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Sent: 9/16/2016 11:52:40 PM
To: Strauss, Alexis [Strauss.Alexis@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: R9 weekend note

So cool you made my weekend.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 16, 2016, at 4:33 PM, Strauss, Alexis <Strauss.Alexis@epa.gov> wrote:

!! from the boss herself!!

From: Adm13McCarthy, Gina
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2016 3:29 PM
To: Strauss, Alexis <Strauss.Alexis@epa.gov>; Meiburg, Stan <Meiburg.Stan@epa.gov>; Fritz, Matthew <Fritz.Matthew@epa.gov>
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Subject: RE: R9 weekend note

Alexis the development work on the app for farmworkers is soooo exciting! You guys are the best!

From: Strauss, Alexis
Sent: Friday, September 16, 2016 5:25 PM
To: Adm13McCarthy, Gina <Adm13McCarthy.Gina@epa.gov>; Meiburg, Stan <Meiburg.Stan@epa.gov>; Fritz, Matthew <Fritz.Matthew@epa.gov>
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1. <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->**Worker protection/FIFRA**: this weekend, a bevy of "coders" will be huddle in OEI's Sleeping Bear room to compete for an AT&T prize for best software application. We are supporting this event with our development of an app for farmworkers to report pesticide worker protection violations (as a finalist in the OEI Green Spark app challenge). During this weekend's event, coders will develop our ideas and refine a prototype, while we and OEI answer questions from coders about our concept. See https://www.eventbrite.com/e/att-public-sector-hackathon-washington-dc-tickets-27011803030. We are also working with CalEPA and the CA Dept. of Pesticide Regulation (which is funding this work at $500K), and are reaching out to ECOS and OECA with the possibility of the finished product having broader utility across the country.

2. <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->**Title VI:** EarthJustice has filed with OCR a new Title VI complaint focused on FIFRA and CWA issues in Hawaii, tied to EPA and USDA funding of the Hawaii Dept. of Agriculture. I'll be meeting with the HDOA and HDOH directors in two weeks as we seek to strengthen their water and pesticide program capabilities and

implementation. I am also working with Lilian D (OCR) to close 2-3 backlogged Title VI cases, and may need Matt's help on this next month.

3. <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]--> **Navajo**: meeting with Superfund Director Enrique Manzanilla this week, Pres. Begaye was most complimentary about EPA's industry workshops near Flagstaff AZ and Crown Point NM to elicit business interest in our innovative Navajo uranium assessment RFP ($85 mil. value) and construction contract ($150-250 mil). These EPA mechanisms will lead to successful bids to hire, retain and train Navajo individuals and businesses over the 5-year pendency of these contracts. Pres. Begaye will tour the Cove-area abandoned mines with our managers next week.

4. <!--[if !supportLists]--><!--[endif]-->**One EPA:** Lastly, thanks to Stan for a very enjoyable visit, which included meetings with new employees, managers, unions, and others, and our well-received national honor awards ceremony.

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