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AFGE has organized a rally at noon today in Federal Plaza to curtail budget cuts and save EPA jobs here in our Region. As you may have heard, OMB's snapshot budget currently proposes that EPA staff be cut by at least 1/5, and that many of the programs we manage be zeroed out. We need everyone represented by the Union to get out of their chairs to join this event.

Many of our environmental partners and the Chicago Federation of Labor are joining forces to support us. There's interest from over 400 people on Facebook for attending this event from the general public. AFGE needs to get our message out there that crippling EPA by slashing the budget and the resources provided to our Region will result in much less protection of the Great Lakes and the health of the people and the environment of the Midwest.

Please join us at noon, encourage friends and family to attend and invite any interested EPA managers!

We will have some signs, but if you come down to 409, you can make your own with recycled ones we have here.

Remember this rally is done on your time, not EPA time.

**Nancy Grantham**

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