To: Vaught, Laura[Vaught.Laura@epa.gov]; Distefano, Nichole[DiStefano.Nichole@epa.gov]
From: Levine, Carolyn
Sent: Thur 1/23/2014 4:13:57 PM
Subject: Re: Sen. Rockefeller staff call

Yes, I had to go to a dr. Appt. Should be back w/in the hour.

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From: Vaught, Laura
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2014 11:03:31 AM
To: Levine, Carolyn; Distefano, Nichole
Subject: RE: Sen. Rockefeller staff call

Agreed – let's chat in a bit?

From: Levine, Carolyn
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2014 11:00 AM
To: Vaught, Laura; Distefano, Nichole
Subject: Fw: Sen. Rockefeller staff call
Importance: High

Fyi, see below. Ex. 5 - Deliberative
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From: Snyder, Raquel
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2014 10:51:01 AM
To: Deitz, Randy
Cc: Levine, Carolyn
Subject: FW: Sen. Rockefeller call - TODAY

I think you should be aware of this.

Many thanks,

Raquel Snyder

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From: Ferrell, Mark
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2014 10:47 AM
To: Burns, Francis; Arguto, William; Snyder, Raquel; Melvin, Karen
Cc: Miller, Linda; Ryan, Daniel; White, Terri-A
Subject: RE: Sen. Rockefeller call - TODAY
Importance: High

Ex. 5 - Deliberative

To begin to address this, I'm scrubbing our scheduled 3pm call to update each other where we are in gathering responses to the questions from his office below.

I have scheduled a conference call for 3:15pm today (Jan 23) with Rockefeller's staff (Rocky Goodwin, state director, Asley Orr, depty state director, Laura Chamber, energy/environment LA) to provide our updates and responses to the senator's questions. Please make every effort necessary to prepare your responses. If you cannot make this call, please assign a delegate or call me ASAP at (304) 542-0231. Otherwise, I assume everyone can make the call.

Thank you for your hard work under challenging circumstances!

CALL TIME: 3:15PM

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Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

Here are the questions we'll be expected to respond to:

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Mark Ferrell

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From: Ferrell, Mark
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2014 6:37 PM
To: Burns, Francis; Arguto, William; Snyder, Raquel; Melvin, Karen
Cc: Miller, Linda; Ryan, Daniel
Subject: Sen. Rockefeller call - redux

Due to severe weather today, we were short staffed for our scheduled update call with staff in Sen. Rockefeller's office. [Ex. 5 - Deliberative
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I'd like to schedule some time for Thursday morning to discuss where we are with our responses.

thanks

~Mark

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