To: Espy, Julia[Julia.Espy@LASPBS.STATE.FL.US]
Sent: Mon 6/26/2017 8:40:59 PM
Subject: RE: Conference Call Follow Up

Hey there! I thought I had gotten back to you

From: Espy, Julia [mailto:Julia.Espy@LASPBS.STATE.FL.US]
Sent: Friday, June 23, 2017 11:02 AM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: Conference Call Follow Up

Hi Tate,

I am Governor Scott's Environmental Policy Coordinator and was one of the staff listening in on the conference call Wednesday with RGPPC. I was asked to follow up regarding the WOTUS tour. Do you have a 1-pager or something to that effect describing the tour, dates, what you are looking for from the states, etc.? Please feel free to call me with any questions – my number is below.

Thanks,

Julia

Julia Espy

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To: Groen, Stephanie[stephanie.groen@iowa.gov]
From: Bennett.Tate@epa.gov
Sent: Wed 6/21/2017 2:27:19 PM
Subject: Re: gov of Iowa

Hey! I know it's a busy day but I wanted to give you a heads up we are looking at doing a WOTUS tour visit in Iowa Aug. 7 and our

On Jun 20, 2017, at 9:44 AM, Groen, Stephanie <stephanie.groen@iowa.gov> wrote:

Hey Tate!
I hate to do this, but is there anyway we could reschedule coffee for a later date? Perhaps during a recess week? A couple of unexpected things popped up in the last 18 hours and I don't think I'm going to be able to make it over your direction today.

I'm so sorry for the inconvenience- I was really looking forward to it!

Stephanie

On Wed, Jun 14, 2017 at 5:21 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

Looking forward to it!

From: Groen, Stephanie [mailto:stephanie.groen@iowa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2017 5:16 PM

To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: gov of Iowa

That sounds great. See you on Tuesday!

On Wed, Jun 14, 2017 at 4:34 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

Why don't you come to 1200 PA Ave (EPA) and we can walk to the coffee place across the street? Sound OK?

From: Groen, Stephanie [mailto:stephanie.groen@iowa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2017 4:27 PM

To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: gov of Iowa

2 works perfectly! Where's a good spot for you to meet?

On Wed, Jun 14, 2017 at 4:26 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

Oh cool! Any chance 2 or 3 works on Tuesday?

From: Groen, Stephanie [mailto:stephanie.groen@iowa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2017 4:15 PM

To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: gov of Iowa

That's so fun! I've heard they throw the best meetings. Have you ever met Charles Small? If not, you should connect with him at the meeting! He's so great- he used to work for Governor Cuomo but he's now running Mayor Garcetti's DC office and I know he's heading to the mayors meeting next week.

Could you do Tuesday morning at 10:45?

On Wed, Jun 14, 2017 at 4:11 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

I'm actually going to be at the U.S. conference of mayors meeting starting Thurs. Could you do earlier in the week?

From: Groen, Stephanie [mailto:stephanie.groen@iowa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2017 3:50 PM

To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: gov of Iowa

I would love that! What does your schedule look like on Thursday of next week?

On Wed, Jun 14, 2017 at 3:48 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

> Hey! Not to worry. Just wanted to make sure we were on the same page. Let me know if you want to get coffee soon! Maybe next week?
>
> **From:** Groen, Stephanie [mailto:stephanie.groen@iowa.gov]
> **Sent:** Wednesday, June 14, 2017 3:46 PM
> **To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: gov of Iowa
>
> Tate,
>
> There was some confusion and I am so sorry! I just talked to my Iowa folks again today and they said the Region reached out again and was extremely helpful and is going to meet with them in person in July.
>
> Thank you so much! The issue isn't fully resolved yet so I'm sure you'll be hearing from me again, but you've been wonderful to work with and I really appreciate all of your help.
>
> Thanks!
>
> Stephanie

On Wed, Jun 14, 2017 at 6:32 AM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

> Yes and I think there might be some confusion going on. Have you spoken with your state environmental folks directly on this? Apparently there was an agreement worked out. Happy to chat further...
>
> On Jun 13, 2017, at 9:08 PM, Groen, Stephanie <stephanie.groen@iowa.gov> wrote:
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>> Hey Tate,
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>> I hope all has been going well in your world!
>>
>> I just wanted to circle back with you on this issue. Have you had a chance to talk with the EPA team on this? Could we get a phone call on the schedule with the EPA team and the Iowa Team? This is a big issue for us and we'd really appreciate discussing this letter.
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>> Thanks!
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>> Stephanie
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>> On Wed, May 31, 2017 at 4:24 PM, Groen, Stephanie <stephanie.groen@iowa.gov> wrote:
>>
>>> Thank you so much, Tate! I had a feeling that might be the case.
>>>
>>> I really appreciate your help on this!! Also, the Governor read the letter from the Administrator already and was extremely appreciative of the kind words.

Stephanie

On Wed, May 31, 2017 at 4:22 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

Let me get back to you on the other issue. I was not aware that letter went out.

From: Groen, Stephanie [mailto:stephanie.groen@iowa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 31, 2017 3:42 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: FW: gov of Iowa

Absolutely! Thank you in advance to the Administrator for such a kind note. Crazy timing as I just exactly sent you an email!

On Wed, May 31, 2017 at 3:41 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

Do you mind passing along? Thank you!

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AGENCY IGA PAST WEEK ACTIVITY (Monday to Sunday)

- **May 29**:
  - No Activity (Memorial Day)
- **May 30:**
  - WOTUS Federalism Call with Environmental Counsel of the States (ECOS)
  -
- **May 31:**
  - Hearing prep session with the Administrator (House Interior Approps June 15)
  - Call with EPA Region 10 about Pudget Sound & its No Discharge Zone Designation (issue of interest to Gov. Inslee)
  - Released the "East Chicago Customer Service Plan." Worked with Governor Holcomb's office to secure a quote for our press release. We are placing an ombudsman onsite at this Superfund site.
  - EPA Announced the award of $56.8 M in FY17 Brownfields Grants
  - Sent handwritten congratulatory notes to AL & IA Governors & notified their D.C. reps.
- **June 1:**
  - Met with Doug Hoelscher, Billy Kirkland and Brian Sanderson
  - WOTUS update calls with National Association of Counties and the U.S. Conference of Mayors
  - Hearing prep session with the Administrator
  - Attended Rose Garden Ceremony for POTUS Paris Decision
- **June 2:**
  - Staffed the Administrator's meeting with AR AG Leslie Rutledge. Working with Judd Deere in her office on setting up a WOTUS call with AG's as well as on our WOTUS tour.
  - Staffed the Administrator for an introductory call with Governor Hogan to discuss Chesapeake Bay issues. We are sending a follow up note.
  - Call with WI Department of Environmental Quality on an NPEDS permitting issue they are having with EPA's Region 5 Office. They are sending us draft guidance. Kyle Roskam with Gov. Walker originally brought this issue to our attention May 26.
- **June 3:**
  - No activity
- **June 4:**
  - No activity

NEXT WEEK'S FOCUS

- Staff meeting from American Agri-women and the Administrator
- Hammer out WOTUS withdraw outreach plan for later this month
- Hammer out details of August WOTUS nationwide tour, among other stops with the Administrator.
- Start program to send handwritten notes to Governors (and AG's) on their respective birthdays
- Nail down a quarterly call schedule with additional elected associations
- Continue to organize coffees with Governors liaisons

TWO WEEK TRAVEL LOOKAHEAD: SECRETARY, DEP. SECRETARY, NOTABLE

ADMINISTRATOR – HE WILL BE TRAVELING TO THE G7 JUNE 6- JUNE 11

- **OTHER NOTABLE EVENTS NOT YET SCHEDULED**
  - Pruitt has promised instate visits with Governor Bevin, Senator McConnell and Gov. Bevin

CONGRESSIONAL HEARING FORECAST

- **June 16- Administrator Pruitt will testify at House Interior Appropriations on the President's FY 18 Budget. Senate hearing is set for June 27th.**

NOTEWORTHY NEWS

https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/scott-pruitt-outspoken-and-forceful-moves-to-the-center-of-power-within-the-trump-administration/2017/06/02/a1b4d298-46fa-11e7-a196-a1bb629f64cb_story.html

"Pruitt has done extensive outreach to state and local officials, according to the EPA, including calls or meetings with 27 governors, six agriculture commissioners, at least three farm bureaus and 14 mayors. Next week he will travel to Italy to meet with other Group of Seven environmental ministers."

IDEAS FOR POTENTIAL EVENTS

- States to target for tours this July/August (we are beginning preliminary outreach to respective gov's/ electeds) this week: KY, TN, IA, AR, NE, NV, CA, GA, FL

To: Bennett, Tate[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
From: Campbell, Laura
Sent: Fri 10/27/2017 5:39:39 PM
Subject: RE: Invitation for Administrator Pruitt

Hi Tate, I just tried to call – is there a time that works best for us to chat this afternoon?

Thanks!

Laura A. Campbell

Manager, Ag Ecology Department

Michigan Farm Bureau

Office: 517-679-5332 Cell: 517-420-7936

Email: lcampbe@michfb.com

From: Campbell, Laura
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2017 5:13 PM
To: 'Bennett, Tate' <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Invitation for Administrator Pruitt

Hi Tate, I'm sorry for the delay – I have been running around all day. I am available anytime this evening if you want to call my cell, or anytime tomorrow (except for 10 am – 1 pm) at my office. Thanks!

Laura A. Campbell

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From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2017 3:29 PM
To: Campbell, Laura <lcampbe@michfb.com>
Subject: RE: Invitation for Administrator Pruitt

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Hey Laura! Is there a good time to call you this evening? Wanted to follow up on this.

From: Campbell, Laura [mailto:lcampbe@michfb.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 10:48 AM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Kran, John <jkran@michfb.com>
Subject: Invitation for Administrator Pruitt

Hi Tate, my name is Laura Campbell from Michigan Farm Bureau. My colleagues at the American Farm Bureau Federation gave me your contact information in order to open some dialogue with Administrator Pruitt's office, and I'm hoping you can help me! Earlier this year, MFB President Carl Bednarski sent a letter to the Administrator regarding the status of our state's delegated authority to administer portions of the Clean Water Act (attached for your reference). President Bednarski has asked me to reach out to your office because he would like to invite the Administrator to visit Michigan. We are a key state in a number of issues that are a high priority for the Administrator:

•□□□□□□□□ Waters of the US – withdrawing the 2015 rule and rewriting a new rule

•□□□□□□□□ Wetlands issues – both related to WOTUS and to Michigan's recent challenges with approval for its delegated authority

•□□□□□□□□ Addressing harmful algae blooms in the Western Lake Erie basin – efforts by agriculture and the need for support of voluntary conservation efforts rather than further regulation

•□□□□□□□□ Additionally, we have significant concerns about another issue EPA has been dealing with in the Courts surrounding the requirement for many livestock farms to report air emission releases under CERCLA and EPCRA, and would like the Administrator to have an opportunity to speak with farmers about the topic.

There are a number of ways we might be able to arrange a visit. If the Administrator has time this fall, he would have an excellent opportunity to see these issues on the ground and speak with farmers dealing with them every day, as well as being able to visit a local Farm Bureau event. If his availability is instead open later in the year, our annual State Farm Bureau meeting hosts more than 1000 visitors and provides opportunities for both small round-table discussions and larger session or banquet speaking opportunities. Could you look at the Administrator's schedule to see if he might be available for a visit on any of the following dates?

- Sep. 12: farm visits and Kent County Farm Bureau Annual meeting
- Sep. 19: farm visits and Cass County Farm Bureau Annual meeting
- Sep. 21: farm visits and Ottawa County Farm Bureau Annual meeting
- Oct. 17: farm visits and St. Joseph County Farm Bureau Annual meeting
- Nov. 2: farm visits and Berrien County Farm Bureau Annual meeting
- Nov. 6: farm visits and Van Buren County Farm Bureau Annual meeting
- Nov. 28-30: MFB State Annual Meeting, Grand Rapids, MI – round table discussions and speaking to a large gathering of Farm Bureau members.

Thank you so much for your help! Please let me know your thoughts and if you have any questions. If the Administrator is interested in a visit to Michigan and none of those dates work for his schedule, please let me know and we would be more than happy to make other arrangements for his visit to be impactful.

Laura A. Campbell

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To: Bennett, Tate[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
From: Jenkins, Brandi
Sent: Tue 10/10/2017 4:52:06 PM
Subject: RE: Mississippi rough agenda

Wonderful!

Brandi

From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 12:24 PM
To: Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Mississippi rough agenda

Now we've for sure hit 25!

Sent from my iPad

On Oct 10, 2017, at 12:22 PM, Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov> wrote:

Tate,

Quick check in with you on Trey's talking points. Do you have updated #s for the stats you provided me a few weeks ago or are these still fairly accurate?

- And if the past seven months are any indication, this Agency is well on the way to getting Back to Basics.

- Within the Administrator Pruitt's first 7 months at EPA, he's visited **nearly 25 states** and have met, or spoken directly to, **33 Governors**.

- During state visits alone, he has visited **nearly 200 bipartisan interest groups** spanning agriculture, manufacturing & community groups (San Jacinto and East Chicago).

- Many of these states were fly-over states that had been overlooked by the last Administration.

Thanks – Brandi

From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2017 5:43 PM
To: Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>
Cc: Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>; Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Mississippi rough agenda

Glad you will be there!

On Oct 4, 2017, at 5:21 PM, Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov> wrote:

Tate,

Thank you for the information. I just spoke with Hayley and I will get Trey's travel logistics confirmed either today or tomorrow. As I mentioned before, I'm staffing Trey for this trip. If you get information on attendees for the Farm visit or the private lunch, please let me know.

Regards,

Brandi

From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2017 2:18 PM
To: Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>; Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov>; Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Mississippi rough agenda

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Gordon, Stephen" <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>
Date: October 3, 2017 at 10:47:31 AM EDT
To: "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>, "Hupp, Millan" <hupp.millan@epa.gov>, "McMurray, Forrest" <mcmurray.forrest@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Mississippi rough agenda

I'll ask for an attendee list for Ted Kendall's farm visit now.

From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2017 10:46 AM
To: Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov>; McMurray, Forrest <mcmurray.forrest@epa.gov>
Cc: Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Mississippi rough agenda

All good here? Stephen, do you mind asking them for an attendee list at Ted Kendall's farm for memo purposes?

From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Friday, September 29, 2017 3:53 PM
To: Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov>; McMurray, Forrest <mcmurray.forrest@epa.gov>
Cc: Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>
Subject: Mississippi rough agenda

Let me know if you all spot any necessary tweaks (lunch?)

9:00 – 10:30 am Group Discussion about the Waters of the US rule

Rose Room, Governor's Mansion (300 E. Capitol St., Jackson, MS)

Invitees will include representatives from the following:

- Mississippi Farm Bureau
- Forestry Association
- Cattleman's Association
- Poultry Association
- Delta Council (an area economic development organization representing the eighteen Delta and part-Delta counties of Northwest Mississippi)
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- Soil and Water Conservation Commission

10:30 am Depart Jackson for farm tour in Bolton, MS (approximately 30 minute Drive)

11:00 – 11:30 am Visit Ted Kendall's farm

Ted Kendall is a 5th generation farmer who raises beef cattle, cotton, corn, and soybeans, and timber on his farm in Bolton. He currently serves as Vice-President (Central Mississippi) of the Mississippi Farm Bureau) and recently completed a term serving on the Commission on Environmental Quality, which is appointed by the Governor.

11:30 Depart for Jackson

Noon Lunch – Place to be determined

Governor Bryant would like to have a small lunch with Administrator Pruitt and about ten Mississippi business leaders.

To: Bennett, Tate[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Cc: Hewitt, James[hewitt.james@epa.gov]
From: Abboud, Michael
Sent: Tue 10/24/2017 11:03:31 AM
Subject: Fwd: PHOTOS: Administrator Pruitt Visits Agriculture Leaders in Tennessee

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "EPA Press Office" <press@epa.gov>
Date: October 23, 2017 at 6:33:17 PM EDT
To: "abboud.michael@epa.gov" <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
Subject: PHOTOS: Administrator Pruitt Visits Agriculture Leaders in Tennessee
Reply-To: press@epa.gov

CONTACT: press@epa.gov

PHOTOS: Administrator Pruitt Visits Agriculture Leaders in Tennessee

NASHVILLE (October 23, 2017) – Today, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt brought his state action tour to Tennessee in an effort to continue meeting with key stakeholders surrounding the Agency's recent decision to begin the process of rescinding the "Waters of the United States" (WOTUS) rule.

Administrator Pruitt visited the State Capitol where he met with Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam and other state officials to discuss the Agency's regulatory agenda.

After their meeting, Administrator Pruitt attended a Tennessee Farm Bureau event at Eddie Sanders' Farm in Franklin where he met with Tennessee Farm Bureau President Jeff Aiken and addressed attendees. While delivering his remarks, Administrator Pruitt empathized the EPA's desire to meet with stakeholders who went largely ignored during the previous Administration's rulemaking process and emphasized the need to receive input from stakeholders such as farmers and landowners when making major rulemaking decisions."

"The Trump Administration has made it a priority to meet with stakeholders across the country who went largely ignored by the last Administration," said Administrator Pruitt. "EPA is looking to expand our rulemaking process to include all voices so we can make determinations that help the American people, not harm them. By beginning the process to rescind WOTUS, we are helping assert regulatory certainty and helping landowners and farmers."

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt meets with Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam.

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt addresses members of the Tennessee Farm Bureau in Franklin.

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To: Gordon, Stephen[gordon.stephen@epa.gov]
Cc: Bennett, Tate[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
From: Alice Perry
Sent: Tue 10/3/2017 4:49:41 PM
Subject: Re: Suggested Schedule - October 12 - Jackson MS

I will get that to you this afternoon. I would appreciate your input about it.

Also, please let me know when you know for sure where you will be staying Wednesday. I think the logistics will work well for us to have the lunch on Thursday at the same place you're staying.

Alice

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 3, 2017, at 10:49 AM, Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov> wrote:

Alice,

Could you please provide me with an attendee list for the Ted Kendall farm visit? We are working on the briefing memo, and it would be great to have this info.

Even if the list is not finalized yet could you please provide what you have now?

Thanks so much!

-Stephen

From: Alice Perry [mailto:Alice.Perry@governor.ms.gov]
Sent: Friday, September 29, 2017 4:23 PM
To: Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>
Cc: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Suggested Schedule - October 12 - Jackson MS

Thank you.

We'll put together the specifics about who exactly will be attending and help advance trip as much as you would like.

Alice

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 29, 2017, at 2:56 PM, Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov> wrote:

Alice,

I just met with Tate, and we both think this suggested itinerary is great!

Thank you very much for putting that together so quickly. We will let you know if there is anything else that we need to tweak going forward.

Have a great weekend.

-Stephen

From: Alice Perry [mailto:Alice.Perry@governor.ms.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2017 3:51 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Suggested Schedule - October 12 - Jackson MS

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On Sep 27, 2017, at 2:49 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

> Thanks! We will get back to you tomorrow
>
> On Sep 27, 2017, at 2:55 PM, Alice Perry <Alice.Perry@governor.ms.gov> wrote:
>
>> Thank you.
>>
>> I failed to include the Association of Supervisors on the list for the morning meeting. They represent that County Boards of Supervisors, and we will want to invite them.
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>> Alice
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>> Sent from my iPhone
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>> On Sep 27, 2017, at 12:12 PM, Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov> wrote:
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>>> This looks great! Thank you very much for sending this over Alice.
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>>> I will review with Tate, and we will get back to you.
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>>> -Stephen
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>>> **From:** Alice Perry [mailto:Alice.Perry@governor.ms.gov]
>>> **Sent:** Wednesday, September 27, 2017 1:03 PM
>>> **To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>
>>> **Cc:** Joey Songy <Joey.Songy@governor.ms.gov>; Katherine Kline <Katherine.Kline@governor.ms.gov>; Scheduler

<scheduler@governor.ms.gov>
Subject: Suggested Schedule - October 12 - Jackson MS

Good morning,

Joey Songy and I met with Governor Bryant this morning to discuss a possible schedule for Administrator Pruitt's visit to Jackson, Mississippi on Thursday, October 12 as follows:

(Note: If Administrator Pruitt would like to tour the Mississippi State Capitol, we can arrange for brief tour before the day's formal schedule begins, around 8:30 am.)

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Noon Lunch – Place to be determined

Governor Bryant would like to have a small lunch with Administrator Pruitt and about ten Mississippi business leaders.

We will invite Senator Cochran and Wicker and Commission of Agriculture Cindy Hyde Smith to all the events. Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality Executive Director Gary Rikard will also be invited.

I look forward to discussing details with you. I will be out of the office Thursday and Friday but can be available by phone and email to discuss details. I will also be available this afternoon, except for 3:00 (Central).

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To: Bennett, Tate[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]; Ferguson, Lincoln[ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]
From: Greenwalt, Sarah
Sent: Wed 8/23/2017 3:21:32 PM
Subject: RE: Invitation for Administrator Pruitt

That last date might work and does seem like something he might be interested in.

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From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 11:18 AM
To: Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Greenwalt, Sarah <greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Invitation for Administrator Pruitt

They look like serious planners and this looks amazing. Thoughts?

From: Campbell, Laura [mailto:lcampbe@michfb.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 10:48 AM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Kran, John <jkran@michfb.com>
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To: Lyons, Troy[lyons.troy@epa.gov]; Bennett, Tate[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Cc: Graham, Amy[graham.amy@epa.gov]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Wed 5/17/2017 8:46:52 PM
Subject: FW: DRAFT: Regional Visits
04.28.2017 Regional Press and State Events Plan.docx

Amy and I put this regional plan together so that we can get local press for Pruitt. Ideally I think we start every Monday and Tuesday (because it will drive the week) if possible where we did a visit to a certain region, knock off a press event, talk to local media and call it a day.

From: Graham, Amy
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2017 1:19 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: DRAFT: Regional Visits

Here is the updated document with my edits and additions.

From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 2:23 PM
To: Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: DRAFT: Regional Visits

Amy –

Attached is a draft plan for visits for various states across the country. If you can fill this in with any additional ideas then let's put this in our media plan that we need to show Pruitt at some time. Once he agrees then we create a schedule and start his week on the road, which should prevent us scrambling for events to do.

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Strategic Communications Advisor
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To: Hupp, Millan[hupp.millan@epa.gov]
From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Mon 8/28/2017 3:24:07 PM
Subject: FW: Invitation for Administrator Pruitt
MFB and MI Chamber Joint EPA Letter 5-2017.pdf

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From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Mon 9/18/2017 1:36:45 PM
Subject: FW: Invitation for Administrator Pruitt
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For your awareness, mam!

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Sent: Monday, August 28, 2017 11:24 AM
To: Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov>
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Also, Chad FYI

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To: Gordon, Stephen[gordon.stephen@epa.gov]
From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Wed 1/24/2018 12:05:06 AM
Subject: Fwd: EPA's State Action Tour
EPA State Action Tour Jahan Wilcox no way we can open this up to press.JPG
ATT00001.htm
EPA State Action Tour Lincoln Ferguson Iceberg wedge salad.JPG
ATT00002.htm
EPA State Action Tour Scott Hennen no problem on calls.JPG
ATT00003.htm
EPA State Action Tour Stephen Gordon 25-50 farmers.JPG
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EPA State Action Tour Stephen Gordon sample list.JPG
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EPA State Action Tour Tate Bennett Rule of Law Defense Fund.JPG
ATT00006.htm
EPA State Action Tour Troy Lyons impacted by the 2015 rule.JPG
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EPA State Action Tour States Visited.xlsx
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Just FYI

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Ferguson, Lincoln" <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>
Date: January 23, 2018 at 5:58:28 PM EST
To: "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: EPA's State Action Tour

FYI

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Kevin Bogardus <kbogardus@eenews.net>
Date: January 23, 2018 at 5:47:04 PM EST
To: "Bowman, Liz" <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>, "Konkus, John" <konkus.john@epa.gov>, "Ferguson, Lincoln" <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>, "Wilcox, Jahan" <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>, "Abboud, Michael" <abboud.michael@epa.gov>, "Hewitt, James" <hewitt.james@epa.gov>, "Daniell, Kelsi" <daniell.kelsi@epa.gov>, "Block, Molly" <block.molly@epa.gov>
Subject: EPA's State Action Tour

Hey guys,

It's Kevin Bogardus with E&E News.

Myself and a colleague are working on a piece about Administrator Pruitt's State Action Tour. We have filed several public records requests in more than a dozen states, obtaining thousands of pages of documents, which have provided insights about the tour, including who Administrator Pruitt met with as well as where he went and what he said.

I have a few questions for you for the story. I also wanted to give you a chance to comment on emails and texts from EPA officials, which we are quoting from and linking to in our story (please see attached).

First, my questions, which are:

■· Is the State Action Tour still continuing? As in can we can expect Administrator Pruitt to visit more states as part of the tour?

■· How many states has Administrator Pruitt visited as part of his State Action Tour? And does he plan to visit more blue states? Our review of EPA press releases and tweets found Administrator Pruitt has visited 14 states as part of the tour, including Iowa twice, and only two blue states, Colorado and Minnesota (please see the attached spreadsheet).

■· In reviewing the records, we found EPA officials sought to invite business and farmer groups to events on the tour but we found no indication that an environmental or public health group was invited for any of the events on the tour. Were environmental groups and public health groups invited to events on the tour? If so, who was invited and when and where?

■· Also in reviewing the records, we found EPA officials often sought to limit press access to Administrator Pruitt during the tour – arranging interviews with just one or two reporters on local radio or television, closing events to the press, asking radio hosts not to take callers. Did Administrator Pruitt have press conferences and media availabilities open to any reporters on the tour? If so, when and where?

■· Did Administrator Pruitt participate in the question-and-answer session with the public and press in Colorado following the Gold King Mine visit?

■· Did Administrator Pruitt participate in the press conference in South Carolina following the roundtable discussion with lawmakers and state officials?

■· We came across one email from Tate Bennett asking an official with the Rule of Law Defense Fund, a group Administrator Pruitt has formerly led, for help in organizing the visit to South Carolina. Other than this one email, what other help did RLDF officials provide in helping to organize the tour?

■· In preparing to meet with Administrator Pruitt, North Dakota Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem reviewed documents pertaining to North Dakota's methane rule lawsuit. That suit has been folded into one that Administrator Pruitt has recused himself from as part of his recusal statement (https://www.eenews.net/assets/2017/05/05/document_pm_06.pdf). Did that case come up during Administrator Pruitt's visit to North Dakota? Did Administrator Pruitt ever speak privately with Stenehjem? If so, what did they discuss?

Second, here is a list of emails and texts from EPA official we will quote and link to in our story, which are also attached to this email. I wanted to give you a heads up that we will be citing these records in our story and give you an opportunity to comment on them, if you so wish.

■· Email between Jahan Wilcox and North Dakota radio host Scott Hennen asking Hennen not to take any calls while Administrator Pruitt is on the show.

■· Texts between Jahan Wilcox and North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum's press team Mike Nowatzki and Liv Bachmeier show Jahan saying that there is no way to open up the North Dakota roundtable to press.

■· Emails between Stephen Gordon and the Mississippi Governor's Office presenting a sample list of organizations that could be invited to the meeting with Administrator Pruitt and asking for more farmers to be invited.

■· Lincoln Ferguson ordering an iceberg wedge salad and Asian pork tacos for Administrator Pruitt for lunch in North Dakota.

■· Troy Lyons emailing Utah officials asking for locations to visit that were impacted by the 2015 WOTUS rule.

■· Email from Tate Bennet to Adam Piper with Rule of Law Defense Fund for help organizing Administrator Pruitt's visit in South Carolina.

Please get back to me as soon as possible. My deadline is noon EST Thursday, Jan. 25, but the sooner you get back to me, the more it helps my reporting. Thank you for your help.

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From: Kevin Bogardus
Sent: Thur 10/12/2017 10:41:19 PM
Subject: Re: MEDIA RELEASE: Top Committee Democrats Request GAO Inquiry into EPA's Misuse of Taxpayer Dollars to Undermine Clean Water Rule

Gotcha, Liz. We will quote you from your email below as an EPA spokeswoman in the piece. Thanks for your help.

-Kevin

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 12, 2017, at 6:33 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

EPA's commitment to an open, transparent process to redefine WOTUS includes engagement with all stakeholders.

From: Kevin Bogardus [mailto:kbogardus@eenews.net]
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2017 5:33 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: MEDIA RELEASE: Top Committee Democrats Request GAO Inquiry into EPA's Misuse of Taxpayer Dollars to Undermine Clean Water Rule

Hey everyone,

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- Does EPA have any response or reaction to the below?

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From: Adler (Gilbreath), Jen [mailto:Jen.Adler@mail.house.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2017 5:20 PM
To: Adler (Gilbreath), Jen <Jen.Adler@mail.house.gov>
Subject: MEDIA RELEASE: Top Committee Democrats Request GAO Inquiry into EPA's Misuse of Taxpayer Dollars to Undermine Clean Water Rule

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For Immediate Release: October 12, 2017

Contact:

Jen Adler (DeFazio), 202-225-4472

Evan Hollander (McCollum), 202-480-4369

CJ Young (Pallone), 202-225-5735

Jennifer Werner (Cummings), 202-226-5181

Top Committee Democrats Request GAO Inquiry into EPA's Misuse of Taxpayer Dollars to Undermine Clean Water Rule

Washington, D.C. – Today, Ranking Member of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Peter DeFazio (D-OR), Ranking Member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Betty McCollum (D-MN), Ranking Member of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce Frank Pallone, Jr. (D-NJ), and Ranking Member of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform Elijah Cummings (D-MD) sent a letter to the Comptroller General of the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) Gene L. Dodaro, requesting a legal determination of whether the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) violated the Antideficiency Act, as well as other federal laws, in using taxpayer dollars for lobbying or propaganda purposes.

In August 2017, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt appeared in a video advertisement for the National Cattleman's Beef Association (NCBA) urging farmers and ranchers to speak up on EPA's efforts to withdraw an Obama-era, clean water protection rule called the "Waters of the United States" (WOTUS). In addition, the video displays a graphic encouraging viewers to visit the website of the NCBA "to file your WOTUS comments today!" NCBA's website includes a number of hyperlinks urging viewers to directly contact their elected officials in Congress and urge further Congressional action to overturn the Clean Water Rule.

"We are deeply troubled that these recent EPA actions are the latest examples of EPA's inappropriate use of taxpayer resources. We request that GAO provide a legal opinion that addresses whether the Administrator's appearance in the promotional NCBA video in connection with the hyperlinked material on the NCBA website complies with the relevant limitations on the use of appropriated funds for lobbying and publicity or propaganda purposes and the Antideficiency Act. We appreciate your immediate attention to this matter," the Members wrote.

Click here and see below to read today's letter.

October 12, 2017

The Honorable Gene L. Dodaro

Comptroller General

U.S. Government Accountability Office

Dear Mr. Dodaro:

We write to request a legal opinion from the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) regarding whether the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) violated statutory prohibitions on the use of appropriated funds for lobbying and publicity or propaganda purposes as well as the Antideficiency Act.

On or about August 16, 2017, the EPA Administrator appeared in a promotional video of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA) in which he urged farmers and ranchers to provide comments on EPA's proposed rule to withdraw a 2015 rule concerning the "Waters of the United States" (WOTUS).[1] In the video, which features the Administrator meeting with farmers and ranchers in Colorado, the Administrator provides that his visit is part of EPA's "state action tour". At its conclusion, the video shows grazing land with a graphic overlay that encourages viewers to, "Visit BeefUSA.org to file your WOTUS comments today!" That NCBA webpage, BeefUSA.org, includes a hyperlink to a press release entitled, "Take Action Now- Tell EPA to Kill WOTUS Today!"[2] In addition, there are hyperlinks from that homepage to a "Call to Action" page and a "Contact your Elected Officials" page.[3] With respect to WOTUS rulemaking, the site contains a page that asks visitors to "Urge Congress to Stop EPA's Unlawful Expansion" and to "Let your Congressional representatives know that they should not allow EPA and the Corps to trample on your Constitutional rights."[4]

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Administrator's appearance in the promotional NCBA video in connection with the hyperlinked material on the NCBA website complies with the relevant statutory prohibitions on the use of appropriated funds for lobbying and publicity or propaganda purposes and the Antideficiency Act.

A recurring government-wide provision found in annual appropriations acts, section 715 of the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2017 provides:

No part of any funds appropriated in this or any other Act shall be used by an agency of the executive branch, other than for normal and recognized executive-legislative relationships, for publicity or propaganda purposes, and for the preparation, distribution or use of any kit, pamphlet, booklet, publication, radio, television, or film presentation designed to support or defeat legislation pending before the Congress, except in presentation to the Congress itself.[5]

Additionally, section 401 of the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2017, provides:

No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall be available for any activity or the publication or distribution of literature that in any way tends to promote public support or opposition to any legislative proposal on which Congressional action is not complete other than to communicate to Members of Congress as described in 18 U.S.C. 1913.[6]

These provisions prohibit the use of appropriated funds for indirect or grassroots lobbying in support of, or in opposition to, pending legislation. The provisions are violated where there is pending legislation and a clear appeal by an agency for citizens to contact Members of Congress. GAO previously determined that EPA violated the recurring grassroots lobbying prohibition where EPA's hyperlinks to external webpages, containing link buttons to contact Members of Congress, were found to be appeals urging the public to contact Members in opposition to pending legislation, in part because EPA had associated itself with the linked content.[7]

Here, EPA, by prominently featuring the Administrator in an online NCBA video that ends by encouraging the public to visit the NCBA's website, associated itself with that website and the hyperlinked pages therein that urged the public to contact Congress regarding pending WOTUS rulemaking. While no specific legislation is mentioned in the NCBA video, the hyperlinked webpages contain a separate video that specifically outlines NCBA's strategy to challenge the WOTUS rulemaking at every opportunity, including the courts, through the administrative rulemaking process, and in Congress, including advocating for language in the annual appropriations bills for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and EPA to "repeal the 2015 rule without getting bogged down in activist litigation".[8] By aligning the Administrator so prominently with the messaging and video of an organization, such as NCBA, with a long-term history of opposition to the rule and repeated efforts urging Congress to overturn the rule[9], the messages of the Administrator and NCBA become inescapably intertwined, and it is impossible to discern where, if at all, one message stops and the other starts.

In addition, the Administrator may have violated the recurring prohibitions on the use of appropriated funds for unauthorized publicity or propaganda purposes. Section 718 of the Financial Services and General Government Act, 2017 provides:

No part of any appropriation contained in this or any other Act shall be used directly or indirectly, including by private contractor, for publicity or propaganda purposes within the United States not heretofore authorized by Congress.

The purpose of the publicity or propaganda prohibition is to ensure that the government identifies itself as the source of its communications. GAO has interpreted this language to restrict, among other things, "covert propaganda", defined as "communications that fail to disclose the agency's role as the source of the information."[10] In its 2015 opinion, GAO concluded that "[t]he critical element of covert propaganda is the agency's concealment from the target audience of its role in creating the material" and cited two previous opinions by GAO, stating that "[a] critical element of this violation is the concealment of, or failure to disclose, the agency's role in sponsoring the material" and that "[f]indings of propaganda are predicated upon the fact that the target audience could not ascertain the information sources."[11] For example, GAO has found "covert propaganda" where messages are specifically designed for transmission through an intermediary, including instances where the Small Business Administration prepared editorials for newspapers to print for target audiences[12] and where EPA used social media to convey a particular message regarding the WOTUS rulemaking.[13] In 2015, GAO found that EPA violated the publicity or propaganda provision, in part because EPA identified a particular message it wanted to convey and sought supporters to deliver

that message, essentially constructing a message intended for a third party to distribute.

In this instance, EPA used appropriated funds to feature the Administrator prominently in the advocacy video of a third party. In the video, potentially initiated at the request of EPA, [14] the Administrator states that, by re-defining the term "Waters of the United States", as understood under the Clean Water Act, "we're trying to fix the challenges from the 2015 rule, where the Obama administration reimagined their authority under the Clean Water Act and defined a water of the United States as being a puddle, a dry creek bed and ephemeral drainage ditches across this country."[15] EPA effectively constructed a message, delivered by the Administrator, and intended for the NCBA to distribute that message through an online video. Additionally, the viewing audience may be unable to discern the source of that message, because in the video, the EPA Administrator's image, name, and title appear alongside the name and logo of the NCBA.[16]

In conclusion, we are deeply troubled that these recent EPA actions are the latest examples of EPA's inappropriate use of taxpayer resources. We request that GAO provide a legal opinion that addresses whether the Administrator's appearance in the promotional NCBA video in connection with the hyperlinked material on the NCBA website complies with the relevant limitations on the use of appropriated funds for lobbying and publicity or propaganda purposes and the Antideficiency Act. We appreciate your immediate attention to this matter. If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact the Democratic Staff of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure at (202) 225-0060.

Sincerely,

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Ranking Member

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Committee on Energy and Commerce

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Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

cc: The Honorable Scott Pruitt, Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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[1] National Cattlemen's Beef Association video, entitled "EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt Urges Ranchers to File WOTUS Comments, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vTVd54WyhDQ&hd=1, last visited

Oct. 3, 2017. *See also* Wittenberg, Ariel, "Pruitt stars in industry video promoting WOTUS repeal", published Aug. 21, 2017 at https://www.eenews.net/stories/1060058985.

[2] http://www.beefusa.org/newsreleases1.aspx?newsid=6381, dated Aug. 1, 2017,

last visited

Oct. 6, 2017.

[3] http://www.beefusa.org/calltoaction1.aspx.

[4] http://cqrcengage.com/beefusa/water.

[5] H.R. 5485, 114th Congress (2016).

[6] H.R. 5538, 144th Congress (2016).

[7] B-326944, Dec. 14, 2015.

[8] National Cattlemen's Beef Association video, entitled "Cattlemen to Cattlemen – Japan's Tariff & WOTUS", https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R7t9kn2D6CQ, last visited Oct. 10, 2017. As of the writing of this letter, the U.S. House of Representatives has considered two appropriations bills for fiscal year 2018 that include language seeking to legislatively withdraw the 2015 Clean Water Rule – section 108 of the Energy and Water Appropriations Act, 2018 (H.R. 3266) and section 431 of Division A of the Make America Secure and Prosperous Appropriations Act, 2018 (H.R. 3354).

[9] *See also,* "NCBA Urges House to Support Disapproval of WOTUS", http://www.beefusa.org/newsreleases1.aspx?newsid=5545&utm, last visited Oct. 10, 2017.

[10] B-320482, Oct. 19, 2010.

[11] B-326944, Dec. 14, 2015, citing from B-305368, Sept. 30, 2005 and B-302710, May 19, 2004.

[12] B-223098, Oct. 10, 1986.

[13] B-326944, Dec. 14, 2015.

[14] *See* National Cattlemen's Beef Association video, entitled "Cattlemen to Cattlemen – Japan's Tariff & WOTUS", https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R7t9kn2D6CQ, last visited Oct. 10, 2017, wherein NCBA Environmental Counsel, Scott Yager, notes how the NCBA video was the "product of the EPA, actually, reaching out to NCBA to find a ranch out near Denver to go visit with and to kind of hear from cattle producers about the WOTUS rule and what they want to see in a replacement and a repeal." Quoted text appears at 5:45.

[15] National Cattlemen's Beef Association video, entitled "EPA Administrator Scott

Pruitt Urges Ranchers to File WOTUS Comments", https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vTVd54WyhDQ&hd=1, last visited

Oct. 3, 2017.

[16] The text appears at 0:20.

To: Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
From: Biesecker, Michael
Sent: Thur 8/10/2017 11:16:58 PM
Subject: RE: Pruitt North Dakota visit

Thanks.

From: Bowman, Liz [mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 7:17 PM
To: Biesecker, Michael; Wilcox, Jahan
Cc: Jackson, Ryan; Pace, Julie
Subject: RE: Pruitt North Dakota visit

My bad! https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/photos-administrator-pruitt-takes-state-action-tour-north-dakota

From: Biesecker, Michael [mailto:MBiesecker@ap.org]
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 7:14 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Cc: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Pace, Julie <JPace@ap.org>
Subject: RE: Pruitt North Dakota visit

Sorry, not seeing a link

From: Bowman, Liz [mailto:Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 7:14 PM
To: Biesecker, Michael; Wilcox, Jahan
Cc: Jackson, Ryan; Pace, Julie
Subject: RE: Pruitt North Dakota visit

Here is a link to our release on the event, which includes photos you are welcome to use for your article.

From: Bowman, Liz

Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 7:10 PM
To: 'Biesecker, Michael' <MBiesecker@ap.org>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Cc: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; 'Pace, Julie' <JPace@ap.org>
Subject: RE: Pruitt North Dakota visit

You can also add that: "This bipartisan event with the community's farmers – which included North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum, U.S. Senator John Hoeven, U.S. Congressman Kevin Cramer, North Dakota Lt. Governor Brent Sanford, North Dakota Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem, a representative from U.S. Senator Heidi Heitkamp's office, and other state officials – was closed to the press so people can contribute without worrying about reporters in the room and how they may characterize their contributions."

Thanks – Liz

From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 5:54 PM
To: 'Biesecker, Michael' <MBiesecker@ap.org>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Cc: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; 'Pace, Julie' <JPace@ap.org>
Subject: RE: Pruitt North Dakota visit

Here's our on the record response, which you can attribute to me: "The AP should be reporting on this week's news, like the Administration fulfilling its commitment to reinstate the midterm evaluation of fuel economy and GHG standards for cars and light trucks, or EPA's cooperative federalism approach to finding the best strategy for the safe disposal of coal ash in each state – not attacking our hard-working staff for a miscommunication between two government offices."

From: Biesecker, Michael [mailto:MBiesecker@ap.org]
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 5:37 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Cc: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Pruitt North Dakota visit

Jahan,

Still not gotten a response to the prior questions.

One other thing I'd like to clear up: You characterized the reporters as "individuals that were not invited came to the event."

AP spoke with the office of ND Gov. Doug Burgum, which said there was in fact a notice sent to local media inviting them the attend a 15-minute open session at the end of the round table. The governor's staff told AP: "That was a misunderstanding between our office and Administrator Pruitt's office. We were later informed (by Pruitt's office) it would be closed."

Why did EPA request to close the round table to the press?

Please provide on-the-record response this time.

Thanks,

Michael

From: Biesecker, Michael
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 4:41 PM
To: 'Wilcox, Jahan'; Pace, Julie
Cc: Jackson, Ryan; Bowman, Liz
Subject: RE: Pruitt North Dakota visit

Jahan,

Just to clarify, so I can make sure I understand, when you write "we were asked to refer them to security." By "security," are you referring to the university's police department? And by "we," do you mean EPA staff called police?

Thanks,

Michael

From: Wilcox, Jahan [mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 4:36 PM
To: Biesecker, Michael; Pace, Julie
Cc: Jackson, Ryan; Bowman, Liz
Subject: RE: Pruitt North Dakota visit

Off-the-record, what is inaccurate is your assertion that reporters were threatened with arrest for trying to access a round-table meeting. Law enforcement at the University of North Dakota declared the area as private property, which was accurately reported and when individuals that were not invited came to the event, we were asked to refer them to security.

From: Biesecker, Michael [mailto:MBiesecker@ap.org]
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 4:21 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Pace, Julie <JPace@ap.org>
Cc: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Pruitt North Dakota visit

Jahan,

We are simply trying to ascertain what happened.

The newspaper reported:

When two Herald reporters went to the EERC before the start of the event, they were asked by representatives of Pruitt to leave the grounds before EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox threatened to call police, whom he referred to as "security."

A UND Police officer then arrived to insist the building and its grounds were private property before demanding the reporters move away from the center's front door. An officer had earlier told a pair of protesters the same thing, asking them to cross a road away from the center. The EERC is not private property and is owned by UND.

Is any of that erroneous?

Also, I'm not sure how AP was supposed to report on Pruitt's meeting when it was closed press. I'm also not aware that I received any notice or readout from the event. Did you guys send me something that I missed?

Thanks,

Michael

From: Wilcox, Jahan [mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 4:08 PM
To: Pace, Julie; Biesecker, Michael

Cc: Jackson, Ryan; Bowman, Liz
Subject: FW: Pruitt North Dakota visit

Julie -

Off-the-record, why didn't the national AP reporter write on our trip to Iowa, North Dakota, Texas to talk directly with people about EPA regulations – or EPA's announcements today on CCR or MTE – major policy and environmental announcements. Rather than focus on news, he is fixating on us.

Also, our event yesterday at the University of North Dakota was closed press and the host of the event said it was private property as stated by both the local police and the officials at UND. I'm a little confused how Michael believes someone was "threatened" with arrest when the story clearly states I referred to security at the event. No mention of arrest or police was ever stated or reported.

- "When two Herald reporters went to the EERC before the start of the event, they were asked by representatives of Pruitt to leave the grounds before EPA spokesman Jahan Wilcox threatened to call police, whom he referred to as 'security.' A UND Police officer then arrived to insist the building and its grounds were private property before demanding the reporters move away from the center's front door. An officer had earlier told a pair of protesters the same thing, asking them to cross a road away from the center. The EERC is not private property and is owned by UND." http://www.grandforksherald.com/news/4310124-epa-chief-pruitt-holds-series-closed-door-meetings-gf-fargo?wpisrc=nl_energy202&wpmm=1

Please let me know if you are writing on this and need an on the record statement.

From: Biesecker, Michael [mailto:MBiesecker@ap.org]
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 3:46 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: Pruitt North Dakota visit

Liz, Jahan,

AP is following up on reports about Pruitt's visit to N.D. yesterday, where Jahan is reported to

have threatened reporters from the Grand Forks Herald with arrest for trying to access a round-table meeting held at a public university.

Does EPA dispute any of the Herald's account of what occurred? If so, please provide details.

http://www.grandforksherald.com/news/4310124-epa-chief-pruitt-holds-series-closed-door-meetings-gf-fargo?wpisrc=nl_energy202&wpmm=1

Thanks,

Michael

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Cc: Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Ferguson, Lincoln[ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]; Graham, Amy[graham.amy@epa.gov]; Abboud, Michael[abboud.michael@epa.gov]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Fri 8/4/2017 4:36:10 PM
Subject: Tuesday's Interview at 12:30 PM at KCCI-TV
08.08.08 - OTR Iowa Backgrounder .docx

Erin –

We have set aside 10 minutes for a 1x1 interview with you and EPA Administrator Pruitt. This interview will be on **Tuesday, August 8th at 12:00 PM – 12:10 PM** (this is a minor time change at KCCI's studio). I've also attached a backgrounder on why we are coming to Iowa, accomplishments by this EPA and frequently asked questions and responses. Let me know if you need anything else.

OTR BACKGROUND BRIEF ON SCOTT PRUITT & THE EPA

WHO IS SCOTT PRUITT …

Scott Pruitt: Politics, baseball and Jesus. "Politics, baseball and Jesus. That's what Scott Pruitt and his friend and campaign manager Matt Pinnell talked about as they crisscrossed Oklahoma in 2006 trying to get Pruitt elected lieutenant governor. Politics, baseball and Jesus. With his energy and persistence, they have carried Pruitt to victory and nursed him through defeat. And they have him on the verge of running the agency many view as the embodiment of government regulation run amok, the Environmental Protection Agency." (Tulsa World, 01/16/17)

Scott Pruitt, outspoken and forceful, moves to the center of power within the Trump administration. "Less than four months ago, Scott Pruitt arrived in Washington with few connections to President Trump's inner circle and took the helm of an agency where many employees were openly hostile to him. But the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency has emerged as one of the most influential policy architects in the president's Cabinet, a skilled and sometimes brash lawyer who is methodically taking apart a slew of regulations and agreements affecting a range of issues, from manufacturing operations to landfills." (The Washington Post, 06/02/17)

Scott Pruitt's Back-to-Basics Agenda for the EPA. "Republican presidents tend to nominate one of two types of administrator to lead the Environmental Protection Agency. The first is the centrist—think Christie Todd Whitman (2001-03)—who might be equally at home in a Democratic administration. The other is the fierce conservative—think Anne Gorsuch (1981-83)—who views the agency in a hostile light. Scott Pruitt, whom the Senate confirmed Friday, 52-46, doesn't fit either mold. His focus is neither expanding nor reducing regulation. 'There is no reason why EPA's role should ebb or flow based on a particular administration, or a particular administrator,' he says. 'Agencies exist to administer the law. Congress passes statutes, and those statutes are very clear on the job EPA has to do. We're going to do that job.' You might call him an EPA originalist." (The Wall Street Journal, 02/17/17)

WHY ARE WE COMING TO IOWA …

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt is coming to Iowa as part of his state action, Waters of the United States Tour, which includes meeting with Governor Reynolds in the Capitol and a roundtable discussion with Governor Reynolds, Senator Grassley and Senator Ernst at the Iowa Farm Bureau.

Iowa officials ask Trump to scrap WOTUS. "Five of Iowa's six members of Congress have written President-elect Donald Trump urging him to scrap the controversial Waters of the United States rule when he takes office in January. Calling the Environmental Protection Agency's WOTUS rule "an economic assault on small businesses, manufacturing and agriculture," the five Republicans said it "threatens the very livelihood of our fellow Iowans." Sens. Chuck Grassley and Joni Ernst, and Reps. Rod Blum, David Young and Steve King went on to say those industries are the backbone of rural America. "The election results signaled that Americans are ready for the last eight years of EPA's power-grabbing mentality to come to an end," they added." (The Cedar Rapids Gazette, 11/22/16)

Cattlemen's group asking for help in repealing WOTUS. "The NCBA is asking producers to help repeal WOTUS, but it requires action on your part." (Iowa AgriBusiness, 08/03/17)

Iowa Corn Leaders Urge EPA to Rescind WOTUS Rule Implementation. The Iowa Corn Growers Association (ICGA) is appealing to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to postpone and rescind the implementation of the "Waters of the U.S." (WOTUS) rule set to go into effect on August 28. (Iowa Corn Growers, 08/19/15)

WOTUS …

EPA, U.S. Army Move to Rescind 2015 "Waters of the U.S." "The Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Army, and Army Corps of Engineers (the agencies) are proposing a rule to rescind the Clean Water Rule and re-codify the regulatory text that existed prior to 2015 defining "waters of the United States" or WOTUS. This action would, when finalized, provide certainty in the interim, pending a second rulemaking in which the agencies will engage in a substantive re-evaluation of the definition of "waters of the United States." The proposed rule would be implemented in accordance with Supreme Court decisions, agency guidance, and longstanding practice. 'We are taking significant action to return power to the states and provide regulatory certainty to our nation's farmers and businesses,' said Administrator Scott Pruitt. 'This is the first step in the two-step process to redefine 'waters of the U.S.' and we are committed to moving through this re-evaluation to quickly provide regulatory certainty, in a way that is thoughtful, transparent and collaborative with other agencies and the public.' This proposed rule 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. To meet these objectives, the agencies intend to follow an expeditious, two-step process that will provide certainty across the country." (Press Release, 06/27/17)

Governor Kim Reynolds (IA): "Waters of the United States was a significant and severe case

of government overreach by the Obama administration. I want to thank Secretary Pruitt for recognizing that WOTUS forced onerous and unnecessary burdens on Iowa's farmers and businesses. I also want to express my appreciation to the Trump administration for its continuing commitment to work with states, not against them." (Press Release, 06/27/17)

Senator Joni Ernst (IA): "I am pleased that the Trump administration is taking another important step toward eliminating this burdensome WOTUS rule. In Iowa, 97 percent of the land is subject to extensive overregulation by the EPA and unnecessarily hamstrings our farmers, businesses and manufacturers. All across Iowa, folks are calling for this rule to be scrapped, which is why I have led efforts in the Senate to do just that. This is good news for Iowa and rural communities across the country as we move closer to finally eliminating this overreaching rule." (Press Release, 06/27/17)

Senator Chuck Grassley (IA): "This is great news for accountability in government. This was a bad regulation drafted under a bad process. The EPA over-reached its authority and ignored and manipulated legitimate concerns raised by the public. Farmers, land owners and builders in Iowa struggled to make sense of the regulation. Having the federal EPA and the Corps of Engineers require permits for routine land use decisions is a waste of resources that are better used enforcing existing regulations against discharging pollutants into the nation's waterways. Agencies ought to enforce the laws as Congress intended, not stretch beyond their authority to inflict unnecessary expense and red tape on law-abiding farmers and employers." (Press Release, 06/27/17)

RFS …

EPA Keeps Ethanol At 15B Gallons. "The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency released new mandates Wednesday for the amount of renewable fuel that must be blended into the nation's fuel supply. The agency said the proposed Renewable Fuel Standard "reflects demand for 2018." It kept the total amount of conventional ethanol that must be blended into the nation's fuel supply at 15 billion gallons. But it dropped the level of cellulosic biofuel, considered the next generation of ethanol, to 238 million gallons from 311 million gallons. 'Increased fuel security is an important component of the path toward American energy dominance,' said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. 'We are proposing new volumes consistent with market realities focused on actual production and consumer demand while being cognizant of the challenges that exist in bringing advanced biofuels into the marketplace.' The proposed standard set for conventional ethanol, or corn ethanol, matches the level set by Congress." (The Des Moines Register, 07/05/17)

BACK-TO-BASICS AGENDA …

Press Release
April 20, 2017
https://www.epa.gov/home/back-basics-agenda

Administrator Pruitt's "Back-to-Basics Agenda" reflects his efforts to refocus EPA on its intended mission, return power to the states and create an environment where jobs can grow. The agenda focuses on the three E's:

•□□□□□□□□ Environment: Protecting the environment

•□□□□□□□□ Economy: Sensible regulations that allow economic growth

•□□□□□□□□ Engagement: Engaging with state and local partners.

Administrator Pruitt kicked off his "Back to Basics Agenda" on April 13 at the Harvey Mine in Sycamore, Pennsylvania. He spoke with coal miners about the president's recent Energy Independence Executive Order, which directs EPA and other federal agencies to review the Clean Power Plan and revise regulatory barriers that impede energy independence, including unnecessary burdens on coal miners and coal-fired electric utilities. (Reuters, 07/12/17)

CLIMATE CHANGE …
REUTERS: The consensus has been overwhelming that climate change has been caused by human beings…

PRUITT: That's not the question. It is not a question about whether the climate is warming. It is not a question about whether human activity contributes to it. It is a question about how much we contribute to it? How do we measure that with precision? And by the way, are we on an unsustainable path? And what harm...is it causing an existential threat? (Reuters, 07/12/17)

PARIS ACCORD …
REUTERS: On Paris and climate change, polls show younger people are more supportive of U.S leadership on climate change. How do you explain your decision to a younger generation?

PRUITT: That's not what Paris was about. I get what you're saying but here's the deal though. It was not about whether the U.S. is going to continue leading on reducing our CO2 footprint because Paris didn't actually do that. Paris was a bumper sticker. Go back and read the articles about the criticism that was levied on the environmental left. They were very critical and dismissive of the Paris agreement. You know why? Because China didn't have to do anything until 2030 and India conditioned all of their obligations upon receiving two and a half trillion dollars of aid. Russia, India and China contributed 0 dollars to the Green Climate Fund. People have short memories there. We are already at pre 94 levels and we exited Kyoto in 2001 and from 2000 to 2014 we reduced our CO2 foot print by 18 plus percent. That's better than others across the globe. When people really want action and meaningful outcomes with regards to this, we are doing it. We are at pre-1994 levels. Paris was not in my view – it shouldn't be symbolic or optical with respect to whether progress or no progress is being made in CO2 reduction. (Reuters, 07/12/17)

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WHY ARE WE COMING TO IOWA ...

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt is coming to Iowa as part of his state action, Waters of the United States Tour, which includes meeting with Governor Reynolds in the Capitol and a roundtable discussion with Governor Reynolds, Senator Grassley and Senator Ernst at the Iowa Farm Bureau.

Iowa officials ask Trump to scrap WOTUS. "Five of Iowa's six members of Congress have written President-elect Donald Trump urging him to scrap the controversial Waters of the United States rule when he takes office in January. Calling the Environmental Protection Agency's WOTUS rule "an economic assault on small businesses, manufacturing and agriculture," the five Republicans said it "threatens the very livelihood of our fellow Iowans." Sens. Chuck Grassley and Joni Ernst, and Reps. Rod Blum, David Young and Steve King went on to say those industries are the backbone of rural America. "The election results signaled that Americans are ready for the last eight years of EPA's power-grabbing mentality to come to an end," they added." (The Cedar Rapids Gazette, 11/22/16)

Cattlemen's group asking for help in repealing WOTUS. "The NCBA is asking producers to help repeal WOTUS, but it requires action on your part." (Iowa AgriBusiness, 08/03/17)

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WOTUS ...

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Governor Kim Reynolds (IA): "Waters of the United States was a significant and severe case of government overreach by the Obama administration. I want to thank Secretary Pruitt for recognizing that WOTUS forced onerous and unnecessary burdens on Iowa's farmers and businesses. I also want to express my appreciation to the Trump administration for its continuing commitment to work with states, not against them." (Press Release, 06/27/17)

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Senator Chuck Grassley (IA): "This is great news for accountability in government. This was a bad regulation drafted under a bad process. The EPA over-reached its authority and ignored and manipulated legitimate concerns raised by the public. Farmers, land owners and builders in Iowa struggled to make sense of the regulation. Having the federal EPA and the Corps of Engineers require permits for routine land use decisions is a waste of resources that are better used enforcing existing regulations against discharging pollutants into the nation's waterways. Agencies ought to enforce the laws as Congress intended, not stretch beyond their authority to inflict unnecessary expense and red tape on law-abiding farmers and employers." (Press Release, 06/27/17)

RFS …

EPA Keeps Ethanol At 15B Gallons. "The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency released new mandates Wednesday for the amount of renewable fuel that must be blended into the nation's fuel supply. The agency said the proposed Renewable Fuel Standard "reflects demand for 2018." It kept the total amount of conventional ethanol that must be blended into the nation's fuel supply at 15 billion gallons. But it dropped the level of cellulosic biofuel, considered the next generation of ethanol, to 238 million gallons from 311 million gallons. 'Increased fuel security is an important component of the path toward American energy dominance,' said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. 'We are proposing new volumes consistent with market realities focused on actual production and consumer demand while being cognizant of the challenges that exist in bringing advanced biofuels into the marketplace.' The proposed standard set for conventional ethanol, or corn ethanol, matches the level set by Congress." (The Des Moines Register, 07/05/17)

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CLIMATE CHANGE …
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PRUITT: That's not the question. It is not a question about whether the climate is warming. It is not a question about whether human activity contributes to it. It is a question about how much we contribute to it? How do we measure that with precision? And by the way, are we on an unsustainable path? And what harm...is it causing an existential threat? (Reuters, 07/12/17)

PARIS ACCORD …
REUTERS: On Paris and climate change, polls show younger people are more supportive of U.S leadership on climate change. How do you explain your decision to a younger generation?

PRUITT: That's not what Paris was about. I get what you're saying but here's the deal though. It was not about whether the U.S. is going to continue leading on reducing our CO2 footprint because Paris didn't actually do that. Paris was a bumper sticker. Go back and read the articles about the criticism that was levied on the environmental left. They were very critical and dismissive of the Paris agreement. You know why? Because China didn't have to do anything until 2030 and India conditioned all of their obligations upon receiving two and a half trillion

dollars of aid. Russia, India and China contributed 0 dollars to the Green Climate Fund. People have short memories there. We are already at pre 94 levels and we exited Kyoto in 2001 and from 2000 to 2014 we reduced our CO2 foot print by 18 plus percent. That's better than others across the globe. When people really want action and meaningful outcomes with regards to this, we are doing it. We are at pre-1994 levels. Paris was not in my view – it shouldn't be symbolic or optical with respect to whether progress or no progress is being made in CO2 reduction. (Reuters, 07/12/17)

CLIMATE DENIER …

"'Pruitt bristled at the phrase "climate denier," a description that his critics have often applied to him in light of his repeated statements disputing scientific conclusions about the large role humans play in warming the planet. 'What does it even mean? That's what I think about it. I deny the climate? Really? Wow, OK. That's crazy, in my view,' he said. Pruitt reiterated his position that the climate is warming and humans contribute to that, but "the ability to measure with precision the human contribution to warming is something that's very challenging to do.'" (Politico, 07/12/17)

PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION'S SO-CALLED ACCOMPLISHMENTS (FLINT & GOLD KING MINE) …

"The water crisis in Flint, which still affects thousands of that Michigan city's residents, emerged in surprising ways at the hearing for EPA nominee and Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt. In his remarks opening the hearing, Senate Environment and Public Works Chairman John Barrasso (R-Wyo.) cited Flint as an example of what Pruitt would need to fix — and what the Obama administration had wrought. 'The regulatory zeal of the last eight years has violated a fundamental principle of environmental stewardship, which is 'do no harm,'' said Barrasso. "This failed environmental leadership has contributed to two of the worst government-created environmental disasters in decades: the Gold King Mine spill, and Flint, Michigan's water crisis.' There was a shift in the usual poker-faced expressions of Democrats when Barrasso said that. The Gold King Mine spill was the direct fault of the EPA, which botched the handling of a wastewater study. But the Flint crisis, and the presence of lead in water that poisoned residents for a year, was created by a confluence of factors. In a 2016 report, the EPA took blame for not alerting the public about the problem with lead in the water, but said that it had done so out of a preponderance of caution." (The Washington Post, 01/18/17)

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EPA Administrator Pruitt met with the U.S. Conference of Mayors. "U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt will deliver remarks to the U.S. Conference of Mayors' Leadership Meeting tomorrow to discuss agency priorities under the Trump Administration." (Press Release, 03/01/17)

Administrator Scott Pruitt sent letters to state governors advising them that they are under no obligation to adhere to the Clean Power Plan rule. "The days of coercive federalism are over," the letter reads. "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." (Press Release, 03/30/17)

WORKING WITH PRESIDENT TRUMP ON ROLLING BACK OBAMA'S AGENDA …

An executive order was issued to rescind WOTUS. "President Trump and EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt issued an executive order to rescind or revise the 2015 Clean Water Rule: Definition of 'Waters of the United States.'" (Press Release, 02/28/17)

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EXAMINING COSTLY REGULATIONS …

EPA to reexamine emission standards for cars and light duty trucks. "'These standards are costly for automakers and the American people,' said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. 'We will work with our partners at DOT to take a fresh look to determine if this approach is realistic. This thorough review will help ensure that this national program is good for consumers and good for the environment.'" (Press Release, 03/15/17)

EPA Administrator seeks additional time to review RMP Rule. "Administrator Scott Pruitt signed a proposed rule this week to further delay the effective date of EPA's Risk Management Program (RMP) Amendments to allow EPA time to complete the process for reconsidering the RMP Amendments issued on January 17, 2017." (Press Release, 03/31/17)

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CLEANING UP THE ENVIRONMENT …

The EPA kicks-off cleanup at the West Oakland Superfund site. "[The EPA] joined local leaders and community members in Oakland to celebrate the installation and start-up of a new groundwater and soil treatment system at the AMCO Chemical Superfund Site." (Press Release, 03/18/17)

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WOTUS

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Would probably work….put a yes down for us next Wednesday. Probably around 7:20 am or so…..

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Thanks Jimmy. We'd love to have Administrator Pruitt come by to talk about WOTUS, why we are in Minnesota for the day. We kindly ask that you don't take calls but open for questions and we would come to the studio.

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Hey Dave –

Wanted to follow-up on this as we'd really like to bring Pruitt over to WCCO in the morning if you wanted him for a quick interview.

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Dave -

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- https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-us-army-move-rescind-2015-waters-us

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The House is set to vote on legislation Tuesday that would block the EPA's proposal. The bill is expected to sail to passage, but chances of it reaching the Senate floor are slim.

The EPA has said the proposal would not expand its authority to protect new types of waters that have been exempt in the past.

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The National Wildlife Federation, which supports the EPA's move to clarify its authority, says the proposal "specifically excludes many man-made ditches, ponds, an irrigation systems."

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"The golf industry is a leader for water quality and environmental stewardship," said Chava McKeel, associate director for GCSAA. "This proposed rule hinders the golf industry in moving forward toward even stronger best management practices."

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WOTUS

Federal water rules are too costly for Minnesota counties. "At the end of May, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers published the long-awaited final rule on "Definition of Waters in the U.S." — "WOTUS" for short — as an amendment to the Clean Water Act. While the efforts of these agencies are appreciated, county governments are disappointed with the final result. Minnesota counties are concerned that the new WOTUS rule increases the scope of the authority of the EPA and the Army Corps — adding costly regulations and excessive federal government overreach — and that it will greatly affect county governments in southern Minnesota and across the state. Currently, local and county governments maintain public safety infrastructure around roads and bridges that keep rising water away from citizens and their property. Local governments use a variety of methods to do this, including flood control channels, roadside ditches and green infrastructure." (The Star Tribune, 07/15/15)

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Back-to-Basics Agenda
Press Release
April 20, 2017
https://www.epa.gov/home/back-basics-agenda

Administrator Pruitt's "Back-to-Basics Agenda" reflects his efforts to refocus EPA on its intended mission, return power to the states and create an environment where jobs can grow. The agenda focuses on the three E's:

- Environment: Protecting the environment

- Economy: Sensible regulations that allow economic growth

- Engagement: Engaging with state and local partners.

Administrator Pruitt kicked off his "Back to Basics Agenda" on April 13 at the Harvey Mine in Sycamore, Pennsylvania. He spoke with coal miners about the president's recent Energy Independence Executive Order, which directs EPA and other federal agencies to review the Clean Power Plan and revise regulatory barriers that impede energy independence, including unnecessary burdens on coal miners and coal-fired electric utilities. (Reuters, 07/12/17)

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From: Ellenson, Bess L [mailto:blellenson@wcco.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 8:43 AM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA & WCCO TV

Good morning, Jahan!

I'm just circling back to make sure we are good to go for tomorrow morning. If you could send over his bio/accomplishment, that would be perfect!

Thank you,

Bess

From: Ellenson, Bess L
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 7:43 AM
To: 'Wilcox, Jahan' <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA & WCCO TV

Hey Jahan,

It will be from 6:05 to about 6:10AM.

The address is 90 S 11th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55403. We don't have a parking lot, but there is usually plenty of parking right on the street that early in the morning.

When you get here, you'll want to go to the door off Marquette, across from the Hilton Hotel. There's a white button outside the door to buzz security.

Thanks for the opportunity, we are looking forward to having Scott on the show!

Thanks,

Bess

From: Wilcox, Jahan [mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]

Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 12:19 PM
To: Ellenson, Bess L <blellenson@wcco.com>
Subject: RE: EPA & WCCO TV

Yes that will work. How much time are we looking at 6:05 – 6:10 or 6:05 – 6:15a?

Then can I get the address and over the weekend I will put a backgrounder together on things we have accomplished at the EPA and why we are visiting Minnesota.

From: Ellenson, Bess L [mailto:blellenson@wcco.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 12:23 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: EPA & WCCO TV

Hey Jahan!

Thanks for contacting me! We'd love to have Scott on our show next Wednesday. Would he be available to come in our studio for an interview at 6:05am?

Thank you!

Bess

Sent by Bess Lynn Ellenson

On Jul 13, 2017, at 9:11 AM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

Bess –

My name is Jahan Wilcox and I work for EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt.

Off-the-record, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt will be in Minnesota next Wednesday and was curious if you/WCCO-TV would like to have him in studio to talk about some Pruitt's goals for the EPA. Specifically speaking, we will be in Minnesota to talk about repealing the Waters of the United States

Rules (WOTUS), but you can also ask him other questions including regulatory rollback, why he persuaded President Trump to exit from the Paris Accord, and general environmental questions. This would be an exclusive for WCCO as we would not go in-studio for a similar event with KARE 11 or KSTP.

http://www.minnesotaagconnection.com/story-national.php?Id=1327&yr=2017

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scott_Pruitt

http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2017/06/04/epas-pruitt-says-leaving-paris-accord-is-about-jobs-not-politics.html

Additionally, I'm from Minnesota as well and very familiar with WCCO.

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To: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]; Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
Cc: Graham, Amy[graham.amy@epa.gov]
From: Hewitt, James
Sent: Tue 7/18/2017 1:44:22 PM
Subject: RE: Good Morning Utah (KTVX) - Scott Pruitt Interview

It's up. I will add to the press release.

http://www.good4utah.com/news/local-news/epa-administrator-scott-pruitt-makes-first-tour-stop-in-salt-lake-city/768198761

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt makes first tour stop in Salt Lake City

By: Marquee Mclain

Posted: Jul 18, 2017 07:26 AM MDT

07/18/2017 - SALT LAKE CITY, Utah (ABC4 News) EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt made his first stop on the State Action Tour here in Utah. This morning he sat down with Glen Mills on Good Morning Utah exclusively to talk about the tour.

Pruitt will be meeting with Governor Gary Herbert, Attorney General Sean Reyes and other state leaders as part of his stop.

They will discuss the process of repealing the controversial Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule, and how the EPA can better partner with the states.

From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 9:42 AM
To: Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Cc: Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Good Morning Utah (KTVX) - Scott Pruitt Interview

It might be worth an ICYMI on it's own with a screenshot assuming they put it on their website in the next 30 minutes (just an idea). Then I would also link it into our Utah release.

From: Hewitt, James
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 9:34 AM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Cc: Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Good Morning Utah (KTVX) - Scott Pruitt Interview

We can't include TV eyes links for the public. I'll monitor to see if the network will post it themselves or if we can get someone in digital to convert to a youtube video.

From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 9:33 AM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>
Cc: Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Good Morning Utah (KTVX) - Scott Pruitt Interview

Do not do that.

From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 9:32 AM
To: Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>
Cc: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Good Morning Utah (KTVX) - Scott Pruitt Interview

Please make sure this link is included in the press release, once you get the final from Amy

From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 9:27 AM

To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Dravis, Samantha <dravis.samantha@epa.gov>; Greenwalt, Sarah <greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>; Hewitt, James <hewitt.james@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Palich, Christian <palich.christian@epa.gov>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>; Shimmin, Kaitlyn <shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov>
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http://mms.tveyes.com/transcript.asp?StationID=2090&DateTime=7/18/2017%206:32:39%20AM&playclip=true

ANCHOR: first, we have an exclusive live interview this morning with the epa administrator scott pruitt. he is sitting live without key political correspondence glen mills.

GLEN MILLS: thank you very much selleck city is the first stop for scott pruitt. thank you for being here.

SCOTT PRUITT: tour across the country.

MILLS: why the first stop here?

PRUITT: gives important issues. we have the made in america tour, we have the colonial flag therefrom sandy, utah. this message being progrowth and proenvironment. something we are focused upon. the president is leaving with this. we can create jobs. good place to start highlight that.

MILLS: one of the things i hear often from authorities and officials in the state of utah is the frustration they have with a blanket regulation. doesn't necessarily work in utah that is good in florida. frustration as you hear from local officials across the country?

PRUITT: i inhe last two pyears the epa has not looked at the state department. they look at them as mere vessels of federal will try to force and persistence to do something that the statute or constitution doesn't require. the past administration adopted a rule that changed the definition of this to include puddles, drainage ditches across the country which impacted buildings, gas, farming and ranching during land-use decisions that have been the focus of the states for forever. very problematic and we are seeking to fix that.

MILLS: the president signed an executive order asking you to review this.

PRUITT: yes.

MILLS: talk about the process, what is going on and we go from here.

PRUITT: this is part of the process. we are going to meet with the mayor and we're going to talk about how important this is. we are getting bit of the bad rule. then we are looking for to say what, how do we define the water to give clarity to folks across the country and make sure that states are treated as partners as we work together to protect water quality.

MILLS: and is this back to basics to meeting with states?

PRUITT: we look at what we achieved as a country, since 1980 we have improved the air quality in the country substantially. we reduced air pollutants by 65 percent. we bring the gdp substantially. the progrowth, proenvironment messages absolutely achievable. it was a past administration is that we had to choose between the two. that is not the first the president is taking. riches in both growth and jobs and protecting the environment.

MILLS: talk about protecting the environment because that is a big concern about many. are passionate regulations vacation with clean air, clean water. how do you balance both? what is the best path to doing that?

PRUITT: providing clear regu working with states through compliance and assistance. that in both econometrics and objectives that we should achieve in each area. again, how to get there to reduce 65 percent under the clean air act? it was partnership, compliance and assistance, partnering with states of utah and the governor and the deq and estate to make sure we had their goals that we are seeking to achieve. at the same time having permitting processes that are clear and defined and efficient make sure people know, can we do this project or not to wear permits in our agency that taken years to make a decision. we have people across the country that have been a list of 35 or 40 years. that is acceptable. we serve the american people better by working together and making sure we can achieve growth and protect the environment.

MILLS: when you meet with governor herbert and attorney general today what type of exchange do expect to have?

PRUITT: will be focused on these type of issues. air quality across the state of utah, how to make sure that the definition works in the state of utah? he made a good point. when you look at the definitions and how we do business as a federal agency, we need to take into consideration how we can help utah achieve better air quality. how we can help you to achieve that or what to follow. this is something the president talks about. he is a big infrastructure. roads and bridges and water infrastructure as part of that.

MILLS: is there room for unique rules for different states on regulations with air and water?

PRUITT: i think that is captured through the permitting process. that's really what the permitting process should equal. working with folks locally to determine, how to achieve these outcomes through processes here in utah?

MILLS: administrative pruitt, great to have you with us. i know you have it busy day.

PRUITT: thank you.

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From: Erin Murphy
Sent: Fri 8/4/2017 8:33:00 PM
Subject: Re: Tuesday's Interview at 8:00 AM in the Capitol -- Room 15

Got it. Thanks much, everyone. See you Tuesday morning.

Erin Murphy

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On Aug 4, 2017, at 11:05 AM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov<mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>> wrote:

Erin –

We are have set aside 10 minutes for a 1x1 interview with you and EPA Administrator Pruitt. This interview will be on Tuesday, August 8th at 8:00 AM – 8:10 AM in the Capitol, Room 15. You can bring a photographer if you would like but no videographer. I've also attached a backgrounder on why we are coming to Iowa, accomplishments by this EPA and frequently asked questions and responses. Let me know if you need anything else.

OTR BACKGROUND BRIEF ON SCOTT PRUITT & THE EPA
WHO IS SCOTT PRUITT …
Scott Pruitt: Politics, baseball and Jesus. "Politics, baseball and Jesus. That's what Scott Pruitt and his friend and campaign manager Matt Pinnell talked about as they crisscrossed Oklahoma in 2006 trying to get Pruitt elected lieutenant governor. Politics, baseball and Jesus. With his energy and persistence, they have carried Pruitt to victory and nursed him through defeat. And they have him on the verge of running the agency many view as the embodiment of government regulation run amok, the Environmental Protection Agency." (Tulsa World<https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__www.tulsaworld.com_homepagelatest_scott-2Dpruitt-2Dpolitics-2Dbaseball-2Dand-2Djesus_article-5F30ae4ff2-2Dafeb-2D5384-2Dae05-2Dbec00dae4ebe.html&d=DwMGaQ&c=UCja3lwhyjPGYeHcG7oIbg&r=0oyvec3azZ07-FJz-VyakiI761P_VciM6sypUUcqC_Y&m=0-Hf7tlhSVIXR99A9zSF_FGsIJCvcSYqGTUuuOrcnG0&s=WcfYIJTpIlAkcR130MWK3cPzHzPhpPmIsWeRyeIFoPg&e=>, 01/16/17)

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WHY ARE WE COMING TO IOWA …
EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt is coming to Iowa as part of his state action, Waters of the United States Tour, which includes meeting with Governor Reynolds in the Capitol and a roundtable discussion with Governor Reynolds, Senator Grassley and Senator Ernst at the Iowa Farm Bureau.

Iowa officials ask Trump to scrap WOTUS. "Five of Iowa's six members of Congress have written President-elect Donald Trump urging him to scrap the controversial Waters of the United States rule when he takes office in January. Calling the Environmental Protection Agency's WOTUS rule "an economic assault on small businesses, manufacturing and agriculture," the five Republicans said it "threatens the very livelihood of our fellow Iowans." Sens. Chuck Grassley and Joni Ernst, and Reps. Rod Blum, David Young and Steve King went on to say those industries are the backbone of rural America. "The election results signaled that Americans are ready for the last eight years of EPA's power-grabbing mentality to come to an end," they added." (The Cedar Rapids Gazette<http://globegazette.com/news/iowa/iowa-officials-ask-trump-to-scrap-wotus/article_3aea55e4-4288-563c-bf95-51dec369994c.html>, 11/22/16)

Cattlemen's group asking for help in repealing WOTUS. "The NCBA is asking producers to help repeal WOTUS, but it requires action on your part." (Iowa AgriBusiness<https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.iowaagribusinessradionetwork.com_cattlemens-2Dgroup-2Dasking-2Dfor-2Dhelp-2Din-2Drepealling-2Dwotus_&d=DwMGaQ&c=UCja3lwhyjPGYeHcG7oIbg&r=0oyvec3azZ07-FJz-VyakiI761P_VciM6sypUUcqC_Y&m=0-Hf7tIhSVIXR99A9zSF_FGsIJCvcSYqGTUuuOrcnG0&s=7cjAMP4JF1AktuBIa5Eypyk37jSLbE0obvSaOZLZZr0&e=>, 08/03/17)

Iowa Corn Leaders Urge EPA to Rescind WOTUS Rule Implementation. The Iowa Corn Growers Association (ICGA) is appealing to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to postpone and rescind the implementation of the "Waters of the U.S." (WOTUS) rule set to go into effect on August 28. (Iowa Corn Growers<https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.iowacorn.org_about_news_iowa-2Dcorn-2Dleaders-2Durge-2Depa-2Dto-2Drescind-2Dwotus-2Drule-2Dimplementation_&d=DwMGaQ&c=UCja3lwhyjPGYeHcG7oIbg&r=0oyvec3azZ07-FJz-VyakiI761P_VciM6sypUUcqC_Y&m=0-Hf7tIhSVIXR99A9zSF_FGsIJCvcSYqGTUuuOrcnG0&s=NYSkQ2N3dExf2ZQhytDmVIERBqN-7Oyn-

loofVmmpnY&e=>, 08/19/15)

WOTUS …
EPA, U.S. Army Move to Rescind 2015 "Waters of the U.S." “The Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Army, and Army Corps of Engineers (the agencies) are proposing a rule to rescind the Clean Water Rule and re-codify the regulatory text that existed prior to 2015 defining "waters of the United States" or WOTUS. This action would, when finalized, provide certainty in the interim, pending a second rulemaking in which the agencies will engage in a substantive re-evaluation of the definition of "waters of the United States." The proposed rule would be implemented in accordance with Supreme Court decisions, agency guidance, and longstanding practice. ‘We are taking significant action to return power to the states and provide regulatory certainty to our nation's farmers and businesses,’ said Administrator Scott Pruitt. ‘This is the first step in the two-step process to redefine 'waters of the U.S.' and we are committed to moving through this re-evaluation to quickly provide regulatory certainty, in a way that is thoughtful, transparent and collaborative with other agencies and the public.’ This proposed rule 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. To meet these objectives, the agencies intend to follow an expeditious, two-step process that will provide certainty across the country.” (Press Release<https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.epa.gov_newsreleases_epa-2Dus-2Darmy-2Dmove-2Drescind-2D2015-2Dwaters-2Dus&d=DwMGaQ&c=UCja3lwhyjPGYeHcG7olbg&r=0oyvec3azZ07-FJz-VyakiI761P_VciM6sypUUcqC_Y&m=0-Hf7tlhSVIXR99A9zSF_FGsIJCvcSYqGTUuuOrcnG0&s=jJVQSdULS5UFueOpFbwHV8fTX0pmlxiGt1cIDcG9omA&e=>, 06/27/17)

Governor Kim Reynolds (IA): “Waters of the United States was a significant and severe case of government overreach by the Obama administration. I want to thank Secretary Pruitt for recognizing that WOTUS forced onerous and unnecessary burdens on Iowa’s farmers and businesses. I also want to express my appreciation to the Trump administration for its continuing commitment to work with states, not against them.” (Press Release<https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__usenvironmentalprotectionagency.cmail20.com_t_d-2Dl-2Dkdiljrl-2Dalydlulij-2Di_&d=DwMGaQ&c=UCja3lwhyjPGYeHcG7olbg&r=0oyvec3azZ07-FJz-VyakiI761P_VciM6sypUUcqC_Y&m=0-Hf7tlhSVIXR99A9zSF_FGsIJCvcSYqGTUuuOrcnG0&s=ZfJXg4mcqWlxZMN_8fB9hQ3fZ7bJ05qviLSeLA2fQvo&e=>, 06/27/17)

Senator Joni Ernst (IA): “I am pleased that the Trump administration is taking another important step toward eliminating this burdensome WOTUS rule. In Iowa, 97 percent of the land is subject to extensive overregulation by the EPA and unnecessarily hamstrings our farmers, businesses and manufacturers. All across Iowa, folks are calling for this rule to be scrapped, which is why I have led efforts in the Senate to do just that. This is good news for Iowa and rural communities across the country as we move closer to finally eliminating this overreaching rule.” (Press Release<https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__usenvironmentalprotectionagency.cmail20.com_t_d-2Dl-2Dkdiljrl-2Dalydlulij-2Du_&d=DwMGaQ&c=UCja3lwhyjPGYeHcG7olbg&r=0oyvec3azZ07-FJz-VyakiI761P_VciM6sypUUcqC_Y&m=0-Hf7tlhSVIXR99A9zSF_FGsIJCvcSYqGTUuuOrcnG0&s=yKFcnmgKwMUXIHBB5KrFCqspUoxbJJgOl0plaQG4VNM&e=>, 06/27/17)

Senator Chuck Grassley (IA): “This is great news for accountability in government. This was a bad regulation drafted under a bad process. The EPA over-reached its authority and ignored and manipulated legitimate concerns raised by the public. Farmers, land owners and builders in Iowa struggled to make sense of the regulation. Having the federal EPA and the Corps of Engineers require permits for routine land use decisions is a waste of resources that are better used enforcing existing regulations against discharging pollutants into the nation’s waterways. Agencies ought to enforce the laws as Congress

intended, not stretch beyond their authority to inflict unnecessary expense and red tape on law-abiding farmers and employers." (Press Release<https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__usenvironmentalprotectionagency.cmail20.com_t_d-2Dl-2Dkdiljrl-2Dalydlulij-2Db_&d=DwMGaQ&c=UCja3lwhyjPGYeHcG7olbg&r=0oyvec3azZ07-FJz-VyakiI761P_VciM6sypUUcqC_Y&m=0-Hf7tlhSVIXR99A9zSF_FGsIJCvcSYqGTUuuOrcnG0&s=aLwy6x47mMmPqW65lTglONah6uqi75gEnN0nHlhcR8I&e=>, 06/27/17)

RFS …
EPA Keeps Ethanol At 15B Gallons. "The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency released new mandates Wednesday for the amount of renewable fuel that must be blended into the nation's fuel supply. The agency said the proposed Renewable Fuel Standard "reflects demand for 2018." It kept the total amount of conventional ethanol that must be blended into the nation's fuel supply at 15 billion gallons. But it dropped the level of cellulosic biofuel, considered the next generation of ethanol, to 238 million gallons from 311 million gallons. 'Increased fuel security is an important component of the path toward American energy dominance,' said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. 'We are proposing new volumes consistent with market realities focused on actual production and consumer demand while being cognizant of the challenges that exist in bringing advanced biofuels into the marketplace.' The proposed standard set for conventional ethanol, or corn ethanol, matches the level set by Congress." (The Des Moines Register<https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__www.desmoinesregister.com_story_money_2017_07_05_epa-2Dlowers-2Dmandate-2Dadvanced-2Dbiofuel-2Dkeeps-2Dethanol-2D15-2Db-2Dgallons_452831001_&d=DwMGaQ&c=UCja3lwhyjPGYeHcG7olbg&r=0oyvec3azZ07-FJz-VyakiI761P_VciM6sypUUcqC_Y&m=0-Hf7tlhSVIXR99A9zSF_FGsIJCvcSYqGTUuuOrcnG0&s=7ja3vTV13f9IQVn_XgyEWQVd_0mXYMyw0ckpyi6yU6E&e=>, 07/05/17)

BACK-TO-BASICS AGENDA …
Press Release
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Administrator Pruitt's "Back-to-Basics Agenda" reflects his efforts to refocus EPA on its intended mission, return power to the states and create an environment where jobs can grow. The agenda focuses on the three E's:

- Environment: Protecting the environment
- Economy: Sensible regulations that allow economic growth
- Engagement: Engaging with state and local partners.

Administrator Pruitt kicked off his "Back to Basics Agenda" on April 13 at the Harvey Mine in Sycamore, Pennsylvania. He spoke with coal miners about the president's recent Energy Independence Executive Order, which directs EPA and other federal agencies to review the Clean Power Plan and revise regulatory barriers that impede energy independence, including unnecessary burdens on coal miners and coal-fired electric utilities. (Reuters<https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.reuters.com_article_us-2Dusa-2Depa-2Dpruitt-2Dtext-2DidUSKBN19X01Z&d=DwMGaQ&c=UCja3lwhyjPGYeHcG7olbg&r=0oyvec3azZ07-FJz-VyakiI761P_VciM6sypUUcqC_Y&m=0-Hf7tlhSVIXR99A9zSF_FGsIJCvcSYqGTUuuOrcnG0&s=af0iOouYzAZCd4oNHPmZMGP-

kowScCt2dkAkk7RM4Zw&e=>, 07/12/17)

CLIMATE CHANGE …
REUTERS: The consensus has been overwhelming that climate change has been caused by human beings…

PRUITT: That's not the question. It is not a question about whether the climate is warming. It is not a question about whether human activity contributes to it. It is a question about how much we contribute to it? How do we measure that with precision? And by the way, are we on an unsustainable path? And what harm...is it causing an existential threat? (Reuters<https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.reuters.com_article_us-2Dusa-2Depa-2Dpruitt-2Dtext-2DidUSKBN19X01Z&d=DwMGaQ&c=UCja3lwhyjPGYeHcG7oIbg&r=0oyvec3azZ07-FJz-VyakiI761P_VciM6sypUUcqC_Y&m=0-Hf7tlhSVIXR99A9zSF_FGsIJCvcSYqGTUuuOrcnG0&s=af0iOouYzAZCd4oNHPmZMGP-kowScCt2dkAkk7RM4Zw&e=>, 07/12/17)

PARIS ACCORD …
REUTERS: On Paris and climate change, polls show younger people are more supportive of U.S leadership on climate change. How do you explain your decision to a younger generation?

PRUITT: That's not what Paris was about. I get what you're saying but here's the deal though. It was not about whether the U.S. is going to continue leading on reducing our CO2 footprint because Paris didn't actually do that. Paris was a bumper sticker. Go back and read the articles about the criticism that was levied on the environmental left. They were very critical and dismissive of the Paris agreement. You know why? Because China didn't have to do anything until 2030 and India conditioned all of their obligations upon receiving two and a half trillion dollars of aid. Russia, India and China contributed 0 dollars to the Green Climate Fund. People have short memories there. We are already at pre 94 levels and we exited Kyoto in 2001 and from 2000 to 2014 we reduced our CO2 foot print by 18 plus percent. That's better than others across the globe. When people really want action and meaningful outcomes with regards to this, we are doing it. We are at pre-1994 levels. Paris was not in my view – it shouldn't be symbolic or optical with respect to whether progress or no progress is being made in CO2 reduction. (Reuters<https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.reuters.com_article_us-2Dusa-2Depa-2Dpruitt-2Dtext-2DidUSKBN19X01Z&d=DwMGaQ&c=UCja3lwhyjPGYeHcG7oIbg&r=0oyvec3azZ07-FJz-VyakiI761P_VciM6sypUUcqC_Y&m=0-Hf7tlhSVIXR99A9zSF_FGsIJCvcSYqGTUuuOrcnG0&s=af0iOouYzAZCd4oNHPmZMGP-kowScCt2dkAkk7RM4Zw&e=>, 07/12/17)

CLIMATE DENIER …
"'Pruitt bristled at the phrase "climate denier," a description that his critics have often applied to him in light of his repeated statements disputing scientific conclusions about the large role humans play in warming the planet. 'What does it even mean? That's what I think about it. I deny the climate? Really? Wow, OK. That's crazy, in my view,' he said. Pruitt reiterated his position that the climate is warming and humans contribute to that, but "the ability to measure with precision the human contribution to warming is something that's very challenging to do.'" (Politico<https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=http-3A__www.politico.com_story_2017_07_12_pruitt-2Dclimate-2Dhypocrisy-2Dmerkel-2Deurope-2D240479&d=DwMGaQ&c=UCja3lwhyjPGYeHcG7oIbg&r=0oyvec3azZ07-FJz-VyakiI761P_VciM6sypUUcqC_Y&m=0-Hf7tlhSVIXR99A9zSF_FGsIJCvcSYqGTUuuOrcnG0&s=8qe7wQpC-iWNZFF75uwzip5lKZzmFeqsZ_AfOy-pyq8&e=>, 07/12/17)

PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION'S SO-CALLED ACCOMPLISHMENTS (FLINT & GOLD KING MINE) …
"The water crisis in Flint, which still affects thousands of that Michigan city's residents, emerged in surprising ways at the hearing for EPA nominee and Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt. In his remarks opening the hearing, Senate Environment and Public Works Chairman John Barrasso (R-Wyo.) cited Flint as an example of what Pruitt would need to fix — and what the Obama administration had

wrought. ‘The regulatory zeal of the last eight years has violated a fundamental principle of environmental stewardship, which is ‘do no harm,’’ said Barrasso. “This failed environmental leadership has contributed to two of the worst government-created environmental disasters in decades: the Gold King Mine spill, and Flint, Michigan’s water crisis.’ There was a shift in the usual poker-faced expressions of Democrats when Barrasso said that. The Gold King Mine spill was the direct fault of the EPA, which botched the handling of a wastewater study. But the Flint crisis, and the presence of lead in water that poisoned residents for a year, was created by a confluence of factors. In a 2016 report, the EPA took blame for not alerting the public about the problem with lead in the water, but said that it had done so out of a preponderance of caution.” (The Washington Post<https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.washingtonpost.com_news_powerpost_wp_2017_01_18_in-2Dscott-2Dpruitt-2Dhearing-2Dflint-2Dwater-2Dcrisis-2Demerges-2Das-2Dgop-2Dwedge-2Dagainst-2Dobama-2Depa_-3Futm-5Fterm-3D.0cc87df2de65&d=DwMGaQ&c=UCja3IwhyjPGYeHcG7oIbg&r=0oyvec3azZ07-FJz-VyakiI761P_VciM6sypUUcqC_Y&m=0-Hf7tIhSVIXR99A9zSF_FGsIJCvcSYqGTUuuOrcnG0&s=XyZMQI03bEL_uXmh_CIxVZkgC21a60SvYpQgTiMCrek&e=>, 01/18/17)

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WORKING WITH STATE & LOCAL LEADERS …
In his first week, Pruitt met with 18 Governors. “In his first week on the job as EPA Administrator, Scott Pruitt has now met with 18 Governors and Lieutenant Governors, putting into action his promise of an open door policy and a new beginning of partnership with the states.” (Press Release<https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.epa.gov_newsreleases_epa-2Dadministrator-2Dscott-2Dpruitt-2Dhosts-2Dwestern-2Dgovernors-2Dsunday-2Dmorning-2Dbreakfast-2Dmeeting&d=DwMGaQ&c=UCja3IwhyjPGYeHcG7oIbg&r=0oyvec3azZ07-FJz-VyakiI761P_VciM6sypUUcqC_Y&m=0-Hf7tIhSVIXR99A9zSF_FGsIJCvcSYqGTUuuOrcnG0&s=4cJUz2RTtvQUJb4OywpfIJhDZCqknKVYA2Lp_Sz9ops&e=>, 02/26/17)

EPA Administrator Pruitt met with the U.S. Conference of Mayors. “U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt will deliver remarks to the U.S. Conference of Mayors’ Leadership Meeting tomorrow to discuss agency priorities under the Trump Administration.” (Press Release<https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.epa.gov_newsreleases_tomorrow-2Depa-2Dadministrator-2Ddeliver-2Dremarks-2Dus-2Dconference-2Dmayors-2Dmeeting&d=DwMGaQ&c=UCja3IwhyjPGYeHcG7oIbg&r=0oyvec3azZ07-FJz-VyakiI761P_VciM6sypUUcqC_Y&m=0-Hf7tIhSVIXR99A9zSF_FGsIJCvcSYqGTUuuOrcnG0&s=YPFau67mQw91DqWYWJj-lWJvIDSbttGe6oo7Ltiw_zw&e=>, 03/01/17)

Administrator Scott Pruitt sent letters to state governors advising them that they are under no obligation to adhere to the Clean Power Plan rule. “The days of coercive federalism are over,” the letter reads. “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.” (Press Release<https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.epa.gov_newsreleases_epa-2Dadministrator-2Dsends-2Dclean-2Dpower-2Dplan-2Dguidance-2Dletter-2Dgovernors-2D0&d=DwMGaQ&c=UCja3lwhyjPGYeHcG7oIbg&r=0oyvec3azZ07-FJz-VyakiI761P_VciM6sypUUcqC_Y&m=0-Hf7tlhSVIXR99A9zSF_FGsIJCvcSYqGTUuuOrcnG0&s=yx7Fs3OB5y-evERPZTR_02aIsCzdh-8KIvGKUx1iSxU&e=>, 03/30/17)

WORKING WITH PRESIDENT TRUMP ON ROLLING BACK OBAMA’S AGENDA …
An executive order was issued to rescind WOTUS. “President Trump and EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt issued an executive order to rescind or revise the 2015 Clean Water Rule: Definition of ‘Waters of the United States.’” (Press Release<https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.epa.gov_newsreleases_epa-2Dact-2Dwaters-2Dunited-2Dstates-2Drule-2D1&d=DwMGaQ&c=UCja3lwhyjPGYeHcG7oIbg&r=0oyvec3azZ07-FJz-VyakiI761P_VciM6sypUUcqC_Y&m=0-Hf7tlhSVIXR99A9zSF_FGsIJCvcSYqGTUuuOrcnG0&s=lWFSOwDJPNcqb51u9LsKUowhJtB8kCkRu5LSQXRAX5Y&e=>, 02/28/17)

An executive order was issued to rescind the so-called Clean Power Plan. “Today, at the Environmental Protection Agency surrounded by American energy workers, public employees and members of Congress, President Donald Trump signed the Energy Independence Executive Order to protect thousands of jobs and strengthen energy security, while also ensuring that our policies provide clean air and clean water for all of our citizens.” (Press Release<https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.epa.gov_newsreleases_epa-2Dreview-2Dclean-2Dpower-2Dplan-2Dunder-2Dpresident-2Dtrumps-2Dexecutive-2Dorder&d=DwMGaQ&c=UCja3lwhyjPGYeHcG7oIbg&r=0oyvec3azZ07-FJz-VyakiI761P_VciM6sypUUcqC_Y&m=0-Hf7tlhSVIXR99A9zSF_FGsIJCvcSYqGTUuuOrcnG0&s=aJBWKQ9gd580LPl5d0xMR3nUW2gaXPpTmDLmRyNGwzQ&e=>, 03/28/17)

EXAMINING COSTLY REGULATIONS …
EPA to reexamine emission standards for cars and light duty trucks. “‘These standards are costly for automakers and the American people,’ said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. ‘We will work with our partners at DOT to take a fresh look to determine if this approach is realistic. This thorough review will help ensure that this national program is good for consumers and good for the environment.’” (Press Release<https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.epa.gov_newsreleases_epa-2Dreexamine-2Demission-2Dstandards-2Dcars-2Dand-2Dlight-2Dduty-2Dtrucks-2Dmodel-2Dyears-2D2022-2D2025&d=DwMGaQ&c=UCja3lwhyjPGYeHcG7oIbg&r=0oyvec3azZ07-FJz-VyakiI761P_VciM6sypUUcqC_Y&m=0-Hf7tlhSVIXR99A9zSF_FGsIJCvcSYqGTUuuOrcnG0&s=lbPS9S6u_hTKV6wYTVEOHA3KIGe3yRbJ-xmcg-iYKwE&e=>, 03/15/17)

EPA Administrator seeks additional time to review RMP Rule. “Administrator Scott Pruitt signed a proposed rule this week to further delay the effective date of EPA’s Risk Management Program (RMP) Amendments to allow EPA time to complete the process for reconsidering the RMP Amendments issued on January 17, 2017.” (Press Release<https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.epa.gov_newsreleases_epa-2Dadministrator-2Dseeks-2Dadditional-2Dtime-2Dreview-2Drmp-2Drule&d=DwMGaQ&c=UCja3lwhyjPGYeHcG7oIbg&r=0oyvec3azZ07-FJz-VyakiI761P_VciM6sypUUcqC_Y&m=0-Hf7tlhSVIXR99A9zSF_FGsIJCvcSYqGTUuuOrcnG0&s=r8mJyAQu7D6XBND6hM4ERfRE8iYtI0qijk1zv2FfR58&e=>, 03/31/17)

EPA extended the comment period on the Hard Rock Mining proposed rule that could cost businesses

$171 million annually. “The Environmental Protection Agency today issued a 120-day extension of the comment period related to proposed financial responsibility requirements for the hard rock mining industry. The Agency has received dozens of requests to extend the comment period. EPA estimates predict the implementation of these requirements would cost American businesses up to $171 million a year.” (Press Release<https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.epa.gov_newsreleases_epa-2Dextends-2Dcomment-2Dperiod-2Dhard-2Drock-2Dmining-2Dproposed-2Drule&d=DwMGaQ&c=UCja3lwhyjPGYeHcG7oIbg&r=0oyvec3azZ07-FJz-VyakiI761P_VciM6sypUUcqC_Y&m=0-Hf7tIhSVIXR99A9zSF_FGsIJCvcSYqGTUuuOrcnG0&s=Z26aRIfgtAKZ6qo8LgPymBdRgk8oRy81Mitw9T0H-Xs&e=>, 02/24/17)

CLEANING UP THE ENVIRONMENT …
The EPA kicks-off cleanup at the West Oakland Superfund site. “[The EPA] joined local leaders and community members in Oakland to celebrate the installation and start-up of a new groundwater and soil treatment system at the AMCO Chemical Superfund Site.” (Press Release<https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.epa.gov_newsreleases_us-2Depa-2Dkicks-2Dcleanup-2Dwest-2Doakland-2Dsuperfund-2Dsite&d=DwMGaQ&c=UCja3lwhyjPGYeHcG7oIbg&r=0oyvec3azZ07-FJz-VyakiI761P_VciM6sypUUcqC_Y&m=0-Hf7tIhSVIXR99A9zSF_FGsIJCvcSYqGTUuuOrcnG0&s=0igdmIXvgGMQ6HI52ChI8YD1SofOWqHcFntK2htBd4w&e=>, 03/18/17)

The EPA will resume cleanup at the East Chicago Superfund site. “The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is preparing to resume cleanup work in zones 2 and 3 of the USS Lead Superfund site in East Chicago in April. EPA has reached an agreement with several potentially responsible parties to fund part of this work valued at an estimated $16 million -- in addition to the $26 million already secured for work under a 2014 consent decree.” (Press Release<https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.epa.gov_newsreleases_epa-2Dset-2Dresume-2Dcleanup-2Duss-2Dlead-2Dsuperfund-2Dsite-2Deast-2Dchicago-2Dind&d=DwMGaQ&c=UCja3lwhyjPGYeHcG7oIbg&r=0oyvec3azZ07-FJz-VyakiI761P_VciM6sypUUcqC_Y&m=0-Hf7tIhSVIXR99A9zSF_FGsIJCvcSYqGTUuuOrcnG0&s=3ByfFg3F6-Zp7z_-L-1DFOsxtelQwUqqhKcwvd1J99E&e=>, 03/20/17)

EPA set to oversee second phase of $43 million cleanup of Pompton Lake. “The second phase of Pompton Lake cleanup will begin this spring and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is holding a public session to discuss that work.” (Press Release<https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.epa.gov_newsreleases_epa-2Dset-2Doversee-2Dsecond-2Dphase-2D43-2Dmillion-2Dcleanup-2Dpompton-2Dlake&d=DwMGaQ&c=UCja3lwhyjPGYeHcG7oIbg&r=0oyvec3azZ07-FJz-VyakiI761P_VciM6sypUUcqC_Y&m=0-Hf7tIhSVIXR99A9zSF_FGsIJCvcSYqGTUuuOrcnG0&s=sUBkdqy6KRaxho6x_ha6VoNoFQPS27RpLY-GwRbOVZs&e=>, 03/28/17)

ALLOCATING FUNDS FOR VITAL PROJECTS …
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EPA awards $380,000 to Diné College for abandoned uranium mine study in Arizona. (Press Release<https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.epa.gov_newsreleases_epa-2Dawards-2D380000-2Ddine-2Dcollege-2Dabandoned-2Duranium-2Dmine-2Dstudy&d=DwMGaQ&c=UCja3IwhyjPGYeHcG7oIbg&r=0oyvec3azZ07-FJz-VyakiI761P_VciM6sypUUcqC_Y&m=0-Hf7tIhSVIXR99A9zSF_FGsIJCvcSYqGTUuuOrcnG0&s=bBbSoTVHSV09hTxKJ6aXQylXr8TOVkWrRnxvu2BsMHM&e=>, 02/28/17)

EPA Awards $1.09 million DERA Grant to Gees Bend Ferry in Alabama. Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) awarded a $1.09 million Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) grant to the historic Gees Bend Ferry in Wilcox County, AL. … The DERA award will provide partial funding to replace the current diesel-powered ferry with a 100% electric ferry. This will be the first zero-emission passenger/vehicle ferry of its type in the United States, and only the second of its kind in the world. (Press Release<https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.epa.gov_newsreleases_epa-2Dawards-2D109-2Dmillion-2Ddera-2Dgrant-2Dgees-2Dbend-2Dferry-2Dwilcox-2Dcounty-2Dal&d=DwMGaQ&c=UCja3IwhyjPGYeHcG7oIbg&r=0oyvec3azZ07-FJz-VyakiI761P_VciM6sypUUcqC_Y&m=0-Hf7tIhSVIXR99A9zSF_FGsIJCvcSYqGTUuuOrcnG0&s=rL06TBuRNAi01sgIATTxCJ9x4ogbyyRRL3CdPvksfK4&e=>, 02/24/17)

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Kevin –

We look forward to seeing you on **Wednesday, August 9th at 8:30 AM** for a 7-10 minute interview regarding Pruitt's trip to North Dakota and items that pertain to the EPA and North Dakota. Attached and below is a backgrounder on Pruitt, the EPA and North Dakota related stuff. Let me know if you need anything else.

Jahan

BACKGROUND BRIEF ON SCOTT PRUITT & THE EPA

WHO IS SCOTT PRUITT …

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WHY ARE WE COMING TO NORTH DAKOTA …

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WOTUS …

EPA, U.S. Army Move to Rescind 2015 "Waters of the U.S." "The Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Army, and Army Corps of Engineers (the agencies) are proposing a rule to rescind the Clean Water Rule and re-codify the regulatory text that existed prior to 2015 defining "waters of the United States" or WOTUS. This action would, when finalized, provide certainty in the interim, pending a second rulemaking in which the agencies will engage in a substantive re-evaluation of the definition of "waters of the United States." The proposed rule would be implemented in accordance with Supreme Court decisions, agency guidance, and longstanding practice. 'We are taking significant action to return power to the states and provide regulatory certainty to our nation's farmers and businesses,' said Administrator Scott Pruitt. 'This is the first step in the two-step process to redefine 'waters of the U.S.' and we are committed to moving through this re-evaluation to quickly provide regulatory certainty, in a way that is

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Governor Doug Burgum (ND): "Clean water is critical to quality of life and our economy, and no one cares more about clean water in North Dakota than the people who live here. Today's action is a welcome step toward a rule recognizing that states are best positioned to protect, manage and regulate their own waters. The Obama administration's WOTUS rule was a particularly egregious example of regulatory overreach that effectively classified almost every pond, pothole and slough as a federal managed waterway, creating confusion and uncertainty for farmers, ranchers, landowners and local governments. We are encouraged that the EPA and Corps of Engineers have been reaching out to governors early in this renewed rulemaking process, and we hope such consultation will continue and culminate in a rule that respects states' authority and unique role in protecting their water resources. We are grateful to EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt for his leadership on this issue." (Press Release, 06/27/17)

North Dakota's Sequestration Wells …

ND could become 1st state to regulate injection wells to store carbon dioxide underground. "The Environmental Protection Agency administrator announced Tuesday, May 9, he has signed a proposed rule that will allow North Dakota to regulate underground wells to store carbon dioxide, opening the door for new projects to reduce emissions. The long-awaited step from the EPA puts North Dakota on track to become the first state to have regulatory authority over Class VI wells, or injection wells, that can store carbon dioxide deep underground instead of releasing it into the atmosphere." (Fargo Forum, 05/09/17)

Senator Hoevan's Statement: "We appreciate Administrator Pruitt moving forward with the state's application to be the primary regulator for Class VI wells. We've worked since 2008 to develop a states-first approach to regulating geological sequestration, which will help our energy industry, both traditional and renewable, to develop new technologies for storing CO2. This is important as we work to develop clean coal technologies, as well as projects to sequester CO2 from ethanol production."

Congressman Crammer's Statement: "Nearly four years after North Dakota first made the request, the EPA – under new management – is finishing its work on the State's application to regulate carbon capture within their state boundaries. As a former North Dakota Public Service Commissioner overseeing environmental programs such as the Surface Mine Coal Reclamation Act, I know first-hand how efficiently and responsibly the State of North Dakota exercises these delegated powers. With the State's expert staff and long history of leading environmental programs, it only makes sense for them to take over as the primary regulator of carbon capture

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North Dakota & EPA …

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BACK-TO-BASICS AGENDA …

Press Release
April 20, 2017
https://www.epa.gov/home/back-basics-agenda

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- Environment: Protecting the environment
- Economy: Sensible regulations that allow economic growth
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Please look over and edit as you see fit.

Thanks,
Lincoln

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Sent: Tue 6/20/2017 2:38:31 PM
Subject: RE: DRAFT -- August Plan
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Cc: Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Wed 4/26/2017 6:22:31 PM
Subject: DRAFT: Regional Visits
04.26.17 - Regional Print Tour.docx

Amy –

Attached is a draft plan for visits for various states across the country. If you can fill this in with any additional ideas then let's put this in our media plan that we need to show Pruitt at some time. Once he agrees then we create a schedule and start his week on the road, which should prevent us scrambling for events to do.

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Subject: DRAFT
05.18.2017 Regional Press and State Events Plan.docx

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Sent: Mon 8/7/2017 2:06:46 PM
Subject: RE: BURGUM TO HOST EPA ADMINISTRATOR PRUITT IN FARGO, GRAND FORKS

Troy –

Just wanted to flag for you our two state staffers who will be at each of the events this Wednesday.

Fargo – Renae Aarfor

Grand Forks – Matthew Leiphon

Thanks again for working with us to get us the info as soon you could.

Liam

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To: Forsythe, Liam (Heitkamp)
Cc: Gould, Tessa (Heitkamp)
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From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Wed 7/19/2017 9:53:36 PM
Subject: FW: Pruitt visit to ND

From: Bernstein, Ryan (Hoeven) [mailto:Ryan_Bernstein@hoeven.senate.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 10:27 AM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Pruitt visit to ND

Ryan,

I hope all is well. We are excited and grateful that the Administrator has an interest in visiting ND. Apparently he is penciled in for an August 9th visit. 99% of the time that would have been great, but as you know we are likely going to be in session that week after McConnell's announcement.

We really want to be in ND with the Administrator. Can we move it to the week after or even that Friday, the 11th?

Ryan

Ryan Bernstein

U.S. Senator John Hoeven

202-224-2551

From: Lee, Jessica (Hoeven)
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 1:08 PM
To: Bernstein, Ryan (Hoeven) <Ryan_Bernstein@hoeven.senate.gov>
Subject: FW: Pruitt visit to ND

Jessica Lee

State Director

Office of US Senator John Hoeven

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From: Hamman, Kristen (Hoeven)
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 11:00 AM
To: Lee, Jessica (Hoeven) <Jessica_Lee@hoeven.senate.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Pruitt visit to ND

So it looks like they've planned a whole day without us

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Palich, Christian" <palich.christian@epa.gov>
> **Date:** July 18, 2017 at 10:47:55 AM CDT
> **To:** "Hamman, Kristen (Hoeven)" <Kristen_Hamman@hoeven.senate.gov>
> **Subject: RE: Pruitt visit to ND**
>
> Hi Kristen!
>
> We have discussed and our intergovernmental team is putting together a great day in North Dakota, please see below. If the Senate calendar changes we hope that Senator Hoeven will be able to join the Administrator and Governor, but if he cannot make it hopefully you or another staff member will be able to join. Feel free to give me a buzz if you have any questions or thoughts. Have a great day!
>
> Wed AUG 9: FARGO & GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA

9:45 AM to 11:00 AM: WOTUS Round Table at NDSU
* Location: NDSU College of Agriculture 1340 Administration Avenue
* Host: Senator Hoeven (based on Senate), Governor Burgum, ND Ag Commissioner Goehring

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Depart Grand Forks

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To: Palich, Christian <palich.christian@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Pruitt visit to ND

Hi Christian,

I hope you're doing well! I wanted to follow up with you on Pruitt's possible visit to ND. Has your team been able to discuss it any further?

Thanks!

Kristen Hamman
Regional Director
Senator John Hoeven

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From: Palich, Christian [mailto:palich.christian@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 3:09 PM
To: Hamman, Kristen (Hoeven) <Kristen_Hamman@hoeven.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Pruitt visit to ND

Hi Kristen!

We saw this news but we haven't huddled yet to see how this might affect plans. I will be in touch as soon as I know a little more.

Appreciate all your willingness to be a part of this visit.

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Subject: RE: Pruitt visit to ND

Hi Christian,

I hope you're doing well! You might have seen the Senate has delayed their August recess a couple of weeks. Do you know if it would be possible for Administrator Pruitt to delay his visit to ND a couple of days, maybe come on August 11? We definitely do not want to miss his visit to North Dakota.

We appreciate your consideration!

Kristen Hamman
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Sent: Friday, July 7, 2017 8:13 AM
To: Hamman, Kristen (Hoeven) <Kristen_Hamman@hoeven.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Pruitt visit to ND

Thanks Kristen! We are still looking at Wednesday August 9th for a trip up to ND.

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To: Palich, Christian <palich.christian@epa.gov>
Subject: Pruitt visit to ND

Hi Christian,

Thanks again for your time on the phone yesterday. I believe you said you were having your scheduling meeting tomorrow so I wanted to give you some ideas for some visits the administrator could do here.

I believe the ND Petroleum Council might have already suggested a visit to an oil well to discuss the methane rules. We would also suggest a visit to the Coteau Freedom Mine, a lignite coal mine near Beulah, ND. We could visit the coal fired power plant as well and Dakota Gas where they gasify coal. We could discuss the future for coal and plans for carbon emissions. We could also do a site visit to discuss WOTUS and tie into agriculture in the state.

We have a lot of options and look forward to working with you to make it a great visit for Administrator Pruitt.

Thank you!
Kristen

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Cc: Bernstein, Ryan (Hoeven)[Ryan_Bernstein@hoeven.senate.gov]
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Sent: Thur 8/3/2017 4:51:34 PM
Subject: Re: Administrator Visit to ND

Troy,

Will the administrator be flying into Fargo the morning of the 9th and out of Fargo that afternoon? Will you be sending an advance team early next week?

It looks like there would be an opportunity to schedule in between the two roundtables and depending on his departure at 4 o'clock as well, is that correct?

Would you like us to work with you directly?

Thanks,
Jessica

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Ryan-absolutely, we want to work w your office to make this a successful trip for everyone. My apologies if this has seemed one sided.

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>
> Ryan

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From: Bravo, Summer B
Sent: Fri 6/9/2017 2:05:35 PM
Subject: RE: Site Visit - Xcel Energy

Ok thanks! Ill have him do that.

Summer Bravo

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From: Lyons, Troy [mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov]
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Hey! I am the worst because I put this in motion and I do not have any answers. August still has not been settled yet. It would be good for your boss to mention to the Administrator that he would love to host him for a visit—or schedule a meeting with him in DC.

Thank you for being patient and I am sorry I do not have any additional answers!!!!!

How are you doing?

From: Bravo, Summer B [mailto:Summer.B.Bravo@xcelenergy.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 8, 2017 5:50 PM
To: Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>
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So Im sure you are going to BLOCK my emails soon- ha! But just checking in on the status. If you cant commit to a visit now, no worries but want to be able to report back to my folks. Also, it looks like the Administrator will be visiting with EEI in DC, where my CEO will be in attendance, so it would be GREAT for me to be able to update my CEO before that happens. I believe the meeting of the masses will be on June 19th.

Let me know anything you can. I know you are swamped and busy. #america

Summer Bravo

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From: Bravo, Summer B
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 2:21 PM
To: 'Lyons, Troy'
Subject: RE: Site Visit - Xcel Energy

No worries! They are just excited. Thanks.

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From: Lyons, Troy [mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 2:20 PM
To: Bravo, Summer B
Subject: RE: Site Visit - Xcel Energy

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Hey! We are going to sit down later this week to look at August recess travel (which I think there will be a lot of). I think it would be in the August-September timeframe. Sorry for the radio silence. I will follow up with you shortly

From: Bravo, Summer B [mailto:Summer.B.Bravo@xcelenergy.com]
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2017 2:02 PM
To: Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Site Visit - Xcel Energy

Troy,

Just wanted to follow up. Since I had to go up the train regarding this potential visit, my boss and CEO are now curious about timing. Obviously we are very excited for the visit. Is there anything I can report back to them? Thanks!

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From: Bravo, Summer B
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 10:37 AM
To: 'Lyons, Troy'
Subject: RE: Site Visit - Xcel Energy

Troy,

One of the largest coal plants in the country is in Becker County in MN. This is in Tom Emmer's district. Unfortunately we will be closing some of the units (but not all) and replacing it with Natural Gas. This plant is so massive and tells a good story for us so that is the first place I would suggest. It would be a great tour. However, wherever and whenever is the best place to visit for the Administrator we can find a good site to visit. MN is where we are headquartered so naturally I think there first but like I mentioned we have assets in MN, CO, ND, SD, WI, MI, TX, and NM.

I think late spring early summer is a great time frame. Of course when I mentioned this possible visit to our exec team they got really excited so they now want more details. Ha! I know you guys are just now getting things together so no rush. I will share the time frame with my folks. What else do you need from our end? Below are some more details on the Sherco Coal Plant in Becker, MN.

https://www.xcelenergy.com/energy_portfolio/electricity/power_plants/sherburne_county_(sherco)

Sherburne County (Sherco) Generating Station

- **Power Production Capability:** 2,238 megawatts
  Unit 1 – 680 MW; Unit 2 – 682 MW; Unit 3 – 876 MW
- **Commercial Operation:** Unit 1 - 1976; Unit 2- 1977; Unit 3 - 1987
- **Generation type:** Steam Turbine

- **Location:** Becker, Minnesota, 45 miles northwest of the Twin Cities, on the Mississippi River

Overview

Sheer size sets Sherco apart from the company's other generating facilities. Sherco is the largest in terms of square feet, steam production, power generation capability and coal consumption. Sherco's boilers are more than 200 feet tall – taller than the dome of the Minnesota State Capitol building. Each boiler weighs about 8 million pounds and contains about 200 miles of steel tubing.

The Unit 3 generation building is more than 15 stories high and the stack, or chimney, extends 650 feet – as tall as some downtown Minneapolis office towers. The plant's coal barn – longer than a football field – provides dry storage for coal, cutting down on dust and improving coal handling efficiency. A rotary car dumper, which literally turns a rail coal car upside down, unloads one car every three minutes and an entire train in just over six hours.

Unit 3 is 41 percent owned by Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency, composed of municipal power companies operating on a cooperative basis.

Environmental Highlights

Sherco reflects the company's environmental leadership, with its modern and efficient air quality control systems. Unit 3 employs a dry scrubber system, which uses a mist of lime slurry in spray dryers to trap sulfur dioxide (SO2). Units 1 and 2 have wet scrubbers, which use an alkaline spray to capture sulfur dioxide and ash. In addition, Sherco will remove mercury emissions in accordance with the Minnesota Mercury Reduction Act.

Community Involvement

Through its plant advisory committee, Sherco leadership works with other community leaders on local issues and economic development efforts. It also provides support for technical programs at the local high school, community college and state university. In addition, Sherco supports local fire departments with training, safety gear, and equipment, and many employees serve as volunteer fire fighters in seven communities in the region. Employees also give in other ways, delivering meals, giving blood, building homes and raising money for United Way. Also, every year since 1992, Sherco employees have joined other volunteers in a Mississippi River cleanup day.

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From: Lyons, Troy [mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 9:07 PM
To: Bravo, Summer B
Subject: RE: Site Visit - Xcel Energy

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Too short! What about you?

We are starting to (finally) get staffed up and can put pen to paper on his travel.

What do you think would be the best place to visit on the heels of some of the actions POTUS and the EPA have taken recently (CPP, WOTUS, etc)? I think the plan is late spring/early summer. Do you all have a preference?

From: Bravo, Summer B [mailto:Summer.B.Bravo@xcelenergy.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2017 10:22 AM
To: Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>
Subject: Site Visit - Xcel Energy

Troy,

Hope you had a good weekend. Just wanted to follow up with you on the potential Administrator visit. I was able to talk to our CEO and other members of the executive team and we would be honored to host your guys to one of our sites for a visit. Do you have a timeframe in mind of when this would happen? Did you figure out what state would work best? I have attached an overview of our company and below I have some talkers/messaging points from our side that might be helpful in explaining our key priorities for the EPA.

Again, we are truly honored to host the Administrator and his team. Thank you for the opportunity, so happy that you reached out to me.

Summer Bravo

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1. Background. Xcel Energy is a public utility holding company headquartered in Minneapolis. We serve three million electric customers in eight states, including parts of Minnesota, Wisconsin, North and South Dakota, Michigan, Colorado, New Mexico and Texas. We operate a diverse mix of energy resources including coal, gas, nuclear and renewables. Xcel Energy has been the nation's number one utility wind provider for over a decade.

2. Xcel Energy is Committed to Clean, Low-Cost Energy. Xcel Energy is committed to providing its customers with power that is reliable, safe, reasonably priced and clean. We are pro-energy and pro-environment. Most of our customers and policy makers want us to reduce our emissions if we can do so at a reasonable price. Following this philosophy, we have been able to dramatically reduce emissions associated with our operations. We have reduced carbon dioxide emissions by 30% below 2005 levels while maintaining rates at or below the national average. Today, we are implementing a "steel-for-fuel" strategy – replacing aging fossil-based energy with lower priced renewables – that will enable us to achieve a 45% reduction in CO_2 by 2021 while simultaneously lowering customer costs.

3. Federalism is Key to Environmental Success. We have worked with states for years to develop effective environmental and energy policies that support our customers' interest in low-priced, reliable and reasonably priced energy. Federal policy should recognize that states are key to the success of any environmental program. As EPA reconsiders the Clean Power Plan, we encourage it to embrace flexible, legally defensible federal targets and give states the authority to design programs that meet their specific needs and desires, i.e. encourage states to do what our states have been doing for over a decade.

4. Regulatory Reform is a Critical Need. Xcel Energy recognizes the need for reform of the existing environmental regulatory structure. It is too costly and difficult to permit, build and operate all kinds of facilities, whether coal, gas or renewables. For example, the Texas Regional Haze rule and EPA's proposed BART determination for our Texas facilities are among the biggest challenges to operation of our Texas coal plants. We hope to be able to work with EPA to ensure that the future of our generating fleet is determined by sound policy and economics instead of federal regulatory mandates.

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To: Lyons, Troy[lyons.troy@epa.gov]
Cc: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]; Shimmin, Kaitlyn[shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov]
From: Palich, Christian
Sent: Thur 6/15/2017 8:22:28 PM
Subject: Fwd: Amended Summer Travel Proposal
RECESS TRAVEL PLAN 6.15.17.docx
ATT00001.htm

Hi Troy,

Yesterday Jahan, Kaitlyn, and I talked through some of these travel ideas after the meeting we had with the Administrator and took into account his thoughts. Figured this would be a good starting point of discussion for our meeting tomorrow.

Let us know your thoughts. Thanks!

Christian R. Palich
Deputy Associate Administrator
Congressional & Intergovernmental Relations
202.306.4656

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Shimmin, Kaitlyn" <shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov>
Date: June 15, 2017 at 4:08:56 PM EDT
To: "Palich, Christian" <palich.christian@epa.gov>, "Wilcox, Jahan" <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Amended Summer Travel Proposal

Here is the plan updated in the preferred format with notes from yesterday and rumors from today. Can discuss for more edits. -KS

Kaitlyn Shimmin

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To: Lyons, Troy[lyons.troy@epa.gov]
From: Cody Stewart
Sent: Mon 7/10/2017 5:08:44 PM
Subject: Re: WOTUS Week

Got it. We'll try to get back with you asap.

Cody Stewart
Director of Federal Affairs
Governor Gary Herbert
801 513-8991

On Mon, Jul 10, 2017 at 12:59 PM, Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov> wrote:

Apologies—Tuesday, July 18

From: Cody Stewart [mailto:codystewart@utah.gov]
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 12:57 PM
To: Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: WOTUS Week

Just to clarify, is the date next Tuesday or Monday the 17th?

Cody Stewart
Director of Federal Affairs
Governor Gary Herbert

801 513-8991

On Mon, Jul 10, 2017 at 12:20 PM, Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov> wrote:

Fantastic!

Right now the day is wide open. We can plan around the Governor's schedule. As I mentioned, in addition to the meeting between the Governor and Administrator, we would like to invite the Gov to visit a farm and participate in a round table discussion

with local businesses about WOTUS. We would need your office's assistance in coordinating if this is of interest to the Governor.

From: Cody Stewart [mailto:codystewart@utah.gov]
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 12:08 PM
To: Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: WOTUS Week

Troy,

Thanks for the notification! Very exciting to have the Administrator visit our state. I have little doubt Governor Herbert would like to meet and host the Administrator while he is in Utah.

I've already forwarded your note on to our key scheduling and senior staff and will get back with you asap about the Governor's availability and possible locations for a site visit and/or roundtable discussion.

Thank you for the opportunity and look forward to working with you on this visit! As you get more details about timing please share with me so that we can make sure our schedules align appropriately.

Best,

Cody

801 513-8991

Cody Stewart
Director of Federal Affairs
Governor Gary Herbert

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On Mon, Jul 10, 2017 at 11:58 AM, Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov> wrote:

Cody,

I hope this email finds you well.

The Administrator is going to be out west next week and would like to come to Utah to do a few events around WOTUS. Ideally, he would like to visit with Governor Herbert, visit a location impacted by the 2015 rule, and co-host a roundtable discussion with the Governor and impacted parties. The schedule is still being built out; however, **we would be in Utah on Tuesday, July 17th.**

Is the Governor available to meet with the Administrator to discuss the next steps in the WOTUS rule making process? Also, would he be willing it participate in a site visit and roundtable?

Many thanks,

Troy

Troy M. Lyons

Associate Administrator

Office of Congressional & Intergovernmental Relations

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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To: Brianna.Lundeen@tn.gov[Brianna.Lundeen@tn.gov]
From: Bennett.Tate@epa.gov
Sent: Sat 7/29/2017 6:05:13 PM
Subject: Re: Meeting August 7

Alternatively we could also do the 28th.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jul 29, 2017, at 1:53 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> Brianna- would the Governor be available to meet with Pruitt in your state capitol mid day on Monday, August 7? This would be on WOTUS and as part of our state action tour. Give me a call for more details.
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>
> Sent from my iPhone

To: Jackson, Ryan[jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Cc: Morris, Madeline[morris.madeline@epa.gov]; Hupp, Millan[hupp.millan@epa.gov]; McMurray, Forrest[mcmurray.forrest@epa.gov]; Ferguson, Lincoln[ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]; Greenwalt, Sarah[greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov]; Hale, Michelle[hale.michelle@epa.gov]
From: Bennett.Tate@epa.gov
Sent: Mon 7/17/2017 3:35:11 PM
Subject: Re: FYI: OK Next Week

Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 17, 2017, at 11:01 AM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

From: Morris, Madeline
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 10:56 AM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov>
Cc: McMurray, Forrest <mcmurray.forrest@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Greenwalt, Sarah <greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>
Subject: FYI: OK Next Week

Hi Guys,

SO…. I made a mistake, and the OKC Homebuilders is not until September. Really sorry for the confusion. This is a rough agenda for next week.

Monday-Charleston

Tuesday-DC/WH Media Day

Wednesday DC/Fly to Tulsa

Thursday Phillips 66 Tour (maddy is working on)/Interview with Oklahoman (Lincoln)/Meetings in Tulsa (Millan)

Friday Oklahoma WOTUS tour

Again, sorry about the confusion. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Madeline Morris Executive Scheduler | Office of the Administrator | direct: 202-564-0844 | cell: 202-579-4283

To: Hupp, Millan[hupp.millan@epa.gov]
Cc: Bennett, Tate[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
From: McMurray, Forrest
Sent: Thur 11/16/2017 3:13:06 PM
Subject: FW: Invitation for Administrator Pruitt

Copying Millan!

From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 8:54 AM
To: McMurray, Forrest <mcmurray.forrest@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Invitation for Administrator Pruitt

I have a 2 :(

On Nov 16, 2017, at 8:43 AM, McMurray, Forrest <mcmurray.forrest@epa.gov> wrote:

Hey good morning. I have a walkthrough for tomorrow's Fed Soc meeting at 1pm today. Any chance we could push the call to 2 or 2:30? If not I can just stop by later this afternoon and get the update.

From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2017 6:36 PM
To: Miller, Sara <smille1@michfb.com>; McMurray, Forrest <mcmurray.forrest@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Invitation for Administrator Pruitt

Coping Forrest so he can join me as well. You too!

From: Miller, Sara [mailto:smille1@michfb.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2017 6:30 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Invitation for Administrator Pruitt

Great! We will talk to you at 1:30.

Have a great night □

Sara Miller

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From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2017 6:13 PM
To: Miller, Sara <smille1@michfb.com>
Cc: Schmucker, Debra <dschmuc@michfb.com>
Subject: RE: Invitation for Administrator Pruitt

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That works. Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

From: Miller, Sara [mailto:smille1@michfb.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2017 6:09 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Schmucker, Debra <dschmuc@michfb.com>
Subject: RE: Invitation for Administrator Pruitt

Tomorrow morning is a bit sticky, does 1:30pm work?

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From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2017 6:08 PM
To: Miller, Sara <smille1@michfb.com>
Cc: Schmucker, Debra <dschmuc@michfb.com>
Subject: RE: Invitation for Administrator Pruitt

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You bet. Tomorrow morning work ok?

From: Miller, Sara [mailto:smille1@michfb.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2017 6:05 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Schmucker, Debra <dschmuc@michfb.com>
Subject: RE: Invitation for Administrator Pruitt

Good evening, Tate,

Wanted to check back in on schedule. We are trying to wrap up scripting and logistics for our sessions, and have quite a few moving pieces regarding Administrator Pruitt's arrival. Can we set up a call this week to review?

Thanks!

Sara Miller

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From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, November 07, 2017 3:21 PM
To: Miller, Sara <smille1@michfb.com>
Cc: Campbell, Laura <lcampbe@michfb.com>; Kran, John <jkran@michfb.com>; Schmucker, Debra <dschmuc@michfb.com>
Subject: Re: Invitation for Administrator Pruitt

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Hey! We are a yes. Please do not post online. I'll follow up separately soon.

On Nov 7, 2017, at 2:27 PM, Miller, Sara <smille1@michfb.com> wrote:

Hi Tate,

Just wanted to check in and see if there were any updates for us.

Thanks,

Sara Miller

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From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, November 02, 2017 11:24 AM
To: Miller, Sara <smille1@michfb.com>
Cc: Campbell, Laura <lcampbe@michfb.com>; Kran, John <jkran@michfb.com>
Subject: Re: Invitation for Administrator Pruitt

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Standby- should know about a formal rsvp later today/ before the weekend.

On Nov 2, 2017, at 11:15 AM, Miller, Sara <smille1@michfb.com> wrote:

> Thanks, team! Looking forward to the Administrator joining us! Tate, while you are working on the details, would you mind sending me his bio so we can get to work on our scripting?
>
> Thanks so much!
>
> **Sara Miller**

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From: Campbell, Laura
Sent: Wednesday, November 01, 2017 5:39 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Miller, Sara <smille1@michfb.com>; Kran, John <jkran@michfb.com>
Subject: RE: Invitation for Administrator Pruitt

Hi Sara, Tate called me back and said she's going to run the proposal by the Administrator and figure out when in the morning they would arrive, but she said for now to not plan for the morning round table and she would let us know when he would want to do the controlled press opportunity and have some member conversation – likely after he speaks at delegate session.

I told her to contact you as the lead for all the details on that stuff, and that we had a press room and a variety of other closed spaces where we could control entry for whatever he wanted to do. We might want to touch base with Carl and put together a short list of members who would speak with him, since he said he was willing to do some one-on-one with members in addition to the press access.

She did ask specifically that we:

1) Not advertise his presence in advance of the meeting. I told her we could announce him as a special surprise guest during President's Lunch, and invite the non-delegates to "pack the house" in the observation areas to see him, and that we could add it to the event app on the day of his arrival.

2) She also asked for no press during his remarks on delegate floor, which I told her I thought we could do, especially since he's willing to do a (limited) press thing separate from his time before the members.

Tate will call or email you for more details, but please let me know if there's anything else you need from me to help with this. Thanks!

Laura A. Campbell

Manager, Ag Ecology Department

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Email: lcampbe@michfb.com

From: Campbell, Laura
Sent: Wednesday, November 01, 2017 3:26 PM
To: 'Bennett, Tate' <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Miller, Sara <smille1@michfb.com>; Kran, John <jkran@michfb.com>
Subject: RE: Invitation for Administrator Pruitt

Hi Tate, your voicemail box is full so I'm sending this by email. We got the word back from President Bednarski on scheduling Administrator Pruitt's time for the Michigan Farm Bureau members and want to double check some logistics with you:

- We were thinking a short presentation (about 10 minutes) at the beginning of our first delegate session Tuesday afternoon November 28, which starts at 1:15 pm. We'll need to factor in a few minutes of introductions and instructions before the Administrator starts.
- Since the delegate stage isn't really conducive to a conversational Q&A with members, would the Administrator also want to have a smaller roundtable that morning with some farmers President Bednarski would select? Ideally we could set that up sometime before 11:30 am.
- Would the Administrator want to attend the President's Lunch? He could attend the lunch (which runs from 11:30 to 1:00) and/or if he is interested in doing some press we could set up a controlled space for select press during that time before he goes in to speak with the members.
- What security needs will the Administrator have while he is there?

I am going to be in Detroit for a conference tomorrow and Friday, so if you don't get this message before then, please feel free to work out any arrangements you need with Sara Miller. If either of you have questions during that time though, please feel free to text me on my cell or email me.

Thanks!

Laura A. Campbell

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Email: lcampbe@michfb.com

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, November 01, 2017 8:10 AM
To: Campbell, Laura <lcampbe@michfb.com>
Cc: Miller, Sara <smille1@michfb.com>
Subject: Re: Invitation for Administrator Pruitt

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Thanks for the update!

On Oct 31, 2017, at 8:36 AM, Campbell, Laura <lcampbe@michfb.com> wrote:

> Hi Tate, just checking back in with you – we're working on the schedule for our meeting to give you definites on the time for Administrator Pruitt's visit and are working to communicate plans with MFB President Bednarski, so we will share details as soon as we have them. I'm copying Sara Miller so you have each other's contact information, since Sara is leading logistics for the annual meeting.
>
> Thank you so much for your patience!

Laura A. Campbell

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Email: lcampbe@michfb.com

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2017 3:29 PM
To: Campbell, Laura <lcampbe@michfb.com>
Subject: RE: Invitation for Administrator Pruitt

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Hey Laura! Is there a good time to call you this evening? Wanted to follow up on this.

From: Campbell, Laura [mailto:lcampbe@michfb.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 10:48 AM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Kran, John <jkran@michfb.com>
Subject: Invitation for Administrator Pruitt

Hi Tate, my name is Laura Campbell from Michigan Farm Bureau. My colleagues at the American Farm Bureau Federation gave me your contact information in order to open some dialogue with Administrator Pruitt's office, and I'm hoping you can help me! Earlier this year, MFB President Carl Bednarski sent a letter to the Administrator regarding the status of our state's delegated authority to administer portions of the Clean Water Act (attached for your reference). President Bednarski has asked me to reach out to your office because he would like to invite the Administrator to visit Michigan. We are a key state in a number of issues that are a high priority for the Administrator:

- Waters of the US – withdrawing the 2015 rule and rewriting a new rule
- Wetlands issues – both related to WOTUS and to Michigan's recent challenges with approval for its delegated authority
- Addressing harmful algae blooms in the Western Lake Erie basin – efforts by agriculture and the need for support of voluntary conservation efforts rather than further regulation
- Additionally, we have significant concerns about another issue EPA has been dealing with in the Courts surrounding the requirement for many livestock farms to report air emission releases under CERCLA and EPCRA, and would like the Administrator to have an opportunity to speak with farmers about the topic.

There are a number of ways we might be able to arrange a visit. If the Administrator has time this fall, he would have an excellent opportunity to see these issues on the ground and speak with farmers dealing with them every day, as well as being able to visit a local Farm Bureau event. If his availability is instead open later in the year, our annual State Farm Bureau meeting hosts more than 1000 visitors and provides opportunities for both small round-table discussions and larger session or banquet speaking opportunities. Could you look at the Administrator's schedule to see if he might be available for a visit on any of the following dates?

- Sep. 12: farm visits and Kent County Farm Bureau Annual meeting
- Sep. 19: farm visits and Cass County Farm Bureau Annual meeting
- Sep. 21: farm visits and Ottawa County Farm Bureau Annual meeting
- Oct. 17: farm visits and St. Joseph County Farm Bureau Annual meeting
- Nov. 2: farm visits and Berrien County Farm Bureau Annual meeting
- Nov. 6: farm visits and Van Buren County Farm Bureau Annual meeting
- Nov. 28-30: MFB State Annual Meeting, Grand Rapids, MI – round table discussions and speaking to a large gathering of Farm Bureau members.

Thank you so much for your help! Please let me know your thoughts and if you have any questions. If the Administrator is interested in a visit to Michigan and none of those dates work for his schedule, please let me know and we would be more than happy to make other arrangements for his visit to be impactful.

Laura A. Campbell

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Sent: Tue 8/8/2017 4:29:25 PM
Subject: RE: JOHN REVIEW: State Action Tour webpage

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2) I'll visit that to read visits with an s

3) Back to basics is still alive and well in my book!

From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Monday, August 7, 2017 2:19 PM
To: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: JOHN REVIEW: State Action Tour webpage

This is good. Few questions:

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You rock

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 3, 2017, at 2:33 PM, Orquina, Jessica <Orquina.Jessica@epa.gov> wrote:

Great! Let us know if you'd like us to make any edits.

Thanks! Jess

Jessica Ann Orquina

Acting Director

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Thursday, August 03, 2017 3:30 PM
To: Orquina, Jessica <Orquina.Jessica@epa.gov>
Cc: Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Hull, George <Hull.George@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: JOHN REVIEW: State Action Tour webpage

Love the format! Let me just review the wording.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 3, 2017, at 1:17 PM, Orquina, Jessica <Orquina.Jessica@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks John!

Tate, here is the screenshot of the page or you can sign at the link below with your LAN ID & password.

Jess

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Subject: Re: JOHN REVIEW: State Action Tour webpage

Looping in Tate.

John Konkus

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Subject: State Action Tour webpage
Importance: High

EPA State Action Tour

Jess: Per our conversation, here's the some content to get started on the page…Thank you!

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<include a link to a photo gallery using the attached photo as the cover photo: I will send more photos for the gallery tomorrow>

<Top line text for the site>

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt has embarked on a multistate action tour of America stopping in Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, Utah, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Indiana, Colorado and Arkansas last week. These visit highlight EPA's recent decisions adopt a new Back-to-Basics Agenda #EPABack2Basics with a focus on beginning the process to redefine the "Waters of the United States" #WOTUS rule to help return power back to the states and provide regulatory certainty to farmers, landowners, and ranchers across the country.

<Map of the US highlighting the states visited: click on the state and it take you to the respective press release or article about that visit as follows>

Alabama

http://yellowhammernews.com/featured/new-epa-will-restore-certainty-confidence-alabamas-land-business-owners/

Georgia

http://www.13wmaz.com/mb/news/local/agriculture-secretary-visits-bleckley-

county/455038630

South Carolina

https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/photos-epa-administrator-pruitt-continues-state-action-tour-south-carolina

Arkansas

https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/photos-pruitt-stops-arkansas-state-action-tour

Minnesota

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Utah

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Oklahoma

http://www.myhighplains.com/news/repeal-and-replace-of-obama-epa-rule/776584750

Indiana

TBD

Colorado

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<Below the map, a blog of sorts that scrolls up and down, with the following quotes>

"We're pleased Administrator Pruitt has traveled to Minnesota to hear directly from Minnesota farmers and agribusiness leaders regarding their concerns over the 2015 WOTUS rule," Minnesota AgriGrowth Executive Director Perry Aasness stated. "AgriGrowth supports EPA's decision to re-evaluate the WOTUS rule, and is encouraged that Adminstrator Pruitt is committed to working with Minnesota and U.S. agriculture as the agency moves forward with its re-evaluation and any future modifications to WOTUS."

“I appreciate Administrator Pruitt and the administration for the work they're doing with the states and for listening to governors about how regulations affect our citizens,” said Governor Asa Hutchinson. “His decision to begin the process to rescind this burdensome and overreaching rule, enacted under the Obama Administration, is welcome news and shows a return to cooperative federalism with the states. In addition, I am pleased with EPA's approval of Arkansas's 303(d) list. Arkansas supports clean water and has taken great strides to protect and enhance our natural environment. The clear and efficient regulations from EPA under Administrator Pruitt-as well as the agency's focus on a more balanced partnership with the states-is good news for Arkansans.”

“I am proud to welcome EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt to the Natural State,” said Attorney General Rutledge. “Administrator Pruitt's decision last month to completely re-evaluate the WOTUS rule, minimizing the regulatory burden on countless landowners, demonstrates his commitment to building stronger relationships with state partners. Preserving and protecting our clean air and clean water through a cooperative, lawful and thoughtful process based on science and data is a priority for Arkansas.”

“Agriculture is Arkansas' largest industry adding $16 billion to the state's economy each year," said Marvin Childers, President of The Poultry Federation. “We are pleased to have Administrator Pruitt is Arkansas and we look forward to the changes he discussed.”

"We are very appreciative of EPA Administrator Pruitt taking time to visit South Carolina and underscore the negative impact of the Obama Administration’s WOTUS regulation," said U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham. "This Obama regulation greatly expanded the power of the federal government at the expense of our farmers and local development. I opposed this misguided proposal from

the start. It failed the common sense test and has proven to be government overreach at its worst. I appreciate Administrator Pruitt and President Trump for making clear that government overregulation like WOTUS will be reviewed and reformed."

"Today's visit showed firsthand the real impact overreaching regulations can have on individuals, families, and businesses. I appreciate the leadership of President Donald Trump and EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt for their commitment to scaling back the role of the federal government, promoting limited government and expanded freedom," U.S. Congressman Joe Wilson said. "I am grateful to Administrator Pruitt for visiting South Carolina today and hearing from local agriculture and business leaders, especially South Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture Hugh Weathers and my longtime friend Jim Roquemore."

"For several years, I, along with Scott Pruitt and 24 other states, have been fighting this unconstitutional land grab by the federal government" said South Carolina Attorney General Alan Wilson. "I now look forward to working with Administrator Pruitt on this new proposal to protect the rights of South Carolina landowners."

"I am pleased Administrator Pruitt came to South Carolina to hear first-hand about the negative impacts of the 2015 WOTUS rule would have on our state," said South Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture Hugh Weathers. "As our state's largest industry, agriculture is focused on having this overburdensome rule rescinded, so farmers can operate without additional uncertainties and costly regulations."

Thank you!

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No worries, we're great with that.
We've just been having people in the state ask if Administrator Pruitt is ever coming to Iowa, and I've been dodging the question. I just wanted a heads up if you guys were going to put out a tweet or statement that he would be in the state.

Thanks!
Stephanie

On Wed, Aug 2, 2017 at 3:45 PM, Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Stephanie – We don't publicize the Administrator's visits and we don't publicly announce them, and would ask that you all refrain from doing so also. If you have questions, I would be happy to explain. Please give me a call at your convenience at Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy Thanks – Liz

From: Bennett, Tate
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Adding Amy and Liz but I don't think we are inclined to make it public just yet.

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On Aug 2, 2017, at 1:06 PM, Groen, Stephanie <stephanie.groen@iowa.gov> wrote:

Hey Tate!

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Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

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Thank you so much for your help! Please let me know your thoughts and if you have any questions. If the Administrator is interested in a visit to Michigan and none of those dates work for his schedule, please let me know and we would be more than happy to make other arrangements for his visit to be impactful.

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Hi Tate, my name is Laura Campbell from Michigan Farm Bureau. My colleagues at the American Farm Bureau Federation gave me your contact information in order to open some dialogue with Administrator Pruitt's office, and I'm hoping you can help me! Earlier this year, MFB President Carl Bednarski sent a letter to the Administrator regarding the status of our state's delegated authority to administer portions of the Clean Water Act (attached for your reference). President Bednarski has asked me to reach out to your office because he would like to invite the Administrator to visit Michigan. We are a key state in a number of issues that are a high priority for the Administrator:

- Waters of the US – withdrawing the 2015 rule and rewriting a new rule
- Wetlands issues – both related to WOTUS and to Michigan's recent challenges with approval for its delegated authority
- Addressing harmful algae blooms in the Western Lake Erie basin – efforts by agriculture and the need for support of voluntary conservation efforts rather than further regulation
- Additionally, we have significant concerns about another issue EPA has been dealing with in the Courts surrounding the requirement for many livestock farms to report air emission releases under CERCLA and EPCRA, and would like the Administrator to have an opportunity to speak with farmers about the topic.

There are a number of ways we might be able to arrange a visit. If the Administrator has time this fall, he would have an excellent opportunity to see these issues on the ground and speak with farmers dealing with them every day, as well as being able to visit a local Farm Bureau event. If his availability is instead open later in the year, our annual State Farm Bureau meeting hosts more than 1000 visitors and provides opportunities for both small round-table discussions and larger session or banquet speaking opportunities. Could you look at the Administrator's schedule to see if he might be available for a visit on any of the following dates?

- Sep. 12: farm visits and Kent County Farm Bureau Annual meeting
- Sep. 19: farm visits and Cass County Farm Bureau Annual meeting
- Sep. 21: farm visits and Ottawa County Farm Bureau Annual meeting
- Oct. 17: farm visits and St. Joseph County Farm Bureau Annual meeting
- Nov. 2: farm visits and Berrien County Farm Bureau Annual meeting
- Nov. 6: farm visits and Van Buren County Farm Bureau Annual meeting
- Nov. 28-30: MFB State Annual Meeting, Grand Rapids, MI – round table discussions and speaking to a large gathering of Farm Bureau members.

Thank you so much for your help! Please let me know your thoughts and if you have any questions. If the Administrator is interested in a visit to Michigan and none of those dates work for his schedule, please let me know and we would be more than happy to make other arrangements for his visit to be impactful.

Laura A. Campbell

Manager, Ag Ecology Department

Michigan Farm Bureau

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Email: lcampbe@michfb.com

To: Jenkins, Brandi[Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov]
Cc: Katherine Kline[Katherine.Kline@governor.ms.gov]; Alice Perry[Alice.Perry@governor.ms.gov]
From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Thur 10/12/2017 2:40:03 PM
Subject: Re: Mississippi rough agenda

Good deal

On Oct 12, 2017, at 9:36 AM, Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov> wrote:

> We are leaving Pearl River and headed to the farm. Hope to make it.
>
> Brandi
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
> On Oct 10, 2017, at 8:00 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:
>
>> Thank you!
>>
>> On Oct 10, 2017, at 7:56 PM, Katherine Kline <Katherine.Kline@governor.ms.gov> wrote:
>>
>>> Brandi,
>>>
>>> Added! Let me know if you have any questions.
>>>
>>> My cell Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy
>>>
>>> Katherine Kline
>>> Executive Assistant
>>> 601-576-2008
>>>
>>> Sent from my iPhone
>>>
>>> On Oct 10, 2017, at 6:16 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:
>>>
>>>> Copying the team in MS running point! Brandi will be with us as well!
>>>>
>>>> On Oct 10, 2017, at 7:02 PM, Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov> wrote:

Is there anything else I need to do or notify anyone about Trey and I accompanying you all on Thursday for the lunch? I don't think we'll make the farm visit.

Thanks,
Brandi

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 10, 2017, at 12:23 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

> Now we've for sure hit 25!
>
> Sent from my iPad
>
> On Oct 10, 2017, at 12:22 PM, Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov> wrote:
>
>> Tate,
>>
>> Quick check in with you on Trey's talking points. Do you have updated #s for the stats you provided me a few weeks ago or are these still fairly accurate?
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>> •□□□□□□ And if the past seven months are any indication, this Agency is well on the way to getting Back to Basics.
>>
>> o Within the Administrator Pruitt's first 7 months at EPA, he's visited **nearly 25 states** and have met, or spoken directly to, **33 Governors**.

- During state visits alone, he has visited **nearly 200 bipartisan interest groups** spanning agriculture, manufacturing & community groups (San Jacinto and East Chicago).

- Many of these states were fly-over states that had been overlooked by the last Administration.

Thanks – Brandi

From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2017 5:43 PM
To: Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>
Cc: Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>; Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Mississippi rough agenda

Glad you will be there!

On Oct 4, 2017, at 5:21 PM, Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov> wrote:

> Tate,
>
> Thank you for the information. I just spoke with Hayley and I will get Trey's travel logistics confirmed either today or tomorrow. As I mentioned before, I'm staffing Trey for this trip. If you get information on attendees for the Farm visit or the private lunch, please let me know.
>
> Regards,
>
> Brandi

From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Wednesday, October 4, 2017 2:18 PM
To: Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>; Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov>; Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Mississippi rough agenda

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Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Gordon, Stephen" <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>
> **Date:** October 3, 2017 at 10:47:31 AM EDT
> **To:** "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>, "Hupp, Millan" <hupp.millan@epa.gov>, "McMurray, Forrest" <mcmurray.forrest@epa.gov>
> **Subject: RE: Mississippi rough agenda**
>
> I'll ask for an attendee list for Ted Kendall's farm visit now.
>
> **From:** Bennett, Tate
> **Sent:** Tuesday, October 3, 2017 10:46 AM
> **To:** Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov>; McMurray, Forrest <mcmurray.forrest@epa.gov>
> **Cc:** Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>
> **Subject:** RE: Mississippi rough agenda
>
> All good here? Stephen, do you mind asking them for an attendee list at Ted Kendall's farm for memo purposes?
>
> **From:** Bennett, Tate

Sent: Friday, September 29, 2017 3:53 PM
To: Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov>; McMurray, Forrest <mcmurray.forrest@epa.gov>
Cc: Gordon, Stephen <gordon.stephen@epa.gov>
Subject: Mississippi rough agenda

Let me know if you all spot any necessary tweaks (lunch?)

9:00 – 10:30 am Group Discussion about the Waters of the US rule

Rose Room, Governor's Mansion (300 E. Capitol St., Jackson, MS)

Invitees will include representatives from the following:

•□□□□□□□□ Mississippi Farm Bureau

•□□□□□□□□ Forestry Association

•□□□□□□□□ Cattleman's Association

•□□□□□□□□ Poultry Association

•□□□□□□□□ Delta Council (an area economic development organization representing the eighteen Delta and part-Delta counties of Northwest Mississippi)

•□□□□□□□□ Delta FARM (association of growers and landowners that promotes agricultural practices that conserve, restore, and enhance the environment; works in close partnership with Delta Council, Mississippi State University, and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality)

•□□□□□□□□ Soil and Water Conservation Commission

10:30 am Depart Jackson for farm tour in Bolton, MS (approximately 30 minute Drive)

11:00 – 11:30 am Visit Ted Kendall's farm

Ted Kendall is a 5th generation farmer who raises beef cattle, cotton, corn, and soybeans, and timber on his farm in Bolton. He currently serves as Vice-President (Central Mississippi) of the Mississippi Farm Bureau) and recently completed a term serving on the Commission on Environmental Quality, which is appointed by the Governor.

11:30 Depart for Jackson

Noon Lunch – Place to be determined

Governor Bryant would like to have a small lunch with Administrator Pruitt and about ten Mississippi business leaders.

To: Morris, Madeline[morris.madeline@epa.gov]; Chmielewski, Kevin[chmielewski.kevin@epa.gov]
From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Mon 7/17/2017 3:46:12 PM
Subject: Re: FYI: OK Next Week

He also said to get with you Kevin "on a plane"

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 17, 2017, at 11:44 AM, Morris, Madeline <morris.madeline@epa.gov> wrote:

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Cc: McMurray, Forrest <mcmurray.forrest@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Greenwalt, Sarah <greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>

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direct: 202-564-0844 | cell: 202-579-4283

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To: Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
From: Ferguson, Lincoln
Sent: Wed 8/9/2017 1:05:00 AM
Subject: Fwd: Hannity with Pruitt

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Nestande, Francesca" <Francesca.Nestande@FOXNEWS.COM>
Date: July 24, 2017 at 9:29:21 AM CDT
To: "Ferguson, Lincoln" <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Hannity with Pruitt

Unfortunately it doesn't look like we can make it work this week with Sean's schedule- please keep us posted for other opportunities!

-----Original Message-----
From: Ferguson, Lincoln [mailto:ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]
Sent: Sunday, July 23, 2017 9:21 PM
To: Nestande, Francesca <Francesca.Nestande@FOXNEWS.COM>
Subject: Re: Hannity with Pruitt

Awesome! Let me know...he would need to fly into Tulsa and then can ride with Administrator Pruitt in a jet from Tulsa to the OK panhandle.

If you want to chat on the phone to talk details feel free to cal me at Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 23, 2017, at 8:35 PM, Nestande, Francesca <Francesca.Nestande@FOXNEWS.COM> wrote:

Looking into this now!

Francesca Nestande

347-463-4985

On Jul 23, 2017, at 8:12 PM, Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>

wrote:

Good evening Francesca!

I wanted to reach out to see if Mr. Hannity would be interested in traveling with Administrator Pruitt this week to Oklahoma. It is part of our State Action Tour and we will be visiting with a rural farming family who has been affected by the WOTUS rule.

We would do this on Thursday.

Let me know if you think this would be something of interest and we can talk about details.

Thanks so much,

Lincoln

Sent from my iPhone

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To: Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Graham, Amy[graham.amy@epa.gov]
Cc: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
From: Ferguson, Lincoln
Sent: Mon 7/31/2017 2:17:36 PM
Subject: FW: Travel with Admin Pruitt

Can you add Major to the list of reporters to find a time to travel with the Administrator?

-----Original Message-----
From: Garrett, Major [mailto:GarrettM@cbsnews.com]
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 10:16 AM
To: Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Travel with Admin Pruitt

Quite sure you got my response last week.
Let's touch base today to explore other options.

Call direct: Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

-----Original Message-----
From: Ferguson, Lincoln [mailto:ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 8:24 AM
To: Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Garrett, Major <GarrettM@cbsnews.com>
Subject: RE: Travel with Admin Pruitt

Following up on this. I know it's last minute but wanted to let you know the offer still stands.

-----Original Message-----
From: Ferguson, Lincoln [mailto:ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 11:07 AM
To: Major Garrett <garrettm@cbsnews.com>
Subject: Travel with Admin Pruitt

Good morning Major-

Would you have any interest in traveling with Administrator Pruitt on Thursday for a stop on his State Action Tour? We'll be visiting a farm that has been affected by the WOTUS tour.

Sent from my iPhone

To: Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
From: Greenwalt, Sarah
Sent: Thur 4/20/2017 12:52:53 PM
Subject: RE: Media Comment on WOTUS Federalism Meeting

Finding that out.

Sarah A. Greenwalt

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Work: 202-564-1722|Cell: 202-816-1388

Greenwalt.Sarah@epa.gov

From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2017 8:37 AM
To: Greenwalt, Sarah <greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Media Comment on WOTUS Federalism Meeting

Can you connect us (Amy, Tate, Lincoln) with the guy who made that suggestion so that we can start planning a visit?

From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2017 6:31 PM
To: Greenwalt, Sarah <greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Media Comment on WOTUS Federalism Meeting

Yes, I was there for that and I think it's a good idea. We need to get him out at more of these events, and the last few have been around power plants, and a superfund, so we should do a

water, then air visit – we can stick with our "air, land, water" focus and do events around that – it would be great to work with that group to do a visit there…let's talk to Amy and Tate and make it happen. We need to continue to create opportunities to make news, and that would be a great way.

From: Greenwalt, Sarah
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To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
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Absolutely. One other thing to think about, I don't know if you were there at this point in the meeting but one of the representatives had the idea to have EPA officials actually go out to the west to learn how water flows there. I actually think that is a great idea for AP to do as part of a WOTUS tour. Of course, we'd want to follow up his trip with probably myself and another OW person or two to get the technical aspects of things, but it's something to think about!

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Got it. Thanks!

From: Greenwalt, Sarah
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Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2017 5:32 PM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Comment from stakeholder meeting today--E&E News

Hi Liz,

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Thanks,

Ariel

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Great! And if I could I really would love to tag along so we can get some good insight on technical issues.

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From: Graham, Amy
Sent: Fri 5/19/2017 3:51:38 PM
Subject: RE: DRAFT
05.18.2017 Regional Press and State Events Plan AJG.docx

This is great – **Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process**

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From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Friday, May 19, 2017 11:01 AM
To: Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>
Subject: DRAFT

Attached is a draft plan for tours in August. Feel free to fill this out further or come up with additional ideas. The goal is to clump our states together and put Pruitt near a major airport/media market so everything goes as smooth as possible.

Jahan Wilcox
EPA
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Work Email: wilcox.jahan@epa.gov

To: Hewitt, James[hewitt.james@epa.gov]
From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Mon 10/23/2017 11:29:17 PM
Subject: Re: FOR APPROVAL//DRAFT_Administrator Pruitt Visits Tennessee

I worries

Sent from my iPhone

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> Sent from my iPhone
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>> He called me, thx.
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>>> Grover is my only poc. Best number to reach news team is at 615.369.1717
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>>> I need the producers name and number
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>>>> Circling back on this if we still want to do a presser.
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>>>> **From:** Hewitt, James

Sent: Monday, October 23, 2017 9:54 AM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
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Talked with Tate on the phone. Updated edits below:

Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

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Tate,

Please see the highlighted area. **Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process**

Thanks,

James

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From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Thur 9/28/2017 2:44:08 PM
Subject: RE: APPROVAL//Daily Caller inquiry on CBD press release

Edits:

"Administrator Pruitt strongly believes it's important to meet with stakeholders adversely affected by burdensome regulations – especially America's farmers, ranchers and landowners."

From: Hewitt, James
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 10:04 AM
To: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
Subject: APPROVAL//Daily Caller inquiry on CBD press release

Daily Caller is asking us to respond to a Center for Biological Diversity Press release hitting us for meeting with industry/AG groups during the WOTUS rollout.

http://www.biologicaldiversity.org/news/press_releases/2017/factory-farm-pollution-09-27-2017.php

I talked with the reporter and told him this isn't news and will send him the press releases of us promoting the WOTUS state action tour.

Can we also give him a generic statement like this:

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James Hewitt

Environmental Protection Agency

Press Secretary

(202) 578-6141

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> Yes, Tate's email is: Bennett.tate@epa.gov
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> Please copy when if you don't mind
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> Sent from my iPhone
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>
>> Can it just be clear that Senator Hoeven's office will be sending out the invites and coordinating this meeting? It sounds like I should have Tate's contact information so she can with with us. Can you connect us?
>>
>> And yes, we could certainly want to invite the Congressman as well.
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>> Thanks.
>> Jessica
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I do. She used to be in my shop but now handles the scheduling of external events.

I just spoke w her and she informed me that everything is a go for the stop.

I am glad t could work out. Are you all ok w inviting Congressman Cramer as well?

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Kevin Hensley
Sent: Fri 10/20/2017 2:47:22 PM
Subject: Re: Checking in

Great, thank you!

Kevin Hensley

From: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Sent: Friday, October 20, 2017 9:44:33 AM
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Parks Wells	Madison	Soybean Association
Eric Maupin	Dyer	Soybean Association
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To: Bennett, Tate[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Cc: Gordon, Stephen[gordon.stephen@epa.gov]
From: Cory, Preston (Katherine)
Sent: Wed 9/20/2017 3:35:22 PM
Subject: RE: Memo so far
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From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2017 11:00 AM
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Your good. I just sent him a few so he can get a head start.

From: Cory, Preston (Katherine)
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Ah!! Stephen I'll send these your way shortly- off campus at the moment.

K. Preston Cory

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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On Sep 20, 2017, at 10:48 AM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

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From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 12:00 PM
To: Cheatham-Strickland, Latonia <Cheatham-Strickland.Latonia@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Memo so far

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Date: July 14, 2017 at 4:10:21 PM EDT
To: "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: Memo so far

Separate sheets to go in binder with WOTUS TPs, state specific, Gold King, and CERCLA

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TO: Administrator Pruitt
FROM: OCIR, OPA
CC: Ryan Jackson
RE: WOTUS Travel
DATE: August 8, 2017
LOCATION: Des Moines, Iowa

10:15 AM WOTUS Roundtable at Farm Bureau

Topline summary of issues:

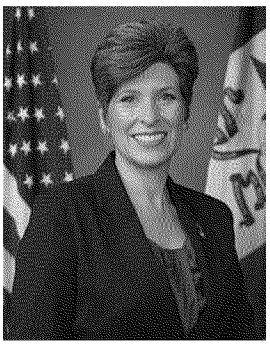
RFS: Gov. Reynolds testified on behalf of the ethanol industry last week at the RFS Public Hearing in Washington, D.C. Reynolds asked for an increase in the 2019 biofuel level from 2.1 billion to 2.75 billion gallons. Iowa accounts for 16 percent of U.S. biodiesel production.

WOTUS: Gov. Reynolds. Lt. Gov. Adam Gregg, and Buchanan County, Iowa submitted comments during the initial comment period

Principle Attendees:

Gov. Kim Reynolds

In addition to meeting her at the Midwestern Governors' Association event and East Chicago, she visited EPA HQ and helped run the WOTUS call with attorneys general in July.



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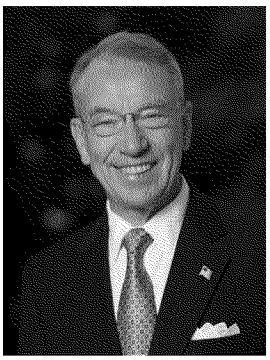
Senator Ernst is the junior U.S. Senator from Iowa. She was elected in 2014 following a 23-year stint in the military. She serves on the following committees: Armed Services, Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, EPW, and Small Business and Entrepreneurship. She spoke at the RFS public hearing on August 1, 2017. While she praised EPA's proposed 2016 volume requirement for conventional ethanol, she is displeased by the lowered number for advanced biofuels.



Sen. Chuck Grassley

Senator Grassley is the senior U.S. Senator from Iowa and Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. He is also a leader in the development of renewable energy and staunch proponent of RFS about which you spoke prior to your confirmation hearing in February.

Sec. of Agriculture Bill Northey

Elected in 2006, and again in 2010 and 2014, Secretary Northey has championed renewable energy throughout his tenure. He chaired the National Corn Growers Association from 1996-97.

Others: Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Iowa Farm Bureau, Agribusiness Association of Iowa, Iowa Cattlemen Association, Iowa Corn Growers Association, Iowa Pork Producers, Iowa Institute of Cooperatives, Iowa Soybean Association

POC: Austin Jacobs 515-725-3513 austin.jacobs@iowa.gov

TO: Administrator Pruitt
FROM: OCIR, OPA
CC: Ryan Jackson
RE: WOTUS Travel
DATE: August 9, 2017
LOCATION: Fargo/ Grand Forks, North Dakota

9:45 AM WOTUS Roundtable at NDSU College of Agriculture

Topline summary of issues:

WOTUS: Rep. Kramer and Senators Hoeven and Heitkamp have been staunch advocates of repealing the 2015 WOTUS rule.

CPP: North Dakota was one of 27 states that challenged the 2015 CPP. As of February 2016, coal accounted for 80 percent of North Dakota's electricity and 13,000 jobs.

Clean Coal tech research: Rep. Kramer and Sen. Hoven have introduced legislation to align IRS guidelines with EPA regulations on carbon sequestration. This would ensure that carbon dioxide sequestration becomes more commercially available.

Sugar Beets: The EPA received FIFRA emergency exemption requests from the North Dakota Departments of Agriculture and other states this year for chlorothalonil (trade name Cercos™) due to concerns that the available alternatives were not providing adequate control of *Cercospora* leaf spot (a fungal disease) in sugar beets. On July 24, 2017, EPA denied the requests from the States due to human health risk concerns presented for this chemical; however, this is an ongoing investigation for which the EPA is collecting additional data.

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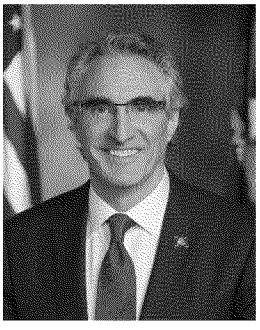
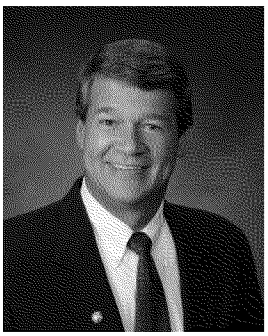
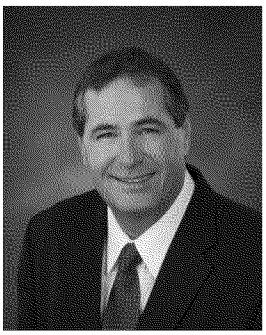

Governor Doug Burgum

Governor Burgum attended the WGA event at EPA HQ in February. He is concerned with managing CO2 to our benefit, using technology to improve pipelines, and generally working to develop new technology in the energy sector. He recently attended an oil industry conference advocating for the doubling of production and the elimination of spills. Although he did not send in individual comments on WOTUS, North Dakota is a member of WGA, which sent in a comment letter. The state of North Dakota is in the midst of a drought disaster with almost 46 percent of the state experiencing "extreme or exceptional drought."



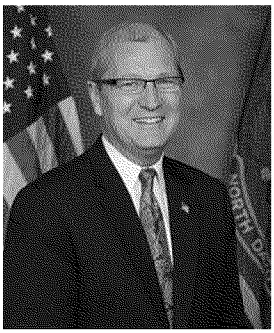
AG Wayne Stenehjem

North Dakota first elected Attorney General Stenehjem in 2001. In a press release, he applauded the motion to withdraw the WOTUS rule. He has been involved with litigation since the publishing of the 2015 WOTUS rule. In a June press release, General Stenehjem stated that withdrawing the rule is an "important step forward in the process of restoring the States' control over their own waters."



Ag Commissioner Doug Goehring

Commissioner Goehring operates a no-till farm where he and his son raise corn, soybeans, wheat, and barley. He is a former director of the National Soybean Board (DID NOT ATTEND)



Rep. Kevin Cramer

Rep. Cramer is the At-large congressman for North Dakota. He serves on the House Energy and Commerce Committee and served on the House Steering Committee in 2016, which determines all committee assignments and chairmanships. As an energy adviser to Trump during the campaign, he pushed for the review of the Clean Water Act.

Sen. John Hoeven

Senator Hoeven is the senior U.S. Senator for North Dakota, elected in 2011. He has lead efforts in developing a comprehensive, all-the-above national energy plan that includes both tradition and non-traditional resources. He is a member of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. He led legislation in 2016 to defund the EPA's WOTUS rule.

Sen. Heidi Heitkamp

Senator Hietkamp is the junior U.S. Senator for North Dakota, elected in 2013. She served as director of Dakota Gasification synfuels plant and since her election to the Senate, has fought to lift the 40-year ban on the export of U.S. crude oil. Heitkamp is a member of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. She previously served as the AG of North Dakota and as North Dakota's Tax Commissioner.

Others: Sugar Beet Rep, NDSU President, NDSU Ag representative, State water engineer (speak to golf courses, construction development, etc), ND Farm Bureau, ND Farmers' Union, Stockman's Association, AG Stenehjem's invite, House Ag chair, Senate Ag chair, Lt. Gov,

*****Recently added:**
Farm stop with North Dakota corn growers, organized by Sen. Hoeven

1:45 PM Tour and Roundtable at University of North Dakota's Energy and Environmental Research Center

Attendees: Sen. Heitkamp, PSC Rep (Infrastructure), UND President, EERC Rep, Ron Ness- Petroleum Council, Tyler Hammen- Lignite Energy Council, Mac McCleanan- Project Tundra, Senate ENR chair, House ENR chair, Tribal energy rep (likely MHA Chair Mark Fox

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FROM: OCIR, OPA
CC: Ryan Jackson
RE: WOTUS Travel
DATE: August 10, 2017
LOCATION: Dallas, TX

Topline summary of issues:

Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) Standards: Under current Obama administration regulations, the fuel economy target for 2021 is 41 MPG and is 50 MPG by 2025. The Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, which represents Toyota, testified in front of the House Energy and Commerce Committee in 2016 on the burden of Obama era CAFE standards. EPA is currently working to get out notice to reopen the comment period to give stakeholders an opportunity to provide the most recent data and ensure a collaborative process.

9:00 AM North Texas Municipal Water District

Background: The site of the Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir in Fannin County is going through the final permitting process and construction should begin in early 2018. The project will pipe water from a new lake to a treatment facility 35 miles away. The major components of the project include the reservoir and dam intake, raw water pipeline, a water treatment plant with an initial capacity of 70 MGD, roadway improvements and a new bridge, and an environmental mitigation area. The reservoir will serve 90 communities in North Texas.

Attendees: Executive Director Tom Kula, Deputy Director Mike Rickman
POC: Leann Bumpus, 972-207-2771

11:30 AM Tour of Toyota

Background: This is a tour and discussion at Toyota's new campus. The first part of the visit will include a tour and focus on environmental and sustainability practices. The second hour will serve as an opportunity for you to discuss with 5-8 Toyota executives the state of the auto industry, development and deployment of alternative fuel vehicles, CAFE, and the California ZEV mandate.

Attendees: Doug Beebe, GM Real Estate and Facilities, will conduct the tour.
POC: Stephen Ciccone 202-463-6830

1:00 PM Homebuilders' Association Visit (Recently added)**

TO: Administrator Pruitt
FROM: OCIR, OPA
CC: Ryan Jackson
RE: WOTUS Travel
DATE: August 2, 2017
LOCATION: Indiana- Brownsburg, Evansville, Indianapolis

Indianapolis Weather: HIGH 83, LOW 66 w/ scattered t-storms

Attire:

11:00 AM Meeting with Governor Eric Holcomb (R-IN) and officials, Indianapolis, IN

What: Meeting at Statehouse to discuss??

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3:00 PM Liberty Mine, Evansville, IN

Attire:

What: Vigo Coal Company, Inc.'s surface and highwall mining operation, which opened in 2012

Who: White Stallion Energy Alliance

Background: Preparations for extraction began at Liberty Mine in 2012. In 2015, Alcoa/ Vigo Coal filed for a permit to add 470 acres to the mining operation. The mine experienced major layoffs in 2016 as a result of the closing of an aluminum smelting operation in Warrick County. Other topics that are likely to come up:

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FROM: OCIR, OPA
CC: Ryan Jackson
RE: WOTUS Travel: August
DATE: August 3-4, 2017
LOCATION: Broomfield, Durango, Woodrow

Denver weather: HIGH 70, LOW 55 PM t-storms

August 3, 2017

11:30 AM Cloud Peak Energy, Inc. Visit, Broomfield, CO

What: One of the largest U.S. coal producers and the only Powder River Basin (PRB) coal company.

Who: Colin Marshall, President and CEO, Bryan Pechersky, Executive VP and General Counsel, Richard Reavey, VP Public Affairs

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POC: Rick Curtsinger, Director Public Affairs, 720-256-7781

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Attire: Jeans, boots, button-down shirt

What: 5,000 head cow/calf and stocker operation

Who: Owner Mark Frasier, agricultural stakeholders-ranchers, feedlot operators, farmers

POC: William Hammerich, CEO Colorado Livestock Association, 970-381-8379

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August 4, 2017

Weather:

Attire:

12:45 Gold King Mine Tour (Tate)

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August 4, 2017

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11:00 AM-12:40 PM Tour of Gold King Mine

What: 2 legs of the tour: the first is via vehicle up to the top of the mine (45 min roundtrip) followed by a walking tour of wastewater treatment facility (20-30 min).

Who: Governor Hickenlooper, Senator Gardner and Senator Bennet and staff

Gold King Planning Committee (6)- they will mingle with EPA Senior staff while the small group of elected does the first part of the tour with their Chairman. They are much happier with the new Administration's actually choosing to address the site.

EPA Regional staff David Ostrander, Rebecca Thomas and Deb Thomas (Acting AA) will be in attendance. David will lead the tour.

POC: Dave Ostrander, EPA Region 8, 303-888-9906

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What: 6th generation family farm raising corn, soybeans, wheat, and beef, tour and WOTUS Roundtable

Who: Mikey and Jeff Starkey, owners and operators

Background: M&J sets the gold standard for a successful, "no-till" agricultural operation and soil and water conservation practices. The farm lies within the School Branch Watershed, which includes the third largest tributary feeding Eagle Creek reservoir, the primary source of drinking water for the City of Indianapolis. Because of this, their operation is under extreme scrutiny. By adopting conservation practices such as no-till for cash crops in the off season, cover crop planting, and applying the smallest amount of fertilizer possible, Starkey has increased water

retention and soil health tremendously. These practices aid his operation during drought, prevent flooding, and nitrogen runoff. For 15 years, his 100% no-till and water/soil retention practices, have ensured the runoff entering the watershed is cleaner than ever.

Starkey has received acclaim in the region for his conservation practices and studies of nutrient runoff. He is also a member of the Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts and Supervisor on the Hendricks County SWDC.

Other Attendees:

- Governor Holcomb
- Lieutenant Governor Crouch (also Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture)
- Mike Starkey, owner, Starkey Farm
- Ron Turco, Purdue University Department of Agronomy
- Justin Schneider, Lead Water Quality Policy Director, Indiana Farm Bureau
- Randy Kron, President, Indiana Farm Bureau
- Jane Stevens, President & CEO, Indiana Soybean and Corn Organizations
- Jordan Seger, Indiana Department of Agriculture
- Jane Hardisty, Indiana State Conservationist, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Science
- Jennifer Boyle Warner, Executive Director, Indiana Soil & Water Conservation Districts
- Bruno Pigott, Commissioner, Indiana Department of Environmental Management
- Ted McKinney, Director, Indiana Department of Agriculture
- Martha Clark Mettler, Indiana Department of Environmental Management
- Julia Wickard, Indiana Department of Environmental Management

3:00 PM Liberty Mine, Evansville, IN

What: This is a surface and highwall mining operation, which opened in 2012

Who: Steve Chancellor Host, White Stallion Energy Alliance

Background: White Stallion has more than 550 employees, including 80 full time at Liberty. Preparations for extraction began at Liberty Mine in 2012. In 2015, Alcoa/ Vigo Coal filed for a state permit to add 470 acres to the mining operation. This is because a currently idled Alcoa Aluminum Smelter is restarting 13 miles away, which is welcome news to rate payers as smelting is energy intensive compared to residential utilities.

- Coal Plant Retirements: Two Indiana based utilities, Vectren and NiSource, were the first two utilities to announce major coal plant retirements attributed to ELGs and CCRs.
- Coal Combustion Residuals: WSE and others would like a three-year extension to comply with the new law.
- Alcoa's Warrick Power Plant: There is a SO2 issue at the power plant.

- CSAPR Update: Indiana is disproportionally impacted by the new rule. WSE filed a reconsideration petition in late 2016.

Attendees/ Bios:

Steve Chancellor, Chairman

- Recently acquired four coal companies in the last 16 months
- Producing 6.5 million tons in the Illinois Basin
- Previously founded and owned Black Beauty Coal Company, the largest held privately coal company in the U.S., which he sold to Peabody in 2005.
- Founded several successful ventures in the transportation, insurance, food and plastics industries.

Rashid Hallaway, Partner

- Equity partner in White Stallion and serves as the company's Washington representative.

- Founded HHQ Ventures with former Congressman Ben Quayle (R-AZ), which is a DC based consulting and lobbying firm

Mark Sebree, Senior Vice President

- Best surface miner in America
- More than 30 years of experience with Black Beauty, Peabody and now White Stallion Energy

Alcoa Attendees

- Ed Hemmersbach, VP of Rolled Products
- Brad Marrs, Warrick Power Plant Manager
- Laurie Shelby, VP of Environment
- Sonya Elam, Director of Government Relations

Utility Industry

- Don Gulley, President of Southern Illinois Power Cooperative (SIPC), Chairman of Prairie State who filed re-consideration petition regarding Williamson County non-attainment one hour SO2 ozone

TO: Administrator Pruitt
FROM: OCIR, OPA
CC: Ryan Jackson
RE: WOTUS Travel: August
DATE: August 3-4, 2017
LOCATION: Broomfield, Gold King Mine, Woodrow, CO

August 3, 2017

Denver Weather: HIGH 70, LOW 55 PM t-storms

11:30 AM Cloud Peak Energy, Inc. Visit, Broomfield, CO

What: Meeting at their Colorado Office

Who: Colin Marshall, President and Chief Executive Officer, Bryan Pechersky, Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, Richard Reavey, VP Public Affairs

Background: This visit is introductory in nature and an opportunity for you to learn about their clean coal technology and the work CPE does across Colorado, Montana, and Wyoming.

POC: Rick Curtsinger, Director Public Affairs, 720-256-7781

2:00 PM Frasier Ranch WOTUS Visit, Woodrow, CO

***Attire:** Jeans, boots, button-down shirt

What: 5,000 head cow/calf and stocker operation

Who: Owner Mark Frasier, agricultural stakeholders-ranchers, feedlot operators, farmers

POC: William Hammerich, CEO Colorado Livestock Association, 970-381-8379

Background: Frasier originated at a Kansas wheat farm and employs grass feeding strategy to maintain the health and productivity of the plants. He also works to ensure yearlings are on a constantly improving plane of nutrition by rotating paddocks every few days, thus improving the end product of beef. EPA visited the ranch in 2015 during the WOTUS rollout, promising it wouldn't impact agriculture. This visit is an opportunity for you to revisit the ranch and demonstrate how the work you are doing is providing relief to the agriculture community and rural America.

Other Attendees:

Don Brown - Colorado Commissioner of Agriculture

Laura Teague - County Commissioner - Morgan County

Mark Frasier - Frasier Farms: *donated to John Salazar (D) in 2006, 2008

Tom McDonald - Feeder

Justin Miller - Feeder

Jon Slutsky - Dairy

Glenn Benjamin - Rancher

Jessica Lemmel - Colorado Livestock Association

Chris Kraft – Dairy

Terry Fankhauser - Colorado Cattlemen's Association

Chad Vorthman - Colorado Farm Bureau

Mark Sponsler -Colorado Corn Growers

Andrew Mertens - Farmer

Joyce Kelly - Colorado Pork Producers

Randy Traxler - Colorado Wheat Growers

Ed Frank -National Cattlemen's Beef Association

August 4, 2017

Silverton Weather: HIGH 66, LOW 50 scattered t-storms

11:00 AM-12:40 PM Tour of Gold King Mine

What: 2 legs of the tour: the first is via vehicle up to the top of the mine (45 min roundtrip) followed by a walking tour of wastewater treatment facility (20-30 min).

Who: Governor Hickenlooper, Senator Gardner and Senator Bennet and staff

Gold King Planning Committee (6)- they will mingle with EPA Senior staff while the small group of elected does the first part of the tour with their Chairman. They are much happier with the new Administration's actually choosing to address the site.

EPA Regional staff David Ostrander, Rebecca Thomas and Deb Thomas (Acting AA) will be in attendance. David will lead the tour.

POC: Dave Ostrander, EPA Region 8, 303-888-9906

TO: Administrator Pruitt
FROM: OCIR, OPA
CC: Ryan Jackson
RE: WOTUS Travel July 17-20
DATE: July 17-18, 2017
LOCATION: Salt Lake City, UT

Note: Salt Lake City, UT is in the Mountain Standard Time

Notable about Utah:

- 80% of Utah's developed water is used for agriculture, an industry that generates $17.5 billion representing about 14% of the state's economy[1]
- The economic impact of farming in Utah is $1.8B annually [2]

Meeting with Principles to Discuss WOTUS, Gold King Mine
Who: Governor Herbert, AG Reyes, and Senior Staff
Topics: Gold King Mine, WOTUS

Gov. Herbert
Background: Herbert is a former chair of the Western Governors Association (WGA) and the National Governors Association (NGA). He also served as Lt. Governor for 5 years. Utah's economic drivers include technology, petroleum, and coal. The federal government controls over 70% of the state. Drought conditions have led to state wide action under a governor issued executive order to increase water conservation practices. Herbert is seeking help from OMB to establish a 50-year water strategy. The state has invested over $15 million in the Utah Water Restoration initiative and leveraged more than $100 million in partner contributions since 2005.

WOTUS: The WGA, of which Utah is a member, submitted comments. On June 20, 2017, AG Reyes joined a 20-state coalition in requesting EPA preserve the role of the states in protecting the nation's water sources.

Lunch Roundtable Discussion at the Utah State Capitol w/ local stakeholders

Who: Members of state legislature, Sheep Federation, Water Commissioners, Farm Bureau, Kennecott, Utah Mining, Utah Petroleum, Homebuilders, others

[1] Utah Farm Bureau via http://thecountyseat.tv/redefining-waters-of-the-united-states-wotus/
[2] National Agricultural Statistics Service via http://www.farmflavor.com/utah-agriculture/

SALT LAKE CITY, UT AGENDA:

July 17th	
4:55PM EST- 7:40PM MST	**FLY:** DCA-SLC
RON:	Salt Lake City, UT Monaco Salt Lake City Kimpton – 15 West 200 South Salt Lake City, UT 84101
July 18th	
6:00 AM:	**Live In-Person Interview with KUTV (CBS)** **Show:** 2News This Morning **Topic:** visit to Utah, back-to-basics, Gov meeting, WOTUS Drive Time: 44 mins/36.7 miles
8:30 AM:	**Head to tour at Snyderville Basin**
9:20 AM:	**Bittner Ranch Tour & Conservatory** **Location:** Bitner Ranch- Bitner Ranch Rd, Park City, UT 84098 ***Drive Time:*** *44 mins/ 36.7 miles*
11:00 AM:	**Meeting with Governor Herbert, AG Sean Reyes and Senior Staff** **Topic:** WOTUS, Gold King Mine, regional haze, tribal NSR FIP **Location:** State Capitol - 350 State St, Salt Lake City, UT 84111
12:00PM:	**Lunch and Roundtable discussion** **Location:** State Capitol - 350 State St, Salt Lake City, UT 84111 **Stakeholders:** State elected officials, Erica Gaddis, Director, Division of Water Quality Sheep Federation, Water Commissioners, Farm Bureau, Kennecott, Utah Mining, Utah Petroleum, Homebuilders, others
1:15 PM:	**Pre-taped radio interview on KNRS** **Host:** Rod Arquette **Topic:** visit to Utah, back-to-basics, Gov meeting, WOTUS **Call-in**: 801-908-1558 Drive Time: 10 mins/ 2.3 miles
1:30 PM:	**Sit Down Interview w/ Deseret News** **Topics:** visit to Utah, back-to-basics, Gov meeting, WOTUS
VISIT:	Staff & Call Time
2:30PM:	Depart for Airport ***Drive Time:*** *10 mins/ 5.9 miles*
3:14PM MST- 6:50PM CST	**FLY:** SLC 3:14PM to MSP at 6:50PM CST ***Drive Time:*** *25 mins/ 14 miles*
7:10 PM:	Staff & Call Time
RON:	**Minneapolis, MN** Le Meridien Chambers- 901 Hennepin Ave

	Minneapolis, MN 55403

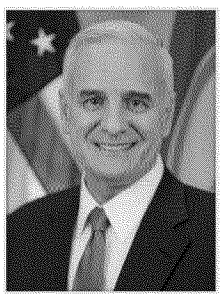
TO: Administrator Pruitt
FROM: OCIR, OPA
CC: Ryan Jackson
RE: WOTUS Travel July 17-20
DATE: July 18-19, 2017
LOCATION: Minneapolis, MN

Note: Minneapolis, MN is in the Central Standard Time Zone

Notable about MN:

- The ag industry in Minnesota provides more than 340,000 jobs for Minnesotans. Altogether, the industry contributes $75 billion to the state's economy annually.[3]
- The headwaters of the Mississippi River are one of Minnesota's most iconic waters. The Mississippi River Headwaters Watershed is a nearly 2,000 square mile area.

Meeting with Principles, Governor Dayton and John Stein (President of ECOS)



Governor Dayton (D-MN)
Background: Dayton was appointed in 2015, and again in 2017, by the President to serve on the Council of Governors, which is responsible for advising the Secretary of Defense, Secretary of Homeland Security, and the White House Homeland Security Council on matters related to the National Guard and civil support missions. *Governor Dayton signed onto the U.S. Climate Alliance*, a coalition launched after Trump announced that he plans to withdraw the United States from the Paris climate accord.

John Stein, President of ECOS
Background: John is the Commissioner of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

WOTUS Comments:
The MFBF submitted formal comments alongside 13 other MN farm bureaus. Nearly 500 comments were submitted by members in response to calls to action by MFBF and 1,800 signatures from Minnesotans were delivered to EPA opposing the rule.

[3] Minnesota Dept. of Agriculture via http://www.farmflavor.com/minnesota-agriculture/

Tour and Round Table at the Minnesota AgriGrowth Council

Host: Perry Aasness, Executive Director

Who:

MN Agribusiness/Farm/Commodity organizations:

- MN AgriGrowth Council
- MN Pork Producers Assn
- MN Turkey Growers Assn
- Chicken and Egg Assn of MN
- MN Corn Growers Association
- MN Soybean Growers Association
- MN Milk Producers Association
- MN Wheat Growers Association
- MN State Cattlemen's Association
- Red River Valley Sugarbeet Growers Association
- MN Farm Bureau
- MN Farmers Union
- MN Agricultural Waters Resource Center

MN Agribusiness:

- CHS
- Land O Lakes
- Cargill
- Hormel
- Mosaic

MINNEAPOLIS, MN AGENDA:

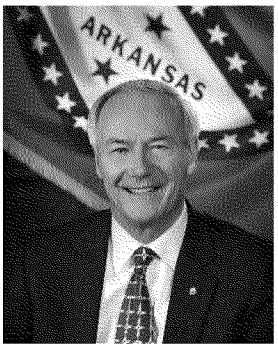
6:30 AM:	Live TV Hit WCCO- TV
7:00 AM:	Live Radio Hit WCCO
8:00 AM:	Print Interview with Star Tribune (Patrick Condon)
8:30 AM:	**Breakfast at Hen House Diner** **Location:** 114 S 8th St, Minneapolis, MN 55402 ***Drive Time:*** *30 mins/ 9.3 miles*
10:00 AM:	**Governor and John Stein** (President of ECOS) **Topics:** CERCLA, WOTUS **Location:** State Capitol 75 Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr Boulevard. St Paul, MN 55155
11:15 AM:	**Tour & Round Table** **Attendees**: Sugar Beets, Corn Growers, Rice Growers, Cattlemen, and other commodity groups. **Location**: Minnesota AgriGrowth Council- 400 Robert Street North Suite 1520 St. Paul, MN 55101 **POC:** Perry Aasness Executive Director, 651-905-8900 (o),651-235-8136 (c) paasness@agrigrowth.org
1:15 PM:	**Radio Interview Call-In on KFAN** – Sports Radio & Politics **Location:** Call in from Minnesota AgriGrowth **Host:** Dan Cole
1:00 PM:	Lunch
2:00 PM:	Depart for Airport ***Drive Time:*** *16 mins/ 7.8 miles*
3:20PM	***Depart:*** *Minneapolis, MN (MSP)*
8:35PM	***Arrive:*** *Little Rock, AR (LIT) 8:35 PM via Delta*
RON:	Little Rock, AR The Capital Hotel- 111 W Markham St, Little Rock, AR 72201-1507

TO: Administrator Pruitt
FROM: OCIR, OPA
CC: Ryan Jackson
RE: WOTUS Travel July 17-20
DATE: July 20, 2017
LOCATION: Little Rock, AR is in Central Standard Time Zone

Notable about AR:

- Arkansas ranks 14th in cash receipts from farm markets, with a total of 4,973,164 harvested acres
- Nationally, Arkansas is #1 in rice and poultry production; #5 in sorghum, grain; #6 in cotton and #8 in soybeans and grapes

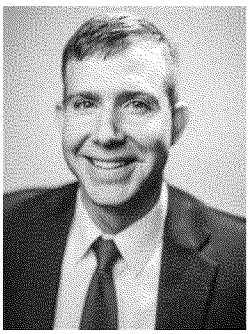
Meeting with Principles, Governor Asa Hutchinson, AG Leslie Rutledge, Ag Secretary Wes Ward, DEQ Director, Beck Keogh



Governor Asa Hutchinson (R-AR)

Background: Gov. Hutchinson served as Director of the DEA and as the first Undersecretary of the Department of Homeland Security. Voters in Arkansas's Third District also elected him to Congress three times. He was appointed by President Reagan as the nation's youngest U.S. attorney at age 31. He is chairman of the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC) and chairman of the Southern States Energy Board (SSEB).

Leslie Rutledge, Attorney General
Background: General Rutledge led the AG call on July 13th where you discussed WOTUS with a bipartisan group of 30+ attorneys general.



Wes Ward, **Secretary AAD**
Background: Ward is an attorney and former Captain in the U.S. Marines. Former field coordinator for U.S. Rep. Rick Crawford (R-AR).

Becky Keogh, Director ADEQ

WOTUS:

Governor Hutchinson and AG Rutledge praised the administration's action to roll-back the 2015 WOTUS rule. Rutledge joined the lawsuit with 12 other states in suing EPA over the 2015 rule. The WOTUS rule would have harsh effects on the economy of Arkansas considering that agriculture is the state's number one industry contributing more than $20B annually to the state's economy[4]

[4] Arkansas Ag Department via http://www.farmflavor.com/arkansas-agriculture/

LITTLE ROCK, AR AGENDA:

6:00 AM:	HOLD Morning Show
9:30 AM:	**Breakfast Round Table** **Host:** Arkansas Poultry Federation **Stakeholders:** AR Farm Bureau **Location**: Arkansas Poultry Federation 321 S Victory St, Little Rock, AR 72201
11:00 AM:	**Meeting with Governor Asa Hutchinson, AG Rutledge, Ag Com and DEQ** **Location:** State Capitol 500 Woodlane St, Little Rock, AR 72201
HOLD:	**Print Interview Arkansas Democrat Gazette**
2:28 PM	***Depart:*** *LIT at 2:28 PM* ***Arrive:*** *DCA at 7:42 PM via Delta*
RON:	Washington, DC

To: Bennett, Tate[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
From: Walker, Trey
Sent: Wed 7/5/2017 10:12:52 PM
Subject: RE: WOTUS- Do not forward, please.

Tate,

We're getting calls about a July 24th event in South Carolina with Administrator Pruitt and other state elected officials on WOTUS. I recall you mentioning to me a few weeks ago the potential for a July visit, but we haven't seen any request for the governor's participation or any scheduling details. Are these the same events?

Trey Walker

Chief of Staff

Office of the Governor

South Carolina Statehouse

Columbia, SC 29201

Work: 803-734-0411

Mobile: 803-206-0847

twalker@governor.sc.gov

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 4:39 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Cory, Preston (Katherine) <Cory.Preston@epa.gov>
Subject: WOTUS- Do not forward, please.

All-

Administrator Pruitt could potentially sign a Federal Register notice as early as tomorrow afternoon proposing a rule to repeal the 2015 WOTUS final rule.

Knowing of the importance of this issue to your state/office, we just wanted to flag now so your teams can plan any releases/statements accordingly. We will circle back with an update tomorrow.

Below are a few notes on the FR notice, and please let us know if you have any questions in the meantime.

Best.

Tate Bennett

Elizabeth Tate Bennett

Senior Deputy Associate Administrator

Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs

Office of the Administrator

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Direct : (202) 329-3948

--The Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Army, and Army Corps of Engineers (the agencies) are proposing a rule to repeal the Clean Water Rule and re-codify the regulatory text that existed prior to 2015 defining “waters of the United States.”

--This action would provide regulatory continuity and certainty in the interim pending a second rulemaking in which the agencies will engage in a substantive re-evaluation of the definition of “waters of the United States.”

--The proposed rule would be implemented in accordance with Supreme Court decisions, agency guidance, and longstanding practice.

--This proposed rule 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. To meet these objectives, the agencies intend to follow an expeditious, two-step process that will provide certainty across the country.

--The proposed rule would recodify the identical regulatory text that was in place prior to the 2015 Clean Water Rule and that is currently in place as a result of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit’s stay of the 2015 rule. Therefore, this action, when final, will not change current practice with respect to how the definition applies.

--The agencies have also begun deliberations and outreach on the second step rulemaking involving a re-evaluation and revision of the definition of “waters of the United States” in accordance with the Executive Order.

To: Bennett, Tate[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
From: Shimmin, Kaitlyn
Sent: Fri 7/14/2017 4:19:29 PM
Subject: RE: Line by line for SC
DRAFT Charelston Line by Line 7.13.17.docx

Yeah but its real rough.

Kaitlyn Shimmin

Special Assistant Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs

Office of the Administrator

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

1200 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20460

O: (202) 564-4108

C: (202) 760-0546

Shimmin.Kaitlyn@epa.gov

From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 12:18 PM
To: Shimmin, Kaitlyn <shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov>
Subject: Line by line for SC

Do you by chance have it handy?

Elizabeth Tate Bennett

Senior Deputy Associate Administrator

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To: Lyons, Troy[lyons.troy@epa.gov]; Bennett, Tate[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]; Palich, Christian[palich.christian@epa.gov]
Cc: Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Graham, Amy[graham.amy@epa.gov]; Ferguson, Lincoln[ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]; Greenwalt, Sarah[greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Fri 5/19/2017 4:04:27 PM
Subject: DRAFT: July and August Tours
05.19.2017 Regional Press and State Events Plan .docx

Troy, Tate and Christian –

Attached is a very rough draft of cities and suggested tours that we can do in July and August.

Jahan Wilcox
EPA
Strategic Communications Advisor
Work Cell: 202.309.0934
Work Email: wilcox.jahan@epa.gov

To: Bennett, Tate[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
From: Judd Deere
Sent: Thur 6/1/2017 9:59:37 PM
Subject: Re: AG Rutledge Meeting

Absolutely!! Would love to chat about that.

Judd P. Deere
Attorney General Leslie Rutledge
501-317-9880
Sent from my iPhone

> On Jun 1, 2017, at 5:56 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> Music to my ears! Thanks, Judd! Look forward to meeting you. We want to do a WOTUS in state tour FYI. Maybe we can chat on that offline tomorrow?
>
>> On Jun 1, 2017, at 5:48 PM, Judd Deere <judd.deere@arkansasag.gov> wrote:
>>
>> Primary purpose would be continuing to build on the strong relationship she has with Administrator Pruitt and reiterating her commitment to work cooperatively with him. She wants to make sure there is an open dialogue. I'm sure she will bring up the Clean Power Plan and WOTUS.
>>
>>
>> -----Original Message-----
>> From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
>> Sent: Thursday, June 1, 2017 4:36 PM
>> To: Judd Deere <judd.deere@arkansasag.gov>
>> Subject: Re: AG Rutledge Meeting
>>
>> Do you mind shooting me a list of topics she might bring up?
>>
>>> On Jun 1, 2017, at 5:20 PM, Judd Deere <judd.deere@arkansasag.gov> wrote:
>>>
>>> Excellent! Thank you so much!
>>>
>>> Judd P. Deere
>>> Attorney General Leslie Rutledge
>>> 501-317-9880
>>> Sent from my iPhone
>>>
>>>> On Jun 1, 2017, at 5:19 PM, Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov> wrote:
>>>>
>>>> Please come to the south entrance which is right by the metro entrance. Tate will likely be in the meeting as well. When you go through security ask them to contact Michelle Hale to escort you up.
>>>>
>>>> Sent from my iPhone
>>>>
>>>>> On Jun 1, 2017, at 2:56 PM, Judd Deere <judd.deere@arkansasag.gov> wrote:
>>>>>
>>>>> The Attorney General and myself. I am her communications director.
>>>>>
>>>>> Will she be meeting with the administrator? Who else?
>>>>>
>>>>> Will be arriving in an Uber. What entrance is best?
>>>>>

>>>>> Judd P. Deere
>>>>> Attorney General Leslie Rutledge
>>>>> 501-317-9880
>>>>> Sent from my iPhone
>>>>>
>>>>>> On Jun 1, 2017, at 2:09 PM, Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov> wrote:
>>>>>>
>>>>>> Sounds good! Who all will be in attendance and how will you be arriving?
>>>>>>
>>>>>> Sent from my iPhone
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>>>>>>> On Jun 1, 2017, at 1:52 PM, Judd Deere <judd.deere@arkansasag.gov> wrote:
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> 8:40 works on our end if that still works for y'all.
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>> Judd P. Deere
>>>>>>> Attorney General Leslie Rutledge
>>>>>>> 501-317-9880
>>>>>>> Sent from my iPhone
>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>> On Jun 1, 2017, at 8:54 AM, Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov> wrote:
>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>> Thank you! It looks like 8:40AM tomorrow is the only availability we have. We will happily hold that time for you all! Please just let me know if you will be able to make it. Hoping we get to see you!
>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>> Thanks!
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>>>>>>>> Sent from my iPhone
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>>>>>>>>> On May 31, 2017, at 10:28 PM, Judd Deere <judd.deere@arkansasag.gov> wrote:
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>> Looking like bill signing will be Friday.
>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>> Judd P. Deere
>>>>>>>>> Attorney General Leslie Rutledge
>>>>>>>>> 501-317-9880
>>>>>>>>> Sent from my iPhone
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>>>>>>>>>> On May 31, 2017, at 9:10 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:
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>>>>>>>>>> Nice. Thanks!
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>>>>>>>>>>> On May 31, 2017, at 9:06 PM, Judd Deere <judd.deere@arkansasag.gov> wrote:
>>>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>> Great to hear from you, Tate!
>>>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>> I know she would very much enjoy meeting with Administrator Pruitt.
>>>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>> We are awaiting to hear from the WH if a bill signing ceremony she is participating in will occur tomorrow or Friday. Once I get word on that, I will know a little more when she will be available.
>>>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>> That probably does not help at this point but as soon as I hear from the WH I will let you know.
>>>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>> Judd P. Deere

>>>>>>>>>>> Attorney General Leslie Rutledge
>>>>>>>>>>> 501-317-9880
>>>>>>>>>>> Sent from my iPhone
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>>>>>>>>>>>> On May 31, 2017, at 9:01 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:
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>>>>>>>>>>>> Judd-
>>>>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>>> Tate Bennett from EPA here. Doug Hoelscher with WH Intergov let us know your boss will be in town this week starting tomorrow. I know Administrator Pruitt would love to meet with her if possible. Worst case, we can set something up with senior staff if the stars don't align this visit.
>>>>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>>> I'm copying Administrator Pruitt's scheduling guru, Ms. Sydney Hupp, to see what might work.
>>>>>>>>>>>>
>>>>>>>>>>>> Tate

To: Bennett, Tate[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Cc: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]; Nathan Bowen[Nathan@nasda.org]; Britt Aasmundstad[britt@nasda.org]
From: Dudley Hoskins
Sent: Tue 5/23/2017 1:57:38 PM
Subject: Re: connecting you

Thanks Tate -- yes indeed. Please let us strategize internally and get back to you shortly. Thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

On May 23, 2017, at 9:55 AM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

Dudley-

Working on putting together our WOTUS tour. Can you identify some good state Ag Commissioners (will keep confidential) for us to target while beginning to build out a plan? Copying Jahan who is running point.

Tate

Elizabeth Tate Bennett

Senior Deputy Associate Administrator

Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs

Office of the Administrator

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

AGENCY IGA PAST WEEK ACTIVITY (Monday to Sunday)

- **MONDAY**
    - NACo Federalism Meeting on WOTUS rewrite
    - Staff level meeting with NH Governor and Chief of Staff
        - Working on a few permitting follow-up items
- **TUESDAY**
    - Career staff met with Mayor Faulconer. Tate could not attend
    - Follow up call to MS Zika pesticide company at the request of Governor Abbott's office/ Jerry Strickland
- **WEDNESDAY**
    - Met with NASDA/Croplife Pesticide Coalition members on PRIA Reauthorization
- **THURSDAY**
    - Tate Bennett sat on panel as EPA's temporary "Ag Liaison" at the USDA Interagency Taskforce on Rural Development. Spoke about WOTUS and Brownfields opportunities to revitalize/ help rural America
    - Pruitt testified on POTUS FY 18 Budget at House Interior Approps
- **FRIDAY**
    - Worked on August travel agenda for Administrator Pruitt

NEXT WEEK'S FOCUS

- Preston Cory, Special Assistant to Intergov at EPA, starts
- WOTUS Comments Due
- Nail down a quarterly call schedule with additional elected associations (Preston helping organize). Tate special guesting calls with a few state groups this week.
- Continue to organize coffees with Governors liaisons. Debbie Holt coffee scheduled for Thursday as well as Stephanie Groen
- Preston/ Tate to staff meetings (staff level) with Statesville, NC local offices. Billy welcome to attend.
- Meeting with Jerry Strickland on Thursday

TWO WEEK TRAVEL LOOKAHEAD: SECRETARY, DEP. SECRETARY, NOTABLE

ADMINISTRATOR

EVENTS SCHEDULED

- **JUNE 24, WOTUS TOUR KICKOFF, SOUTH CAROLINA. WORKING WITH SC GOV, AG, AG COMMISSIONER**

OTHER NOTABLE EVENTS NOT YET SCHEDULED

- See Tate for developing list of August state travel including other WOTUS tour stops.

CONGRESSIONAL HEARING FORECAST

- **Administrator Pruitt will testify on the President's FY 18 Budget at Senate Interior Approps Subcommittee on June 27th.**
- **Tate serving as Sherpa for Office of Water AA nominee (pending with White House).**

NOTEWORTHY NEWS

Cool video we put together on American Agriwomen visit: https://youtu.be/hUuBXpP-m6E

WTAS on ozone (note Paxton quote):

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING ...

About The EPA'S Decision To Delay Implementation of the 2015 Ozone Standards

Leaders Across The Country ...

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell applauded Administrator Pruitt decision, calling the standards an attack on middle-class families from the Obama Administration. "I applaud Administrator Scott Pruitt for his decision to delay this Obama Administration issued regulation, which was finalized in October 2015. This regulation was yet another attack on the Middle Class by the Obama Administration and was forced through despite significant concern from communities across the country. Today's postponement will give states and municipalities relief in the interim while EPA continues to review NAAQS levels." (Press Release, 06/06/17)

West Virginia Senator Shelley Moore Capito said state and local employers had insufficient time to comply with these standards. "State and local governments and employers across the country have had insufficient time to comply with the latest revisions to the ozone standards. I commend Administrator Pruitt and his staff at the EPA for acknowledging this reality and acting today to delay existing standards." (Press Release, 06/06/17)

Arizona Senator Jeff Flake said the EPA is working with Arizonans to protect the environment, instead of the previous administration's one-size-fits-all approach. "It's great to see the EPA working with Arizonans for a change. Nowhere are the flaws of previous administration's one-size-fits-all approach to regulating ozone more evident than in Arizona, a desert state where naturally-

occurring ozone makes it impossible to meet the new federal mandate. While today's move buys Arizona much-needed time, I remain committed to advancing a solution that will provide permanent relief from this egregious and unworkable rule." (Press Release, 06/06/17)

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton praised Administrator Pruitt for pausing this costly and ineffective rule, which will help the economy in Texas. "I am grateful for the leadership of EPA Administrator Pruitt in courageously pausing the costly and ineffective Ozone Rule, and I'm hopeful that the one-year delay will provide time for the EPA to review the detrimental effects the Ozone Rule will have on the Texas economy." (Press Release, 06/06/17)

Recent News Coverage ...

U.S. extends deadline for states to meet ozone pollution standard. "The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said on Tuesday it was extending the deadline by one year for states to declare which areas do not meet the federal standard for ground-level ozone, a pollutant linked to several serious health conditions." (Reuters, 06/06/17)

EPA's Pruitt delays Obama-era smog rules for a year. "The Environmental Protection Agency announced Tuesday that it is giving states another year to meet strict rules for smog-forming ozone emissions set by the Obama administration, citing states' confusion over regulatory requirements and the need for the EPA to review the regulations. … Pruitt also announced that he is establishing the Ozone Cooperative Compliance Task Force to develop the "additional flexibilities for states to comply with the ozone standard," the agency said. Congress gave EPA the authority to create the task force under the recently passed fiscal 2017 spending bill." (The Washington Examiner, 06/06/17)

Trump Delays One Of The Most Expensive EPA Regulations Ever. "The Trump administration announced Tuesday evening it would delay the implementation of a smog rule that's been called one of the costliest clean air regulations ever." (The Daily Caller, 06/07/17)

IDEAS FOR POTENTIAL EVENTS

- States to target for tours this July/August (we are beginning preliminary outreach to respective gov's/ electeds) this week: KY, TN, IA, AR, NE, NV, CA, GA, FL

To: Britt Aasmundstad[britt@nasda.org]; Dudley Hoskins[Dudley@nasda.org]
Cc: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]; Nathan Bowen[Nathan@nasda.org]
From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Tue 5/23/2017 7:25:44 PM
Subject: RE: connecting you

Thank you!

From: Britt Aasmundstad [mailto:britt@nasda.org]
Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 2:42 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Dudley Hoskins <Dudley@nasda.org>
Cc: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Nathan Bowen <Nathan@nasda.org>
Subject: RE: connecting you

Hi Tate and Jahan,

We think the below folks would be good points of contact and potential visits for a WOTUS tour. These are departments who were involved in WOTUS previously and have infrastructure to be helpful as well as unique water challenges:

- Commissioner John McMillan, Alabama
- Commissioner Doug Goehring, North Dakota or Secretary Jackie McClaskey, Kansas
- Secretary Jeff Witte, New Mexico (recommended) or Director Celia Gould, Idaho

Please let us know how we can continue to be helpful.

Thanks!

Britt

Britt Aasmundstad

National Association of State Departments of Agriculture

(202) 296-9680

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 10:29 AM
To: Dudley Hoskins
Cc: Wilcox, Jahan; Nathan Bowen; Britt Aasmundstad
Subject: Re: connecting you

And please keep a close hold

On May 23, 2017, at 9:58 AM, Dudley Hoskins <Dudley@nasda.org> wrote:

> Thanks Tate -- yes indeed. Please let us strategize internally and get back to you shortly. Thanks!
>
> Sent from my iPhone
>
> On May 23, 2017, at 9:55 AM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:
>
> > Dudley-
> >
> > Working on putting together our WOTUS tour. Can you identify some good state Ag Commissioners (will keep confidential) for us to target while beginning to build out a plan? Copying Jahan who is running point.
> >
> > Tate
> >
> > Elizabeth Tate Bennett
> >
> > Senior Deputy Associate Administrator
> >
> > Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs
> >
> > Office of the Administrator

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

To: Letendre, Daisy[letendre.daisy@epa.gov]; Greenwalt, Sarah[greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov]
Cc: Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
From: Cory, Preston (Katherine)
Sent: Mon 7/17/2017 1:09:52 PM
Subject: RE: WOTUS Roundtable invitees
WOTUSMemoESPJuly17-20.docx

In case y'all need an electronic copy of the memos. Followed the format Troy used for the GA/AL visit. Still missing some press info for the 18/19th.

Let me know if I can be helpful as y'all compile everything!

-Preston

From: Letendre, Daisy
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 7:36 AM
To: Greenwalt, Sarah <greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov>
Cc: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Shimmin, Kaitlyn <shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov>; Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov>; Cory, Preston (Katherine) <Cory.Preston@epa.gov>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>; McMurray, Forrest <mcmurray.forrest@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: WOTUS Roundtable invitees

Liz and I are going to finalize the talking points this morning - additionally we want to include this week's White House communications overview. We will make sure you have all of that, Sarah.

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 17, 2017, at 7:33 AM, Greenwalt, Sarah <greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov> wrote:

> I am taking over for Forest on prepping the Administrator's binder. Please send me whatever you have for each day by noon. I won't have any time after that to add things in.
>
> Thanks
>
> Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 15, 2017, at 4:35 PM, Letendre, Daisy <letendre.daisy@epa.gov> wrote:

I agree - I just wanted all TPs in one place for Liz's consumption

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 15, 2017, at 4:20 PM, Greenwalt, Sarah <greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov> wrote:

Please see attached for my edits.

Also, Tate and I are thinking it would be good to separate all of the information (like TPs) by day so that it's easily digestible. The WOTUS top lines should be on each day's TP followed by State-specific information.

So, we're thinking that for each day we'll have the following:

- Schedule
- WOTUS and State-specific TPs
- Substantive State-specific WOTUS info (Letters, questions for each meetings, etc.)

Open to any other ideas! But we do need to have these printed out and ready to go Monday morning.

Sarah A. Greenwalt

Senior Advisor to the Administrator

for Water and Cross-Cutting Issues

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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Greenwalt.Sarah@epa.gov

From: Letendre, Daisy
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 5:10 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Shimmin, Kaitlyn <shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov>; Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov>; Cory, Preston (Katherine) <Cory.Preston@epa.gov>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>; Greenwalt, Sarah <greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov>; McMurray, Forrest <mcmurray.forrest@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: WOTUS Roundtable invitees

Preston, here is the supplemental for the meeting with the governor. Additionally I've added it into the document attached.

Regional Haze

•□□□□□□□□ The Regional Haze Rule implements sections 169A and 169B of the Clean Air Act by setting out the requirements that states must follow when submitting plans to protect visibility in 156 national parks and wilderness areas.

o There are **five** national parks in Utah and **31** national wilderness areas

•□□□□□□□□ Last June the Obama EPA disapproved of a portion of Utah's regional haze SIP and adopted a FIP to meet the requirement for NOx for two power plants

•□□□□□□□□ EPA is now initiating the process to open the FIP so that Utah can replace that with a SIP that better reflects local needs

•□□□□□□□□ EPA is working with Utah and providing proactive technical support to insure that Utah is set up for long-term success

Tribal NSR FIP

▪· On the Uintah (yoo-in-tah) and Ouray (or-ray) (U&O) Reservation, oil and natural gas minor source permits are currently being issued under the National Oil and Natural Gas Federal Implementation Plan (FIP).

o However, if the Uinta Basin is designated nonattainment for the 2015 ozone NAAQS, the National Oil and Natural Gas FIP will no longer apply

o Areas designated as nonattainment are required to submit a SIP that

demonstrates emissions reductions to bring the area into compliance with the NAAQS.

o Industry representatives and the Ute Indian Tribe have emphasized that EPA should develop a mechanism to allow EPA to continue to issue minor source permits after nonattainment designation.

▪ Utah has jurisdictional responsibility for the lands outside of Indian Country, where approximately 90 percent of the population is located. Normally, the State regulates oil and gas emissions via NSR

From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 2:55 PM
To: Shimmin, Kaitlyn <shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov>; Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov>; Cory, Preston (Katherine) <Cory.Preston@epa.gov>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>; Greenwalt, Sarah <greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov>; Letendre, Daisy <letendre.daisy@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: WOTUS Roundtable invitees

Schedule for Utah. No major changes but wanted to flag for Amy for press purposes. Daisy- see talking points

From: Alan Matheson [mailto:amatheson@utah.gov]
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 2:49 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Justin Harding <jharding@utah.gov>; Stewart, Cody <codystewart@utah.gov>; Fran Stultz <fstultz@utah.gov>
Subject: Re: WOTUS Roundtable invitees

Tate,

The plans are progressing well. Invitations to the round table and tour are being sent now.

The plan at this point is as follows:

8:30 -- begin tour. Participants will meet at the east doors of the Capitol to load into vans and depart for Snyderville Basin. The Governor and Administrator will travel separately with security.

9:20 -- Meet at Bittner Ranch for overview of tour. We have three stops planned in close proximity. No walking required. We will be sending a detailed itinerary with Google map views of the sites, photos and a brief description of the sites.

10:15 -- Leave Snyderville Basin to return to the Capitol

10:45 -- Arrive at State Capitol

11:00 -- Meeting with Governor and senior staff in the Governor's Conference Room (among other things, we'd like to discuss Gold King Mine (with Attorney General Sean Reyes), regional haze, and the Tribal NSR FIP.)

12:00 -- Lunch and round table meeting in the Capitol Board Room. After the Administrator's opening remarks, Erica Gaddis (Director, Division of Water Quality) will give a very brief overview of Utah-specific WOTUS issues, followed by discussion as directed by the Administrator.

1:30 -- Media availability

2:00-- Wrap up

<WOTUS TopLine - plus Utah Minn Ark (SG edits).docx>

TO: Administrator Pruitt
FROM: OCIR, OPA
CC: Ryan Jackson
RE: WOTUS Travel July 17-20
DATE: July 17-18, 2017
LOCATION: Salt Lake City, UT

Note: Salt Lake City, UT is in the Mountain Standard Time

Notable about Utah:

- 80% of Utah's developed water is used for agriculture, an industry that generates $17.5 billion representing about 14% of the state's economy[1]
- The economic impact of farming in Utah is $1.8B annually [2]

Meeting with Principles to Discuss WOTUS, Gold King Mine
Who: Governor Herbert, AG Reyes, and Senior Staff
Topics: Gold King Mine, WOTUS

Gov. Herbert
Background: Herbert is a former chair of the Western Governors Association (WGA) and the National Governors Association (NGA). He also served as Lt. Governor for 5 years. Utah's economic drivers include technology, petroleum, and coal. The federal government controls over 70% of the state. Drought conditions have led to state wide action under a governor issued executive order to increase water conservation practices. Herbert is seeking help from OMB to establish a 50-year water strategy. The state has invested over $15 million in the Utah Water Restoration initiative and leveraged more than $100 million in partner contributions since 2005.

WOTUS: The WGA, of which Utah is a member, submitted comments. On June 20, 2017, AG Reyes joined a 20-state coalition in requesting EPA preserve the role of the states in protecting the nation's water sources.

Lunch Roundtable Discussion at the Utah State Capitol w/ local stakeholders

Who: Members of state legislature, Sheep Federation, Water Commissioners, Farm Bureau, Kennecott,

[1] Utah Farm Bureau via http://thecountyseat.tv/redefining-waters-of-the-united-states-wotus/
[2] National Agricultural Statistics Service via http://www.farmflavor.com/utah-agriculture/

Utah Mining, Utah Petroleum, Homebuilders, others.

SALT LAKE CITY, UT AGENDA:

July 17th	
4:55PM EST- 7:40PM MST	**FLY:** DCA-SLC
RON:	Salt Lake City, UT Monaco Salt Lake City Kimpton – 15 West 200 South Salt Lake City, UT 84101
July 18th	
6:00 AM:	**Live In-Person Interview with KUTV (CBS)** **Show:** 2News This Morning **Topic:** visit to Utah, back-to-basics, Gov meeting, WOTUS Drive Time: 44 mins/36.7 miles
8:30 AM:	**Head to tour at Snyderville Basin**
9:20 AM:	**Bittner Ranch Tour & Conservatory** **Location:** Bitner Ranch- Bitner Ranch Rd, Park City, UT 84098 ***Drive Time:*** *44 mins/ 36.7 miles*
11:00 AM:	**Meeting with Governor Herbert, AG Sean Reyes and Senior Staff** **Topic:** WOTUS, Gold King Mine, regional haze, tribal NSR FIP **Location:** State Capitol - 350 State St, Salt Lake City, UT 84111
12:00PM:	**Lunch and Roundtable discussion** **Location:** State Capitol - 350 State St, Salt Lake City, UT 84111 **Stakeholders:** State elected officials, Erica Gaddis, Director, Division of Water Quality Sheep Federation, Water Commissioners, Farm Bureau, Kennecott, Utah Mining, Utah Petroleum, Homebuilders, others
1:15 PM:	**Pre-taped radio interview on KNRS** **Host:** Rod Arquette **Topic:** visit to Utah, back-to-basics, Gov meeting, WOTUS **Call-in**: 801-908-1558 Drive Time: 10 mins/ 2.3 miles
1:30 PM:	**Sit Down Interview w/ Deseret News** **Topics:** visit to Utah, back-to-basics, Gov meeting, WOTUS
VISIT:	Staff & Call Time
2:30PM:	Depart for Airport ***Drive Time:*** *10 mins/ 5.9 miles*
3:14PM MST- 6:50PM CST	**FLY:** SLC 3:14PM to MSP at 6:50PM CST ***Drive Time:*** *25 mins/ 14 miles*
7:10 PM:	Staff & Call Time
RON:	**Minneapolis, MN**

	Le Meridien Chambers- 901 Hennepin Ave Minneapolis, MN 55403

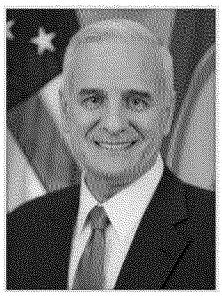
TO: Administrator Pruitt
FROM: OCIR, OPA
CC: Ryan Jackson
RE: WOTUS Travel July 17-20
DATE: July 18-19, 2017
LOCATION: Minneapolis, MN

Note: Minneapolis, MN is in the Central Standard Time Zone

Notable about MN:

- The ag industry in Minnesota provides more than 340,000 jobs for Minnesotans. Altogether, the industry contributes $75 billion to the state's economy annually.[3]
- The headwaters of the Mississippi River are one of Minnesota's most iconic waters. The Mississippi River Headwaters Watershed is a nearly 2,000 square mile area.

Meeting with Principles, Governor Dayton and John Stein (President of ECOS)



Governor Dayton (R-MN)
Background: Dayton was appointed in 2015, and again in 2017, by the President to serve on the Council of Governors, which is responsible for advising the Secretary of Defense, Secretary of Homeland Security, and the White House Homeland Security Council on matters related to the National Guard and civil support missions. *Governor Dayton signed onto the U.S. Climate Alliance*, a coalition launched after Trump announced that he plans to withdraw the United States from the Paris climate accord.

John Stein, President of ECOS
Background: John is the Commissioner of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

WOTUS Comments:
The MFBF submitted formal comments alongside 13 other MN farm bureaus. Nearly 500 comments were submitted by members in response to calls to action by MFBF and 1,800 signatures from Minnesotans were delivered to EPA opposing the rule.

[3] Minnesota Dept. of Agriculture via http://www.farmflavor.com/minnesota-agriculture/

Tour and Round Table at the Minnesota AgriGrowth Council

Host: Perry Aasness, Executive Director

Who:

MN Agribusiness/Farm/Commodity organizations:

- MN AgriGrowth Council
- MN Pork Producers Assn
- MN Turkey Growers Assn
- Chicken and Egg Assn of MN
- MN Corn Growers Association
- MN Soybean Growers Association
- MN Milk Producers Association
- MN Wheat Growers Association
- MN State Cattlemen's Association
- Red River Valley Sugarbeet Growers Association
- MN Farm Bureau
- MN Farmers Union
- MN Agricultural Waters Resource Center

MN Agribusiness:

- CHS
- Land O Lakes
- Cargill
- Hormel
- Mosaic

MINNEAPOLIS, MN AGENDA:

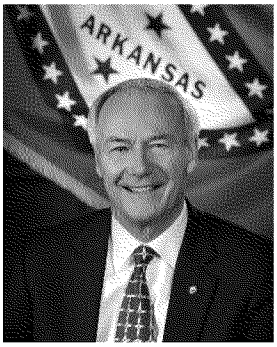
6:30 AM:	Live TV Hit WCCO- TV
7:00 AM:	Live Radio Hit WCCO
8:00 AM:	Print Interview with Star Tribune (Patrick Condon)
8:30 AM:	**Breakfast at Hen House Diner** **Location:** 114 S 8th St, Minneapolis, MN 55402 ***Drive Time:*** *30 mins/ 9.3 miles*
10:00 AM:	**Governor and John Stein** (President of ECOS) **Topics:** CERCLA, WOTUS **Location:** State Capitol 75 Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr Boulevard. St Paul, MN 55155
11:15 AM:	**Tour & Round Table** **Attendees**: Sugar Beets, Corn Growers, Rice Growers, Cattleman, and other commodity groups. **Location**: Minnesota AgriGrowth Council- 400 Robert Street North Suite 1520 St. Paul, MN 55101 **POC:** Perry Aasness Executive Director, 651-905-8900 (o),651-235-8136 (c) paasness@agrigrowth.org
1:15 PM:	**Radio Interview Call-In on KFAN** – Sports Radio & Politics **Location:** Call in from Minnesota AgriGrowth **Host:** Dan Cole
1:00 PM:	Lunch
2:00 PM:	Depart for Airport ***Drive Time:*** *16 mins/ 7.8 miles*
3:20PM	***Depart:*** *Minneapolis, MN (MSP)*
8:35PM	***Arrive:*** *Little Rock, AR (LIT) 8:35 PM via Delta*
RON:	Little Rock, AR The Capital Hotel- 111 W Markham St, Little Rock, AR 72201-1507

TO: Administrator Pruitt
FROM: OCIR, OPA
CC: Ryan Jackson
RE: WOTUS Travel July 17-20
DATE: July 20, 2017
LOCATION: Little Rock, AR is in Central Standard Time Zone

Notable about AR:

- Arkansas ranks 14th in cash receipts from farm markets, with a total of 4,973,164 harvested acres
- Nationally, Arkansas is #1 in rice and poultry production; #5 in sorghum, grain; #6 in cotton and #8 in soybeans and grapes

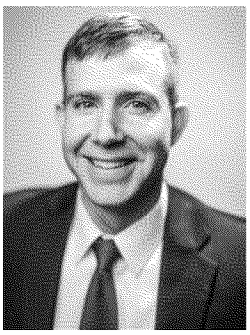
Meeting with Principles, Governor Asa Hutchinson, AG Leslie Rutledge, Ag Secretary Wes Ward, DEQ Director, Beck Keogh



Governor Asa Hutchinson (R-AR)

Background: Gov. Hutchinson served as Director of the DEA and as the first Undersecretary of the Department of Homeland Security. Voters in Arkansas's Third District also elected him to Congress three times. He was appointed by President Reagan as the nation's youngest U.S. attorney at age 31. He is chairman of the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC) and chairman of the Southern States Energy Board (SSEB).

Leslie Rutledge, Attorney General
General Rutledge led the AG call on July 13th where you discussed WOTUS with a bipartisan group of 30+ attorneys general.



Wes Ward, **Secretary AAD**
Ward is an attorney and former Captain in the U.S. Marines. Former field coordinator for U.S. Rep. Rick Crawford (R-AR).

Becky Keogh, Director ADEQ:

WOTUS:

Governor Hutchinson and AG Rutledge praised the administration's action to roll-back the 2015 WOTUS rule. Rutledge joined the lawsuit with 12 other states in suing EPA over the 2015 rule. The WOTUS rule would have harsh effects on the economy of Arkansas considering that agriculture is the state's number one industry contributing more than $20B annually to the state's economy[4]

[4] Arkansas Ag Department via http://www.farmflavor.com/arkansas-agriculture/

LITTLE ROCK, AR AGENDA:

6:00 AM:	HOLD Morning Show
9:30 AM:	**Breakfast Round Table** **Host:** Arkansas Poultry Federation **Stakeholders:** AR Farm Bureau **Location**: Arkansas Poultry Federation 321 S Victory St, Little Rock, AR 72201
11:00 AM:	**Meeting with Governor Asa Hutchinson, AG Rutledge, Ag Com and DEQ** **Location:** State Capitol 500 Woodlane St, Little Rock, AR 72201
HOLD:	**Print Interview Arkansas Democrat Gazette**
2:28 PM	***Depart:*** *LIT at 2:28 PM* ***Arrive:*** *DCA at 7:42 PM via Delta*
RON:	Washington, DC

To: Ferguson, Lincoln[ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]
From: Graham, Amy
Sent: Fri 8/4/2017 1:29:50 AM
Subject: Fwd: Background for EPA Pruitt interview

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: graham.amy@epa.gov
Date: August 3, 2017 at 6:52:27 PM MDT
To: jennifer.brockman@kdvr.com, nancy.melear@kdvr.com
Cc: Amy Graham <graham.amy@epa.gov>
Subject: Background for EPA Pruitt interview

Hi Jen and Nancy - I wanted to pass along some background information in advance of tomorrow's interview. Administrator Pruitt would like to discuss his efforts to refocus EPA on its core mission. This includes recent action to begin the process of rescinding the harmful Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) rule. Administrator Pruitt met with representatives from Colorado's agriculture industry at Frazier Ranch today, and heard from folks who are impacted by the misguided WOTUS rule. This is the seventh state Administrator Pruitt has visited on his *State Action Tour*, which is focused on hearing from those who are directly impacted by EPA's rulemaking. Additional stops on the State Action Tour have included Utah, Minnesota, Arkansas, South Carolina, Oklahoma, Indiana and Colorado.

He is also visiting Gold King Mine tomorrow and can discuss the reason for the visit. Despite the incident happening on President Obama's watch, neither him, Vice President Biden – nor Administrator Gina McCarthy visited this site. The previous administration failed those who suffered losses as a result of the Gold King Mine release. Administrator Pruitt believes a new review is paramount to ensure that those who have in fact suffered losses have a fair opportunity to receive assistance.
We plan to arrive at 5:45 tomorrow, and I will be with the Administrator along with our security detail and members of our advance team. Please let me know as soon as possible who will be conducting the interview.

Happy to answer any remaining questions you have as well.

Thank you,
Amy

Sent from my iPad

To: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]; Ferguson, Lincoln[ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]
Cc: Ferguson, Lincoln[ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]
From: Garrett, Major
Sent: Mon 7/31/2017 2:51:18 PM
Subject: RE: Travel with Admin Pruitt

I completely agree. The Iowa event sounds as good as it gets. This happens so often -- ideas and intent buried in scheduling conflicts and logistics.
Let's think about those other two dates in late August. Let me know what is contemplated. It may be easier to do something in DC.

-----Original Message-----
From: Wilcox, Jahan [mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 10:47 AM
To: Garrett, Major <GarrettM@cbsnews.com>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Travel with Admin Pruitt

Got it. The 24th we will be in Houston and the 25th we will be in OKC. I am bias but think the Iowa event will be a homerun but you will be in the Garden State.

-----Original Message-----
From: Garrett, Major [mailto:GarrettM@cbsnews.com]
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 10:43 AM
To: Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>
Cc: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Travel with Admin Pruitt

Look forward to the discussions.
One issue to consider. I am pinned down in Bedminster, NJ all next week covering the president's vacation.

-----Original Message-----
From: Ferguson, Lincoln [mailto:ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, July 31, 2017 10:31 AM
To: Garrett, Major <GarrettM@cbsnews.com>
Cc: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Travel with Admin Pruitt

Yes, let's make something work in August if possible. I'm going to have Jahan Wilcox connect with you and talk about a possible trip to Iowa.

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From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Mon 7/31/2017 2:43:56 PM
Subject: RE: Travel with Admin Pruitt

Hey Major -

What exactly is this for (Evening News, CBSN, Podcast) and what exactly do you need?

On Tuesday, August 8th we will be in Des Moines doing a WOTUS event with Kim Reynolds. If the Senate is in recess then Senator Ernst and Senator Grassley will be joining us. And we could probably do an on-the-record coffee early in the morning.

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From: Hupp, Millan
Sent: Wed 8/9/2017 12:11:51 PM
Subject: Re: Recorded Radio Interview at 3:45p

Got it. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Aug 9, 2017, at 7:11 AM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:
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> 10 minute recorded radio interview on Wednesday, August 9 at 3:45 with Rob Port (who will write for the Forum and Grand Forks Herald as well). No call-in number as he will call Jahan's cell phone.
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> Topics: WOTUS, Back to Basics Agenda, Visit to North Dakota

To: Erickson, Jimmy[jerickson@wccoradio.cbs.com]
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Sent: Tue 7/18/2017 1:46:04 PM
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Jimmy Erickson –

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To: 'Erickson, Jimmy' <jerickson@wccoradio.cbs.com>
Subject: RE: EPA & WCCO Radio

Great, thank you! We will see you at 7:20a in the studio -- 625 2nd Ave S Ste 200. Minneapolis, MN

From: Erickson, Jimmy [mailto:jerickson@wccoradio.cbs.com]
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 12:25 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
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Would probably work….put a yes down for us next Wednesday. Probably around 7:20 am or so…..

Thanks!

From: Wilcox, Jahan [mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 11:09 AM
To: Erickson, Jimmy <jerickson@wccoradio.cbs.com>
Subject: FW: EPA & WCCO Radio

Thanks Jimmy. We'd love to have Administrator Pruitt come by to talk about WOTUS, why we are in Minnesota for the day. We kindly ask that you don't take calls but open for questions and we would come to the studio.

From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 12:04 PM
To: 'Dave.lee@cbsradio.com' <Dave.lee@cbsradio.com>
Subject: RE: EPA & WCCO Radio

Hey Dave –

Wanted to follow-up on this as we'd really like to bring Pruitt over to WCCO in the morning if you wanted him for a quick interview.

Jahan

From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 1:32 PM
To: 'Dave.lee@cbsradio.com' <Dave.lee@cbsradio.com>
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Dave -

My name is Jahan Wilcox and I work at the EPA for Administrator Scott Pruitt. I grew up listening to your show and think I met your brother in Fargo in 2010 at the radio station there for

his weekly financial advice show. Off-the-record, Administrator Pruitt is likely coming to Minnesota on Wednesday, July 19 to meet with Governor Dayton about the Waters of the United States (WOTUS). I was curious if you'd be interested in having Pruitt on your show in 6:30 – 7:00 AM block for 10 minutes. Additionally, you are welcome to ask about anything else regarding the EPA (including accomplishments, the rollback of the Clean Power Plan or the decision to leave the Paris Accord). And we would come to the studio for the interview.

- https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-us-army-move-rescind-2015-waters-us

- http://www.duluthnewstribune.com/4294506-epa-officially-withdraws-wotus-rule

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The Hill
September 9, 2014
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The House is set to vote on legislation Tuesday that would block the EPA's proposal. The bill is expected to sail to passage, but chances of it reaching the Senate floor are slim.

The EPA has said the proposal would not expand its authority to protect new types of waters that have been exempt in the past.

“We are clarifying protection for the upstream waters that are absolutely vital to downstream communities," EPA chief Gina McCarthy said when the agency announced the regulation.

The National Wildlife Federation, which supports the EPA's move to clarify its authority, says the proposal "specifically excludes many man-made ditches, ponds, an irrigation systems."

The coalition of golf associations, farmers, energy stakeholders and more say the rule should be overturned if the EPA finalizes its proposal without significant changes.

"The golf industry is a leader for water quality and environmental stewardship," said Chava McKeel, associate director for GCSAA. "This proposed rule hinders the golf industry in moving forward toward even stronger best management practices."

The EPA and Army Corps are currently gathering comments from the public on the new standards. That should wrap up in October. The EPA will then work to finalize the proposal by the middle of next year.

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Subject: RE: EPA & WCCO TV

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I'm just circling back to make sure we are good to go for tomorrow morning. If you could send over his bio/accomplishment, that would be perfect!

Thank you,

Bess

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To: 'Wilcox, Jahan' <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA & WCCO TV

Hey Jahan,

It will be from 6:05 to about 6:10AM.

The address is 90 S 11th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55403. We don't have a parking lot, but there is usually plenty of parking right on the street that early in the morning.

When you get here, you'll want to go to the door off Marquette, across from the Hilton Hotel. There's a white button outside the door to buzz security.

Thanks for the opportunity, we are looking forward to having Scott on the show!

Thanks,

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Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 12:19 PM
To: Ellenson, Bess L <blellenson@wcco.com>
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Yes that will work. How much time are we looking at 6:05 – 6:10 or 6:05 – 6:15a?

Then can I get the address and over the weekend I will put a backgrounder together on things we have accomplished at the EPA and why we are visiting Minnesota.

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http://www.minnesotaagconnection.com/story-national.php?Id=1327&yr=2017

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scott_Pruitt

http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2017/06/04/epas-pruitt-says-leaving-paris-accord-is-about-jobs-not-politics.html

Additionally, I'm from Minnesota as well and very familiar with WCCO.

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Sent: Tue 7/25/2017 12:28:02 PM
Subject: Re: Travel with Admin Pruitt

The simple answer is yes. The realistic answer is I can't - cutting two podcasts Thursday and would need more advance notice so I can get the crews necessary to shoot this properly. I will call you later this morning.

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From: Smith, Elise A
Sent: Fri 7/28/2017 12:17:58 PM
Subject: Re: This morning

Great, thank you! I've passed this along to the anchor who will be doing the interview.

We will see him shortly!

On Jul 28, 2017, at 7:14 AM, Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov> wrote:

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Also here is our statement that provides some insight on the travel question:

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environmentalists are counting weekends, Mondays and Fridays spent in Washington, and holidays like Easter Sunday in their opposition research in an effort to distract from the Administrator's significant accomplishments, including more than 30 regulatory actions, review of the Clean Power Plan, and rewriting the definition of a "Water of the U.S." - Amy Graham, EPA Spokesperson

Sent from my iPhone

To: 1170kfaq, Pat[pat@1170kfaq.com]
From: Ferguson, Lincoln
Sent: Wed 7/26/2017 8:10:05 PM
Subject: Re: Pruitt on Pat Campbell

Superfunds is another topic that would be gold for tomorrow

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 26, 2017, at 12:05 PM, Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov> wrote:

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- What environmental savior?
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  - You can be a conservative and care about the environment.
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Sent from my iPad

On Jul 25, 2017, at 7:57 PM, 1170kfaq, Pat <pat@1170kfaq.com> wrote:

Yeah he's been to the studio many times is it 4590 East 29th Street Tulsa Oklahoma 74114 I've got him scheduled from 7 to 7:30 in studio you can arrive earlier I'm leaving my cell phone area code 321-274-6528
Also send me bullet points of what specifically he wants to cover on there please

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

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Date: 7/25/17 12:41 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: "1170kfaq, Pat" <pat@1170kfaq.com>
Subject: RE: Pruitt on Pat Campbell

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Contact number:

Exact time of hit:

Length of interview:

From: 1170kfaq, Pat [mailto:pat@1170kfaq.com]
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 10:04 AM
To: Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Pruitt on Pat Campbell

Confirmed!

~Best

Pat Campbell

Host of ***The Pat Campbell Show***

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pat@1170kfaq.com

From: Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 8:16 AM
To: 1170kfaq, Pat
Subject: Re: Pruitt on Pat Campbell

Great, let's do 7am on Thursday. We are not promoting the trip ahead of time for security reasons.

Can you give me the following information:

Location:

Contact number:

Exact time of hit:

Length of interview:

Are you good to focus on the topic of his State Action Tour and hearing how WOTUS is affecting People across the country?

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 23, 2017, at 9:54 PM, 1170kfaq, Pat <pat@1170kfaq.com> wrote:

> Absolutely 6, 7 or 8:00AM your pick let me know ASAP!

~Best

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From: Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>
Sent: Sunday, July 23, 2017 8:05 PM
To: 1170kfaq, Pat
Subject: Pruitt on Pat Campbell

Good evening Pat-

Hope all is well back in OK. I wanted to touch base as Administrator Pruitt will be in your direction this coming week. Do you have any times available for this coming Thursday for the Administrator to drop by and give your listeners an update on all that is going on at EPA?

Let me know if you're interested,
Lincoln

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To: Kaleb Potter[kaleb@bartlesvilleradio.com]
Cc: charlie@bartlesvilleradio.com[charlie@bartlesvilleradio.com]
From: Ferguson, Lincoln
Sent: Wed 7/26/2017 4:27:24 PM
Subject: Re: Tomorrow

Hey Charlie and Kaleb -

Looking forward to seeing you this afternoon!

I wanted to give you a few notes on the trip that might be helpful to shape the interview.

BARTLESVILLE:

- Administrator Pruitt is in Oklahoma for his State Action Tour. He has spent the last few weeks and will continue throughout August visiting states across the country, to hear directly from citizens, stakeholders, Governors and leaders how EPA can partner with the states to achieve environmental stewardship.
- The focus of discussions in Oklahoma will be on the 'Waters of the United States' Rule (WOTUS)
- Administrator Pruitt will travel to the Oklahoma panhandle on Thursday to see firsthand the devastating effects this rule has on rural America.
- He will also have a meeting to receive input from Governor Fallin, DEQ, Sec. of Ag and Sec. of Environment on Friday.
- State Action Tour stops completed: Utah, Minnesota, Arkansas, South Carolina
- This all goes hand-in-hand with the new EPA's Back to Basics agenda: bringing the agency back to its core mission.

Let me know if you have any questions! See you at 3pm.

Sent from my iPad

On Jul 25, 2017, at 9:59 AM, Kaleb Potter <kaleb@bartlesvilleradio.com> wrote:

Yes. No problem

Kaleb Potter

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 25, 2017, at 9:46 AM, Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov> wrote:

Can we push the interview to 3pm tomorrow?

Thanks!

Lincoln Ferguson

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To: Munoz, Charles[munoz.charles@epa.gov]
From: Ford, Hayley
Sent: Wed 7/12/2017 5:42:01 PM
Subject: FW: Potential WOTUS Week
WOTUS Action Tour 7.10.17.docx
ATT00001.htm

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From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 10:16 AM
To: Ford, Hayley <ford.hayley@epa.gov>
Cc: Shimmin, Kaitlyn <shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Potential WOTUS Week

Hey! Can we add Hayley to the distro?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Shimmin, Kaitlyn" <shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov>
> **Date:** July 11, 2017 at 6:18:10 PM EDT
> **To:** "Lyons, Troy" <lyons.troy@epa.gov>, "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>,

"Palich, Christian" <palich.christian@epa.gov>, "Ringel, Aaron" <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>, "Graham, Amy" <graham.amy@epa.gov>, "Wilcox, Jahan" <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>, "Bowman, Liz" <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>, "Greenwalt, Sarah" <greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov>, "Ferguson, Lincoln" <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>, "Cory, Preston (Katherine)" <Cory.Preston@epa.gov>, "Hupp, Millan" <hupp.millan@epa.gov>
Cc: "Morris, Madeline" <morris.madeline@epa.gov>, "Hale, Michelle" <hale.michelle@epa.gov>, "Jackson, Ryan" <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>, "Chmielewski, Kevin" <chmielewski.kevin@epa.gov>, "McMurray, Forrest" <mcmurray.forrest@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Potential WOTUS Week

Hi all- Here is the most updated WOTUS line by line. We've had some changes in cities based on Governor's availability (per Tate).

Tate is fine tuning stakeholder events but we are good to go over all.

Cookie stops, lunch suggestions and ball games included.

Kaitlyn Shimmin

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From: Lyons, Troy
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 1:17 PM

To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Palich, Christian <palich.christian@epa.gov>; Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>; Shimmin, Kaitlyn <shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Greenwalt, Sarah <greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>
Cc: Morris, Madeline <morris.madeline@epa.gov>; Hale, Michelle <hale.michelle@epa.gov>; Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Chmielewski, Kevin <chmielewski.kevin@epa.gov>; McMurray, Forrest <mcmurray.forrest@epa.gov>
Subject: Potential WOTUS Week
Importance: High

Group—please find below the next steps for planning next week's WOTUS week. I think I captured everything accurately from this morning's meeting, but please keep me honest.

The action items should be clear and are outlined below. Please send all updates/edits to Tate as she will be taking the lead on this project.

Template

1. Meeting with Governor, DEQ, Department of AG
2. Site Visit (based on the recommendation of the Governor's office)
3. Roundtable Discussion (co-hosted with Gov, populated with stakeholders)

Elected Officials

Date	State	Status
July 18 (Tuesday)	Utah	Request in with Governor Herbert. Checking schedule
July 19 (Wednesday)	Nevada	Tate to reach out
July 20 (Thursday)	Colorado	Hold per Tate

July 21 (Friday)	Oklahoma

Stakeholders

Group	POC	Status
American Farm Bureau	Amy Graham	
National Association of Home Builders	Troy	Inquiry sent
Chamber of Commerce	Troy	
American Mining Association	Christian	
Western Caucus	Aaron	
Cattlemen's Association	Sarah	

Troy M. Lyons

Associate Administrator

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To: Millan Hupp (hupp.millan@epa.gov)[hupp.millan@epa.gov]; Sarah Greenwalt (greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov)[greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov]
From: Ford, Hayley
Sent: Thur 10/26/2017 12:02:43 PM
Subject: Scheduling Meeting
Pending Meeting Request.xlsx

RJ is running 10 mins late so will call in when he gets here. Sorry!

If you want to follow along, attached is the pending list.

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To: Greenwalt, Sarah[greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov]
From: Lyons, Troy
Sent: Mon 7/3/2017 5:14:16 PM
Subject: Follow Up: WOTUS Week

Mission

•□□□□□□□□ Gather input from all impacted parties on Step II

•□□□□□□□□ Aim to provide clarity in the implementation of the new rule.

Dates

July 17: South Carolina

July 18: Florida

July 19: Iowa

July 20: New Mexico

July 21: Texas

Follow Up: Sarah to review letters from the Governors to pinpoint locations.

Template-Format to be followed at each state

1. Meeting with Governor and/or state DEQ

2. Site Visit (input from Farm Bureau, Home Builders, other Agriculture Groups on ideal locations)

3. Round Table (groups listed above would help with invite list)

a. Farmers

b. Businesses

c. Land Owners

d. Elected Officials

e. Trades

Press

•□□□□□□□□ Available at site location and round table

Troy M. Lyons

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To: Jackson, Ryan[jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
From: Bernstein, Ryan (Hoeven)
Sent: Tue 7/25/2017 10:51:32 PM
Subject: RE: Pruitt visit to ND

My boss is going to ask how come the Governor drives this vs two senators when it comes to a federal official. So there is no way to punt this to September?

Ryan Bernstein

U.S. Senator John Hoeven

202-224-2551

From: Jackson, Ryan [mailto:jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 4:50 PM
To: Bernstein, Ryan (Hoeven) <Ryan_Bernstein@hoeven.senate.gov>
Subject: Re: Pruitt visit to ND

Hey we've got some other events set up already and with governor burgum in particular. We can come back but we'd cancel on a lot of folks if we have to move it.

Ryan Jackson

Chief of Staff

U.S. EPA

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On Jul 19, 2017, at 10:28 AM, Bernstein, Ryan (Hoeven) <Ryan_Bernstein@hoeven.senate.gov> wrote:

Ryan,

I hope all is well. We are excited and grateful that the Administrator has an interest in visiting ND. Apparently he is penciled in for an August 9th visit. 99% of the time that would have been great, but as you know we are likely going to be in session that week after McConnell's announcement.

We really want to be in ND with the Administrator. Can we move it to the week after or even that Friday, the 11th?

Ryan

Ryan Bernstein

U.S. Senator John Hoeven

202-224-2551

From: Lee, Jessica (Hoeven)
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 1:08 PM
To: Bernstein, Ryan (Hoeven) <Ryan_Bernstein@hoeven.senate.gov>
Subject: FW: Pruitt visit to ND

Jessica Lee

State Director

Office of US Senator John Hoeven

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From: Hamman, Kristen (Hoeven)
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 11:00 AM
To: Lee, Jessica (Hoeven) <Jessica_Lee@hoeven.senate.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Pruitt visit to ND

So it looks like they've planned a whole day without us

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Palich, Christian" <palich.christian@epa.gov>
Date: July 18, 2017 at 10:47:55 AM CDT
To: "Hamman, Kristen (Hoeven)" <Kristen_Hamman@hoeven.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Pruitt visit to ND

Hi Kristen!

We have discussed and our intergovernmental team is putting together a great day in North Dakota, please see below. If the Senate calendar changes we hope that Senator Hoeven will be able to join the Administrator and Governor, but if he cannot make it hopefully you or another staff member will be able to join. Feel free to give me a buzz if you have any questions or thoughts. Have a great day!

Wed AUG 9: FARGO & GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA

9:45 AM to 11:00 AM: WOTUS Round Table at NDSU
* Location: NDSU College of Agriculture 1340 Administration Avenue
* Host: Senator Hoeven (based on Senate), Governor Burgum, ND Ag Commissioner Goehring

1:45 PM- 3:00 PM:
Tour & Round Table at University of North Dakota's Energy and Environmental Research Center
* Location: 15 North 23rd Street, Grand Forks, ND
* Host: Governor Doug Burgum, Senator Hoeven (based on Senate), Congressman Cramer and UND President former Congressman Mark Kennedy (R)

Depart Grand Forks

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-----Original Message-----

From: Hamman, Kristen (Hoeven) [mailto:Kristen_Hamman@hoeven.senate.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 11:32 AM
To: Palich, Christian <palich.christian@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Pruitt visit to ND

Hi Christian,

I hope you're doing well! I wanted to follow up with you on Pruitt's possible visit to ND. Has your team been able to discuss it any further?

Thanks!

Kristen Hamman
Regional Director
Senator John Hoeven

-----Original Message-----
From: Palich, Christian [mailto:palich.christian@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 3:09 PM
To: Hamman, Kristen (Hoeven) <Kristen_Hamman@hoeven.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Pruitt visit to ND

Hi Kristen!

We saw this news but we haven't huddled yet to see how this might affect plans. I will be in touch as soon as I know a little more.

Appreciate all your willingness to be a part of this visit.

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-----Original Message-----
From: Hamman, Kristen (Hoeven) [mailto:Kristen_Hamman@hoeven.senate.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 2:51 PM
To: Palich, Christian <palich.christian@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Pruitt visit to ND

Hi Christian,

I hope you're doing well! You might have seen the Senate has delayed their August recess a couple of weeks. Do you know if it would be possible for Administrator Pruitt to delay his visit to ND a couple of days, maybe come on August 11? We definitely do not want to miss his visit to North Dakota.

We appreciate your consideration!

Kristen Hamman
Regional Director
Senator John Hoeven

-----Original Message-----
From: Palich, Christian [mailto:palich.christian@epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, July 7, 2017 8:13 AM
To: Hamman, Kristen (Hoeven) <Kristen_Hamman@hoeven.senate.gov>
Subject: RE: Pruitt visit to ND

Thanks Kristen! We are still looking at Wednesday August 9th for a trip up to ND.

We are working on finalizing some things early next week and I will be back in touch then.

Have a terrific weekend,

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-----Original Message-----
From: Hamman, Kristen (Hoeven) [mailto:Kristen_Hamman@hoeven.senate.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 6, 2017 7:29 PM
To: Palich, Christian <palich.christian@epa.gov>
Subject: Pruitt visit to ND

Hi Christian,

Thanks again for your time on the phone yesterday. I believe you said you were having your scheduling meeting tomorrow so I wanted to give you some ideas for some visits the administrator could do here.

I believe the ND Petroleum Council might have already suggested a visit to an oil well to discuss the methane rules. We would also suggest a visit to the Coteau Freedom

Mine, a lignite coal mine near Beulah, ND. We could visit the coal fired power plant as well and Dakota Gas where they gasify coal. We could discuss the future for coal and plans for carbon emissions. We could also do a site visit to discuss WOTUS and tie into agriculture in the state.

We have a lot of options and look forward to working with you to make it a great visit for Administrator Pruitt.

Thank you!
Kristen

Sent from my iPhone

To: Cody Stewart[codystewart@utah.gov]
From: Lyons, Troy
Sent: Mon 7/10/2017 4:59:51 PM
Subject: RE: WOTUS Week

Apologies—Tuesday, July 18

From: Cody Stewart [mailto:codystewart@utah.gov]
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 12:57 PM
To: Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: WOTUS Week

Just to clarify, is the date next Tuesday or Monday the 17th?

Cody Stewart
Director of Federal Affairs
Governor Gary Herbert

801 513-8991

On Mon, Jul 10, 2017 at 12:20 PM, Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov> wrote:

Fantastic!

Right now the day is wide open. We can plan around the Governor's schedule. As I mentioned, in addition to the meeting between the Governor and Administrator, we would like to invite the Gov to visit a farm and participate in a round table discussion with local businesses about WOTUS. We would need your office's assistance in coordinating if this is of interest to the Governor.

From: Cody Stewart [mailto:codystewart@utah.gov]
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 12:08 PM
To: Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: WOTUS Week

Troy,

Thanks for the notification! Very exciting to have the Administrator visit our state. I have little doubt Governor Herbert would like to meet and host the Administrator while he is in Utah.

I've already forwarded your note on to our key scheduling and senior staff and will get back with you asap about the Governor's availability and possible locations for a site visit and/or roundtable discussion.

Thank you for the opportunity and look forward to working with you on this visit! As you get more details about timing please share with me so that we can make sure our schedules align appropriately.

Best,

Cody

801 513-8991

Cody Stewart
Director of Federal Affairs
Governor Gary Herbert

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On Mon, Jul 10, 2017 at 11:58 AM, Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov> wrote:

Cody,

I hope this email finds you well.

The Administrator is going to be out west next week and would like to come to Utah to do a few events around WOTUS. Ideally, he would like to visit with Governor Herbert, visit a location impacted by the 2015 rule, and co-host a roundtable discussion with the Governor and impacted parties. The schedule is still being built out; however, **we would be in Utah on Tuesday, July 17th.**

Is the Governor available to meet with the Administrator to discuss the next steps in the WOTUS rule making process? Also, would he be willing it participate in a site visit and roundtable?

Many thanks,

Troy

Troy M. Lyons

Associate Administrator

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To: Nate Dowdle[NDowdle@sbgtv.com]
Cc: McMurray, Forrest[mcmurray.forrest@epa.gov]
From: Graham, Amy
Sent: Mon 7/17/2017 10:25:41 PM
Subject: RE: Interview with EPA Administrator

Just so you are aware, we are going to have to offer him to another station. We'd really rather not. But if there's nothing that can be done, then I understand.

From: Nate Dowdle [mailto:NDowdle@sbgtv.com]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 6:19 PM
To: Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
Cc: McMurray, Forrest <mcmurray.forrest@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Interview with EPA Administrator

I'm afraid not. Again, this is may fault more than anything. I overestimated how ready we'd be for something of this magnitude, and I really don't want either side to show poorly, and after talking with multiple parties today, that's exactly what would happen if we continued down this road.

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From: Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 4:15:10 PM
To: Nate Dowdle
Cc: McMurray, Forrest
Subject: RE: Interview with EPA Administrator

So no interview at all?

From: Nate Dowdle [mailto:NDowdle@sbgtv.com]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 6:10 PM
To: Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
Cc: McMurray, Forrest <mcmurray.forrest@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Interview with EPA Administrator

Amy,

My apologies for not reaching out sooner today. My schedule is a little wacky, and I'm new in this particular position, so I'm still getting used to it.

After more people had a chance to review this opportunity, I think we're actually going to pass. We're in a state of chaos at the moment with our AM people, and I don't think we're particularly well-enabled to handle this type of interview. I think we'd make ourselves, and frankly Administrator Pruitt look bad, and I don't want that for either party.

Thanks for your patience, and good luck while in Utah with the meetings you have scheduled. Again, my apologies for the late notice.

Thanks again,

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From: Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 12:28:49 PM
To: Nate Dowdle
Cc: McMurray, Forrest
Subject: RE: Interview with EPA Administrator

Hi Nate – Just wanted to circle back. Are we a go for tomorrow? Also, please advise on who we should reach out to for a security walk through today.

Many thanks,

Amy

From: Graham, Amy
Sent: Sunday, July 16, 2017 6:07 PM
To: 'Nate Dowdle' <NDowdle@sbgtv.com>
Subject: RE: Interview with EPA Administrator

Hi Nate – I think we would be open to that. What topics are you wanting to discuss?

The Administrator would really like to talk about his *Back-to-Basics agenda* and efforts to refocus EPA on its core mission. This includes recent action to begin the process of rescinding the harmful Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) rule. On background, and for planning purposes only – This is the first stop on the Administrator's national *WOTUS Action Tour*.

Administrator Pruitt will be meeting with Governor Herbert and Attorney General Reyes, and speaking with folks from the agriculture and ranching industry who are impacted by the misguided WOTUS rule. He would be happy to talk about these topics during both a live interview and a taped interview. We would just need to know who will conduct the taped interview and if there are any other topics we should be aware of.

A member of our advance team will also want to do a security walk through tomorrow prior to the Administrator's visit. Is there someone in particular I should have them reach out to at the studio?

Thanks again,

Amy

From: Nate Dowdle [mailto:NDowdle@sbgtv.com]
Sent: Saturday, July 15, 2017 8:11 PM
To: Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Interview with EPA Administrator

Hi Amy,

How long do we have you in the station? The reason I ask is because I'd like to do two separate things with you -- a 3 minute long live interview, and then a 4-5 minute long taped interview we can use for the rest of the day.

I'm thinking we put Administrator Pruitt on shortly after 6:30. The anchors will be Ron Bird and Mary Nickles.

Let me know. Thanks again for this!

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On Jul 14, 2017, at 2:43 PM, Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov> wrote:

Excellent. We are looking at the 6:00 a.m. hour for about a 10 minute hit.

Also, please share the name of the hosts, what time he should arrive, etc.

Thanks,

Amy

From: Nate Dowdle [mailto:NDowdle@sbgtv.com]
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 4:36 PM
To: Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Interview with EPA Administrator

Amy,

Thank you for reaching out. We would love to have Administrator Pruitt on the show! Is there a specific window you are looking at, or is the entire morning open?

Looking forward to Tuesday,

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On Jul 14, 2017, at 2:00 PM, Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Nate – My name is Amy Graham and I work at EPA. I wanted to reach out about booking EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt on KUTV's 2News This Morning next week. He will be in the area on Tuesday and we're interested in having him come on set for a live interview.

I'll be available to chat anytime today and over the weekend. And, if there is someone else that I should reach out to please let me know.

We hope to make something work.

Many thanks,

Amy

Amy Graham

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To: McMurray, Forrest[mcmurray.forrest@epa.gov]
From: Price, Dave
Sent: Mon 8/7/2017 3:54:34 PM
Subject: Re: Tuesday's Interview at 11:30 AM at WHO-TV

11am? Yes

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 7, 2017, at 10:23 AM, McMurray, Forrest <mcmurray.forrest@epa.gov> wrote:

Dave would it be possible to do a 11pm walkthrough instead of 12?

Forrest McMurray
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Cell: 202-308-6281

On Aug 6, 2017, at 4:07 PM, Price, Dave <Dave.Price@WHOTV.com> wrote:

Sounds good.

From: McMurray, Forrest [mailto:mcmurray.forrest@epa.gov]
Sent: Sunday, August 06, 2017 3:57 PM
To: Price, Dave <Dave.Price@WHOTV.com>
Subject: RE: Tuesday's Interview at 11:30 AM at WHO-TV

Perfect, we can be there at 12:30. Do you just want us to meet you in the main lobby?

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Dave,

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Location is 888 9th Street. There will be plenty of parking in our lot at that hour. The first entry door will be open but the second door is a security door. We'll have someone keeping an eye out to let everyone in.

Contact is Executive Producer Heidi Gojkovich, who is cc'd on this email. hgojkovich@hearst.com. Direct line is 515-247-8810.

Let me know if any other questions come up.

Best wishes,

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Jahan, yes we'd like to do that, depending on the time. An ideal time for us would be in the 6:20-6:30 CST time slot, but we can be somewhat flexible outside of that. What time were you thinking?

Thanks,

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Off-the-record, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt will be in Des Moines on Friday. We ask that you do not report this, but looking to see if you'd like to do a live interview on Friday morning with him in the studio about our visit to Iowa, the RFS and other EPA related items.

Last time we taped something for Close-Up and we can do that again, but would prefer if we just did a live interview on the morning show.

If someone can reach out to Kelsi or myself that would be great.

Thank you,

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To: Pender, Geoffrey <gpender@jackson.gannett.com>
Subject: Hey Geoff

My name is Jahan Wilcox and I worked for Roger Wicker as his press secretary from 2007 to

2009. I am currently at the EPA and we'd like to extend an offer just to you for a 5-7 minute interview with EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt.

Is there a number I could call you at?

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To: Jackson, Ryan[jackson.ryan@epa.gov]; Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Fri 2/16/2018 9:09:37 PM
Subject: RE: APPROVAL:

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From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Friday, February 16, 2018 3:59 PM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: APPROVAL:

"The administrator, and any Cabinet secretary, is the face of that agency. They're very outward facing, and we have an obligation to get out throughout the country. This was a tour of a facility in Oklahoma, it has nothing to do with the facility in Indiana."

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To: Ellenson, Bess L[blellenson@wcco.com]
Cc: Graham, Amy[graham.amy@epa.gov]; Ferguson, Lincoln[ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Tue 7/18/2017 1:43:26 PM
Subject: RE: EPA & WCCO TV

Bess –

We are looking forward to coming to WCCO-TV tomorrow morning. Again, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt is here as part of his Back-To-Basics Tour where he will specifically talk about the repeal of the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule, and he will also be meeting with Governor Mark Dayton.

Please let us know if there is anything else you need from us.

Who is Scott Pruitt

Official Bio: https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/epas-administrator

Scott Pruitt: Politics, baseball and Jesus. "Politics, baseball and Jesus. That's what Scott Pruitt and his friend and campaign manager Matt Pinnell talked about as they crisscrossed Oklahoma in 2006 trying to get Pruitt elected lieutenant governor. Politics, baseball and Jesus. With his energy and persistence, they have carried Pruitt to victory and nursed him through defeat. And they have him on the verge of running the agency many view as the embodiment of government regulation run amok, the Environmental Protection Agency." (Tulsa World, 01/16/17)

Scott Pruitt, outspoken and forceful, moves to the center of power within the Trump administration. "Less than four months ago, Scott Pruitt arrived in Washington with few connections to President Trump's inner circle and took the helm of an agency where many employees were openly hostile to him. But the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency has emerged as one of the most influential policy architects in the president's Cabinet, a skilled and sometimes brash lawyer who is methodically taking apart a slew of regulations and agreements affecting a range of issues, from manufacturing operations to landfills." (The Washington Post, 06/02/17)

Scott Pruitt's Back-to-Basics Agenda for the EPA. "Republican presidents tend to nominate one of two types of administrator to lead the Environmental Protection Agency. The first is the centrist—think Christie Todd Whitman (2001-03)—who might be equally at home in a Democratic administration. The other is the fierce conservative—think Anne Gorsuch (1981-83)—who views the agency in a hostile light. Scott Pruitt, whom the Senate confirmed Friday, 52-46, doesn't fit either mold. His focus is neither expanding nor reducing regulation. 'There is

no reason why EPA's role should ebb or flow based on a particular administration, or a particular administrator,' he says. 'Agencies exist to administer the law. Congress passes statutes, and those statutes are very clear on the job EPA has to do. We're going to do that job.' You might call him an EPA originalist." (The Wall Street Journal, 02/17/17)

WOTUS

Federal water rules are too costly for Minnesota counties. "At the end of May, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers published the long-awaited final rule on "Definition of Waters in the U.S." — "WOTUS" for short — as an amendment to the Clean Water Act. While the efforts of these agencies are appreciated, county governments are disappointed with the final result. Minnesota counties are concerned that the new WOTUS rule increases the scope of the authority of the EPA and the Army Corps — adding costly regulations and excessive federal government overreach — and that it will greatly affect county governments in southern Minnesota and across the state. Currently, local and county governments maintain public safety infrastructure around roads and bridges that keep rising water away from citizens and their property. Local governments use a variety of methods to do this, including flood control channels, roadside ditches and green infrastructure." (The Star Tribune, 07/15/15)

"The Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Army, and Army Corps of Engineers (the agencies) are proposing a rule to rescind the Clean Water Rule and re-codify the regulatory text that existed prior to 2015 defining "waters of the United States" or WOTUS. This action would, when finalized, provide certainty in the interim, pending a second rulemaking in which the agencies will engage in a substantive re-evaluation of the definition of "waters of the United States." The proposed rule would be implemented in accordance with Supreme Court decisions, agency guidance, and longstanding practice. 'We are taking significant action to return power to the states and provide regulatory certainty to our nation's farmers and businesses,' said Administrator Scott Pruitt. 'This is the first step in the two-step process to redefine 'waters of the U.S.' and we are committed to moving through this re-evaluation to quickly provide regulatory certainty, in a way that is thoughtful, transparent and collaborative with other agencies and the public.'"(Press Release, 06/27/17)

Back-to-Basics Agenda
Press Release
April 20, 2017
https://www.epa.gov/home/back-basics-agenda

Administrator Pruitt's "Back-to-Basics Agenda" reflects his efforts to refocus EPA on its intended mission, return power to the states and create an environment where jobs can grow. The agenda focuses on the three E's:

•□□□□□□□□ Environment: Protecting the environment

•□□□□□□□□ Economy: Sensible regulations that allow economic growth

•□□□□□□□□ Engagement: Engaging with state and local partners.

Administrator Pruitt kicked off his "Back to Basics Agenda" on April 13 at the Harvey Mine in Sycamore, Pennsylvania. He spoke with coal miners about the president's recent Energy Independence Executive Order, which directs EPA and other federal agencies to review the Clean Power Plan and revise regulatory barriers that impede energy independence, including unnecessary burdens on coal miners and coal-fired electric utilities. (Reuters, 07/12/17)

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Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 8:43 AM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA & WCCO TV

Good morning, Jahan!

I'm just circling back to make sure we are good to go for tomorrow morning. If you could send over his bio/accomplishment, that would be perfect!

Thank you,

Bess

From: Ellenson, Bess L
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 7:43 AM
To: 'Wilcox, Jahan' <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA & WCCO TV

Hey Jahan,

It will be from 6:05 to about 6:10AM.

The address is 90 S 11th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55403. We don't have a parking lot, but there is usually plenty of parking right on the street that early in the morning.

When you get here, you'll want to go to the door off Marquette, across from the Hilton Hotel. There's a white button outside the door to buzz security.

Thanks for the opportunity, we are looking forward to having Scott on the show!

Thanks,

Bess

From: Wilcox, Jahan [mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 12:19 PM
To: Ellenson, Bess L <blellenson@wcco.com>
Subject: RE: EPA & WCCO TV

Yes that will work. How much time are we looking at 6:05 – 6:10 or 6:05 – 6:15a?

Then can I get the address and over the weekend I will put a backgrounder together on things we have accomplished at the EPA and why we are visiting Minnesota.

From: Ellenson, Bess L [mailto:blellenson@wcco.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 12:23 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: EPA & WCCO TV

Hey Jahan!

Thanks for contacting me! We'd love to have Scott on our show next Wednesday. Would he be available to come in our studio for an interview at 6:05am?

Thank you!

Bess

Sent by Bess Lynn Ellenson

On Jul 13, 2017, at 9:11 AM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

Bess –

My name is Jahan Wilcox and I work for EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt.

Off-the-record, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt will be in Minnesota next Wednesday and was curious if you/WCCO-TV would like to have him in studio to talk about some Pruitt's goals for the EPA. Specifically speaking, we will be in Minnesota to talk about repealing the Waters of the United States Rules (WOTUS), but you can also ask him other questions including regulatory rollback, why he persuaded President Trump to exit from the Paris Accord, and general environmental questions. This would be an exclusive for WCCO as we would not go in-studio for a similar event with KARE 11 or KSTP.

http://www.minnesotaagconnection.com/story-national.php?Id=1327&yr=2017

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scott_Pruitt

http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2017/06/04/epas-pruitt-says-leaving-paris-accord-is-about-jobs-not-politics.html

Additionally, I'm from Minnesota as well and very familiar with WCCO.

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To: lebachmeier@nd.gov[lebachmeier@nd.gov]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Mon 7/17/2017 8:57:56 PM
Subject: DRAFT Plan ...

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- Focus: Energy

- Host: Governor Doug Burgum, Senator Hoeven, Congressman Cramer and UND President former Congressman Mark Kennedy (R)

- Media Market: Grand Forks, Fargo and Bismarck

- Media Attendees:

Drive Time: *15 mins*
Depart: *Grand Forks at 6:01 PM* ***Arrive****: Tulsa at 10:36 PM via Delta*

RON: Tulsa, OK

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To: mnowatzki@nd.gov[mnowatzki@nd.gov]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Wed 7/5/2017 4:45:21 PM
Subject: FW: ND Tentative Schedule- Aug 8/9

From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 10:35 AM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov>
Cc: Morris, Madeline <morris.madeline@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: ND Tentative Schedule- Aug 8/9

North Dakota lodging: http://www.hoteldonaldson.com/

Then also added in Doug's address and he can get dinner on his rooftop and he loves to cater and hold parties, etc.

From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 10:14 AM
To: Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov>
Cc: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Morris, Madeline <morris.madeline@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: ND Tentative Schedule- Aug 8/9

Millan-

Jahan gave me some travel tips (r.e. lodging and meals) and I'd be more than happy to come by your office and get them to you today.

Also, adding Maddy so she can seethe schedule.

From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 10:10 AM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov>
Cc: Greenwalt, Sarah <greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov>; Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: ND Tentative Schedule- Aug 8/9

A few updates.

From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Monday, July 3, 2017 6:40 PM
To: Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov>
Cc: Greenwalt, Sarah <greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov>; Beck, Nancy <Beck.Nancy@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: ND Tentative Schedule- Aug 8/9

FYI. Happy to fill in additional details as they come in, but here is what we have so far as Jahan and I have been working with Gov. Burgum's office on this. This is fluid, but it will give folks a good outline of the day. Copying Sarah as it pertains to WOTUS tour and also Nancy because she loves North Dakota State (!)

Notes- Flying into Fargo, Flying out of Grand Forks. Jahan to advise on press plan.

Tuesday, August 8th

Security Detail to advance the two locations

Afternoon- Pruitt arrive in Fargo from Des Moines, IA (Iowa event will conclude by noon- line by line on that event to follow later this week).

Evening- Dinner with Governor Burgum in Fargo at his condo: 300 Broadway N, Fargo, ND 58102

Wednesday, August 9th

9:00 AM to 9:25 AM – Live radio interview with Scott Hennen and Doug Burgum
9:45 AM to 11:00 AM WOTUS Roundtable at NDSU College of Agriculture. Local ag interest

groups (Women in Ag + ND Farm Bureau + Gov's Ag Taskforce) invited as well as ND Ag Commissioner Goehring. Also, Pruitt told Sen. Hoeven he would let him know when he visited the state.
11:00 AM to 11:15 AM – Recorded television interview with WDAY-TV's Kevin Wallevand
11:30 AM to 12:30 PM – Catered lunch at the Loretta Building in downtown Fargo (http://kilbournegroup.com/properties/loretta-building/) which is owned by Burgum.
12:30 PM – 1:00 PM – Administrator Pruitt, Governor Burgum (room for 5 other seats) fly to Grand Forks. (Staff will drive and it's 60 minutes).
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM – Begin tour and subsequent roundtable at University of North Dakota (UND) Energy and Environment Research Center. Invited for roundtable- local electric co-ops, other utility players, local officials, DEQ and Sen. Hoeven.

4:00 PM- Administrator Pruitt departs for Grand Forks airport to travel to Oklahoma

To: Graham, Amy[graham.amy@epa.gov]
Cc: Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Wed 4/26/2017 6:22:30 PM
Subject: DRAFT: Regional Visits
04.26.17 - Regional Print Tour.docx

Amy –

Attached is a draft plan for visits for various states across the country. If you can fill this in with any additional ideas then let's put this in our media plan that we need to show Pruitt at some time. Once he agrees then we create a schedule and start his week on the road, which should prevent us scrambling for events to do.

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Cc: Graham, Amy[graham.amy@epa.gov]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Wed 5/17/2017 8:46:51 PM
Subject: FW: DRAFT: Regional Visits
04.28.2017 Regional Press and State Events Plan.docx

Amy and I put this regional plan together so that we can get local press for Pruitt. Ideally I think we start every Monday and Tuesday (because it will drive the week) if possible where we did a visit to a certain region, knock off a press event, talk to local media and call it a day.

From: Graham, Amy
Sent: Friday, April 28, 2017 1:19 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: DRAFT: Regional Visits

Here is the updated document with my edits and additions.

From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 2:23 PM
To: Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
Cc: Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
Subject: DRAFT: Regional Visits

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To: Graham, Amy[graham.amy@epa.gov]
Cc: Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Fri 5/19/2017 2:42:40 PM
Subject: DRAFT ...
05.18.2017 Regional Press and State Events Plan.docx

Amy –

Can you look over this and add or delete any suggestions and then we will send it over Troy and Tate. Thank you.

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To: Graham, Amy[graham.amy@epa.gov]; Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]; Ferguson, Lincoln[ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov]; Konkus, John[konkus.john@epa.gov]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Fri 5/19/2017 3:01:23 PM
Subject: DRAFT
05.18.2017 Regional Press and State Events Plan.docx

Attached is a draft plan for tours in August. Feel free to fill this out further or come up with additional ideas. The goal is to clump our states together and put Pruitt near a major airport/media market so everything goes as smooth as possible.

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Cc: Graham, Amy[graham.amy@epa.gov]; Bennett, Tate[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]; Shimmin, Kaitlyn[shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Thur 7/13/2017 5:48:46 PM
Subject: Confirmed TV Hit -- July 19 in Minnesota

DATE: Wednesday, July 19 at 6:05 AM – 6:15 AM
WHAT: Live television interview on WCCO's Morning Show
ADDRESS: 90 S 11th St., Minneapolis, MN 55403
TOPICS: Visit to Minnesota, WOTUS and Back to Basics Agenda

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To: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
From: Graham, Amy
Sent: Tue 4/25/2017 8:14:00 PM
Subject: State events
State planning doc.docx

To: Lisa Riley Roche[lisa@deseretnews.com]; Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
From: Graham, Amy
Sent: Sun 7/16/2017 10:20:11 PM
Subject: RE: Pruitt Interview

Hi Lisa – That's fine. Who from your paper would do the interview? We could offer about 10 minutes and would like to discuss the Administrator Pruitt's *Back-to-Basics agenda* and efforts to refocus EPA on its core mission. This includes recent action to begin the process of rescinding the harmful Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS) rule.

On background, and for planning purposes only – This is the first of several events the Administrator is doing around the country this week focused on the WOTUS rule. On Tuesday, Administrator Pruitt will be meeting with Governor Herbert and Attorney General Reyes, and speaking with folks from the agriculture and ranching industry who are impacted by the misguided WOTUS rule. He would be happy to talk about these topics.

Please let us know who from your paper will do the interview and the best way to get in touch with them.

Many thanks,

Amy

From: Lisa Riley Roche [mailto:lisa@deseretnews.com]
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 6:42 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Cc: Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Pruitt Interview

I won't be in the office next Tuesday, but my newspaper would want the interview.

On Fri, Jul 14, 2017 at 4:25 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

Hey Lisa –

Off-the-record, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt is coming to Utah next week. Would you and we want you to do this interview (not a colleague) be interested in a 1x1 interview with Pruitt at 1:30 PM MT on Tuesday July 18 – assuming you will write on the interview.

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To: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
From: Justin Wingerter
Sent: Thur 9/28/2017 6:46:06 PM
Subject: RE: Hey Justin

Thanks.

From: Wilcox, Jahan [mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 1:40 PM
To: Justin Wingerter <JWingerter@oklahoman.com>
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From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2017 10:20 AM
To: 'JWingerter@oklahoman.com' <JWingerter@oklahoman.com>
Subject: Hey Justin

Justin –

Attached are the flight authorizations and below is an on-the-record statement that you can use:
"Administrator Pruitt took one charter flight and three government flights." – EPA spokesperson, Liz Bowman

From our conversation it seemed like you had the answers to question 1 and 2, but if you want something specifically on the record just tell me.

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To: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
From: Bachmeier, Levi
Sent: Tue 7/18/2017 4:12:31 AM
Subject: RE: DRAFT Plan ...

Looks good. Will discuss with JoDee. Would Wallevand be joint interview or just Pruitt? What would you do from 3-5p before you go to the airport? Thanks for your continued work on this.

From: Wilcox, Jahan [mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 3:58 PM
To: Bachmeier, Levi <lebachmeier@nd.gov>
Subject: DRAFT Plan ...

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RON: Tulsa, OK

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To: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
From: Hannah Northey
Sent: Fri 8/11/2017 2:06:35 PM
Subject: RE: EPA's Weekly Round-Up For 07/21/17

Thanks for this.

From: Wilcox, Jahan [mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, August 11, 2017 10:06 AM
To: Hannah Northey <hnorthey@eenews.net>
Subject: FW: EPA's Weekly Round-Up For 07/21/17

OTR - WCCO and the Star Tribune are the two largest print, radio and television outlets in Minnesota. Nobody from Minnesota – where I am from – would consider MPR or the Star-Tribune as a super friendly outlet, in fact they would say it's the opposite, but we sat down with them.

Minnesota Public Radio **reports that Governor Dayton enjoyed his conversation with Pruitt and that he wants the Trump administration to remove the federal government's red tape.** "Gov. Mark Dayton described a meeting Wednesday with EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt as 'productive and cordial' and said he's hopeful the Trump administration will eliminate some of the federal government red tape dealt to state agencies. 'We don't believe we need to be micromanaged by Region 5 in Chicago,' Dayton said during a news conference following a meeting at the Capitol that lasted more than an hour."

The Minneapolis Star-Tribune **reports that Pruitt is working hard to protect the Great Lakes.** Scott Pruitt, the nation's top environmental officer, said Wednesday he endorses continued federal funding for a landmark cleanup of the Great Lakes … "I understand the investment that's been made historically," said Pruitt, administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), during an interview with the Star Tribune. "It's a continuing need, and we have to see that it's adequately funded."

Finally, Pruitt was on WCCO-AM **where he talked baseball and the importance of protecting the environment and American jobs.**

EPA's Pruitt Signals Welcome Support for Great Lakes Restoration Project

Editorial
July 21, 2017

http://www.startribune.com/epa-s-pruitt-signals-welcome-support-for-great-lakes-restoration-project/435922323/

From: EPA Press Office [mailto:press=epa.gov@cmail19.com] **On Behalf Of** EPA Press Office
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To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: EPA's Weekly Round-Up For 07/21/17

EPA's Weekly Round-Up ...

This week EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt embarked on his state action tour where he talked with governors in Utah, Minnesota and Arkansas about WOTUS, protecting the environment and baseball.

TO THE STATES ...

In Utah, EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt was on Good Morning Utah discussing his Back-To-Basics agenda. "EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt made his first stop on the State Action Tour here in Utah. This morning he sat down with Glen Mills on Good Morning Utah exclusively to talk about the tour."

Additionally, Pruitt sat down with the Deseret News where he talked about WOTUS. "EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt visited Utah as part of multistate tour to get input on how the agency can be more responsive to states' needs in general and in specific how the controversial Waters of the United States rule should be retooled. During his tour of Utah, Pruitt stopped off at the Bitner Ranch and Conservatory in Park City to get a firsthand look at a small pool of water that falls under federal regulation due to the rule, as well as a subdivision development hampered by permitting requirements. 'We want to provide clarity to private property owners across the country that the overreach, that the definition offered by the previous administration is going away,' said Pruitt, who in his former role as Oklahoma attorney general crafted one of many states' challenges to the Obama-era rule."

In Minnesota, Scott Pruitt stopped by WCCO-TV where he gave an in-depth interview about the EPA's Back-To-Basics Agenda. "EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt was in studio for an exclusive

interview while he was in the state to meet with Gov. Mark Dayton. He's is in Minnesota as part of his Back-To-Basics tour and talked about rolling back regulations."

Minnesota Public Radio **reports that Governor Dayton enjoyed his conversation with Pruitt and that he wants the Trump administration to remove the federal government's red tape.** "Gov. Mark Dayton described a meeting Wednesday with EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt as 'productive and cordial' and said he's hopeful the Trump administration will eliminate some of the federal government red tape dealt to state agencies. 'We don't believe we need to be micromanaged by Region 5 in Chicago,' Dayton said during a news conference following a meeting at the Capitol that lasted more than an hour."

The Minneapolis Star-Tribune **reports that Pruitt is working hard to protect the Great Lakes.** Scott Pruitt, the nation's top environmental officer, said Wednesday he endorses continued federal funding for a landmark cleanup of the Great Lakes … "I understand the investment that's been made historically," said Pruitt, administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), during an interview with the Star Tribune. "It's a continuing need, and we have to see that it's adequately funded."

Finally, Pruitt was on WCCO-AM **where he talked baseball and the importance of protecting the environment and American jobs.**

In Arkansas, NPR **reports that Pruitt met with Governor Hutchinson and AG Rutledge about WOTUS.** "Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt visited Little Rock Thursday and met with state and agricultural leaders. He attended meetings with Gov. Asa Hutchinson, Attorney General Leslie Rutledge and other agricultural stakeholders. … The former Oklahoma Attorney General also reportedly spoke about the EPA's Waters of the United States rule, an Obama-era policy that expanded clean water protections to smaller bodies of water that feed into larger ones. Earlier this year, the Trump administration announced the EPA would review the rule, with the intention of rewriting it or repealing it."

Additionally, the Arkansas Democrat Gazette **reports on Pruitt's visit.** "U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt visited with Arkansas Cabinet officials and agriculture representatives Thursday about changes they would like to see made to the nation's definition of protected water bodies."

In Maryland, WJZ-TV **reports that the EPA is working to help improve Baltimore's water infrastructure.** "Baltimore City could be getting $200 million to help pay for some much needed improvements to aging water and sewer infrastructure. … The Environmental Protection Agency has invited the City to apply for a federal $200 million loan to help continue work on fixing and upgrading city sewer and water lines."

Finally, Chemical Watch **reports that the American Chemistry Council is optimistic about the EPA's TSCA framework.** "The American Chemistry Council says that the three TSCA 'framework' rules issued last month have given it "every reason to be optimistic about the implementation" of the new law."

TWEETS ...

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Sent: Mon 7/17/2017 4:52:23 PM
Subject: RE: Wednesday July 19

Got it. I compiled all the details I could find for Wednesday. Will you fill in the missing items in yellow and let me know if there is anything missing or innacurate?

Press for Wednesday, July 19, 2017

Minneapolis, MN

6:05 – 6:15 a.m. CT - Live TV Interview on set with WCCO Minneapolis (Affiliate?)

Address: 90 S 11th St., Minneapolis, MN 55403

Hosts:

Station phone:

Show:

Time: Live hit at what time? Need to arrive by what time?

Producer contact:

Format: Segment length? Live television interview on WCCO's Morning Show

Topics: Visit to Minnesota, WOTUS, Back-to-basics agenda

6:25 – 6:40 a.m. CT – Taped interview with SnapChat for "Good Luck America" at Target Field

Address: Target Field outside Majestic Team Store, 270 N 7th Street; Minneapolis, Minnesota

Host: Peter Hamby

Contact: peter.hamby@snapchat.com

Show: Good Luck America, reaches more than six million people, mostly millennials

Time: 10-minute interview

Format: One-on-one taped interview with Peter Hamby

Topics: Who is Scott Pruitt, EPA Back-to-Basics Agenda, how the EPA is working for millennials

7:00 – 7:30 a.m. CT – Live in-studio radio interview on WCCO-AM with Dave Lee

Address: 625 2nd Ave S Ste 200. Minneapolis, MN

Host: Dave Lee

Hit time: 7:20 AM – 7:28 AM CDT

Contact:

Length: 8-minute segment

Media Market: Minneapolis

Show details: Salt Lake City market, KNRS, 4-7pm MT (afternoon drive)

Topics: Visit to Minnesota, WOTUS, Back-to-Basics agenda

7:40 – 8:15 a.m. CT - Sit down interview with the Minneapolis Star Tribune

Address: Star Tribune Office: 225 S 6th Street; Mpls, MN

Interviewer: Josephine Marcotty, environmental reporter

Time: 7:45 – 8:15 a.m. CT

Media Market: Salt Lake City

Topics: Minnesota events, Back-to-basics agenda, WOTUS

From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 12:38 PM
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Subject: RE: Wednesday July 19

Yes because they thought it would be quieter and nobody could interrupt them. All of these spots are blocks from each other.

From: Graham, Amy
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Subject: RE: Wednesday July 19

Is this at the paper instead of the diner?

From: Wilcox, Jahan
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Subject: Wednesday July 19

WHAT: Interview with the Star Tribune's Josephine Marcotty
WHERE: Star Tribune: 225 S 6th Street; Mpls, MN

TIME: Wednesday, July 19 at 7:45 AM – 8:15 AM

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From: Obradovich, Kathie
Sent: Fri 8/4/2017 4:01:04 PM
Subject: RE: Tuesday's Interview @ 7:30 AM in the Capitol

Got it. I'll let you know if Donnelle can join. The Capitol doesn't open until 7:30 a.m. so can we maybe add five minutes to get everybody inside and set up?

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Subject: Tuesday's Interview @ 7:30 AM in the Capitol

Kathie –

We are have set aside 15 minutes for a 1x1 interview with you and EPA Administrator Pruitt. We'd also like to extend this invitation to Donnelle Eller (you can pass that along) and this interview will be on **Tuesday, August 8th at 7:30 AM – 7:45 AM** in the Capitol, Room 15. You can bring a photographer if you would like but no videographer. I've also attached a backgrounder on why we are coming to Iowa, accomplishments by this EPA and frequently asked questions and responses. Let me know if you need anything else.

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OTR BACKGROUND BRIEF ON SCOTT PRUITT & THE EPA

WHO IS SCOTT PRUITT …

Scott Pruitt: Politics, baseball and Jesus. "Politics, baseball and Jesus. That's what Scott Pruitt and his friend and campaign manager Matt Pinnell talked about as they crisscrossed Oklahoma in 2006 trying to get Pruitt elected lieutenant governor. Politics, baseball and Jesus. With his energy and persistence, they have carried Pruitt to victory and nursed him through defeat. And they have him on the verge of running the agency many view as the embodiment of government regulation run amok, the Environmental Protection Agency." (Tulsa World, 01/16/17)

Scott Pruitt, outspoken and forceful, moves to the center of power within the Trump administration. "Less than four months ago, Scott Pruitt arrived in Washington with few connections to President Trump's inner circle and took the helm of an agency where many employees were openly hostile to him. But the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency has emerged as one of the most influential policy architects in the president's Cabinet, a skilled and sometimes brash lawyer who is methodically taking apart a slew of regulations and agreements affecting a range of issues, from manufacturing operations to landfills." (The Washington Post, 06/02/17)

Scott Pruitt's Back-to-Basics Agenda for the EPA. "Republican presidents tend to nominate one of two types of administrator to lead the Environmental Protection Agency. The first is the centrist—think Christie Todd Whitman (2001-03)—who might be equally at home in a Democratic administration. The other is the fierce conservative—think Anne Gorsuch (1981-83)—who views the agency in a hostile light. Scott Pruitt, whom the Senate confirmed Friday, 52-46, doesn't fit either mold. His focus is neither expanding nor reducing regulation. 'There is no reason why EPA's role should ebb or flow based on a particular administration, or a particular administrator,' he says. 'Agencies exist to administer the law. Congress passes statutes, and those statutes are very clear on the job EPA has to do. We're going to do that job.' You might call him an EPA originalist." (The Wall Street Journal, 02/17/17)

WHY ARE WE COMING TO IOWA …

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt is coming to Iowa as part of his state action, Waters of the United States Tour, which includes meeting with Governor Reynolds in the Capitol and a roundtable discussion with Governor Reynolds, Senator Grassley and Senator Ernst at the Iowa Farm Bureau.

Iowa officials ask Trump to scrap WOTUS. "Five of Iowa's six members of Congress have written President-elect Donald Trump urging him to scrap the controversial Waters of the United States rule when he takes office in January. Calling the Environmental Protection Agency's WOTUS rule "an economic assault on small businesses, manufacturing and agriculture," the five Republicans said it "threatens the very livelihood of our fellow Iowans." Sens. Chuck Grassley

and Joni Ernst, and Reps. Rod Blum, David Young and Steve King went on to say those industries are the backbone of rural America. "The election results signaled that Americans are ready for the last eight years of EPA's power-grabbing mentality to come to an end," they added." (The Cedar Rapids Gazette, 11/22/16)

Cattlemen's group asking for help in repealing WOTUS. "The NCBA is asking producers to help repeal WOTUS, but it requires action on your part." (Iowa AgriBusiness, 08/03/17)

Iowa Corn Leaders Urge EPA to Rescind WOTUS Rule Implementation. The Iowa Corn Growers Association (ICGA) is appealing to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to postpone and rescind the implementation of the "Waters of the U.S." (WOTUS) rule set to go into effect on August 28. (Iowa Corn Growers, 08/19/15)

WOTUS ...

EPA, U.S. Army Move to Rescind 2015 "Waters of the U.S." "The Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Army, and Army Corps of Engineers (the agencies) are proposing a rule to rescind the Clean Water Rule and re-codify the regulatory text that existed prior to 2015 defining "waters of the United States" or WOTUS. This action would, when finalized, provide certainty in the interim, pending a second rulemaking in which the agencies will engage in a substantive re-evaluation of the definition of "waters of the United States." The proposed rule would be implemented in accordance with Supreme Court decisions, agency guidance, and longstanding practice. 'We are taking significant action to return power to the states and provide regulatory certainty to our nation's farmers and businesses,' said Administrator Scott Pruitt. 'This is the first step in the two-step process to redefine 'waters of the U.S.' and we are committed to moving through this re-evaluation to quickly provide regulatory certainty, in a way that is thoughtful, transparent and collaborative with other agencies and the public.' This proposed rule 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. To meet these objectives, the agencies intend to follow an expeditious, two-step process that will provide certainty across the country." (Press Release, 06/27/17)

Governor Kim Reynolds (IA): "Waters of the United States was a significant and severe case of government overreach by the Obama administration. I want to thank Secretary Pruitt for recognizing that WOTUS forced onerous and unnecessary burdens on Iowa's farmers and businesses. I also want to express my appreciation to the Trump administration for its continuing commitment to work with states, not against them." (Press Release, 06/27/17)

Senator Joni Ernst (IA): "I am pleased that the Trump administration is taking another important step toward eliminating this burdensome WOTUS rule. In Iowa, 97 percent of the land is subject to extensive overregulation by the EPA and unnecessarily hamstrings our farmers, businesses and manufacturers. All across Iowa, folks are calling for this rule to be scrapped, which is why I have led efforts in the Senate to do just that. This is good news for Iowa and rural communities across the country as we move closer to finally eliminating this overreaching rule."

(Press Release, 06/27/17)

Senator Chuck Grassley (IA): "This is great news for accountability in government. This was a bad regulation drafted under a bad process. The EPA over-reached its authority and ignored and manipulated legitimate concerns raised by the public. Farmers, land owners and builders in Iowa struggled to make sense of the regulation. Having the federal EPA and the Corps of Engineers require permits for routine land use decisions is a waste of resources that are better used enforcing existing regulations against discharging pollutants into the nation's waterways. Agencies ought to enforce the laws as Congress intended, not stretch beyond their authority to inflict unnecessary expense and red tape on law-abiding farmers and employers." (Press Release, 06/27/17)

RFS …

EPA Keeps Ethanol At 15B Gallons. "The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency released new mandates Wednesday for the amount of renewable fuel that must be blended into the nation's fuel supply. The agency said the proposed Renewable Fuel Standard "reflects demand for 2018." It kept the total amount of conventional ethanol that must be blended into the nation's fuel supply at 15 billion gallons. But it dropped the level of cellulosic biofuel, considered the next generation of ethanol, to 238 million gallons from 311 million gallons. 'Increased fuel security is an important component of the path toward American energy dominance,' said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. 'We are proposing new volumes consistent with market realities focused on actual production and consumer demand while being cognizant of the challenges that exist in bringing advanced biofuels into the marketplace.' The proposed standard set for conventional ethanol, or corn ethanol, matches the level set by Congress." (The Des Moines Register, 07/05/17)

BACK-TO-BASICS AGENDA …

Press Release
April 20, 2017
https://www.epa.gov/home/back-basics-agenda

Administrator Pruitt's "Back-to-Basics Agenda" reflects his efforts to refocus EPA on its intended mission, return power to the states and create an environment where jobs can grow. The agenda focuses on the three E's:

•□□□□□□ Environment: Protecting the environment

•□□□□□□ Economy: Sensible regulations that allow economic growth

•□□□□□□ Engagement: Engaging with state and local partners.

Administrator Pruitt kicked off his "Back to Basics Agenda" on April 13 at the Harvey Mine in Sycamore, Pennsylvania. He spoke with coal miners about the president's recent Energy Independence Executive Order, which directs EPA and other federal agencies to review the Clean Power Plan and revise regulatory barriers that impede energy independence, including unnecessary burdens on coal miners and coal-fired electric utilities. (Reuters, 07/12/17)

CLIMATE CHANGE …
REUTERS: The consensus has been overwhelming that climate change has been caused by human beings…

PRUITT: That's not the question. It is not a question about whether the climate is warming. It is not a question about whether human activity contributes to it. It is a question about how much we contribute to it? How do we measure that with precision? And by the way, are we on an unsustainable path? And what harm...is it causing an existential threat? (Reuters, 07/12/17)

PARIS ACCORD …
REUTERS: On Paris and climate change, polls show younger people are more supportive of U.S leadership on climate change. How do you explain your decision to a younger generation?

PRUITT: That's not what Paris was about. I get what you're saying but here's the deal though. It was not about whether the U.S. is going to continue leading on reducing our CO2 footprint because Paris didn't actually do that. Paris was a bumper sticker. Go back and read the articles about the criticism that was levied on the environmental left. They were very critical and dismissive of the Paris agreement. You know why? Because China didn't have to do anything until 2030 and India conditioned all of their obligations upon receiving two and a half trillion dollars of aid. Russia, India and China contributed 0 dollars to the Green Climate Fund. People have short memories there. We are already at pre 94 levels and we exited Kyoto in 2001 and from 2000 to 2014 we reduced our CO2 foot print by 18 plus percent. That's better than others across the globe. When people really want action and meaningful outcomes with regards to this, we are doing it. We are at pre-1994 levels. Paris was not in my view – it shouldn't be symbolic or optical with respect to whether progress or no progress is being made in CO2 reduction. (Reuters, 07/12/17)

CLIMATE DENIER …
"'Pruitt bristled at the phrase "climate denier," a description that his critics have often applied to him in light of his repeated statements disputing scientific conclusions about the large role humans play in warming the planet. 'What does it even mean? That's what I think about it. I deny the climate? Really? Wow, OK. That's crazy, in my view,' he said. Pruitt reiterated his position that the climate is warming and humans contribute to that, but "the ability to measure with precision the human contribution to warming is something that's very challenging to do.'" (Politico, 07/12/17)

PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION'S SO-CALLED ACCOMPLISHMENTS (FLINT & GOLD KING MINE) …
"The water crisis in Flint, which still affects thousands of that Michigan city's residents, emerged in surprising ways at the hearing for EPA nominee and Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt. In his remarks opening the hearing, Senate Environment and Public Works

Chairman John Barrasso (R-Wyo.) cited Flint as an example of what Pruitt would need to fix — and what the Obama administration had wrought. 'The regulatory zeal of the last eight years has violated a fundamental principle of environmental stewardship, which is 'do no harm,'' said Barrasso. "This failed environmental leadership has contributed to two of the worst government-created environmental disasters in decades: the Gold King Mine spill, and Flint, Michigan's water crisis.' There was a shift in the usual poker-faced expressions of Democrats when Barrasso said that. The Gold King Mine spill was the direct fault of the EPA, which botched the handling of a wastewater study. But the Flint crisis, and the presence of lead in water that poisoned residents for a year, was created by a confluence of factors. In a 2016 report, the EPA took blame for not alerting the public about the problem with lead in the water, but said that it had done so out of a preponderance of caution." (The Washington Post, 01/18/17)

Pruitt's EPA awarded $100 million to upgrade drinking water in Flint, Michigan. "The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) today awarded a $100 million grant to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to fund drinking water infrastructure upgrades in Flint, Mich." (Press Release, 03/17/17)

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WORKING WITH STATE & LOCAL LEADERS …

In his first week, Pruitt met with 18 Governors. "In his first week on the job as EPA Administrator, Scott Pruitt has now met with 18 Governors and Lieutenant Governors, putting into action his promise of an open door policy and a new beginning of partnership with the states." (Press Release, 02/26/17)

EPA Administrator Pruitt met with the U.S. Conference of Mayors. "U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt will deliver remarks to the U.S. Conference of Mayors' Leadership Meeting tomorrow to discuss agency priorities under the Trump Administration." (Press Release, 03/01/17)

Administrator Scott Pruitt sent letters to state governors advising them that they are under no obligation to adhere to the Clean Power Plan rule. "The days of coercive federalism are over," the letter reads. "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." (Press Release, 03/30/17)

WORKING WITH PRESIDENT TRUMP ON ROLLING BACK OBAMA'S AGENDA …

An executive order was issued to rescind WOTUS. "President Trump and EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt issued an executive order to rescind or revise the 2015 Clean Water Rule: Definition of 'Waters of the United States.'" (Press Release, 02/28/17)

An executive order was issued to rescind the so-called Clean Power Plan. "Today, at the

Environmental Protection Agency surrounded by American energy workers, public employees and members of Congress, President Donald Trump signed the Energy Independence Executive Order to protect thousands of jobs and strengthen energy security, while also ensuring that our policies provide clean air and clean water for all of our citizens." (Press Release, 03/28/17)

EXAMINING COSTLY REGULATIONS …

EPA to reexamine emission standards for cars and light duty trucks. "'These standards are costly for automakers and the American people,' said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. 'We will work with our partners at DOT to take a fresh look to determine if this approach is realistic. This thorough review will help ensure that this national program is good for consumers and good for the environment.'" (Press Release, 03/15/17)

EPA Administrator seeks additional time to review RMP Rule. "Administrator Scott Pruitt signed a proposed rule this week to further delay the effective date of EPA's Risk Management Program (RMP) Amendments to allow EPA time to complete the process for reconsidering the RMP Amendments issued on January 17, 2017." (Press Release, 03/31/17)

EPA extended the comment period on the Hard Rock Mining proposed rule that could cost businesses $171 million annually. "The Environmental Protection Agency today issued a 120-day extension of the comment period related to proposed financial responsibility requirements for the hard rock mining industry. The Agency has received dozens of requests to extend the comment period. EPA estimates predict the implementation of these requirements would cost American businesses up to $171 million a year." (Press Release, 02/24/17)

CLEANING UP THE ENVIRONMENT …

The EPA kicks-off cleanup at the West Oakland Superfund site. "[The EPA] joined local leaders and community members in Oakland to celebrate the installation and start-up of a new groundwater and soil treatment system at the AMCO Chemical Superfund Site." (Press Release, 03/18/17)

The EPA will resume cleanup at the East Chicago Superfund site. "The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is preparing to resume cleanup work in zones 2 and 3 of the USS Lead Superfund site in East Chicago in April. EPA has reached an agreement with several potentially responsible parties to fund part of this work valued at an estimated $16 million -- in addition to the $26 million already secured for work under a 2014 consent decree." (Press Release, 03/20/17)

EPA set to oversee second phase of $43 million cleanup of Pompton Lake. "The second phase of Pompton Lake cleanup will begin this spring and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is holding a public session to discuss that work." (Press Release, 03/28/17)

ALLOCATING FUNDS FOR VITAL PROJECTS …

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EPA awards $380,000 to Diné College for abandoned uranium mine study in Arizona. (Press Release, 02/28/17)

EPA Awards $1.09 million DERA Grant to Gees Bend Ferry in Alabama. Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) awarded a $1.09 million Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) grant to the historic Gees Bend Ferry in Wilcox County, AL. … The DERA award will provide partial funding to replace the current diesel-powered ferry with a 100% electric ferry. This will be the first zero-emission passenger/vehicle ferry of its type in the United States, and only the second of its kind in the world. (Press Release, 02/24/17)

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Looks good, thanks. Let me know if we can help in any way.

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Hey Guys –

We won't want to announce this until we get closer but below is the draft plan for North Dakota. Again this is still a draft but flagging in the event you see any red flags or Mike if there is press I am missing (yes I know I am missing Port, but unless he comes on site, don't know how we do it).

8:00 PM: Dinner with Governor Doug Burgman

- Location: 300 Broadway, Fargo, ND (Burgum's Condo)

RON: Fargo, ND
Hotel Donaldson- 100 Broadway, Fargo, ND

Wed AUG 9: FARGO & GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA

9:00 AM- 9:25 AM: Live interview with Scott Hennen & Doug Burgum

- Location: 3300 South University Drive, Fargo, ND
- Focus: EPA's Back to Basics Agenda

9:45 AM to 11:00 AM: WOTUS Round Table at NDSU

- Location: NDSU College of Agriculture 1340 Administration Avenue
- Host: Governor Burgum, ND Ag Commissioner Goehring
- Media Markets:
- Media Attendees:

11:00 AM to 11:15 AM: Recorded interview with WDAY-TV's Kevin Wallevand

- Location: NDSU College of Agriculture 1340 Administration Avenue
- Focus:

11:30-12:30 PM: Catered Lunch

- Location: Loretta Building (Burgum's Office) - 210 Broadway, Fargo, ND

12:30 PM- 1:00 PM: ***Flight with Governor Burgum to Grand Forks:*** *30 mins*

1:45 PM- 3:00 PM:
Tour & Round Table at University of North Dakota's Energy and Environmental Research Center

- Location: 15 North 23rd Street, Grand Forks, ND
- Focus: Energy
- Host: Governor Doug Burgum, Senator Hoeven, Congressman Cramer and UND President former Congressman Mark Kennedy (R)
- Media Market: Grand Forks, Fargo and Bismarck
- Media Attendees:

Drive Time: *15 mins*
Depart: *Grand Forks at 6:01 PM* ***Arrive****: Tulsa at 10:36 PM via Delta*

RON: Tulsa, OK

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Subject: Re: Wednesday's Interview at 8:30 (can you confirm you got this)

Where will this be at. We need B-Roll of him at the event before the interview.

On Wed, Aug 9, 2017 at 8:39 AM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:

So we will do this interview at 11:00 after the event at NDSU. Again my apologies.

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"The water crisis in Flint, which still affects thousands of that Michigan city's residents, emerged in surprising ways at the hearing for EPA nominee and Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt. In his remarks opening the hearing, Senate Environment and Public Works Chairman John Barrasso (R-Wyo.) cited Flint as an example of what Pruitt would need to fix — and what the Obama administration had wrought. 'The regulatory zeal of the last eight years has violated a fundamental principle of environmental stewardship, which is 'do no harm,'' said Barrasso. "This failed environmental leadership has contributed to two of the worst government-created environmental disasters in decades: the Gold King Mine spill, and Flint, Michigan's water crisis.' There was a shift in the usual poker-faced expressions of Democrats when Barrasso said that. The Gold King Mine spill was the direct fault of the EPA, which botched the handling of a wastewater study. But the Flint crisis, and the presence of lead in water that poisoned residents for a year, was created by a confluence of factors. In a 2016 report, the EPA took blame for not alerting the public about the problem with lead

in the water, but said that it had done so out of a preponderance of caution." (The Washington Post, 01/18/17)

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WORKING WITH STATE & LOCAL LEADERS …

In his first week, Pruitt met with 18 Governors. "In his first week on the job as EPA Administrator, Scott Pruitt has now met with 18 Governors and Lieutenant Governors, putting into action his promise of an open door policy and a new beginning of partnership with the states." (Press Release, 02/26/17)

EPA Administrator Pruitt met with the U.S. Conference of Mayors. "U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt will deliver remarks to the U.S. Conference of Mayors' Leadership Meeting tomorrow to discuss agency priorities under the Trump Administration." (Press Release, 03/01/17)

Administrator Scott Pruitt sent letters to state governors advising them that they are under no obligation to adhere to the Clean Power Plan rule. "The days of coercive federalism are over," the letter reads. "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." (Press Release, 03/30/17)

WORKING WITH PRESIDENT TRUMP ON ROLLING BACK OBAMA'S AGENDA …

An executive order was issued to rescind WOTUS. "President Trump and EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt issued an executive order to rescind or revise the 2015 Clean Water Rule: Definition of 'Waters of the United States.'" (Press Release, 02/28/17)

An executive order was issued to rescind the so-called Clean Power Plan. "Today, at the Environmental Protection Agency surrounded by American energy workers, public employees and members of Congress, President Donald Trump signed the Energy Independence Executive Order to protect thousands of jobs and strengthen energy security, while also ensuring that our policies provide clean air and clean water for all of our citizens." (Press Release, 03/28/17)

EXAMINING COSTLY REGULATIONS …

EPA to reexamine emission standards for cars and light duty trucks. "'These standards are costly for automakers and the American people,' said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt. 'We will work with our partners at DOT to take a fresh look to determine if this approach is realistic. This thorough review will help ensure that this national program is good for consumers and good for the environment.'" (Press Release, 03/15/17)

EPA Administrator seeks additional time to review RMP Rule. "Administrator Scott Pruitt signed a proposed rule this week to further delay the effective date of EPA's Risk Management Program (RMP) Amendments to allow EPA time to complete the process for reconsidering the RMP Amendments issued on January 17, 2017." (Press Release, 03/31/17)

EPA extended the comment period on the Hard Rock Mining proposed rule that could cost businesses $171 million annually. "The Environmental Protection Agency today issued a 120-day extension of the comment period related to proposed financial responsibility requirements for the hard rock mining industry. The Agency has received dozens of requests to extend the comment period. EPA estimates predict the implementation of these requirements would cost American businesses up to $171 million a year." (Press Release, 02/24/17)

CLEANING UP THE ENVIRONMENT …

The EPA kicks-off cleanup at the West Oakland Superfund site. "[The EPA] joined local leaders and community members in Oakland to celebrate the installation and start-up of a new groundwater and soil treatment system at the AMCO Chemical Superfund Site." (Press Release, 03/18/17)

The EPA will resume cleanup at the East Chicago Superfund site. "The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is preparing to resume cleanup work in zones 2 and 3 of the USS Lead Superfund site in East Chicago in April. EPA has reached an agreement with several potentially responsible parties to fund part of this work valued at an estimated $16 million -- in addition to the $26 million already secured for work under a 2014 consent decree." (Press Release, 03/20/17)

EPA set to oversee second phase of $43 million cleanup of Pompton Lake. "The second phase of Pompton Lake cleanup will begin this spring and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is holding a public session to discuss that work." (Press Release, 03/28/17)

ALLOCATING FUNDS FOR VITAL PROJECTS …

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EPA awards $380,000 to Diné College for abandoned uranium mine study in Arizona. (Press Release, 02/28/17)

EPA Awards $1.09 million DERA Grant to Gees Bend Ferry in Alabama. Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) awarded a $1.09 million Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) grant to the historic Gees Bend Ferry in Wilcox County, AL. … The DERA award will provide partial funding to replace the current diesel-powered ferry with a 100% electric ferry. This will be the first zero-emission passenger/vehicle ferry of its type in the United States, and only the second of its kind in the world. (Press Release, 02/24/17)

To: Annie Snider[asnider@politico.com]; Graham, Amy[graham.amy@epa.gov]
From: Wilcox, Jahan
Sent: Tue 8/22/2017 7:45:23 PM
Subject: RE: Some WOTUS questions

Will there be an analysis of W's admin or are we just being compared to O's admin?

From: Annie Snider [mailto:asnider@politico.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 3:42 PM
To: Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Some WOTUS questions

Ok. No answer about meetings with environmental groups? I have an analysis of the meetings the Obama admin held with stakeholder groups, so will have numbers on that side of things.

And how about the NCBA video? Was it cleared through the ethics office?

From: Graham, Amy [mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 3:34 PM
To: Annie Snider <asnider@politico.com>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Some WOTUS questions

Annie – Here is a statement you may attribute to me:

"EPA's commitment to an open, transparent process to redefine WOTUS includes engagement with all stakeholders, especially those who felt their voices were ignored by the previous Administration." – Amy Graham, EPA spokesperson

On background, we are planning to announce 10 public forums to gather comments on WOTUS in the next several days.

From: Graham, Amy
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 3:27 PM
To: 'Annie Snider' <asnider@politico.com>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Some WOTUS questions

Hope to have something for you very soon.

From: Annie Snider [mailto:asnider@politico.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 12:41 PM
To: Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Some WOTUS questions

Hi all – will you have something for me soon?

Thanks,

Annie

From: Graham, Amy [mailto:graham.amy@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2017 4:13 PM
To: Annie Snider <asnider@politico.com>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Some WOTUS questions

Annie - We will look into these questions and get back to you by your deadline tomorrow.

From: Annie Snider [mailto:asnider@politico.com]
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2017 3:27 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Some WOTUS questions

Please look at my questions – I have seen the E&E story and I'm more focused on the broader context of outreach, not just the NCBA video.

From: Wilcox, Jahan [mailto:wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2017 3:21 PM
To: Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>
Cc: Annie Snider <asnider@politico.com>
Subject: Re: Some WOTUS questions

You do know that Liz Purchia sent the exact same questions to E&E News. We can dig up our answers that we sent them and forward them over.

On Aug 21, 2017, at 3:15 PM, Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov> wrote:

You copied the wrong Liz. Good to know who's pitching the questions.

From: Annie Snider [mailto:asnider@politico.com]
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2017 3:08 PM
To: Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Liz Purchia <lizpurchia@gmail.com>
Cc: Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Some WOTUS questions

Hi Jahan & Liz – happy eclipse day! Did you make it out for a peek?

Now that we're past the height of it, I'm digging in on a story about WOTUS outreach and have a few questions for you. I'm at my desk for a little bit longer and then on my cell if you want to discuss. I am shooting to wrap up reporting at about noon tomorrow, but if it looks like you might be able to get me more detail on some of these requests with additional time, let's talk about it.

Here's what I'm wondering:

1 –Can you provide a list of all the groups that EPA has met with on the WOTUS rewrite? I know that Pruitt's State Action tour has had a heavy focus on WOTUS, but I'm also interested in meetings in DC and ones that may have happened at the staff level. I know this is something the Obama admin kept track of (there are a number of meetings listed in the docket for the 2014 proposed rule).

2 – A sub-question to that one: has EPA met with any environmental groups or other entities that were supportive of the Obama rule on the topic? If so, please provide the name of the group, representative, and date of the meeting.

3 – I saw the National Cattlemen's Beef Association video that included an interview with Pruitt: How did that interview come about? Ie, did NCBA request the interview? And did EPA know that the association would be directing viewers to pre-written NCBA comments to submit?

4 – Was this interview cleared through EPA's ethics office?

5 – Writ large, can you provide comment on how EPA under Pruitt is approaching outreach on the WOTUS rewrite? How do you decide who gets meetings on the topic and who are you actively reaching out to?

Thanks!

Annie

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TO:	**ADMINISTRATOR PRUITT**
FROM:	**OCIR, OPE**
SUB:	**ORANGEBERG, SC VISIT ON WOTUS (4th Stop on Tour)**
DATE:	**JULY 24, 2017**

Super Sod is a sod farm agribusiness in Orangeburg, SC. There will be a short tour and subsequent roundtable followed by a media availability organized by OPA and Ag Commissioner Hugh Weathers (see line by line). Ag Commissioner Hugh Weathers will conduct the roundtable. Attendee list and talkers below.

ATTENDEES

Commissioner Hugh Weathers

Attorney General Alan Wilson (tentative)

Senator Lindsey Graham

Congressman Joe Wilson

Jim Roquemore - Super Sod

Harry Ott - SC Farm Bureau

Chalmers Carr - Titan Farms

Mike Couick - SC Electric Co-ops

Kenny Jackson - SCANA

Walter Dantzler - farmer

Bubba Flowers - farmer

Mac Rhodes - farmer

Danny Mixon - Mixon Seed Company

Delbert Foster - SC State University

Tom Dobbins - Clemson University

Mark Nix - SC Homebuilders

Bradley O'Neil - Coosaw Farms

Lydia Yon - Yon Farms

Tommy Lavender - Nexsen Pruett

Ted Pitts - SC Chamber of Commerce

Lewis Gossett - SC Manufacturers Alliance

Diane Denton - Duke Energy

WOTUS TOUR TOPLINE MESSAGES

- This is my fourth stop on my WOTUS tour in one week.
- Reviewing WOTUS is a top priority for this Administration.
- This is the first step in the two-step process to redefine 'waters of the U.S.'
- We are committed to moving through this re-evaluation to quickly provide regulatory certainty, in a way that is thoughtful, transparent and collaborative.
- EPA and the Administration are committed to keeping waters pollution free, promoting economic growth and minimizing regulatory uncertainty for Congress, state, local and tribal governments; as well as farmers, ranchers and property owners.
- The 2015 definition developed by the Obama Administration in the Clean Water Rule created regulatory uncertainty, threatened economic growth and did not make our water any cleaner.

Org	Attendee
Environmental Protection Agency	Edward Chu
State of Iowa	Governor Kim Reynolds
State of Iowa	Lt. Governor Adam Gregg
Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship	Secretary Bill Northey
Environmental Protection Agency	Administrator Scott Pruitt
	Senator Chuck Grassley
	Senator Joni Ersnt
Iowa Farm Bureau Federation	Craig Hill
Iowa Farm Bureau Federation	Joe Heinrich
Iowa Farm Bureau Federation	Mark Buskohl
Iowa Farm Bureau Federation	Brent Johnson
Iowa Farm Bureau Federation	Will Frazee
Iowa Farm Bureau Federation	Charlie Norris
Iowa Farm Bureau Federation	Nick Podhajsky
Iowa Corn Growers Association	Bob Hemesath
Iowa Corn Growers Association	Mark Heckman
Iowa Poultry Association	Bob Riley
Iowa Turkey Federation	Russ Yoder
Iowa Turkey Federation	John Moline
Iowa Pork Producers Association	Curtis Meier
Iowa Pork Producers Association	John Weber
Iowa Pork Producers Association	Jen Sorenson
Iowa Pork Producers Association	Gregg Hora
Iowa Cattlemen's Association	Mike Cline
Iowa Cattlemen's Association	David Trowbridge
Iowa Cattlemen's Association	Bill Couser
Iowa Cattlemen's Association	David Petty
Iowa Cattlemen's Association	Justin Rowe
Kansas Farm Bureau Federation	Jeff Grossenbacher
Missouri Farm Bureau Federation	Blake Hurst
Iowa Soybean Association	Lindsey Greiner
Iowa Soybean Association	Brent Renner
Iowa Soybean Association	Ray Gaesser
Iowa Soybean Association	Grant Kimberley
Iowa Soybean Association	Morey Hill
Iowa Soybean Association	Mark Jackson
Missouri Farm Bureau Federation	Leslie Holloway
IDALS	Jake Swanson
IDALS	Dustin Vande Hoef
Iowa Farm Bureau Federation	Chris Gruenhagen
Iowa Farm Bureau Federation	Kevin Kuhle
State of Iowa	Stephanie Groen
Office of the Governor, Iowa	Kayla Lyon
Iowa Cattlemen's Association	JanLee Rowlett
Iowa Pork Producers Association	Steph Carlson
National Pork Producers Council	Michael Formica

Iowa Pork Producers Association	Steph Carlson
Iowa Institute of Cooperatives	Matt Pruss
Iowa Institute of Cooperatives	Mike St. Clair
Iowa Soybean Association	Roger Wolf
Iowa Soybean Association	Carol Balvanz

Position	table	nametag
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Board Chairman	y	y
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Past NPPC President	y	y
NPPC/IPPA Board Member	y	y
President Elect	y	y
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President - Elect	y	y
Couser Cattle Company	y	y
Past President	y	y
Board of Directors	y	y
Vice President	y	y
President	y	y
Executive Board Member	y	y
Board Member	y	y
ISA/ASA Past President	y	y
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ISA Director/ASA Board Member	y	y
Board Member	y	y
State & Local Government Affairs Director	staff	y
Special Assistant	staff	y
Communications Director	staff	y
Government Relations Counsel	staff	y
National Policy Advisor	staff	y
Director of State-Federal Relations	staff	y
Policy Advisor	staff	y
Government & Regulatory Affairs Manager	staff	y
Producer Outreach & Federal Policy	staff	y
Assistant VP, Domestic Affiars & Counsel	staff	y

Producer Outreach & Federal Policy	staff	y
Director of Government Affairs	staff	y
	staff	y
Environmental Programs Director	staff	y
Policy Director	staff	y

RSVPs for EPA Administrator Pruitt meeting with MN AgriGrowth Council

Duane Maatz	Exec Director - Red River Valley Sugarbeet Growers Association
Bruce Kleven	Lobbyist - Red River Valley Sugarbeet Growers Association
Ashley Kohls	Executive Director - Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association
Kyle Peterson	Farmer and board chair, Southern MN Beet Sugar Cooperative
Lucas Sjostrom	Executive Director, Minnesota Milk Producers Association
Daryn McBeth	Lobbyist – Minnesota Milk Producers Association
Kevin Papp	President, Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation
Anne Monine	Corporate Environmental Lead, Cargill
Jake Hamlin	State Government Affairs Director, CHS, Inc.
Dana Brooks	Senior Director, Government Relations, Land O' Lakes
Alan Peterson	Farmer and President, MN Irrigators Association
Nicole Krumrie	Staff, Minnesota Turkey Growers Association
John Zimmerman	Board member, Minnesota Turkey Growers Association
Adam Burka	Board member, Minnesota Pork Producers Association
John Burkel	Board member, Minnesota Turkey Growers Association
Joe Smentek	Director of Public Affairs, MN Soybean Growers Association
Drew Lyon	Staff, MN Soybean Growers Association
Matt Pagano	Outreach Director, Congressman Jason Lewis
Zach Freimark	Congressman Tom Emmer
Kurt Zellers	MZA+Co (AgriGrowth Communications)

Perry Aasness	Executive Director, Minnesota AgriGrowth Council
Cory Bennett	Lobbyist, Minnesota AgriGrowth Council

Tony Kwilas	Environmental Policy Director, MN Chamber of Commerce
Lloyd Grooms	MN Chamber of Commerce

To: Johnson, Julia B. EOP/WHO Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy
Sent: Mon 6/5/2017 12:20:17 AM
Subject: EPA June 4 Report
Weekly IGA Agency Report. June 4.docx

See attached. Hope you had a nice weekend, Julia!

Elizabeth Tate Bennett

Senior Deputy Associate Administrator

Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs

Office of the Administrator

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

To: Bennett, Tate[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
From: Henson, Clayton T. EOP/WHO
Sent: Fri 11/3/2017 3:03:18 PM
Subject: RE: Invitation for Administrator Pruitt

Let's talk sometime today.

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, November 3, 2017 11:02 AM
To: Henson, Clayton T. EOP/WHO < Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy
Subject: RE: Invitation for Administrator Pruitt

Ok- back to MI (completely different trip). He is going to speak at their annual meeting on Nov 27 in Grand Rapids. Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

From: Henson, Clayton T. EOP/WHO [mailto: Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 9:43 AM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Invitation for Administrator Pruitt

Tate,

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Grand Rapids is the 2nd largest city in Michigan.

Let me know if you need some local contacts or any other recommendations for additional stops. I would be more than happy to help.

Thank you,

Clayton Henson

White House Office of Political Affairs

Regional Political Director

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From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2017 9:17 AM
To: Henson, Clayton T. EOP/WHO < Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy
Subject: FW: Invitation for Administrator Pruitt

Hey there—

See below. We'd love to send the Administrator to MI to visit with these folks. Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

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Let me know.

Tate

From: Campbell, Laura [mailto:lcampbe@michfb.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 23, 2017 10:48 AM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Kran, John <jkran@michfb.com>
Subject: Invitation for Administrator Pruitt

Hi Tate, my name is Laura Campbell from Michigan Farm Bureau. My colleagues at the American Farm Bureau Federation gave me your contact information in order to open some dialogue with Administrator Pruitt's office, and I'm hoping you can help me! Earlier this year, MFB President Carl Bednarski sent a letter to the Administrator regarding the status of our state's delegated authority to administer portions of the Clean Water Act (attached for your reference). President Bednarski has asked me to reach out to your office because he would like to invite the Administrator to visit Michigan. We are a key state in a number of issues that are a high priority for the Administrator:

•□□□□□□ Waters of the US – withdrawing the 2015 rule and rewriting a new rule

•□□□□□□ Wetlands issues – both related to WOTUS and to Michigan's recent challenges with approval for its delegated authority

•□□□□□□ Addressing harmful algae blooms in the Western Lake Erie basin – efforts by agriculture and the need for support of voluntary conservation efforts rather than further regulation

•□□□□□□ Additionally, we have significant concerns about another issue EPA has been dealing with in the Courts surrounding the requirement for many livestock farms to report air emission releases under CERCLA and EPCRA, and would like the Administrator to have an opportunity to speak with farmers about the topic.

There are a number of ways we might be able to arrange a visit. If the Administrator has time this fall, he would have an excellent opportunity to see these issues on the ground and speak with farmers dealing with them every day, as well as being able to visit a local Farm Bureau event. If his availability is instead open later in the year, our annual State Farm Bureau meeting hosts more than 1000 visitors and provides opportunities for both small round-table discussions and larger session or banquet speaking opportunities. Could you look at the Administrator's schedule to see if he might be available for a visit on any of the following dates?

•□□□□□□ Sep. 12: farm visits and Kent County Farm Bureau Annual meeting

•□□□□□□ Sep. 19: farm visits and Cass County Farm Bureau Annual meeting

•□□□□□□ Sep. 21: farm visits and Ottawa County Farm Bureau Annual meeting

•□□□□□□ Oct. 17: farm visits and St. Joseph County Farm Bureau Annual meeting

•□□□□□□ Nov. 2: farm visits and Berrien County Farm Bureau Annual meeting

•□□□□□□ Nov. 6: farm visits and Van Buren County Farm Bureau Annual meeting

•□□□□□□ Nov. 28-30: MFB State Annual Meeting, Grand Rapids, MI – round table discussions and speaking to a large gathering of Farm Bureau members.

Thank you so much for your help! Please let me know your thoughts and if you have any questions. If the Administrator is interested in a visit to Michigan and none of those dates work for his schedule, please let me know and we would be more than happy to make other arrangements for his visit to be impactful.

Laura A. Campbell

Manager, Ag Ecology Department

Michigan Farm Bureau

Office: 517-679-5332 Cell: 517-420-7936

Email: lcampbe@michfb.com

To: Bennett, Tate[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
From: Hupp, Millan
Sent: Sat 7/29/2017 5:34:15 PM
Subject: Re: Any news?

Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 29, 2017, at 2:45 AM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

Yes. That works!

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Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 29, 2017, at 12:17 AM, Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov> wrote:

Definitely have thoughts. Danny does do good job. Call you tomorrow morning. 10ish okay with you?

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 28, 2017, at 9:24 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

See below and let me know your thoughts. I know we likely need to push this back/ will be coming in that AM, but Danny does a good job (even identified friendly press) and I'd love to not cut out any of the three stops. Maybe add your suggestions in red or call me later if you'd rather?

From: Lopez, Danny [mailto:DaLopez@gov.IN.gov]
Sent: Friday, July 28, 2017 10:00 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Any news?

Tate… here's what we envisioned would work well. The whole visit can conclude

by 2:45pm since we will be transported via Indiana National Guard Blackhawk Helicopter:

- **Aug. 1** overnight (the Governor has offered to have the Administrator and his staff stay at the Carriage House, a residence on the property of the Governor's Mansion near downtown. Conversely, the Administrator can stay downtown)

- **Aug. 2** (sometime between 7:45-8:30am)

o 15-Minute Live Segment – WIBC Radio downtown Indy (Administrator and Governor with host Tony Katz)

o 15-Minute sit-down interview with Hoosier Ag Today, a very friendly newspaper that targets Hoosier farmers, at the South Bend Chocolate Co. downtown Indy

o 2 minute walk/travel time to Governor's office

- **Aug. 2** (8:45-9:15am)

o 30-minute meeting at the Governor's office in the Statehouse

- **Aug. 2** (9:20-9:45am)

o Travel via State Police Vehicle to Mike Starkey Farms, Eagle Creek, Indianapolis

- **Aug.2** (9:45-10am)

o Visit Mike Starkey farms – local farmer who has extensive cover crops and is an optimal example of cover crop/water runoff protection that highlights why WOTUS was unnecessary overregulation. Mike's farm the prime example used by our Congressional delegation in our ongoing appeals to retract the rule.

- **Aug.2** (10am-11am)

o WOTUS Roundtable at Starkey Farm (15-20 farmers and Ag leaders including Farm Bureau, the LG/Secretary of Ag, and others)

- **Aug. 2** (11-noon)

o Travel to Liberty Mine via Indiana National Guard Blackhawk Helicopter

- **Aug. 2** (noon-2pm)

- Event with Steve Chancellor at Liberty Mine/Warrick Power Plant
  - **Aug. 2** (2-2:45pm)
- Travel via Indiana National Guard Blackhawk Helicopter to Indianapolis
  - **Aug. 2** (2:45pm) Administrator Departs

To: Morris, Madeline[morris.madeline@epa.gov]
Cc: Bennett, Tate[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
From: Greenwalt, Sarah
Sent: Mon 7/17/2017 9:55:42 PM
Subject: Re: Administrator invitation

Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

Sent from my iPad

On Jul 17, 2017, at 5:19 PM, Morris, Madeline <morris.madeline@epa.gov> wrote:

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From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 4:43 PM
To: Morris, Madeline <morris.madeline@epa.gov>
Cc: Greenwalt, Sarah <greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Administrator invitation

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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Stefan Maupin <smaupin@tfbf.com>
Date: July 17, 2017 at 4:39:16 PM EDT
To: "Bennett.Tate@epa.gov" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Lee Maddox <lmaddox@tfbf.com>
Subject: Administrator invitation

Tate,

It was a pleasure having the opportunity to meet you during the AFBF Council of Presidents meeting last week in DC. Let me first of all say I realize your schedule is insane and you probably met a few hundred people that day so I fully understand if you do not recall our conversation. Administrator

Pruitt directed me to you when we mentioned to him our invitation to speak during our President's Conference on August 11. You and I talked briefly about it and you indicated his schedule was still being arranged. We are finishing our plans for the conference and have not heard a definite answer. If things are still fluid at this point that is fine. I was just asked to enquire what the status of the invitation was at this point.

We also talked about his WOTUS tour and you indicated you all may need some assistance finding a farm venue in proximity to the Nashville or Memphis airport. We would be glad to help in any way possible.

If you prefer to respond by email that is fine. If you need to call, my cell number is Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy I will be traveling this week.

Thanks,

Stefan Maupin

Public Policy Division - Director

Tennessee Farm Bureau Federation

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Cc: Lyons, Troy[lyons.troy@epa.gov]
From: Jackson, Ryan
Sent: Wed 7/12/2017 3:28:27 PM
Subject: RE: Potential WOTUS Week
WOTUS Action Tour 7.10.17.docx

Is this the done deal? Looks good.

I would like to spend tomorrow morning going through this with the Administrator rather than the usual COS meeting.

From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 7:54 AM
To: Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov>
Cc: Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Potential WOTUS Week

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Shimmin, Kaitlyn" <shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov>
Date: July 11, 2017 at 6:18:10 PM EDT
To: "Lyons, Troy" <lyons.troy@epa.gov>, "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>, "Palich, Christian" <palich.christian@epa.gov>, "Ringel, Aaron" <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>, "Graham, Amy" <graham.amy@epa.gov>, "Wilcox, Jahan" <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>, "Bowman, Liz" <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>, "Greenwalt, Sarah" <greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov>, "Ferguson, Lincoln" <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>, "Cory, Preston (Katherine)" <Cory.Preston@epa.gov>, "Hupp, Millan" <hupp.millan@epa.gov>
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Hi all- Here is the most updated WOTUS line by line. **Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process**

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Subject: Potential WOTUS Week
Importance: High

Group—please find below the next steps for planning next week's WOTUS week. I think I

captured everything accurately from this morning's meeting, but please keep me honest.

The action items should be clear and are outlined below. Please send all updates/edits to Tate as she will be taking the lead on this project.

Template

1. Meeting with Governor, DEQ, Department of AG
2. Site Visit (based on the recommendation of the Governor's office)
3. Roundtable Discussion (co-hosted with Gov, populated with stakeholders)

Elected Officials

Date	State	Status
July 18 (Tuesday)	Utah	Request in with Governor Herbert. Checking schedule
July 19 (Wednesday)	Nevada	Tate to reach out
July 20 (Thursday)	Colorado	Hold per Tate
July 21 (Friday)	Oklahoma	

Stakeholders

Group	POC	Status
American Farm Bureau	Amy Graham	
National Association of Home Builders	Troy	Inquiry sent

Chamber of Commerce	Troy
American Mining Association	Christian
Western Caucus	Aaron
Cattlemen's Association	Sarah

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202-309-2490 (cell)

To: Bennett, Tate[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
From: Gronewald, Matt
Sent: Thur 6/29/2017 7:08:02 PM
Subject: RE: Reynolds/ Iowa

I'll check on the 8th and would be happy to chat this afternoon.

Thanks,

Matt

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 1:51 PM
To: Gronewald, Matt
Subject: Re: Reynolds/ Iowa

Yes! Would August 8 work for you all? The Gov office is holding that date for an event in Des Moines at IFB office. Can I give you a call later this afternoon?

On Jun 29, 2017, at 2:48 PM, Gronewald, Matt <Matt.Gronewald@Iowaagriculture.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon, Tate-

Following up on your note from last week, wondering if you still wanted to chat about an August visit.

Thanks,

Matt

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From: Gronewald, Matt
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To: 'Bennett, Tate'; Hoelscher, Douglas L. EOP/WHO
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To: Bennett, Tate[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
From: Ryan McGinness
Sent: Tue 7/11/2017 12:13:46 PM
Subject: Re: Visit to NV

Will need to check with the team in Nevada. Will let you know when they're up and about.

Ryan McGinness | Sent Wirelessly

On Jul 11, 2017, at 11:50 AM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

Hey there. What are the odds the Governor can do a small, instate WOTUS meeting/ consultation with the Pruitt next week? We can come to the Capital there.

Would be just the Governor, DEQ, Pruitt and relevant Cabinet/ staff. Looking at Thursday the 20th preferably. Call me if you want to chat this through.

If it doesn't work- no worries- and it would not preclude a fall visit.

Tate Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 2, 2017, at 2:31 PM, Ryan McGinness <ryan@nevadadc.org> wrote:

On cell this afternoon. Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

Ryan McGinness | Nevada Washington Office

From: Tate Bennett <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Date: Friday, June 2, 2017 at 2:03 PM
To: Ryan McGinness <ryan@nevadadc.org>
Subject: Visit to NV

Can I give you a quick shout on something unrelated? What is the best number?

From: Ryan McGinness [mailto:ryan@nevadadc.org]
Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 1:19 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Wagner, Kenneth <wagner.kenneth@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: EPA Superfund Task Force

Thanks, appreciate the heads-up!

Ryan McGinness | Nevada Washington Office

From: Tate Bennett <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Date: Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at 12:16 PM
To: Ryan McGinness <ryan@nevadadc.org>
Cc: "Lyons, Troy" <lyons.troy@epa.gov>, "Wagner, Kenneth" <wagner.kenneth@epa.gov>
Subject: EPA Superfund Task Force

Hey Ryan! Just wanted to flag the below release given the issues your boss raised with mine in their recent D.C. meeting. Talk soon. -Tate

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
May 22, 2017

EPA Announces Superfund Task Force

Task force to provide recommendations for streamlining Superfund program

WASHINGTON – As part of his continued effort to prioritize Superfund cleanups, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt today announced the creation of a Superfund task force to provide recommendations within 30 days on how the EPA can streamline and improve the Superfund program. This includes: restructuring and expediting the cleanup process; reducing the burden on cooperating parties; incentivizing parties to remediate sites; encouraging private investment in cleanups and sites; and, promoting the revitalization of properties across the country.

"I am confident that, with a renewed sense of urgency, leadership and fresh ideas, the Superfund program can reach its full potential of returning formerly contaminated sites to communities for their beneficial use," Administrator Pruitt wrote in a memo to EPA staff.

This action follows Administrator Pruitt's recent directive for remedies of $50 million or more to be approved by the Administrator to help revitalize contaminated sites faster.

Administrator Pruitt recently visited the USS Lead Superfund Site in East Chicago, Ind., to view ongoing cleanup activities. Administrator Pruitt met with East Chicago residents, federal, state and local officials, and pledged improved coordination and communication as cleanup continues. He was the first EPA Administrator to visit this Superfund site, which was listed on the National Priorities List of the worst contaminated sites in the country in 2009.

Click here to view Administrator Pruitt's memo issued May 22, 2017.

Full text below:

Protecting human health and the environment is the core mission of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and ensuring that the Superfund program and the EPA's land and water cleanup efforts operate effectively and efficiently is a cornerstone of this mission. In my interactions and meetings with Congress, governors, local officials and concerned citizens, I have heard that some Superfund cleanups take too long to start and too long to complete. The process of evaluating the contamination at a site and developing the appropriate remedy can take years – if not decades – delaying remediation of the site and withholding the full beneficial use of the area from the local community.

The Superfund program is a vital function of the EPA. Under my administration, Superfund and the EPA's land and water cleanup efforts will be restored to their rightful place at the center of the agency's core mission. In order to properly prioritize the Superfund program that citizens count on to revitalize their communities, I am taking these immediate actions:

- First, to promote increased oversight, accountability and consistency in remedy selections, authority delegated to the assistant administrator for Office of Land and Emergency Management and the regional administrators to select remedies estimated to cost $50 million or more at sites shall be retained by the Administrator. I have issued revised delegations and internal directive documents, consistent with this memorandum and the EPA's legal authorities, to memorialize this change in how the agency makes these extremely significant decisions.

- Second, notwithstanding this change, regional administrators and their staffs shall more closely and more frequently coordinate with the Administrator's office throughout the process of developing and evaluating alternatives and selecting a remedy, particularly at sites with remedies estimated to cost $50 million or more.

Furthermore, I am establishing a task force to provide recommendations on an expedited timeframe on how the agency can restructure the cleanup process, realign incentives of all involved parties to promote expeditious remediation, reduce the burden on cooperating parties, incentivize parties to remediate sites, encourage private investment in cleanups and sites and promote the revitalization of properties across the country. The task force will be chaired by Albert Kelly, senior advisor to the Administrator, and shall include leaders from OLEM, the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, the Office of General Counsel, EPA Region 3 (as the lead region for the Superfund program) and other offices as appropriate. The task force shall, within 30 days of this memorandum, provide me with a detailed set of recommendations on actions that the agency can take to:

- Streamline and improve the efficiency and efficacy of the Superfund program, with a focus on identifying best practices within regional Superfund programs, reducing the amount of time between identification of contamination at a site and determination that a site is ready for reuse, encouraging private investment at sites during and after cleanup and realigning incentives of all involved parties to foster faster cleanups.

- The task force should propose recommendations to overhaul and streamline the process used to develop, issue or enter into prospective purchaser agreements, bona fide prospective purchaser status, comfort letters, ready-for-reuse determinations and other administrative tools under the agency's existing authorities used to incentivize private investment at sites.

- Streamline and improve the remedy development and selection process, particularly at sites with contaminated sediment, including to ensure that risk-management principles are considered in the selection of remedies at such sites. In addition, the task force should propose recommendations for promoting consistency in remedy selection and more effective utilization of the National Remedy Review Board and the Contaminated Sediments Technical Advisory Group in an efficient and expeditious manner.

- Utilize alternative and non-traditional approaches for financing site cleanups, as well as improvements to the management and use of Superfund special accounts.

- Reduce the administrative and overhead costs and burdens borne by parties remediating contaminated sites, including a reexamination of the level of agency oversight necessary.

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I look forward to receiving these recommendations and working together with EPA staff, as well as our partners across the federal government, in states, tribes, local communities and with potentially responsible parties and other stakeholders to improve the Superfund

To: Bennett, Tate[Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
From: Groen, Stephanie
Sent: Wed 6/21/2017 3:07:08 PM
Subject: Re: Reynolds/ Iowa

Hey Tate!
Just tried to give you a call but your voicemail is full. Feel free to call me whenever today! I'll be in and out of some meetings but I'm sure we'll be able to connect at some point. (202) 624-5479.

Love the idea of your boss coming to IA to discuss WOTUS!

Stephanie

On Wed, Jun 21, 2017 at 10:32 AM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

Hey there! I know it's a busy day for y'all, but let me know if you have time to chat on this when things slow down :)

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Hoelscher, Douglas L. EOP/WHO" Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy
Date: June 21, 2017 at 9:17:43 AM EDT
To: "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
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Cc: Wilcox, Jahan[wilcox.jahan@epa.gov]; Greenwalt, Sarah[greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov]; Bowman, Liz[Bowman.Liz@epa.gov]
From: Lyons, Troy
Sent: Wed 5/24/2017 12:54:53 AM
Subject: Re: WOTUS tour

Sounds good!

Sent from my iPhone

On May 23, 2017, at 7:51 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

> We can wait until next week when he departs the country. Didn't mean to sound the alarm. We will have plenty of time and several bites at the apple!
>
> On May 23, 2017, at 6:24 PM, Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov> wrote:
>
>> Any chance tomorrow works? Liz and I are out.
>>
>> **From:** Lyons, Troy
>> **Sent:** Tuesday, May 23, 2017 5:56 PM
>> **To:** Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
>> **Cc:** Greenwalt, Sarah <greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>
>> **Subject:** RE: WOTUS tour
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>> Jahan—could you put something on the schedule for Thurs or Fri?
>>
>> **From:** Wilcox, Jahan
>> **Sent:** Tuesday, May 23, 2017 5:55 PM
>> **To:** Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>
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Subject: Re: WOTUS tour

I agree. We will look holistically. That is why I think a group convo will help us map out a good trip.

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If you'd like to discuss today I should be free after 3:30.

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Tate, here's a brief update for you on WOTUS:

•□□□□□□□□ Step 1 – (withdrawal of the 2015 Rule) The withdrawal was submitted to OMB on April 28th and is going through the interagency process. We have received comments from OMB following the interagency review process and are working with them to incorporate. We anticipate sending to FR next week.

•□□□□□□□□ Step 2 – (promulgation of new Rule) We are currently engaging with our state and local partners through the formal federalism consultation process, which was initiated on April 19th. During this process the agency will meet with local and state associations, including the National Governors Association, National League of Cities, National Association of Clean Water Agencies, and the Assoc. of Clean Water Administrators. Notably, we have also solicited input from each of the States individually by sending letters to Governors encouraging them to provide input on what step 2 should look like. We also initiated the formal tribal consultation process on April 20th.

•□□□□□□□□ Updated website – Last Monday, EPA launched the new WOTUS website which explains the steps the agencies are taking to withdraw and revise the 2015 Rule.

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Sarah-You had asked about an update on the WOTUS tour this AM. Still need to run it by RJ, but I don't anticipate a problem. Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

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From: Freire, JP
Sent: Fri 5/12/2017 5:39:26 PM
Subject: RE: Travel Ideas

These are awesome. **Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process**

From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2017 1:21 PM
To: Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>; Palich, Christian <palich.christian@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Shimmin, Kaitlyn <shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov>; Freire, JP <Freire.JP@epa.gov>
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Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 5:43 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Travel Ideas

Great, let me know how we can be helpful.

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 5:36 PM
To: Trainer, Nick A. EOP/WHO < **Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy**
Subject: RE: Travel Ideas

Hey! This is awesome. Great timing as we have an August travel scheduling meeting tomorrow.

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To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
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Good seeing you briefly, earlier. Following up on our discussions from a week or so ago.

We can certainly build out more, but the below list details issues that matter by DMA in our states.

Also, below are some more built out bulleted ideas along the same lines. Finally at the bottom please see an example of the final product once we are asked to engage and build out a full event pitch in a specific area.

COAlbuquerque-Santa Fe, NM	Mining	Pruitt
COAlbuquerque-Santa Fe, NM	Regulations	Pruitt
COColorado Springs	Regulations	Pruitt
CODenver	Regulations	Pruitt
Co Grand Junction	Regulations	Pruitt
FL Miami	Beaches/Environment	Pruitt
FL Panama City	Environment	Pruitt
FL West Palm Beach	Beaches/Environment	Pruitt
IA Cedar Rapids - Waterloo & Dubuque	Agriculture/WOTUS	Pruitt
IA Davenport - Rock Island - Moline	Agriculture/WOTUS	Pruitt
IA Des Moines - Ames	Agriculture/WOTUS	Pruitt
IA Mankato, MN	Agriculture/WOTUS	Pruitt
IA Omaha, NE	Agriculture/WOTUS	Pruitt
IA Ottumwa - Kirksville, IA-MO	Agriculture/WOTUS	Pruitt
IA Quincy - Hannibal - Keokuk, MO, IA	Agriculture/WOTUS	Pruitt
IA Rochester - Mason City - Austin, MN-IA	Agriculture/WOTUS	Pruitt
IA Sioux City	Agriculture/WOTUS	Pruitt
IA Sioux Falls (Mitchell), SD	Agriculture/WOTUS	Pruitt

MI Detroit	Great Lakes	Pruitt
MI Grand Rapids/Kalamazoo/Battle Creek	Environment	Pruitt
NVDavenport - Rock Island - Moline	Water Control	Pruitt
NVLas Vegas	Agriculture	Pruitt
NVLas Vegas	Mining	Pruitt
NVLas Vegas	Water Control	Pruitt
NVLos Angeles	Agriculture	Pruitt
NVLos Angeles	Mining	Pruitt
NVReno	Agriculture	Pruitt
NVReno	Mining	Pruitt
NVReno	Water Control	Pruitt
NVSalt Lake	Agriculture	Pruitt
NVSalt Lake	Mining	Pruitt
NVSalt Lake	Water Control	Pruitt
PA Pittsburgh	Coal	Pruitt
WI Duluth - Superior	EPA Regulations/ WOTUS	Pruitt
WI Green Bay - Appleton	EPA Regulations/ WOTUS	Pruitt
WI LaCrosse - Eau Claire	EPA Regulations/ WOTUS	Pruitt
WI Minneapolis - St. Paul MN	EPA Regulations/ WOTUS	Pruitt
WI Wausau - Rhinelander	EPA Regulations/ WOTUS	Pruitt

Pruitt – Palm Beach (W. Palm Beach)/Hillsborough (Tampa)

•□□□□□□□□ Removing harmful regulations like WOTUS has helped Florida Farmers.

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Pruitt – Miami-Dade (Miami)

•□□□□□□□□ The everglades cleanup has been an ongoing project that is vital to Florida's economy.

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Pruitt – Johnston County (Raleigh-Durham)

•□□□□□□□□ Removing harmful regulations like WOTUS has helped North Carolina farmers.

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Pruitt – Pennsylvania (Harrisburg)

•□□□□□□□□ Executive orders like WOTUS have helped the farming industry get out from under Obama era regulations that have hurt Pennsylvania farmers.

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Pruitt – Nevada (Las Vegas)

•□□□□□□□□ Ranching is a large part of Nevada's economy and the Obama era Waters of the US rule was detrimental to ranching.

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Pruitt – Colorado (Denver; Grand Junction)

•□□□□□□□□ Executive orders and CRA's directing the EPA to review the CPP, WOTUS, Stream Protection Rule and the coal moratorium have helped the coal industry in Colorado

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Pruitt – Colorado (Denver)

•□□□□□□□□ The executive order directing the EPA to review WOTUS, and the Administration cutting burdensome red tape for the oil and gas industry, as well as the approval of the Keystone XL and Dakota Access Pipelines has been applauded by the industry.

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Oakland Community College (OCC)

•□□□□□□□□ Headquartered in Bloomfield Hills, Oakland County Michigan

•□□□□□□□□ Five Campuses

•□□□□□□□□ It is the largest community college in Michigan

•□□□□□□□□ Enrollment of approximately 30,000 students

Workforce Development Training

•□□□□□□□□ Combined Regional Emergency Services Training (CREST)

•□□□□□□□□ An innovative training "city" that provides realistic settings for real-life problems faced by emergency responders

•□□□□□□□□ Created in collaboration with local Police, Fire and EMS agencies

•□□□□□□□□ Serves OCC's

•□□□□□□□□ Police Academy

•□□□□□□□□ Fire Training Institute

•□□□□□□□□ EMS Academy

•□□□□□□□□ 911 Academy

•□□□□□□□□ Auburn Hills Campus

•□□□□□□□□ Customized Training Solutions

•□□□□□□□□ OCC partners with businesses to customize job training programs and tailor the content to the business's industry, organization and employees

•□□□□□□□□ They offer courses in:

•□□□□□□□□ Computer and Information Technology

•□□□□□□□□ Process Improvement / Quality

•□□□□□□□□ Assessment

•□□□□□□□□ Vocational Skill Enhancement

•□□□□□□□□ Manufacturing Technology and Processes

•□□□□□□□□ Computer Aided Design

•□□□□□□□□ Business Consulting / Organizational Development / Human Resources

•□□□□□□□□ Professional Leadership and Career Enhancement

•□□□□□□□□ Instructional Design

•□□□□□□□□ Global Communications and Culture

•□□□□□□□□ Auburn Hills Campus

•□□□□□□□□ The Internship and Cooperative Education Program

•□□□□□□□□ An academic program where classroom study is combined with career related work experience

•□□□□□□□□ Cooperative education and internship students earn academic credit and learn to apply classroom skills while establishing professional contacts with employers on the job

•□□□□□□□□ Michigan New Jobs Training

•□□□□□□□□ In cooperation with the State of Michigan, OCC offers the Michigan New Jobs Training Program

•□□□□□□□□ This is a cost effective training solution for employees being placed into “new” jobs with qualified businesses.

•□□□□□□□□ A new law enacted by the state allows OCC to have the payroll taxes of qualified new employees diverted to the college (instead of being paid to the Michigan Department of Treasury) to cover a broad range of training expenses.

•□□□□□□□□ How a business qualifies:

•□□□□□□□□ Any company moving to, expanding in, or starting its operations in Michigan may be eligible.

•□□□□□□□□ The number of jobs your company has on its payroll in Michigan under a specified EIN at the time of enrollment must be greater than, or equal to, the number of jobs it had on its payroll in Michigan in the last 12 months.

•□□□□□□□□ The jobs are not jobs of recalled workers, replacement jobs, or any other job that existed in the employer’s business within the one-year period preceding the date of an agreement

- □□□□□□□□ The jobs are full-time, in a new, existing, or expanding business of the employer
- □□□□□□□□ The jobs are new jobs that pay at least 175% of the state minimum wage
- □□□□□□□□ The jobs result in a net increase in employment in Michigan for the employer

- □□□□□□□□ Placement Services
- □□□□□□□□ The Career Development Services department
- □□□□□□□□ Online Employment Database
- □□□□□□□□ Resume Writing & Critiquing
- □□□□□□□□ Employment Workshops
- □□□□□□□□ Networking & Job Fairs
- □□□□□□□□ Serves as the point of contact for employers seeking to connect to OCC students
- □□□□□□□□ Comprehensive online Job Board & Resume Database
- □□□□□□□□ On-campus recruiting opportunities, networking & job fairs
- □□□□□□□□ Administrative cost-saving opportunities through a Federal Work-Study program
- □□□□□□□□ Connects students to internships, co-ops, training, grant funding and facility usages.

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From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Wed 7/5/2017 1:23:21 PM
Subject: RE: You are invited to

I have a meeting at 2 but try anytime. 202-329-3948

From: Scott Yager [mailto:syager@beef.org]
Sent: Wednesday, July 5, 2017 9:04 AM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: You are invited to

Tate, hope you had a good Fourth! I'm heading to the Hill but I'll be back this afternoon and available to chat more. I'm available 2:30pm or later. This afternoon work for you?

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 5:32 PM
To: Scott Yager <syager@beef.org>
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Hey! Can we huddle on this?

From: Greenwalt, Sarah
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 5:28 PM
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Waiting to hear back from the Governor's office but tentatively yes August 9!

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Will aim for the annual meeting. Thanks!

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Tate,

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Grand Rapids is the 2nd largest city in Michigan.

Let me know if you need some local contacts or any other recommendations for additional stops. I would be more than happy to help.

Thank you,

Clayton Henson

White House Office of Political Affairs

Regional Political Director

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Hey there—

See below. We'd love to send the Administrator to MI to visit with these folks. Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

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Let me know.

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Hi Tate, my name is Laura Campbell from Michigan Farm Bureau. My colleagues at the American Farm Bureau Federation gave me your contact information in order to open some dialogue with Administrator Pruitt's office, and I'm hoping you can help me! Earlier this year, MFB President Carl Bednarski sent a letter to the Administrator regarding the status of our state's delegated authority to administer portions of the Clean Water Act (attached for your

reference). President Bednarski has asked me to reach out to your office because he would like to invite the Administrator to visit Michigan. We are a key state in a number of issues that are a high priority for the Administrator:

•□□□□□□□□ Waters of the US – withdrawing the 2015 rule and rewriting a new rule

•□□□□□□□□ Wetlands issues – both related to WOTUS and to Michigan's recent challenges with approval for its delegated authority

•□□□□□□□□ Addressing harmful algae blooms in the Western Lake Erie basin – efforts by agriculture and the need for support of voluntary conservation efforts rather than further regulation

•□□□□□□□□ Additionally, we have significant concerns about another issue EPA has been dealing with in the Courts surrounding the requirement for many livestock farms to report air emission releases under CERCLA and EPCRA, and would like the Administrator to have an opportunity to speak with farmers about the topic.

There are a number of ways we might be able to arrange a visit. If the Administrator has time this fall, he would have an excellent opportunity to see these issues on the ground and speak with farmers dealing with them every day, as well as being able to visit a local Farm Bureau event. If his availability is instead open later in the year, our annual State Farm Bureau meeting hosts more than 1000 visitors and provides opportunities for both small round-table discussions and larger session or banquet speaking opportunities. Could you look at the Administrator's schedule to see if he might be available for a visit on any of the following dates?

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Thank you so much for your help! Please let me know your thoughts and if you have any questions. If the Administrator is interested in a visit to Michigan and none of those dates work for his schedule, please let me know and we would be more than happy to make other arrangements for his visit to be impactful.

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To: Trainer, Nick A. EOP/WHO Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy Hoelscher, Douglas L. EOP/WHO Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy
From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Wed 6/21/2017 1:44:52 PM
Subject: RE: Reynolds/ Iowa

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From: Trainer, Nick A. EOP/WHO Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 9:41 AM
To: Hoelscher, Douglas L. EOP/WHO Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy; Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Reynolds/ Iowa

Tate, if you're at the 10:30, I'll have some thoughts there for you.

From: Hoelscher, Douglas L. EOP/WHO
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 9:18 AM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Cc: Trainer, Nick A. EOP/WHO Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy Gronewald, Matt <Matt.Gronewald@Iowaagriculture.gov>
Subject: RE: Reynolds/ Iowa

Hi Tate – will be flying to Iowa with the boss later today.

Good stuff on the WOTUS tour – such a great/terrible example of the previous Administration's federal overreach. Feel free to reach out to Stephanie.Groen@iowa.gov and Kayla.Lyon@iowa.gov in the Governor's office and they will be a great resource to you. I'd also encourage you to reach Matt.Gronewald@IowaAgriculture.gov and Mike.Naig@IowaAgriculture.gov (in Sec. Northey's office).

Finally, would be good for your leg team to coordinate with Grassley and Ernst too and any of the three Republican Members. I'd likely recommend somewhere in Cong. Blum's district but yield to Nic for further guidance.

-Doug

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 21, 2017 9:07 AM
To: Hoelscher, Douglas L. EOP/WHO < Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy ; Hoelscher, Douglas L. EOP/WHO < Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy
Cc: Trainer, Nick A. EOP/WHO < Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy
Subject: Reynolds/ Iowa

Hi friends! Pruitt wants to do a WOTUS tour stop in Iowa (assuming you are there now helping out with today's event) on August 7th. Just wanted to put this on your radar now in case you want to tee up some folks. Other WOTUS tour stops are in SC, ND and AZ, and I can circle back with dates but we would like to invite Purdue to any and all.

Elizabeth Tate Bennett

Senior Deputy Associate Administrator

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

To: Cory, Preston (Katherine)[Cory.Preston@epa.gov]
From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Mon 6/26/2017 12:23:01 PM
Subject: Fwd: RE:
June18Weekly IGA Agency Report. June 4.docx
ATT00001.htm

Do you mind taking a first run at filling in our White House report for this/ last week based on Pruitt's schedule (just mention TSCA rollout for last week, focus on WOTUS / gov meetings this week).

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Date: June 19, 2017 at 7:11:06 PM EDT
To: "Johnson, Julia B. EOP/WHO" Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy
Subject: RE:

-----Original Message-----
From: Johnson, Julia B. EOP/WHO Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 10:12 AM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject:

Hey Tate,

Could you send over your report?

To: Lyons, Troy[lyons.troy@epa.gov]
From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Tue 6/6/2017 9:59:12 PM
Subject: RE: INPUT REQUESTED: August Recess Travel Framework
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From: Lyons, Troy
Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2017 5:57 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: INPUT REQUESTED: August Recess Travel Framework

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Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 6, 2017, at 5:25 PM, Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov> wrote:

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From: Lyons, Troy
Sent: Tuesday, June 6, 2017 4:27 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>; Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>
Cc: Palich, Christian <palich.christian@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>; Konkus, John <konkus.john@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Wagner, Kenneth <wagner.kenneth@epa.gov>; Shimmin, Kaitlyn <shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov>; Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov>; Hupp, Sydney <hupp.sydney@epa.gov>; Ferguson, Lincoln <ferguson.lincoln@epa.gov>; McMurray, Forrest <mcmurray.forrest@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: INPUT REQUESTED: August Recess Travel Framework
Importance: High

Please take one last look to see if there are any holes. I need to run to the hill but hope to let Ryan take a look this evening

To: Lyons, Troy[lyons.troy@epa.gov]
From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Wed 5/17/2017 6:28:35 PM
Subject: Fwd: Travel Ideas

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From: "Trainer, Nick A. EOP/WHO" <Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy
Date: May 11, 2017 at 5:43:13 PM EDT
To: "Bennett, Tate" <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Travel Ideas

Great, let me know how we can be helpful.

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 5:36 PM
To: Trainer, Nick A. EOP/WHO <Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy
Subject: RE: Travel Ideas

Hey! This is awesome. Great timing as we have an August travel scheduling meeting tomorrow.

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From: Trainer, Nick A. EOP/WHO Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 5:20 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: Travel Ideas

Good seeing you briefly, earlier. Following up on our discussions from a week or so ago.

We can certainly build out more, but the below list details issues that matter by DMA in our states.

Also, below are some more built out bulleted ideas along the same lines. Finally at the bottom please see an example of the final product once we are asked to engage and build out a full event pitch in a specific area.

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Nicholas A. Trainer

Office of Political Affairs

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Sent: Fri 5/12/2017 2:23:06 PM
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From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Thur 5/11/2017 9:41:56 PM
Subject: FW: Travel Ideas

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From: Bowman, Liz
Sent: Fri 5/12/2017 5:48:38 PM
Subject: FW: Travel Ideas

We need to coordinate this with our state events plan.

From: Bennett, Tate
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2017 1:21 PM
To: Lyons, Troy <lyons.troy@epa.gov>; Ringel, Aaron <ringel.aaron@epa.gov>; Palich, Christian <palich.christian@epa.gov>; Bowman, Liz <Bowman.Liz@epa.gov>; Graham, Amy <graham.amy@epa.gov>; Wilcox, Jahan <wilcox.jahan@epa.gov>; Shimmin, Kaitlyn <shimmin.kaitlyn@epa.gov>; Freire, JP <Freire.JP@epa.gov>
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Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 5:43 PM
To: Bennett, Tate <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Travel Ideas

Great, let me know how we can be helpful.

From: Bennett, Tate [mailto:Bennett.Tate@epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2017 5:36 PM
To: Trainer, Nick A. EOP/WHO < **Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy**
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To: Scott Yager[syager@beef.org]
From: Greenwalt, Sarah
Sent: Fri 6/30/2017 9:33:14 PM
Subject: RE: You are invited to

Thanks! That is actually on our list of hopefuls!

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for Water and Cross-Cutting Issues

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Greenwalt.Sarah@epa.gov

From: Scott Yager [mailto:syager@beef.org]
Sent: Friday, June 30, 2017 3:59 PM
To: Greenwalt, Sarah <greenwalt.sarah@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: You are invited to

Sarah, this would be an excellent stop for Administrator Pruitt's WOTUS tour. Prairie pothole region – this was a contentious issue b/c 2015 rule regulated them by aggregation. These guys are the best of the best conservationists. Let's talk more if you're interested. Have a great Fourth of July!

-Scott

From: Jerry Doan **Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy**
Sent: Thursday, June 29, 2017 1:15 PM
To: Scott Yager <syager@beef.org>; Jill DeLucero <jdelucero@beef.org>
Subject: Fwd: You are invited to

Scott and Jill. Here is the invitation that went out to the people on the list. Pleae let me know of others that need to be invited and how best to follow up with folks to make sure we get them here.

Thanks, Jerry Doan

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From: **Jerry Doan** Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy
Date: Thu, Jun 29, 2017 at 12:06 PM
Subject: Fwd: You are invited to
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From: **The North Dakota Grazing Lands Coalition** <contact@ndglc.com>
Date: Wed, Jun 28, 2017 at 4:41 PM
Subject: You are invited to
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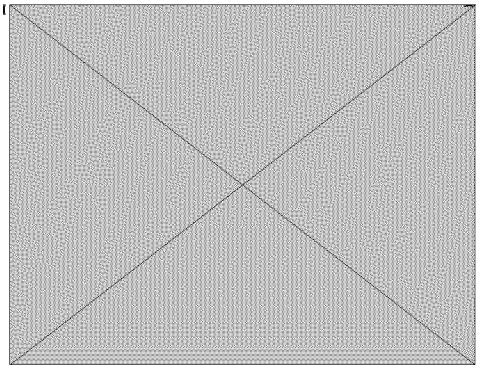

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To: Hupp, Millan[hupp.millan@epa.gov]
From: Morris, Madeline
Sent: Tue 7/18/2017 9:37:49 PM
Subject: FW:
Schedule for July and first part of August.pdf

From: Morris, Madeline
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 5:23 PM
To: Tate Bennett (Bennett.Tate@epa.gov) <Bennett.Tate@epa.gov>
Subject:

Questions:

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Madeline Morris Executive Scheduler | Office of the Administrator | direct: 202-564-0844 | cell: 202-579-4283

To: Jackson, Ryan[jackson.ryan@epa.gov]
From: Lyons, Troy
Sent: Fri 8/4/2017 1:06:53 PM
Subject: Re: Agenda for August 4, 2017

There is a 8:00 to Montrose. About an hour 30 to Gladstone. Bennett's staff is taking that flight.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 4, 2017, at 6:49 AM, Jackson, Ryan <jackson.ryan@epa.gov> wrote:

Our flight is now delayed until 10am.

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On Aug 3, 2017, at 9:40 PM, Hupp, Millan <hupp.millan@epa.gov> wrote:

All,

These are the additional people the Region is expecting to arrive on site tomorrow.

-Silverton Planning Committee (10 committee members)

-Ben Martinez, USFS Project Manager

-Elijah Waters, BLM Project Manager

-Mark Rudolph, CDPHE (Colorado Dept. of Public Health and Environment) Project Manager

-Larry Wolk, CDPHE

-Monica Sheetz, CDPHE

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Rebecca Thomas, Bonita Peak Team Lead

OSCs: Paul Peronard, Kerry Guy, Todd Degarmo

-Todd Hennis - property owner

-Tom Schilacci - Silverton Videographer

He has created a video of GKM called 'Acid Mine Nation'. Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy

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-Possible media

Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

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