Grantham, Nancy

From: Ericksen, Doug
Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 11:07 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy
Subject: standard reply to inquires about media pause

Lets send this reply on my behalf to media questions on media pause:

This is the first presidential transition of the social media era. According to EPA's Website, the Agency has nine blogs, three discussion forums, 34 Facebook pages, 37 Twitter accounts, more than 50 widgets – such as Act on Climate and Count down to Earth Day, YouTube channel, Pinterest, Instagram, Flickr, Storify, Medium, and the Web site. The digital media strategist left last year, and, remember, just a year ago, the GAO ruled the agency violated federal law and engaged in "covert propaganda" using social media. Until we get a new digital media strategist, it's more effective to have it media and messages coordinated through the Beachhead Team. There is nothing unreasonable nor unusual about that.

Grantham, Nancy

From: Ericksen, Doug
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 3:17 PM
To: Grantham, Nancy
Subject: RE: POLITICO: EPA memo calls for communications lockdown

Nancy,

Your response looks good to me. Please use as necessary.

Doug Ericksen

From: Grantham, Nancy
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 3:02 PM
To: Mccabe, Catherine <McCabe.Catherine@epa.gov>; Ericksen, Doug <ericksen.doug@epa.gov>
Cc: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: POLITICO: EPA memo calls for communications lockdown

Below, highlighted, Politico, is the story that is prompting all of the inquiries. The memo that is being discussed, is one sent by the comms person in oarm, rather than an agency-wide email.

We should discuss the proposed statement below.

Suggested response:

The EPA fully intends to continue to provide information to the public. A fresh look at public affairs and communications processes is common practice for any new Administration, and a short pause in activities allows for this assessment.

Thanks ng

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From: Valentine, Julia
Sent: Tuesday, January 24, 2017 11:15 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: POLITICO: EPA memo calls for communications lockdown

This article claims that Joanne Amorosi sent the email following the mtg w CDs yesterday.

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Hull, George

From: Hull, George
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 4:17 PM
To: Sowell, Sarah
Cc: Nancy Grantham (grantham.nancy@epa.gov)
Subject: Final Mass Mailer
Attachments: Acting Administrator mass mailer #2 RE transition_Jan 27 2017.docx

Sarah,
Here is the final to send out as soon as possible today. - George

1/27/17 FINAL

Mass Mailer from Acting Administrator Catherine McCabe

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I realize that you may be feeling anxious about the uncertainty of these changes and that many of you have questions. While issues are still evolving and information is still being clarified, we will continue to share information with you through normal channels. I will also continue to provide you with updates in the coming days, and recommend that you continue to visit EPA's intranet transition site for updated information.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to EPA as we move forward through this transition.

Hull, George

From: MassMailer
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 4:47 PM
To: MassMailer
Subject: Message from the Acting Administrator

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From: Patrick, Kimberly
To: Jones, Rodney-Daryl; Oliver, John; Scott, Raoul; Stewart, Keith; Stultz, Lisa; Callaghan, Francis; Clark, Jim; Denno, Donald; Giacobbe, Karen; Hageman, James; Heise, Claudea; Kramer, Alexander; Massie, William; Stanley, Cora; Tharp, Scott; Truong, Carolyn
Cc: Legare, Pamela; Vizian, Donna; Showman, John
Subject: Temporary Suspension of Contract and Grant Awards
Date: Friday, January 20, 2017 3:17:05 PM

Good Afternoon OAM Division Directors and Regional Acquisition Managers,

Donna Vizian has informed me that the new EPA administration has asked that all contract and grant awards be temporarily suspended, effective immediately. Until we receive further clarification, which we hope to have soon, please construe this to include task orders and work assignments. I will keep you informed as new direction is received.

-Kimberly Y. Patrick, Director
EPA Office of Acquisition Management