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From: Dumville, Kelsey
Sent: Thursday, May 24, 2018 11:47 AM
To: Olson, Bryan
Subject: Re: Coakley planning

Ok I thought it was the RA call at 4:30 but that may have changed.

Thanks!

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On May 24, 2018, at 11:45 AM, Olson, Bryan <Olson.Bryan@epa.gov> wrote:

> It looks like that call is now 5-5:45 pm that Alex needs to be on. Bryan
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> **From:** Dumville, Kelsey
> **Sent:** Thursday, May 24, 2018 11:43 AM
> **To:** Olson, Bryan <Olson.Bryan@epa.gov>; Taylor, Melissa <Taylor.Melissag@epa.gov>; Hull, Richard <Hull.Richard@epa.gov>; Cianciarulo, Robert <Cianciarulo.Bob@epa.gov>
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From: Olson, Bryan
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2018 3:37 PM
To: Murphy, Jim; Hull, Richard
Cc: Dumville, Kelsey
Subject: RE: EPA visit

Please make sure she knows that if this date doesn't work, we will work with her to come up with another time. Not her fault they only have one day they can do this. Bryan

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From: Murphy, Jim
Sent: Monday, May 21, 2018 3:34 PM
To: Hull, Richard <Hull.Richard@epa.gov>
Cc: Dumville, Kelsey <Dumville.Kelsey@epa.gov>; Olson, Bryan <Olson.Bryan@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: EPA visit

Great if you can take this on Skip. I ' m buried with family stuff. Kelsey can help if necessary. Thanks all.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 21, 2018, at 3:02 PM, Hull, Richard <Hull.Richard@epa.gov> wrote:

> Hi Jillian,
>
> I've just learned that Alex Dunn, Regional Administrator here in EPA Region 1, and Stephen Cook from EPA HQ's Office of Land and Emergency Management (OLEM) want to follow-through on Albert Kelly's promise to visit Coakley. As of now, the visit is tentatively scheduled for the afternoon of June 4.
>
> Can I give you a call to discuss your availability and the format of a meeting?
>
> Regards,
> Skip
>
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From: Olson, Bryan
Sent: Thursday, May 03, 2018 9:45 AM
To: Gutro, Doug; Dunn, Alexandra
Cc: Murphy, Jim; Dumville, Kelsey
Subject: RE: Visit to NH's Coakley Superfund Site

Steven is the political deputy in OLEM.

From: Gutro, Doug
Sent: Thursday, May 03, 2018 8:56 AM
To: Dunn, Alexandra <dunn.alexandra@epa.gov>
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Agreed. I don't know Steven cook

Sent from my iPhone

On May 3, 2018, at 8:45 AM, Dunn, Alexandra <dunn.alexandra@epa.gov> wrote:

> We need to communicate that we can handle this meeting with someone from HQ. Prob Steven cook. Who i am calling about New Bedford
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> Sent from my iPhone
> Alexandra Dapolito Dunn, J.D. , Regional Administrator
> Region 1 New England. ***This email is for official EPA business only and may be subject to disclosure under the Freedom of information Act***
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> On May 3, 2018, at 8:19 AM, Gutro, Doug <Gutro.Doug@epa.gov> wrote:
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>> Sent from my iPhone
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>> Begin forwarded message:

From: "Grantham, Nancy" <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Date: May 3, 2018 at 8:17:29 AM EDT
To: "Levine, Carolyn" <Levine.Carolyn@epa.gov>
Cc: "Richardson, RobinH" <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>, "Gutro, Doug" <Gutro.Doug@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Visit to NH's Coakley Superfund Site

Looping doug

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From: Levine, Carolyn
Sent: Thursday, May 03, 2018 7:46 AM
To: Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov>
Cc: Richardson, RobinH <Richardson.RobinH@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Visit to NH's Coakley Superfund Site

Thanks, yes definitely the region, but wanted to ID HQ first to address the request.

Thank you!

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On May 3, 2018, at 7:40 AM, Grantham, Nancy <Grantham.Nancy@epa.gov> wrote:

> Do we want to loop in the region?
>
> **Nancy Grantham**
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Hi Carolyn - Yes, that's a good idea to at least make her aware as it's determined who will replace Kell. We may also want to let Ken know. Between the two we can make sure the request is covered. Sound good? Thank you for flagging! Robin

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Robin H Richardson
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703-581-5814 (cell)
richardson.robinh@epa.gov

On May 2, 2018, at 5:36 PM, Levine, Carolyn <Levine.Carolyn@epa.gov> wrote:

> Hi,
> See request below. Should I check with Veronica?

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From: Klasen, Matthew
Sent: Wednesday, May 02, 2018 5:30 PM
To: Levine, Carolyn <Levine.Carolyn@epa.gov>
Subject: Fw: Visit to NH's Coakley Superfund Site

Hey Carolyn -- presumably I should send this one your team's way. Sound good? (I can reply to Ariel and copy you or others on your team if that works?)

Thanks,

Matt

Matt Klasen
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From: Marshall, Ariel (Shaheen) <Ariel_Marshall@shaheen.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 2, 2018 1:15 PM
To: Klasen, Matthew
Cc: Holmes, Sarah (Shaheen)
Subject: Visit to NH's Coakley Superfund Site

Hi Matt,

On April 19th, one of our constituents, Jillian Lane, had a meeting with Albert Kelly about various health and safety issues New Hampshire communities near the Coakley Superfund site are experiencing. I understand that, during this meeting, Mr. Kelly told Ms. Lane that he was planning to visit the site sometime in May:

http://www.seacoastonline.com/news/20180427/greenland-activist-superfund-chairman-to-visit-coakley

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Please let us know if we can be helpful with regards to this visit.

Many thanks,
Ariel

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Sent: Friday, April 06, 2018 11:34 AM
To: Olson, Bryan
Subject: RE: Coakley Clips

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To: Gutro, Doug <Gutro.Doug@epa.gov>; Dunn, Alexandra <dunn.alexandra@epa.gov>; Szaro, Deb <Szaro.Deb@epa.gov>
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Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2018 8:19 PM
To: Hull, Richard
Cc: Taylor, Melissa; Murphy, Jim; Dumville, Kelsey
Subject: Re: slides for April 5 Coakley public meeting

I think we should (b) (5) [redacted].

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 3, 2018, at 4:51 PM, Hull, Richard <Hull.Richard@epa.gov> wrote:

> Attached are slides that I developed in consultation with DES. Drew Hoffman and I have gone back and forth a few times refining the presentation and we will both present different sections. Note that there are a number of slides at the end, following the "contacts" slide. These are held in reserve for discussion in the case that specific questions arise.
> Let me know if you have any questions, comments or suggested edits and I will revise accordingly.
> Thanks,
> Skip
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From: Dumville, Kelsey
Sent: Thursday, March 22, 2018 6:52 AM
To: Olson, Bryan; Hull, Richard; Taylor, Melissa; Cianciarulo, Robert; Murphy, Jim
Subject: Coakley Call w/delegation staff

Hi All,

I just changed the time to 2:15. I am hoping we can gather before the call with the delegation, which is at 2:30z

Thanks!
Kelsey

Coakley Call w/delegation staff
Scheduled: Thursday, Mar 22, 2018 from 2:15 PM to 2:45 PM
Location: Mt. Kathadin 1st floor
Invitees: Olson, Bryan, Hull, Richard, Taylor, Melissa, Cianciarulo, Robert, Murphy, Jim

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From: Olson, Bryan
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2018 4:10 PM
To: Dumville, Kelsey; Hull, Richard; Murphy, Jim
Cc: Taylor, Melissa; Cianciarulo, Robert
Subject: RE: Coakley briefing call with NH Delegation staff

I can probably do it either day. Bryan

From: Dumville, Kelsey
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2018 3:00 PM
To: Hull, Richard <Hull.Richard@epa.gov>; Murphy, Jim <Murphy.Jim@epa.gov>
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I would like to set up a call this week to brief the NH delegation staff on Coakley in advance of the Task Force meeting on the 26th. I will check with the staff, but would look to hold the call on Thursday or Friday. I spoke with Jim and would like to have he and Skip on the call given that they are participating in the meeting.

Thanks,
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From: Dumville, Kelsey
Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 11:39 AM
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Cc: St. Fleur, Marilyn; Barmakian, Nancy
Subject: RE: Coakley Weekly Note

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I'm happy to put together a note after the meeting tomorrow.

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