November, and he received his signed commission just before Thanksgiving.

His swearing in will put to rest rumors that either the Trump administration or McIntyre himself were delaying his start date to give current Chairman Neil Chatterjee enough service time to make staffing changes. Chatterjee will miss that deadline by a day.

It also puts McIntyre in charge of the process initiated by Energy Secretary Rick Perry that is aimed at supporting coal-fired and nuclear power plants in an effort to protect the power grid's resilience. Action on that proposal is expected by Monday.

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EPA to hold more hearings on Clean Power Plan withdrawal Back

By Emily Holden | 12/06/2017 03:28 PM EDT

EPA will hold three additional public hearings on a proposal to withdraw the Clean Power Plan, in San Francisco; Gillette, Wyo.; and Kansas City, Mo., the agency announced today.

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt in a press release said the change was "due to the overwhelming response" to two days of hearings in West Virginia last week. Many environmental advocates criticized EPA for initially scheduling hearings only in coal country.

The agency will announce the dates and locations of the meetings in the coming weeks, and speakers must register.

The Obama administration, by comparison, held public hearings on the proposed climate standards in 2015 in Pittsburgh, Denver, Atlanta and Washington, D.C.

WHAT'S NEXT: Comments on the draft withdrawal are due Jan. 16.

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Republicans divided over taking up tax extenders this year Back

By Brian Faler | 12/06/2017 05:40 PM EDT

Republican leaders are divided over whether to take up a second tax-cut bill this year.

Senate Republicans want to move legislation reviving a rump group of tax "extenders," separate from their more sweeping plan to rewrite the code.

But the House's top tax writer isn't so sure.

"I don't like the extenders," said House Ways and Means Chairman Kevin Brady (R-Texas). "It's horrible policy and process."

"No decision yet," he added, saying lawmakers need to talk it over.

His comments came after Sen. John Thune, the chamber's No. 3 Republican, said today lawmakers will revive biodiesel, geothermal and other energy-related

breaks along with other "cats and dogs," including a tax credit to maintain short-line railroads.

Thirty-four temporary tax provisions expired at the end of last year, including 16 energy ones, and lawmakers are now facing demands to revive them. Some want to attach the provisions to funding legislation needed to keep the government open H.J. Res. 123 (115).

Many Republicans had sworn off the "extender" ritual after a 2015 tax agreement made many of the breaks permanent while giving others what lawmakers said was one final extension — which, for some, ended last year.

Putting together an extender bill, even as lawmakers negotiate a final compromise on their tax-overhaul plans, is likely to test tax writers' bandwidth.

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Solar pitches target Trump at USTR hearing Back

By Eric Wolff | 12/06/2017 03:46 PM EDT

Supporters of tough trade tariffs on solar energy equipment and their opponents squared off again at a hearing of the U.S. Trade Representative today. with both sides coloring their arguments in language aimed at swaying the White House.

The two companies seeking tariffs on foreign shipments of solar panels and cells, Suniva and SolarWorld Americas, pressed the case that barriers were vital for protecting U.S. manufacturing of the clean energy technology because of its importance for national security — issues at the heart of President Donald Trump's "America First" agenda.

"A strong remedy is required to persevere the U.S. industry, provide breathing space for this American-invented manufacturing technology," said Matt Card, vice president of operations for bankrupt Suniva. "Anything less would ... result in the loss of this industry. That would have a dramatic negative impact on national security."

Witnesses at the hearing opposed to instituting tariffs raised the same issues, but contended that trade barriers would threaten other businesses, and that the benefits of tariffs would help only a narrow segment of the solar industry.

"Factories in South Carolina and across the nation would suffer from solar tariffs," South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster told the panel. "While there is only one operating factory in the U.S. petitioning for these tariffs, there are over 50 American-owned factories employing thousands of people that would be the ones harmed, including a steel mill in South Carolina that provides American-made

steel for many of the U.S. factories that produce metal equipment for the utility scale solar farms."

The panel, which included representatives from the departments of Energy, Treasury, State, Labor and Commerce, and from the Council of Economic Advisers, appeared unmoved by the national security arguments, and instead peppered parties with detailed questions about the potential tariffs' impacts on U.S. solar power demand. Panel members also questioned whether a few years of trade protections would be enough time for Suniva and SolarWorld to hike their production enough to catch up to overseas competition.

They pressed witnesses from both side on how tariffs would effect the domestic solar market, whether a modest tariff would be effective, and their opinions on the recommendations the U.S. International Trade Commission sent the White House last month. ITC members recommended a range of options, from sliding scale of tariffs to a cap on total shipments.

The Trade Representative will send the White House a recommendation, and Trump has until Jan. 26 to make a decision.

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Any availability later this afternoon?

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I'm free until noon. Call at your convenience. Number below.

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Subject: FW: Re:

Heads up- I just resent Patrick your contact info. ☺

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Sent: Tuesday, January 2, 2018 1:13 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: Re:

Lets meet for lunch soon

What was the mans name from the utilities group. We talked before the holidays and were going to reconnect but I lost his info.

Patrick

On Tue, Jan 2, 2018 at 1:03 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

> Yes! Let's catch up soon.
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> **From:** Patrick Carolan [mailto:pcarolan@franciscanaction.org]
> **Sent:** Tuesday, January 2, 2018 1:01 PM
> **To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
> **Subject:**
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> Tate:
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> Peace and All Good:
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> I hope your Christmas was good and filled with God's love and peace. Let catch up soon. We still have to find a time for diner.
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> Peace

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Thank you ☺

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Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2018 2:33 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: Contact Update

Tate,

I've got a new phone number listed below.

Thanks,

Brian Prestwood
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Is there a good time to give you a shout?

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EPA Determines Risks from Hardrock Mining Industry Minimal and
No Need for Additional Federal Requirements

WASHINGTON – Today the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced that the Agency will not issue final regulations for financial responsibility requirements for certain hardrock mining facilities.

"After careful analysis of public comments, the statutory authority, and the record for this rulemaking, EPA is confident that modern industry practices, along with existing state and federal requirements address risks from operating hardrock mining facilities," **said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt.** "Additional financial assurance requirements are unnecessary and would impose an undue burden on this important sector of the American economy and rural America, where most of these mining jobs are based."

EPA published proposed regulations under section 108(b) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA, or Superfund) on January 11, 2017, and the public comment period closed on July 11, 2017. EPA has decided not to issue final regulations because the risks associated with these facilities' operations are addressed by existing federal and state programs and industry practices. EPA was under a court-ordered deadline to take final action on this rulemaking by December 1, 2017. The decision not to issue final rules under CERCLA section 108(b) will be published in Federal Register.

EPA has analyzed the need for financial responsibility requirements under CERCLA section 108(b) based on the degree and duration of risk associated with the production, transportation, treatment, storage, and disposal of hazardous substances from current hardrock mining operations as well the risk of taxpayer funded cleanups at facilities operating under modern management practices and modern environmental regulations. That risk is identified by examining the management of hazardous substances at such facilities, as well as by examining federal and state regulatory controls on that management and federal and state financial responsibility requirements and the payment experience of the Fund in responding to such releases.

EPA concluded the degree and duration of risk associated with the modern production, transportation, treatment, storage or disposal of hazardous substances by the hardrock mining industry does not present a level of risk of taxpayer funded response actions that warrant imposition of financial responsibility requirements under CERCLA for this sector. This determination reflects EPA's interpretation of the statute, EPA's evaluation of the record for the proposed rule, and the approximately 11,000 public comments received by EPA on this rulemaking.

State mining and environmental regulators, as well as other federal agencies and the regulated community and financial sectors, commented that the proposed requirements would potentially interfere with state and local mining regulations, were unnecessary, and would be difficult to implement. This decision does not in any way affect EPA's authority to take appropriate response actions under CERCLA.

"I urged then President-elect Trump to stop the EPA's overreach into state regulation harming Montana businesses," said **U.S. Senate Western Caucus Chairman Steve Daines (R-MT).** "Instead of threatening the very industries that are a backbone of our Western economies, we need to support American families and American businesses to secure our mineral and energy independence. I am pleased the EPA has taken action."

"I am grateful for Administrator Pruitt's leadership in eliminating this costly, duplicative, and job-killing rule," **said Arizona Governor Doug Ducey.** "Arizona already has financial responsibility protections in place for hardrock mines and does not need a duplicative federal program that will unnecessarily burden a key Arizona industry."

"I am thankful that the EPA and Administrator Pruitt have decided to reject the proposed CERCLA rule," **said Idaho Governor Butch Otter.** "This is another victory for returning power to the states."

"The pending CERCLA 108(b) rulemaking has been at the top of my agenda," **said Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval.** "The success of Nevada's robust mine bonding program protects public safety and our environment and ensures our critical mining industry can operate with certainty. I applaud the EPA for their thoughtful approach and thorough review of the proposed rule, for seeking comments from a diverse set of stakeholders and ultimately, for making the right decision. Today's action by the Administrator recognizes the reality that the states have been capably regulating mine bonding without interference from Washington and should be allowed to continue to do so."

"States have developed comprehensive financial responsibility programs for hardrock mining in the 30 years since the passage of CERCLA 108(b)(1)," **said Jim Ogsbury, executive director of the bipartisan Western Governors' Association.** "These programs require operators to comply with state regulations, implement reclamation and post-closure plans, and post financial assurance to minimize risks to public health and the environment. Western Governors appreciate EPA's decision regarding its proposed financial assurance requirements under CERCLA 108(b), which would have duplicated or supplanted existing and proven state financial assurance regulations."

"EPA's actions to rescind the CERCLA 108(b) financial assurance rule is another positive step by EPA in eliminating redundant regulations and recognizing the importance of cooperative federalism," **said Todd Parfitt, director of Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality.**

A pre-publication version of this action may be viewed at:https://www.epa.gov/superfund/proposed-rule-financial-responsibility-requirements-under-cercla-section-108b-classes

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Sure. Attached you will find the schedule we will post on our website as well as our registration form which both reference an EPA meeting.

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To: Kundinger, Kelly <kundinger.kelly@epa.gov>; Samantha McDonald <SMcDonald@ipaa.org>
Subject: RE: Promotional Materials - IPAA

Hey! Can you all send the attachment?

From: Kundinger, Kelly
Sent: Tuesday, January 9, 2018 9:28 AM
To: Samantha McDonald <SMcDonald@ipaa.org>
Cc: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Promotional Materials - IPAA

Good morning Sam –

Thank you for sending this over. I am looping in Tate Bennett from our Office of Public Engagement (she was also on the call with us last week) for approval.

Thanks,

Kelly

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Kelly,

Thanks for your help on our meeting in March. Attached are what we plan to send to our members this morning. Can you take a look and let me know if your EPA Policy Meeting reference is ok by your team?

Thanks!

Sam

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Btw ANPRM coming out now

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EPA Announces Next Steps after Proposed Clean Power Plan Repeal

WASHINGTON (December 18, 2017) — Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) to announce that the Agency will solicit information from the public as EPA considers the next regulatory steps to limit greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from existing electric utility generating units (EGUs), also known as power plants.

"Consistent with a commitment to the rule of law, we've already set in motion an assessment of the previous administration's questionable legal basis in our proposed repeal of the Clean Power Plan. With a clean slate, we can now move forward to provide regulatory certainty," **said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt.** "Today's move ensures adequate and early opportunity for public comment from all stakeholders about next steps the Agency might take to limit greenhouse gases from stationary sources, in a way that properly stays within the law, and the bounds of the authority provided to EPA by Congress."

The ANPRM is a separate, but related, action to the October 16, 2017 proposal to repeal the so-called "Clean Power Plan." In that proposal, EPA proposed to determine that the Obama-era regulation exceeds the Agency's statutory authority.

The ANPRM offers the public the opportunity to comment on specific topics for the Agency to consider in developing any subsequent proposed rule. EPA is specifically soliciting information on systems of emission reduction that are applicable to or at an EGU facility, information on compliance measures, and information on state-planning requirements under Clean Air Act section 111(d).

EPA will take comment on the ANPRM for 60 days after publication in the Federal Register. More information including the ANPRM and fact sheet are available at: https://www.epa.gov/stationary-sources-air-pollution/electric-utility-generating-units

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To: Viator, Brad [BViator@eei.org]
Subject: Re: Quick call this AM

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On Dec 18, 2017, at 12:41 PM, Viator, Brad <BViator@eei.org> wrote:

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> Edison Electric Institute
> Ex. 6
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Hi Brad! I hope you had a nice weekend. Let me know when you have a moment for me to give you a shout today/ what number might be best?

Tate

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Sent: 12/1/2017 2:20:47 PM
To: jasonbohrer@lignite.com
Subject: Quick call this am?

Hey Jason- Can you give me a shout this AM? Ex. 6

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Subject: EMBARGOED UNTIL 2 PM- EPA and the Army Propose to Amend the Effective Date of the 2015 Rule Defining "Waters of the United States"

EPA and the Army Propose to Amend the Effective Date of the 2015 Rule Defining "Waters of the United States"

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and U.S. Department of the Army (the agencies) are proposing to amend the effective date of the 2015 rule defining "waters of the United States." The agencies are proposing that the 2015 rule would not go into effect until two years after today's action is finalized and published in the Federal Register. This amendment would give the agencies the time needed to reconsider the definition of "waters of the United States."

"Today's proposal shows our commitment to our state and tribal partners and to providing regulatory certainty to our nation's farmers, ranchers and businesses," said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. "This step will allow us to minimize confusion as we continue to receive input from across the country on how we should revise the definition of the 'waters of the United States.'"

The 2015 rule, which redefined the scope of where the Clean Water Act applies, had an effective date of August 28, 2015. Implementation of the 2015 rule is currently on hold as a result of the Sixth Circuit's nationwide stay of the rule, but that stay may be affected by a pending Supreme Court case. The 2015 rule is also stayed in 13 states due to a North Dakota district court ruling. EPA and the Army are taking this action to provide certainty and consistency to the regulated community.

"The Army, together with the Army Corps of Engineers, propose this rule with EPA to help continue to provide clarity and predictability to the regulated public during the rule making process. We are committed to implementing the Clean Water Act Section 404 regulatory program as transparently as possible for the regulated public," said Mr. Ryan Fisher, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works).

This action follows the February 28, 2017, Presidential Executive Order on "Restoring the Rule of Law, Federalism, and Economic Growth by Reviewing the 'Waters of the United States' Rule." The February Order states that it 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 agencies' proposal is separate from the two-step process the agencies propose to take to reconsider the 2015 rule. The comment period for the Step 1 rule closed in September and the agencies are currently working to review the comments received from the public. The agencies are also in the process of holding listening sessions with stakeholders as we work to develop a proposed Step 2 rule that would revise the definition of "waters of the United States."

The agencies will be collecting public comment on this proposal for 21 days after publication in the Federal Register and plan to move quickly to take final action in early 2018.

Additional information on this proposal and how to comment: www.epa.gov/wotus-rule

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Sent: 11/22/2017 1:19:05 PM
To: Bill Couser Ex. 6
CC: Bill Northey [whn@iowaagriculture.gov]; Mike Naig [mnaig@mchsi.com]; Ncouser Ex. 6 Tcouser Ex. 6 Chuck.gipp@dnr.iowa.gov; Ex. 6 David Petty [iowariverranch@heartofiowa.net]; TIERNEY, DAVE [AG/2001] [dave.tierney@monsanto.com]; Brad Albin [brad.albin@regi.com]; Hill, Howard DVM, Ph.D. [hhill@iowaselect.com]; Craig Hill [chill@ifbf.org]; Rick A. Schwarck [rick.schwarck@absenergy.org]; Jim Christensen [jcbeef@royaltelco.net]; Eric Hakmiller [ehakmiller@lincolnwayenergy.com]; Ex. 6 Ex. 6 Kayla.lyon@iowa.gov; Cacho, Julia [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=d1968f045a1f428993eefdaa5c9180e5-CACHO, JULIA]; randy.howard@regi.com; Gordon, Stephen [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=7c8fb4d82bff4eec98f5c5d00a47f554-Gordon, Ste]
Subject: Re:

Bill- we are so looking forward to next Friday.

For our headcount purposes, if you would like to attend the larger town hall event after the gathering at 11:15 next door, please RSVP to Gordon.Stephen@epa.gov. He is also copied to this e-mail and you are permitted to invite others within your organization so long as you RSVP for them. Below is the information on the 1 PM event (and please don't forward the invitation externally):

Farmer Town Hall with EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt

Friday, December 1, 2017

1:00 P.M. (Arrive no later than 12:45 P.M.)

Bill Couser Farm
20243 620th Ave
Nevada, Iowa

RSVP directly to **Gordon.Stephen@epa.gov**

There is no cost to attend but you MUST RSVP to get in the door. **This invitation from the EPA is not transferable externally, but you may bring guests from within your farm or organization if they RSVP.**

For more details on the event hosted by the EPA, please e-mail **Gordon.Stephen@epa.gov** directly and provide a good phone number.

On Nov 22, 2017, at 6:42 AM, Bill Couser <cousercattle@gmail.com> wrote:

Hey All,
Looking forward to having all of you at our luncheon with the new administrator December 1st.
This is the group that will join us at the feed yard (Ag Cave) to discuss topics that we live with in our daily business.

Governor Kim Reynolds

Bill Northey Sec of Ag

Mike Naig Dept. Sec of Ag

John Lawrence- Iowa State Univ.

Bill Couser

Nancy Couser

Tim Couser

Jim Gulliford-EPA Administrator Region 7

Chuck Gipp Director of IDNR

Jeff Taylor- Chairman Lincolnway Energy-farmer

David Tierney- Seed Industry

Bradley Albin -Vice president REG

Randolph Howard- President/CEO REG

Howard Hill -Farmer, Pork producer, Past National Pork President

Craig Hill- Farmer, Pres Farm Bureau Iowa

Rich Schwark- Pres Absolute Energy

Jim Christensen- Cattle Feeder, Farmer Northwest Iowa, Involved in Okoboji Lakes

David Petty farmer,- cow calf producer and farmer

Charlie Good- Owner operator of GOOD and QUICK convenience store (Blender Pumps)

Eric Hakmiller Pres. Lincolnway Energy

Paul Hill-Farmer, Turkey Producer

As of today we will meet at the feed yard (19568 620th Ave. Nevada Iowa 50201) December 1, 2017 at 11:15 to be ready when the administrator arrives. PLEASE KEEP THIS MEETING IN CONFIDENCE. Public gathering will be at our shop down the road one half mile (20243 620th Ave.Nevada, Iowa 50201) after our lunch with the administrator.
This is a great opportunity to show grass roots, boots on the ground from Iowa people.

I hope everyone will enjoy Thanksgiving with friends and family.

We are all so Blessed!

Sincerely,

Bill, Nancy and Tim Couser

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BCC: TBeis@eei.org; BViator@eei.org; rhallaway@hhqventures.com; Terry_VanDoren@mcconnell.senate.gov; Katelyn Conner [Katelyn_Conner@mcconnell.senate.gov]; travis_cone@capito.senate.gov; adam_tomlinson@capito.senate.gov; Ex. 6
Subject: Fwd: EPA Announces Public Hearing on Proposed Repeal of Clean Power Plan

Begin forwarded message:

CONTACT: press@epa.gov

EPA Announces Public Hearing on Proposed Repeal of Clean Power Plan

Hearing will be held November 28-29 in Charleston, WV

WASHINGTON (November 2, 2017) — The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will hold a

public hearing on the proposed repeal of the Clean Power Plan in Charleston, WV on November 28-29, 2017. All persons wanting to speak are encouraged to register in advance.

"The EPA is headed to the heart of coal country to hear from those most impacted by the CPP and get their comments on the proposed Repeal Rule. The agency looks forward to hearing from all interested stakeholders," said **EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt**.

What: Public hearing on proposed repeal of the Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units (commonly known as the Clean Power Plan).

When: November 28-29, 2017. The hearing will convene each day 9:00 a.m. (Eastern Standard Time) and will conclude at 5:00 p.m. If the EPA receives a high volume of requests, we may continue the public hearing to November 30, 2017. The EPA may also hold an additional hearing to be announced at a later date. See the website for updates about the hearing.

Where: West Virginia Capitol Complex, 1900 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia 25305.
Contact: Registration information will be posted at: https://www.epa.gov/stationary-sources-air-pollution/electric-utility-generating-units-repealing-clean-power-plan

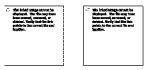
Pre-registration to provide an oral presentation will begin when the notice is published in the Federal Register and close on November 16, 2017. People will be contacted about speaking slots via email starting on November 17, 2017.

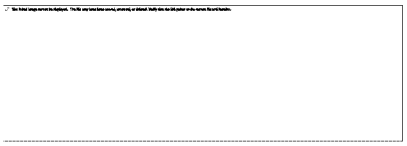
Oral comments and supporting information presented at the public hearing will be considered with the same weight as written statements and supporting information submitted during the public comment period. Written comments must be received by the last day of the comment period, which has been extended to January 16, 2018. Comments should be identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2017-0355 and may be submitted by one of the methods listed on the Clean Power Plan Proposed Repeal: How to Comment web page.

Background: Soon after the previous Administration issued the Clean Power Plan in 2015, 150 entities including 27 states, 24 trade associations, 37 rural electric co-ops, and three labor unions challenged the CPP, highlighting a range of legal and technical concerns. A few months later, the United States Supreme Court stayed the CPP, immediately halting implementation—the first time the Supreme Court had ever issued a stay to block the enforcement of a regulation.

On March 28, 2017, Administrator Pruitt signed a notice indicating the EPA's intent to review the Clean Power Plan, in accord with the President's Energy Independence Executive Order. On October 16, the EPA proposed to repeal the Clean Power Plan, proposing that it is not consistent with the Clean Air Act. EPA is now taking comment on that proposal and has extended the public comment period to January 16, 2018.

More information about the public hearing, and the proposed rulemaking can be found online.





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Subject: Re: Quick call

Just tried you- Ex. 6

On Nov 27, 2017, at 3:25 PM, Beis, Taylor <TBeis@eei.org> wrote:

Yes, here now Ex. 6

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2017 3:05 PM
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Sent: 10/16/2017 10:14:48 PM
To: Tudor, David [dtudor@aeci.org]
Subject: Re: [SPAM] RE: [SPAM] DC

Easily send me an outlook invite?

On Oct 16, 2017, at 6:14 PM, Tudor, David <dtudor@aeci.org> wrote:

> That works – can you Uber to me to avoid capital sign in process time wise? Maybe the lobby of the W hotel on 15th street?
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> **From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
> **Sent:** Monday, October 16, 2017 5:05 PM
> **To:** Tudor, David <dtudor@aeci.org>
> **Subject:** Re: [SPAM] DC
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> ****EXTERNAL E-MAIL** Think before clicking links or attachments.**
>
> Hey! I can do a coffee if that works? Meet after ACCCE?
>
> On Oct 16, 2017, at 6:02 PM, Tudor, David <dtudor@aeci.org> wrote:
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>> I am flying in on 11/14 for the ACCCE board meeting on the morning of 11/15. Any interest in meeting for a cocktail and/or dinner to catch up? If you are booked let me know and I will find an lessor option.
>> DT

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Sent: 10/18/2017 8:06:24 PM
To: Beis, Taylor [TBeis@eei.org]
Subject: RE: Labor meeting with staff

That's right that's right. Who am I thinking of then?

From: Beis, Taylor [mailto:TBeis@eei.org]
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 3:59 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Labor meeting with staff

Jim is President of UJEP, http://ujep4jobs.org/

Which is the group that signed the letter to Administrator Pruitt that I originally shared.

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 3:18 PM
To: Beis, Taylor
Subject: FW: Labor meeting with staff

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Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 3:08 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: Labor meeting with staff

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Subject: List of suggested questions

Hey Bryan! See below. Can you please remind me who will be introducing the Administrator/ leading the conversation?

- You recently issued a directive to eliminate conflicts of interest among those serving on your Science Advisory Board, Board of Scientific Councilors and Clean Air Advisory Committee. Can you tell us more about that initiative?
- The media often utilizes narrow definitions of "environmentalism" and "environmentalist." How do you define true environmentalism?
- Are you working to include a streamlined chemical approval process at EPA?
- What has it been like to work with President Trump?
- What are some of your upcoming regulatory action items?

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Sent: 10/18/2017 7:18:07 PM
To: tbeis@eei.org
Subject: FW: Labor meeting with staff

This is the head attorney for all of them, right?

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Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 3:08 PM
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To: Beis, Taylor [TBeis@eei.org]
CC: Viator, Brad [BViator@eei.org]; Dominguez, Alexander [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=5ced433b4ef54171864ed98a36cb7a5f-Dominguez,]
Subject: RE: Attendees from this morning

Hey Taylor! Forget that scheduling form. RJ is ready to move. Do you have time to speak with Alex in our office of air today regarding setting up a meeting? He is cc'd - Tate

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From: Beis, Taylor [mailto:TBeis@eei.org]
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 11:33 AM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Viator, Brad <BViator@eei.org>
Subject: Attendees from this morning

Tate,

Here are the attendees from this morning with email address so you have them all. FYI – Donnie Colson, from KY, is Utility Department Director with the IBEW. His staff includes Anna, Bill, and Dick.
Taylor

First Name	Last Name	Company/Organization	Email
Lee	Anderson	Utility Workers Union of America (UWUA)	landerson@uwua.net
Adam	Banig	United Mine Workers of America (UMWA)	abanig@umwa.org
Donnie	Colston	International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW)	Donnie_Colston@IBEW.org
Cecile	Conroy	International Brotherhood of Boilermakers	cconroy@boilermakers.org
Jim	Hunter	Jim Hunter, LLC	Jim@jimhunterllc.com
Anna	Jerry	International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers	anna_jerry@ibew.org
Brian	Kerkoven	North America's Building Trades Unions (NABTU)	bkerkhoven@bctd.org
Brad	Markell	AFL-CIO	bmarkell@aflcio.org
Bill	Neiles	International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers	William_Neiles@IBEW.org
Eugene	Trisko	*Consultant*	Ex. 6
Dick	Wilson	International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers	dick_wilson@ibew.org

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Sent: 10/9/2017 1:15:04 PM
To: Viator, Brad [BViator@eei.org]
CC: Beis, Taylor [TBeis@eei.org]
Subject: Re: Introductions

Heads up too- looking at cpp repeal only signing tomorrow.

On Oct 9, 2017, at 8:44 AM, Viator, Brad <BViator@eei.org> wrote:

> I still have you arriving at 10. We have some other business we will cover in the meeting from 930-10, and then we will get you introduced and talking to everyone.
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> Taylor, is that right?
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> ---
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> **From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
> **Sent:** Monday, October 09, 2017 8:40 AM
> **To:** Viator, Brad <BViator@eei.org>
> **Subject:** Fwd: Introductions
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> So 9:30 tomorrow, right?
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> Sent from my iPad
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> Begin forwarded message:
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> > **From:** jimhunter <jim@jimhunterllc.com>
> > **Date:** October 4, 2017 at 10:13:42 AM EDT
> > **To:** "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
> > **Cc:** "Beis, Taylor" <TBeis@eei.org>, Brian Kerkhoven <bkerkhoven@buildingtrades.org>, "Viator, Brad" <BViator@eei.org>, "Gordon, Stephen" <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>, Gene Trisko [Ex. 6], "Donnie_Colston@IBEW.org" <Donnie_Colston@IBEW.org>, Cecile Conroy <cconroy@boilermakers.org>, Brad Markell <bmarkell@aflcio.org>, Phil Smith <psmith@umwa.org>, abanig <abanig@umwa.org>
> > **Subject: Re: Introductions**
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> > We have decided to replace our regular meeting at EEI with a meet and greet with you and we will provide an overview of our letter. I look forward to seeing you Oct. 10th at 9:30 am if that will work for you.

Jim Hunter

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Sent: 10/19/2017 10:33:52 AM
To: kzaykowski@txoga.org
Subject: Fwd: Morning Energy, presented by the National Biodiesel Board: Lessons from biofuels fight as progress reported — Senate Dems push for ANWR vote — Puerto Rican governor meets Trump today

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Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "POLITICO Pro Energy" <politicoemail@politicopro.com>
> **Date:** October 19, 2017 at 5:44:13 AM EDT
> **To:** <bennett.tate@epa.gov>
> **Subject: Morning Energy, presented by the National Biodiesel Board: Lessons from biofuels fight as progress reported — Senate Dems push for ANWR vote — Puerto Rican governor meets Trump today**
> **Reply-To:** "POLITICO subscriptions" <reply-fe8a1371766306757c-630326_HTML-791699120-1376319-0@politicoemail.com>
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Sent: 10/9/2017 12:39:30 PM
To: BViator@eei.org
Subject: Fwd: Introductions

So 9:30 tomorrow, right?

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Sent: 10/19/2017 9:40:37 AM
To: Kate Zaykowski [kzaykowski@txoga.org]
Subject: Re: Wanted to make sure you saw this

Thanks! Can I call you this AM?

On Oct 18, 2017, at 10:46 PM, Kate Zaykowski <kzaykowski@txoga.org> wrote:

http://www.4-traders.com/news/Friends-of-Earth-USA-Plane-Flyover-to-Protest-EPA-Head-Pruitt-At-Texas-Oil-Gas-Event--25311149/

Friends of Earth USA : Plane Flyover to Protest EPA Head Pruitt At Texas Oil & Gas Event

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Friends of the Earth To Fly A Plane Over And Drive A Billboard Truck Around Event With Message: #PayItBack

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS - On Thursday, October 19, as EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt visits a Texas Oil and Gas Association meeting, Friends of the Earth will greet him with a message-'Pruitt, #PayItBack' delivered via a plane with a banner and a digital truck circling the building. Friends of the Earth is demanding Pruitt repay taxpayers for the private flights-many to meetings with Big Oil-he took on their dime.

WHERE: Texas Oil and Gas Association's Lone Star Energy Forum

The Woodlands Resort and Conference Center 2301 North Milbend Drive The Woodlands, Texas 77380*

*about 28 miles north of Houston

WHEN: Thursday, October 19, 2017 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., CDT

Last month, reports revealed that Scott Pruitt and several other members of the Trump Administration took private flights, costing hundreds of thousands of dollars. Since mid-February, Pruitt has taken four non-commercial flights, which cost taxpayers $58,000.

Thursday's plane fly-over and digital truck carry the message of 28,000 Friends of the Earth members, who signed petitions demanding that Pruitt, DOI Secretary Zinke, and HHS Secretary Tom Price repay the taxpayer money they spent on private, chartered flights.

Contact:Erin Jensen, (202) 222-0722, ejensen@foe.org

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Subject: ADMINISTRATOR PRUITT ISSUES DIRECTIVE TO END EPA "SUE & SETTLE"

CONTACT: press@epa.gov

Administrator Pruitt Issues Directive to End EPA

"Sue & Settle"

"The days of regulation through litigation are over," – EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt

WASHINGTON (October 16, 2017) - In fulfilling his promise to end the practice of regulation through litigation that has harmed the American public, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt issued an Agency-wide directive today designed to end "sue and settle" practices within the Agency, providing an unprecedented level of public participation and transparency in EPA consent decrees and settlement agreements.

"The days of regulation through litigation are over," said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. "We will no longer go behind closed doors and use consent decrees and settlement agreements to resolve lawsuits filed against the Agency by special interest groups where doing so would circumvent the regulatory process set forth by Congress. Additionally, gone are the days of routinely paying tens of thousands of dollars in attorney's fees to these groups with which we swiftly settle."

Over the years, outside the regulatory process, special interest groups have used lawsuits that seek to force federal agencies - especially EPA - to issue regulations that advance their interests and priorities, on their specified timeframe. EPA gets sued by an outside party that is asking the court to compel the Agency to take certain steps, either through change in a statutory duty or enforcing timelines set by the law, and then EPA will acquiesce through a consent decree or settlement agreement, affecting the Agency's obligations under the statute.

More specifically, EPA either commits to taking an action that is not a mandatory requirement under its governing statutes or agrees to a specific, unreasonable timeline to act. Oftentimes, these agreements are reached with little to no public input or transparency. That is regulation through litigation, and it is inconsistent with the authority that Congress has granted and the responsibility to operate in an open and fair manner.

"Sue and settle" cases establish Agency obligations without participation by states and/or the regulated community; foreclose meaningful public participation in rulemaking; effectively force the Agency to reach certain regulatory outcomes; and, cost the American taxpayer millions of dollars.

With today's directive, Administrator Pruitt is ensuring the Agency increase transparency, improve public engagement, and provide accountability to the American public when considering a settlement agreement or consent decree by:

1. Publishing any notices of intent to sue the Agency within 15 days of receiving the notice;

2. Publishing any complaints or petitions for review in regard to an environmental law, regulation, or rule in which the Agency is a defendant or respondent in federal court within 15 days of receipt;

3. Reaching out to and including any states and/or regulated entities affected by potential settlements or consent decrees;

4. Publishing a list of consent decrees and settlement agreements that govern Agency actions within 30 days, along with any attorney fees paid, and update it within 15 days of any new consent decree or settlement agreement;

5. Expressly forbidding the practice of entering into any consent decrees that exceed the authority of the courts;

6. Excluding attorney's fees and litigation costs when settling with those suing the Agency;

7. Providing sufficient time to issue or modify proposed and final rules, take and consider public comment; and

8. Publishing any proposed or modified consent decrees and settlements for 30-day public comment, and providing a public hearing on a proposed consent decree or settlement when requested.

The full directive and memo can be read here.

The video of the signing can be found here. A downloadable b-roll version can be found here.

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt signs an Agency-wide directive to end "sue and settle" practices within the Agency.

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Sent: 10/30/2017 10:42:40 PM
To: Neal Carlton [ncarlton@txoga.org]
Subject: RE: methane

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From: Neal Carlton [mailto:ncarlton@txoga.org]
Sent: Monday, October 30, 2017 6:41 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: methane

My colleague Cory Pomeroy has a quick follow up. I sent him your email and he will call you in a few.

Sent from iPhone

On Oct 30, 2017, at 5:33 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

> Give me a call when you have a chance or first thing tomorrow. 202-329-3948. Thanks!
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CC: Cory Pomeroy [cpomeroy@txoga.org]; Mari Ruckel [mruckel@txoga.org]; Daniels, Emmalyse [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=112535a35ac246c7a5f8c31e11b14334-Daniels, Em]
Subject: RE: Administrator Pruitt Issues Directive to Ensure Independence, Geographic Diversity & Integrity in EPA Science Committees

You bet. We will add them.

From: Neal Carlton [mailto:ncarlton@txoga.org]
Sent: Wednesday, November 1, 2017 11:25 AM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>
Cc: Cory Pomeroy <cpomeroy@txoga.org>; Mari Ruckel <mruckel@txoga.org>
Subject: RE: Administrator Pruitt Issues Directive to Ensure Independence, Geographic Diversity & Integrity in EPA Science Committees

Tate,

Appreciate you keeping us in the loop! Please include my colleagues Cory Pomeroy and Mari Ruckel on similar notifications going forward. They are copied here.

Many thanks!

Neal Carlton
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From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2017 3:00 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>
Subject: Administrator Pruitt Issues Directive to Ensure Independence, Geographic Diversity & Integrity in EPA Science Committees

News Releases from Headquarters› Office of the Administrator (AO)

Administrator Pruitt Issues Directive to Ensure Independence, Geographic Diversity & Integrity in EPA Science Committees

10/31/2017
Contact Information:
EPA Press Office (press@epa.gov)

WASHINGTON (October 31, 2017) – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt issued a new directive today to ensure that any advisors serving on an EPA Federal Advisory Committee (FAC) are independent and free from any real, apparent, or potential interference with their ability to objectively serve as a committee member.

"Whatever science comes out of EPA, shouldn't be political science," **said Administrator Pruitt**. "From this day forward, EPA advisory committee members will be financially independent from the Agency."

The directive explains that: members shall be independent from EPA, which shall include a requirement that no member of any of EPA's federal advisory committees be currently in receipt of EPA grants, either as principal investigator or co-investigator, or in a position that otherwise would reap substantial direct benefit from an EPA grant. This principle would not apply to state, tribal or local government agency recipients of EPA grants. An accompanying memorandum issued by EPA Administrator Pruitt explains the directives to improve the independence and integrity of EPA's FACs in ways that advance the Agency's mission.

According to EPA calculations, in just the last three years, members of three of EPA's 22 FACs – the Science Advisory Board (SAB), Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) and the Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) – received upwards of $77 million in direct EPA grant funding while concurrently serving on these committees.

Today, Administrator Pruitt also announced his plan to appoint new leadership and new members to SAB, CASAC and BOSC. In the spirit of cooperative federalism, Administrator Pruitt intends to appoint members that will significantly increase geographic diversity and state, tribal, and local government participation on the committees. A list of members will be posted in coming days.

The directive focuses on the importance of the following areas pertaining to EPA FACs:

1. ***Strengthen Member Independence***: Members shall be independent from EPA, which shall include a requirement that no member of an EPA federal advisory committee be currently in receipt of EPA grants, either as principal investigator or co-investigator, or in a position that otherwise would reap substantial direct benefit from an EPA grant. This principle shall not apply to state, tribal or local government agency recipients of EPA grants.

2. ***Increase State, Tribal and Local Government Participation***: In the spirit of cooperative federalism and recognition of the unique experience of state, tribal and local government officials, committee balance should reflect prominent participation from state, tribal and local governments. Such participation should be appropriate for the committee's purpose and function.

3. ***Enhance Geographic Diversity***: Given the range of environmental and public health considerations across the country, membership should be balanced with individuals from different states and EPA regions. Emphasis should be given to individuals from historically unrepresented or underrepresented states and regions.

4. ***Promote Fresh Perspectives***: To encourage and promote the inclusion of new candidates with fresh perspectives and to avoid prolonged and continuous service, membership should be rotated regularly.

"Strengthening independence from EPA, increasing state, tribal and local government participation, and adding geographic diversity and fresh perspectives will improve the integrity of EPA's scientific advisory committees," **said EPA Administrator Pruitt**.

To read the full directive please visit here.

To read the full memo please visit here.
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Subject: RE: UJEP letter

Taylor! This is great. Do you mind doing an e-mail intro? I'd love to get them in for a staff level meeting next week. Perhaps Tuesday or Weds. Afternoon? Or do you all want to facilitate. Thoughts? We can go to them as well.

From: Beis, Taylor [mailto:TBeis@eei.org]
Sent: Friday, September 29, 2017 3:25 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Viator, Brad <BViator@eei.org>
Subject: UJEP letter

Tate, attached is the letter to EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt from the Unions for Jobs and Environmental Progress (UJEP) organization.

Jim Hunter, who is the president of UJEP can be helpful with gathering these unions. Additionally, Mike Monroe and Brian Kerkhoven with the Building Trades can facilitate meeting with their affiliates.

What's your timing for staff meeting and then next steps?

Taylor

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Subject: RE: Attendees from this morning
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Thank you! Here is said meeting request form.

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Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 11:33 AM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Viator, Brad <BViator@eei.org>
Subject: Attendees from this morning

Tate,

Here are the attendees from this morning with email address so you have them all. FYI – Donnie Colson, from KY, is Utility Department Director with the IBEW. His staff includes Anna, Bill, and Dick.
Taylor

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Cecile	Conroy	International Brotherhood of Boilermakers	cconroy@boilermakers.org
Jim	Hunter	Jim Hunter, LLC	Jim@jimhunterllc.com
Anna	Jerry	International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers	anna_jerry@ibew.org
Brian	Kerkoven	North America's Building Trades Unions (NABTU)	bkerkhoven@bctd.org
Brad	Markell	AFL-CIO	bmarkell@aflcio.org
Bill	Neiles	International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers	William_Neiles@IBEW.org
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Meeting Request Form for Administrator Scott Pruitt

Today's Date:

Requesting Office:

Title of the Meeting:

Purpose:

Role of the Administrator:

Background:

Last possible date for the meeting

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Sent: 10/7/2017 7:23:34 PM
To: Nolan, Rich [RNolan@nma.org]
Subject: Re: Where is the CPP event next week?

None planned yet

On Oct 7, 2017, at 3:00 PM, Nolan, Rich <RNolan@nma.org> wrote:

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Sent: 10/10/2017 4:33:47 PM
To: BViator@eei.org; brell@eei.org; jesses@proskauer.com; jim@jimhunterllc.com; Donnie_colson@ibew.org; anna_jerry@ibew.org; cconroy@boilermakers.org; abanig@umwa.org
Subject: This went out at 12:30 PM

Thanks for the substantive discussion earlier today. Will be in touch! -Tate

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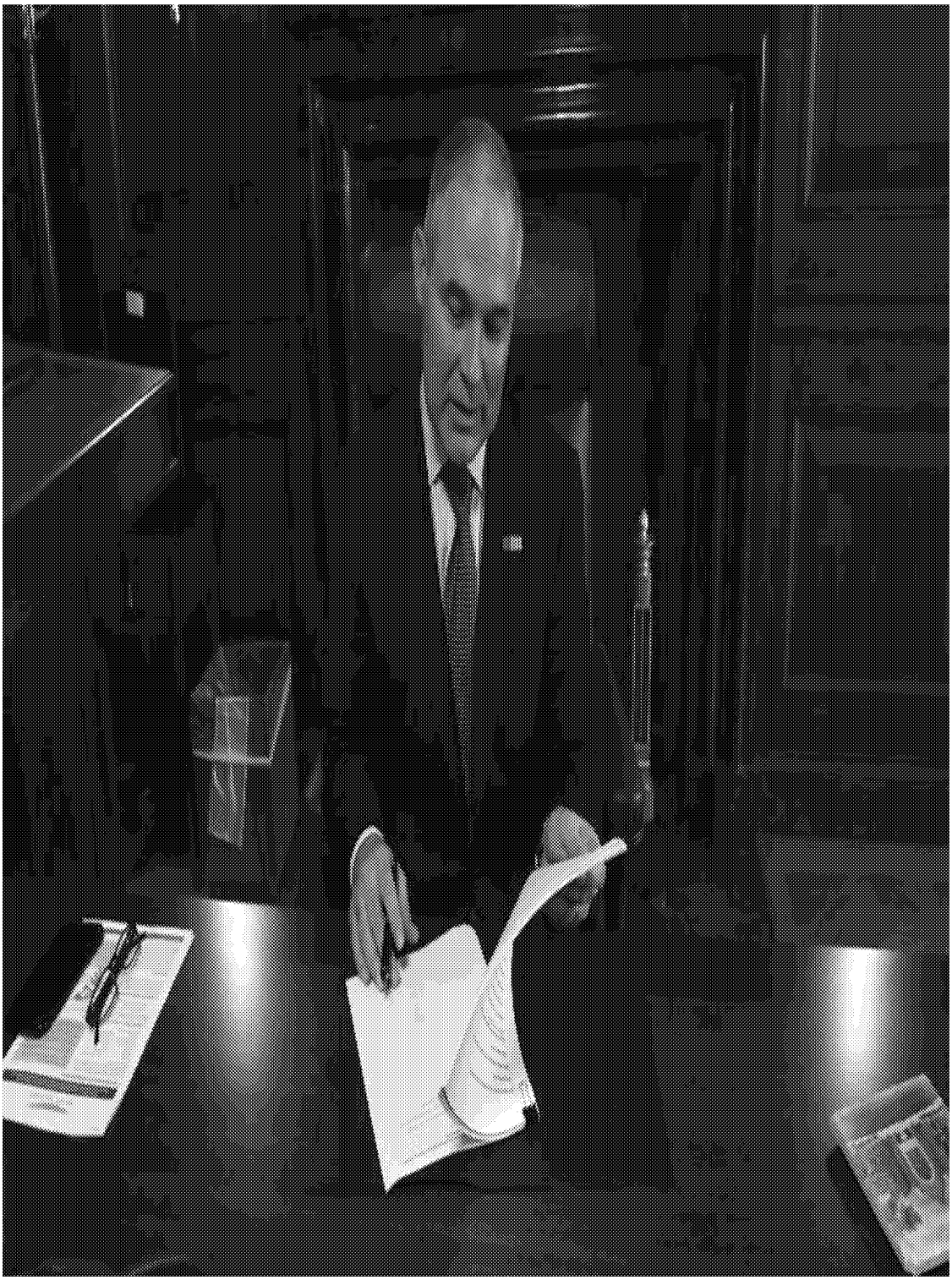
EPA Takes Another Step To Advance President Trump's America First Strategy, Proposes Repeal Of "Clean Power Plan"

WASHINGTON (October 10, 2017) - Today, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), proposing to repeal the so-called "Clean Power Plan (CPP)." After reviewing the CPP, EPA has proposed to determine that the Obama-era regulation exceeds the Agency's statutory authority. Repealing the CPP will also facilitate the development of U.S. energy resources and reduce unnecessary regulatory burdens associated with the development of those resources, in keeping with the principles established in President Trump's Executive Order on Energy Independence.

"The Obama administration pushed the bounds of their authority so far with the CPP that the Supreme Court issued a historic stay of the rule, preventing its devastating effects to be imposed on the American people while the rule is being challenged in court," **said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt.** "We are committed to righting the wrongs of the Obama administration by cleaning the regulatory slate. Any replacement rule

will be done carefully, properly, and with humility, by listening to all those affected by the rule."



CPP Appears to be Inconsistent with the Clean Air Act

The CPP, issued by the Obama administration, was premised on a novel and expansive

view of Agency authority that the Trump administration now proposes to determine is inconsistent with the Clean Air Act. In fact, the CPP was put on hold in February 2016, when the U.S. Supreme Court issued an unprecedented, historic stay of the rule.

"EPA will respect the limits of statutory authority. The CPP ignored states' concerns and eroded longstanding and important partnerships that are a necessary part of achieving positive environmental outcomes. We can now assess whether further regulatory action is warranted; and, if so, what is the most appropriate path forward, consistent with the Clean Air Act and principles of cooperative federalism," **said Administrator Pruitt**.

The CPP was issued pursuant to a novel and expansive view of authority under Section 111 of the Clean Air Act (CAA). The CPP required regulated entities to take actions "outside the fence line." Traditionally, EPA Section 111 rules were based on measures that could be applied to, for, and at a particular facility, also referred to as "inside the fence line" measures. Prior to the CPP being issued, every single Section 111 rule on the books, including a handful of existing source rules and around 100 new-source rules, obeyed this limit. As the CPP departed from this traditional limit on EPA's authority under an "inside the fence line" interpretation, EPA is proposing to repeal it.

EPA has now sent the NPRM to the Federal Register for publication. Upon publication, the public will have 60 days to submit comments.

The repeal package includes:

1. The "preamble," which lays out the proposed legal interpretation, policy implications, and a summary of the cost-benefits analysis of the proposed repeal; and
2. The "Regulatory Impact Analysis (RIA)," an in-depth cost-benefit technical analysis.

CPP Repeal Saves up to $33 Billion in Avoided Costs in 2030

The proposed repeal both examines the Obama administration's cost-benefit analysis, as well as provides insights to support an updated analysis of the environmental, health, and economic effects of the proposed repeal. The Trump administration estimates the proposed repeal could provide up to $33 billion in avoided compliance costs in 2030.

The previous administration's estimates and analysis of these costs and benefits was, in multiple areas, highly uncertain and/or controversial. Specific areas of controversy and/or uncertainty in the Obama administration's analysis of CPP include:

- **Domestic versus global climate benefits**: The previous administration compared U.S. costs to an estimate of supposed global benefits, and failed to follow well-established economic procedures in estimating those benefits.

- **"Co-benefits" from non-greenhouse-gas pollutants**: The Obama administration relied heavily on reductions in other pollutants emitted by power plants, essentially hiding the true net cost of the CPP by claiming benefits from reducing pollutants that had nothing to do with the rule's stated purpose.

- **Energy cost and savings accounting**: The Obama administration counted "energy efficiency" results of their rule as an avoided cost, resulting in a cost estimate being considerably lower than it would have been if they used the appropriate practice of considering these effects as benefits, rather than subtracting them from costs. Had the Obama administration used the Office of Management and Budget's longstanding requirements and accounted cost and savings accordingly, it would have presented a more accurate accounting of the total cost of the CPP.

In this proposed repeal and its accompanying technical documents, this administration is, in a robust, open, and transparent way, presenting a wide range of analysis scenarios to the public.

As part of the notice-and-comment process for this proposed repeal, EPA will continue this analysis and inform the public, as necessary, to get feedback on new modeling and other information. The final action on this proposed repeal will address the results of this ongoing work.

Forthcoming is an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) that will be reflective of a thoughtful and responsible approach to regulatory action grounded within the authority provided by the statute.

"With this action, the Trump administration is respecting states' role and reinstating transparency into how we protect our environment," **said Administrator Pruitt**.

Background:
On March 28, President Trump signed an Executive Order on Energy Independence, establishing a national policy in favor of energy independence, economic growth, and the rule of law. The purpose of the Executive Order (EO) is to facilitate the development of U.S. energy resources and to reduce unnecessary regulatory burdens associated with the development of those resources. That same day, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt signed four Federal Register notices in response to the EO, including a formal announcement of review of the Clean Power Plan. After substantial review, the Agency has proposed to determine that the Clean Power Plan (CPP) must be repealed.

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Sent: 10/18/2017 9:33:49 PM
To: Beis, Taylor [TBeis@eei.org]
Subject: Re: Labor meeting with staff

No prob!

On Oct 18, 2017, at 5:33 PM, Beis, Taylor <TBeis@eei.org> wrote:

Gene Trisko was the attorney at the meeting. That might be. Sorry, was at an offsite meeting, just got back,

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From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 4:06 PM
To: Beis, Taylor
Subject: RE: Labor meeting with staff

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That's right that's right. Who am I thinking of then?

From: Beis, Taylor [mailto:TBeis@eei.org]
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 3:59 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Labor meeting with staff

Jim is President of UJEP, http://ujep4jobs.org/

Which is the group that signed the letter to Administrator Pruitt that I originally shared.

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 3:18 PM
To: Beis, Taylor
Subject: FW: Labor meeting with staff

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This is the head attorney for all of them, right?

From: jimhunter [mailto:jim@jimhunterllc.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2017 3:08 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: Labor meeting with staff

Tate
I hear there is a meeting on Oct 30th at noon. Is this the meeting you were working on to discuss the UJEP letter to the Administrator? Brian Kerkhoven has called a couple of folks about attending.
Jim Hunter

Sent from my iPhone

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Sent: 9/28/2017 8:56:19 PM
To: Viator, Brad [BViator@eei.org]
Subject: Re: nice meeting you

Thank you!

On Sep 28, 2017, at 4:48 PM, Viator, Brad <BViator@eei.org> wrote:

> Yep. We're all set. Should be 4-5 organizations represented.
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> Brad Viator
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>> Thank you! Any luck?
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>> On Sep 25, 2017, at 11:38 AM, Viator, Brad <BViator@eei.org> wrote:
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>>> Let's hold Friday at 2. I'll send you confirmation here in a bit
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>>> On Sep 25, 2017, at 9:28 AM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:
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> **Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 2:22 PM
> **To:**

Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: nice meeting you

Tate, let me check with some of the other parties for the 9/27 and 9/28 dates and get back to you tomorrow if that's cool.

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday,

September 21, 2017 2:03 PM

To: Viator, Brad <BViator@eei.org>

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Sent: 10/9/2017 9:42:20 PM
To: Beis, Taylor [TBeis@eei.org]
CC: Gordon, Stephen [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=7c8fb4d82bff4eec98f5c5d00a47f554-Gordon, Ste]
Subject: Re: Introductions

Hey Taylor! Looking forward to this. It will be myself and Stephen Gordon. We should get there at 10?

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 9, 2017, at 2:10 PM, Beis, Taylor <TBeis@eei.org> wrote:

Tate, here is the list of Labor Reps we are expecting tomorrow:

Lee	Anderson	Utility Workers Union of America
Adam	Banig	United Mineworkers of America
Donnie	Colston	International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
Cecile	Conroy	International Brotherhood of Boilermakers
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Bill	Neiles	International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
John	Tolman	Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen
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Sent: Monday, October 09, 2017 9:15 AM
To: Viator, Brad
Cc: Beis, Taylor
Subject: Re: Introductions

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Heads up too- looking at cpp repeal only signing tomorrow.

On Oct 9, 2017, at 8:44 AM, Viator, Brad <BViator@eei.org> wrote:

I still have you arriving at 10. We have some other business we will cover in the meeting from 930-10, and then we will get you introduced and talking to everyone.

Taylor, is that right?

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, October 09, 2017 8:40 AM
To: Viator, Brad <BViator@eei.org>
Subject: Fwd: Introductions

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So 9:30 tomorrow, right?

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> **Date:** October 4, 2017 at 10:13:42 AM EDT
> **To:** "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** "Beis, Taylor" <TBeis@eei.org>, Brian Kerkhoven <bkerkhoven@buildingtrades.org>, "Viator, Brad" <BViator@eei.org>, "Gordon, Stephen" <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>, Gene Trisko <Ex. 6>, "Donnie_Colston@IBEW.org" <Donnie_Colston@IBEW.org>, Cecile Conroy <cconroy@boilermakers.org>, Brad Markell <bmarkell@aflcio.org>, Phil Smith <psmith@umwa.org>, abanig <abanig@umwa.org>
> **Subject: Re: Introductions**
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> Tate,
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> We have decided to replace our regular meeting at EEI with a meet and greet with you and we will provide an overview of our letter. I look forward to seeing you Oct. 10th at 9:30 am if that will work for you.
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Subject: Re: Introductions

Good here! Any chance you can send an outlook invite

On Oct 3, 2017, at 2:58 PM, Viator, Brad <BViator@eei.org> wrote:

> You should come over at 10am. You will be a part of the labor reps meeting from 10-1030, and then we have another room reserved in case you need to talk with them about other specifics at 1030. Does that work?
>
> **From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
> **Sent:** Tuesday, October 03, 2017 1:56 PM
> **To:** Viator, Brad <BViator@eei.org>
> **Subject:** FW: Introductions
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>
> Should I just come to the 9:30? Come after meeting? What do I do? Thoughts?
>
> **From:** jimhunter [mailto:jim@jimhunterllc.com]
> **Sent:** Tuesday, October 3, 2017 1:41 PM
> **To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Beis, Taylor <TBeis@eei.org>; Brian Kerkhoven <bkerkhoven@buildingtrades.org>; Viator, Brad <BViator@eei.org>; Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: Introductions
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> Jim
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> Sent from my iPhone
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>
> > Hi Jim and Brian!

I look forward to meeting you soon and thanks Taylor for the info. I will be sure and make the 10th a priority if that works for everyone else's schedules (?). Let me know!

Tate

Elizabeth Tate Bennett
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Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2017 9:42 AM
To: jimhunter <jim@jimhunterllc.com>; Brian Kerkhoven <bkerkhoven@buildingtrades.org>
Cc: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Viator, Brad <BViator@eei.org>
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To: Viator, Brad [BViator@eei.org]
Subject: FW: Introductions

Should I just come to the 9:30? Come after meeting? What do I do? Thoughts?

From: jimhunter [mailto:jim@jimhunterllc.com]
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The 10th would work for us if you can do it. We meet with EEI from 9:30 am to 10:30, so any time after 11:00 or 11:30 would be best for us but we will do any time you can do it.
Jim

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 3, 2017, at 8:21 AM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

> Hi Jim and Brian!
>
> I look forward to meeting you soon and thanks Taylor for the info. I will be sure and make the 10th a priority if that works for everyone else's schedules (?). Let me know!
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Subject: Re: UJEP letter

Tuesday the 10th, correct? I think the 9th is Columbus Day. If so that sounds good.

On Oct 2, 2017, at 9:33 PM, Beis, Taylor <TBeis@eei.org> wrote:

> Tate - that's great. I'll send a note to connect everyone. I am with Jim in Denver and will flag it for him too when I see him tomorrow morning.
>
> We host a monthly meeting with our labor reps. The next one is Tuesday October 9 at our offices. We could combine meetings or host before/after. Just a thought.
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> Taylor
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> Taylor A. Beis
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> > Taylor! This is great. Do you mind doing an e-mail intro? I'd love to get them in for a staff level meeting next week. Perhaps Tuesday or Weds. Afternoon? Or do you all want to facilitate. Thoughts? We can go to them as well.
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> > **From:** Beis, Taylor [mailto:TBeis@eei.org]
> > **Sent:** Friday, September 29, 2017 3:25 PM
> > **To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
> > **Cc:** Viator, Brad <BViator@eei.org>
> > **Subject:** UJEP letter
> >
> > Tate, attached is the letter to EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt from the Unions for Jobs and Environmental Progress (UJEP) organization.
> >
> > Jim Hunter, who is the president of UJEP can be helpful with gathering these unions. Additionally, Mike Monroe and Brian Kerkhoven with the Building Trades can facilitate meeting with their affiliates.
> >
> > What's your timing for staff meeting and then next steps?

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To: Viator, Brad [BViator@eei.org]
Subject: Re:

Walking in

On Oct 10, 2017, at 10:19 AM, Viator, Brad <BViator@eei.org> wrote:

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We will be there

> On Sep 22, 2017, at 2:47 PM, Viator, Brad <BViator@eei.org> wrote:
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> 701 Pennsylvania Ave NW, 4th floor, Washington, DC 20004

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Will be handled separately. Separate processes

On Oct 9, 2017, at 9:28 AM, Beis, Taylor <TBeis@eei.org> wrote:

> Thank you – saw that in the trade press. This group is firmly in the repeal and replace camp. I would make sure that you mention the public input process. Any insight into that process would be appreciated.
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> **From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
> **Sent:** Monday, October 09, 2017 9:15 AM
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> Heads up too- looking at cpp repeal only signing tomorrow.
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> On Oct 9, 2017, at 8:44 AM, Viator, Brad <BViator@eei.org> wrote:
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> > I still have you arriving at 10. We have some other business we will cover in the meeting from 930-10, and then we will get you introduced and talking to everyone.
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> > Taylor, is that right?
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> > **From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
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So 9:30 tomorrow, right?

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To: Viator, Brad [BViator@eei.org]
Subject: Re: nice meeting you

I can't have NRECA there due to my recusal but that works. Your place or ours?

On Sep 22, 2017, at 2:31 PM, Viator, Brad <BViator@eei.org> wrote:

> I've got a collection of folks together for Thursday at 4. AFPM, Chamber, ACC, NRECA and me. I have invites out to a few others that I'm still waiting to hear back from.
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> I can host if you'd like.
>
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To: mike@feca.com; Ryan Hart [RHart@seminole-electric.com]
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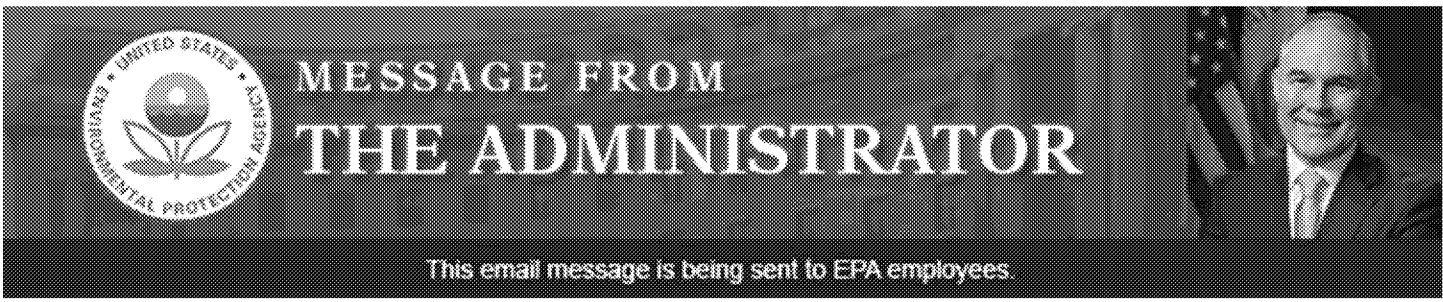

As we move into the recovery phase of our response to Hurricane Harvey, I want to commend the leadership of our colleagues in Region 6. Along with our state partners at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, they have leaned forward with a true sense of urgency and dedication to assist those impacted by this storm. I am grateful to the EPA staff from across the country who traveled to the region on short notice to assist with the Agency's many efforts, including:

- sampling water quality at industrial facilities and hazardous waste sites;
- assisting with mobile air monitoring in Houston and conducting air monitoring for the Arkema plant fire using surveillance aircraft;
- assessing drinking water, wastewater and sewage systems, and working with system operators to bring those systems back into operation; and
- conducting initial assessments of numerous Superfund sites using aerial images as well as being in direct contact with the parties responsible for on-going cleanup activities.

EPA's response to Hurricane Harvey continues to be a top priority. Our thoughts and prayers remain with the Texans who now turn to cleaning up their communities and rebuilding their homes and lives. This week we will have 60 more "boots on the ground" to serve as community liaisons, as they work to connect the citizens of Texas with important recovery resources and services.

While continuing these response efforts around the devastating flooding effects of Hurricane Harvey, EPA's organized emergency response program is now preparing for Hurricane Irma. This hurricane looks to be a fast-moving storm, with dangerous winds that could cause widespread power outages and damage to property across multiple U.S. states and

territories. While Harvey caused extreme flooding, our biggest health and environmental concerns in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands are potential oil spills and the potential impacts of power disruptions on drinking and waste water systems.

EPA headquarters emergency operations center, Region 2, and Region 4 are monitoring the storm closely and are activated preparing to activate in order to support assistance efforts of the U.S. Coast Guard, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and state environmental agencies. In preparation for Irma:

- Region 2 is working with managers of Superfund sites and other facilities in Puerto Rico that may contain oil or hazardous materials to ensure appropriate precautions have been taken to prevent spills.
- Region 4 is working with states, tribes, and FEMA to identify at-risk locations prior to the hurricane and will be ready to quickly assess damage after landfall, including to Superfund sites and drinking and waste water systems.

I extend my sincere appreciation to our colleagues in Regions 2 and 4 as they stand ready to replicate the preparedness and ongoing response efforts of our team in Region 6 in order to provide needed support around Hurricane Irma.

To follow our hurricane response activities, please follow:

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Sent: 9/20/2017 9:49:44 PM
To: Shea, Quin [QShea@eei.org]
Subject: Re: Thank You

Thank you!

On Sep 20, 2017, at 5:27 PM, Shea, Quin <QShea@eei.org> wrote:

> Tate: On behalf of the EEI team, I want to express my appreciation to you, Tom and other OPE and OPA staff for taking time out of your busy schedules to meet with us this afternoon. We found the conversation to be useful and believe there are numerous opportunities for constructive engagement going forward, including external communications underlying major EPA policy initiatives and outreach to a range of key constituencies. Per the sidebar with Tom—there also are opportunities to work together on some not-so-obvious, but nonetheless important projects (e.g., avian habitat and vegetation management) that have great appeal to the average citizen.
>
> I want to reiterate that EEI and the investor-owned utilities collectively have both broad bandwidth and deep benches relative to policy and communications issues in EPA's extensive sphere of influence. We welcome the opportunity to continue working with your team and other agency colleagues on issues of mutual importance, so don't hesitate to reach out any time.
>
> Again, it was a pleasure meeting you and thanks again for your courtesy. Best, Quin
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> Quinlan J. Shea, III (Quin)
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Subject: FW: Quick call

FYI meant to cc you.

-----Original Message-----
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Subject: FW: Quick call

See below. Need something to do with Mulvaney there

-----Original Message-----
From: O'Connell, James M. EOP/WHO [mailto: Ex. 6
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 9:02 AM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Quick call

Can it happen in Luzerne or Schuylkill county?

-----Original Message-----
From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 6:25 PM
To: O'Connell, James M. EOP/WHO < Ex. 6 >
Subject: Quick call

Can I give you a shout tomorrow re the potential visit? What number is best.

Message

From: Bennett, Tate [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=1FA92542F7CA4D01973B18B2F11B9141-BENNETT, EL]

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Subject: Additional Fuel Waivers Issued, and other comments

Below is the latest from EPA. In sum, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt yesterday was on the ground in Texas assessing existing and potential environmental damage caused by Harvey, has approved additional emergency fuel waivers, has deployed staff on the ground near a chemical facility and finally has issued a joint statement with Texas DEQ. Let me know if you have any questions.

-Tate

Elizabeth Tate Bennett
Associate Administrator for Public Engagement
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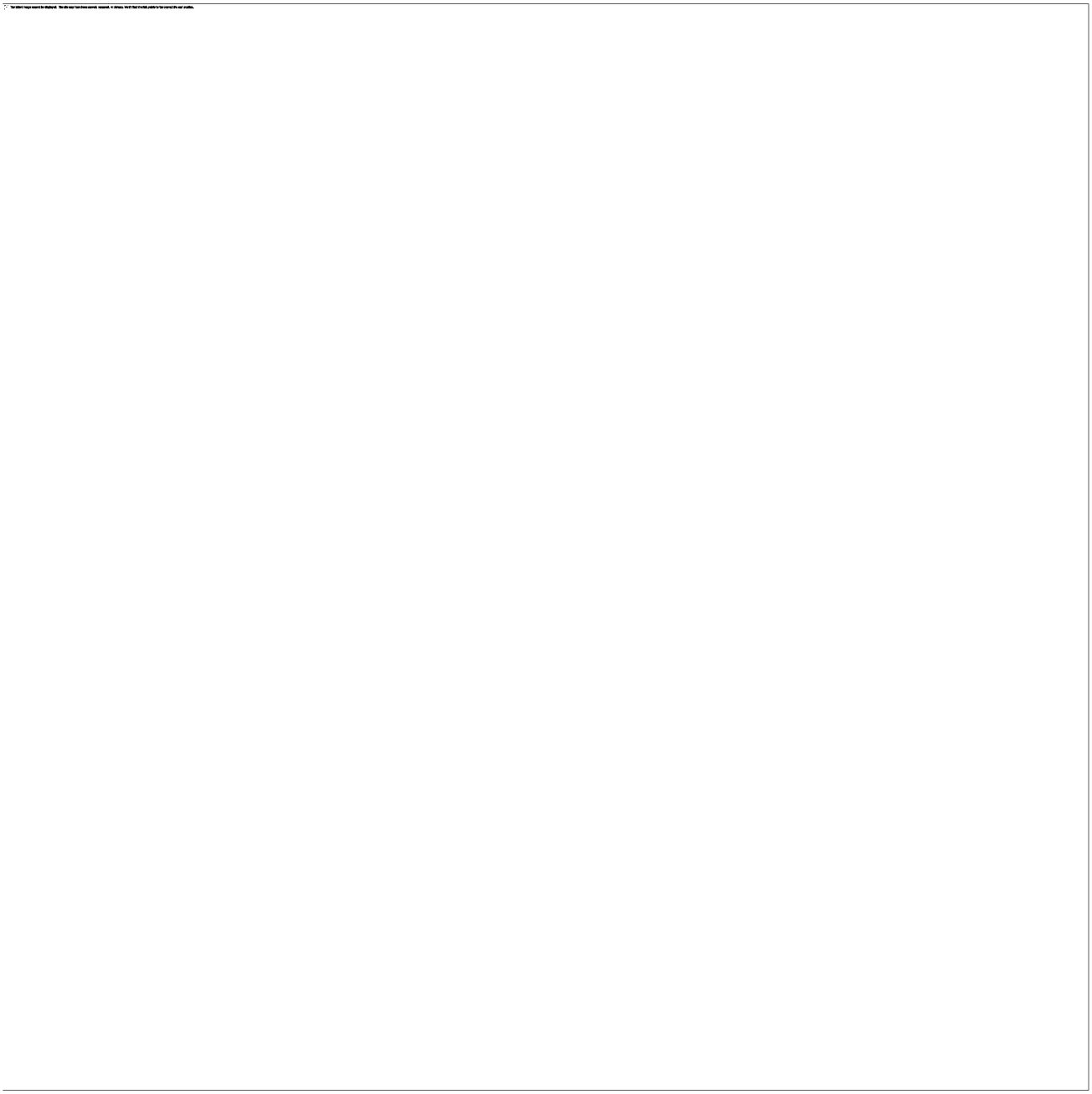
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency



CONTACT: press@epa.gov

EPA Approves Emergency Fuel Waivers for 38 States and Washington, D.C.

WASHINGTON (August 31, 2017) — As a result of the continuing impacts on Gulf Coast-area refineries and disruption to the fuel distribution system caused by Hurricane Harvey, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt today exercised EPA's emergency fuel waiver authority to help ensure an adequate supply of fuel throughout the country.

EPA has waived requirements for reformulated gasoline and low volatility conventional gasoline through September 15 in the following states and the District of Columbia: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Wisconsin, Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, and Texas. Today's waiver supersedes and expands the areas covered by the waiver issued on August 30. The sale of gasoline containing up to 15 percent ethanol (E15) must continue to comply with federal rules, which are designed to minimize the potential for E15 being used in vehicles that are not designed to use this fuel.

The waiver authority was exercised under the Clean Air Act and was granted by EPA Administrator Pruitt, in coordination with the U.S. Secretary of Energy Rick Perry.

As required by law, EPA and the Department of Energy (DOE) evaluated the situation and determined that granting a short-term waiver was consistent with the public interest. EPA and DOE are continuing to actively monitor the fuel supply situation as a result of Hurricane Harvey, and will act expeditiously if extreme and unusual supply circumstances exist in other areas.

To mitigate any impacts on air quality, the Clean Air Act provides strict criteria for when fuels waivers may be granted, and requires that waivers be limited as much as possible in terms of their geographic scope and duration.

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EPA Statement on Reported Explosion at Chemical Plant in Crosby, Texas

WASHINGTON (August 31, 2017) — U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt released the following statement on the report of an explosion at an Arkema facility in Crosby, Texas that occurred in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey:

"EPA's focus is on the safety of those around the facility and we urge those in the area to follow the safety instructions of local authorities. EPA is providing assistance and resources to the first responders in Harris County and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

"EPA has emergency response personnel on the scene and the Agency is currently reviewing data received from an aircraft that surveyed the scene early this morning. This information indicates that there are no concentrations of concern for toxic materials reported at this time.

"We will consider using any authority we have to further address the situation to protect human health and the environment."

Additional Background:

At approximately 2:45 a.m. CT this morning the National Response Center received a report from Arkema concerning a reported explosion at their facility in Crosby, Texas.

As described in the National Contingency Plan (a federal fegulation under the CERCLA statute), EPA is required to prepare for and respond to any release or threat of release of oil, hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants into the environment that may present an imminent and substantial threat to public health or welfare and the environment.

As a result, EPA has deployed an ASPECT aircraft to secure chemical information from the smoke cloud and EPA's federal on-scene coordinator will arrive shortly to ensure all federal resources are available to first responders. EPA is also sending additional air monitoring personnel and equipment to augment the current efforts of the state and local first responders, and monitoring teams from Houston will arrive on-scene in the next few hours.

EPA provides the Co-Chair of the Region 6 standing Regional Response Team, a group federal agencies that support a response, and provides pre-designated On-Scene Coordinators for the inland zone. The Coast Guard is the other Co-Chair. EPA is responsible for providing expertise regarding ecological and environmental effects of pollution releases and environmental pollution control techniques

There is a 1.5-mile radius exclusion area around the explosion site and EPA personnel are getting as close to the scene as possible. Currently, a zone has been set by the local fire marshal to protect the area from potential additional explosions.

CONTACT: press@epa.gov

EPA/TCEQ Statement on Water Quality of Flood-Imacted Areas from Hurricane Harvey

WASHINGTON (August 31, 2017) — The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) release the following statement today, in regards to the water quality of flood-impacted areas from Hurricane Harvey.

"EPA and TCEQ are aware that releases of wastewater from sanitary sewers occur during major flood events. The Agencies actively work to monitor those facilities that have reported spills, as well as conducting outreach and providing technical guidance to all other wastewater facilities in flood-impacted areas.

"Floodwaters may contain many hazards, including bacteria and other disease agents. Precautions should be taken by anyone involved in cleanup activities or any others who may be exposed to flood waters. These precautions include heeding all warnings from local and state authorities regarding boil water notices, swimming advisories, or other safety advisories. In addition to the drowning hazards of wading, swimming, or driving in swift floodwaters, these waters can carry large objects that are not always readily visible that can cause injuries to those in the water. Other potential hazards include downed power lines and possible injuries

inflicted by animals displaced by the floodwaters.

"Federal and state mobile command is currently about 200 people, who are working elbow-to-elbow, starting in Corpus Christi and moving east with primary responsibility of the health and safety of those affected by Hurricane Harvey. As we continue to respond to this natural disaster and its devastating effects on the people of Texas, the biggest threat to public health at this time is ensuring they have access to safe drinking water and ensuring waste water systems are being monitored, tested for safety and managed appropriately."

Message

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BCC: John Walt Boatright [johnwalt.boatright@ffbf.org]; donp@fb.org; Ryan Hart [RHart@seminole-electric.com]; juliad@fb.org; Ex. 6 tasmith@gfb.org; Ex. 6 Ex. 6 RNolan@nma.org
Subject: Fwd: EPA Hurricane Irma Update for Saturday, September 9, 2017

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Begin forwarded message:

From: USEPA Press Office <press@epa.gov>
Date: September 9, 2017 at 4:05:48 PM EDT
To: <bennett.tate@epa.gov>
Subject: EPA Hurricane Irma Update for Saturday, September 9, 2017

CONTACT: press@epa.gov

EPA Hurricane Irma Update for Saturday, September 9, 2017

WASHINGTON –EPA is continuing preparations for Hurricane Irma, which is expected to hit Florida, serviced by EPA Region 4. Irma has already made landfall in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, covered by EPA Region 2.

The Agency continues securing and assessing Superfund sites; compiling data for regulated facilities; granting fuel waivers to help stabilize prices at the pump and ensure emergency vehicles have access to fuel; and, preparing for infrastructure assessments and environmental sampling following the storm.

As of September 9, 2017, the following information is available:

REGIONAL OPERATIONS CENTERS

- **Region 4**: The Region has approximately 44 personnel involved in emergency response efforts. In addition, seven people are deployed to Florida, including Regional Administrator Trey Glenn to the State Emergency Operations Center in Tallahassee, Fla.

- Staff is also embedded in three south Florida Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs) in Palm Beach County, Broward County and Miami-Dade County and will remain for the duration of the storm.

- EPA is in the process of forming field teams for deployment to affected as early as possible considering health and safety. On Scene Coordinators from Region 5 are also deploying to be part of these teams.

- **Region 2**: About 61 personnel are currently involved in hurricane efforts and assessment teams are deploying to Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands as soon as possible considering health and safety.

- This includes four On Scene Coordinators and two Community Involvement Coordinators to the U.S. Virgin Islands and four On Scene Coordinators and two Community Involvement Coordinators to Puerto Rico to assess regulated facilities, identify community outreach needs and conduct hazardous waste and debris assessments.

- These efforts are being augmented by professional staff in EPA Region 2's Caribbean Environmental Protection Division (CEPD).

RISK MANAGEMENT PLANS (RMPS)

- EPA is communicating with the Risk Management Program (RMP) and Facility Response Plan (FRP) bulk oil facilities to ensure they are secure and identify any vulnerabilities.

- EPA's Remedial program is currently performing desk-top triage of all remedial sites in Region 4 coastal states.

- EPA Region 4 is preparing a Site-Specific Data Management Plan for the incident.

FUEL WAIVERS AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

- This week, EPA extended a low-volatility conventional gasoline waiver through September 26th in 38 states and the District of Columbia.

- EPA also issued Red-Dye Diesel fuel waiver for vehicles used for emergency response and evacuations.

- On Friday, EPA announced that it would exercise its enforcement discretion to allow emergency and backup electric generating units in Monroe County, Florida to operate without meeting all pollution controls in order to facilitate the supply of needed electricity during and after Hurricane Irma.

- This "no action assurance" letter was issued at the request of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection in response to the extreme risk posed by Hurricane Irma to the primary backup source of electricity for the Keys.

- EPA policy allows the agency to issue no action assurances in cases where it is necessary to avoid extreme risks to public health and safety and where no other mechanism can adequately address the matter.

REGION 2 SUPERFUND SITES

- EPA assessed 23 Superfund and oil sites in Puerto Rico and U.S Virgin Islands to evaluate their vulnerabilities prior to Hurricane Irma hitting.

- As of today, EPA Region 2 has conducted post-hurricane assessments of seven of these facilities and sites and found no significant damage.

- A complete list of Superfund and oil sites has been generated to prioritize post-hurricane visits.

- A list of other regulated facilities was also created to conduct pre- and post-storm facility coordination and assessment.

- EPA teams will focus on immediate threats from hazardous substance releases and oil spills, orphan hazardous containers, household hazardous waste, contaminated debris, and drinking water/wastewater issues.

REGION 4 SUPERFUND SITES

- The EPA Region 4 Remedial program has completed rapid assessment (desk-top triage) of all 90 remedial sites in within the state of Florida.

- The EPA Region 4 Emergency Response Program secured three drums of Investigation Derived Waste (IDW) at the Anodyne site in Miami yesterday. Drums contained drill cutting (dirt and rocks) and purge water produced during installation of monitoring well the previous week.

- EPA has been working throughout the week to evaluate 80 sites from Miami to North Carolina. As of today, with the storm's path continuing to shift, EPA is evaluating additional potentially affected areas in Florida, Alabama and Tennessee.

- If any site in the path of the storm is found to pose an immediate threat to nearby populations, EPA will immediately alert local officials.

- If cleanup activity is on-going at a site, EPA will instruct the on-site contractor to secure the site immediately. This includes evacuating personnel, ceasing all activity, and securing equipment and other potentially harmful materials. If no activity is currently occurring at the site, the site is considered secured but remains closely monitored.

- After the storm passes, floodwaters recede, and it is deemed safe to enter a site, EPA remedial managers and contractors conduct rapid assessments of sites based on priority to identify any damage and initiate cleanup plans if necessary.

For information and updates from EPA, visit: www.epa.gov/hurricane-irma.

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Sent: 10/16/2017 4:48:55 PM
To: Viator, Brad [BViator@eei.org]
Subject: Press on Sue and Settle

If you do any tweets or anything, mind letting me know. ANYTHING would be appreciated ☺

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Sent: 9/22/2017 1:34:20 PM
To: Darcy Crisp [darcy@teapartypatriots.org]
Subject: Re: Administrator Pruitt meeting with Tea Party Patriots

Who will be introducing Pruitt today?

On Sep 21, 2017, at 8:26 AM, Darcy Crisp <darcy@teapartypatriots.org> wrote:

> Yes, my cell is Ex. 6
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> Thanks!
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> On Thu, Sep 21, 2017 at 8:08 AM, Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov> wrote:
> Thank you, Tate!
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> Sent from my iPhone
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> On Sep 21, 2017, at 7:57 AM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:
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> > Copying Paul who may be helpful as well.
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> > On Sep 21, 2017, at 7:56 AM, Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov> wrote:
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> > > Darcy,
> > >
> > > Good morning to you. I will be handling the Administrator's visit tomorrow. May I give you a quick call this morning to discuss a few details?
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> > > Thank you so much,
> > >
> > > Millan
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> > > Millan Hupp
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> > > Director of Scheduling and Advance
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To: Bowman, Liz [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=c3d4d94d3e4b4b1f80904056703ebc80-Bowman, Eli]
CC: Jenny Beth Martin [Ex. 6]; Darcy@teapartypatriots.org [darcy@teapartypatriots.org]; Teller, Paul S. EOP/WHO [Ex. 6]
Subject: Re: Tea Party Patriots White House Briefing Request

Hi Jenny- pleased to e-meet you. Let me see what the Administrator's day looks like this Friday and I'll get back to you either way ASAP.

On Sep 18, 2017, at 6:31 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Jenny – Thank you for reaching out. I am adding my colleague Tate Bennett to this email, she is best poised to help and her and I can work together on this request. Thanks again – Liz

From: Jenny Beth Martin [Ex. 6]
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2017 4:31 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Cc: Darcy@teapartypatriots.org; Teller, Paul S. EOP/WHO <[Ex. 6]>
Subject: Tea Party Patriots White House Briefing Request

Dear Ms. Bowman,

Tea Party Patriots – the nation's largest grassroots tea party organization – will host an activist rally on **September 23, 2017, at 12pm in Upper Senate Park, just outside the Capitol**.

As part of our activists' trip to Washington, D.C., we would like to organize a *White House briefing for them, which Paul Teller arranged for* ***Friday, September 22nd at 2:30.*** Our activists are eager to help advance President Trump's agenda, and a briefing at the White House to discuss priority issues such as tax reform and repealing ObamaCare would provide our activists with the insights they need to complete their important work across the country.

We would greatly appreciate your help in securing a meeting for our top activists with Administrator Scott Pruitt on Friday, September 22 and/or as a speaker at the rally in Upper Senate Park on Saturday, September 23.

Our supporters have been excited about President Trump's message, and we are organizing this trip to DC, including the rally, to help our activists refine their engagement skills, and to learn more about the policy issues the President is advancing.

Please contact my Executive Assistant, Darcy Crisp, at 404-281-0044 or darcy@teapartypatriots.org so we can work to set up a White House briefing for the nation's top tea party activists.

Thank you for your consideration of this important request. I am grateful for your continued assistance, as Tea Party Patriots works to advance the President's agenda.

In liberty,

Jenny Beth Martin

cc: Paul Teller

cc: Darcy Crisp

Jenny Beth Martin
Tea Party Patriots, Co-Founder
Tea Party Patriots Citizens Fund
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To: Nolan, Rich [RNolan@nma.org]
Subject: RE: WSJ LTE

Thanks! Do you have time for a quick call this morning?

From: Nolan, Rich [mailto:RNolan@nma.org]
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 10:40 AM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: WSJ LTE

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nolan@nma.org

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EPA PREPARES FOR HURRICANE IRMA

Regions 2 and 4 Taking Precautions, Activating Emergency Response Teams

WASHINGTON - EPA's organized, emergency response program is preparing for Hurricane Irma, while continuing response efforts around the devastating flooding effects of Hurricane Harvey. Irma, expected to hit Southern Florida, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, is expected to be a fast-moving storm, with dangerous winds that could cause widespread power outages and damage to property across multiple states and territories of the U.S. While Harvey has been unique in its extreme flooding, Irma's high winds could result in downed powerlines, complicating the ability to pump water through drinking and waste water systems, especially in Puerto Rico.

"After seeing the expert preparedness and ongoing response efforts of our team in Region 6, I am confident that Region 4 and Region 2 can replicate their efforts, as we work together to provide the needed support to local, state and federal agencies around Hurricane Irma," **said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt**.

EPA headquarters emergency operations center, EPA Region 2 and EPA Region 4 are monitoring the storm closely and making preparations to activate in order to support the U.S. Coast Guard, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and state environmental agencies, to quickly provide support to people affected by the storm.

EPA's Regional office in Atlanta is taking precautions, including: reviewing inventory of, and understanding all sites of interest, in particular Superfund sites in Southern Florida. Initial assessment has approximately 22 current or former National Priorities List (NPL) sites within Florida's southernmost 100 miles. Region 4 is taking necessary actions to shore up these sites appropriately, work with parties responsible for their ongoing cleanups, and ensure that staff in the area are safe.

The Region is also reviewing information about drinking and waste water systems in the potentially affected areas, so that personnel in the field can be best prepared to quickly respond, post storm. EPA staff have been deployed to FEMA's Regional Response Coordination Center, as well as the State of Florida Emergency Operations Center. Region 4 also has additional staff standing by, ready to support state and federal partners if called upon.

With regard to the Mississippi phosphates Superfund site, located in Pascagoula, Mississippi, EPA is taking necessary actions to ensure the treatment plant remains operational during the storm. EPA assumed oversight of the site in February.

"We have been reaching out to all our regional and state agency contacts and I have extreme confidence in our emergency response managers," said **EPA Regional Administrator of Region 4 Trey Glenn**. "As always we stand with our states and FEMA, ready to identify at-risk locations prior to the hurricane, and will be ready to assess

damage quickly after landfall." Region 4 serves: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and six Tribes.

EPA has identified and conducted initial assessments at approximately 23 Superfund and oil sites in Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands. In advance of Irma, Region 2 has reached out to all the responsible entities, whether they be our contractors for fund-lead projects or PRPs, for NPL sites, active removal actions and oil response actions, with regard to preparing for the storm. Region 2 serves: New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and eight tribal nations.

"Our biggest health and environmental concerns in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands are potential oil spills and the potential impacts of power disruptions on water supply systems," said **Acting Regional Administrator Catherine McCabe**. "Region 2 is working with managers of Superfund sites and other facilities that may contain oil or hazardous materials to ensure appropriate precautions have been taken to prevent spills. We are doing our best to prepare and support our citizens in Puerto Rico."

Region 2 is coordinating with other federal agencies, like FEMA and the U.S. Coast Guard, and local governments in the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. EPA has staff set up at the regional response center in Edison, N.J. and the FEMA response center in Colts Neck, N.J. The Region is ready to deploy additional assets to the islands.

As an Agency, EPA supports hurricane preparedness and response in a number of ways, including:

- **Addressing Fuel Shortages**: The Clean Air Act allows EPA Administrator Pruitt, in consultation with Energy Secretary Perry, to waive certain fuel requirements to address shortages that occur as a result of the storm. If Administrator Pruitt determines that extreme and unusual fuel supply circumstances exist in a state or region as a result of a hurricane, a temporary waiver can help ensure an adequate supply of gasoline is available in the affected area, particularly for emergency vehicles. EPA has an experienced team standing by to expedite handling of any fuel waiver requests by the states or commonwealth.

- **Monitoring Public Water Systems**: Water systems can be severely impacted during hurricanes due to storm surge, flooding, or loss of power from extreme winds. EPA has a tracking system to identify systems in the storm's pathway. Following the storm, and if the state requests federal assistance, EPA conducts damage assessments of both drinking water and wastewater systems to identify impacts to critical assets and assist in the recovery.

- **Securing Superfund Sites**: EPA assesses conditions at the NPL Superfund sites in the storm's pathway and tasks each Superfund National Priorities List (NPL) remedial site manager to assess conditions and make on-site preparations for high winds and potentially heavy rainfall. Following the storm and receding floodwaters, EPA conducts rapid assessments to identify damage at sites and initiate cleanup plans if necessary. Any on-site activities at sites located in the storm's path are ceased until

the all clear is given and on-site equipment is secured. In addition, freeboard for lagoons or ponds is increased to accommodate forecasted rainfall if possible. After a hurricane makes landfall and any flooding recedes, the EPA remedial managers will conduct assessments of each Superfund NPL site to ensure no damage has occurred.

- **Assessing Conditions at Major Industrial Facilities**: EPA assesses conditions at the major industrial facilities in the storm's pathway to identify potential impacts and countermeasures. Following the storm and receding floodwaters, spills and releases are reported to the National Response Center. NRC notifies the U.S. Coast Guard or EPA based on preapproved jurisdiction boundaries. EPA conducts follow up inspections and damage assessments in response to reports within EPA jurisdiction.

EPA will continue to work with Regions 2, 4 and 6 to address these hurricanes and will continue to provide information to the public as quickly as possible.

As EPA prepares to support FEMA and its local and state partners, it continues to focus its message on the importance of public safety.

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Subject: Re: nice meeting you

Thanks!

On Sep 25, 2017, at 11:38 AM, Viator, Brad <BViator@eei.org> wrote:

> Let's hold Friday at 2. I'll send you confirmation here in a bit
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> Brad Viator
> Edison Electric Institute
> **Ex. 6**
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> Sent from my iPhone
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> On Sep 25, 2017, at 9:28 AM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:
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>> Bad news. I'm now traveling with the Administrator up north on Thursday. Could we move to Friday? Sorry to be a pain. Can be flexible on Friday.
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>> **From:** Viator, Brad [mailto:BViator@eei.org]
>> **Sent:** Friday, September 22, 2017 2:46 PM
>> **To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
>> **Subject:** Re: nice meeting you
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>> Got it. And my place. 701 Pennsylvania Ave NW, 4th floor, Washington, DC 20004
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I can't have NRECA there due to my recusal but that works. Your place or ours?

On Sep 22, 2017, at 2:31 PM, Viator, Brad <BViator@eei.org> wrote:

> I've got a collection of folks together for Thursday at 4. AFPM, Chamber, ACC, NRECA and me. I have invites out to a few others that I'm still waiting to hear back from.
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> I can host if you'd like.
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> Brad Viator
> Edison Electric Institute
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>> Perfect.
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>> **Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 2:22 PM
>> **To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
>> **Cc:** Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>
>> **Subject:** RE: nice meeting you
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>> Tate, let me check with some of the other parties for the 9/27 and 9/28 dates and get back to you tomorrow if that's cool.
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>> **From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
>> **Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 2:03 PM
>> **To:** Viator, Brad <BViator@eei.org>
>> **Cc:** Gordon, Stephen

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Subject: RE: nice meeting you

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Hey there! Would afternoon on 9/27 or anytime 9/28 work for you all? If not, late next month would be good.

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Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2017 1:54 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: nice meeting you

Tate,

It was nice meeting you yesterday. Send me a few dates that could work for you to meet with the downtown state affairs people and I'll get something pulled together.

Thanks, and let me know if there's anything else I can help with in the interim.

Brad Viator
Executive Director, External Affairs
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ICYMI and feel free to pass this along to your members and colleagues in Texas and Georgia. Thank you. -Tate

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EPA Approves Emergency Fuel Waivers for Texas and Georgia

WASHINGTON (August 29, 2017) – Following Hurricane Harvey's landfall, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt has approved emergency fuel waiver requests from the Texas Comptroller

and the Georgia Environmental Protection Division.

EPA has waived the highway diesel fuel red dye requirements to allow the use of non-road diesel fuel for on-highway vehicles involved in emergency response and disaster recovery in Texas as a result of Hurricane Harvey, though September 15.

EPA has also waived the requirement for low volatility gasoline for 13 counties in the Atlanta Metro Area, as a result of the disruption in the supply to that area caused by Hurricane Harvey. The waiver will allow the higher volatility fuel to be sold in the Atlanta area through September 15.

The waiver authority was exercised under the Clean Air Act and was granted by EPA Administrator Pruitt, in coordination with the U.S. Secretary of Energy Rick Perry. The requests were made by Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on behalf of Governor Greg Abbott and Georgia Environmental Protection Division Director Richard E. Dunn on behalf of Governor Nathan Deal.

As required by law, EPA and the Department of Energy (DOE) evaluated the situation and determined that granting a short-term waiver was consistent with the public interest. EPA and DOE are continuing to actively monitor the fuel supply situation as a result of Hurricane Harvey, and will act expeditiously if extreme and unusual supply circumstances exist in other areas.

To mitigate any impacts on air quality, the Clean Air Act provides strict criteria for when fuels waivers may be granted, and requires that waivers be limited as much as possible in terms of their geographic scope and duration.

More information: www.epa.gov/enforcement/fuel-waivers

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Subject: Re: PA Anthracite Coal Council

Thank you! I'll reach out to them in the AM. Nice seeing you today!

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> On Aug 17, 2017, at 6:21 PM, Quinn, Hal <HQuinn@nma.org> wrote:
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> Tate,
> Duane Fegley is the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Anthracite Council. His number is Ex. 6 Ex. 6 They have a mailing address in Pottsvile, PA in the southern anthracite coalfield which is northeast of Harrisburg, PA and northwest of Philadelphia. However they may have an office outside of Harrisburg.
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> To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
> Cc: O'Connell, James M. EOP/WHO < Ex. 6
> Subject: PA Anthracite Coal Council
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> Tate,
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> Thanks for calling, cc'd is Jim O'Connell, who can direct you to the right folks at the Anthracite Coal Council. Once y'all have an idea of when you are looking at, let me know so we can loop in Director Mulvaney's team.
>
> Nicholas A. Trainer
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Subject: FW: EPA's response to Harvey

Good afternoon—

I thought I would pass along the below message from Administrator Pruitt to EPA staff regarding the state of Texas. We will continue to work with our state partners in all affected areas.

Best.

Tate

Elizabeth Tate Bennett
Associate Administrator for Public Engagement
Office of the Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

From: Message from the Administrator
Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 3:47 PM
To: Message from the Administrator <messagefromtheadministrator@epa.gov>
Subject: EPA's response to Harvey

As you know, Harvey continues to devastate the state of Texas. The storm is still very dangerous, and the people in affected areas are experiencing tornados and catastrophic flooding. Effects will continue for the foreseeable future.

It is a top priority of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and our federal partners to work together to support authorities in the state of Texas and to protect the life and safety of those in impacted areas.

As many of you know, EPA has an organized emergency response program for responding to man-made and natural disasters and is positioned to support FEMA, state, local, and tribal partners. Headquarters' Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has been activated, and we are already deploying assets to support emergency response and aftermath flooding. The National Incident Management Assistance Team, consisting of highly skilled response personnel from across the Agency, has been activated and will arrive in Dallas by tomorrow.

I have been in regular contact with Region 6 and want to commend the staff there, along with the many others across the Agency, who are part of this hurricane response effort for their leadership and preparation. As of now, we have several EPA employees who have been evacuated from their homes, some with water damage to their homes and vehicles. As you can imagine, this is very hard on our community, and I continue to keep those affected by the storm in my thoughts and prayers.

The Agency is supporting the response effort in several ways:

- We're developing surface water sampling plans to address public health concerns regarding possible contaminates found in storm water. We will begin field sampling of flood waters as soon as conditions allow.
- Our drinking water and waste water staff are ready to deploy to offer technical assistance necessary to restore services as quickly as possible. These teams will visit drinking water and waste water facilities to determine functionality and provide technical assistance as needed. At the request of the State of Texas, EPA is deploying personnel to assist the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's (TCEQ) Drinking Water and Waste Water Phone Bank located in Austin, Texas.
- Our Superfund Remedial Project Managers worked with site operators to secure the sites last week ahead of the storm. This week we will continue to work with site operators to get status updates, conduct rapid damage assessments, and determine if additional emergency cleanup activities are necessary.

- We will be working with TCEQ to determine where the Agency can best assist the state in contacting industrial sources along the Texas coast, most of which underwent organized shutdown of their operations in advance of the storm. We will initiate contact with sources located within the storm area to determine status and plans to resume operations, and we will closely monitor startup activities.
- We're also working with the states to provide fuel and refinery waivers to address any fuel supply issues.

Helping Region 6 to manage response efforts and focusing on the safety of those affected are our highest priorities. As rainfall continues, EPA is working with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) to forecast any needs the state may have as a result of heavy rains and possible flooding.

This is one of those times when we must all be forward leaning. EPA has and will continue to work with our state partners to take care of people and continue to show our leadership to protect human health and the environment.

The response to the impacts of the storm will require a sustained and focused effort on the Agency's part. As we continue to integrate activities with the states and other federal response agencies, I want to thank all of you who are and will continue to monitor and respond to this emergency.

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Subject: Memo CWA section 404(c)
Attachments: Memo CWA section 404(c) regs 06-26-2018.pdf; ATT00001.txt

We thought you might be interested to see the attached directive document that was just signed. Let me know if you have any questions. Tate Ex. 6

E. Scott Pruitt
Administrator

June 26, 2018

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Updating the EPA's Regulations Implementing Clean Water Act Section 404(c)

FROM: E. Scott Pruitt

TO: General Counsel
Assistant Administrator, Office of Water
Regional Administrators

It is essential that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency adhere to its core mission of protecting human health and the environment in a manner that is fully considered as well as consistent with the agency's authority. When the EPA uses its authority preemptively and without the benefit of the fully developed factual record or attempts to reimagine its authority in ways that diverge from statutory text or congressional intent, it diverts its attention from this core mission and engages in decision making without a full understanding of the impacts of those decisions. To address this concern, at every opportunity I have directed the agency to ensure predictability and regulatory certainty and take actions based upon a comprehensive understanding of the facts. These are the hallmarks of the proper exercise of administrative authority and due process under the law.

Today, I am directing the Office of Water to take another step toward returning the agency to its core mission and providing regulatory certainty by developing a proposal to change the regulations governing the EPA's exercise of its authority under *Clean Water Act* section 404(c), which allows the EPA to veto the issuance of permits by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or an approved state to discharge dredged or fill material at specified disposal sites. These regulations were last revised nearly 40 years ago – at a time in our history when environmental safeguards and analytical methods were far less developed than today. The EPA's regulations should reflect today's permitting process and modern-day methods and protections, including the robust existing processes under the *National Environmental Policy Act* that already require federal agencies to consider the environmental and related social and economic effects of their proposed actions while providing opportunities for public review and comment on those evaluations. Any new regulations should seek to address significant concerns surrounding the EPA's prior use of its veto authority before a permit application has been filed or after a permit has been issued. This long-overdue update to the regulations has the promise of increasing certainty for landowners, investors,

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businesses and entrepreneurs to make investment decisions while preserving the EPA's authority to restrict discharges of dredge or fill material that will have an unacceptable adverse effect on water supplies, recreation, fisheries and wildlife.

Section 404 of the *Clean Water Act* regulates the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States by assigning differing roles to the Administrator and the Secretary of the Army. Section 404(a) empowers the Secretary of the Army, acting through the Army Corps of Engineers, to issue permits allowing for discharge of dredged or fill material at "specified disposal sites." States may assume administration of this program, as Michigan and New Jersey have done. Section 404(b) provides that the Corps or state shall specify each disposal site for each permit "subject to subsection (c)." The EPA has developed guidelines for this process. Section 404(c) provides the EPA with so-called veto authority. Specifically, section 404(c) authorizes the Administrator "to prohibit the specification (including withdrawal of the specification) of any defined area as a disposal site" as well as to "deny or restrict the use of any defined area for specification (including the withdrawal of specification) as a disposal site ... whenever he determines, after notice and opportunity for public hearings, that the discharge of such materials into such area will have an unacceptable adverse effect on municipal water supplies, shellfish beds and fishery areas (including spawning and breeding areas), wildlife or recreational areas."

In 1979 – seven years after Congress enacted section 404 – the EPA promulgated regulations that established procedures for exercising authority under section 404(c). *See* 44 FR 58076 (Oct. 9, 1979). The regulations establish defined steps with specific associated criteria: The EPA's regional administrators are given responsibility for initiating the 404(c) process, issuing a proposed determination and preparing and transmitting to EPA Headquarters a recommended determination to prohibit, withdraw, deny or restrict the specification of a site as a disposal site. The Administrator, upon receipt of a recommended determination and after consultation with the Corps or the state, has the authority to issue a final determination to affirm, modify or rescind the recommendation determination. The EPA has issued 13 final determinations since 1972 at various stages in the permitting process, including two instances where the action extended to areas for which a permit application was not pending and other instances after a permit had been issued.[1]

The EPA has asserted since 1979 that its "section 404(c) authority may be exercised before a permit is applied for, while an application is pending or after a permit has been issued." 44 FR at 58076; *see also* 40 C.F.R. § 231.1(c). Commenters at the time the regulations were proposed opposed the use of the EPA's authority before a permit application had been received or after a permit had been issued by the Corps or state. 44 FR at 58077. The EPA responded to concerns about the practical application of pre-permit use of 404(c) by noting that this approach will facilitate planning by developers and industry and "eliminate frustrating situations in which someone spends time and money developing a project for an inappropriate site and learns at an advanced stage that he must start over." *Id.* The EPA also stated that while "the statute on its face clearly allows EPA to act after the Corps issued a permit," the EPA "recognize[d] that where possible it is much preferable to exercise this authority before the Corps or state has issued a permit, and before the permit holder has begun operations." *Id.*

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[1] *See* U.S. EPA, Chronology of 404(c) Actions, *available at* https://www.epa.gov/cwa-404/chronology-404c-actions.

During the prior administration, the EPA proposed to restrict discharges of dredge and fill material associated with mining activity near Bristol Bay, Alaska, which drew significant public scrutiny. Before advocates of mining of the Pebble Deposit submitted a permit application to the Corps, EPA Region 10 undertook an ecological risk assessment of three mining scenarios of different sizes based on information submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission. Region 10 then issued a Proposed Determination to restrict the discharge of dredged or fill material from mining of the Pebble Deposit for "the potential disposal site [defined as] the waters within the mine claims held by [Northern Dynasty Minerals] subsidiaries, including PLP [Pebble Limited Partnership], that fall within the [South Fork Koktuli River, North Fork Koktuli River and Upper Talarik Creek] watersheds." PLP subsequently obtained a preliminary injunction that halted the section 404(c) process before Region 10 could determine whether to prepare a recommended determination to transmit to EPA Headquarters. In December 2017, PLP submitted a permit application to the Corps. Earlier this year, the EPA suspended its proposed withdrawal of the proposed determination; the EPA also has committed not to send a recommended determination from Region 10 to EPA Headquarters until after a final Environmental Impact Statement has been completed by the Corps, so long as that EIS is completed by May 2021. I believe that it is critical for the agency to participate in the EIS process and review the final EIS in detail before determining whether to proceed with the section 404(c) process in this case.

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The EPA's historical interpretation of its statutory authority and its current regulatory framework applies the same procedures notwithstanding whether a permit application has been filed or a permit issued. I am concerned that the mere potential of the EPA's use of its section 404(c) authority before or after the permitting process could influence investment decisions and chill economic growth by short-circuiting the permitting process. Although the Corps can process a permit application and conduct a NEPA analysis while a section 404(c) action is ongoing, it cannot issue a permit. Moreover, the short timeframes in EPA's existing regulations allow the Administrator to issue a final determination restricting the specification of a site as a disposal site within just a few months' time from the start of the process. I am also concerned that under current regulations, the EPA could issue a final determination without the benefit of full information about the project for which a permit is sought, the proposed disposal areas and the environmental impacts of those activities.

Accordingly, I direct the Office of Water to prepare a proposal for submission to the Office of Management and Budget within six months from the date of this directive that proposes to consider, at a minimum, the following changes to EPA's regulations that would govern the future use of EPA's section 404(c) authority and seek public comment thereon:

- Eliminating the authority to initiate the section 404(c) process before a section 404 permit application has been filed with the Corps or a state, otherwise known as the "preemptive veto."

- Eliminating the authority to initiate the section 404(c) process after a permit has been issued by the Corps or a state, otherwise known as the "retroactive veto."

- Requiring a regional administrator to obtain approval from EPA Headquarters before initiating the section 404(c) process.

- Requiring a regional administrator to review and consider the findings of a final Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement prepared by the Corps or a state before preparing and publishing notice of a proposed determination.

- Requiring the agency to publish and seek public comment on a final determination before such a determination takes effect.

Changing the current regulations would help to ensure that the EPA exercises its extraordinary authority under section 404(c) in a careful, predictable and prudent manner. The guiding principle should be to provide landowners, developers and entrepreneurs with certainty that the EPA will not short-circuit the permitting process and will consider all available information, including the results of an EIS, before taking any steps to veto a permit application. Adopting these changes would further the EPA's core mission of protecting human health and the environment while improving predictability and regulatory certainty. The Office of Water shall begin preparing a regulatory proposal forthwith that includes these proposed changes for review and public comment.

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Subject: RE: Revised memo

Should be fine. Give me a shout when you are here at 1200 PA ave NW. Ex. 6

From: Roy Bailey [mailto:rbailey@gdcillc.com]
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 6:14 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Revised memo

How about me stopping by for a brief mtg and hello tomorrow afternoon around 4:30 or 5pm ? I'm arriving on train from NY.

Very best

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On Jul 19, 2017, at 7:39 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

> Haven't forgotten you. Will touch base this Friday.
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> Sent from my iPhone
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> On Jul 16, 2017, at 8:42 PM, Roy Bailey <rbailey@gdcillc.com> wrote:
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> > Thanks so much Tate
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> > On Jul 16, 2017, at 6:02 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:
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> > > Thanks Roy- again, we will definitely follow up on the staff level.
> > >
> > > Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 16, 2017, at 6:29 PM, Roy Bailey <rbailey@gdcillc.com> wrote:

Administrator,

I have attached a revised memo which we think may be even more compelling and helpful. (sorry that it wasn't included in the previous email.) We are available for a call anytime today or tomorrow that is convenient for your team.

Again, we hope the EPA will consider revoking the field trial permit EUP for the referenced technology until the EPA can complete a full impact study on humans and the environment.

Thanks for your interest and consideration.

Respectfully and best regards

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Sent: 8/18/2017 5:40:10 PM
To: Schaaff, Lesley [lschaaff@hess.com]
Subject: RE: ND & Houston Pruitt Visits with Hess

I could do the 8th! Where shall we dine?

From: Schaaff, Lesley [mailto:lschaaff@hess.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 17, 2017 3:52 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: ND & Houston Pruitt Visits with Hess

In Houston. :(here on the 8th and then rest of Sept I'm in town.

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On Aug 17, 2017, at 2:06 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

> Any chance the 7th works?
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> **From:** Schaaff, Lesley [mailto:lschaaff@hess.com]
> **Sent:** Thursday, August 10, 2017 12:04 PM
> **To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: ND & Houston Pruitt Visits with Hess
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> Yes out next week, so Friday the 25th or the 1st work (although that is the Fri before Labor Day; I'm here, but not sure about you).
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> On the visit, sounds good, just keep me posted.
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> Lesley Schaaff
> Senior Manager, Regulatory Affairs
> Hess Corporation
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> **From:** Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
> **Sent:** Thursday, August 10, 2017 11:37 AM
> **To:** Schaaff, Lesley
> **Subject:** Re: ND & Houston Pruitt Visits with Hess
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> Hey! You're out next week, right? Was thinking next Friday or the following Friday (?)

As far as timing, he'll need to be in town most of Sept now so it would be October and that means Houston. We have to come back to Houston/Austin soon anyway for a WOTUS event, and we could work y'all in separately on the same trip. No specific dates yet, I'll have those next week though!

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 10, 2017, at 10:02 AM, Schaaff, Lesley <lschaaff@hess.com> wrote:

> Hi Tate. Hope that you all are having a good trip. I saw the ND coverage; it all looked positive. You mentioned another visit to ND this fall and a potential visit to Houston for the Administrator. Do you have any information on dates? The weather in ND is pretty uncertain starting October, so any well tour after September is probably not a good use of Pruitt's time (as it could get cancelled last minute). I'm thinking maybe a visit with our executives if Pruitt goes to Houston and then maybe next summer a joint well tour with Zinke in ND. Just my initial thoughts. It could coincide with when EPA is working on the methane reconsideration rule and BLM is working on a redo of the venting and flaring rule. If you have clarity on travel dates, that would be helpful. Thanks.
>
> P.S. Let's schedule that get together once you are back if you are in town for any period of time.
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> Lesley Schaaff
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Sent: 7/25/2017 6:51:01 PM
To: Nolan, Rich [RNolan@nma.org]
Subject: RE: Hardock Mining - Meeting Request Aug. 7 or 8

I'll flag it for them.

From: Nolan, Rich [mailto:RNolan@nma.org]
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 2:07 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Brown, Byron <brown.byron@epa.gov>; Morris, Madeline <morris.madeline@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Hardock Mining - Meeting Request Aug. 7 or 8

Thanks!

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 12:57 PM
To: Nolan, Rich <RNolan@nma.org>
Cc: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Brown, Byron <brown.byron@epa.gov>; Morris, Madeline <morris.madeline@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Hardock Mining - Meeting Request Aug. 7 or 8

Adding Maddy!

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 25, 2017, at 12:55 PM, Nolan, Rich <RNolan@nma.org> wrote:

> Team, any sense for the 7th or 8th?
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> **From:** Nolan, Rich
> **Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2017 2:23 PM
> **To:** 'jackson.ryan@epa.gov' <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Byron Brown (EPW) (brown.byron@epa.gov) <brown.byron@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** 'Bennett, Tate' <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** Hardock Mining - Meeting Request Aug. 7 or 8
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> Hi Ryan and Byron,
> Hope you are well. Our hardrock companies would like to request a meeting with you in D.C. for Aug. 7 or 8th to discuss the comments filed by the industry on CERCLA 108(b) rulemaking. We are happy to host is here or come your way, we expect many to fly into D.C. for this meeting. Please let me know how best to proceed. Many thanks, Rich
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> Rich Nolan
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BCC: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]; matt.miltenberger@nebraska.gov; taylor.gage@nebraska.gov; Groen, Stephanie [stephanie.groen@iowa.gov]; jerry.strickland@governor.state.tx.us; Elbert Lin [Elbert.Lin@wvago.gov]; Adam Piper [apiper@ruleoflawdefensefund.org]; Adam Nordstrom [adam.nordstrom@cch-llc.com]; Walker, Trey [TWalker@governor.sc.gov]; Joey Songy [Joey.Songy@governor.ms.gov]; Millerick, Jayne [Jayne.Millerick@nh.gov]; hpropst@westgov.org; DeLeon, Dona [Dona.DeLeon@nj.gov]; kelsie.bickett@ky.gov; kyle.roskam@wisconsin.gov; chris.skates@ky.gov; blake.brickman@ky.gov; liz.filmore@governor.alabama.gov; Steve.pelham@governor.alabama.gov; Jon.Hummell@ks.gov; michael.roche@mo.gov; caleb.jones@governor.mo.gov; Cally Younger [Cally.Younger@gov.idaho.gov]; richard.goldberg@illinois.gov; matt.miltenberger@nebraska.gov; michael.bousselot@iowa.gov; Lopez, Danny [DaLopez@gov.IN.gov]; tim@ouragfuture.com; Brian Sanderson [bsanderson@rgppc.org]; kari.gray@wyo.gov; keith.gardner@state.nm.us; rich.zipperer@wi.gov; chris.benge@gov.ok.gov; Judd Deere [judd.deere@arkansasag.gov]; dseiden@az.gov; katie.beck@governor.arkansas.gov; Debbie Hohlt [debbie@hohlt.com]; ts@rubicondc.com; ryan@nevadadc.org; Ryan Flickner [flicknerr@kfb.org]; Groen, Stephanie [stephanie.groen@iowa.gov]; mcbrideb@michigan.gov; larry.behrens2@state.nm.us; Beth.Tipps@tn.gov; kelsey.smith@state.sd.us; tony.venhuizen@state.sd.us; grace.kessler@state.sd.us; marykay.hill@wyo.gov; tony.young@wyo.gov; nephi.cole@wyo.gov; jim.henry@tn.gov; wayne.struble@governor.ohio.gov; Kathy.Lydon@Illinois.gov; christine.diaz@eog.myflorida.com; Nolan, Rich [RNolan@nma.org]; Mullins, Jerry [jmullins@nma.org]; Conner, Katelyn (McConnell [Katelyn_Conner@mcconnell.senate.gov]; Leeann.Veatch@ky.gov; Charles.Snavely@ky.gov; john.horne@ky.gov; goehring@nd.gov; Dudley Hoskins [Dudley@nasda.org]; Espy, Julia [Julia.Espy@LASPBS.STATE.FL.US]; jufner@naco.org
Subject: EPA, U.S. Army Move to Rescind 2015 "Waters of the U.S."

Good afternoon! This Federal Register notice was just signed by Administrator Pruitt. Let us know if you have any questions.

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Sent: 6/26/2017 4:27:10 PM
To: Nolan, Rich [RNolan@nma.org]
Subject: RE: Wotus

Potentially. We will know more this afternoon. I'll let you know either way.

-----Original Message-----
From: Nolan, Rich [mailto:RNolan@nma.org]
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 12:18 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: Wotus

Hey there, is there a WH event this week? Both Hal and I are on travel but we hope get get someone there.

Rich Nolan, NMA

Message

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Sent: 6/27/2017 4:35:43 PM
To: Mullins, Jerry [jmullins@nma.org]
CC: Nolan, Rich [RNolan@nma.org]
Subject: RE: Can I give one of you a buzz?

Just talked to Luke. All good!

From: Mullins, Jerry [mailto:jmullins@nma.org]
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 12:31 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Nolan, Rich <RNolan@nma.org>
Subject: Re: Can I give one of you a buzz?

Feel free to call me at Ex. 6 I'm at Western Govs in Montana.

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Sent: 6/27/2017 4:06:35 PM
To: lpopovich@nma.org
Subject: EMBARGOED

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Sent: 6/28/2017 3:20:34 AM
To: Adam Piper [apiper@republicanags.com]
Subject: Re: RAGA Statement On EPA Rescinding Waters of the U.S. Rule

Thanks!

On Jun 27, 2017, at 6:08 PM, Adam Piper <apiper@republicanags.com> wrote:

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From: RAGA Press Office <press@republicanags.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 1:04:40 PM
To: Team Raga
Subject: RAGA Statement On EPA Rescinding Waters of the U.S. Rule

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RAGA Statement On EPA Rescinding Waters of the U.S. Rule

Washington, D.C. – The Republican Attorneys General Association (RAGA) released the following statement regarding the Trump Administration's necessary first step to rescind Obama-Era Waters of the United States (WOTUS) regulation:

"As in so many instances, the Obama Administration overreached by stretching its authority beyond what the law allowed, which is why Republican attorneys general fought WOTUS from the beginning," said RAGA Executive Director Scott Will. "The EPA's action today is another encouraging step towards restoring federalism, the rule of law, and the states' proper role in regulating America's water resources. RAGA commends EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt and is proud of the determined effort of the states attorneys general to pave the way for this important decision."

"The Attorneys General of the States of West Virginia, Wisconsin, Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, and Wyoming, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky applaud the action of the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") today in beginning to withdraw the unlawful Waters of the United States rule ("WOTUS Rule")," the AGs wrote in a statement. "We fully support the proposed rule signed by EPA Administrator Pruitt today as a significant step in the direction of withdrawing the unlawful WOTUS Rule."

On June 21st, West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey and Wisconsin Attorney General Brad Schimel led a 20-state coalition in requesting the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency preserve the role of the states in protecting the nation's water resources.

"The WOTUS Rule is unlawful...and significantly impinges upon the States' traditional role as the primary regulators of land and water resources within their borders," Attorney General Morrisey and Schimel joined in writing. "We write to suggest how the [EPA and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers] can write a rule that respects Congress's instruction."

The full letter can be read here.

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About RAGA: The Republican Attorneys General Association (RAGA) is the only national organization whose mission is electing Republicans to the Office of State Attorney General. In 2016 Republican attorneys general maintained their national majority, increasing the number of GOP attorneys general to 29. Over the course of the 2015-2016 cycle, RAGA raised a historic high of more than $23 million to support investments in campaigns across the country.

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Sent: 4/9/2017 7:37:47 PM
To: RNolan@nma.org; jmullins@nma.org
Subject: Tuesday

Can I give either of you a call about props for Thursday? Amy (CC'd) and I are going to drive to PA on Weds early AM.

Sent from my iPhone

Message

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Sent: 4/8/2017 9:31:36 PM
To: Nolan, Rich [RNolan@nma.org]
Subject: Re: Jerry

Thanks! Sorry to bother!

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 8, 2017, at 5:19 PM, Nolan, Rich <RNolan@nma.org> wrote:
>
> He can help beforehand. I waiting for a call back
>
>> On Apr 8, 2017, at 5:12 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:
>>
>> Well regardless, we have a lot of comms people coming but they haven't advanced a Presidential style event. I somewhat know what I'm doing from my time in EKY 2014 but I'm rusty. Could use help from someone whose done a campaign with a timeline/ lighting and sound system etc. Tommy gave us a guy on the ground, I'll see what his background is.
>>
>> Sent from my iPhone
>>
>>> On Apr 8, 2017, at 4:34 PM, Nolan, Rich <RNolan@nma.org> wrote:
>>>
>>> Many, but I think he may have be driving out on vacation Wed. Night. I will check.
>>>
>>>> On Apr 8, 2017, at 3:55 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:
>>>>
>>>> He's advanced political events before, right? Is he joining? My advance guy we were going to borrow from DOT fell through...
>>>>
>>>> Sent from my iPhone

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Sent: 5/3/2017 3:10:00 AM
To: Joe Arnold [JArnold@kaec.org]
CC: Konkus, John [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=555471b2baa6419e8e141696f4577062-Konkus, Joh]
Subject: Re: Letter to govs on CCR guidance
Attachments: image1.JPG; ATT00001.txt; image2.JPG; ATT00002.txt; image3.JPG; ATT00003.txt

Yes! John, do you mind linking Joe with the KY coops up with Eric for the professional photos from April 28? This one came from my phone (too much glare). Hope all is well, Joe! Tate ps happy derby week!

> On May 2, 2017, at 11:00 PM, Joe Arnold

> <JArnold@kaec.org> wrote:
>
> Hey Tate!
>
> Congrats on your new position. I can only imagine how swamped you must be. THANK YOU for the terrific accommodation of the Kentucky electric co-op contingent in DC last week.
>
> Could you connect me with the communications person at the EPA who could send me some of the photos taken at the Kentucky meeting with Scott Pruitt?
>
> Thanks again. Hope we can catch up, soon.
>
> Joe
>
>
> Joe Arnold
> Vice-President of Strategic Communications
> Kentucky Association of Electric Cooperatives
> Kentucky Living magazine
> KentuckyLiving.com
> jarnold@kaec.org
> Ex. 6
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
> Sent: Monday, May 1, 2017 8:43 PM
> To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
> Subject: Letter to govs on CCR guidance
>
> Just wanted to flag these letters recently went out on upcoming CCR guidance.
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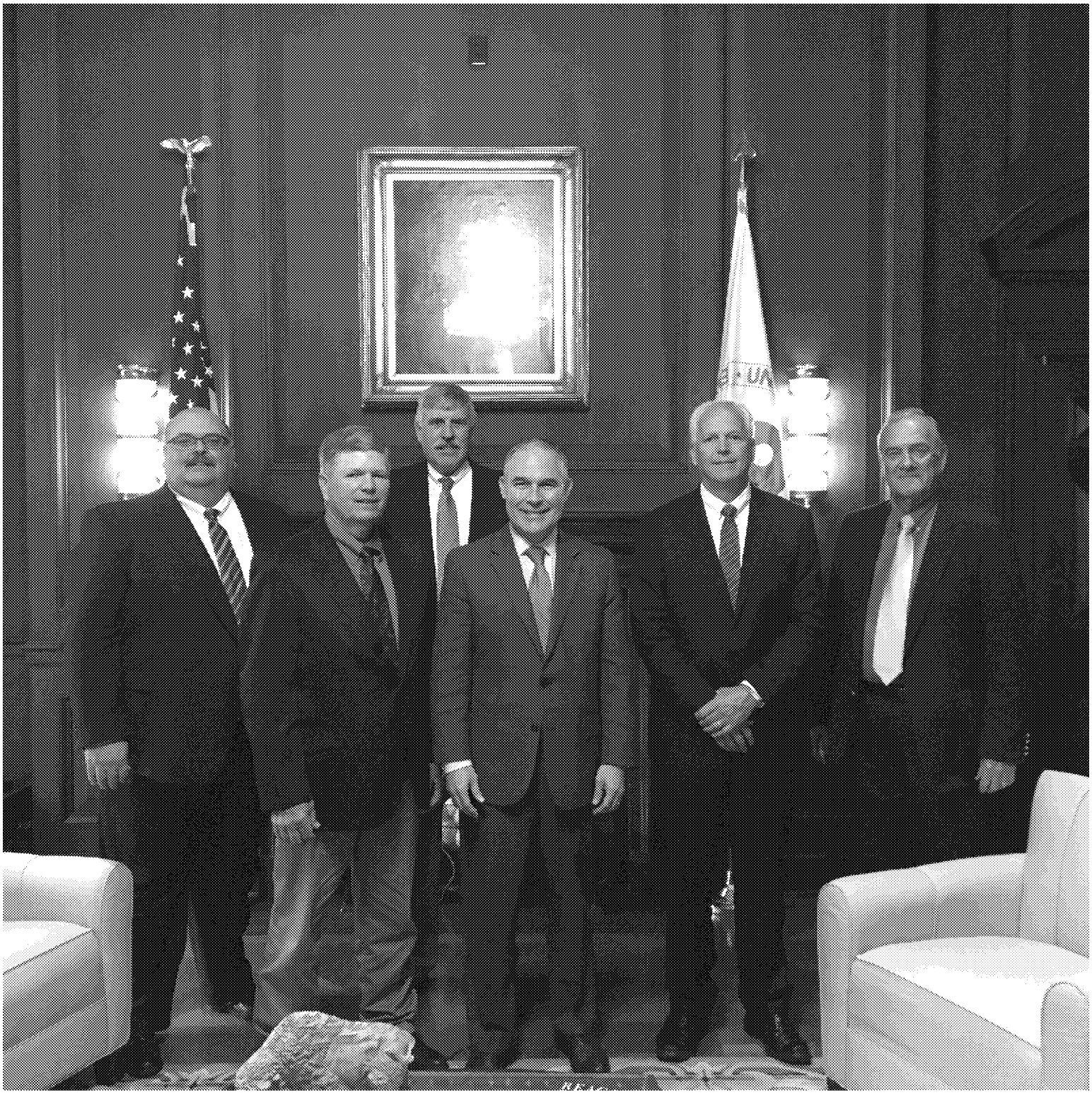

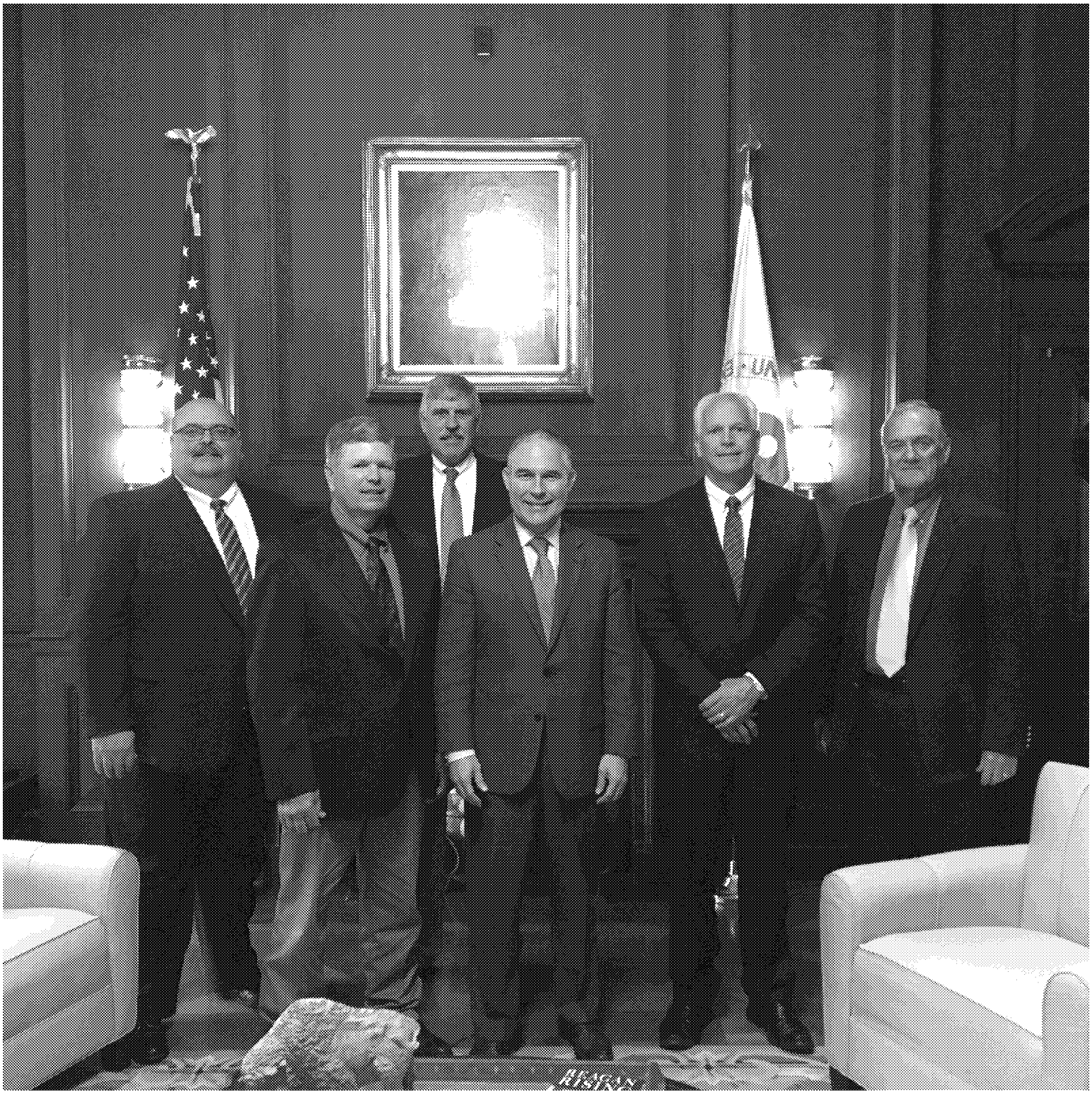

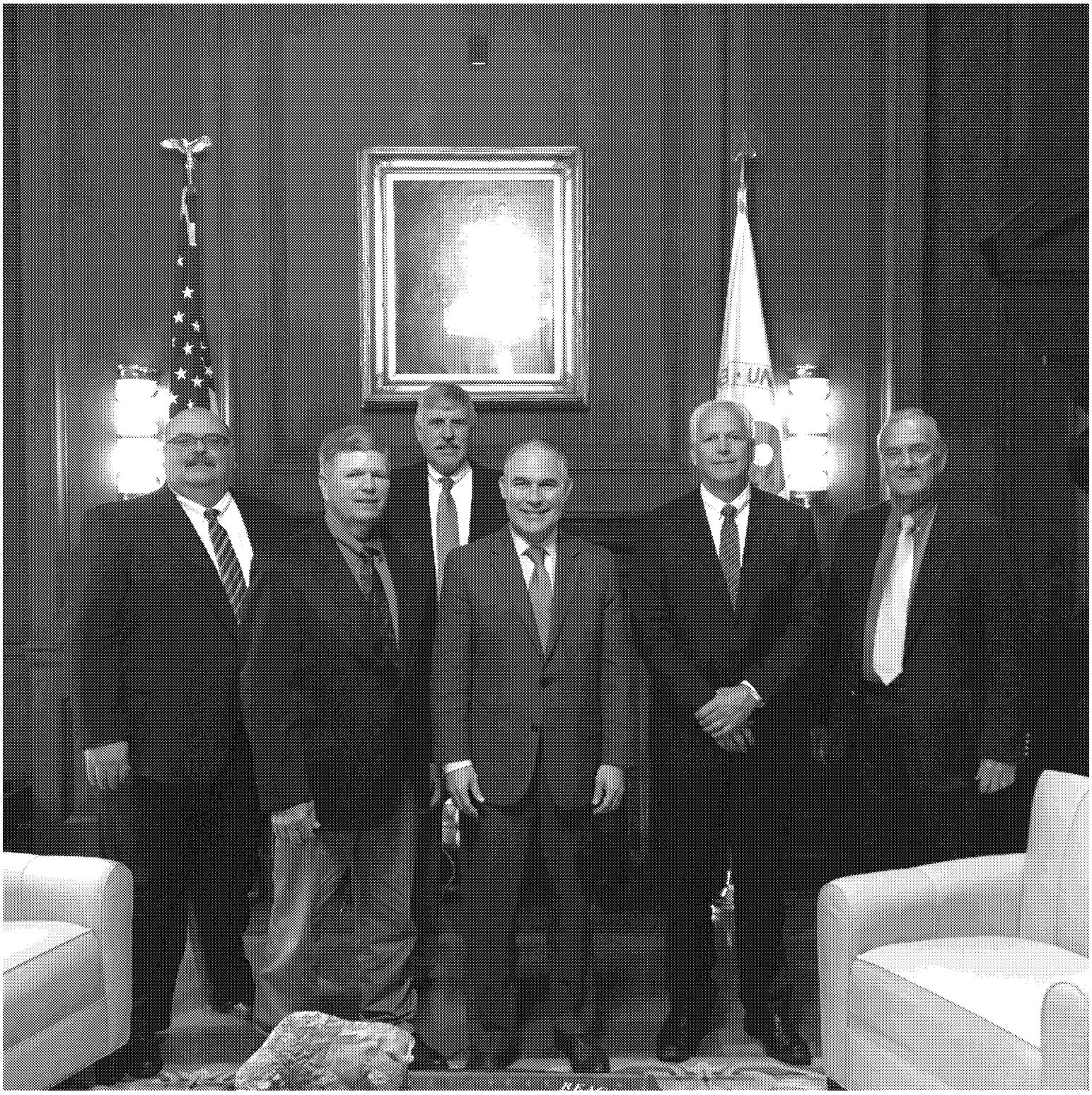

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Sent: 6/19/2017 7:18:17 PM
To: Tudor, David [dtudor@aeci.org]
CC: Cory, Katherine [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=bfd80b15f6d04a3ba11fc8ca3c85bc50-Cory, Kathe]
Subject: Re: Connecting you

David, If you can hang until 3:45/4, Preston can show you to my office where you can hang tight. If not, no worries at all!

Preston, they are outside Pruitt's office. Just take your idea and pick them up in his lobby if you can recall how to get there. If not Becky can show you.

> On Jun 19, 2017, at 3:15 PM, Tudor, David <dtudor@aeci.org> wrote:
>
> We are done. Still on for a conversation?
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
>> On Jun 9, 2017, at 1:56 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:
>>
>> Correct. I'll meet you by the front office if I'm not already staffing. Glad you are part of this! He put this meeting together.
>>
>>> On Jun 9, 2017, at 1:46 PM, Tudor, David <dtudor@aeci.org> wrote:
>>>
>>> You mean after the meeting on Monday right?
>>>
>>> -----Original Message-----
>>> From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
>>> Sent: Friday, June 09, 2017 12:44 PM
>>> To: Tudor, David <dtudor@aeci.org>
>>> Subject: Re: Connecting you
>>>
>>> I can get coffee at 3.
>>>
>>>> On Jun 9, 2017, at 1:39 PM, Tudor, David <dtudor@aeci.org> wrote:
>>>>
>>>> Tate - the NRECA asked me to attend a meeting with Administrator
>>>> Pruitt on Monday, 6/19 from 1-3pm along with some other IOU and G&T
>>>> CEOs. I am flying in on Sunday afternoon and thought I'd check your
>>>> schedule to catch up based on your note to me below. I may stay in
>>>> town Monday after the meeting too. Let me know your availability.
>>>> Thanks - David
>>>>
>>>> -----Original Message-----
>>>> From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
>>>> Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 2:59 PM
>>>> To: Tudor, David <dtudor@aeci.org>
>>>> Subject: RE: Connecting you
>>>>
>>>> Hey David! We had the BEST time last week. Sad we can't do it all over
>>>> again this week. Apologies on the e-mail mix up as well. I was sleep
>>>> deprived. Were you in town for leg conference? Please don't be a
>>>> stranger whenever you are in town. We are getting to work on NSR, and
>>>> will circle back soon with questions. -Tate
>>>>
>>>> -----Original Message-----
>>>> From: Tudor, David [mailto:dtudor@aeci.org]
>>>> Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 3:04 PM
>>>> To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
>>>> Subject: RE: Connecting you
>>>>
>>>> Tate - it was a pleasure to meet you and I appreciate the effort you all went through to coordinate the event at Thomas Hill with our Associated team and with Barry Hart's statewide organization. The event was a huge success and we received numerous positive comments from the attendees and our power plant employees. Please express my appreciation to Administrator Pruitt for allocating that last 30 minutes to us - it was very important to us.

>>>>
>>>> I'm in DC several times a year and will buy the drinks if you are available. In the meantime, let me know if you need any help on your EPA initiatives.
>>>>
>>>> Best regards - David
>>>>
>>>> David J. Tudor
>>>> CEO and GM
>>>> Associated Electric Cooperative
>>>> Mobile - Ex. 6
>>>> _____
>>>> From: Bennett, Tate [Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
>>>> Sent: Monday, April 24, 2017 12:44 PM
>>>> To: Prestwood, Brian
>>>> Cc: Tudor, David
>>>> Subject: RE: Connecting you
>>>>
>>>> Thanks, Brian! Might have a few questions for you later today.
>>>>
>>>> From: Prestwood, Brian [mailto:bprestwood@aeci.org]
>>>> Sent: Monday, April 24, 2017 1:10 PM
>>>> To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
>>>> Cc: Tudor, David <dtudor@aeci.org>
>>>> Subject: RE: Connecting you
>>>>
>>>> Tate,
>>>>
>>>> Tony Campbell at E. KY Power Co-op asked that we pass the attached presentation along to you ahead of your meeting tomorrow.
>>>>
>>>> Thanks,
>>>> Brian
>>>>
>>>> From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
>>>> Sent: Friday, April 21, 2017 4:37 AM
>>>> To: Wagner, Kenneth
>>>> <wagner.kenneth@epa.gov<mailto:wagner.kenneth@epa.gov>>
>>>> Cc: Chu, Ed <Chu.Ed@epa.gov<mailto:Chu.Ed@epa.gov>>;
>>>> dtudor@acci.org<mailto:dtudor@acci.org>; Prestwood, Brian
>>>> <bprestwood@aeci.org<mailto:bprestwood@aeci.org>>; Wilkinson, Joe
>>>> <jwilkinson@AECI.org<mailto:jwilkinson@AECI.org>>
>>>> Subject: Re: Connecting you
>>>>
>>>> Sorry, David Tudor! Sleep deprived over here.
>>>>
>>>> Perhaps David and Brett can bring Ken up to speed on NSR and your need for consistent guidance?
>>>>
>>>> In the meantime, I'll check in with HQ Policy Office. Feel free to send any materials demonstrating employment/economic impacts you might have our way.
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>>>> On Apr 21, 2017, at 1:20 AM, Wagner, Kenneth <wagner.kenneth@epa.gov<mailto:wagner.kenneth@epa.gov>> wrote:
>>>> I have also included David Tudor on the email chain. David...if you could detail the particular issue so that we may fully understand and set up a meaningful meeting within the next two weeks as we discussed. We are looking forward to bringing resolution to the issue!
>>>>
>>>> Kenneth E. Wagner
>>>> Senior Advisor to the Administrator
>>>> For Regional and State Affairs
>>>> Environmental Protection Agency
>>>> 202-564-1988 office
>>>> Ex. 6 cell
>>>> wagner.kenneth@epa.gov<mailto:wagner.kenneth@epa.gov>
>>>>
>>>> On Apr 20, 2017, at 10:55 PM, Chu, Ed <Chu.Ed@epa.gov<mailto:Chu.Ed@epa.gov>> wrote:
>>>> Thanks for connecting us Tate! Ken and I met briefly with David Tudor and committed to schedule a follow up meeting.
>>>>
>>>> David - I will follow up with you separately and will also include you in our future discussions.
>>>>
>>>> Edward H. Chu
>>>> Acting Regional Administrator, Region 7 U.S. Environmental Protection
>>>> Agency
>>>> 913-551-7333

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>>>> Sent from my iPhone
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>>>>
>>>> I'll follow up on our end from DC as well. So glad you made it out to the event!
>>>>
>>>> Tate

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Subject: EPA proposes stays on oil and gas NSPS

Hi there!

I hope you're doing well today. I wanted to let you know that the EPA is proposing a two-year Stay of Certain Requirements and a 90-day Limited Stay of Certain Requirements of the final 2016 rule "Oil and Natural Gas Sector: Emission Standards for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources." These stays, which follow an initial administrative stay of 90 days, would provide the EPA sufficient time to propose, take public comment, and issue a final action on the issues raised in petitions concerning the specific requirements on which the EPA has granted reconsideration. During this time, the agency also plans to complete its reconsideration process for all remaining issues raised in these reconsideration petitions regarding fugitive emissions, pneumatic pumps, and certification by professional engineer requirements, and intends to look broadly at the entire 2016 rule. Under the proposals, sources would not need to comply with these requirements while the stay is in effect.

For more information, visit: https://www.epa.gov/controlling-air-pollution-oil-and-natural-gas-industry/actions-and-notices-about-oil-and-natural-gas. Please feel free to get in touch if you have any questions.

Tate Bennett

Administrator Pruitt's Office

Environmental Protection Agency

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Sent: 4/7/2017 10:19:01 PM
To: Mullins, Jerry [jmullins@nma.org]; Nolan, Rich [RNolan@nma.org]
Subject: Event moved to Thursday

Can explain offline. Same schedule.

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Subject: RE: Need NMA help

Just what we needed. Thank you!

From: Nolan, Rich [mailto:RNolan@nma.org]
Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2017 12:14 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Need NMA help

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To: Nolan, Rich <RNolan@nma.org>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: Need NMA help

Me again! Can you send along a list of coal-specific national publications?

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Sent: 4/14/2017 2:10:47 AM
To: Nolan, Rich [RNolan@nma.org]
Subject: Re: NMA Hails Pruitt's Support for Coal

This is awesome. Jerry was great to work with and we can't thank you all enough. Do you have Mr. Brock's email and snail mail? No rush!

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 13, 2017, at 3:21 PM, Nolan, Rich <RNolan@nma.org> wrote:

Have a nice Easter

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Date: April 13, 2017 at 10:30:19 AM EDT
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Reply-To: <pressrelease@nma.org>

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For Immediate Release

Contact:

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April 13, 2017

NMA Hails Pruitt's Support for Coal

WASHINGTON, D.C. – *National Mining Association (NMA) president and CEO Hal Quinn issued the following statement regarding EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt's visit today at the Harvey Mine and training complex in Pennsylvania:*

"It's encouraging to hear a senior government official recognize the contribution that America's coal resources, the world's largest, make to our nation's economy and energy security. His comments are a welcome contrast to policies of the recent past that treated America's largest energy resource as a political liability best left in the ground instead of as an invaluable asset to secure and project the nation's energy dominance.

"The Harvey Mine is part of one of the largest underground coal mine complexes in the country and the home to an underground mining training academy. Featuring an array of the latest mining technologies, it showcases modern mining and the skills of our nation's coal miners.

"His appearance should give confidence to coal communities across the country that the days when our government stands in opposition to them are over and that the appreciation they deserve for securing the nation's energy supply for our manufacturing industries and families is finally at hand."

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To: Wilkinson, Joe [jwilkinson@AECI.org]
CC: Barry Hart [bhart@amec.org]
Subject: RE: Thomas Hill Coordination

Wonderful. I'll give you a buzz then.

From: Wilkinson, Joe [mailto:jwilkinson@AECI.org]
Sent: Monday, April 3, 2017 2:59 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Barry Hart <bhart@amec.org>
Subject: RE: Thomas Hill Coordination

Tate,

That would work great – in fact, I'm available any time that works for you this afternoon.

My cell number is Ex. 6 Please call at your convenience.

Joe

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From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 3, 2017 1:57 PM
To: Barry Hart <bhart@amec.org>
Cc: Wilkinson, Joe <jwilkinson@AECI.org>
Subject: RE: Thomas Hill Coordination

Hey Joe!

Thanks in advance for your help. I'm about to step into some meetings, but is there a chance 2:30 Central might work?

Tate

Elizabeth Tate Bennett
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From: Barry Hart [mailto:bhart@amec.org]
Sent: Monday, April 3, 2017 2:54 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Joe Wilkinson <jwilkinson@aeci.org>
Subject: Thomas Hill Coordination

Tate,

I am working with Joe Wilkinson, Vice President of Associated Electric on coordination of the April 20th event with Administrator Pruitt and Senator Roy Blunt. I gave Joe your contact information so he can call you this afternoon to cover the details regarding security, tour with the Administrator and Roy and the delegation travelling with you. Joe has some questions on program to make sure the event is exactly what the Administrator would like to see.

Is there a good time this afternoon for Joe to call you to discuss?

Thanks,

Barry

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To: RNolan@nma.org
Subject: Fwd: EPA to Extend Deadline for 2015 Ozone NAAQS Area Designations
Attachments: AZ Ducey 6-6-17.pdf; ATT00001.htm

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Subject: EPA to Extend Deadline for 2015 Ozone NAAQS Area Designations

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
June 6, 2017

EPA to Extend Deadline for 2015 Ozone NAAQS Area Designations

WASHINGTON – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt sent a letter to governors today to inform them of EPA's efforts related to the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone promulgated in October 2015. EPA is extending the deadline for promulgating initial area designations, by one year, for the 2015 ozone NAAQS.

"States have made tremendous progress and significant investment cleaning up the air. We will continue to work with states to ensure they are on a path to compliance," **said Administrator Scott Pruitt.**

The National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for ground-level ozone is an outdoor air regulation under the Clean Air Act. As part of the process to determine what areas of the country are able to meet the current air quality standards, states are currently submitting their proposals for area designations under the 70 parts per billion (ppb) standard, which was lowed from 75 ppb in 2015. Areas designated as being in "nonattainment" of the standard face consequences, including: increased regulatory burdens, restrictions on infrastructure investment,

and increased costs to businesses.

EPA is giving states more time to develop air quality plans and EPA is looking at providing greater flexibility to states as they develop their plans. And, pursuant to the language in the recently-enacted FY2017 Omnibus funding bill, Administrator Pruitt is establishing an Ozone Cooperative Compliance Task Force to develop additional flexibilities for states to comply with the ozone standard.

Additionally, the Agency is taking time to better understand some lingering, complicated issues so that air attainment decisions can be based on the latest and greatest information. This additional time will also provide the agency time to review the 2015 ozone NAAQS, prior to taking this initial implementation step.

Although the new ozone standard was set on October 1, 2015, there remains a host of complex issues that could undermine associated compliance efforts by states and localities. The Agency is evaluating these issues, primarily focused on:

- Fully understanding the role of background ozone levels;
- Appropriately accounting for international transport,
- And, timely consideration of exceptional events demonstrations.

"We share the goal of clean air, a robust economy and stronger, healthier communities. We are committed to working with states and local officials to effectively implement the ozone standard in a manner that is supportive of air quality improvement efforts without interfering with local decisions or impeding economic growth," **said Administrator Pruitt.**

Since 1980, total emissions of the six principal air pollutants have dropped by 63 percent and ozone levels have declined by 33 percent. Despite the continued improvement of air quality, costs associated with compliance of the ozone NAAQS have significantly increased.

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E. Scott Pruitt
Administrator

June 6, 2017

The Honorable Doug Ducey
Governor of Arizona
State Capitol
1700 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Governor Ducey:

I am writing to update you on the status of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's efforts related to the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone promulgated in October 2015. Pursuant to section 107(d)(1)(B) of the Clean Air Act (CAA), I am extending the deadline for promulgating initial area designations for the 2015 ozone NAAQS by one year. I have determined that there is insufficient information, and taking additional time is appropriate in order to consider completely all designation recommendations provided by state governors pursuant to CAA section 107(d)(1)(A) and to rely fully on the most recent air quality data. This additional time will also provide the Agency time to complete its review of the 2015 ozone NAAQS, prior to taking this initial implementation step.

Although the new ozone standard was set on October 1, 2015, there remains a host of complex issues that could undermine associated compliance efforts by states, localities and regulated entities. As part of the review process, the Agency is evaluating these issues primarily focusing on: fully understanding the role of background ozone levels; appropriately accounting for international transport; and, timely consideration of exceptional events demonstrations. Additionally, pursuant to language in the recently-enacted FY 2017 omnibus bill, I have established an Ozone Cooperative Compliance Task Force to develop additional flexibilities for states to comply with the ozone standard.

States have made tremendous progress and significant investment cleaning up the air. Since 1980, total emissions of the six principal air pollutants have dropped by 63 percent and ozone levels have declined by 33 percent. Despite the continued improvement of air quality, costs associated with compliance of the ozone NAAQS have significantly increased. I am committed to working with you and your local officials to effectively implement the ozone standard in a manner that is supportive of your air quality improvement efforts, without interfering with local decisions or impeding economic growth.

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I appreciate the information you and your staff have shared with EPA already as part of this process. I am confident this progress will continue as we work together towards our shared goal of clean air, a robust economy and stronger, healthier communities. If you have questions or concerns, please contact me or your staff may contact Troy Lyons, Associate Administrator for the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations, at lyons.troy@epa.gov or (202) 564-4987.

Respectfully yours,

E. Scott Pruitt

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Subject: Letter to govs on CCR guidance
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Just wanted to flag these letters recently went out on upcoming CCR guidance.

THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

April 28, 2017

The Honorable Brian Sandoval
Capitol Building
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Dear Governor Sandoval:

I am writing to inform you about steps the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is taking to implement new authority for authorizing state coal combustion residual (CCR) management permit programs provided by section 2301 of the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (WIIN Act), P.L. 114-322. The successful implementation of this authority will require cooperation between EPA and state technical experts, the regulated community, and other stakeholders. I know that some states have already discussed with EPA how they manage CCR, and I encourage you to continue those efforts and work with EPA to submit your program applications for approval in a timely manner. If you have not done so, I encourage you to evaluate developing a CCR permit program and submitting it to EPA for authorization.

As you may know, in 2014, the EPA issued national standards for the management of CCR under Subtitle D of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). As EPA explained in the Preamble to the CCR rule, due to the limited authority under RCRA Subtitle D, these standards applied directly to the owners and operators of CCR landfills and surface impoundments and could not be tailored to the unique circumstances of individual facilities and states through EPA-authorized permit programs. In addition, these standards were enforceable only by citizen suits.

Based on the concept of cooperative federalism that is a hallmark of our environmental laws, section 2301 of the WIIN Act authorizes state permit programs to manage CCR. EPA has started developing guidance for states about how EPA expects to review and approve state applications to operate permit programs and allow flexibility in individual permits in lieu of the national standards. EPA discussed plans for this draft guidance with a number of state environmental directors at the Environmental Council of States on April 7, 2017. EPA also is discussing this in greater detail with technical experts at the Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials.

I look forward to assisting your state with implementing section 2301 of the WIIN Act.

Respectfully yours,

E. Scott Pruitt

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Subject: RE: Trip ..

Yes please. Pence can't make it to IN and Capito is out April 10th week, so maybe focus on OH and PA?

From: Nolan, Rich [mailto:RNolan@nma.org]
Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 11:36 AM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: Trip ..

Perhaps a call around 4 pm on this?

Rich

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Sent: 3/31/2017 11:51:45 PM
To: Nolan, Rich [RNolan@nma.org]
Subject: Re: Do you have Mandy's email?

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Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 28, 2017, at 3:52 PM, Nolan, Rich <RNolan@nma.org> wrote:

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To: Nolan, Rich [RNolan@nma.org]; Mullins, Jerry [jmullins@nma.org]
Subject: Rough schedule

- 11:10 AM EST Administrator Pruitt arrives
- 11:10 – 11:45 AM EST Discussion with coal miners in locker room and media availability, open press.
- 11:45 – 1:00 PM EST Private roundtable lunch with leadership, closed press.
- 1:00 - 1:45 PM EST Safety training and gear up, closed press.
- 1:45 – 3:45 PM EST Underground mine tour, closed press.
- 3:45 PM EST – Depart

Elizabeth Tate Bennett
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To: Nolan, Rich [RNolan@nma.org]
Subject: RE: What time works for you this AM?

Can chat now. Ex. 6

-----Original Message-----
From: Nolan, Rich [mailto:RNolan@nma.org]
Sent: Thursday, April 6, 2017 9:01 AM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: What time works for you this AM?

Call now or hold?

> On Apr 6, 2017, at 7:42 AM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:
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>
> Sent from my iPhone

Message

From: Bennett, Tate [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=1FA92542F7CA4D01973B18B2F11B9141-BENNETT, EL]
Sent: 4/12/2017 11:14:30 AM
To: Wilkinson, Joe [jwilkinson@AECI.org]
CC: Lyons, Troy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=15e4881c95044ab49c6c35a0f5eef67e-Lyons, Troy]
Subject: Re: Info on sit-down meeting

Hey Joe! I'll be on the road today and cab give you

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 12, 2017, at 6:03 AM, Wilkinson, Joe <jwilkinson@AECI.org> wrote:
>
> Tate,
> Barry said that you asked if we could provide some background on what we'd like to discuss with the Administrator during the sit-down meeting after the media event. I'd like to have our General Counsel, Brian Prestwood, provide that information. I wasn't sure if you were the right person to share it with or if it is someone else. But Brian could be available today to discuss with the appropriate person, if you'd like to set up a call.
>
> Joe

Message

From: Bennett, Tate [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=1FA92542F7CA4D01973B18B2F11B9141-BENNETT, EL]
Sent: 3/27/2017 12:41:13 PM
To: Nolan, Rich [RNolan@nma.org]
Subject: RE: Has Ryan talked to you about Tuesday?

Will try you then!

From: Nolan, Rich [mailto:RNolan@nma.org]
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 8:40 AM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Has Ryan talked to you about Tuesday?

Yes anytime after my 9 am meeting so around 9:30-45

On Mar 27, 2017, at 5:30 AM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

> Sorry for the delay- I got caught up dealing with omb weekend. May I try you this AM?
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
> On Mar 25, 2017, at 1:26 PM, Nolan, Rich <RNolan@nma.org> wrote:
>
> > Hey Tate, open most of the day.
> > Ex. 6
> >
> > On Mar 25, 2017, at 1:11 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:
> >
> > > Keeps getting better... Rich, let me know when I can call and ask you a few ?s about the week after CPP. JP will loop you in after, I know you have a crazy next few days.
> > >
> > > Sent from my iPhone
> > >
> > > On Mar 24, 2017, at 4:20 PM, Nolan, Rich <RNolan@nma.org> wrote:
> > >
> > > > Do you have a minute for a quick call? Ex. 6
> > > > Ex. 6
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> > > > **From:** Bennett, Elizabeth [mailto:bennett.elizabeth@epa.gov]
> > > > **Sent:** Thursday, March 23, 2017 4:41 PM
> > > > **To:** Mullins, Jerry <jmullins@nma.org>; Nolan, Rich <RNolan@nma.org>
> > > > **Cc:** JP Freire <jpfreireepa@gmail.com>
> > > > **Subject:** Has Ryan talked to you about Tuesday?
> > > >
> > > > Tate again. Can JP and I give either of you a call around 5 PM? If so, what is the best number?

Message

From: Bennett, Tate [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=1FA92542F7CA4D01973B18B2F11B9141-BENNETT, EL]
Sent: 4/14/2017 10:06:17 PM
To: Barry Hart [bhart@amec.org]; Joe Wilkinson [jwilkinson@aeci.org]
Subject: RE: Associated Electric Cooperative Overview

Working on it! Definitely 3 on my end.

From: Barry Hart [mailto:bhart@amec.org]
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2017 6:05 PM
To: Joe Wilkinson <jwilkinson@aeci.org>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Associated Electric Cooperative Overview

We will need a count for dinner in Columbia at Ci Ci's

Start at 6:30 or 7:00.

Barry
Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 14, 2017, at 5:09 PM, Wilkinson, Joe <jwilkinson@AECI.org> wrote:

> 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, Ex. 7(C) (EPA Protective Service Detail), Ex. 7(C) (EPA Protective Service Detail), John Konkus (EPA Public Affairs/Communications), and Tate Bennett (EPA Congressional Affairs).

I am copying Agent Ex. 7(C) and Agent Ex. 7(C) 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
>
> · 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.
>
> Joe
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>
> Joe Wilkinson
> Vice President, Member Services and Corporate Communications
> Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc.
> Work: Ex. 6
> Cell: Ex. 6
> www.aeci.org<http://www.aeci.org/>
> jwilkinson@aeci.org<mailto:jwilkinson@aeci.org>
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> [Acronym spelled out & TEC]
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> <Invitation THEC tour with EPA.PDF>
> <Fact sheets for tour at THEC.pdf>
> <image003.png>

Message

From: Bennett, Tate [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=1FA92542F7CA4D01973B18B2F11B9141-BENNETT, EL]
Sent: 3/31/2017 5:04:01 PM
To: Mullins, Jerry [jmullins@nma.org]; Nolan, Rich [RNolan@nma.org]
Subject: RE: Date approved!

How many can we get?

From: Mullins, Jerry [mailto:jmullins@nma.org]
Sent: Friday, March 31, 2017 11:14 AM
To: Nolan, Rich <RNolan@nma.org>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Date approved!

Both CONSOL and Murray are aware of this potential visit. They will make arrangements. How many miners do we want available for photo op.

From: Nolan, Rich
Sent: Friday, March 31, 2017 11:02 AM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Mullins, Jerry <jmullins@nma.org>
Subject: Re: Date approved!

Great! I am looping Jerry back in. Yes

On Mar 31, 2017, at 9:50 AM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

> The Administrator just green lighted doing events at Consol then Murray Energy in Ohio on April 12th.
> Can we get the ball rolling?
>
> Elizabeth Tate Bennett
> Sr. Advisor to the Administrator
> Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs
> U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Message

From: Bennett, Tate [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=1FA92542F7CA4D01973B18B2F11B9141-BENNETT, EL]
Sent: 4/6/2017 12:00:43 AM
To: Nolan, Rich [RNolan@nma.org]
CC: Mullins, Jerry [jmullins@nma.org]
Subject: RE: April 12th

Literally just now sitting down. Happy to whenever is convenient for you, Rich! Ex. 6

From: Nolan, Rich [mailto:RNolan@nma.org]
Sent: Wednesday, April 5, 2017 1:36 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Mullins, Jerry <jmullins@nma.org>
Subject: April 12th

Got a minute to compare notes?

Rich Nolan
Senior Vice President, Government and Political Affairs
National Mining Association
101 Constitution Ave. NW, Suite 500 East
Washington, D.C. 20001
Phone: (202) 463-2600
Direct: Ex. 6
rnolan@nma.org

Message

From: Bennett, Tate [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=1FA92542F7CA4D01973B18B2F11B9141-BENNETT, EL]
Sent: 5/9/2017 2:22:00 PM
To: Joe Arnold [JArnold@kaec.org]; Hale, Michelle [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=cb99f5247ab8412fa017133839301fee-Hale, Miche]; Vance, Eric [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=d7fc312a1267466188680444d66fe0e6-EVance]
CC: Konkus, John [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=555471b2baa6419e8e141696f4577062-Konkus, Joh]
Subject: RE: KY Electric COOP

It's Mandy.

From: Joe Arnold [mailto:JArnold@kaec.org]
Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2017 10:15 AM
To: Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>; Vance, Eric <Vance.Eric@epa.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: KY Electric COOP

I know Tate, so it must be Mandy.

Thanks!

Joe

From: Hale, Michelle [mailto:hale.michelle@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2017 10:14 AM
To: Vance, Eric <Vance.Eric@epa.gov>; Joe Arnold <JArnold@kaec.org>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: KY Electric COOP

I don't have the attached photo but I reviewed the photos we sent if it is a blonde it's Tate Bennett, Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations. If it is a brunette it's Mandy Gunasekara, Senior Policy Advisor to the Administrator. Hope that helps!

From: Vance, Eric
Sent: Tuesday, May 9, 2017 10:00 AM
To: Joe Arnold <JArnold@kaec.org>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: KY Electric COOP

Good morning Joe,
I've added Michelle to identify the lady. Photo credit should read: USEPA Photo by Eric Vance or Photo courtesy USEPA.

Regards,
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Eric Vance
Chief Photographer, USEPA
Office of the Administrator

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Washington, DC 20640
WJC-North, Room 6330K

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From: Joe Arnold [mailto:JArnold@kaec.org]
Sent: Tuesday, May 09, 2017 9:53 AM
To: Vance, Eric <Vance.Eric@epa.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: KY Electric COOP

Hi Eric, John and Tate:

Thank you for providing the photos of Kentucky electric co-ops' visit with the EPA Administrator.

For cutline purposes, could you provide the name and title/position of the woman seated next to Scott Pruitt? Also, who is the photographer for photo credit?

Thanks again,

Joe

Joe Arnold
Vice-President of Strategic Communications
Kentucky Association of Electric Cooperatives
Kentucky Living magazine
KentuckyLiving.com
jarnold@kaec.org
Ex. 6 mobile

From: Vance, Eric [mailto:Vance.Eric@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 3, 2017 8:46 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Joe Arnold <JArnold@kaec.org>
Subject: KY Electric COOP

Hi Tate, John and Joe,
Here's a re-send of the files from your visit.

Kind regards,
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Eric Vance
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WJC-North, Room 6330K

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From: Vance, Eric
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 1:54 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Orquina, Jessica <Orquina.Jessica@epa.gov>; Hart, Daniel <Hart.Daniel@epa.gov>
Cc: Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>; Ron Slotkin <Slotkin.Ron@epa.gov>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Social media today

Photos from Kentucky Association of Electric Cooperatives meeting.

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http://intranet.epa.gov/media/
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From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 10:07 AM
To: Orquina, Jessica <Orquina.Jessica@epa.gov>; Hart, Daniel <Hart.Daniel@epa.gov>

Cc: Vance, Eric <Vance.Eric@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Social media today

Sorry please see this document attached.

From: Orquina, Jessica
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 9:23 AM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Hart, Daniel <Hart.Daniel@epa.gov>
Cc: Vance, Eric <Vance.Eric@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Social media today

Hi John,

I don't see any meetings highlighted on the document you sent. Which ones would you like us to focus on?

Thanks! Jess

Jessica Ann Orquina
Associate Director
Office of Web Communications
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Email: orquina.jessica@epa.gov
Office: 202-564-0446
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From: Konkus, John
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 9:17 AM
To: Hart, Daniel <Hart.Daniel@epa.gov>; Orquina, Jessica <Orquina.Jessica@epa.gov>
Cc: Vance, Eric <Vance.Eric@epa.gov>
Subject: Social media today

Hi gang: can you please tee up some draft social media posts for the highlighted meetings attached? Eric is set to take photos for each.

Thank you!

Message

From: Bennett, Tate [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=1FA92542F7CA4D01973B18B2F11B9141-BENNETT, EL]
Sent: 4/20/2017 1:25:01 AM
To: McBride, Stacy (Blunt) [Stacy_McBride@blunt.senate.gov]
BCC: bhart@amec.org; jwilkinson@aeci.org
Subject: Re: Final Attendee List - Thomas Hill EPA visit

Yes! Celebrity guest Stacy McBride in the house.

On Apr 19, 2017, at 7:31 PM, McBride, Stacy (Blunt) <Stacy_McBride@blunt.senate.gov> wrote:

> Thanks Tate. Promises to be a great event. Looking forward to seeing you.
>
> On Apr 19, 2017, at 7:22 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> > All-
> >
> > Thanks for your patience as we are still gearing up at EPA/ are coordinating multiple events at once. Attached is the final RSVP list for tomorrow's event at Thomas Hill with Administrator Pruitt that is NOT for distribution. I will be onsite to direct you and bosses/ answer any questions Ex. 6 Blonde hair, black shirt.
> >
> > Please arrive out front no later than 10 AM. There will be a security point at the gate with your names and someone directing parking. Speaking order tick-tock will be as follows:
> >
> > 10:10AM - Steve Iwanowicz will get up to speak then introduce Barry Hart
> > 10:13AM – Barry Hart speaks then introduces Sen. Blunt
> > 10:18AM – Sen. Blunt speaks then introduces Administrator Pruitt
> >
> > Immediately following the remarks will be a media availability while Administrator departs for a private tour with a small group. The folks CC'd will provide a press list later tonight upon your individual requests. You may also coordinate with them on your press efforts, if you haven't already. You all will be out of there by 11:00 AM. I know it's a home week and you all were gracious enough to reroute your schedules for this event last minute.
> >
> > The MO co-ops are setting a high bar here, and it should be a great event. Call anytime.
> >
> > Tate Bennett
> > Office of the Administrator
> > EPA
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> >
> > <Guest list - FINAL.xlsx>

Message

From: Bennett, Tate [/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=1FA92542F7CA4D01973B18B2F11B9141-BENNETT, EL]
Sent: 4/14/2017 6:55:09 PM
To: Wilkinson, Joe [jwilkinson@AECI.org]; Barry Hart [bhart@amec.org]
CC: 'derek_coats@blunt.senate.gov' [Derek_Coats@blunt.senate.gov]
Subject: RE: Invitation to Thomas Hill Event

Our team will huddle and then call you Derek.

From: Wilkinson, Joe [mailto:jwilkinson@AECI.org]
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2017 2:54 PM
To: Barry Hart <bhart@amec.org>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: 'derek_coats@blunt.senate.gov' <Derek_Coats@blunt.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: Invitation to Thomas Hill Event

All,
Here's what I have for the agenda at this point, based on the last discussion with John Konkus.

Please let me know if you'd like any adjustments.

Arrival Time: 10:00

10:00 Steve Iwanowicz welcome, Barry Hart Introduction, Senator Blunt, Congressmen?

10:15 EPA Administrator Pruitt presentation

10:45 Greeting guests, media interviews

11:00 Exit tent for plant building

11:05 VIP tour of plant

11:35 VIP Sit-down

Departure time: 12:15

Thanks,
Joe

Sent from Surface

From: Barry Hart
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2017 12:34 PM
To: 'Bennett, Tate'
Cc: Joe Wilkinson, 'derek_coats@blunt.senate.gov'

I think before we start the tour we can go into a room in the plant for all state officials to visit wth the Administrator. We have to put a time limit on it or they will talk all day. We have to prioritize our private time

with him after the tour prior to departure because it has a huge potential to have a major impact on Missouri and our communities.

Barry

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 14, 2017, at 1:28 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

> Good point. I think just having them at the event will be enough then.
>
> **From:** Wilkinson, Joe [mailto:jwilkinson@AECI.org]
> **Sent:** Friday, April 14, 2017 10:09 AM
> **To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Coats, Derek (Blunt) <Derek_Coats@blunt.senate.gov>; Barry Hart <bhart@amec.org>
> **Subject:** Re: Invitation to Thomas Hill Event
>
> Just a note...trying to talk on the tour will be difficult. It is very loud inside the plant. We will provide earplugs and headphones for hearing the person leading the tour. So conversing is difficult.
>
> Joe
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
> On Apr 14, 2017, at 8:31 AM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> > Concur with Derek but I think they can stand up front and/ or have special seating and certainly need to be recognized. Barry, Ashcroft had also asked my boss for a meeting....is there a way to work that in or should we just all the elected officials on the tour together and hope they can chat along the way? Derek, are you free to chat this AM?
> >
> > **From:** Coats, Derek (Blunt) [mailto:Derek_Coats@blunt.senate.gov]
> > **Sent:** Thursday, April 13, 2017 10:40 AM
> > **To:** 'Barry Hart' <bhart@amec.org>
> > **Cc:** Joe Wilkinson <jwilkinson@aeci.org>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
> > **Subject:** RE: Invitation to Thomas Hill Event
> >
> > My preference would be to limit speaking roles to the Administrator, members of Congress and of course you. The statewide should be recognized. Of course, I defer to Tate as she has final say.
> >
> > **From:** Barry Hart [mailto:bhart@amec.org]
> > **Sent:** Thursday, April 13, 2017 9:38 AM
> > **To:** Coats, Derek (Blunt) <Derek_Coats@blunt.senate.gov>
> > **Cc:** Joe Wilkinson <jwilkinson@aeci.org>; Tate Bennett <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
> > **Subject:** Re: Invitation to Thomas Hill Event
> >
> > Great that they are coming!. Heard anything on US House members. Will they nedto speak?

Barry

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 13, 2017, at 9:34 AM, Coats, Derek (Blunt) <Derek_Coats@blunt.senate.gov> wrote:

> Thank you. Just as an FYI, Missouri Attorney General Josh Hawley and Missouri Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft have communicated with our office that they plan to attend the event next week. Not certain they need a speaking role, but if there is a stage we might want to include them on that. As of now, the Gov is not attending and is currently planning on meeting with Administrator Pruitt early morning on the 20th in Jefferson City.
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> **From:** Wilkinson, Joe [mailto:jwilkinson@AECI.org]
> **Sent:** Thursday, April 13, 2017 9:16 AM
> **To:** Coats, Derek (Blunt) <Derek_Coats@blunt.senate.gov>
> **Cc:** Barry Hart <bhart@amec.org>
> **Subject:** Invitation to Thomas Hill Event
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> Derek,
> The invitation is attached. Please note that the second page is a map to the event and information for the tour.
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> Please let me know if I can provide any additional information.
>
> Joe Wilkinson

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Sent: 4/20/2017 1:21:07 AM
To: Coats, Derek (Blunt) [Derek_Coats@blunt.senate.gov]
CC: jwilkinson@aeci.org
Subject: Re: Final Attendee List - Thomas Hill EPA visit

Great. Staff will cruise on in.

On Apr 19, 2017, at 7:35 PM, Coats, Derek (Blunt) <Derek_Coats@blunt.senate.gov> wrote:

> Sarah Graff from our staff will also be attending. Didn't see her name on list, but wanted you to be aware.
>
> Derek
>
> On Apr 19, 2017, at 7:22 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:
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>> All-
>>
>> Thanks for your patience as we are still gearing up at EPA/ are coordinating multiple events at once. Attached is the final RSVP list for tomorrow's event at Thomas Hill with Administrator Pruitt that is NOT for distribution. I will be onsite to direct you and bosses/ answer any questions (202)329-3948. Blonde hair, black shirt.
>>
>> Please arrive out front no later than 10 AM. There will be a security point at the gate with your names and someone directing parking. Speaking order tick-tock will be as follows:
>>
>> 10:10AM - Steve Iwanowicz will get up to speak then introduce Barry Hart
>> 10:13AM – Barry Hart speaks then introduces Sen. Blunt
>> 10:18AM – Sen. Blunt speaks then introduces Administrator Pruitt
>>
>> Immediately following the remarks will be a media availability while Administrator departs for a private tour with a small group. The folks CC'd will provide a press list later tonight upon your individual requests. You may also coordinate with them on your press efforts, if you haven't already. You all will be out of there by 11:00 AM. I know it's a home week and you all were gracious enough to reroute your schedules for this event last minute.
>>
>> The MO co-ops are setting a high bar here, and it should be a great event. Call anytime.
>>
>> Tate Bennett
>> Office of the Administrator
>> EPA
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Message

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Sent: 4/11/2017 4:39:36 PM
To: Mullins, Jerry [jmullins@nma.org]
Subject: RE: Do we need to bring any of this or signage?

Yes, rumors are true on schedule. Do you mind resending those photos?

From: Mullins, Jerry [mailto:jmullins@nma.org]
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 11:11 AM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Smith, Zachery <ZacherySmith@cnxlp.com>
Subject: RE: Do we need to bring any of this or signage?

We are in good shape for that. Amy Graham, Zach and I are talking at 11:30am and I will know more.

I heard the schedule has bounced by 45 minutes.

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 11:09 AM
To: Smith, Zachery <ZacherySmith@cnxlp.com>; Mullins, Jerry <jmullins@nma.org>
Subject: Do we need to bring any of this or signage?

- Microphone and chords (back-ups and batteries)
- Sound system/mult box
- Power supply (Chord?)
- Podium
- Pipe and drape
- US Flag and stanchion, PA flag and stanchion

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Sent: 4/19/2017 11:41:54 PM
To: Wilkinson, Joe [jwilkinson@AECI.org]
CC: Konkus, John [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=555471b2baa6419e8e141696f4577062-Konkus, Joh]; Barry Hart [bhart@amec.org]; Graham, Amy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=26722dfde5b34925b0ad9a8dd4aff308-Graham, Amy]; Bowman, Liz [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=c3d4d94d3e4b4b1f80904056703ebc80-Bowman, Eli]; Freire, JP [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=11603dce40a1499e8e9c17eaed000ad1-Freire, Joh]
Subject: Re: Final Attendee List - Thomas Hill EPA vist

You guys are setting a high bar here! Even divided by industry!

On Apr 19, 2017, at 10:21 AM, Wilkinson, Joe <jwilkinson@AECI.org> wrote:

Final RSVP list below

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Megan Beyer <mbeyer@amec.org>
Date: April 19, 2017 at 10:17:09 AM CDT
To: "Hupp, Millan" <hupp.millan@epa.gov>
Cc: Barry Hart <bhart@amec.org>, "Wilkinson, Joe" <jwilkinson@AECI.org>, "Wright, Lisa" <lwright@aeci.org>, Linda Bolten - Amec <lbolten@amec.org>
Subject: Final Attendee List - Thomas Hill EPA vist

Please find attached the final attendee list for the Thomas Hill event tomorrow. If you have any questions, please let me know.

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Jefferson City, MO 65102
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Sent: 4/11/2017 2:47:06 PM
To: Mullins, Jerry [jmullins@nma.org]
Subject: RE: typical elevator...

Any chance you can send as a attachment? Not showing up ☹

From: Mullins, Jerry [mailto:jmullins@nma.org]
Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 9:46 AM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: typical elevator...

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From: Bennett, Tate [Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: 3/31/2017 12:45:19 AM
To: Bennett, Tate [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=1fa92542f7ca4d01973b18b2f11b9141-Bennett, El]
BCC: RNolan@nma.org
Subject: Letter to 47 govs that went out today
Attachments: Sandoval.pdf; ATT00001.txt

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

THE ADMINISTRATOR

March 30, 2017

The Honorable Brian Sandoval
Governor of Nevada
Capitol Building
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Dear Governor Sandoval:

On February 9, 2016, the Supreme Court of the United States stayed implementation of the Clean Power Plan (CPP) effectively "suspend[ing] administrative alteration of the status quo." *Nken v. Holder*, 556 U.S. 418, 428 n.1 (2009). Further, pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, the Supreme Court has authority to "issue all necessary and appropriate process to postpone the effective date of an agency action or to preserve status or rights pending conclusion of the review proceedings." 5 U.S.C. § 705.

Under that precedent, States and other interested parties have neither been required nor expected to work towards meeting the compliance dates set in the CPP. It is the policy of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that States have no obligation to spend resources to comply with a Rule that has been stayed by the Supreme Court of the United States. To the extent any deadlines become relevant in the future, case law and past practice of the EPA supports the application of day-to-day tolling.

The days of coercive federalism are over. Accordingly, I look forward to working with you, your state experts and local communities as we develop a path forward to improve our environment and bolster the economy in a manner that is respectful of and consistent with the rule of law.

Respectfully yours,

E. Scott Pruitt

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Sent: 4/11/2017 1:16:10 AM
To: Mullins, Jerry [jmullins@nma.org]
CC: Smith, Zachery [ZacherySmith@cnxlp.com]; Nolan, Rich [RNolan@nma.org]; Johnson, Tommy [TommyJohnson@consolenergy.com]
Subject: Re: Running through lists...

Sorry to bother, but is there any chance we have any of the specs in the mine? How tall is the ceiling during the train ride down? Any photos?

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 10, 2017, at 3:55 PM, Mullins, Jerry <jmullins@nma.org> wrote:

All, I apologize in advance for being a pain but below is a rough needs list and loose tic toc for hammering out details for the visit by EPA Administrator Pruitt to CONSOL's mining operations in SW PA. I know some of this is ticky-tac but the sooner we are knocking things off the better we will all feel going into Thursday.

Zackary my cell is Ex. 6 and you can call or email anytime. I will be up there early on Wednesday but I can get just about anything we need between now and then.

Are you guys up for a call tomorrow at 11am? I can conference you both in if easier? Thanks for considering and sorry to be a pain.

Best,
JM

Administrator Pruitt Trip to Bailey Mining Complex, Harvey Mine, PA
4-11-17, Tuesday 11am: Confirm site specific needs for both outdoor press availability and indoor contingency press availability if weather is an issue. Confirm plan for press access in and out of facility and rules (EPA Advance must approve the protocol and plan).

- Microphone and chords (back-ups and batteries)
- Sound system/mult box
- Power supply (Chord?)
- Podium
- Pipe and drape
- US Flag and stanchion, PA flag and stanchion
- Coal/Mining support placards
- Run of show (who introduces)
- Head count on miners attending
- Draft stage and set up plan (earthmovers etc?)
- Confirm VIP invites (local elected, industry, community)
- Press Advisories to local and nationally targeted media
- Physical route from press avail to lunch confirmed

4-12-17, Wednesday 10am: Confirm materials will be in place with enough time to set up. Reconfirm Administrator's schedule. Have staging plan signed off on be responsible parties.

- Develop discussion guide for lunch roundtable (introductions/program etc)
- Confirm seating chart for roundtable lunch
- Site survey with EPA Advance team at 1:00pm
- Plan for water stations and bathrooms for miners
- Confirm plan for miners assembling, into and out of area

4-13-17, Thursday, 9:00am: Confirm set up in place for press avail and lunch. Confirm Administrators schedule (below). Have media table and sign in set up. Make EPA aware of press list.

- 11:10 AM EST Administrator Pruitt arrives
- 11:10 – 11:45 AM EST Discussion with coal miners in locker room and media availability, open press.
- 11:45 – 1:00 PM EST Private roundtable lunch with leadership, closed press.
- 1:00 - 1:45 PM EST Safety training and gear up, closed press.
- 1:45 – 3:45 PM EST Underground mine tour, closed press.
- 3:45 PM EST – Depart

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To: Nolan, Rich [RNolan@nma.org]
CC: Hupp, Millan [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=92cac7b684b64f90953b753a01bee0d5-Hupp, Milla]; Ferguson, Lincoln [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=08cd7f82606244de96b61b96681c46de-Ferguson, L]; Freire, JP [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=11603dce40a1499e8e9c17eaed000ad1-Freire, Joh]; Gunasekara, Mandy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=53d1a3caa8bb4ebab8a2d28ca59b6f45-Gunasekara,]
Subject: Re: Pruitt in Naples

Roping in our folks who will be there or may want to weigh in. Thanks for reaching out.

On Apr 19, 2017, at 11:07 AM, Nolan, Rich <RNolan@nma.org> wrote:

Do you need anything for Pruitt for Monday?

<image001.png>

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Sent: 3/20/2018 9:22:02 PM
To: 'Viator, Brad' [BViator@eei.org]
Subject: Quick call

May I give you a quick shout?

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CC: Gordon, Stephen [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=7c8fb4d82bff4eec98f5c5d00a47f554-Gordon, Ste]; Letendre, Daisy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=b691cccca6264ae09df7054c7f1019cb-Letendre, D]
BCC: Brian Kelly [bkelly@bkstrategies.com]; lundy.kiger@aes.com; sgiustino@cancentral.com; rbudway@cancentral.com; abromberg@crcpublicrelations.com; mrussell@crcpublicrelations.com; Blake.Barfield@hollyfrontier.com; ross@utahhba.com; bruce@indianacoal.com; bschonacher@ibc.com; claire@mec.com; mitch@mitchen.net; mmittelholzer@nahb.org; cglen@nam.org; cdawson@realtors.org; sprhines@noble.org; matt@orangelinecondo.com; hjreed@p66.com; ngarcia@signalgroupdc.com; crellis@noble.org; csoderberg@iowarec.org; kcondon@iowarec.org; Terry_VanDoren@mcconnell.senate.gov; Katelyn Conner [Katelyn_Conner@mcconnell.senate.gov]; gnorquist@atr.org; sallen@capitalresearch.org; SW@Capitalresearch.org; pgoettler@cato.org; pmichaels@cato.org; angela.logomasini@cei.org; tschatz@cagw.org; Ex. 6 craig@cfact.org; mebell@cei.org; Christopher.Horner@cei.org; skazman@CEI.org; MLewis@cei.org; william.yeatman@cei.org; kent.lassman@cei.org; Ex. 6 Ex. 6 richardson@eelegal.org; Ex. 6 Ex. 6 abrandon@freedomworks.org; sbourne@georgeallen.com; Ex. 6 THuelskamp@heartland.org; julie.gunlock@iwf.org; tpyle@ierdc.org; tpyle@energydc.org; milloy@me.com; jjohnson@nrb.org; Ex. 6 tgaziano@pacificlegal.org; jw@pacificlegal.org; tphillips@afphq.org; brian.seasholes@reason.org; daren.bakst@heritage.org; michael.costigan@heritage.org; robert.gordon@heritage.org; diane.katz@heritage.org; david.kreutzer@heritage.org; nick.loris@heritage.org; terry.miller@heritage.org; bndunlop@heritage.org; jack.spencer@heritage.org; katie.tubb@heritage.org; robert.bluey@heritage.org; Kevin Butt (TMNA) [kevin.butt@toyota.com]; Gunasekara, Mandy [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=53d1a3caa8bb4ebab8a2d28ca59b6f45-Gunasekara,]; Bolen, Brittany [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=31e872a691114372b5a6a88482a66e48-Bolen, Brit]
Subject: ICYMI: EPA Administrator Pruitt: GHG Emissions Standards for Cars and Light Trucks Should Be Revised

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

NEWS RELEASE

WWW.EPA.GOV/NEWSROOM

EPA Administrator Pruitt: GHG Emissions Standards for Cars and Light Trucks Should Be Revised

WASHINGTON (April 2, 2018) — Today, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt is announcing the completion of the Midterm Evaluation (MTE) process for the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions standards for cars and light trucks for model years 2022-2025, and his final determination that, in light of recent data, the current standards are not appropriate and should be revised. Administrator Pruitt is also announcing the start of a joint process with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to develop a notice and comment rulemaking to set more appropriate GHG emissions standards and Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards.

“The Obama Administration's determination was wrong,” **said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt**. “Obama’s EPA cut the Midterm Evaluation process short with politically charged expediency, made assumptions about the standards that didn’t comport with reality, and set the standards too high.”

Under the Clean Air Act (CAA), EPA sets national standards for vehicle tailpipe emissions of certain pollutants. Through a CAA waiver granted by EPA, California can impose stricter standards for vehicle emissions of certain pollutants than federal requirements. The California waiver is still being reexamined by EPA under Administrator Pruitt’s leadership.

“Cooperative federalism doesn’t mean that one state can dictate standards for the rest of the country. EPA will set a national standard for greenhouse gas emissions that allows auto manufacturers to make cars that people both want and can afford — while still expanding environmental and safety benefits of newer cars. It is in America's best interest to have a national standard, and we look forward to partnering with all states, including California, as we work to finalize that standard,” **said Administrator Pruitt**.

Additional Background

As part of the 2012 rulemaking establishing the model year 2017-2025 light-duty vehicle GHG standards, EPA made a regulatory commitment to conduct a MTE of the standards for MY 2022-2025 no later than April 1, 2018. This evaluation would determine whether the standards remain appropriate or should be made more, or less stringent.

In November 2016, the Obama Administration short-circuited the MTE process and rushed out their final determination on January 12, 2017, just days before leaving office. Since then, the auto industry and other stakeholders sought a reinstatement of the original MTE timeline, so that the Agency could review the latest information.

EPA and the U.S. Department of Transportation announced a reestablishment of the MTE process in March 2017. And, in August 2017, EPA reopened the regulatory docket and asked for additional information and data relevant to assessing whether the GHG emissions standards remain appropriate, including information on: consumer behavior, feedback on modeling approaches, and assessing advanced fuels technologies. EPA also held a public hearing on this topic.
For more information: https://www.epa.gov/regulations-emissions-vehicles-and-engines/midterm-evaluation-light-duty-vehicle-greenhouse-gas

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Sent: 4/9/2018 5:56:59 PM
To: Samantha McDonald [SMcDonald@ipaa.org]
CC: Lee Fuller [lfuller@ipaa.org]
Subject: Re: IPAA Letter Supporting Wheeler Nomination

Thank you!

On Apr 9, 2018, at 1:51 PM, Samantha McDonald <SMcDonald@ipaa.org> wrote:

Good afternoon,

Please see the attached letter from IPAA President & CEO, Barry Russell, in support of Andrew Wheeler's confirmation as Deputy Administrator at EPA.

Best,

Sam

Samantha McDonald
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Ex. 6 / Visit IPAA / Visit ESA Watch
<image001.jpg>

<Wheeler Support Letter 4.9.18.pdf>

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Sent: 3/14/2018 5:09:50 PM
To: Tyler White [twhite@kentuckycoal.com]
CC: RNolan@nma.org
Subject: FYI on yesterday's announcement

Guidance Memo from Bill Wehrum: Project Emissions Accounting Under the New Source Review Preconstruction Permitting Program

Announcement: ANTICIPATED Tuesday March 13

Key points:

- This memorandum provides EPA's interpretation of the existing New Source Review (NSR) regulations with respect to the accounting of emissions changes from a project under Step 1 of the NSR applicability process (the determination of whether a project will result in a significant emissions increase).

- This memorandum provides EPA's interpretation that the current NSR regulations already allow for emissions decreases as well as increases to be considered at Step 1 of the NSR applicability process, better capturing real world impacts of proposed projects.

- Clarifying this interpretation will reduce confusion and paperwork burdens, spurring investment in new, environmentally beneficial updates at covered facilities.

- EPA's interpretation is grounded in the principle that the plain language of the Clean Air Act indicates that Congress intended to apply NSR to changes that increase actual emissions.

Background:

In general, preconstruction permits for sources in attainment areas and for other pollutants regulated under the major source program are called prevention of significant deterioration (PSD) permits, while such permits for major sources emitting nonattainment pollutants and located in nonattainment areas are referred to as nonattainment NSR (NNSR) permits.

Questions and Answers

If the regulations allow this, why does EPA need to clarify that emissions decreases should be considered?

Since 2006, EPA has issued conflicting determinations of whether its regulations allow for the consideration of emissions decreases under Step 1 of the applicability process. EPA has reassessed this and is clarifying EPA's current interpretation.

How can a new project not increase emissions?

A project can involve increases or decreases in emissions or both on a pollutant and emissions unit-specific basis. For example, a project may involve the installation of more efficient process equipment leading to a decrease in emissions from certain units. Or, a project may involve the installation of pollution control equipment that results in lower emissions. Project emissions accounting under Step 1 of the NSR applicability process involves determining whether the aggregate increase in emissions from a project, including increases and decreases as applicable, is significant.

Why has EPA changed its interpretation of project netting since its 2010 letter to HOVENSA LLC?

Because EPA has in the past issued conflicting determinations on this matter, EPA has reassessed its interpretation of the NSR regulatory language and has determined that the regulatory interpretation contained in the 2010 HOVENSA letter is not supported by the rules.

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Sent: 4/2/2018 1:38:15 PM
To: Brad Albin [Brad.Albin@REGI.com]
CC: Wagner, Kenneth [/o=ExchangeLabs/ou=Exchange Administrative Group (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/cn=Recipients/cn=048236ab99bc4d5ea16c139b1b67719c-Wagner, Ken]
Subject: Re: Updated EPA Doc

We do not have any open dates at this time but you are on our radar. Thanks for checking in.

On Apr 2, 2018, at 9:37 AM, Brad Albin <Brad.Albin@REGI.com> wrote:

Tate and Ken,

Hope you both had a good Easter Weekend. Can you please give me some feedback on tentative dates?

Brad

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From: Brad Albin
Sent: Thursday, March 8, 2018 12:10 PM
To: 'Bennett, Tate' <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Updated EPA Doc

How are we doing on getting this scheduled? I really do feel a sense of urgency is appropriate to do this as soon as possible for all.

Brad

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From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, February 16, 2018 4:47 PM
To: Brad Albin <Brad.Albin@REGI.com>
Subject: RE: Updated EPA Doc

Thanks! Let me take a look over the weekend.

From: Brad Albin [mailto:Brad.Albin@REGI.com]
Sent: Friday, February 16, 2018 5:46 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>

Cc: Wagner, Kenneth <wagner.kenneth@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Updated EPA Doc

Dear Tate,

I hope this week went well for you.

Attached are two documents to help arrange for the plant visits by Scott. One is a map showing locations and the other is a list of the plants we prioritized after considering different aspects that would enhance the learning and exchange of ideas for Scott and REG.

Let me know how we can proceed to develop the plan and get the first visit on the schedule,

Kindest Regards,

Brad

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From: Katie Stanley
Sent: Friday, February 16, 2018 3:48 PM
To: Brad Albin <Brad.Albin@REGI.com>
Cc: Scott Hedderich <Scott.Hedderich@REGI.com>
Subject: Updated EPA Doc

Brad,
See attached, doc with changes we discussed + map.

Do you need anything else? Let me know.

Thanks,

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Sent: 3/15/2018 4:43:32 PM
To: Schaaff, Lesley [lschaaff@hess.com]
Subject: Re: Lunch

It's a date

On Mar 15, 2018, at 12:00 PM, Schaaff, Lesley <lschaaff@hess.com> wrote:

> Cool!
>
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> On Mar 15, 2018, at 11:58 AM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:
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>> The actual 9th is great. I will be a boat by then!
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>> **From:** Bennett, Tate
>> **Sent:** Thursday, March 15, 2018 11:14 AM
>> **To:** 'Schaaff, Lesley' <lschaaff@hess.com>
>> **Subject:** RE: Lunch
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>> Week of April 9th would be great!
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>> **From:** Schaaff, Lesley [mailto:lschaaff@hess.com]
>> **Sent:** Thursday, March 15, 2018 10:18 AM
>> **To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
>> **Subject:** Lunch
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>> Hi there. Any chance of lunch next Wednesday, the 21st? Otherwise – and I know it is cutting it close all I can find is the week of April 9th. Let me know.
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Message

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To: Viator, Brad [BViator@eei.org]
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Subject: Re: Question this AM

Cool. Copying Richard in ORD. Richard- the Admin was interested in this concept at EEI this AM.

On Mar 20, 2018, at 8:55 AM, Viator, Brad <BViator@eei.org> wrote:

> If public universities do the studies, they have to share the data. It's a foia issue if nothing else. Moving contracts to public schools eliminates the problem and compels the privates to share data and provide transparency.
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> Sent from my iPhone
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> On Mar 20, 2018, at 8:51 AM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:
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>> What did you ask re university studies? Will make a note!

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